



**SENATOR JOHN PIPPY
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PRIME SPONSORED BILL SUMMARY**

SENATE BILL 1161

This bill will expand the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program to permit Approved Private Schools as well as the four Chartered Schools for the Deaf and Blind to receive funding for innovative educational programming from educational improvement organizations. The Educational Improvement Tax Credit program administered by the Department of Community and Economic Development gives tax credits to corporations that make contributions to scholarship organizations or educational improvement organizations.

As the law is currently written, these schools cannot apply for funding through either the scholarship or the educational improvement component of EITC. Given the critical role that these schools play in Pennsylvania's public education system through their provision of services to over 4,000 students, it is important that they are afforded the opportunity to take advantage of this popular and successful program.