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## **SENATOR JOHNSON ISSUES STATEMENT FOLLOWING SENATE PASSAGE OF SCHOOL VOUCHER LEGISLATION**

**AUSTIN, TX** – Senator Nathan Johnson issued a statement following the Senate’s passage of school voucher legislation, Senate Bill (SB) 1, by a vote of 18-13.

“I’m deeply disappointed but not surprised. Abandoning both fiscal responsibility and academic accountability, today, the Senate majority entrusted public education to religious organizations and private businesses. It marks another disturbing instance of misusing public power and resources for private ends.”

“As for having a special session about vouchers: it’s wrong. The proper purpose of a special session is to meet fundamental obligations that were not accomplished during the regular session. A private school voucher program is not fundamental to the function of the state or to the success of public education. It’s just another failed bill”

“In 2019, the Legislature increased public education funding and crafted the basic allotment so as to send money where it’s best used. To really do good for students and for teachers and for schools, and by extension for parents and businesses, and our future in general, we need only abide by our own wisdom: increase the basic allotment to 2019 buying power. (I have a bill for that.)”

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**About Senator Nathan Johnson:** *He represents almost a million people in Texas’s Senate District 16, a commercially and culturally vibrant district that sprawls throughout Dallas County. Johnson currently serves on the Senate Committees on Business & Commerce; Jurisprudence (Vice Chair); Water, Agriculture & Rural Affairs; Administration; and the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission.*

