



Unfortunately, many families are unaware that they relinquish these important rights by accessing an ESA. CTD opposes any initiative that would diminish or completely eliminate these protections for students with disabilities.

## **Other Considerations**

In addition to waiving federal protections for people with disabilities, families would also face significant barriers to access such as:

**Reconciling the ESA amount with the actual cost of private services:** The average private school tuition in Texas is \$10,087 for elementary schools and \$11,638 for high schools, with additional costs for application and enrollment fees, adaptive equipment, related services like therapy and resource, evaluation fees, and specialized instruction and materials.

**Availability of private schools and providers:** Private school availability varies widely in Texas and those that do exist can establish very selective program enrollment criteria such requiring certain performance on entry assessments, establishing IQ thresholds, and