



RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING POLICIES THAT ENCOURAGE EDUCATION SAVINGS AND MINIMIZE STUDENT DEBT

- WHEREAS,** The rising cost of higher education has led many students and families to rely heavily on borrowing, contributing to a growing level of student loan debt nationwide; and
- WHEREAS,** Reducing reliance on student loans by encouraging families to save in advance for education expenses is an important strategy to help students graduate with less debt; and
- WHEREAS,** Internal Revenue Code Section 529 qualified tuition programs provide families with a dedicated and effective way to save for future education costs; and
- WHEREAS,** The favorable federal tax treatment of 529 plans—allowing investment earnings to grow tax-free when used for qualified education expenses—enhances the value and effectiveness of these accounts as long-term education savings vehicles; and
- WHEREAS,** Policies that maintain and strengthen the incentives for families to save through 529 plans support greater access to higher education and improved financial outcomes for students; and
- WHEREAS,** The treatment of 529 plan assets within federal financial aid formulas can influence families' willingness and ability to save for education; and
- WHEREAS,** Minimizing the impact of 529 plan assets on financial aid eligibility helps ensure that families who responsibly save for education are not disadvantaged and allows more students to benefit from both savings and financial aid assistance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Association of State Treasurers and its affiliate, The 529 Network, supports policies that encourage families to save for education through Section 529 qualified tuition programs as a means of helping students minimize student debt; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Association of State Treasurers and its affiliate, The 529 Network, supports the preservation of the favorable federal tax treatment of 529 plans in order to maintain their effectiveness as a primary tool for education savings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Association of State Treasurers and its affiliate, The 529 Network, supports policies that ensure the treatment of 529 plan assets within federal financial aid programs does not discourage saving and instead maximizes the benefit to students seeking access to higher education.

Approved this 28th Day of September 2026, by the
National Association of State Treasurers.

This resolution shall remain in effect until amended or rescinded.