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Final Day of 2023 Session

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WOW!

GAE MEMBERS, YOU DID IT!

**VOUCHER BILL DEFEATED ON LAST DAY OF SESSION;
16 REPUBLICANS JOIN ALL BUT ONE DEMOCRAT TO KILL THE BILL**

This year's private school voucher bill came to a spectacular and abrupt end late this evening as House members rejected [SB 233](#), 85-89. The bill proposed to provide a new \$6,500 private school tuition subsidy. Under the proposal, for every dollar the poorest 25% of public schools received in state funding, the bill took twice that to pay for private school.

Your phone calls and emails to members of the Georgia House of Representatives absolutely made the difference!

Thank you GAE members!

Sixteen Republicans withstood tremendous political pressure from the Speaker Pro-Tempore of the House, Rep. Jan Jones, R-North Fulton, and Gov. Brian Kemp, who endorsed the bill and fought for its passage. One Democrat, **Rep. Mesha Mainor, D-Atlanta**, who represents downtown Atlanta, south to Booker T. Washington High School, and down to near Cascade Elementary, was the only member of her party to vote for the bill.

A comprehensive review of the session is forthcoming.

But as we leave Capitol, well after midnight, we had to share this great news.



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