

## Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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### Submitter Comments:

The upcoming changes are causing us a lot of concern because they'll impact how we homeschool our children. Firstly, they're insisting that we follow the national curriculum and report on everything we teach. This means a significant increase in workload for both us and the authorities who oversee homeschooling. What worries us even more is that the reasons we chose homeschooling in the first place are being overlooked. Our daughter struggled to learn properly in a traditional school setting, where she often fell behind because her individual learning needs weren't being met. When we decided to homeschool her, we saw a remarkable improvement in her learning. However, this improvement came from deviating from the strict curriculum and focusing on building her foundational knowledge at her own pace. Now, with these proposed changes, it feels like we're being forced back into a system that didn't work for her before. We're worried that if we have to strictly follow the national curriculum, our daughter's progress might suffer again, as she needs more personalized learning to thrive.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Education, Employment, Training and Skills Committee](#)  
**Subject:** Subject: Concerns Regarding Proposed Changes to Homeschooling Legislation  
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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed changes in the homeschooling legislation, particularly the requirement to follow a specific curriculum. As a homeschooling parent, I firmly believe that these changes would undermine the very reasons why many families, including mine, have chosen homeschooling as the preferred mode of education for our children.

The essence of homeschooling lies in the freedom it affords children to learn in a manner that aligns with their individual interests, abilities, and learning styles. By imposing a mandated curriculum, these proposed changes would impede my children's autonomy and hinder their ability to pursue education in a way that best suits their needs.

One of the primary motivations for homeschooling is to provide our children with a personalized learning experience that fosters their intellectual curiosity and allows them to learn at their own pace. These new regulations threaten to restrict this flexibility and stifle their natural inclination to explore and discover the world around them.

Furthermore, enforcing a standardized curriculum fails to recognize the diverse interests and talents of homeschooling students. It overlooks the fact that every child is unique and may thrive in different subject areas or learning environments. By imposing rigid educational requirements, we risk depriving our children of the opportunity to pursue their passions and develop their full potential.

In essence, these proposed changes would not only undermine the fundamental principles of homeschooling but also limit my children's ability to learn and grow in a way that honors their individuality and creativity. As a homeschooling parent deeply invested in my children's education, I urge the committee to reconsider these restrictive measures and instead focus on supporting families in providing a rich and diverse educational experience tailored to the needs of each child.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Traci

[Homeschooling Parent]