

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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I understand that you would be receiving a lot of responses so I will keep this short and straight to the point. I am aware of what you are trying to achieve through the amendments and agree changes need to be made for both mainstream education and homeschooling communities, however, I am curious to know how you think these would work (practically)? There are a LOT of ideas that you have for both mainstream and homeschooling communities that are unfortunately not practical? I request that you spend at least a week teaching in various classrooms in a mixture of lower socio-economic areas, I then request you spend some time with a mixture of homeschoolers. I see your points and can see how you are trying to implement them; I commend you for finally trying to do something for a very much failing system. However, how are you meant to implement something unless you have firsthand experience and truly understand what is broken? I have experience with a mixture of lower socio-economic schools through fostering children, I have seen how traumatised children are treated and behave, I also have experience with additional needs children, mainstream schooling and of course homeschooling my own children. I also have a Bachelor of Education and my husband of nearly 20 years is a teacher for the department. Together we have seen a lot and sadly that is exactly what is missing from your bill, an insight to real life schooling in areas that most people avoid. Changes need to be made, thank you for taking the first step in achieving this but please take the time to see and experience firsthand the practicability of these changes. I would be more than happy to suggest some schools to spend time at and a variety of different homeschooling families to talk with, this will assist you in learning about the current schooling system and the huge differences homeschooling families have (we are not a one size fit all community) and also help you in making the changes you need to make while also incorporating them in a more practicable manner.