

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee Members,

It deeply saddens me to witness the growing number of families withdrawing their children from traditional schools, including mine. As a homeschooling parent, I am immensely grateful for the opportunity to provide my children with an education tailored to their unique needs and interests, which were not adequately met within the school system.

It begs the question: why are so many families choosing to homeschool? Wouldn't it be prudent for our government to inquire into the underlying reasons behind this trend? Rather than forcing all students to conform to a standardized curriculum, shouldn't we aspire to create an educational environment that mirrors the personalized approach of homeschooling?

In the homeschool environment, the focus is on meeting individual needs and fostering a love for learning. It is disheartening to think that we would sacrifice this personalized approach in favour of a one-size-fits-all curriculum that fails to inspire and engage all students.

I urge the committee to consider the benefits of personalized education and to work towards making schools more reflective of the homeschool environment. Let us strive to provide every child with a personal, unique education that meets them where they are and encourages their interests.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A home-schooling father and advocate