

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear committee members

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the recent education legislation changes that have been proposed in our state. As a constituent and a member of the community, I believe it is crucial to voice my apprehensions about the potential impact of these changes on our education system.

I am a homeschooling mother to four children, all of whom have multiple disabilities and learning differences. Despite our initial attempt at mainstream schooling for the first two children, the inadequacies in accommodating their needs led us to pursue homeschooling, which we have diligently undertaken for the past seven years. Prior to assuming my role as a homeschooling parent, I had professional experience as a teacher aide and a learning support teacher in traditional classroom settings. Through my involvement, I witnessed firsthand the challenges posed by an overcrowded National curriculum, which often resulted in children with diverse learning needs being left behind.

What I have found fulfilling about homeschooling is the ability to tailor education to suit each child's unique abilities and requirements. In accordance with the guidelines provided by the Home Education Unit (HEU) website, I have endeavored to ensure that our educational program is responsive to the changing needs of my children, addresses their individual developmental stages, fosters a conducive learning environment, promotes social development, employs appropriate teaching strategies, offers diverse learning experiences, and utilizes adequate resources, all while monitoring their educational progress closely.

However, the proposed legislation threatens to undermine this personalized approach by mandating adherence to the National Curriculum. This presents a significant challenge as it would restrict the flexibility needed to cater to the diverse

learning needs of homeschooling children effectively.

Furthermore, I am deeply concerned about the potential adverse effects on the mental health of homeschooling children. Many of these children have previously experienced difficulties within the mainstream schooling system, leading to feelings of inadequacy, anxiety, and social isolation. Forcing them to conform to a standardized curriculum could exacerbate these issues and impede their overall well-being.

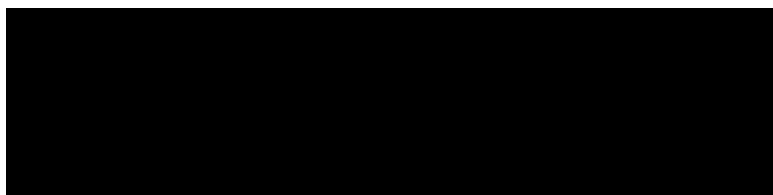
As parents, it is our fundamental right and responsibility to determine the most suitable educational path for our children. The imposition of a one-size-fits-all approach by the government undermines parental autonomy and fails to recognize the unique needs of each child.

Additionally, I urge for greater transparency and public consultation regarding these proposed changes. As stakeholders in the education system, the input of educators, parents, students, and community members is essential in shaping policies that impact our schools.

In light of these concerns, I implore you to reconsider the proposed education legislation and advocate for a more inclusive and collaborative approach to policymaking. It is imperative that we prioritize the best interests of our students, teachers, and schools to ensure the integrity and quality of our education system.

Thank you for considering my concerns. I eagerly await your response and welcome further dialogue on this crucial issue.

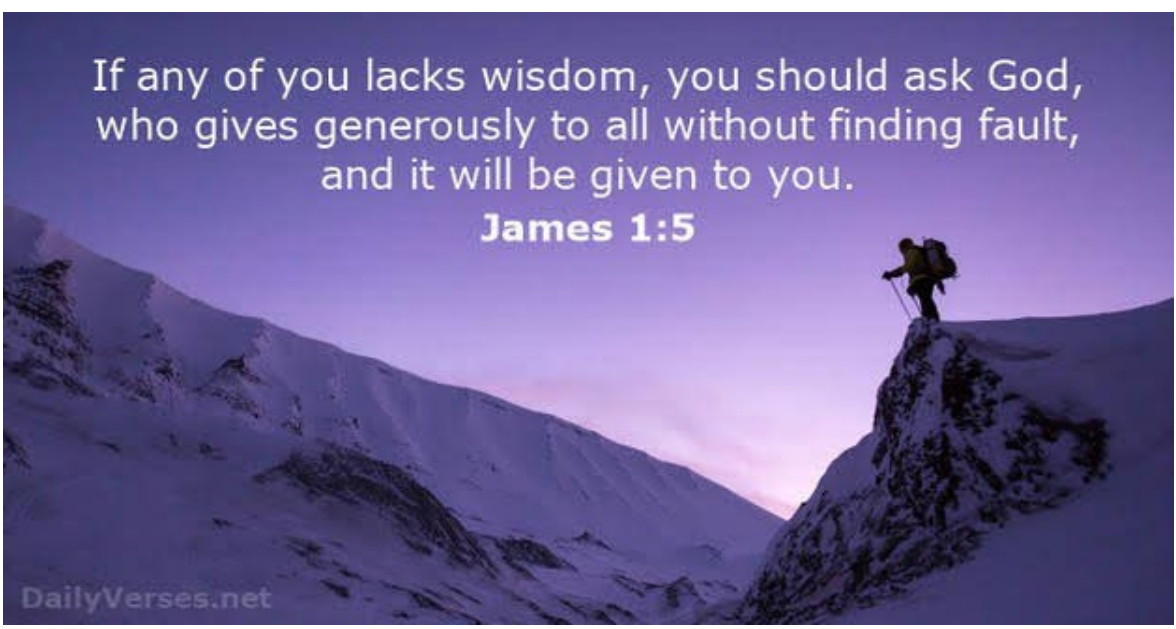
Kind Regards



If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God,
who gives generously to all without finding fault,
and it will be given to you.

James 1:5

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