

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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After years of homeschooling a child with special needs that had been through mainstream schooling for 5 years without anyone picking up on her learning disabilities I find the proposed changes to the homeschool requirements to be lacking in understanding and consideration for the kind of support and learning needs that are ever growing in our population with things like Autism and ADHD on the rise. I think the main reason my daughter slipped through the cracks was a basic numbers game. Most school do not have enough teacher support to meet the needs of every child in their classrooms let alone the specific physical, emotional and developmental needs of the children. I don't believe there are children who fail at being educated as our mainstream system would portray but more an education system that fails to meet individual peoples learning needs. To set the proposed requirements on people's choice to best educate and meet their children's social, emotional, physical and spiritual needs sounds like the opposite of what would serve the children but rather another government imposed reductionistic overreach that will ultimately have the children who require flexibility to fail to thrive. As a general rule (obviously this is not true of all parent child relationships) no one is going to be more invested in their child's future than the child's parent.