

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Subject: Celebrating the Success of Home-Educated Children: Upholding Parental Rights
Dear Committee Members, I write to you with a fervent plea to acknowledge and honor the remarkable success of home-educated children in society. As homeschooling parents, we have witnessed firsthand the incredible growth and achievements of our children, and we adamantly believe that the current homeschooling system should remain untouched. Home-educated children are not just thriving; they are excelling in every facet of life. From academic accomplishments to personal development, they are demonstrating resilience, creativity, and a passion for lifelong learning. This success is a testament to the dedication and commitment of homeschooling parents who prioritize their children's holistic development and tailor their educational experiences to meet their unique needs and interests. I live in a rural area and do not have access to the education I want for my children. The small option of schools we have access to have overcrowded classrooms to the detriment of the children. They are not designed for holistic, individualised learning. There is bullying and the classrooms are not a calm environment. It makes it incredibly difficult for the children to learn. Homeschooling allows me to access the education of choice, expand her extracurricular experiences, leaning and life experience with rich, quality education not found in mainstream schools. We firmly assert our right as parents to educate our children. They are our children, and we know them better than any system ever could. Homeschooling allows us to create an environment that nurtures their individual strengths, fosters their curiosity, and instills in them a love for learning that extends far beyond the confines of a classroom. Moreover, homeschooling provides a sanctuary for our children—a safe and supportive setting free from the pressures and pitfalls of bullying that often plague traditional school environments. In this nurturing atmosphere, they are free to explore, experiment, and grow into confident and compassionate individuals. It is essential to recognize that there is not one singular way to educate a child. Homeschooling empowers parents to teach their children how to learn, not just what to learn, laying the foundation for a lifetime of intellectual curiosity and personal fulfilment. As these home-educated children grow into adulthood, they continue to make significant contributions to society, enriching our communities with their diverse talents, perspectives, and values. We need more of these success stories, not less. In conclusion, I implore the committee to heed the voices of homeschooling parents and to uphold our right to educate our children in the manner we deem best. Let us continue to nurture the potential of our children and celebrate the extraordinary outcomes that homeschooling affords. Furthermore, I am astounded and disgusted that Consumer Representatives (actual homeschooling parents) were not engaged for consultation. Only they have the personal experience and invaluable insight to contribute to any potential changes. In addition to this, it is only through social media that I was alerted to these potential changes. I have been a registered homeschooling parent for over a year and did not receive any communication to invite a submission. Thank you for your attention and consideration. Sincerely, [REDACTED] Homeschooling Parent and Advocate