

## Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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My daughter has boosted her self esteem and confidence since homeschooling and we truly believe that the choice of our curriculum has helped her to enjoy her learning. She's taking the initiative to start the homeschool day due to her passion for the subjects we're learning. We believe that her choice to learn about what ignites her curiosity, what drives her passion and excitement is much more rewarding both for her happiness and academic achievement. If we are enforced to follow the same curriculum that school offered, I honestly believe her spark for learning will be compressed. On top of that, the thought of having to report on all subjects instead of 3, will create extra work and effort for the HEU, with a lot more valuable time being focused on that, rather than concentrating on the overall wellness and progression of the child. I understand that some political leaders have worries of the minority of homeschooled children being denied a resourceful and full education, however I do not believe that all homeschooling families should be punished for the small minority of people who may not be teaching their children correctly, for that is the purpose of a school plan and reporting, if certain families aren't meeting that requirement, that should be dealt with family/child services due to neglect to those children not the education department, that doesn't show a flaw in education, but a fault with parenting. The entire homeschool community should not have to forgo their right to choose their curriculum, due to these individuals, who don't allow their children a true education. In our homeschool term, my daughter has learnt what she is interested in - this term, it was ancient china, and since she is 8, that isn't on the national curriculum. She has learnt about dynasties, Chinese inventions - making paper and a homemade compass, cuisine, architecture, geography, traditional music and we even had an 'excursion' to Shen Yun to experience drama, music and dance. If she were made to follow the national curriculum, she would be made to learn whatever is on it, rather than choosing an interest for herself. You would surely have to agree that having the freedom of choice will be much more beneficial to her long term love of learning than being forced to follow someone else's curriculum?! Please take into account all the children in the homeschool community, that love learning, love the freedom of learning what they want to, having the choice as to what they learn, and creating the beautiful habit of pursuing their creativity, producing a love for lifelong learning, surely that is the goal!