

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to you with my concerns regarding the proposed amendments to the education bill that has recently been presented to Parliament.

I homeschooled my son from grade 1 till term 4 grade 6 when my chronic illness started to prevent me from educating my son to my best ability so switched to Distance Education.

Unfortunately because of my health, I am unable to write as much as I would like about my own experience and that of those around me. I just want to at least voice the fact that my 12 year old son has had no issues switching from homeschooling where I used a variety of methods to teach him, to following the curriculum at the normal grade level for his age.

He started at a private school this year where he does online lessons with a group of children, many of whom have switched from attending that school in person to virtual learning and is doing so well with both his schoolwork and participating in the classes. Having attended a Parent/Teacher interview this morning, I can see that he is confident in speaking up when needed, asking questions when he doesn't understand, and communicating well with his teacher and peers. He is doing well in all subjects and there has been no problem with him integrating back into this setting. I actually think he has more confidence in who he is because he has not had the negative schooling experiences that some children have had.

Of course, this would not be appropriate for all children. My son has never had learning difficulties so we are lucky in that regard. I am just wanting to point out that for a child to not follow the curriculum does not in any way disadvantage them if they need to return. It is in fact the opposite. I see friends' kids blossom because they are able to learn at their own pace, find things that they are good at, and not consider themselves stupid because they can't do what everyone else does.

The whole purpose of homeschooling is to allow individualized plans for children by the person who knows them best. Please listen to the parents who have devoted their time and energy to doing the best thing for their child.

Thank you for your time.

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