

Defense of self chosen curriculum

Hello. My name is Philip Johnson, and I am asking Committee members to vote no on Sections 17 and 18. The reason so many parents have chosen homeschooling, is the freedom to decide what their child learns because they don't agree with all that the government mandates that children must learn. Most is unnecessary or just taught in a way that the student would learn incorrectly. Especially for the parents, the school's political bias can get in the way of what the child learns. For homeschooling, the most vital part for the parent is choosing what the child learns and how they can best learn it. It wouldn't be fair to the parents if they can't teach their children what they want them to know. Plus, most homeschooling parents are Christian, and the government will not put religion in their curriculum I am sure. At that point why homeschool? It would be easier for parents because with homeschooling they have to give up so much, time, work, and ease, the reason my parents did it is because they chose what to teach the children in my family, but if this bill passes there would be restrictions limiting their ability to homeschool. Teaching would go back into the hands of the state by taking away the parents' decision. So in conclusion the legislation would take away the parents right to effectively home school their child. Thank you for your time I am willing to answer questions if you have any.