

Ways and Means - HB1258 - UNFAVORABLE

Chair Atterbeary, Vice Chair Washington, and the Ways and Means Committee;

As you've previously heard from many homeschoolers, home educators don't want the government in our business (even though they already are,) and don't want anything from the government (supposedly,) so why does HB1258 include home educators?

Homeschooling families shouldn't get a tax credit (or whatever this bill does) for curriculum which may very well be white supremacist in nature (yeah, there is actual white supremacist homeschool curriculum, probably primarily marketed to those anti-government white supremacist homeschooling militia types, but who knows,) or teaches religion that pretends to be science (dinos living alongside humans like the Flintstones, etc.)

In fact, any sort of thing that the government gives to home educators (including, I've heard, an opportunity to speak with the MSDE before they pass regulations we don't want) is unwelcome.

Probably.

No one really knows, because some home educators have actually asked for this. Just like some have asked for a voice in homeschool regulations. Just like some have asked for access to sports and speech therapy. But if we're not going to accept one (on the basis of BIG BAD GOVERNMENT!!!!) then we shouldn't accept any. There would probably be strings attached. Even if there wouldn't.

I urge (on behalf of myself only, of course) you to give HB1258 an Unfavorable Report. Thank you.

Sincerely (but also rolling my eyes),
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