



Vermont Home Education Network

Legislative Alert

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Hello Rhetta,

This is a LEGISLATIVE ALERT:

On February 28, 2024, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) was invited by the Senate Education Committee to address educational neglect and how they react to reports of neglect in a homeschooling home. DCF testimony lasted for 30 minutes and they said what I have always heard them say about it. What you specifically need to pay attention to is what the Senators are saying during these 30 minutes. You need to listen all the way to the end. This is the link to the official YouTube recording and start listening at 34 minutes in to the end.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWwJmoMITX0&t=4>

I was at the State House earlier in the session and told Senate Ed that if they felt they took away all guardrails on homeschooling that VHEN would be ok if they put the hearings after enrollment back in the statute. That would give the state a mechanism to address purported “educational neglect” issues. I spoke with HSLDA about this and they are ok with that as well.

I am going to the State House today to Senate Ed to try and find out just what the language is that they want to put into their Educational Corrections bill. It is a catch all bill to “correct” things.

If all they plan to do is put the hearings after enrollment back, then fine. If they plan on doing more than that then I will call for a mass email campaign next week over legislative break.

Please let ALL your homeschooling friends know about this. Do not assume they are on the VHEN email list. Most are not. If I have to call for an email campaign, I want the legislators of this committee to get ALL the emails within a 24/48-hour time frame. So please be ready.

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