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Hello Vermont Homeschoolers,

You are receiving this because you signed up to be on Vermont Home Education Network's email list. I have recently updated the software and cleaned out the list and now it is working again!

House Education has a miscellaneous education bill that they pass out of committee each year for technical corrections to education law. This committee bill never gets a bill number until sent to the House floor for the second/third reading. After that it will be sent to the Senate side for the same process.

On March 1st, the miscellaneous education bill was passed out of committee which included language to revamp the home study statute. The Agency of Ed presented this language to the committee and it is very similar to the language presented to homeschoolers in January of 2022. In fact, I think it is better. This language is basically what I have been suggesting to homeschoolers and the state alike. Stop the submission and nit picking of the needless paperwork that is not proof of anything.

Also, during COVID homeschooling families painfully learned that the sheer numbers of those who enrolled ground the enrollment process to a near halt. It quickly became unwieldy for the Agency to administer. The Agency staff now want out from under the weight of the paperwork and the Agency wants to reassign some of that staffing to work elsewhere in the Agency.

You can read a summation of what this language would require of homeschoolers and read the actual wording. [CLICK HERE to review this information.](#)

Please tell other homeschoolers you know to sign up for this email list so they can get timely update as this bill goes through the process. Sign up here: <https://vhen.org/email-list>

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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