

Dear << Test First Name >>,

The proposed home study legislation now has a bill number. [Click here to read H.461 \(starting on page 4\)](#). It is still the miscellaneous education bill created by the House Education committee and the home study language was at the request of the Agency of Education. It is very similar to what homeschoolers and the Agency talked about back in January of 2022.

Many have asked if the parent portfolio option is still in the list, the answer is yes that option is still available. Here is a list of options:

(A) a standardized assessment, which may be administered by the local school district or a testing service;

(B) a review of the student's progress by an individual who holds a current Vermont teacher's certificate;

(C) a parent or guardian report and portfolio to include a summary of what the student learned during the school year and at least four samples of student work;

(D) grades from an online academy or school; or

(E) evidence of passing of the GED.

Also, some have asked if the testing option can be made clearer in that any standardized test can be used and not just a public-school test. While I believe what is written does clearly state that any standardized test could be used including the public school tests, adding a bit of language that makes it more clear seems like a reasonable request.

Another bill concerning a new driver education pilot program has been offered by [Sec. French of the Agency of Ed in the Senate Education's miscellaneous education bill](#). I asked Sec. French if homeschoolers could be considered as part of this OR allow homeschoolers to use a state approved driver education curriculum to teach their kids how to drive and still get a junior license at age 16. Currently, if your child does not attend a driver education course, they can't get a license until the age of 18.

Sec. French said he would "review drivers' education from a home study perspective. We are trying to separate the classroom portion from the driving portion." So, we shall see what he comes up with, if anything.

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