Vermont Home Education Network ALERT - Please listen to Senate Ed's testimony today. YOU NEED TO KNOW April 11, 2023

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There was a <u>side by side exploration</u> of the current home study statute verses H.461 the proposed AOE changes in Senate Ed today done by legislative council. What was of concern was some of the comments made by the Senators. And I paraphrase:

- Concern about no required curriculum i.e. materials.
- State education standards should apply to homeschoolers.
- This language is like the wild wild west in that parents can do what they want with the minimum course of study.
- One Senator has horror stories about homeschoolers in the public schools and is shocked that there are no standards for homeschoolers to follow.

If you feel I mischaracterized these comments do let me know.

Is this a problem? Maybe. It is obvious that those in the room do not understand how home study is currently being administered nor how this language would work. Would it change their minds? I do not know. I plan to be at the State House tomorrow and or Thursday to check in with the committee.

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