

I am writing to express concern about a change to the homeschool reporting requirements in the Education Omnibus Bill in the House.

Test reporting requirements proposed language:

“A letter of intent to continue to provide instruction must include a report to the superintendent with proof that the testing plan for the previous year was fulfilled as agreed upon, a copy of the official test scores, and information required in paragraph (a) for each student for the upcoming school year.”

Just ten years ago, the Homeschool Mandate Reduction bill was passed, reducing the amount of paperwork homeschool parents had to submit to their local school districts. There has been no diminution in the quality of home education as a result, so adding more paperwork is a futile exercise. School districts agreed ten years ago that they did not want extra paper on each homeschool student. This language is unnecessarily intrusive. Parents know they have to test their children – and more often than public school students are tested. Leave them to it.

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