

There will be an [walk through](#) for the [Omnibus Bill](#) in the House Education Policy Committee on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 1:00 PM. To testify (from home on Zoom), you need to sign up today.

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.”*

MÂCHÉ strongly opposes this proposed language. Specifically, we are concerned with the additional requirement of “proof of prior testing plan” and a “copy of the official test scores.” We are not clear why this onerous new requirement is being reintroduced at this time. There is no credible evidence to suggest that a change in homeschool standardized testing reporting requirements is necessary or useful. Plus, this reporting requirement is contrary to the 2011 Homeschool Mandate Reduction bill which paved the way to simpler reporting requirements for Minnesota homeschoolers. At that time, the school districts also concluded that they did not want to receive and maintain unnecessary paperwork from homeschoolers - nor do homeschoolers need or want the additional paperwork.

This would be a significant step backward for homeschooling freedom in Minnesota. It would impose unnecessary and burdensome requirements on Minnesota homeschoolers and districts. And, it could provide government officials or other agents with the unconstitutional authority to see private data. Parents should be the ones who decide how their children are educated. Please feel free to use the last paragraph as talking points as you articulate your concerns.

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a homeschooling parent and I oppose the Omnibus Bill being heard by the Education Policy Committee heard on Wednesday. According to MACHE, there has not been any credible evidence from current homeschooling parents to warrant the need for these extensive reporting requirements. I also don't think that the current school districts want the extra administration this bill would demand. The requirement of this bill would warrant the need for more administration staff and potentially force school districts to reallocate funds into the administration of this bill versus the funding needed to teach the current public school children. This bill would not be a responsible use of current MN tax dollars allocated to education. I work extremely hard to help my children learn. I believe that as the parent, I should have the choice in education for each of my children. I should also be able to gauge each child's level of education and deem each child's individual success therein.

Thank you,

Nikki Norton

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