Legislative Update

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To read bills and their summaries, go to the <u>MN Revisor's Office</u> and type in the House File (HF) or Senate File (SF) bill number.

Omnibus K-12 Education Policy (HF 2433 / SF 2255) – **provisions limit homeschool** definition to those associated by parent or guardian in a MN residence.

Mandatory vaccines HF 3239 / SF 3439: **removes conscientious exemptions** for measles, mumps and rubella vaccines for all school age children.

Parental Bill of Rights – includes being present for medical exams of minors and their being questioned, with certain exceptions (HF 22 / SF1707; and unaccompanied SF 55)

Parental Rights in Education (Constitutional Amendment) – (HF 1018 / SF 1923)

Education Savings Accounts – various bills establish them (HF 19 / SF 244; HF2895 / SF 3303; HF 2908/ SF 3120; plus unaccompanied bills SF 1007 and SF 1975)

Education Finance Bill – provision ends bussing for non-public school students. (HF 2433 / SF 501)

Counseling for Non-Public Students – limits funds for non-public schools to the average per student cost in public school. (HF 984 / SF903)

Educational Tax Credits – raises amounts eligible and includes technical schools (HF 706 / SF 429; HF 968 / SF 501; and unaccompanied bills SF 1194 and SF 1554 which are specifically for non-public schools)

Extracurricular activities participation allowed for Home School Students – adds students at residential schools (HF 784 / SF 411; HF785 / SF 413; HF 745 unaccompanied)

Post secondary Enrollment – extends priority for grades 10, 11, and 12 to summer classes (HF 447 / SF 430)

NOTES ON SF 1740 HOMESCHOOL AMENDMENT

Alpha news underreporting the implications of the May Quade amendment (A29): <u>Senate amendment would 'fundamentally alter' homeschooling in Minnesota,</u> advocates warn

May limit homeschool to those related by parents or guardians at their Minnesota residence.

Done in a way without hearings or public involvement of those affected.

The House may consider similar amendments, but the risk is in conference committee.

This EXCLUDES:

- Variations in homeschooling families who may include extended relatives such as stepsiblings, nephews and nieces, or grandchildren.
- Any homes where any adult in the home, were ever convicted of a broad list of felonies, gross misdemeanors, or misdemeanors (even if awarded custody).
- Education on the road, at grandma's house, at your co-op, or at the park.
- Co-ops with other homeschooling families, online classes, and dual enrollment in private or public-school courses that supplement a homeschool program.
- Due process for the accused.

THE EXCUSE – to protect children from dangerous parents (using the list of crimes prohibiting foster care and related to parental custody termination).

THE REAL REASON – to "save" children from beliefs, worldview and values that rival the progressive/Woke state religion.

RESOURCES

Education Choice – Jullie Jacobs at https://www.mnschools.org/

Minnesota Hybrid Schools Association (MNSHA) at Home | MNHSA

Karin Miller – Faith in Action at Faith in Action | Karin Miller | Substack

PORTALS at Portals Legislative Tracking - Google Sheets

MACHE MN Law - MACHE - Minnesota Association of Christian Home Educators