

As homeschooling mom of 4 kids I would like to ask for this bill to be withdrawn. I assume the bill was designed to help us but I do not want or need the state to be involved in my home school. The public school system did not work for us. I do not do this because it is easier by any means but I do it because it is best for our family and am not interested in having the state be involved. Homeschooling looks different for all families as it is an individualized way of teaching. I have reached out to Sheila Ruth in regards to this, she did respond one time but when I asked how the council will be "appointed" and how many parents are going to be appointed to this group to be the voice for us all I received no further correspondence. Unfortunately the government gets more involved each year in the school systems and throws more money at them and they are continuing to decline. We moved to a specific school district because it was supposed to be so amazing and were very disappointed with the public school system, my smart first grader didn't learn how to read and was very discouraged, I taught him over the summer. I am tired of government overreach and politicians who think they know better than parents. I'm sorry if you are losing money because I have pulled my kid out of your system, but that should be a wake up call not a cry for you to have more involvement in my homeschool. As a homeschool mom I'm not asking for anything from you all but to be left alone. I don't not believe a small committee can be in any way shape or form a voice for the entire state of Maryland's homeschoolers. We are all very different and individualized.