

Yes on HB1385

Parental involvement in a child's education including school-family communication has a positive impact on student learning outcomes (1). HB1385 encourages and facilitates parental involvement in their children's learning.

Transparency in learning and teaching allows parents to understand, help teach, and support their children and the school. Allowing parents to access learning materials will further this goal.

In our diverse communities, there are many parents who distrust schools. The ability of parents to opt their child out of topics that they feel are age inappropriate or not culturally sensitive will increase trust and discourage their students from dropping out of school.

Finally, the provision of alert and opt out of family life and human sexuality topics affirms the well respected constitutional right of parents to direct the upbringing of their children, including choosing when and how they learn sexual topics. However, I propose expanding this section to include the topics of "gender identity and sexual orientation." These are clearly sexual topics and normally included in the family life and human sexuality unit in health. However, recent efforts to label "gender identity and sexual orientation" as a separate topic means that this area should also be included in this bill.

Thank you for your consideration. Please give HB1385 a favorable report

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https://www.researchgate.net/publication/374978615_A_Systematic_Review_of_Literature_on_Parental_Involvement_and_Its_Impact_on_Children_Learning_Outcomes