



House Bill 1385

Children – Parental Rights – Educational Rights

Position: **SUPPORT**

To: Ways and Means Committee

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From: Caryn Abbott, Worcester County Commissioner

I am Worcester County Commissioner Caryn Abbott and I am writing in support of House Bill 1385.

This is a commonsense bill that would promote the involvement of parents in their children's education. Why wouldn't we want to increase parent participation in schools? Research consistently shows that parental involvement in education improves a student's attendance, social skills and behavior.

House Bill 1385 encourages increased parental involvement, ensures parents have access to instructional materials and provides them with the ability to withdraw their child from any instruction they believe could be harmful.

I urge you to provide a favorable report to House Bill 1385, a bill that strengthens the role of parents in education and increases transparency between families and school systems.