



January 7, 2022

The Honorable Brett Hillyer
Ohio House of Representatives
77 South High Street
11th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: H.B. 529

Dear Representative Hillyer:

Thank you very much for taking the time to speak with me and with my colleagues from HSLDA today. We are grateful for your work to represent the people of Ohio.

As we discussed today, ParentalRights.org supports state legislation that will create curriculum transparency for public schools. We believe that providing parents of children who are enrolled in public schools with transparency regarding what their children are learning and being taught is an important part of empowering parents and protecting the fundamental right of parents to direct the education and upbringing of their children.

However, ParentalRights.org opposes any attempt to increase control over private education. As a result, ParentalRights.org opposes H.B. 529 as it is currently drafted, because of its inclusion of Ohio homeschools and Ohio private schools in its requirement that they publicly disclose on the internet the curriculum that they teach. We believe that government should leave private education alone, be it in a private school or a homeschool setting.

We encourage you to make the following changes to H.B. 529¹ to protect private education:

- Remove the amendments to Sec. 3301.164 by deleting line 11 on page 1, and lines 17-18 on page 2.

¹ Available online at https://search-prod.lis.state.oh.us/solarapi/v1/general_assembly_134/bills/hb529/IN/00/hb529_00_IN?format=pdf.

- On page 2, delete lines 30 and 31 to remove from the bill’s curriculum transparency requirements “chartered nonpublic schools” and “nonchartered nonpublic schools.”

These simple changes will protect private education from more government control and will allow ParentalRights.org – and our supporters across the state of Ohio – to support H.B. 529.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I can be reached via phone at 540-751-1200, or via email at will@parentalrights.org.

Very truly yours,



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