

As a parent and grandparent of children who attended private school, I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the proposed SB 223 bill. This sounds like a plan to undermine and force unnecessary restrictions and control over our private schools. It seems to me there are broader implications at stake here in this "licensing" scheme. This bill would be giving bureaucrats at the ODE potential control over the curriculum, teachers and instruction at our private schools, erasing the distinctions which are so important for us who choose to send and support our children and grandchildren to private schools. There are also unfair consequences for those schools who opt out of registration. Please respect our rights to keep our private schools what they were meant to be - private and not force them to conform them to public school standardizations. This is an unnecessary bill that violates of our rights and has the potential to effect the future of our children's education.

Thank you for listening,

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