

Good Afternoon,

Horizon Community Church and School represented by over 3000 constituents, strongly opposes this proposed bill. Private schools are independent for specific and important reasons respective to their mission. To introduce government oversight and control in the matters of curriculum, student behavior & discipline policies, instructional time, student mental health & abuse investigation, facility health and safety, and teacher competency & background checks, represents an overreach that nullifies the separation between church and state and the independence of private schools, thereby impeding them in their mission. In effect, private schools become quasi-public schools with this legislation or must withdraw from OSAA sanctioned activities. This would be unfortunate as the union of public and private schools in the OSAA has made both groups better and enriched each of their programs. Please abort your consideration of this bill. The current structure for how private schools operate and participate in OSAA is satisfactory and does not need amendment.

Regards,
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