

I strongly support a parent's freedom of choice in education, I consider each situation as unique to that family and its needs. Faith based education produces extremely good future employees and citizens, and often a much tougher curriculum preparing students for success at tougher colleges. The parents pay tuition while also paying taxes for public education. Private schools and home schools often do not offer many enrichment programs that public schools do, and it is wonderful for private schools to be able to participate in these as well. Working together is a plus, and the parents have paid for both private and public and should have access. I believe SB 223 will make it harder and more expensive for private schools without offering anything positive that improves the current situation. The state does not need to micromanage education as it seems to think it does. Our public schools hire professional teachers and can make a lot of good decisions on their own, the private schools hire good teachers who can also make good decisions, parents love the kids like no other.

I STRONGLY urge a NO on SB223

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