

Please vote "no" on SB 223. The private schools have done an excellent job of making changes during this COVID crisis in keeping schools open with students active in in-person learning whenever possible. This bill is deceiving in thinking the additional licensing and regulations will benefit the State and students, but it will actually do the opposite.

Many legislators opt for alternative options for schooling for their own children. It is only right private citizens have those same options for our children. Please support the parent's right to choose education for our children that does not interfere with our religious beliefs and our ability to direct the education of our children as protected in our constitution. There is no justification for this bill as private schools are performing well within the state, and the students graduating from these schools are more likely to go to college and be successful after graduation.

Thank you for your time.