

I know this bill says it would be voluntary for private schools to register with the dept. of education but I feel that Private schools who choose to register must meet and maintain certain standards in areas regarding teacher qualifications, school facilities, curricula, and instruction time. These requirements could change over time and result in little distinction between public and private schools.

Private schools - many of which are religiously affiliated - operate independently from the state for a reason. While a number of them choose to be accredited by the state, these schools have the freedom to choose the teachers and curriculum that best represent their values and serve their students. It is concerning to think how the state could control and implement its own agenda through the registration of private schools. I wish our representatives to vote against this bill