

Please vote against SB 223. I am greatly concerned that this bill would severely limit parental choice in education. Forcing private schools to register with the state would create expensive and intrusive oversight into private schools, essentially turning them into public schools. Private schools take their responsibilities very seriously and are doing an excellent job without state supervision. My son had learning challenges and greatly benefited from both the Early Intervention program, homeschool and private school education. It took him many years to overcome and would have been detrimental for him to be forced into an educational mold. The fourteenth amendment grants parents the right to direct their children's education as they deem best and guarantees that the differences between public and private schools can't be eliminated. Because each child is so unique, having many options to choose from allows more freedom for success. Please uphold our right for choice in education and vote against SB 223.