

I am testifying against SB 2260. I think it is particularly disturbing that parents will have to give permission for a school to view a student on their surveillance system. This essentially would mean that schools could not have surveillance systems at all. I have seen countless examples of students lying about particular disciplinary situations and for administration having to use the surveillance system to prove their side of the story to the student or parents involved.

I am also disturbed by the language that requires parental approval to teach certain curriculum. This seems rather pointless as the state standards are already clearly laid out. If the issue is with the content being taught I believe the standards should be reviewed. Please do not put the burden on the schools.

In several parts of the bill the bill requires teachers to produce various documents including lesson plans to parents if requested. As a teacher I could not imagine adding this burden. Often teachers are constantly changing and replanning to meet the needs of their students. This would only make a difficult job even more difficult. With a teacher shortage in the state and around the nation this would send a terrible message to anyone thinking about going into teaching.

Thanks for considering my testimony.

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