

Ask yourself this regarding SB2260: If my child or grandchild is struggling with a concept in school would I want their teacher to have the time to make accommodations for my child? Would you want their teacher to reteach any concepts that several students, including your child, did not fully grasp? We know that all students do not learn in the same way or in the same time frame. If you pass this bill you are locking teachers into an impossible position. Your bill would prevent teachers from any form of autonomy and force them to move forward with their lesson plans submitted to parents for approval 7 days prior. As a public school teacher of 30+ years, I can tell you with utmost certainty that lesson plans are fluid. They change. Sometimes they change within the first hour of class. Sometimes they change within days. They almost certainly change weekly. Teachers are working with children. They are small humans that are each unique and individual and have working emotions, backgrounds and levels of academia. What you are proposing is impossible to maintain. Teachers are treading water trying to survive with all the the responsibilities they already attempt to complete. Lesson plans take a lot of time to complete and to plan out. I had, at times, 125 students a day to prepare for and with whom I would want to make a connection. Planning, presenting, assessing, reteaching, reevaluating, enhancement of lessons, interventions for students to relearn concepts all take an immense amount of time. If this bill passes, there will be an exodus of teachers like never before. Teachers are burnt out. They work in an ever more dangerous environment and do not feel valued. If your goal is the destruction of public education, this could very well do it. My heart breaks for those who try so hard to make a difference for children and constantly face road block after road block. If you truly want to know what educators do, I challenge you to spend a few days as a substitute teacher. Please. Please do not pass this bill. Teachers are not the enemy. They are not hiding things from parents.