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"To ensure that each child achieves his/her full potential through student-centered practices."

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House Human Services Committee

RE: SB 2260

This letter is in opposition of SB 2260 because it places more of a burden on teachers. It's true that most teachers submit a weekly lesson plan to administrators but normally that contains the standards that will be taught and does not go into detail on each topic. From how I read the bill, written description of all topics and subjects taught in a class or course is a very large burden on our teachers. Furthermore, good teachers teach a little differently due to the varying ability levels, I fear that this would not be able to happen if this bill passes. Improvising or deviating from the lesson plan would not be allowed. When I look at my special education and Title teachers, I could not imagine trying to put a written description for every one of his/her students because these are programs are often individualized.

Public schools have open meeting laws, parents can already request to view textbooks, I'm having trouble wrapping my mind around why, when we already have a teacher shortage, are legislators contemplating adding this burden. If the perception is that a few districts are not teaching "what is right", figure out how to deal with them. Adding the burden to the whole because of a few, doesn't work in education and shouldn't be how perceived problems should be dealt with either. Parent involvement is important but if parents want to know what is going on in their school, they can find out without educators having to get the approval for every lesson. I encourage you to use common sense and vote do not pass on SB 2260.

Sincerely,



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