

Testimony on SB 2167

Senator Jordan Kannianen, District 4

Chairman Elkin and the Senate Education Committee,

This bill shortens the waiting period between the submission of a letter of intent to homeschool and when the home education can begin from 14 days to 5 days. (See Page 1, Line 7)

It also clarifies language in the home education special education section, replacing vague or subjective language with clear, concise policy. (See Page 2, Lines 16-18)

Any other changes are cleanup completed by Legislative Council.

The 14-day waiting period was first put in place with the original authorizing legislation for homeschooling in 1989. When a family moves during the school year and files a new letter of intent to home educate their children, the existing 14 day waiting period is excessive and unnecessary. The same could be said for every homeschool family, but it's especially true when a family moves mid-year.

I will allow other organizations to speak for themselves, but I have vetted this bill with the state Department of Public Instruction and other organizations involved in public education, and I have yet to hear any opposition to these proposals. I would be happy to address any concerns.

I respectfully request a Do Pass recommendation for SB 2167.

Thank you,

Jordan Kannianen