

HB1468

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I write in complete support of HB1468 today. Contrary to what people say, there currently is discrimination out there against those that chose not to vaccinate.

Had this bill been in place five years ago, I may have done my research on the potential harms of vaccines, specifically the Gardasil – HPV Vaccine. My daughter received this vaccine and had numerous reactions of which she suffered for four years thereafter.

Only now do I realize that her years of suffering from allergies and ear infections were due to the continued vaccination schedule I followed as recommended.

People need to be informed and also allowed the opportunity to realize that there is an exemption available.

It is true when people have testified that doctor's offices and schools will discriminate against you if you are not willing to go along with their vaccine schedule. Take for example, a year ago when St. Mary's High School "thought" there was a measles outbreak and all the children that weren't vaccinated had to remain out of school for a very long period of time. This was DISCRIMINATION. Turned out it was a false alarm and these students were discriminated against. These student's parents had filed exemption from vaccines and thus they were asked to leave school.

I believe that attaching a penalty will help to enforce the actions of this bill.

To the teacher that testified last week at one of the hearings saying that they want to be kept safe and don't want all these unvaccinated kids floating around, I say

"If your vaccine that you took for whatever disease is so good and effective, you WILL BE protected and need not worry about others around you". YOU ARE PROTECTED.

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