

February 11, 2020

Re: HB 2601

Dear Education Committee Members,

“One size fits all.” What comes to mind when you see this phrase? Hats and gloves? Maybe. Shirts? Of course not. What about healthcare?

We each have unique DNA and react differently to foods, medications, and our environment. How then can we say that what is good for one person medically speaking is also good for every other person? This is ridiculous thinking. Beyond that, it is destructive thinking. If a person is allergic to a particular food, it doesn't matter how healthy someone else might think it is. If a person's DNA means they are more reactive to a particular vaccine component, it doesn't matter how helpful someone else thinks that vaccine is. The reactive person should not receive it.

Who best knows a child's physical constitution? The child? Their parents? What about politicians or bureaucrats?

Decisions regarding a child's healthcare should remain with those best acquainted and most concerned for that child's wellbeing, not a public entity who knows nothing about a student's health history or genetic composition.

Please support HB 2601. Let's leave medical decisions in the hands of those who know our children best and support the most basic of liberties: medical freedom.

Sincerely,

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