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Submitted to the Committee on Public Education

For HB 2929

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Hearing Date: March 21, 2023 8:00 AM

Alexander Harris
none
Spring, TX

Recently events and seminars providing continuing education and training for public school teachers and librarians have Drag Queen shows that go against our community standards. This must stop and expenses for such events and seminars should not be charged to the taxpayers.

Amy Anderson
Self
Round Rock, TX

Is this really more important than securing teachers for next year?
Does anyone truly believe this is more of a problem than securing teachers?
I am a high school math teacher for 25 years. I have twins in their 2nd year at UT Austin. I have to turn in my 60 day notice to move out of my apartment by the end of March. If I am not making more money, I cannot afford my apartment or my job. Well, I need a place to live. I will have to find a different career.
Please make teachers a priority and let us know you care a little about us. If HB1548 is not at top priority of Public Education Committee, then teachers are leaving. I hear it everyday!

Katherine Bacon, Dr.
Texas Counseling Association
Houston, TX

I support, please vote out favorably from cmt

Amy Cohen
Self
Abilene, TX

I think having less qualified educators in the classroom is a horrible idea . Preparing our children to be successful in the classroom and in life should be valued.

Susan Burek

Self: I am a Parent and an advocate for people with disabilities

Austin, TX

Thank you for allowing me to testify regarding HB 2929. My name is Sue Burek and I live in Austin, Texas. I'm a parent, an advocate for people with disabilities, and a member of several advocacy organizations that serve families with children with disabilities, including Texas Parent to Parent, Protect Texas Fragile Kids, and Loving Hearts for All.

I am testifying IN SUPPORT OF HB 2929, which corrects a continuing education rule from language that says "up to 25% of continuing ed hours must be for special education, which could mean 0%, to state that "a minimum of 25% of continuing education hours must be for special education".

Please vote to APPROVE HB 2929. Thank you very much for your consideration of my request.

Elizabeth Wilson

myself- mom of children with multiple learning differences/ dyslexias

DALLAS, TX

I hope the intent of this bill is to mean that teachers should receive significant and frequent training on how to work with kids served under 504, IDEA, and/ or kids who struggle with mental illness. Teachers currently do not receive enough training on how to identify and work with children with special needs, learning differences, and mental illnesses.

Ann Coldwater

Self, I am an Assistant Professor in Early Childhood Studies at San Antonio College

Universal City, TX

Teachers in the field of Early Care and Education must receive the appropriate education and certification to work with preschool children. The foundations for physical health, mental health and school success begin in the early years of life. We cannot rely on adults (as young as 18 years old) with good intentions to be our early childhood educators. We need professionals who have studied the serious components of early childhood development, such as brain development, attachment, developmentally appropriate practice and curriculum. Please do not lower standards.

Maria Nicholas

Eagle Forum

Farmers Branch TX, TX

Please support HB 900

Tania Vazquez, Ms.

Self, Caregiver/Mother

Weatherford, TX

Please protect our children from sexually explicit material in school.