



Kansas Home Educators

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Senate Committee on Education

Re: KSHE Supports Senate Bill 338

Dear Chair Erickson, Vice Chair Thomas, and Members of the Senate Committee on Education:

My name is Jeff Gorman, and I am the President of the Kansas Home Educators the homeschool and alternative educational support organization for all of Kansas. We represent the thousands of Kansas homeschool families and are Kansas's largest homeschool advocacy organization.

KSHE supports Senate Bill 338. Since homeschooling emerged in the 1970s, parents in Kansas have fulfilled compulsory attendance requirements by filing as nonaccredited private schools with the Department of Education. In recent years, the phrase "home school" was added twice to the Kansas statutes, but without any definition. The first is when "home school" students participate in public school sports (Kan. Stat. § 72-7121) and the second when "home school" students participate in the career technical workforce grant program (Kan. Stat. § 74-32,423). Senate Bill 338 preserves the status quo by clarifying that a "home school" student means students enrolled in their parents' nonaccredited private schools, ensuring consistency across statutes and preventing possible future confusion.

This clarification ensures educational definitions are made by the legislature, not by judicial interpretation or agency guidance.

KSHE appreciates your support for this bill and its common sense codification of the status quo. Should you have any questions, I will be at the hearing on January 21st and can be reached at jeff.gorman@kshomeeducators.com or 316-570-2882.

Jeff Gorman
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