

Action Needed!!

House Education Committee Hearing Wednesday, January 24, 2024, 8 AM, Hearing Room 7

There are 3 bills lowering the compulsory attendance age. They will be heard and testimony will be taken at the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee meeting on Tuesday morning. Families for Home Education opposes lowering the compulsory attendance age. This would limit a home school parent's ability and freedom to choose when their child is ready to begin school.

[HB 2125](#), sponsored by Rep. Ian Mackey, changes the compulsory attendance age from 7 years old to 5 years old.

[HB 2177](#), sponsored by Rep. Bruce Sassmann, changes the compulsory attendance age from 7 years old to 6 years old.

[HB 2323](#), sponsored by Rep. Jeff Farnan, changes the compulsory attendance age from 7 years old to 6 years old

Action Item:

If you agree with FHE in opposing the lowering of compulsory attendance age, email or call the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee members and your own representative.

The Elementary and Secondary Education Committee needs to hear from you before Wednesday morning. Email today and/or call on Monday or Tuesday!!!

An email may be as simple as:

Dear Representative _____,

Please oppose HB 2125, HB 2177, HB 2323, all intended to lower the compulsory age for school children from 7 down to 5 or 6. Many children are not ready for formal schooling at these ages, and it should be up to the parent(s) to determine when their child is ready. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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