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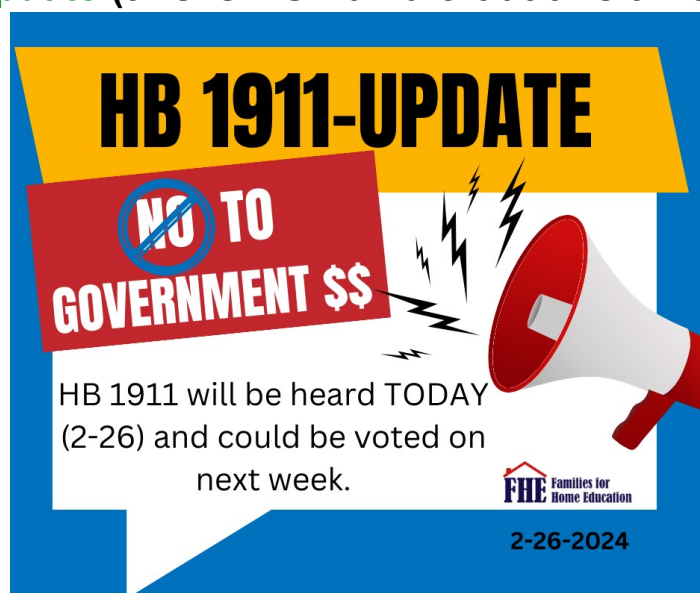
February/March News Flash Homeschool Day & HB 1911 Update

Homeschool Day at the Capitol is right around the corner on **Tuesday, March 5**. Hope you are making plans now to join us with your whole family. Not only is it a wonderful field trip opportunity, but it also sends a clear statement to the Capitol that homeschoolers are alive and well. Head over to our website for all the details for the day and our program in the Rotunda.

[Homeschool Day 2024](#)



HB 1911 Update (this is NOT an alert at this time):



While FHE is neutral on the bill itself (lots of non-homeschool related parts), we are strongly opposed to homeschoolers being a part of any tax credit. One of the main reasons for opposition is that the bill gives the Department of Revenue and the Treasurer the authority to promulgate (create) the rules. Also, it is a refundable tax credit which means a taxpayer could receive more money refunded than their tax liability. FHE does not want this to lead to a back-ended way of registering a home school. FHE seeks no financial aid from any government entity, and we ask for no further restriction on the current statute governing home education (directly or indirectly).

There is a Special Committee on Education Reform hearing TODAY.

Date: 2/26/2024 Time: 4:30 PM or upon adjournment (whichever is later)

Location: House Hearing Room 7

While they will not vote on it today, it could come as early as next week. If you agree with FHE, you may want to contact your representative IF they are on the list below. Otherwise, we will hold off for the moment and not flood their inboxes. We just want to make sure we still have their attention. Thank You!!

[Bill information page](#)

[Bill Summary](#)

[Submit Testimony](#) – This will be a public record if you do not want your name identified as a homeschooler.

Phone Calls and/or Emails ONLY if one of these are YOUR representatives:

[State Legislator Look Up](#)

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Sample Wording:

Dear Representative _____,

Please Remove homeschoolers from HB 1911, the “Missouri Parental Choice Tax Credit Act”. This is government money, not just a taxpayer being able to

keep their own money. We stand with FHE and are strongly opposed to homeschoolers being a part of any tax credit. One of the main reasons for opposition is that the bill gives the Department of Revenue and the Treasurer the authority to create the rules. Also, it is a refundable tax credit which means a taxpayer could receive more money refunded than their tax liability. This could lead to a back-ended way of registering a home school, which we oppose. The best way to help homeschool families would be to cut taxes for all. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

(Insert Name) _____



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