

● HB 2827 Amendment 002 Summary

(For Parents & Advocates)

We oppose this bill and all its amendments. Here's why:

⚠️ Key Threats to Parental Rights & Homeschool Freedom:

⊕ Filing Requirements & Truancy Threats

- Section 20: Requires homeschoolers to file a Homeschool Notification Form.
 - Confirmation of the parent or parents' occupation and educational level
- Section 20(b): Parents withdrawing from public school mid-year have only 3 days to file this form—or face a truancy investigation.
- Section 30: Creates a rebuttable presumption that a homeschool student is not truant only if the form is submitted.
- Page 40: **Truant officers may personally meet with your child** to determine truancy—if you forget to file the form.

⊕ Educational Portfolio Requirements

- Section 15: Forces all homeschool families to maintain a detailed educational portfolio:
 - A curriculum log
 - Samples of student work
 - Parent assessments in each subject
- Redefines homeschool to only allow one household. Homeschool co-ops and communal education efforts **may** no longer be allowed.

⊕ State & Truancy Officer Oversight

- Section 55: Allows truancy officers to demand to see educational portfolios during investigations.
- Sections 60(b), 65(c), and 70: Give truancy officers the authority to refer homeschool families to the **State's Attorney**.
- ISBE Involvement: Opens door for curriculum supervision by the Illinois State Board of Education.

⊕ Private Schools Also Targeted

- Must register with ISBE
- Must maintain parent/student database
- Require staff to have high school diplomas
- Must confirm enrollment during truancy investigations
- (Pages 24–25)

⊕ Immunizations

- Starting in 2026–2027, homeschooled children seeking part-time enrollment or activity participation in public school must show proof of immunizations and health records or submit a religious exemption.

● Bill's Premise Is Misleading:

- The bill uses misleading “findings” to justify overreach.
- Bad actors used “homeschool” as a false cover for abuse.
- This creates suspicion around legitimate homeschoolers.
- The State lacks systems to investigate abuse in homeschool homes.
- This delegitimizes homeschool as a safe, viable alternative.
- So now they want to investigate “educational neglect” to protect students.

● What This Really Means

They claim this bill removes the criminal penalty. But now, "**educational neglect**" becomes the weapon.

➔ In contrast, Illinois public schools have documented chronic academic failure and sexual abuse allegations.

Who's really guilty of educational neglect and abuse?