



### Vermont Home Education Network

#### Update on Home Study legislation

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Hello Rhetta,

H.461, the miscellaneous education bill, has gone through all the check points in the legislature that was needed to pass. It looks like a new home study law is about to be born!

After it left Senate Ed on a 5-0-0 vote, it went for the second reading on the floor of the Senate. While there it went to House Appropriations, House Education, and Senate Government Operations. House Ed simply concurred with the changes that Senate Ed made and the other two committees were not interested in the Home Study section at all, which is the bulk of the bill, but other sections of H.461. They also concurred with the bill. It passed its second reading and third reading on the Senate floor. Since the bill originated and was passed out of the House, after the third reading, the Senate, forthwith, sent it back to the House, where, on May 11, 2023, the House concurred to the changes the Senate made. Now it is headed to the Governor's desk.

I am already in contact with the Governor's office, so that they know someone in the homeschooling community is watching. Over the years, I have met with Governor Scott several times and his office will let me know when it gets there as I want to watch him sign it, knowing full well the timing is out of my control. The Legislature has 5 days to get it to the Governor and then he has 5 days to sign, veto, or not sign a bill. To not sign a bill is a pocket veto and the Legislature gets another crack at the bill in the case of either veto.

This all took about 2 weeks to accomplish. Just imagine the dozens of other bills that are taking similar paths both ways between the House and Senate. At the end of a session the House and Senate Calendars change by the hour as they suspend the rules to get things done. The only sure way to know what happened is to look at the Journals of the House and Senate. They are trying to close things down sometime next week.

In my next email, I will detail out what enrollments will look like going forward.

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