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Team:

Now that [HB 2827](#) has been assigned to committee, it's important that Illinois residents opposed to the bill fill out a Witness Slip. Please click on [THIS LINK](#) and follow the prompts:

- Fill out the information of "Name, Address, and Phone Number"; enter "Self" in the sections that reference "Firm/Business or Agency", "Title" and "Persons, Groups, Firms represented in this appearance"; check the box for "Opponent"; check the box for "Record of Appearance Only"; check the box agreeing to the terms; click "Create Slip".

Among other things, the bill will bring government regulation into the homeschool movement. One of the main talking points for advocates of the bill is that 39 states already have some form of government regulation over homeschooling. However, there is no industry standard or best practice that is common in all of these states. Moreover, in some of these referenced states, strong movements are currently in place to reverse regulatory laws in the homeschool movement. The current national trend is to strengthen the school choice movement. HB 2827 seeks the opposite. As a matter of fact, if following the lead of these other states or "keeping up with the Joneses" is now the guiding light in Springfield, then state legislators should bring back the Invest in Kids Act because over 30 states have school choice initiatives. So is the logic truly to follow the trends in other states, or only when it aligns with a particular agenda?

As a reminder, adding to the homeschool concern, the bill initially claims it doesn't apply to "non-home-based, nonpublic schools"...but later in the bill, it's clear that all non-public/private religious schools will be forced into the same required registration and reporting demands. We believe that this is an example of government overreach and the path toward a slippery slope. You should know that legislation regarding nonpublic schools is proposed in basically every session in Springfield...and rarely (if ever) with input or collaboration on the front end.

We remain opposed to HB 2827 and invite you to stand with us. As always, ICNS asks you to show respect and professionalism in all communications with Illinois lawmakers.

Sincerely, on behalf of ICNS –

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