

Homeschooling in South Africa

WE started out small, but we grew strong because we stood together.

WE have raised a generation or two; WE are stronger; WE are more, and we are still together. We are diverse, we are formal and informal, we are urban and rural, and now we are also global as we fill out all the social spaces and margins of adventurous and unconventional living.

It is our way of life and we will defend the right to it.



Homeschool Association SA

Critique on the Basic Education Laws Amendment Bill

Homeschool Association SA (since 2017), and Homeschooling in South Africa Parents Support Group (since 2008)



Clauses covered in this presentation:

- Clause 1
- Clause 2
- Clause 3
- Clause 4
- Clause 5
- Clause 6
- Clause 7
- Clause 14
- Clause 15

- Clause 16
- Clause 18
- Clause 19
- Clause 33
- Clause 39
- Clause 41
- Clause 42
- Clause 50





Punitive clauses 2,10,33,36,39:

Are disconnected from reality in that they apply draconian style criminalisation of actions that bear no resemblance to wrong doing, and provide for possibly dangerous interventions to be enforced with no liability accepted by the State. - detailed submissions refer



Clause 6

Is of particular concern as we continue to discover further implications of how this clause can and probably will be used to override local and district authority via 'outside agencies'. This conflict of interest allows for further privatisation of unelected regulatory bodies in the education sphere. - detailed submissions refer



Clause 35

Is a copy and paste of the policy, showing us that no effort was made to apply understanding to our sector. This "homeschooling clause" should not be part of these amendments - - detailed submissions refer



Clause 38

Is a general absolution of liability for the Department and possibly government in general. The injustice of enforcement without fair recourse is inconceivable in a democratic society. - detailed submissions refer



Clause 39

Has become a bone of contention for us, and we recognise that our DBE have no intention to clear the way for unsupervised (without parental involvement) medical interventions, however, the stark reality is that this clause facilitates an "arms length" loophole for such instances - detailed submissions refer



Many thanks to the members of the committee who hold in their hands, what may be the most important task in the history of our country - with gratitude from the HSSA community.



This is what <u>a learning</u> <u>lifestyle</u> looks like, its not very really different from your life:













