

## Testimony in Opposition Against HB 2612

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1. Bill only applies to public school districts, not private and voucher schools!

No consequences for anything like this for private schools:

<https://www.kansascity.com/news/local/crime/article284881567.html>

2. Remember the FAILED voucher bill would be 100's of millions of dollars and not collect a single piece of data, EVER, on student performance and they exempt from ANY statutory regulations:

[http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2023\\_24/asures/sb83/](http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2023_24/asures/sb83/)

3. "New Sec. 15. {14.} Nothing in the sunflower education equity act shall be construed to permit any governmental agency to exercise control or supervision over any nonpublic school or home school. Any qualified school or tutor that accepts a payment from a parent of a qualified student participating in the program is not an agent of this state."

4. Last year in conference committee, they added provisions to allow private schools to be waived for some accrediting processes for private schools to get accredited, yet we want to jeopardize public school accreditation.

5. This committee has spent two weeks discussing districts out of compliance with at risk funding statutes, while simultaneously noting how impossible it is to meet the evidence based practices curriculum standards.

6. Requiring school district compliance with statute while the committee and legislature has been out of compliance with statutory SPED funding since 2012, is the height of hypocrisy.

7. This sets the stage to disaccredit our public schools (ONLY) when the legislature passes legislation outlawing the teaching of true history (ant CRT laws). See Oklahoma:

<https://www.edweek.org/leadership/two-okla-districts-get-downgraded-accreditations-for-violating-states-anti-crt-law/2022/08>