

Watch Ga. legislation affecting parents' rights

Letter to the editor

Editor:

Pay attention to how the bills State Sen. Billy Hickman is co-sponsoring in the Georgia legislature affects parents' rights.

Will public school children who seek school counseling be talking to a counselor, an evangelical Christian chaplain or both? If the child's parents are for example Jewish or Muslim, will those parents be told about who the school counselor is and, since parents' rights are preeminent right now, be able to reject having their child see the school counselor?

Who will monitor if the chaplain is refraining from evangelizing while counseling public school children? If the chaplain's personal religious belief stresses strong opposition to marriage equality, will the chaplain set that aside as a school counselor when the child has two moms or two dads?

If a parent has the right to determine what their children have available in a public school library, then why do a few loud and vocal parents get to override other parents' rights to have their children access to books there?

If the Ten Commandments are to be posted in public schools, then can Muslim parents also post passages from the Quran? Indeed, it must be all faiths can post sacred text if the school is public and one faith tradition gets to post.

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