

# FAMILY PROTECTION

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- **FPM** coordinated with state homeschool organizations, ensuring cooperation in addressing all proposed legislative activity regarding the 2008 homeschool appellate court decision (In Re Jonathan L.) which had initially declared private homeschooling illegal, but was later reversed.
- **FPM** works to get the Department of Education to have a **neutral position on home-based private schools**, including filing the affidavit online. In cooperation with HSLDA, CHEA, and other groups, we continue making personal contacts, working to secure a better relationship with the Dept. of Ed.
- **FPM** works closely with the attorneys at HSLDA. FPM acts as CHEA's legislative consultant. FPM works in teamwork with California's private homeschooling community, including families, statewide organizations, and local and regional support groups and private school PSP programs. We thank God for all the vital help we receive from all who support FPM with prayers, donations, and calling legislators, all of which make the work of this ministry possible.

## Major Legislative Victories in California



## Protecting Private Home Education

### MISSION

Defending the freedom of parents to train, educate and care for their children privately, without governmental interference

Working to detect, analyze, monitor, and intervene in all legislation affecting the legality of private home education in California since 1986

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# Examples of Major Legislative Victories in California



## Legality of Private Homeschooling

Family Protection Ministries (FPM) found and defeated all legislative proposals to criminalize private homeschooling before they could be introduced as bills, starting with our first battle in 1986.

## Private Education

- **SB 2** (2019) **amended** and defeated! Would have required homeschoolers to submit meticulous student achievement information to the state. Our approved amendment language protected private homeschools from this invasive and burdensome bill.
- **SB 541** (2019) **amended!** Would have regulated most Private School Satellite Programs (PSPs) by requiring them to conduct a lockdown drill at least once per school year.
- **AB 2756** (2018) **defeated!** Would have required annual fire inspections of private homeschoolers' residences without a warrant or reasonable cause. Required private homeschools to more specifically describe their school when filing the Private School Affidavit (PSA).
- **AB 2926** (2018) **defeated!** Would have resulted in the loss of parental authority over curriculum choices and regulations making private homeschooling virtually impossible for most parents.

- **AB 424** (2003) & **AB 978** (1995) **defeated!** Would have repealed and rewritten the entire Education Code, including every law protecting all private campus-based schools and private homeschools.
- **AB 1663** (2007) & **AB 1841** (2010) **passed!** Private homeschoolers may opt their child out of the public school's special education evaluations and services.
- **AB 1799** (2012) **passed!** Requires that a pupil's records be transferred to a new school within 10 days, so that homeschooling parents can get their child's records from their previous school.
- **SB 650** (1999), **AB 1151** (1997), & **AB 2117** (1996) **defeated!** Would have implemented a statewide daytime curfew for minors.
- **AB 66** (2009) **passed!** Makes it easier for homeschoolers to get work permits.

## Truancy

- **AB 2855** (2004) **amended!** Protects the requirement that school officials notify and work with parents of children suspected of truancy. This allows HSLDA to resolve homeschooling issues out of court.
- **SB 1317** (2010) **defeated!** On allegations of truancy, homeschoolers would have been referred directly to the district attorney and charged with a crime resulting in fines up to \$2,000 and up to one year in jail.

- **AB 2605** (1994) **passed!** Prohibits a School Attendance Review Board from issuing subpoenas to parents of an alleged truant if the alleged truant is enrolled in a private school, including all private home schools.

### **Early Childhood Education**

- **SB 1153** (2020), **AB 713** (2016), **AB 1444** (2014), **AB 1772** (2012), **AB 2203** (2012), **AB 1236** (2007), **SB 7** (2003), **AB 56** (2003), **SB 550** (2003), **AB 634** (2001), **AB 25** (1998), & **SB 893** (1997) **defeated!** Would have made kindergarten mandatory.
- **AB 712** (2003), **AB 56** (2003), **SB 277** (1999), **AB 2332** (1998), & **SB 432** (2003) **defeated!** Would have implemented universal preschool for 3 and 4-year-olds.

### **Parental Rights**

- **SB 1173** (1999) **defeated!** Would have given any extended family member or unrelated person the right to petition a court for visitation rights of a child without the consent or supervision of that child's parents.
- **AB 2943** (2008) & **AB 755** (2007) **defeated!** Would have criminalized spanking (prison time and loss of children).
- **AB 2749** (2004) **passed!** Protects parental constitutional rights by requiring that CPS social workers: 1) advise individuals of allegations against them; and 2) to adhere to the 4th Amendment of the Constitution.
- **AB 1355** (1995) **passed!** Reduced the immunity of social workers from absolute to qualified. Social workers are now liable for unlawful acts committed against parents during an investigation of alleged child abuse.

### **Medical Freedom**

- **SB 276** (1999) **defeated!** Would have required mandatory mental health exams of all California residents every 3 years.
- **AB 2020** (2000) **defeated!** Would have coercively required all parents to enroll their newborn in a government-controlled health care program before releasing the newborn from the hospital to go home with its parents.
- **SB 765** (2001) & **AB 1654** (1993) **defeated!** Would have discharged newborns from a hospital only after an "at-risk factors" screening followed up with intrusive home visits.
- **SB 840** (2005 & 2007), **SB 810** (2009 & 2011), **AB 1670** (2005), and others - **defeated!** Would have implemented Socialized Medicine - total government control over all health care, including life and death decisions.
- **AB 206** (2003) & **AB 1763** (2002) **defeated!** Would have given state & local health officials full control over all families, and medical professionals during health emergencies, including separating children from their parents.



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# We give Jesus Christ our Lord all the glory for these great victories!!

## Vaccines

- **SB 277 (2015) amended!**

Removed personal beliefs exemption to school-required vaccines. Our approved amendments removed private homeschool pupils from being required to receive mandated vaccines.

## Child Abuse

- **AB 717 (2011) passed!** Protects the rights of parents falsely accused of child abuse. Ensures their right to a due process hearing and removes their names from the state's Child Abuse Central Index.
- **SB 243 (1987) passed!** Defines "child abuse" to exclude a reasonable spanking to the buttocks.
- **AB 2380 (2010) & AB 7 (1989) defeated!** "Hearsay" would have been a basis for reporting child abuse – causing a huge increase in false allegations of child abuse against innocent parents, including homeschool parents.
- **SB 950 (2003) defeated!** "Truancy" – a new category of child abuse and neglect. Homeschoolers could have been investigated by social workers on erroneous allegations of child abuse and neglect.
- **AB 102 (2001) defeated!** "Endangering emotional well-being"— a new vague category of child abuse.

- **AB 804 (1999) defeated!**

"Educational neglect" – a new category of child abuse and neglect. Homeschooling could have been investigated by social workers on erroneous allegations of child neglect.

## Home Privacy

- **SB 1562 (2004) defeated & AB 10 (2017) passed with our amendments!** Would have implemented coercive inspection of homeschoolers' bathrooms (a privacy invasion).
- **AB 1256 (2013) passed with our amendments!** Amended to clarify that homeowners could not be sued for blocking the entrance of an uninvited intruder into their home.

## Other Regulations

- **SB 1262 (2004) defeated!** Would have subjected all nonprofit organizations including most homeschool organizations to a nightmare of complex, vague, and extremely costly reporting requirements.
- **AB 241 (2013) & AB 889 (2011) defeated!** Would have added new oppressive and costly regulations, fees, and paperwork effectively ending babysitting by anyone over 17.