



## **ENOCH of NJ Legislative Alert!**

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Re: New Jersey Assembly Bill 3123 (Update #6)

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A little over three weeks ago, you first read about a new threat to New Jersey homeschooling freedoms in the form of Assembly Bill A3123. A task force consisting of Catholic Homeschoolers of New Jersey (CHNJ), Eagle Forum of New Jersey, Education Network of Christian Homeschoolers of NJ(ENOCH) , Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA), New Jersey Homeschool Association (NJHA), and the Unschoolers Network worked to unite all NJ homeschoolers by apprising you of the threat, and recommending some united and focused actions. Today the task force has the opportunity and pleasure to bring you some good news.

Due to recent conversations with key legislators in the State of New Jersey, the task force believes your exemplary calls, personal conversations, and meetings with lawmakers regarding our reasons to oppose A3123 have been respected. I personally believe that your prayers also played a large part in our ability to make the following statement. For now, and in the foreseeable future, there is little likelihood that A3123, or any amended part of it, will be introduced at a hearing in the Assembly Education Committee.

Although the Bill has not been officially withdrawn, that is not unusual in the State of New Jersey. Countless bills die in Committee and are not re-introduced in a new term. Many legislators will continue to stand with us to ensure that this does not occur. Importantly, we will, as always, remain vigilant. Thus, no further contact with your legislators about A3123 is advised at this time.

I am grateful to be counted as a New Jersey homeschooler. We collectively have enjoyed 40 years of successful homeschooling without government intrusion. Our commitment to educate our children at home is only surpassed by our ability to quickly unite in defense of our right to do so. I think we have proven that again in the past three weeks.

Faithfully and most gratefully,

Mark August  
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