

Associação Nacional de Educação Domiciliar (ANED)
[National Association for Home Education (of Brazil)]

Updates on the bill proposing homeschooling regulation.

In view of the latest proceedings on the consideration of the Proposal for Homeschooling Regulation in Brazil, as well as untrue statements and malicious accusations that some individuals are spreading against ANED and its representatives by promoting divisions and harming the homeschooling movement in Brazil, it is necessary, in favor of truth and wisdom and, out of respect for all those who defend educational freedom, to publicly clarify the following:

1. Bill (PL) No. 3,179 was presented by Congressman Lincoln Portela in 2012 with the objective of regulating homeschooling education in Brazil. Since then, this bill has gone through several modifications and reports, and several other bills have been appended to it.

2. When the current President of the Republic began his tenure, we had, for the first time, the support of the federal government, including two ministries: the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Women, Family and Human Rights, with which ANED has been in permanent contact since the end of 2018, already during the transition period of this government. This support, together with an opening to dialogue with the families, was foundational so that, for the first time, a bill (No. 2,401/2019) on homeschooling has ever had a concrete chance of being approved by the Chamber of Deputies. In fact, the various projects previously presented on the subject were not even voted on in the plenary, not even in any commission, and, despite all the historic efforts made by ANED to do so, there has always been an articulation of the opposition against approval.

3. Since then, ANED has worked tirelessly in search of the fastest possible approval of the bill, even asking repeatedly for a Provisional Measure to be edited. Mobilization campaigns such as the hashtags [#EducaçãoDomiciliarDireitoJá¹](#) and

1 Homeschooling a right, now!

#HomeschoolingUrgente² are undisputed facts of this cry of the families echoed by ANED. After a request formalized by ANED at the *Palácio do Planalto*³, the President of the Republic sent an Urgency Request⁴ to the Chamber of Deputies in July 2020, which would allow expediting the processing and that the Bill be voted on directly in the Plenary of the Legislative House. However, this request was kept stagnant, without consideration, during the administration of the former President of the Chamber.

4. After the election of the new President of Chamber, the rapporteur of the referred bill was also appointed, which, after public hearings and debates, began presenting proposals for a substitute text of the regulation. In view of the versions that were disclosed, ANED, in a transparent and representative manner, analyzed and presented suggestions for changing and improving the text (available on the association's website) so that the right of the families is guaranteed without unfair restrictions or impediments.

5. Since last week, with the imminence of voting on the Urgency Request and, consequently, on the Bill itself, ANED and several other homeschooling supporters have mobilized to reinforce both the need for urgent regulatory approval, as well as that the merit and its content be the fairest for the families.

6. Thus, ANED participated in several meetings with authorities and parliamentarians to discuss the regulation (the urgency of approval and fair merit). On June 14, Monday morning, there was a meeting of the Ministry of Education (MEC) with ANED and several other organizations that work in defense of the families and educational freedom. Total alignment between the positions of MEC and the needs of the families, represented by ANED, was demonstrated.

7. Soon after, a meeting was held with the rapporteur, to deliver the manifesto from more than 250 educational institutions and more than 500 academics and teachers in

2 Homeschooling urgent!

3 Brazilian equivalent to the White House.

4 Capitalized terms represent official terms translated from Brazilian Portuguese.

support of home education (<https://tutorclassico.com/>) and in favor of the agenda of ANED's claims to improve the text of the regulation. Finally, ANED promoted a dinner with federal congressmen and congresswomen to present the performance record and regulation agenda.

8. During the following days, several in-person meetings and contacts were held with parliamentarians⁵ and advisors in the Chamber of Deputies, as was registered on social networks, as well as the monitoring of legislative actions and events that revolved around the urgent request: highlighting meetings with parliamentary leaders seeking expedition and the guarantee of educational freedom for the families. It should be noted, once again, that in all meetings with parliamentarians or government representatives, ANED has, in a transparent and democratic manner, presented the families' cry, for the long wait of more than 27 years of different bill proceedings for the law, come to an end, and has always offered suggestions for the improvement of the regulation text according to the documents that are published on our website (<https://aned.org.br/index.php/conheca-educacao-domiciliar/aspectos-juridicos>).

9. After the events registered between parliamentarians last Wednesday (June 16, 2021), the urgent request that was scheduled to be voted on that day ended up not being considered, but has been kept on the agenda of the Plenary and can be voted in accordance to the deliberation of the parliamentarians themselves. ANED remains committed to its effort and will continue to maintain dialogue with deputies and authorities for the rapid approval of a text that guarantees the necessary freedom for families, with the responsibility required by a law.

10. Finally, ANED emphasizes that it is time for all families in the country to unite, each in their own way, carrying out homeschooling (being a father and mother is to be, above all, an educator) to ensure the rapid promulgation of a law that meets your wishes. God willing, we will be millions of homeschooling families, but until then,

5 Congressmen and congresswomen.

while we are still relatively few in number, we must unite to overcome all the forces that are against us.

We are as Nehemiah, rebuilding the walls of security for the educational freedom of families, we must focus on the work to be done, "the work is great" and we cannot waste time, nor lose focus on any opposition or provocation from those who do not wish to edify together.

With the grace of God and the unity of the families, we will soon have the most important act of educational liberation in the country and homeschooling families will be at the doors of this edification!

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