

The name's Bill – Bill Detector, Private Eye.

It's that time of year again. The legislative session is in full swing.

While the “respectfully relentless” CAPE-NM board does its best to keep abreast of all that happens during the legislative session, their job is made much easier by fellow home educators who know how to look at bills and find the ones which discuss home schooling. This used to involve many hours of time and hard work, but thanks to the Internet, this detective work is much easier than it used to be! Here's how you, too, can be a Bill Detector:

Type <http://legis.state.nm.us/lcs/BillFinder.asp> into your Internet browser. This is the web site of the New Mexico Legislature. If you know a bill's number, type it into the search window, select Senate or House, and click search.

If you would like to do a more general search for any bills dealing with home school issues, scroll to the bottom of the Bill Finder page and click the “Full Text Search Page” link. Type “home school” or “home education” into the search window. Click “search” and all the bills that mention those words will come up. Click on the link to each bill and read to your heart's content. Many of the bills will only mention home education as part of the education language that is already in the state's education statutes; that becomes apparent pretty quickly as you read. At that point, you can close that bill and move on to the next one.



If you find a bill that contains language, positive or negative, that affects home education, please call the CAPE voice mail at 505-898-8548 or e-mail info@cape-nm.org. If you think it's an emergency, call 505-425-8874.

This is a simple, educational (you and your children can do this together), and enjoyable way to assist the CAPE board as they work to protect our right to educate our children to God's glory. You don't have to spend days in the Roundhouse, and you don't even need a trench coat!

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