

Bill as Introduced

HB 290 - AS INTRODUCED

2011 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL **290**

AN ACT relative to staffing exceptions for small schools.

SPONSORS: Rep. Ladd, Graf 5; Rep. Boehm, Hills 27; Rep. Weber, Ches 2; Rep. Fleck, Carr 5

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a definition of a small school and implements a procedure for such schools to petition the department of education for approval of an alternative staffing plan.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eleven

AN ACT relative to staffing exceptions for small schools.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Section; School Boards; Small Schools. Amend RSA 189 by inserting after section 24 the
2 following new section:

3 189:24-a Small Schools.

4 I. A small school is a school which is comprised of kindergarten through grade 6 with an
5 average daily membership in attendance of less than 92 pupils, or any school comprised of
6 kindergarten through grade 8 with an average daily membership in attendance of less than 120
7 pupils, or any school comprised of grades 9 through 12 with an average daily membership in
8 attendance of less than 60 pupils, or meets one of the following configurations:

9 (a) Kindergarten through grade 2 with an average daily membership in residence of 12
10 pupils or less per grade; or

11 (b) A school comprised of grades 3 through 8 with an average daily membership in
12 residence of 14 pupils or less per grade; or

13 (c) A school comprised of grades 9 through 12 with an average daily membership in
14 residence of 15 pupils or less per grade.

15 II. Upon written request from the school board of a school district, the commissioner of the
16 department of education shall approve a school as a small school provided the school meets the
17 definition set forth in paragraph I. The commissioner shall render a decision within 30 days of
18 receiving a written request. Approval as a small school shall remain valid until the commissioner
19 determines the school no longer meets the definition set forth in paragraph I.

20 III. The school board of a small school may develop a staffing plan that best supports the
21 school's unique learning environment with:

22 (a) Quality teachers who can serve as generalists.

23 (b) Class sizes that comply with minimum standards for public school approval as
24 adopted by the state board of education and the department of education.

25 (c) The services of a certified principal.

26 (d) Other instructional services to include library, media services, and reading from the
27 classroom teacher or non-certified staff supervised by a certified staff member;

28 (e) Art, music, health, and physical education instruction from the classroom teacher
29 generalist or non-certified staff supervised by a certified staff member.

30 (f) Guidance counselor service as determined necessary by school administration and
31 school board.

32 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Speakers

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 290

BILL TITLE: relative to staffing exceptions for small schools.

DATE: 2/17/11

LOB ROOM: 207 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 10:35 am

Time Adjourned: 11:25 am

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Balboni, Boehm, Hutchinson, Ladd, Fleck, St. Cyr, Brosseau,
Greemore, Hill, Hoell, Jones, Lauer-Rago, Pitre, Ghe, Shaw, Gorman and Frazer.

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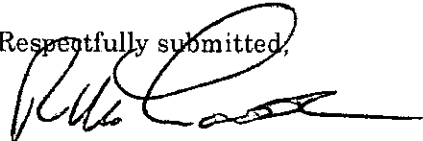
Rep. Ladd, Sponsor

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- Modification of that bill is this bill
- 5 attributes: (2 major)
- Autonomy
- Teachers as generalists
- Small schools have a hard time following state standards: Library, for example, (nurse?), reading specialist, guidance counseling
- Define small school – k-2 – 12 or less, 3-8 – 14 or less, 9-12 – 15 or less
- Bill proposes to eliminate annual request to DOE for exemption

Dean Michener, NH School Board Association – Supports Bill

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Respectfully submitted,



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HB 290 - staffing small schools

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Voting Sheets

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Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep.

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Motions: OTP OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Shaw

Seconded by Rep. Gile

Vote: 16-0 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

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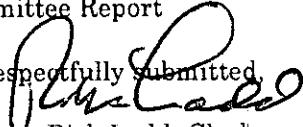
Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: 16-0

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

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Rick Ladd
Rep. Rick Ladd, Clerk

EDUCATION

Bill #: 290 Title: Staffing Exceptions for Small SchoolsPH Date: 2/17/2011Exec Session Date: 3/3/2011Motion: OTP Shaw/Gile

Amendment #: _____

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Balboni, Michael A, Chairman	✓	
Boehm, Ralph G, V Chairman	✓	
Hutchinson, Karen K	ab	
Ladd, Rick M	✓	
Fleck, Joseph W	✓	
St. Cyr, Jeffrey L	✓	
Brosseau, Charles J	✓	
Greemore, Robert H	✓	
Hill, Gregory	✓	
Hoell, J.R.	✓	
Jones, Laura M	✓	
Lauer-Rago, Kathleen A	✓	
Pitre, Joseph A	✓	
Gile, Mary Stuart	✓	
Shaw, Barbara E	✓	
Gorman, Mary J	✓	
Frazer, June M	✓	
	16	0
TOTAL VOTE:		
Printed: 1/4/2011		

Committee Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

March 8, 2011

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**The Committee on EDUCATION to which was referred
HB290,**

AN ACT relative to staffing exceptions for small schools.

**Having considered the same, report the same with the
recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Rick M Ladd

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	EDUCATION
Bill Number:	HB290
Title:	relative to staffing exceptions for small schools.
Date:	March 8, 2011
Consent Calendar:	YES
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill provides staffing exceptions for small schools. The bill enables schools of this size to seek approval for staffing exceptions from the commissioner of education, with approval effective until such time the school no longer meets the small school student size definition. The bill enables school boards that have limited resources to modify staffing patterns to best support the small school's unique learning environment. For example, a small school may have a public library directly across the street with a capable librarian with whom the school could share services. Other instructional programs required by rule such as a reading specialist, media services, music, physical education, etc., might be provided through a classroom teacher generalist or a non-certified staff member supervised by a certified classroom teacher or principal. Guidance counselor services could be provided as determined necessary by school administration and the school board. Small schools have many special qualities and with modification of rules and in keeping with economies of scale, these schools will continue to provide necessary instructional programming while maintaining the community's small school environment.

Vote 16-0.

Rep. Rick M Ladd
FOR THE COMMITTEE

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OTP

CC

Committee Vote: 16-0

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael A. Ballan".

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Education

BILL NUMBER: 290

TITLE: Relative to Staffing Exceptions for small school

DATE: 3-3-2011 CONSENT CALENDAR: YES NO

- OUGHT TO PASS
 OUGHT TO PASS W/ AMENDMENT
 INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE
 INTERIM STUDY (Available only 2nd year of biennium)

Amendment No. _____

STATEMENT OF INTENT:

This bill provides staffing exceptions for small schools. ~~While defining small schools as comprising fewer than 92 pupils in grades K-6, fewer than 120 students in grades K-8 and fewer than 60 students in a grade 9-12 configuration,~~ The bill enables schools of this size to seek approval ^{for staffing exceptions} as a small school from the commissioner of education, ~~and this approval will remain in effect until such time the school no longer meets the small school student size definition.~~ ^{and this with approval} The bill further enables school boards that have limited resources to modify staffing patterns to best support the small school's unique, learning environment. For example, a small school may have a public library directly across the street with a capable librarian with whom the school could share services. Other instructional programs required by rule such as a reading specialist, media services, music, physical education, etc., might be provided through a classroom teacher generalist or a non-certified staff member supervised by a certified classroom teacher or principal. Guidance counselor services could be provided as determined necessary by school administration and the school board. Small schools have many special qualities, ^{and in keeping with economies of scale,} and with modification of rules, these schools will remain open and continue to provide necessary instructional programming while maintaining ^{the} that close family, community relationship. ~~and~~ ^{Small school environment}

COMMITTEE VOTE: 16-0

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

- Copy to Committee Bill File
- Use Another Report for Minority Report

Rep. Paul Reed
For the Committee