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HB 303 - AS INTRODUCED

2013 SESSION

13-0621  
04/05

HOUSE BILL

**303**

AN ACT

establishing a committee to study the teaching of a second language beginning in kindergarten.

SPONSORS:

Rep. Gargasz, Hills 27; Rep. Ford, Graf 3; Rep. Gile, Merr 27; Sen. Kelly, Dist 10

COMMITTEE:

Education

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ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study the teaching of a second language beginning in kindergarten.

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Explanation:

Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Thirteen*

AN ACT establishing a committee to study the teaching of a second language beginning in kindergarten.

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

1 1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study the teaching of a second  
2 language beginning in kindergarten.

3 2 Membership and Compensation.

4 I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

5 (a) Three members of the house of representatives, at least one of whom shall be from  
6 the education committee, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

7 (b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

8 II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to  
9 the duties of the committee.

10 3 Duties.

11 I. The committee shall:

12 (a) Study the current status of teaching a second language beginning in kindergarten,  
13 focusing on the benefits of early learning of a language.

14 (b) Assess existing curriculum requirements for kindergarten-aged children and  
15 determine what changes would need to be made to incorporate the teaching of a second language.

16 (c) Examine the research available on the advantages to brain development from  
17 learning a second language at an early age.

18 II. The committee may solicit advice and input from any individual or organization with  
19 information or expertise relevant to the committee's duties.

20 4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from  
21 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house  
22 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this  
23 section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

24 5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed  
25 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house  
26 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2013.

27 6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

# Speakers



# Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 303

**BILL TITLE:** establishing a committee to study the teaching of a second language beginning in kindergarten.

**DATE:** 1/29/13

**LOB ROOM:** 207      **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 11:20 am

**Time Adjourned:** 11:50 am

(please circle if present)

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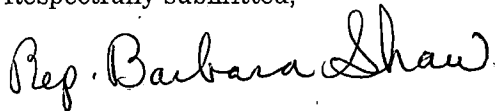
TESTIMONY

\* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

① **Rep. Carolyn Gargas, Sponsor** - \* written testimony

② **Rep. Susan Ford** – Supports – economic issue. Needed for future workforce, brain development at lower age prone to learning second language. K-3 kids are sponges for language development. Kids first learn interpersonal language skills cognitive skills are learned later. Study committee would provide the service of researching the subject to help support towns & cities in their establishment and pursuit of foreign language implementation.

Respectfully submitted,



Rep. Barbara Shaw, Clerk

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# Testimony

①  
To: The Education Committee  
From: Legislative Youth Advisory Council (LYAC)  
Representative Carolyn Gargasz co-chair  
Hillsborough District 27, Hollis  
Date: January 29, 2013

HB 303

I am sponsoring this bill on behalf of the LYAC. The council was created by the legislature in 2006 to advise the legislature about issues of concern to youth. This was determined to be a priority issue this year. The council consists of 19 youth between the ages of 15 and 22, one representative and one senator. The youth are appointed by the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House or the Secretary of State.

The council supports the early learning of a second language. This bill creates a study committee to further explore the advantages of not only learning a second language at an early age, but also the brain development advantages for doing so. It would also assess the current status of teaching languages.

Education Commissioner Barry met with the council in the fall and the members were able to talk with her about several education issues they were interested in. She was quite enthused about this issue and mentioned the research about learning a second language. It has additional benefits on brain development, such as improving math skills. Therefore, this study committee would investigate this research.

One council member, in particular, is passionate about this issue. He has spent some time in Germany and knows German and French. He sees this as important to Americans to know more about the culture of the world. I notice that a world language is not a requirement for graduation in the minimum standards. I believe many students do study another language for purposes of admission to college, but that's something that could be investigated by the study committee.

I thought you would be interested in some of the other topics discussed with Commissioner Barry. One was allowing physical education credits for participation in sports. We are already pursuing this through the Board of Education and its minimum standards allowing extended learning opportunities. Two other topics of discussion were requiring community service for graduation and requiring that a student be a member of the local school board.

I am asking that you create this study committee so that it can do the research and formulate a plan for recommendations on teaching a second language beginning in kindergarten.

Thank you  
Carolyn Gargasz

Ed 306.26 K-Grade 8 School Curriculum

If the local school board determines that one or more world languages might be offered at a middle school in the district the local school board shall develop a policy for each middle school relative to providing supplemental instruction in one or more world languages, including the extent of this instruction and the students to whom it is offered.

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Ed 306.48 World Language Program

(a) The local school board may provide instruction in one or more world languages in an elementary school. The extent of this instruction and the students to whom it is offered shall be determined by local school board policy.

# Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 303

**BILL TITLE:** establishing a committee to study the teaching of a second language beginning in kindergarten.

**DATE:** February 5, 2013

**LOB ROOM:** 207

**Amendments:**

Sponsor: Rep.

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

Moved by Rep. Anne Grassie

Seconded by Rep. Andrew R. Schmidt

Vote: 8-10 (Please attach record of roll call vote.) **FAILS**

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

Moved by Rep. Rick M. Ladd

Seconded by Rep. Ralph G. Boehm

Vote: 11-7 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

**CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: NO**

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

**Statement of Intent:** Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,  
*Rep Barbara E. Shaw*  
Rep. Barbara E. Shaw, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 303

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OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK

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Roll Call Committee Registers  
Report

2013 SESSION

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EDUCATION

Bill #: HB303

Title: in kindergarten.

PH Date: 01 / 29 / 2013

Exec Session Date: 2 / 5 / 2013

Motion: OTP

Amendment #: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER

YEAS

NAYS

Gile, Mary Stuart, Chairman	✓	
Grassie, Anne C, V Chairman	✓	
Shaw, Barbara E, Clerk	✓	
Gorman, Mary J		✓
Burke, Rachel B		
Frazer, June M	✓	
Spang, Judith T		
Arsenault, Beth R	✓	
Rokas, Ted		✓
Schmidt, Andrew R	✓	
Myler, Mel	✓	
Boehm, Ralph G		✓
Ladd, Rick M		✓
Greemore, Robert H		✓
Pitre, Joseph A		✓
Willette, Robert F		✓
Bick, Patrick J		✓
Cordelli, Glenn		✓
Grenier, James L	✓	
Harris, Jeffrey F		✓
<b>TOTAL VOTE:</b>		

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MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Gile, Mary Stuart, Chairman		✓
Grassie, Anne C, V Chairman		✓
Shaw, Barbara E, Clerk	✓	
Gorman, Mary J	✓	
Burke, Rachel B		
Frazer, June M		✓
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Boehm, Ralph G	✓	
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<b>TOTAL VOTE:</b>		

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# Committee Report

**REGULAR CALENDAR**

**February 13, 2013**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Majority of the Committee on EDUCATION to  
which was referred HB303,**

**AN ACT establishing a committee to study the teaching  
of a second language beginning in kindergarten.**

**Having considered the same, report the same with the  
following Resolution: RESOLVED, That it is  
INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

**Rep. Rick M Ladd**

**FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE**

**MAJORITY  
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee: **EDUCATION**  
Bill Number: **HB303**  
Title: **establishing a committee to study the teaching  
of a second language beginning in  
kindergarten.**  
Date: **February 5, 2013**  
Consent Calendar: **NO**  
Recommendation: **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

**STATEMENT OF INTENT**

The Education Committee majority recognizes benefits associated with teaching a second language in kindergarten and in subsequent grades. Current education rules as approved by the State Board of Education currently state that a local school board may provide instruction in one or more world languages in an elementary school and later years. The extent of this instruction and the students to whom it is offered shall be determined by local school board policy. This is a local district policy and funding decision. A committee study is therefore, not necessary.

Vote 11-7

Rep. Rick M Ladd  
FOR THE MAJORITY

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## REGULAR CALENDAR

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**Rep. Rick M. Ladd  
For the Majority  
11-7 ITL RC**

*Mary Stuart Cole*

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Education

BILL NUMBER: HB303

TITLE: Establishing a committee to study the teaching of a second language beginning in kindergarten.

DATE: February 5, 2013 CONSENT CALENDAR: YES  NO

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

Amendment No. \_\_\_\_\_

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 11 - 7 A committee study is therefore not necessary.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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Rep. Richard McCall  
For the Committee

**REGULAR CALENDAR**

**February 13, 2013**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Minority of the Committee on EDUCATION to  
which was referred HB303,**

**AN ACT establishing a committee to study the teaching  
of a second language beginning in kindergarten.**

**Having considered the same, and being unable to agree  
with the Majority, report with the recommendation that  
the bill OUGHT TO PASS.**

**Rep. June M Frazer**

**FOR THE MINORITY OF THE COMMITTEE**

**MINORITY  
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee: **EDUCATION**  
Bill Number: **HB303**  
Title: **establishing a committee to study the teaching  
of a second language beginning in  
kindergarten.**  
Date: **February 5, 2013**  
Consent Calendar: **NO**  
Recommendation: **OUGHT TO PASS**

**STATEMENT OF INTENT**

This bill was a response to a recommendation by the Legislative Youth Advisory Council, 19 young people appointed by the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, or the Secretary of State. Education Commissioner Barry was enthusiastic when the youth council talked about it to her. The seven members initially supporting the bill argued that the great advantages of early world language learning, for example – promoting greater language ability in later grades and enriching brain development, would make the research of the proposed study committee a valuable resource to local school districts interested in such a program.

Rep. June M Frazer  
FOR THE MINORITY

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## REGULAR CALENDAR

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For the Minority  
11-7 OTP RC

*Mary Stuart Gile*

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Rep. June Frazer  
For the Minority  
11-7 OTP RC

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MINORITY REPORT

COMMITTEE: Education

BILL NUMBER: AB 303

TITLE: establishing a committee to study the teaching of a second language beginning in 1<sup>st</sup>

DATE: 2-5-2013 CONSENT CALENDAR: YES  NO

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The <sup>FIRST</sup> vote was close, ~~8-10~~ eight voting for or 10 against on the initial vote. <sup>7 members initially</sup> Those supporting the bill argued that the great advantages of early world language learning - <sup>enriching</sup> greater language ability in later grades, accelerating brain development.

For example, <sup>for</sup> would make the research of the proposed study committee a valuable resource and encouragement to local school districts interested in such a program.

COMMITTEE VOTE: 11-7

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Rep. Jane Frazier  
For the Minority