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# Committee Report

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**February 18, 2020**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Committee on Education to which was referred HB  
1362,**

**AN ACT relative to courses in New Hampshire's cultural  
heritage and ethnic history. Having considered the  
same, report the same with the following resolution:**

**RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

**Rep. Sue Mullen**

**FOR THE COMMITTEE**

## COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Education
Bill Number:	HB 1362
Title:	relative to courses in New Hampshire's cultural heritage and ethnic history.
Date:	February 18, 2020
Consent Calendar:	CONSENT
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

### STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill deletes the requirement that the courses in the cultural heritage and ethnic history of New Hampshire's people be limited to one semester. The committee feels that while school districts may include such a course at the elementary or secondary level, there is nothing to prevent schools from offering more than one semester, so the change in law is not needed.

Vote 18-0.

Rep. Sue Mullen  
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk  
Cc: Committee Bill File

## CONSENT CALENDAR

Education

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**INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Education Mullen

BILL NUMBER: HB 1362

TITLE: Relative to courses in New Hampshire's cultural heritage and ethnic history.

DATE: 18-0 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.  
\_\_\_\_\_

STATEMENT OF INTENT:

HB ~~1362~~ 1362 deletes the requirement that the courses in the cultural heritage and ethnic history of NH's people be limited to one semester. The committee feels that while school districts may include such a course at ~~both~~ the elementary or secondary level, there is nothing to prevent schools from offering more than one semester, so the change in law is not needed.

COMMITTEE VOTE: 18-0

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

*(Signature)*

Rep. Sue Mullen  
For the Committee

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

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# Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1362

**BILL TITLE:** relative to courses in New Hampshire's cultural heritage and ethnic history.

**DATE:** February 18, 2020

**LOB ROOM:** 207

**MOTIONS:** INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Moved by Rep. Mullen

Seconded by Rep. Woodcock

Vote: 18-0

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Linda L. Tanner".

Rep Linda Tanner, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1362

BILL TITLE: relative to courses in New Hampshire's cultural heritage and ethnic history.

DATE: 2/18

LOB ROOM: 207

MOTION: (Please check one box)

- OTP
- ITL
- Retain (1st year)
- Adoption of Amendment # \_\_\_\_\_
- Interim Study (2nd year) (if offered)

Moved by Rep. Mullen Seconded by Rep. WOODCOCK Vote: 18-0

MOTION: (Please check one box)

- OTP
- OTP/A
- ITL
- Retain (1st year)
- Adoption of Amendment # \_\_\_\_\_
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Moved by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

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Moved by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION: (Please check one box)

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Moved by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

CONSENT CALENDAR:  YES  NO

Minority Report? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No If yes, author, Rep: \_\_\_\_\_ Motion \_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rep Linda Tanner, Clerk





## 2020 SESSION

Education

*Relative to courses in New Hampshire's cultural heritage and ethnic history.*

Bill #: HB 1362 Motion: ITL AM #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exec Session Date: 2/18

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Myler, Mel Chairman	18		
Luneau, David J. Vice Chairman	1		
Shaw, Barbara E.	2		
Cornell, Patricia	3		
Doherty, David B.	—		
Le, Tamara N.	4		
Tanner, Linda L. Clerk	5		
Ellison, Arthur S.	6		
Mullen, Sue M.	7		
Riel, Cole J.	8		
Vallone, Mark	9		
Woodcock, Stephen L.	10		
Ladd, Rick M.	11		
Cordelli, Glenn	12		
Elliott, Robert J. <i>Hill</i>	13		
Boehm, Ralph G. <i>Weyler</i>	14		
Wolf, Dan H.	15		
Allard, James C.	16		
Forsythe, Robert L.	—		
Lekas, Alicia D.	17		
<b>TOTAL VOTE:</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	

# Hearing Minutes





## Judy Johnston

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**From:** Linda Tanner <reptanner@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 22, 2020 2:18 PM  
**To:** Judy Johnston  
**Subject:** 1.2 1362 Rep Horrigan Intent- Schools made include cultural history . He is removing the 1 semester part. ?Shaw 4th and 8th teach Nh history why do we need this ans teach more of this than one semester

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# Testimony



***Testimony in Favor of HB 1362***

***“AN ACT relative to courses in New Hampshire's cultural heritage and ethnic history.”***

Rep. Timothy Horrigan; January 22, 2020  
House Education Committee

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Back in 1988, RSA 194:15-b (“Instruction in New Hampshire's Cultural Heritage and Ethnic History Authorized.”) became law. It says:

A school district may include one-semester courses at the elementary and secondary levels in the cultural heritage and ethnic history of New Hampshire's people, and may raise and appropriate money for this purpose.

HB 1362 simply deletes the word “one-semester.” This bill, if passed, means that these courses can be any length, not just half a school year.





# Bill as Introduced

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HB 1362 - AS INTRODUCED

2020 SESSION

20-2610

06/01

HOUSE BILL        **1362**

AN ACT            relative to courses in New Hampshire's cultural heritage and ethnic history.

SPONSORS:        Rep. Horrigan, Straf. 6; Rep. Wall, Straf. 6

COMMITTEE:       Education

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ANALYSIS

This bill deletes the requirement that courses in the cultural heritage and ethnic history of New Hampshire's people be limited to one semester.

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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 Twenty*

AN ACT                   relative to courses in New Hampshire's cultural heritage and ethnic history.

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

1           1 Powers and Duties of School Districts; Instruction in New Hampshire's Cultural and Ethnic  
2 History Authorized. Amend RSA 194:15-b to read as follows:

3           194:15-b Instruction in New Hampshire's Cultural Heritage and Ethnic History Authorized. A  
4 school district may include [~~one semester~~] courses at the elementary and secondary levels in the  
5 cultural heritage and ethnic history of New Hampshire's people, and may raise and appropriate  
6 money for this purpose.

7           2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.