

# Committee Report

**REGULAR CALENDAR**

**March 23, 2021**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Majority of the Committee on Education to which  
was referred CACR 3,**

**AN ACT use of money raised by taxation for education.**

**Providing that money raised by taxation may be  
applied for the use of religious educational institutions.**

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

**Rep. Michael Moffett**

**FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE**

## **MAJORITY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee:	<b>Education</b>
Bill Number:	<b>CACR 3</b>
Title:	<b>use of money raised by taxation for education. Providing that money raised by taxation may be applied for the use of religious educational institutions.</b>
Date:	<b>March 23, 2021</b>
Consent Calendar:	<b>REGULAR</b>
Recommendation:	<b>OUGHT TO PASS</b>

### **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

This bill repeals the line in Article 83 of the New Hampshire Constitution which prohibits public funds from being directed to sectarian schools. Added in 1877, the line was a version of the so-called Blaine Amendment which numerous states adopted in the 19th century as a means to rebuff efforts by the Catholic Church to access funding support for its schools in the same manner that generically protestant public schools received public funding. Seen by many as examples of religious bigotry, the Blaine Amendments sought to diminish the power and influence of immigrants from predominantly Catholic countries. The landmark 2020 U.S. Supreme Court case *Espinoza vs. Montana* overturned the use of Blaine Amendments which proscribed public funding for sectarian schools. Given this new judicial precedent, existing Blaine Amendments such as New Hampshire's are essentially moot. Leaving such wording in the New Hampshire Constitution provides a faulty mechanism that could still be cited during future frivolous and costly litigation that would be doomed to failure due to the news realities created by *Espinoza vs. Montana*.

Vote 11-8.

Rep. Michael Moffett  
FOR THE MAJORITY

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## REGULAR CALENDAR

### Education

**CACR 3**, use of money raised by taxation for education. Providing that money raised by taxation may be applied for the use of religious educational institutions. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Michael Moffett for the **Majority** of Education. This bill repeals the line in Article 83 of the New Hampshire Constitution which prohibits public funds from being directed to sectarian schools. Added in 1877, the line was a version of the so-called Blaine Amendment which numerous states adopted in the 19th century as a means to rebuff efforts by the Catholic Church to access funding support for its schools in the same manner that generically protestant public schools received public funding. Seen by many as examples of religious bigotry, the Blaine Amendments sought to diminish the power and influence of immigrants from predominantly Catholic countries. The landmark 2020 U.S. Supreme Court case *Espinoza vs. Montana* overturned the use of Blaine Amendments which proscribed public funding for sectarian schools. Given this new judicial precedent, existing Blaine Amendments such as New Hampshire's are essentially moot. Leaving such wording in the New Hampshire Constitution provides a faulty mechanism that could still be cited during future frivolous and costly litigation that would be doomed to failure due to the news realities created by *Espinoza vs. Montana*. **Vote 11-8.**

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**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Minority of the Committee on Education to which  
was referred CACR 3,**

**AN ACT use of money raised by taxation for education.**

**Providing that money raised by taxation may be  
applied for the use of religious educational institutions.**

**Having considered the same, and being unable to agree  
with the Majority, report with the following resolution:**

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

**Rep. Mel Myler**

**FOR THE MINORITY OF THE COMMITTEE**

## **MINORITY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee:	<b>Education</b>
Bill Number:	<b>CACR 3</b>
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Date:	<b>March 23, 2021</b>
Consent Calendar:	<b>REGULAR</b>
Recommendation:	<b>INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE</b>

### **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

The minority is opposed to this bill because it removes the prohibition of the use of money raised by taxation for schools of any religious sect or denomination. The proposal violates the “no-aid” provision in the New Hampshire Constitution Article 6 which states, “[b]ut no person shall ever be compelled to pay towards the support of the schools of any sect or denomination.” This section was passed June 2, 1784. For 237 years, this has been a standard that separated church and state regarding the education of our children. In 1802, Thomas Jefferson stated that by adopting the first amendment to the US Constitution, it had “built a wall of separation between church and state.” If passed, CACR 3 will challenge this historic tenet of our state and nation. The minority has no problem with sectarian schools teaching their respective beliefs. However, we are concerned that sectarian schools are willing to accept public tax dollars without accepting any education regulations or anti-discrimination laws relating to student admissions and personal beliefs. Further, it violates the religious conscience of the taxpayer by coercing them to fund religious education. You will hear the argument that CACR 3 abolishes the “Blaine Amendment,” that was rooted in anti-Catholic bias. “No-aid” clauses predated Maine’s Republican Senator Blaine’s attempt to amend the US Constitution in 1885 to stop public funds to support Catholic schools. Further, you will hear arguments that CACR 3 is relevant due to US Supreme Court cases in *Espinoza* (tax credit vouchers), *Trinity Lutheran* (public funds for playground equipment). These cases have narrow rulings. The “no-aid” clause in our state constitution ensures that public schools would be secular and therefore open to all. It protects the fundamental religious freedom principle that no citizen should be forced to fund someone else’s religious activities or religious instruction. It is an important part of America’s history of religious freedom. 47 states have adopted constitutional provisions that explicitly prohibit the government from funding religious activities and religious education.

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Rep. Mel Myler  
FOR THE MINORITY

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## REGULAR CALENDAR

### Education

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Rep. Mel Myler for the **Minority** of Education. The minority is opposed to this bill because it removes the prohibition of the use of money raised by taxation for schools of any religious sect or denomination. The proposal violates the “no-aid” provision in the New Hampshire Constitution Article 6 which states, “[b]ut no person shall ever be compelled to pay towards the support of the schools of any sect or denomination.” This section was passed June 2, 1784. For 237 years, this has been a standard that separated church and state regarding the education of our children. In 1802, Thomas Jefferson stated that by adopting the first amendment to the US Constitution, it had “built a wall of separation between church and state.” If passed, CACR 3 will challenge this historic tenet of our state and nation. The minority has no problem with sectarian schools teaching their respective beliefs. However, we are concerned that sectarian schools are willing to accept public tax dollars without accepting any education regulations or anti-discrimination laws relating to student admissions and personal beliefs. Further, it violates the religious conscience of the taxpayer by coercing them to fund religious education. You will hear the argument that CACR 3 abolishes the “Blaine Amendment,” that was rooted in anti-Catholic bias. “No-aid” clauses predated Maine’s Republican Senator Blaine’s attempt to amend the US Constitution in 1885 to stop public funds to support Catholic schools. Further, you will hear arguments that CACR 3 is relevant due to US Supreme Court cases in *Espinoza* (tax credit vouchers), *Trinity Lutheran* (public funds for playground equipment). These cases have narrow rulings. The “no-aid” clause in our state constitution ensures that public schools would be secular and therefore open to all. It protects the fundamental religious freedom principle that no citizen should be forced to fund someone else’s religious activities or religious instruction. It is an important part of America’s history of religious freedom. 47 states have adopted constitutional provisions that explicitly prohibit the government from funding religious activities and religious education.

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# Voting Sheets

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION on CACR 3**

**BILL TITLE:** use of money raised by taxation for education. Providing that money raised by taxation may be applied for the use of religious educational institutions.

**DATE:** March 18, 2021

**LOB ROOM:** 301-303

**MOTIONS: OUGHT TO PASS**

Moved by Rep. Moffett

Seconded by Rep. A. Lekas

Vote: 11-8

**CONSENT CALENDAR: NO**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Barbara Shaw, Clerk



2021 SESSION

Education

Bill #: CACR 3 Motion: OTP AM #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exec Session Date: 3-18-2021

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Ladd, Rick M. Chairman	✓		
Cordelli, Glenn Vice Chairman	✓		
Boehm, Ralph G.	✓		
Allard, James C.	<del>WAAAA</del>		<i>late</i>
Lekas, Alicia D.	✓		
Moffett, Michael	✓		
Hobson, Deborah L.	✓		
Andrus, Louise	✓		
Ford, Oliver J.	✓		
Layon, Erica J.	✓		
Soti, Julius F.	✓		
Myler, Mel		✓	
Luneau, David J.		✓	
Shaw, Barbara E. Clerk	✓		
Cornell, Patricia		✓	
Tanner, Linda L.		✓	
Ellison, Arthur S.		✓	
Mullen, Sue M.		✓	
Ley, Douglas A.		✓	
Woodcock, Stephen L.		✓	
<b>TOTAL VOTE:</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	

# Hearing Minutes

## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

### PUBLIC HEARING ON CACR 3

**BILL TITLE:** use of money raised by taxation for education. Providing that money raised by taxation may be applied for the use of religious educational institutions.

**DATE:** March 4, 2021

**LOB ROOM:** 201/203

**Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 9:10 AM

**Time Adjourned:** 9:40 AM

**Committee Members:** Reps. Ladd, Cordelli, Shaw, Boehm, Allard, A. Lekas, Moffett, Hobson, Andrus, Ford, Layon, Soti, Myler, Luneau, Cornell, Tanner, Ellison, Mullen, Ley and Woodcock

#### Bill Sponsors:

Rep. Cordelli  
Rep. Potucek  
Rep. Lynn  
Sen. Ward

Rep. Ladd  
Rep. M. Pearson  
Rep. Baldasaro

Rep. Hill  
Rep. Wuelper  
Rep. McLean

### TESTIMONY

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

#### **\*Rep. Glenn Cordelli – Bill Sponsor**

- Amends article 83 (Blaine amendment)

#### **Erica Smith – Lawyer**

- 3 reasons to support repeal of Blaine amendment
  - Ugly history – bigotry
  - Constitutional issues – 2 law cases upheld constitutional rights
  - Prevents frivolous legislation
- ACLU written testimony in opposition was submitted but defends her position
- Government has to be neutral toward religion
- Courts found in both cases that Blaine amendment prevent equality in applying for grants (Espinosa case and Trinity case)
- NH Constitution cases outcome have come down as supporting Federal position (no case stated)

#### **Rep. Mark Pearson – Sponsor – Supports**

- Supports removing bigotry from constitution
- Was developed in 1800's to prevent a "takeover" by Catholic immigrants which was unfounded

#### **Rep. Tim Horigan – Opposed**

- Does not strengthen or weaken concept of separation of church and state which is in NH law and does not change NH law
- More pressing issues to deal with
- Grant was not a bigot and can't compare Republican party of today with party of that time nor can we compare Democratic party of that time in

#### **Rep. Walter Stapleton – Supports**

- Culture has improved against bigotry
- But article 6 still contains reference to sect and state aid

- Declaration of rights to all religious sects because they may bill a gap that occurs in education in public schools

**Chief Justice Bob Lynn – Supports**

- Blaine amendment is sad history – discrimination
- Violates freedom of religion
- Stain on our state and it's immigrants to our state

**Rep. Al Baldasaro – Supports**

- Housekeeping bill long overdue

**\*Former Rep. David Doherty – Opposed**

- Opposes money to any private school as a principle of funding, taking away from public schools
- Criteria includes accountability
- Private schools can be discriminatory which is their business but not if they were state funded

**Judy Underwood – Croyden School District – Supports**

- NH schools can contract with private schools so is counterproductive
- We ignore laws of freedom by this Blaine amendment
- Let's remove and move on

**\*Ann Marie Banfield – Parental Rights – Supports**

- Presented written testimony

**\*Ken Barnes – Self – Opposed**

- Whether you oppose religious bigotry or not this is just a state funding issue and does not prevent the practice of religious freedom
- Supports separation of church and state as specified in NH Constitution
- Agrees with many points of previous statements of opposition

**\*Bob Dunn – RC Church of Manchester – Supports**

- Agrees with history
- Case CJ Lynn referred to was not applicable to Mendza decision re: that money shouldn't be denied simply because of what school is
- Invites litigation
- Right thing to do – relic of the times
- Children not Catholic who attend Catholic school are not required to take religious classes
- Accredited by DOE standards
- Enrollment presently 5,300+
- Catholic schools comply with all State and Federal standards (will supply by written testimony)

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Barbara Shaw, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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DATE: use of money raised by taxation for education  
3-4-21

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Time Adjourned: 9:40

(please circle if present) all present

Committee Members: Reps. Ladd, Cordelli, Shaw, Boehm, Allard, A. Lekas, Moffett, Hobson, Andrus, Ford, Layon, Soti, Myler, Luneau, Cornell, Tanner, Ellison, Mullen, Ley and Woodcock

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- ⑥ Chief Justice Bob Lynn - supports
- ~~Catholic~~ but not practicing but spirit is religious zealots is not a factor here ~~is~~ but rather removing ancient bigotry that no longer exists in modern time

- ⑦ Rep. Norm Silber - supports
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# House Remote Testify

## Education Committee Testify List for Bill CACR3 on 2021-03-04

Support: 56 Oppose: 245 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 13

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<u>Name</u>	<u>City, State</u> <u>Email Address</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>Non-Germane</u>	<u>Signed Up</u>
Theberge, Timothy	Hancock, NH timtheberge@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	Yes (5m)	No	3/3/2021 10:17 AM
Silber, Rep Norm	Gilford, NH njs@silbersnh.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	Yes (4m)	No	2/26/2021 11:26 AM
Tremblay, Derek	Goshen, NH dtremblay@mountroyalacademy.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	Yes (3m)	No	2/26/2021 7:56 AM
Underwood, Jody	Croydon, NH jodysun@gmail.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	Yes (3m)	No	2/27/2021 9:26 AM
Pearson, Mark	Hampstead, NH canonpearson@yahoo.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	Yes (3m)	No	2/27/2021 3:00 PM
Stapleton, Walter	Claremont, NH waltstapleton@comcast.net	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	Yes (3m)	No	3/1/2021 4:56 PM
Lynn, Bob	Windham, NH rjlynn4@gmail.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	Yes (3m)	No	2/27/2021 4:50 PM
Doherty, David	Pembroke, NH ddoherty0845@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	Yes (2m)	No	3/3/2021 11:35 AM
Dunn, Bob	Manchester, NH rdunn@rcbm.org	A Lobbyist	Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester	Support	Yes (2m)	No	3/3/2021 8:14 PM
Horrigan, Rep. Timothy	Durham, NH timothy.horrigan@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Strafford 6	Oppose	Yes (2m)	No	3/3/2021 9:54 PM
Banfield, Ann Marie	North Hampton, NH Banfieldannmarie@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	Yes (0m)	No	2/26/2021 12:15 PM
Cordelli, Glenn	Tuftsboro, NH glenn.cordelli@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	Yes (0m)	No	2/28/2021 8:16 AM
barnes, ken	hopkinton, NH kbarnes@kenbarneslaw.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	Yes (0m)	No	2/28/2021 10:30 PM

Pedersen, Michael	Nashua, NH PedersenUSA@aim.com	An Elected Official	Hillsborough 32	Oppose	No	No	2/28/2021 11:07 PM
st.martin, tom	andia, NH rockygorgenh@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/28/2021 11:44 PM
Lucas, Janet	Campton, NH janluca1953@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/1/2021 9:19 AM
Johnson, Sara	Warner, NH nhchicagocubfan@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/1/2021 5:36 AM
Dunlap, Bernice	Laconia, NH bernicer@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/1/2021 6:55 AM
Calitz, Louis	Manchester, NH louis@free603.org	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/1/2021 7:53 AM
Garen, June	Gilmanton, NH jzanesgaren@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/1/2021 8:23 AM
Straiton, Marie	Pembroke, NH m.straiton@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/1/2021 8:53 AM
Satterfield, Peter	Pembroke, NH psatterfield@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/1/2021 8:53 AM
Embley, George	Webster, NH gembley@tds.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/1/2021 9:43 AM
Blanchard, Sandra	Loudon, NH sandyblanchard3@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/1/2021 9:51 AM
Carter, Lilian	Deering, NH lcarter0914@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/1/2021 9:49 AM
Vigeant, Brian	Salem, NH bvigeant@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/1/2021 2:53 PM
LeBlanc, Constance	Lebanon, NH leblanc.constance@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/1/2021 3:04 PM
Cromwell, Gail	Temple, NH gpiersoncromwell@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/1/2021 3:11 PM
House, Don	Belmont, NH donhouse@metrocast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/1/2021 10:04 AM
Dontonville, Roger	Enfield, NH rdontonville@gmail.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/1/2021 10:07 AM
Mattlage, Linda	Concord, NH l.mattlage@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/1/2021 10:52 AM

Williams, Janet	Lyme, NH jlwlyme@icloud.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/1/2021 10:56 AM
Torpey, Jeanne	Concord, NH jtorp51@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/1/2021 11:01 AM
Jones, Andrew	Pembroke, NH arj11718@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/1/2021 11:26 AM
Moccia, Lianne	Lebanon, NH lianne.moccia@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/1/2021 11:52 AM
Pinneo, Sarah	Etna, NH spinneo@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/1/2021 12:03 PM
Myers, Patrice	Concord, NH 2009awsn@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/1/2021 12:24 PM
Podlipny, Ann	Chester, NH apodlipny57@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/1/2021 1:19 PM
Gunnerson, Petra	Grafton, NH Jptr18@myfairpoint.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/1/2021 2:01 PM
Gunnerson, James	Grafton, NH Jptr18@myfairpoint.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/1/2021 2:03 PM
McDonald, Derek	Manchester, NH dtmcdonald3@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/1/2021 2:40 PM
Tucker, Katherine	Wilmot, NH katherine.s.tucker@valley.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/1/2021 2:42 PM
Dontonville, Anne	Enfield, NH adontonville@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/1/2021 2:42 PM
Silvia, Mary Jane	Manchester, NH maryjanesilvia@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/1/2021 2:43 PM
Speltz, Mike	Londonderry, NH mikespeltz@me.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/1/2021 2:45 PM
Marston, Robert	Dover, NH rmarston@olmmparish.org	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/1/2021 3:17 PM
Micavich, John	Nashua, NH jmivavich@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/1/2021 3:35 PM
Sweet, Juanita	Charlestown, NH Juanitajoy2@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/1/2021 3:45 PM
Marabella, Kathryn	Loudon, NH kmarabella@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/1/2021 4:05 PM

Tentarelli, Liz	Newbury, NH LWV@kenliz.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/1/2021 4:32 PM
Jakubowski, Deborah	Loudon, NH Dendeb146@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/1/2021 4:39 PM
Ingold, Kerry	Warner, NH Pkingold12@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/28/2021 9:17 AM
Staub, Kathy	Manchester, NH kstaub@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/28/2021 9:59 AM
Casino, Joanne	Concord, NH joannecasino@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/28/2021 10:35 AM
Christina, Barrett	Concord, NH bchristina@nhsba.org	A Lobbyist	New Hampshire School Boards Association	Oppose	No	No	2/28/2021 12:04 PM
Minton, Faith	Warner, New Hampshire, NH minton.faith@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/28/2021 1:20 PM
Wells, Lee	Andover, NH leewells.locustfarm@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/28/2021 2:27 PM
Parshall, Lucius	Marlborough, NH lucius.parshall@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/28/2021 2:27 PM
Telerski, Laura	Nashua, NH Laura.Telerski@Leg.State.NH.US	An Elected Official	Hillsborough 35	Oppose	No	No	2/28/2021 3:06 PM
Fordey, Nicole	Litchfield, NH nikkif610@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/28/2021 3:27 PM
Hamer, Heidi	Manchester, NH hhamer59@aol.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/28/2021 3:36 PM
Smiley, Julie	Amherst, NH smilesjusa@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/28/2021 4:55 PM
Hackmann, Kent	Andover, NH hackmann@uidaho.edu	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/28/2021 5:25 PM
Nelson, Elizabeth	Derry, NH BethDavid@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/28/2021 5:29 PM
McWilliams, Rebecca	Concord, NH rebecca.mcwilliams@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Merrimack 27	Oppose	No	No	2/28/2021 5:36 PM
Bartlett, REp Christy	Concord, NH christydbartlett@gmail.com	An Elected Official	Merrimack 19	Oppose	No	No	2/28/2021 5:44 PM
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Corell, Elizabeth	Concord, NH Elizabeth.j.corell@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/28/2021 10:00 PM
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Gehring, Katherine Keefe	Brookfield, NH kkgehring@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/3/2021 11:09 AM
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Houser, Jill	Alton, NH jhouser215@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/3/2021 12:42 PM
Donovan, Julie	BEDFORD, NH julie.donovan@juno.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/3/2021 2:00 PM
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Zak, Lydia	Merrimack, NH Lydzak27@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/3/2021 6:18 PM
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Broshek, Mary Anne	Andover, NH mabandsadie@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/2/2021 9:32 AM
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Glassman, Barbara	Nashua, NH barbara.glassman@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/3/2021 4:08 AM
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Burk-McCoy, Lisa	Exeter, NH lburkmccoy@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/27/2021 3:04 PM
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# Testimony

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**Cc:** [Megan Tuttle](#)  
**Subject:** NEA-NH Testimony in opposition to CACR 3  
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Dear Mr. Chairman and members of the House Education Committee,

I am writing to express NEA-NH's opposition to CACR 3, removing the prohibition of the use of money raised by taxation for schools of any religious sect or denomination.

Some proponents of this concurrent resolution may be basing its merit on the recent Supreme Court decision in *Espinoza vs. Montana Department of Revenue*, however we believe that the language of CACR 3 goes beyond what the US Supreme Court held in that case.

The NH Constitution states that "no money raised by taxation shall ever be granted or applied for the use of the schools of institutions of any religious sect or denomination".

In *Espinoza*, the Court made clear that its decision does not preclude states from restricting public funds from being used for religious activities such as religious instruction at those schools. The Court also left as an open question whether states could prevent public funding of private schools that discriminate.

NH can and should still make the choice not to use taxpayer money to fund private or religious schools which can discriminate as well as religious instruction that takes place at those schools. New Hampshire's no-aid clause is part of New Hampshire's rich tradition of religious freedom and separation of church and state in our society and our public education.

There is no reason to pave the way for using public tax dollars for a private school voucher program that funds religious schools that can discriminate, and the Court decision does not necessitate taking the step of removing this important clause from our state's constitution.

We respectfully ask that the committee find CACR 3 inexpedient to legislate.

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Good Evening,

My name is Ryan McMahon and I am a high school student at Pinkerton Academy. I am contacting you today in regards to my opposition of CACR3 due to the harmful affects it will have on public schools around the state, and the separation of church and state. I am a member of the LYAC independently submitting this testimony.

While it is certainly important for students to have the opportunity to seek out any form of education they like, this should be done at their own expense and funding religious schools with taxpayer money crosses a line that is harmful to many in this state. Firstly, it is important to separate our personal religious beliefs from state matters. Not everyone who contributes tax payer money shares the same religion, and it is unfair to fund a religious institution with money of people whose beliefs do not align with it. It is a personal decision to send a child to a religious school, and it should not fall on the tax payers of New Hampshire to fund this decision. This is especially relevant when certain religious institutions do not support people's very identity; for example it is unacceptable to ask that an LGBTQ+ citizen from New Hampshire fund a catholic education against their own will, when these teachings deny their very humanity. Furthermore, diverting funds to religious schools will take away from already struggling public schools in the state. Students who attend their public school should not receive a lesser education in order for the state to subsidize or fund a religious school in the area.

I appreciate you taking the time to read this testimony and consider this viewpoint.

Regards,

Ryan McMahon

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Honorable members of the House Education Committee:

My name is Ann Marie Banfield and I am an advocate for parental rights and academic excellence in education. Today I come here in support of CACR3 to repeal New Hampshire's Blaine amendment.

At the time the Blaine Amendment was added to the New Hampshire Constitution public schools were heavily involved in teaching Protestant Christian theology. That included hymns and prayers.

As Catholics moved into the state, parents wanted a Catholic education for their children. They could not get that in public schools because those schools were overtly Protestant. It was the Protestants that didn't want public dollars diverted to Catholic schools. It was not about stopping public funds for religious education - that came later.

It has been construed that sending public funds to religious schools violates the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. The argument centers around giving aid to religious schools, through scholarship programs or vouchers. But as you can see, religion was part of the public school system.

It was Fisher Ames, a founding father who is considered the author of the First Amendment who suggested the wording of the First Amendment which in its final form says:

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

Ames was also an outspoken supporter of the Bible's central role in all of education. He said, "Should not the Bible regain the place it once held as a schoolbook?"

I only mention this because I believe it's important to touch on the historical aspects of religion in the public school and where the Blaine Amendment came from. It wasn't to keep religion out of the public school, it was to prevent tax dollars from being used in Catholic schools. The issue centered around Catholic bigotry.

***Espinoza v. Montana Department of Revenue*** challenged everything. This landmark ruling by the United States Supreme Court ruled that a state-based scholarship program

that provides public funds used for students attending private schools, cannot discriminate against religious schools under the Free Exercise Clause of the Constitution.

The religious bigotry in Montana existed and prevented Ms. Espinoza's children from receiving a better education.

Some may look at the removal of the Blaine Amendment as something centered on school choice. But the real issue is whether you stand for religious bigotry or not. One can support the removal of the Blaine Amendment because of its historical roots that was based on religious bigotry, and debate the merits of school choice.

I have opposed some school choice options at the federal level. I agreed with The Heritage Foundation when they opposed Betsy DeVos' federal voucher program. I don't believe the federal government should be involved in school vouchers for many reasons. But I support the removal of the Blaine Amendment from the New Hampshire Constitution.

It is 2021.

I urge you to vote OTP CACR3.

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Hi! My name is Ruby Carr and I'm a student at UNH, and a resident of both Nottingham and Durham. I am also a member of the NH Legislative Youth Advisory Council. Here is my written testimony in opposition to CACR3

I oppose CACR3. While I believe that it is important for students to have a choice about where they go to school, I have two main concerns with this bill. The first is that it violates the separation of church and state. Taxpayers, and the state government, should not be funding the religious education of New Hampshire students. This is something that students should be free to seek out on their own, but it cannot be funded by the state. The second issue is that diverting funding from public schools to private schools would take away from already underfunded institutions. NH schools are already funded unequally, and this would simply exacerbate that problem.

Thank you,  
Ruby Carr



**Statement by Gilles Bissonnette, Legal Director of the ACLU-NH**  
**House Education Committee**  
**CACR3**  
**March 4, 2021**

I am the Legal Director of the American Civil Liberties Union of New Hampshire (ACLU-NH)—a non-profit organization working to protect civil liberties throughout New Hampshire for over fifty years. On behalf of the ACLU-NH, I appreciate the opportunity to testify today in opposition to CACR3. CACR3 would amend the New Hampshire Constitution to, in effect, allow public funds to be used for religious purposes.

The New Hampshire Constitution mandates strict separation of church and state, and includes explicit prohibitions on using taxpayer dollars to support religious educational activities. Part I, Article 6 of the New Hampshire Constitution states, “[N]o person shall ever be compelled to pay towards the support of the schools of any sect or denomination.” Part II, Article 83—which CACR3 seeks to amend—also states, in part, “Provided, nevertheless, that no money raised by taxation shall ever be granted or applied for the use of the schools of institutions of any religious sect or denomination.” These provisions were specifically crafted to preserve our freedom to live in a state where the government is not entangled with matters of faith—including religious education—which are properly reserved for individuals, families, and religious communities.

Given the clarity of these Constitutional provisions, the New Hampshire Supreme Court has interpreted these provisions as strictly prohibiting any diversion of tax funds that could be used to support religious instruction. Several cases analyzing these provisions under the New Hampshire Constitution are instructive:

- ***Opinion of the Justices (Choice in Education)*, 136 N.H. 357 (1992)**: In this case, the New Hampshire Supreme Court invalidated a proposed school-voucher program. That program would have allowed parents dissatisfied with their child’s education to enroll the child in “any other state approved school,” including a religious school. The school district where the child resided would then have been required to pay part of the new school’s tuition.

The Court pronounced, “[o]ur constitution . . . recognizes the fundamental separation between church and state.” The Court then ruled that the proposed voucher program “violate[d] the plain meaning of part I, article 6” of the State Constitution. The Court emphasized that, under the proposed program, “[n]o safeguards exist[ed] to prevent the application of public funds to sectarian uses.” Payments by school districts under the voucher program would have “constitute[d] an unrestricted application of public money to sectarian schools.” The Court also noted that “sectarian schools” are “a class appearing to predominate among the nonpublic schools.”

- ***Opinion of the Justices*, 109 N.H. 578 (1969)**: In this case, the New Hampshire Supreme Court struck down legislation that would have authorized local governments to “grant a tax exemption of \$50.00 per year on the residential real estate of any person having at least one child attending a nonpublic school.” As the Court explained, the program violated Part II, Article 83 because “[i]t would make available to the parents funds which they could contribute directly to the nonpublic school, including parochial schools, without restricting the aid to secular education.” The Court added: “[T]he amount of \$50.00 may seem small, yet if the principle were upheld, the amount could be increased to a point whereby it could be used as a means of fully supporting such schools.”

The unmistakable takeaway from these two opinions is that the New Hampshire Supreme Court has interpreted these specific state constitutional provisions robustly.

These constitutional provisions are important for several reasons. *First*, deleting this provision in Part II, Article 83 aims to—in conjunction with other legislation—allow school voucher programs to benefit religious schools, at significant financial cost. Approximately two-thirds of New Hampshire’s private-school students attend religious schools. Indeed, religious schools typically have much higher tuition rates than non-religious schools. CACR3, in concert with pending legislation, aims to allow public funds to go to religious private schools where such funds can be used for religious instruction. In fact, most of New Hampshire’s religious schools require students to take part in religious activities.

*Second*, many of New Hampshire’s religious schools engage in discrimination of religion, either in hiring employees or in admitting prospective students. CACR3 does not prohibit religious schools that receive public funds from discriminating based on religion in admissions or employment. Moreover, in 2017, a top student on track to be valedictorian at Tri-City Christian Academy in Somersworth said he was told he was no longer welcome at the school he had attended since kindergarten because he is transgender.<sup>1</sup>

For these reasons, the ACLU-NH respectfully urges the members of this Committee to vote *inexpedient to legislate* on CACR3.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.seacoastonline.com/news/20171001/transgender-student-i-was-banned-by-christian-school>.

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CACR3 Committee Speech

Intro

I am introducing a constitutional amendment to repeal the so-called "Blaine amendment" or "no aid" amendment from our constitution.

This 1877 amendment to our constitution is Part 2 article 83 states "Provided, nevertheless, that no money raised by taxation shall ever be granted or applied for the use of the schools of institutions of any religious sect or denomination."

There are two primary reasons that this should be done.

First is the constitutionality. Based upon the US Supreme Court ruling in the *Espinoza v Montana Dept of Revenue* case, these state Blaine amendments are violations of the First Amendment. I will leave more on that to our next speaker.

I would like to briefly discuss the second reason for this legislation.

The Blaine amendment is a relic of a period of anti-religious bigotry. As such, it has no place in our Constitution.

In the mid 1800s, the "common school" concept was started by Horace Mann in Massachusetts with the thought that in order for a civil society there needed to be a civil and religious education for all. Since our nation was primarily a Protestant nation, the schools were no different. Religion and reading from Bibles was part of the common school education.

But then problems arose with the immigration of Catholics from several countries but primarily from Ireland to escape the potato famine. These immigrants arrived here and found that their children were being taught religious concepts contrary to their own. This led to discrimination and violence.

In Philadelphia, there were riots over which version of the Bible was to be used in schools. In Maine, a Catholic church was burned and the priest tarred and feathered. These were not isolated incidents.

If you want to look at our web site – [RepealNHBlaine.com](http://RepealNHBlaine.com) – you will see a famous 1871 cartoon that captured the mood of the nation I believe. It showed crocodiles representing Catholic priests approaching the shore where a minister or teacher is protecting students.

As these non-Protestant groups began to form their own schools, there was a backlash. The establishment Protestant groups did not want these “sects”, like the Catholics, (which gave rise to the term “sectarian”) to have access to public funds for education. School funding rather than school prayer and Bibles became an issue, and a political issue. In 1875, President Ulysses S. Grant gave a speech calling for a Constitutional amendment to forbid states from providing public funds to any school that taught “sectarian (aka Catholic) tenants”. James Blaine of Maine was the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives and a friend of President Grant. Speaker Blaine envisioned himself to be the successor to President Grant. Soon after the Grant speech, Blaine introduced a Constitutional amendment providing that no state raised tax funds be provided to any religious “sect”. That amendment passed the U.S. House, but fell just short of the necessary two thirds votes in the Senate. But the anti-Catholic movement did not end there. States began adopting their own Blaine type amendments and today there are 38 states with such amendments.

The New Hampshire Constitution was amended just two years later, in 1877, to include a Blaine amendment. It was clearly modeled after the failed U.S. Constitution amendment to extend the anti-religious, anti-Catholic prohibitions.

But attempts to defend “common” schools continued in numerous locations. I will note that many of these efforts were promoted by the Klu Klux Klan.

Blaine amendments were born of bigotry. Religious bigotry is no better than racial bigotry. We have seen the tearing down of statues around the country and a NH statue defaced with red paint and calls for others to be removed.

But what need to be torn down are the statutes that promote bigotry to this day. New Hampshire needs to repeal this now unconstitutional remnant of anti-religious, anti-Catholic bigotry. I have introduced this Constitutional amendment to do just that. This should not be a political issue. This Blaine amendment repeal should bring us together to eliminate this remnant of religious bigotry.

Mr Chairman, I would appreciate it if I could defer questions till after the next speaker who has another appointment. I would be happy to take questions then.

My name is Nathaniel Wilson and I live in Frankestown, New Hampshire. I am a member of the Legislative Youth Advisory Council and I oppose bill CACR3. I have attended public school my entire life and while it is important for students to have a choice regarding where they go to school, there are two main issues with this bill. The first is I believe it violates separation of church and state. Taxpayers, and the state government, should not be funding religious education of New Hampshire students, especially when there are many underfunded public schools. The type of education this bill plans to provide for is something that students should be free to seek out on their own, but it cannot be funded by the state.



# DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

March 8, 2021

The Honorable Rick Ladd, Chair  
And Members, House Education Committee  
Legislative Office Building  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**Re: Follow-up to Questions on CACR 3 (Repealing the New Hampshire Blaine Amendment)**

Dear Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee:

At the hearing on CACR 3 there were several questions from members of the Committee that I promised to follow up on. Here are answers to those questions.

1. **Did enrollment increase in Diocese of Manchester schools from 2019 to 2020?** Yes. Enrollment as of September 2019 was 5,185; enrollment as of 2020 was 5,304.
2. **Are non-Catholic students required to take religion courses or attend religious services?** Yes. All students (Catholics and non-Catholics) are required to follow the same curriculum (including religion courses) and to participate in the daily life of the school (including the liturgical life of the school). While non-Catholic students must be in attendance at worship events, they are not compelled to actively participate in those events. The schools make these expectations clear up front so that families can decide if a Catholic school is really the right fit for them. As I said at the hearing, 34% of our students are non-Catholic.
3. **Do the Diocesan schools comply with state and federal statutes, particularly with respect to special education and the due process provisions associated with special education?** The schools do comply with the applicable state and federal laws that pertain to private schools. As for special education, Diocesan schools work with their local LEAs and participate in the "Child Find" process under IDEA, which includes associated due process rights. Identified students who are eligible for services receive a Service Plan. The local LEA, using the proportionate amount of IDEA federal funds to provide equitable services, works with the private school and the family to decide which services are needed in the plan and how the provision of special education and related services will be divided between the SAU and the private school respectively.
4. **Are Catholic schools approved by the State of New Hampshire?** Yes. The Diocesan schools have all requisite approvals from the New Hampshire Department of Education. Most schools are also accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

I hope this fully answers your questions. Thank you once again for your kind consideration.

Very truly yours,

Robert E. Durm, Jr., Esq.  
Director, Office of Public Policy



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To the Honorable Members of the House Education Committee:

This is in opposition to CACR 3.

I see no reason to amend the NH Constitution for this reason. It can be legislated through an RSA, not a Constitutional amendment.

Thank you for your attention to my concern on this matter.

Sincerely,  
Patrice M

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To the Members of the House Education Committee -

I write today to oppose CACR 3. This bill, which would alter the NH Constitution, appears to be another tactic in the agenda to bring school vouchers to New Hampshire and use public money raised by taxation to fund tuition and other expenses by students in private schools. It would mitigate the obligation of the state not to provide funding for anything other than public education. There was good reason for this language in the constitution. It appears that the writers were of the opinion that public money should be used only to fund public education. I believe that this fundamental principle, which was enacted well over a hundred years ago, should stand today and into the future. I have no issue with private and/or religious schools. As a matter of fact, I was educated for the most part in private schools, spent part of my professional career in private schools, and sent my children to private schools for at least some of their education. I believe that private/religious schools are an integral part of New Hampshire's educational community. But I draw the line at public dollars subsidizing private/religious schools for a number of reasons. Foremost is their ability to discriminate in their admissions policies. I do not oppose their right to do this, I do oppose the idea that public money might support that right. I believe that the separation of church and state is a valid and consequential tenet of democracy and should be upheld at any cost. Siphoning tax dollars from public schools to private schools will put public education in jeopardy, and particularly during these tenuous times, is not something that should be happening. I opposed HB 20 which, after overwhelming public opinion against, was retained, and I opposed SB 130, both for much the same reasons. I encourage you to vote to ITL CACR 3. I would also encourage the House Education committee, the Commissioner of Education, and the Governor to spend the time and energy currently being used to undermine public

education to strengthen and uphold public education, Thank you for your consideration.

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Dear Members of the Education Committee,

I encourage you to support bill CACR 3. It is time to stop discriminating against a segment of The New Hampshire population based on their faith. The US Supreme Court has already ruled against similar religiously biased laws. We should update our New Hampshire law.

Thanks for your consideration.

Regards,

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Members of the House Education Committee,  
NH ratified the US Constitution 238 years ago, and the NH Constitution was written 6 years later, becoming effective 9 years later.  
In both these carefully composed documents the establishment of **public schools** and the **separation of state & church** are paramount.  
I am aware of the January, 2020 decision of the US Supreme Court referred to as “Espinoza”. What a shame.  
The public’s tax dollars for schools are for public schools, and no public money should ever be used for religiously affiliated entities.  
I urge you to not attempt to also weaken the Constitution of the State of New Hampshire.  
Sincerely,  
Lucinda Hope

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I'm a lifelong educator of over 25 years who's worked in both public and private schools. I have some thoughts about the following:

CACR 3: Five words: SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE. This bill is unconstitutional and should be killed.

HB20: It's ironic that you guys named this bill after the Republican rep who died due to the gross negligence of members of his own party. This bill would: 1) inevitably raise everyone's property taxes 2) do nothing to fix the issues with our public education system 3) do nothing to help poor students, rural students, students of color, LGBTQ students, special needs students, etc. - get a more adequate education. Rather than do the heavy lifting that is required to REALLY FIX what ails our public education system (which isn't much, really) you put forth this - yet another nail in the coffin of our nation's great equalizer, our public education system. It is also unconstitutional and should be killed.

HB242: While I suspect there's probably some shenanigans going on under the surface of this bill, as well, I have no problem with it, as written. And I especially like the part about adding "Logic and Rhetoric" to the core domains, as it's obvious from recent acts perpetrated by some in the Legislature that a rigorous course in logic is sorely needed.

HB257: Like I said earlier, I've taught for over 25 years in both public and private high schools and I've only known TWO occasions where a colleague was found guilty of what this bill attempts to stop. One of those instances was in a private school I used to work in, the other, in a public school. Two instances in over 25 years does not a problem make. I myself go out of my way to keep my politics close to the vest with my students - not that politics comes up often in the discipline I teach. But on the rare occasions when it does - I try and always play Devil's Advocate - no matter what side the student is on, and whether or not it jibes with my personal political beliefs. I do this because I want my students to be able to argue a political viewpoint in the face of an opposing one - and so I try to provide an opposing one. Having said that, the school I currently work in does very well with its Civics and Social Studies curriculum. We have a mandatory class for all Juniors in American studies, and we have a course called "We The People" that uses our founding documents as texts. We all say the pledge every morning (including the "UNDER GOD" part), and I've known some pretty conservative colleagues who've worked there over the years, along with a few fairly liberal ones. As a lifelong independent who would never belong to either of the two current major parties, I see this bill as nothing more than a solution in search of a problem.

Sincerely,

Dan Williams  
Concord, NH

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Good morning,

Thank you for allowing me to send in testimony in this format. I had hoped to attend virtually today, but it's not likely.

I'd like to address HB455 which would allow parents choice within the wider public school system. While I agree with this bill, there are ripple effects within the system that also need to be addressed outside of it in order for the bill not have adverse impact on students. I'm specifically thinking about transportation and funding. What will a decrease in student attendance in some schools mean to those students left behind in schools that don't meet their needs? Would there be funding to help schools in the transition? Surely an amendment could address this.

Choice within the public schools would push schools to be more innovative and specialized. They'd have a motivation to improve in order to keep and attract students. Franklin, for example, has a high quality theater program that students from other surrounding towns might be interested in, but cannot afford the tuition to go there. Concord is the only city in NH that has two public (non-charter) high schools from two districts. No high school is perfect, but the opportunities at Concord far exceed what Merrimack Valley has ever offered. When I was in high school, (20+ years ago) I actually snuck into Concord High School during the school day with some classmates so we could use their computers to complete a project. It doesn't make sense to me that neighbors on the same street in the same city have two vastly different resources. Today's housing market makes it difficult to move to the zipcode with a school that meets your learning needs. This bill would allow for some additional flexibility.

Other things I wondered about:

Athletics... would this make it easier to recruit for athletics? NHIAA doesn't allow recruiting but it would seem to open up the door for that.

Admission...under what circumstances would schools be able to deny requests? For example, special education students will require a case manager. If one more student with an IEP comes, that case manager will be overloaded. Can they then let students in without an IEP?

Admissions...what supports would be available to districts like Bedford, Hopkinton and Pinkerton as an influx of requests would likely to come in to those schools?

As a state we need a comprehensive overhaul of our system and this bill won't do it. We have too many school districts which does not allow for flexibility. NH actually should consider consolidation and look to states like Hawai'i which has 5 islands, a little bit smaller population and 1 school district, 1 department of education headed by same administration AND look to Vermont to learn from their process as they attempted consolidation. Bills like HB 455 might be one step in the right direction to strengthen public schools and it's not enough.

On CACR3, HB388, HB282 please vote no. The division of church and state is important to the strength of our democracy. Public funds should be used for the common good, never to promote or support religious indoctrination at any level.

Thank you for your efforts,

Carisa Corrow  
Penacook



Bill as  
Introduced

**CACR 3 - AS INTRODUCED**

2021 SESSION

21-0016  
06/10

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION **3**

RELATING TO: use of money raised by taxation for education.

PROVIDING THAT: money raised by taxation may be applied for the use of religious educational institutions.

SPONSORS: Rep. Cordelli, Carr. 4; Rep. Ladd, Graf. 4; Rep. Hill, Merr. 3; Rep. Potucek, Rock. 6; Rep. M. Pearson, Rock. 34; Rep. Wuelper, Straf. 3; Rep. Lynn, Rock. 7; Rep. Baldasaro, Rock. 5; Rep. McLean, Hills. 44; Sen. Ward, Dist 8

COMMITTEE: Education

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ANALYSIS

This constitutional amendment concurrent resolution removes the prohibition of the use of money raised by taxation for schools of any religious sect or denomination.

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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

CACR 3 - AS INTRODUCED

21-0016

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One*

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

RELATING TO: use of money raised by taxation for education.

PROVIDING THAT: money raised by taxation may be applied for the use of religious educational institutions.

*Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the Constitution of New Hampshire be amended as follows:*

1 I. That article 83 of the second part of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

2 [Art.] 83. [Encouragement of Literature, etc.; Control of Corporations, Monopolies, etc.]  
3 Knowledge and learning, generally diffused through a community, being essential to the  
4 preservation of a free government; and spreading the opportunities and advantages of education  
5 through the various parts of the country, being highly conducive to promote this end; it shall be the  
6 duty of the legislators and magistrates, in all future periods of this government, to cherish the  
7 interest of literature and the sciences, and all seminaries and public schools, to encourage private  
8 and public institutions, rewards, and immunities for the promotion of agriculture, arts, sciences,  
9 commerce, trades, manufactures, and natural history of the country; to countenance and inculcate  
10 the principles of humanity and general benevolence, public and private charity, industry and  
11 economy, honesty and punctuality, sincerity, sobriety, and all social affections, and generous  
12 sentiments, among the people[: ~~Provided, nevertheless, that no money raised by taxation shall ever  
13 be granted or applied for the use of the schools of institutions of any religious sect or denomination].~~  
14 Free and fair competition in the trades and industries is an inherent and essential right of the  
15 people and should be protected against all monopolies and conspiracies which tend to hinder or  
16 destroy it. The size and functions of all corporations should be so limited and regulated as to  
17 prohibit fictitious capitalization and provision should be made for the supervision and government  
18 thereof. Therefore, all just power possessed by the state is hereby granted to the general court to  
19 enact laws to prevent the operations within the state of all persons and associations, and all trusts  
20 and corporations, foreign or domestic, and the officers thereof, who endeavor to raise the price of any  
21 article of commerce or to destroy free and fair competition in the trades and industries through  
22 combination, conspiracy, monopoly, or any other unfair means; to control and regulate the acts of all  
23 such persons, associations, corporations, trusts, and officials doing business within the state; to  
24 prevent fictitious capitalization; and to authorize civil and criminal proceedings in respect to all the  
25 wrongs herein declared against.

26 II. That the above amendment proposed to the constitution be submitted to the qualified  
27 voters of the state at the state general election to be held in November, 2022.

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1           III. That the selectmen of all towns, cities, wards and places in the state are directed to  
2 insert in their warrants for the said 2022 election an article to the following effect: To decide  
3 whether the amendments of the constitution proposed by the 2021 session of the general court shall  
4 be approved.

5           IV. That the wording of the question put to the qualified voters shall be:  
6 "Are you in favor of amending article 83 of the second part of the constitution to read as follows:

7           [Art.] 83. [Encouragement of Literature, etc.; Control of Corporations, Monopolies, etc.]  
8 Knowledge and learning, generally diffused through a community, being essential to the  
9 preservation of a free government; and spreading the opportunities and advantages of education  
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11 duty of the legislators and magistrates, in all future periods of this government, to cherish the  
12 interest of literature and the sciences, and all seminaries and public schools, to encourage private  
13 and public institutions, rewards, and immunities for the promotion of agriculture, arts, sciences,  
14 commerce, trades, manufactures, and natural history of the country; to countenance and inculcate  
15 the principles of humanity and general benevolence, public and private charity, industry and  
16 economy, honesty and punctuality, sincerity, sobriety, and all social affections, and generous  
17 sentiments, among the people. Free and fair competition in the trades and industries is an inherent  
18 and essential right of the people and should be protected against all monopolies and conspiracies  
19 which tend to hinder or destroy it. The size and functions of all corporations should be so limited  
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23 and all trusts and corporations, foreign or domestic, and the officers thereof, who endeavor to raise  
24 the price of any article of commerce or to destroy free and fair competition in the trades and  
25 industries through combination, conspiracy, monopoly, or any other unfair means; to control and  
26 regulate the acts of all such persons, associations, corporations, trusts, and officials doing business  
27 within the state; to prevent fictitious capitalization; and to authorize civil and criminal proceedings  
28 in respect to all the wrongs herein declared against."

29           V. That the secretary of state shall print the question to be submitted on a separate ballot or  
30 on the same ballot with other constitutional questions. The ballot containing the question shall  
31 include 2 squares next to the question allowing the voter to vote "Yes" or "No." If no cross is made in  
32 either of the squares, the ballot shall not be counted on the question. The outside of the ballot shall  
33 be the same as the regular official ballot except that the words "Questions Relating to Constitutional  
34 Amendments proposed by the 2021 General Court" shall be printed in bold type at the top of the  
35 ballot.

36           VI. That if the proposed amendment is approved by 2/3 of those voting on the amendment, it  
37 becomes effective when the governor proclaims its adoption.

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1 VII. Voters' Guide.

2 AT THE PRESENT TIME, the constitution prohibits the use of money raised by  
3 taxation to be granted to or applied for the use of any school of a religious sect or denomination.

4 IF THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED, this prohibition will be removed and money  
5 raised by taxation could be granted to or applied for the use of a school of a religious sect or  
6 denomination.