

Committee Report

REGULAR CALENDAR

March 24, 2021

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

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was referred HB 203,**

**AN ACT establishing a committee to study school meal
programs in New Hampshire's public schools and non-
sectarian schools that accept public funds. Having
considered the same, and being unable to agree with
the Majority, report with the recommendation that the
bill OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Sue Mullen

FOR THE MINORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

MINORITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Education
Bill Number:	HB 203
Title:	establishing a committee to study school meal programs in New Hampshire's public schools and non-sectarian schools that accept public funds.
Date:	March 24, 2021
Consent Calendar:	REGULAR
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS

STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Education Committee has received bills dealing with student food services each of the past several years. While we have been able to deal with them independently, each investigation has led to additional questions regarding federal, state, and local regulations. The minority of the committee feels that the time has come to study what is currently happening in NH schools to assure that coordinated best practices are in place throughout the state and that no child goes hungry.

Rep. Sue Mullen
FOR THE MINORITY

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

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

Rep. James Allard

FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

MAJORITY COMMITTEE REPORT

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Date:	March 24, 2021
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Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

A letter submitted to the committee from the Department of Education (DOE) states that the Office of Nutrition Programs and Services regularly reviews policies and standards that are currently in federal and state law. If specific issues arise, the DOE has the authority and opportunity to establish a committee or task force to discuss those issues. Policies have reverted to emergency measures during the pandemic so this is really not the proper time to establish this committee.

Vote 12-8.

Rep. James Allard
FOR THE MAJORITY

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Cc: Committee Bill File

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HB 203, establishing a committee to study school meal programs in New Hampshire's public schools and non-sectarian schools that accept public funds. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

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Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 203

BILL TITLE: establishing a committee to study school meal programs in New Hampshire's public schools and non-sectarian schools that accept public funds.

DATE: March 23, 2021

LOB ROOM: 301-303

MOTIONS: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Moved by Rep. Allard

Seconded by Rep. Layon

Vote: 12-8

CONSENT CALENDAR: NO

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Barbara Shaw, Clerk



2021 SESSION

Education

Bill #: HB203 Motion: ITL AM #: _____ Exec Session Date: 3-23-2021

<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.	✓		
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.		✓	
TOTAL VOTE:	12	8	

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 203

BILL TITLE: establishing a committee to study school meal programs in New Hampshire's public schools and non-sectarian schools that accept public funds.

DATE: March 2, 2021

LOB ROOM: 201/203

Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 9:45 AM

Time Adjourned: 9:55 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. Horrigan

Rep. Mullen

TESTIMONY

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Rep. Sue Mullen – Bill Sponsor

- Was HB 1681
- Adds breakfast to menu
- Is state consistent school to school
- Sent to a study committee – died
- Revitalizes a new study committee

Cheri White – DOE

- Happy to assist a study committee
- Implementation may be different throughout the state
- COVID has made an impact on distribution in same district

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Barbara Shaw, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

PUBLIC HEARING on Bill # HB 203
BILL TITLE: establishes a committee to study school meal program
DATE: 3-2-2021 in NH public & non-sectarian schools
that accept public funds

ROOM: 201-203

Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 9:45 AM

Time Adjourned: 9:55 AM

(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,
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House Remote Testify

Education Committee Testify List for Bill HB203 on 2021-03-02

Support: 3 Oppose: 1 Neutral: 1 Total to Testify: 1

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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>Signed Up</u>
White, Cheri	Concord, NH cheri.f.white@doe.nh.gov	State Agency Staff	NH Department of Education	Neutral	Yes (0m)	3/1/2021 7:49 AM
Turell, Yusi	Durham, NH yusiwang@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	3/2/2021 4:40 AM
Howard Jr., Raymond	Alton, NH brhowardjr@yahoo.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	3/2/2021 8:34 AM
Frew, Jerry	Concord, NH jerry@nhsaa.org	A Lobbyist	NHSAA	Support	No	3/2/2021 8:52 AM
Vogt, Robin	Portsmouth, NH robin.w.vogt@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/27/2021 3:54 PM

Testimony

Written Testimony in Favor of HB 203:

“AN ACT establishing a committee to study school meal programs in New Hampshire's public schools and non-sectarian schools that accept public funds.”

House Education Committee

Rep. Timothy Horrigan (Strafford 6); March 2, 2021

HB 203 is exactly the same as HB 1681-FN which came before the House Education Committee last year. To be a little more accurate, it is the same as the bill as amended by the committee, and as passed on a voice vote with no floor debate by the full House. I was the one and only sponsor of HB 1681-FN, which in its original form would have cost money and was hence probably a non-starter. It became a study committee bill instead. I was pleased with that result.

HB 1681-FN (2020) as amended was referred to House Finance, and it was scheduled for a hearing on March 18, 2020. Thanks to the pandemic it didn't get heard till June 1. The bill passed the House Finance Committee, but it never made it to the floor of the House.

So, here it is again, a year later, as HB 203, this time with no “-FN” at the end.

Like everything else in public education, school meal programs have changed because of the pandemic— and changed in a way which makes these programs even more important now than before the pandemic. This subcommittee will only have a few months to meet, which is of course not enough time to study every aspect of all the many very complex issues related to school meal programs. But it's enough still more than time to do some good work.

Rep. Timothy Horrigan; 7A Faculty Rd; Durham, NH 03824
email: Timothy.Horrigan@leg.state.nh.us

Bill as
Introduced

HB 203 - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

21-0394

06/08

HOUSE BILL **203**

AN ACT establishing a committee to study school meal programs in New Hampshire's public schools and non-sectarian schools that accept public funds.

SPONSORS: Rep. Horrigan, Straf. 6; Rep. Mullen, Hills. 7

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study school meal programs in New Hampshire's public schools and nonsectarian schools that accept public funds.

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 Twenty One

AN ACT establishing a committee to study school meal programs in New Hampshire's public schools and non-sectarian schools that accept public funds.

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 school meal programs in
2 New Hampshire's public schools and non-sectarian schools that accept public funds.

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, appointed by the speaker of the
6 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. The committee shall:

11 I. Examine existing state and federal laws and regulations regarding school meal programs.

12 II. Work with the department of education, to determine how school meal programs are
13 being implemented in New Hampshire.

14 III. Identify potential legislation intended to reduce student hunger among students whose
15 families meet the federal income eligibility guidelines.

16 IV. Work with other state agencies, as needed.

17 4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from
18 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house
19 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this
20 section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

21 5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
22 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house
23 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2021.

24 6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.