

Bill as Introduced

HB 513 - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

21-0788
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Approved: July 29, 2021
Effective Date: July 29, 2021

Committee Minutes

SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE

Education

Sen Ruth Ward, Chair
Sen Erin Hennessey, Vice Chair
Sen Denise Ricciardi, Member
Sen Jay Kahn, Member
Sen Suzanne Prentiss, Member

Date: March 10, 2021

HEARINGS

Tuesday	03/16/2021	
(Day)	(Date)	
Education	REMOTE 000	9:00 a.m.
(Name of Committee)	(Place)	(Time)
9:00 a.m.	HB 110	relative to the distribution of adequate education grants.
9:15 a.m.	HB 242	relative to the content of an adequate education.
9:30 a.m.	HB 304	establishing a committee to study the funding of tuition and transportation for career technical education.
9:45 a.m.	HB 513	relative to the degree granting authority of Signum university and relative to the authority of the higher education commission.
10:00 a.m.	HB 609-FN-LOCAL	relative to innovation schools.

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1. To join the webinar: <https://www.zoom.us/j/92186197877>

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EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

Sponsors:

HB 110

Rep. Steven Smith
Rep. Potucek
Rep. True

Rep. Aron
Rep. Hill
Sen. Ward

Rep. Baldasaro
Rep. Thomas

Rep. Love
Rep. Greene

HB 242

Rep. Ladd
Rep. Boehm

Rep. Hobson
Rep. Umberger

Rep. Steven Smith

Rep. Cordelli

HB 304

Rep. Ladd
Rep. Hill
Sen. Reagan

Rep. Cordelli
Rep. Umberger
Sen. Kahn

Rep. Shaw
Sen. Bradley

Rep. Allard
Sen. Hennessey

HB 513

Rep. Allard
Rep. Boehm

Rep. Ladd

Rep. Cordelli

Rep. A. Lekas

HB 609-FN-LOCAL

Rep. Cordelli
Rep. Hill
Sen. Ward

Rep. Ladd
Rep. Mooney

Rep. Pitre
Rep. A. Lekas

Rep. Shaw
Sen. Reagan

Ava Hawkes 271-4151

Ruth Ward
Chairman

Senate Education Committee

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HB 513, relative to the degree granting authority of Signum university and relative to the authority of the higher education commission.

Hearing Date: March 16, 2021

Time Opened: 10:37 a.m.

Time Closed: 10:40 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Ward, Hennessey, Ricciardi, Kahn and Prentiss

Members of the Committee Absent : None

Bill Analysis: This bill requires approval by the higher education commission as a prerequisite to the granting of a degree by an educational institution. The bill also authorizes Signum university to grant degrees, subject to approval by the higher education commission.

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Rep. Allard

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Rep. Cordelli

Rep. A. Lekas

Rep. Boehm

Who supports the bill: Representative Rick Ladd, Representative John Potucek, Corey Olsen

Who opposes the bill: Robin Vogt

Who is neutral on the bill: None

Summary of testimony presented:

Senator Ruth Ward – Senate District 8

- Senator Ward introduced HB 513 in absence of the prime sponsor, Representative Allard.
- This bill is very similar to SB 19 which passed the Senate Education Committee and the Senate as a body.

Corey Olsen – Founder and President, Signum University

- Supports this bill.
- Made himself available for questions as he previously testified on SB 19.
- Senator Ward reiterated how Signum University is a totally online program.

Laurie Alden

- Supports this bill.
- Former graduate of Signum University.
- Made herself available for questions pertaining to the student perspective.
- Senator Ward recalls Ms. Alden's testimony on SB 19 on the good work she has done following her degree.

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Date Hearing Report completed: March 18, 2021

Speakers

Senate Remote Testify

Education Committee Testify List for Bill HB513 on 2021-03-16

Support: 3 Oppose: 1 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 1

<u>Name</u>	<u>Email Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>S</u>
Potucek, John	potucek1@comcast.net	16034329049	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	3
Ladd, Rick	rick.ladd@leg.state.nh.us	Not Given	An Elected Official	Haverhill, Grafton 4	Support	No	3
Vogt, Robin	robin.w.vogt@gmail.com	603.969.5720	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	3
Olsen, Corey	corey.olsen@signumu.org	215.840.9231	A Member of the Public	Signum University	Support	Yes	3

Voting Sheets

Senate Education Committee
EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD
2020-2021 Session

Bill # HB 513

Hearing date: 3/16/21

Executive Session date: 3/16/21

Motion of: OTP Vote: 4-1

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
Sen. Ward, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Sen. Hennessey, VC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Sen. Ricciardi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Sen. Kahn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Prentiss	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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Sen. Kahn	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Prentiss	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Sen. Ricciardi	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Kahn	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Prentiss	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Reported out by: Sen. Ward

Notes: _____

Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SENATE
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

THE COMMITTEE ON Education

to which was referred **HB 513**

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higher education commission.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS

BY A VOTE OF: 4-1

Senator Ruth Ward
For the Committee

Ava Hawkes 271-4151

EDUCATION

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Ought to Pass, Vote 4-1.

Senator Ruth Ward for the committee.

Docket of HB513

Docket Abbreviations

Bill Title: relative to the degree granting authority of Signum university and relative to the authority of the higher education commission.

Official Docket of HB513.:

Date	Body	Description
1/11/2021	H	Introduced (in recess of) 01/06/2021 and referred to Education HJ 2 P. 51
1/20/2021	H	Public Hearing: 01/26/2021 11:30 am Members of the public may attend using the following link: To join the webinar: https://www.zoom.us/j/91325381640 / Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day (time permitting) from the time the committee is initially convened.
2/10/2021	H	Majority Committee Report: Ought to Pass (Vote 11-8; RC) HC 12 P. 28
2/10/2021	H	Minority Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate
2/25/2021	H	Ought to Pass: MA RC 190-155 02/25/2021 HJ 4 P. 28
3/4/2021	S	Introduced 03/04/2021 and Referred to Education; SJ 7
3/10/2021	S	Remote Hearing: 03/16/2021, 09:45 am; Links to join the hearing can be found in the Senate Calendar; SC 15
3/17/2021	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 03/25/2021; SC 16
3/25/2021	S	Ought to Pass: RC 21Y-3N, MA; OT3rdg; 03/25/2021; SJ 9
4/12/2021	S	Enrolled RC 24Y-0N, MA, (In recess of 04/08/2021); SJ 12
4/12/2021	H	Enrolled (in recess of) 04/09/2021 HJ 7 P. 99

NH House

NH Senate

Other Referrals

Senate Inventory Checklist for Archives

Bill Number: HB 513

Senate Committee: Education

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Final docket found on Bill Status

Bill Hearing Documents: {Legislative Aides}

Bill version as it came to the committee

All Calendar Notices

Hearing Sign-up sheet(s)

Prepared testimony, presentations, & other submissions handed in at the public hearing

Hearing Report

Revised/Amended Fiscal Notes provided by the Senate Clerk's Office

Committee Action Documents: {Legislative Aides}

All amendments considered in committee (including those not adopted):

___ - amendment # ___ ___ - amendment # ___

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Executive Session Sheet

Committee Report

Floor Action Documents: {Clerk's Office}

All floor amendments considered by the body during session (only if they are offered to the senate):

___ - amendment # ___ ___ - amendment # ___

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Post Floor Action: (if applicable) {Clerk's Office}

___ Committee of Conference Report (if signed off by all members. Include any new language proposed by the committee of conference):

___ Enrolled Bill Amendment(s)

___ Governor's Veto Message

All available versions of the bill: {Clerk's Office}

___ as amended by the senate ___ as amended by the house

___ final version

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