

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

SB20

Bill as
Introduced

SB 20 - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

21-0871
06/08

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COMMITTEE: Education

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Approved: May 06, 2021

Effective Date: July 05, 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: January 7, 2021

HEARINGS

Tuesday	01/12/2021	
(Day)	(Date)	
Education	REMOTE 000	9:00 a.m.
(Name of Committee)	(Place)	(Time)

9:00 a.m. **SB 24** relative to the Brewster Academy charter.

9:30 a.m. **SB 19** relative to the degree granting authority of Signum university.

9:45 a.m. **SB 20** relative to one year certificates of eligibility to teach.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

Sponsors:

SB 24

Sen. Bradley

Rep. J. MacDonald

Rep. Marsh

Rep. Deshaies

SB 19

Sen. Ward

Sen. Carson

Sen. Ricciardi

Sen. Hennessey

Sen. Kahn

SB 20

Sen. Kahn

Sen. Ward

Sen. Watters

Ava Hawkes 271-4151

Ruth Ward
Chairman

Senate Education Committee

Ava Hawkes 271-4151

SB 20, relative to one year certificates of eligibility to teach.

Hearing Date: January 12, 2021

Time Opened: 9:45 a.m.

Time Closed: 10:00 a.m.

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

Members of the Committee Absent : None

Bill Analysis: This bill exempts individuals applying to teach a course in a CTE specialty area from the bachelor's degree requirement for a one-year certificate of eligibility to teach.

Sponsors:

Sen. Kahn

Sen. Ward

Sen. Watters

Who supports the bill: Senator Jay Kahn (Senate District 10), Senator David Watters (Senate District 4), Dennis Goddard

Who opposes the bill: None

Who is neutral on the bill: Director Stephen Appleby (Division of Educator Support and Higher Education, NH Department of Education)

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Senator Jay Kahn - Senate District 10

- Senator Kahn introduced SB 20.
- This is a simple bill. Current statute RSA 189:39-b allows for a school board, in consultation with the superintendent, to make a one-time, one-year eligibility certificate for a teacher who would be on a full-time, or part-time, basis and would otherwise require a teaching credential.
- Allows district to issue a certificate to fill a needed role.
- The requirements an individual must satisfy include passing a criminal history check; need to be qualified by relevant experience in education; and must possess at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited, post-secondary institution.
- Career Technical Education (CTE) specialty areas will be able to utilize their relative education and experience in their specialty field to teach.
- There are 28 technical education centers throughout NH serving around 10,000 students annually.
- Managers and folks in the field at CTE centers are in support of this legislation.

- Steve Appleby from NHDOE was helpful in the drafting of this legislation.
- Senator Prentiss expressed support of Senator Kahn's bill. Senator Prentiss noted how CTE centers offer EMT basic training programs where the NHDOS licenses those instructors. However, many of those instructors do not have a bachelor's degree; if that were a requirement, it would become a limitation as an avenue of education for folks who want to become EMTs.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None

Neutral Information Presented:

Stephen Appleby – Division Director of Educator Support in Higher Education, NH Department of Education

- As the Division Director of Educator Support in Higher Education, there is a focus on licensing and the credentialing of educators statewide in our school systems.
- They currently credential about 27,000 individuals statewide.
- This bill is a small piece of a much larger puzzle.
- On average, pre-pandemic, they processed 50-75 one-year emergency hire requests annually across all endorsements, not just CTE.
- This bill will give CTE centers flexibility, when an emergency or sudden need arises, to hire folks who may not have a bachelor's degree.
- In addition to EMTs, other professions might include auto mechanics, chefs, or HVAC, where many do not possess bachelor's degrees.
- There are predominantly two instances where this one-year certificate is requested.
 - First, a request to hire a teacher to fill an immediate need who will continue to work on getting their license. An example where an instance like this might occur would be when a replacement is needed for a teacher on medical leave.
 - Second, a teacher has an illness and will be out of work for an extended period. This bill would allow flexibility by the school district to bring in a replacement educator who they feel is qualified.
- In the past, feedback from superintendents and CTE centers has indicated that the existing statutory language is too narrow regarding the bachelor's degree requirement.
- Senator Kahn asked Director Appleby to explain the alternative certification route where if someone wishes to continue down this career path, how they might seek certification.
- Director Appleby said there are two ways to gain an educator license in NH.
- First, one would need to go through the traditional approved educator preparation program at one of our state's higher education institutions or through another state.
- Second, an alternative route is similar to an on-the-job internship.
 - An individual would apply with the department for eligibility and would need to meet certain basic requirements such as degree requirements, experience requirements or testing requirements depending on the endorsements they are seeking.
 - Once the statement of eligibility is granted, the individual would go to a district with an opening, with their statement of eligibility, and apply for the open position. The school district would then authenticate the statement of eligibility through the department.
 - Once folks are hired, the school district has a certain amount of time to report back to the department with a development plan. The district and candidate must file paperwork with the department which typically outlines their three-year plan to gain full licensure. During their three years, the candidate works with a mentor from within their respective district, or another district.
 - Following the three-year plan, the superintendent signs off on the plan, the end-of-plan paperwork is filed and the candidate files for full-licensure.

- The intern system typically includes individuals who have the experience in education, however, did not go through a professional education program. This typically indicates that they have not learned how to teach their specific subject matter.
- Senator Kahn emphasized how this bill is relevant to the path of continued employment whereas a temporary, or replacement, employee can be later advised, by the district, on future employment.

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Date Hearing Report completed: January 18, 2021

Speakers

Name	Representing	Position	Testifying
Kahn Jay	Senator Kahn Prime	Support	Yes
Goddard Denis	Myself	Support	Yes
Appleby Steve	NH DOE	Neutral	Yes
Watters Senator David	Myself (SD 4)	Support	No

Voting Sheets

Senate Education Committee
EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD
2020-2021 Session

Bill # SB20

Hearing date: 11/21/21

Executive Session date: 11/21/21

Motion of: OTP Vote: 5-0

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

Motion of: consent Vote: 5-0

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

Reported out by: Sen. Kahn

Notes: _____

Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SENATE
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

THE COMMITTEE ON Education

to which was referred **SB 20**

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Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

Senator Jay Kahn
For the Committee

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FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

EDUCATION

SB 20, relative to one year certificates of eligibility to teach.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

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Docket of SB20**Bill Title:** relative to one year certificates of eligibility to teach.*Official Docket of SB20.:*

Date	Body	Description
1/5/2021	S	To Be Introduced 01/06/2021 and Referred to Education; SJ 2
1/7/2021	S	Remote Hearing: 01/12/2021, 09:45 am; Links to join the hearing can be found in the Senate Calendar; SC 6
1/20/2021	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 02/04/2021; Vote 5-0; CC; SC 9
2/4/2021	S	Ought to Pass: RC 23Y-1N, MA; OT3rdg; 02/04/2021; SJ 3
3/10/2021	H	Introduced (in recess of) 02/25/2021 and referred to Education HJ 4 P. 48
3/17/2021	H	Public Hearing: 03/25/2021 09:30 am Members of the public may attend using the following link: To join the webinar: https://www.zoom.us/j/96421714087 / Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day (time permitting) from the time the committee is initially convened.
3/26/2021	H	Committee Report: Ought to Pass (Vote 20-0; CC) HC 18 P. 8
4/7/2021	H	Ought to Pass: MA VV 04/07/2021 HJ 5 P. 11
4/7/2021	H	Reconsider (Rep. Osborne): MF VV 04/07/2021 HJ 5 P. 50
4/29/2021	H	Enrolled (in recess of) 04/09/2021 HJ 7 P. 101
4/29/2021	S	Enrolled RC 24Y-0N, MA, (In recess of 04/22/2021); SJ 13
5/10/2021	S	Signed by the Governor on 05/06/2021; Chapter 0028; Effective 07/05/2021

NH House

NH Senate

Other Referrals

Senate Inventory Checklist for Archives

Bill Number: SB 20

Senate Committee: Education

Please include all documents in the order listed below and indicate the documents which have been included with an "X" beside

X Final docket found on Bill Status

Bill Hearing Documents: {Legislative Aides}

X Bill version as it came to the committee

X All Calendar Notices

X Hearing Sign-up sheet(s)

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

X Hearing Report

N/A 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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X Executive Session Sheet

X 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}

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