

CONSENT CALENDAR

February 23, 2022

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**The Committee on Education to which was referred HB
1015,**

**AN ACT relative to school district policies regarding
objectionable material. Having considered the same,
report the same with the following resolution:**

RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Michael Moffett

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Education
Bill Number:	HB 1015
Title:	relative to school district policies regarding objectionable material.
Date:	February 23, 2022
Consent Calendar:	CONSENT
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

The laudable intent of this bill was to provide parents with opportunities to review areas of concern regarding potential objectionable material, speakers, or programs that would be part of scheduled school instruction. The issue with the bill involved the explicit timelines in the measure's language that might preclude certain teaching opportunities (the teachable moment) that might pop up on short notice, such as a visit from a congressperson, a similarly high profile individual, or a current event even occurring in the Ukraine or elsewhere in the world. The prescriptive language and requirement for two weeks' notice could preclude certain enrichment opportunities from being considered.

Vote 18-1.

Rep. Michael Moffett
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

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Education

HB 1015, relative to school district policies regarding objectionable material. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1015

BILL TITLE: relative to school district policies regarding objectionable material.

DATE: February 24, 2022

LOB ROOM: 207

MOTIONS: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Moved by Rep. Moffett

Seconded by Rep. Soti

Vote: 18-1

CONSENT CALENDAR: NO

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Melissa Litchfield, Clerk



2022 SESSION

Education

Bill #: 1015 Motion: ITL AM #: _____ Exec Session Date: 2/24/22

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Ladd, Rick M. Chairman	18 ¹⁰¹⁵		
Cordelli, Glenn Vice Chairman	15	1	
Litchfield, Melissa A. Clerk	1		
Boehm, Ralph G.	2		
Lekas, Alicia D.	3		
Moffett, Michael	4		
Hobson, Deborah L.	5		
Ford, Oliver J.	6		
Soti, Julius F.	7		
Nelson, Bill G.	8		
Myler, Mel-Walz, Mary Beth	10		
Luneau, David J.	9		
Cornell, Patricia	11		
Tanner, Linda L.	12		
Ellison, Arthur S.	13		
Mullen, Sue M.	14		
Woodcock, Stephen L.	15		
Porter, Marjorie	16		
A. Hall, Muriel C.	17		
TOTAL VOTE:	18	1	

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1015

BILL TITLE: relative to school district policies regarding objectionable material.

DATE: January 20, 2022

LOB ROOM: 207

Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 9:03am

Time Adjourned: 10:04am

Committee Members: Reps. Ladd, Cordelli, Litchfield, Boehm, A. Lekas, Moffett, Hobson, Ford, Soti, B. Nelson, Myler, Luneau, Cornell, Tanner, Ellison, Mullen, Woodcock, Hall and Porter

Bill Sponsors:

Rep. Cordelli

Rep. Osborne

Rep. Moffett

Rep. Rice

Rep. Notter

Rep. Ammon

Rep. Hobson

Rep. Gould

Sen. Reagan

Sen. Avard

TESTIMONY

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

***Rep. Glenn Cordelli**

- Prime Sponsor

Rep. Porter

- School has to give 2 week notice,
- Do the parents have to give any type of notice?
- When do the children go doing the objectionable lesson?

Rep. Hobson

- line 9 - there is a provision for this situation.

Rep. Ellison

- Must all program materials be available to parents at any time?
- Response: Rep. Cordelli's intent is to clarify the current law.

Rep. Ladd

- Can this material be made available to parents on-line at the beginning of the year?
- Response: Yes, that is correct

Rep. Tanner

- Do you think most schools have a policy in place?

Rep. Cordelli

- Yes. they are supposed to.

Rep. Porter

- Feel this bill is not just curriculum, but papers, reading national, etc.
- Do you think you are tying teachers down?
- What if they find better material a couple of days before the lesson?

Rep. Lekas

- How detailed does the material need to be?
- Response: Current bill covers this.

Rev. Dr. Gail Kinney

- Opposes the bill
- Feels bill is "Chaos inducing"

***Megan Tuttle, President NEA-NH**

- Feels cannot plan 2 weeks in advance.
- Opposed to bill
- A good teacher reflects daily and adjusts their plans.

Rep. Ladd

- Do you feel there is a difference between instruction and curriculum?

Rep. Litchfield

- Interpret bill as high level sharing of what books will be read and speakers coming in.
- What do you feel could be done to make this bill better for all parties involved.

Rep. Tanner

- Role of Principal in this?
- Response: Making sure this gets done - it could be a burden.

Rep. Lekas

- Would it help if a definition of course material was put inside the bill?
- Response: Would be helpful.

Russan Chester

- Supports bill
- More transparency - builds relationship between parent and teacher
- If both sides are presented, parents won't have an argument.
- This bill is so important, puts more responsibility on the parents.
- We can be a part of it so that children will not misinterpret
- It will be a collaboration. You are creating a well rounded human being.

Claudia Istel

- Opposed the bill
- As a teacher - she would provide a syllabus that both parents and students.
- As educators, we are meant to teach students to be critical thinkers.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Melissa Litchfield, Clerk

House Remote Testify

Education Committee Testify List for Bill HB1015 on 2022-01-20

Support: 25 Oppose: 214 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 0

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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>
Reagan, Senator John	Deerfield, NH kathryn.cummings@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Senate District 17	Support	No	No	1/5/2022 3:13 PM
purslow, stacey	rochester, NH purs2@metrocast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/8/2022 10:40 AM
Culliton, Penny	Temple, NH pculliton@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/11/2022 6:24 PM
Grossman, Kathy	Hollis, NH Kathy@grossmangizmos.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/13/2022 9:23 PM
Burr, Emily	Canterbury, NH revemilyburr@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/14/2022 11:37 AM
Hodgkins, Russell	Amherst, NH hodgkins_russ@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/14/2022 3:31 PM
Mackie, Danielle	Nashua, NH DanielleNuzzo70@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/14/2022 10:26 PM
Herring, Eileen	Merrimack, NH ebherring@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/15/2022 11:59 AM
Hamer, Heidi	Manchester, NH heidi.hamer@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/16/2022 8:39 AM
Hamer, Gary	Manchester, NH ghamer@mansd.org	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/16/2022 1:40 PM
Fenner-Lukaitis, Elizabeth	Warner, NH glukaitis@mcttelecom.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/16/2022 6:32 PM
Fraysse, Michael	Epsom, NH mikefraysse@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/16/2022 7:05 PM
Sullivan, Alexandra	Merrimack, NH Alexmarysullivan@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/16/2022 8:58 PM

Wazir, Safiya	Concord, NH S.wazir@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself and my constituents	Oppose	No	No	1/17/2022 7:26 AM
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Bates, David	Warner, NH dbates3@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/17/2022 9:42 AM
Bleier, Kimberly	Concord, NH bleier21@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/17/2022 10:02 AM
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Downing, Christine	Goshen, NH cdowning@goshenschooldistrictnh.org	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/17/2022 10:46 AM
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Archived: Friday, February 25, 2022 9:13:02 AM
From: jwardnh@comcast.net
Sent: Monday, February 21, 2022 3:27:35 PM
To: ~House Education Committee
Subject: re: A number of bills with serious impacts on NH public education
Importance: Normal

To members of the House Education Committee:

You will be considering a number of important bills in the coming days. Given your role as legislators and representatives of all NH citizens and taxpayers, I believe it is my civic duty to share with you important considerations on the education bills coming before you this week:

I SUPPORT HB 1090 and HB 1576. These are bills which would address the dangerously vague and unnecessary divisive concepts bill. I have carefully reviewed the divisive concepts bill as well as Commissioner Edelblut's comments regarding what he believes to be a superior curricular resource. Both HB 544 and the Commissioner's recommendation do the same thing. They suppress the teaching of complete and honest history.

In Germany there is a law making it a crime to deny the Holocaust. If you would please take the time to read Hopkinton resident Ingrid Dinter's My Turn column, "Teach their country's truth – What can we learn from how the Holocaust is taught in German schools?," (Concord Monitor, February 9, 2022), you will appreciate why the so-called "divisive concepts" bill is a dangerous piece of legislation. Those who know their true history and understand where suppression of historical reality has led will understand why the teaching of our complete, not selective, national history is the necessary and healthy way to a better future for all of the citizens of this state.

I am OPPOSED to HB 1313 which would extend the idea of "banned" concepts to post-secondary levels.

I also OPPOSE HB 1015 regarding the teaching of objectionable material as parents, community members and taxpayers already have a variety of efficacious avenues to participate in the oversight of public school curriculum.

I SUPPORT HB 1683 which would repeal the Education Freedom Act because it represents TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION. It encourages the taking of public tax dollars to pay for private, religious and homeschool education. Taxpayers do not have sufficient oversight over how their public tax dollars will be spent in these private settings and, therefore, this is TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION.

Thank you for your consideration.

Janet Ward
Contoocook NH

Archived: Friday, February 25, 2022 9:12:52 AM
From: [Denise Clark](#)
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 12:17:38 AM
To: [~House Education Committee](#)
Subject: HB 1015 - NH resident OPPOSES this
Importance: Normal

As a native NH senior citizen resident, I OPPOSE HB 1015 and I strongly urge you to OPPOSE HB 1015 as well.

This bill is unnecessary and onerous. Currently, any parent in any district may request curriculum material *now* and may request alternatives to curriculum *now*, without the weight of additional law.

It is unfair to the teacher to permit parental anonymity regarding such requests. It is also unreasonable to expect that a teacher might know what any particular student's "convictions" may be, and what subject matter might "violate" them.

Few NH teachers construct lesson plans that stray far from established textbook curricula, ensuring general public acceptance of course materials and few occasions of violating public norms.

HB 1015 is Big G government. Actually, Big Brother Government.

Regards,
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Archived: Friday, February 25, 2022 9:12:58 AM
From: [Claudia Istel](#)
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 12:30:54 AM
To: [~House Education Committee](#)
Subject: HB 1015 and HB 1255
Importance: Normal

Dear representatives,

I urge you to vote HB 1015 ITL and to vote HB 1255 ITL.

As I testified at the hearing on HB 1015, it is unnecessary as students and parents already have access to curriculum and have only to ask teachers about instructional plans and materials. The bill will negatively place an undue burden on teachers who are already overworked, who work very hard to meet the changing needs of their students, to adjust lessons to maximize students' understanding of concepts. This extra burden on teachers to follow previously published lessons will also harm students as teachers will not have the flexibility to change lessons to meet their students' needs and to challenge students to deepen their understanding and develop their critical thinking skills.

HB 1255 is also unnecessary. In my over 40 years of teaching, I have yet to meet a teacher who sought to indoctrinate students. Teachers seek to have students learn the truth, analyze viewpoints to develop their own perspectives, develop critical thinking skills to perceive bias in what they read and hear and to separate truth from bias and propaganda. These are not easy lessons to teach or to learn. Trust teachers who are committed to having their students learn the truth and trust students to be curious about learning the truth. Open minds, exposure to multiple view points are important to becoming educated, independent critical thinkers.

Sincerely,
Claudia Istel
Acworth, NH

Archived: Friday, February 25, 2022 9:13:29 AM
From: [Trudy Mott-Smith](#)
Sent: Sunday, February 20, 2022 1:17:55 PM
To: [~House Education Committee](#)
Subject: HB 1015 and HB 1255
Importance: Normal

Dear Committee Members,

Please vote ITL on HB 1015 and HB 1255.

Both of them imply that NH licensed teachers are not capable enough, or well enough trained, to carry out their professional responsibilities. Please do not support that implication!

HB 1015 would give parents a veto over teacher-chosen course material and/or method of delivery.

It is entirely impractical in calling for a parent-school agreement for alternative material, paid for by the parent, which satisfies both parties and preserves the student's right to State-required content.

Such a parent-school agreement would overturn the careful curriculum planning for content, sequencing and timing done by the classroom teacher.

As a retired teacher, I can only assume that those drafting the bill simply do not know how many research and preparation hours are spent by teachers in choosing content, designing the sequencing- (over a week/a month/a year)- of content presentation and figuring out when each content element is to be presented.

HB 1255 would prohibit teacher advocacy of certain doctrines. It is entirely incorrect in assuming that teachers "advocate"; they don't, they tell their students what has happened in the past and what is happening now. They seek their students' opinions about these events. This bill is drafted to invite unjustified complaints which could lead to unnecessary disciplinary proceedings against teachers.

Sincerely,

Wiltrud R. Mott-Smith

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Archived: Friday, February 25, 2022 9:12:50 AM
From: [Nancy Wightman](#)
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 7:06:56 PM
To: [~House Education Committee](#)
Subject: HB 1015 and HB 1255
Importance: Normal

Dear Education Committee,
I am opposed to both of these bills. HB 1050 and HB 1255.

Teaching objectionable material is a strange way to say you don't want anyone to know the facts. History needs to be taught to children. In simple terms it helps to avoid repeating the same mistakes. Teacher loyalty is humiliating to even suggest. Our teachers are our neighbors and care for their students and take teaching seriously.

Nancy Wightman, Cornish

Sent from my iPad

Archived: Thursday, February 10, 2022 11:15:56 AM
From: [Susan Howard](#)
Sent: Friday, January 21, 2022 10:35:22 PM
To: [~House Education Committee](#)
Subject: HB 1015
Importance: Normal

Good Evening,

I am requesting a NO Vote on HB 1015.

Respectfully,
Susan Howard

Archived: Friday, January 28, 2022 8:53:54 AM
From: Pamela Jordan
Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 10:58:40 AM
To: ~House Education Committee
Cc: Pamela Jordan
Subject: HB 1015
Importance: Normal

Dear Members of the NH House Education Committee,

As a parent of a Nashua high school junior who is taking courses on American history and government and as a politics professor at Southern New Hampshire University, I very much care about the quality of education and protecting academic freedom in the classroom. This is why I am writing you today to urge you **not** to support HB 1015.

This bill, if it were to become NH law, would reduce the quality of education and greatly weaken academic freedom. Parents should not have the legal right to deem classroom material “objectionable” and to target certain teachers for disciplinary action. As subject-matter experts, teachers must be able to use current events in the classroom. They must be able to teach students about the nuances of American history, which include details about slavery and its legacies that still shape American politics and culture today. Teachers are not indoctrinating our students; they are helping them acquire the critical-thinking skills and accurate information they will need to become responsible citizens in a liberal democracy. In addition to HB 1015, I strongly urge you to reject HB 1434 and HB 1255.

Thank you for your consideration and for your public service.

Sincerely yours,
Pamela A. Jordan, Ph.D.
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Archived: Friday, January 28, 2022 8:53:54 AM
From: John McCannon
Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 11:19:41 AM
To: ~House Education Committee
Subject: HB 1015
Importance: Normal

Dear Members of the NH House Education Committee,

As the father of a Nashua high school junior who is taking courses on American history and government, and also as a professor of history at Southern New Hampshire University, I care deeply about protecting educational quality and academic freedom in the classroom. This is why I am asking you **not** to support HB 1015.

This bill, if it were to become NH law, would reduce the quality of education and greatly weaken academic freedom. Parents should not have the legal right to deem classroom material "objectionable" and to target certain teachers for disciplinary action. As subject-matter experts, teachers must be able to use current events in the classroom. They must be able to teach students about the nuances of American history, which include details about slavery and its legacies that still shape American politics and culture today. Teachers are not indoctrinating our students; they are helping them acquire the critical-thinking skills and accurate information they will need to become responsible citizens in a liberal democracy. In addition to HB 1015, I strongly urge you to reject HB 1434 and HB 1255.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours,
John McCannon, Ph.D.
13 Ashland Street
Nashua, NH 03064

Archived: Friday, January 28, 2022 8:53:53 AM
From: [Kyleigh Rousseau](#)
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 6:39:00 AM
To: ~House Education Committee
Subject: Proposed Legislative Bills
Importance: Normal

Hello House of Education Committee,

I hope this email finds you all well and I want to thank you for all you do within our state to support young learners.

I am writing to you to ask for you to reject the following bills.

1. HB 1255 - Teacher Loyalty Bill
2. HB 1632
3. HB 1015
4. HB 1434
5. HB 1147
6. HB 1603

As a public school educator within the state, I feel as if it is my responsibility to stand up for New Hampshire children's rights and ask for you to reject the bills outlined in this email. We need to ensure that New Hampshire's children receive a high quality educational experience. Through the proposed bills we will sadly be limiting children's learning opportunities from early childhood until secondary education.

Please support New Hampshire's children and educators. If you have any questions please feel free to send me a message. I am more than happy to chat further. I hope you all have a wonderful day!

Sincerely,
Kyleigh P. Rousseau

Archived: Friday, January 28, 2022 8:53:55 AM
From: [Sarah Merrigan](#)
Sent: Friday, January 21, 2022 7:10:40 PM
To: [~House Education Committee](#)
Subject: Vote No on HB 1015 & HB 1255
Importance: Normal

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 1015 and HB 1255. These bills are unnecessary and do nothing to further public education in this state.

Thank you,
Sarah Merrigan

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Sarah Merrigan, LCSW
Co-Chair, NASW NH Children's Issues Committee
NASW NH Board Member-at-Large
Pronouns: she/her/hers

Archived: Friday, January 28, 2022 8:53:54 AM
From: [Kate Leonas](#)
Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 9:25:27 AM
To: ~[House Education Committee](#)
Subject: Vote NO on HB 1255, 1015 and 1434
Importance: Normal

To the attention of the House Education Committee,

I urge you to vote NO on HB 1255, 1015, 1434. The passage of these bills essentially discredits hard working public educational professionals at all levels: from the teachers in the classrooms to the State Board of Education. Curriculum at the local level is determined by national and state standards, and furthermore, approved by local boards of education. Regardless what some paranoid parents may think, teachers are not undermining democracy and brainwashing their students; they teach the required curriculum. Teachers are of course individuals with varying personal beliefs, but they are professionals and teach what has been determined at higher levels to be what students need to know. For example, I know a high school Biology teacher who is a Creationist, however she teaches evolution to her students because it is in the curriculum. She does not mention her personal beliefs or try to "indoctrinate" students. One of these bills demands that all curriculum materials be available to the public two weeks in advance of it being used in the classroom. This puts an undue burden on already overloaded teachers. For one thing, teachers have to be, even in the best of times, let alone during this pandemic, masters of flexibility. Plans can change and need to be reworked at the last minute due to student absences, an unexpected inability to get materials needed, or just the energy level/emotional state of the students. In addition, teachers are constantly revising/reworking materials as they see what works best for students, learn new skills, etc. It is not only unreasonable to ask them to make these materials available ahead of time, but the question also arises: where would these materials be posted and available to the public? Many teachers have Google classrooms or web pages that parents can access, but these should not be available to anyone-there is such a thing as professional propriety. Why should materials a teacher has developed be available, free to the general public? Lastly, part of HB 1015 states that if a parent finds curriculum "objectionable", that the teacher must provide alternative materials. That too, places unreasonable burden on the teachers. To revisit the evolution topic, is a Biology teacher supposed to provide a student with materials that teach Creationism, when it falls outside the scope of the approved science curriculum? The answer to that is a resounding NO. If parents do not like what is being taught in public schools, they should pay for private schools, or take on the full responsibility of educating their children by home schooling them...the costs of which I do NOT believe should be subsidized by all tax payers.

Thank you for your attention, please make choices that reflect the professionalism and experience of all who work in public education in New Hampshire, which was recently ranked FOURTH in the nation for the quality of our preK-12 education! <https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/rankings/education>

Clearly our schools are doing a great job! No changes like these are needed.

Kate F. Leonas
Merrimack, NH

Archived: Friday, January 28, 2022 8:53:53 AM

From: [Anne Knox](#)

Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 12:23:55 PM

To: [~House Education Committee](#)

Importance: Normal

Please vote no to HB 1255, 1679, 1434, 1015, and 1434. These bills do nothing to support teachers or students, however, if passed WILL damage a students' abilities to learn.

Thank you,

Anne Knox
Bedford NH

Archived: Friday, January 28, 2022 9:15:13 AM
From: [Charlotte Cody](#)
Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 12:28:22 PM
To: [~House Education Committee](#)
Subject: HB 1015 and HB 1434
Importance: Normal

Please vote No on the above two bills. Both of them are insulting not only to teachers but to people like me, who reside in New Hampshire and see nothing wrong with using current event to teach schoolchildren about how life works - things like Civics, for example. Teachers have been trusted to use their judgment in the classroom since the very beginning of public education. There is no reason whatsoever to change that now.

Sincerely,
Charlotte Cody
Rochester, NH

Archived: Friday, January 28, 2022 9:15:14 AM
From: [Lynn Goodnough](#)
Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 7:57:41 AM
To: [~House Education Committee](#)
Subject: HB 1015
Importance: Normal

Please vote NO on HB 1015.

Thank you,
Lynn Goodnough

Archived: Friday, January 28, 2022 9:15:14 AM
From: [Bryan Field](#)
Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 5:55:33 AM
To: [~House Education Committee](#)
Subject: HB 1015
Importance: Normal

Please vote NO on HB1015
Thank you,
Bryan Field

Bryan Field
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See my Gnomes at <https://bit.ly/3rLVdEG>
Check out my handcrafted pens.
www.bryan-field-pens.com
"Always expect the unexpected."

Archived: Friday, January 28, 2022 9:15:14 AM
From: [Deirdre Conway](#)
Sent: Friday, January 21, 2022 7:09:09 PM
To: [~House Education Committee](#)
Subject: HB 1015
Importance: Normal

Oh my goodness~teachers have so much to do- now add-m providing curriculum 2 weeks prior to teaching. This would be one more added burden to take away quality time teaching and all for nothing.

Not to mention- this bill would not allow any teacher to discuss current events.
PLEASE VOTE NO ON HB 1015.

Sincerely,
Deirdre B Conway
197 Fairview Lane
Alexandria NH 03222

Deirdre B. Conway
Grade 3 and 4 Teacher
Danbury Elementary School

Archived: Friday, January 28, 2022 9:15:13 AM
From: [L Carson](#)
Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 12:21:55 PM
To: [~House Education Committee](#)
Subject: HB 1015
Importance: Normal

Vote no please!

The idea that curriculum be changed by political whims or personal philosophy/prejudice at the drop of a hat is disturbing.

Communities set their curriculum by state and national guidelines.

This bill could mean teaching creationism as legitimate hard science and history. Do we go back to "the only good Indian is a dead Indian " or that the Jim Crow Era was justified? The Holocaust as a hoax?

Sincerely,

Linda Carson

Archived: Friday, January 28, 2022 9:15:14 AM

From: [Joline Manseau](#)

Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 9:35:54 AM

To: [~House Education Committee](#)

Subject: HB 1434 and HB 1015

Importance: Normal

Dear committee members,

I am asking you to vote no on house bill 1015 and house bill 1434—both would damage students' ability to learn. Students should have the ability to learn from facts, not from rose colored lenses, or a limited view of reality. Students who are forced to live in a bubble, would be at a disadvantage should they choose to go on to higher education or work in the real world.

Thank you,

Joline Manseau

Hollis NH

Archived: Friday, January 28, 2022 9:15:13 AM
From: [Donna Ackerman](#)
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 12:59:10 PM
To: [~House Education Committee](#)
Subject: HB1015
Importance: Normal

Dear House Education Committee Members,
HB 1015 creates additional restraints on teachers to address current events which in turn results in student ignorance. The idea that parents can object to curriculum and demand to view lesson plans two weeks in advance is absurd. Educators are highly trained professionals and should be treated as such. I would not want someone to operate on me simply because they have binge watched ten seasons of Grey's Anatomy any more than unqualified parents should be dictating curriculum that educators, administrators and school districts have constructed. Please vote NO on HB 1015.

Respectfully,
Donna V Ackerman Ed.D

Archived: Friday, January 28, 2022 9:15:13 AM
From: [Barbara Bryce](#)
Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 6:08:25 PM
To: [~House Education Committee](#)
Subject: NO to HB 1015
Importance: Normal

Dear House Education Committee,

Please do NOT support HB 1015, which is another attempt to dictate educational curriculum from a radical conservative agenda. Parents have plenty of access to comment on curriculum in their local schools. We do not need restrictions that pit parents and schools against one another, and would set up a series of legal challenges at the taxpayers' expense. This bill does not reflect free thinking in NH.

Sincerely yours,
Barbara A. Bryce, Psy. D.
Gilsum, NH

Archived: Friday, January 28, 2022 9:16:30 AM
From: [Kimberly Buchwald](#)
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 8:04:44 PM
To: [~House Education Committee](#)
Subject: NO to HB1015
Importance: Normal

Hello,

I am writing to you in opposition to HB1015. As a teacher, I think that this bill would prevent me from being able to effectively teach in my classroom. The part that is of most concern to me, is that teachers are to share their curriculum *materials* two weeks in advance and that parents would have the right to have the curriculum *materials* changed.

I am not concerned with sharing the curriculum as this is already public information and planned well in advance of two weeks. It is also generally available for public viewing online. Sharing curriculum materials two weeks in advance is completely unreasonable, especially for elementary teachers. Much of teaching is a responsive process where the materials that are used to teach the curriculum are created and planned in response to student outcomes a day or two beforehand. Furthermore, with the amount of work teacher's are given, to provide curriculum materials two weeks in advance puts an unnecessary burden on the workload of the teacher further hampering their ability to do their job effectively. I want to make clear that this is different than providing parents the curriculum itself which is something that in many districts is currently available for public viewing.

Thank you,
Kim Buchwald

Archived: Friday, January 28, 2022 9:15:14 AM
From: [Heidi Hamer](#)
Sent: Friday, January 21, 2022 6:26:15 PM
To: [~House Education Committee](#)
Subject: VOTE NO ON HB 1015
Importance: Normal

To the House Education Committee members,

Please oppose HB 1015

Thank you,
Gary Hamer - School Committee Member
Manchester Ward 10

Archived: Friday, January 28, 2022 9:15:13 AM
From: [Michelle Feller-Kopman](#)
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2022 8:43:17 AM
To: [~House Education Committee](#)
Subject: Vote NO on HB 1015
Importance: Normal

Dear House Education Committee:

Please vote NO on HB 1015. I am very much against everything this bill promotes.

Michelle Feller-Kopman
Plainfield, NH

Archived: Friday, January 28, 2022 9:15:14 AM
From: [Hank Marcy](#)
Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 10:25:55 AM
To: [~House Education Committee](#)
Subject: Vote no on HB1015
Importance: Normal

Dear House Education Committee members,

Please vote no on HB 1015. Teachers have enough to do to teach our kids and parents have plenty of ways to interact with teachers. Minutely following curriculum is a waste of time and effort and will, in my opinion, reduce the quality of education New Hampshire children receive.

Henry Marcy
Sutton

Sent from my iPhone

Archived: Friday, January 28, 2022 9:15:13 AM

From: [TTA Union](#)

Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 4:58:33 PM

To: [~House Education Committee](#)

Importance: Normal

Dear Committee Members,

Please vote NO on HB 1015.

Your calling is to the legislature. Others are called to medicine. Teachers are called to teach. Let us do our jobs without interference from parents and laws.

Do your job and vote NO so we can do our job and teach.

Coral Hampe

President

Timberlane Teachers' Association

Archived: Friday, January 28, 2022 9:15:13 AM
From: [Teresa Enos](#)
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 6:57:41 PM
To: [~House Education Committee](#)
Subject: H B # 1015
Importance: Normal

We are for this legislation. Please pass or keep it.
Thank you,
Manuel and Teresa Enos

Archived: Friday, January 28, 2022 9:23:09 AM
From: [Judith Caci](#)
Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 9:59:37 AM
To: [~House Education Committee](#)
Subject: HB1059
Importance: Normal

Education is based on complete knowledge in order to make intelligent decisions. Please vote no on HB1015 Judith Caci Melvin Village New Hampshire 03850

Sent from my iPad

Archived: Friday, February 25, 2022 9:12:50 AM
From: [ann podlipny](#)
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 4:16:55 PM
To: [~House Education Committee](#)
Subject: HB1255 and HB1015
Importance: Normal

Dear Committee Members, I urge you to vote 'NO' on HB1255 and HB1015, two bills that would suppress truth telling in public education. It is my firm belief that public education has always been a great benefit to society and that we need to support teachers who give students as much factual information as possible so that they can develop their critical and analytical skills. One sided and/or partial history is unjust. When I attended school in the late sixties we learned little to nothing about Black and Indigenous people and their history of oppression in this country. Thanks to what I have learned on my own since then, I have become better able to understand and intervene on behalf of many different kinds of people from all walks of life. Please kill these bills. We want our students to have full knowledge so they can fully participate in our democracy.

Ann Podlipny, Chester
I vote in every election.

Archived: Friday, February 25, 2022 9:12:59 AM
From: [Claudia Damon](#)
Sent: Monday, February 21, 2022 9:41:01 PM
To: [~House Education Committee](#)
Subject: NH voter asks you to reject HB1015 and HB1255
Importance: Normal

Dear House Education Committee,

I urge you to reject two bills which intend to suppress truth-telling and punish teachers for doing their jobs: HB1015 relative to school district policies regarding objectionable material, and HB1255 relative to teachers' loyalty.

These bills are so like laws introduced to Germany by the Nazis that they make me sick. My family suffered under the Nazis and I know what I am talking about. Nothing that reflected in the slightest way negatively upon Germany or its history was permitted to be taught in schools.

Public schools are essential to a democracy such as ours. Let's not pass bills that will end up dismantling our public schools by attacking teachers and limiting how and what they can teach in the classroom. Exploring history and ideas and concepts from far and wide throughout history is not propaganda or brainwashing or indoctrination. Teachers try to open students' eyes to the fullness of history and to teach students how to think so they can make their own judgments. Kids need to learn to think for themselves. This is how it has been in public education and still is and should continue to be.

Also parents should not have veto power over curriculum. The curriculum should be left to the professional educators. If there are individual issues, i.e. a parent doesn't want a child to read a certain book, I believe school districts have policies under which they can accommodate such a wish.

Thank you for your service.
Claudia Damon
Concord, NH

Archived: Friday, February 25, 2022 9:12:48 AM
From: [John Gregory Davis](#)
Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2022 1:45:25 PM
To: [~House Education Committee](#)
Cc: susan@meridenucc.org
Subject: Opposition to HB 1015 and HB 11255
Importance: Normal

Dear House Education Committee Members,

We are the Revs. John & Susan Gregory-Davis, and we are Co-Pastors of the Meriden Congregational Church, UCC here in Meriden, NH. **Along with our state conference, the largest Protestant denomination in NH, and in keeping with our shared commitment to racial justice, Susan and I once again wholeheartedly urge your opposition to both HB 1015 and HB 1255.** You may already have decided on HB 1015, and we very much hope you realized all the ways in which this unnecessary, burdensome, vague bill is completely “inexpedient to legislate.”

We understand that you may not be further considering HB 1255 until sometime next week, so we simply wish to reiterate our profound opposition to this pernicious and misguided legislation. As we noted previously, many in our church here in Meriden are astounded and deeply disturbed that such teacher censorship is even being considered. As people who take seriously the wisdom that knowing the truth is what makes us free, the only loyalty we believe we should seek from our teachers is to the truth. Surely we learned from the bad old days of the McCarthy era that such “loyalty” tests are bad for all of us. To teach the true history of our nation, including the ways in which systemic racism continues to challenge living most fully our democratic principles, is something we should hope for and expect from our teachers, not by way of indoctrinating our students, but rather so that they may learn to think critically for themselves.

Apart from the cynical and condescending tone of this bill with regard to the integrity and intelligence of our teachers, the vagueness of its language alone makes it “inexpedient to legislate.” For example, what is the socialism that cannot be taught? Can teachers no longer teach about the economic innovations that arose as part of the New Deal, e.g. social security and Medicare, which are certainly socialist to the degree that they entail government concern for our elderly? And if the three fifths compromise embedded in the Constitution, beyond which we have thankfully evolved, does not bespeak systemic racism at our founding, shall this simply now be prohibited from being taught? Are 240 years of chattel slavery, followed by 100 years of Jim Crow, and thousands of lynchings

(notably not even formally declared a “hate crime” until recently) not evidence of systemic racism from the terrible days of which we are still trying to recover?

This bill seems to arise more from fear and distrust of our students to understand and process the complexity of our history, than from any genuine concern for the quality, rigor, and honesty of the education being provided. What are its proponents so afraid of? Surely in a nation that touts itself as a democratic example for the world we can trust that even a rigorous comparison of our system of government to more oppressive forms tried elsewhere will still allow the benefits of our democracy to shine forth! **For the sake of the educational freedom of inquiry which is a bedrock principle of any democracy, for the sake of our already overworked teachers, for the sake of our children, and for God’s sake, please have the courage and the wisdom to find HB 1255 “inexpedient to legislate.”**

With prayers and blessings for your faithful deliberation,
Revs. John & Susan Gregory-Davis, Co-Pastors
Meriden Congregational Church, UCC
Meriden, NH

Archived: Friday, February 25, 2022 9:12:49 AM
From: gailhrdi@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2022 12:53:06 AM
To: ~House Education Committee
Subject: Please Reject HB 1015 and 1255 with a strong ITL Recommendation
Importance: Normal

Dear Education Committee Members:

I am a church pastor and a former school board member and workforce development consultant, and I have served in professional education roles at the high school, community college and university levels.

From these practical and moral vantage points, I can say that HB 1015 (focused on so-called "objectionable teaching materials") and HB 1255 (a McCarthy-esque throwback disparaging the "loyalty" of NH teachers) have no place in NH statutes and will be detrimental to the educational process and to honest inquiry in the classroom. Further, these bills, if passed, will serve only to further cement NH's developing reputation as a truly regressive and backwards environment due to its policies of muzzling and undermining teachers and thwarting critical thinking in the classroom and a truthful approach to the teaching of U.S. history. If the Legislature continues down this reputational path, it will undoubtedly have serious consequences in terms of attracting the in-migration NH requires to address employer needs. And it will encourage out-migration among young adults who will seek a healthier educational and policy environment for themselves and their families.

I am sure you understand that these bills did not bubble up locally (despite any protestations to the contrary). They are part of a well-funded, well-known national agenda focused on undermining public education through manufactured outrage regarding things that are *not* actually happening in NH classrooms. I attended the hearings for both HB 1015 and HB 1255 and testified at one of them. I heard conjecture and innuendo (and some emotional storytelling) but nothing even remotely persuasive in terms of a rationale for these bills. I would also caution that "legislation by anecdote" is not healthy for our state.

These bills are not necessary, they are destructive, they contain vague language that defies practical or legal interpretation, they seem to be in search problems that don't exist, and, frankly, they are unworkable. For all of these reasons (and more!), I implore you find HB 1015 and HB 1255 ITL.

Sincerely,
Rev. Dr. Gail Kinney, Canaan

Opposition to

HB 1603

Hb 1434

Hb 1147

HB 1015

HB 1255

My name is Susan Dromey Heeter: educator, writer, mother, activist. I am deeply opposed to these bills as they offer no benefit to students and educators of the state of New Hampshire.

These bills are insulting, disingenuous and, honestly, a good teacher already complies with what most of these bills are asking. As a solid educator myself, one who has taught in Alaska, taught for the Department of Defense, taught here in New Hampshire (and currently do), I am deeply offended by these bills on behalf of myself, my students, my colleagues, my place as a supporter of public schools.

As I type this, I am working on the application for a Summer Seminar program for Secondary School teachers offered through the National Endowment for the Humanities. I am a professional, looking to expand ways I can become a better educator, more knowledgeable, better able to engage my students.

These bills do precisely the opposite of what I am working on as an educator. I would ask those of you supporting these bills to find ways to support public educators and education. These bills are simply ways to thwart critical thinking and God knows, we need no more of that.

I invite you to contact me. I suspect that many of those supporting this bill have little if no education in the classroom. I am happy to share my experience, strength and hope in that venue. Let's work on supporting a solid educational program here in New Hampshire.

Thank you. Gracias. Tak. Merci. Danke.

Susan Dromey Heeter
15 Browning Drive
Dover, NH 03820

(603) 767-9627

I have been a teacher for 50 years. I teach my students to think critically and offer them different views of history. I also teach the truth: that is, I do not suppress viewpoints that may offend some people because they don't like them.

HB1255 would muzzle teachers and try to prevent them from teaching some uncomfortable truths about our nation's history that the authors of the bill object to because they are "a negative account or representation of the founding and history of the United States."

Our nation has much to be proud of and much to be ashamed of. We must allow teachers to do their job, as specified in the state's own curriculum standards, and to show all sides of the story, the glorious and the not so glorious.

Please oppose HB 1255, and also HB 1015, which allows parents to censor what their children are exposed to. The State of NH has a role in determining what constitutes a proper education and we should not forsake that role.

Sincerely,

David Blair
Harrisville, NH

**ALEX
McDERMID**

1/19/2022

To whom it may concern,

My name is Alex McDermid. I live in Newmarket and I am a School Psychologist working in the Dover School District. I am writing to voice my opposition to HB 1015. Requiring teachers to give two-week notice to parents on all curricula will put an extremely onerous burden on our already overworked educators. Then, the outrageous rule that teachers must offer alternatives based on student's convictions is completely unreasonable. I urge you to reconsider this bill. Our teachers and school staff are working extremely hard and doing their best to meet students' needs in these very difficult times.

Sincerely,

Alex McDermid, Ed. S.

School Psychologist

Thank you for your consideration on HB1015. I can see use of the words “objectionable material” as a vague term that opens the doors to censorship. I’m asking for leadership, your leadership, wise leadership that leads to justice. You have an important choice to recognize this kind of legislation can do harm in terms of justice. Please vote NO. I do not support HB1015.

Sincerely,

Mary N Boyle, Cornish NH resident

Archived: Thursday, February 10, 2022 11:15:56 AM

From: [Caroline Chase](#)

Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 11:22:45 AM

To: [~House Education Committee](#)

Subject: VOTE NO ON BILL 1015

Importance: Normal

Dear Committee Members,

This bill is damaging the freedom of thought concept ingrained in the Constitution of the United States. Instead, people who support this bill are similar to Communists where only a few decide how the whole country should be thinking. Really? Do we want to switch to Communism? This bill is outrageous and is an attack on every American!

Sincerely,

Caroline Chase

17 South London Drive

Nashua, NH 03062

Archived: Thursday, February 10, 2022 11:15:55 AM

From: June Smith

Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 1:38:06 PM

To: ~House Education Committee

Subject: Vote NO

Importance: Normal

I'm writing to you to ask you to vote NO on HB 1255 and to vote NO on HB 1015.

Thank you,

June Smith

**TITLE 1 TEACHER
390 BROAD ST.
NASHUA NH 03063**

smithju@nashua.edu



Archived: Thursday, February 10, 2022 11:15:56 AM
From: [Lydia Belanger](#)
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 10:52:22 AM
To: [~House Education Committee](#)
Importance: Normal

Please vote NO on HB1015. Thank you

HB1015

HB 1015

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

For the record, I am State Representative Glenn Cordelli representing Tuftonboro, Moultonborough and Sandwich in the beautiful Lakes Region.

Current law allows parents to opt-out their child from specific instruction and for alternate instruction to be agreed upon between the parent and school. There is some disagreement about the course instruction covered by RSA 186:11, IX-c. It has been read by some to apply to only sex education but most view the ability to opt-out to any instruction.

RSA 186:11, IX-b clearly applies to sex education as indicated in the paragraph heading and the language, and I quote "allowing an exception to a particular unit of health or sex education instruction".

RSA 186:11, IX-c, however, is headed "Require School Districts to Adopt a Policy Allowing an Exception to Specific Course Material Based on a Parent's or Legal Guardian's Determination that the Material is Objectionable". The following language simply specifies "notify the school principal or designee in writing of the specific material to which they object".

Parents should have the right to have to have input as to what is being taught to their children. To think that they just put their child on a school bus and have no say as to what goes on behind the schoolhouse doors is just plain wrong.

HB1015 clarifies that RSA 186:11, IX-c applies to any course of instruct. It also adds new language that granting of an alternative to a lesson shall not apply to an entire course but just a specific lesson.

Thank you.

Current Law:

IX-c. Require School Districts to Adopt a

- 1) Policy Allowing an Exception to Specific Course Material Based on a Parent's or Legal Guardian's Determination that the Material is Objectionable.
- 2) Such policy shall include a provision requiring the parent or legal guardian to notify the school principal or designee in writing of the specific material to which they object and a provision requiring an alternative agreed upon by the school district and the parent, at the parent's expense, sufficient to enable the child to meet state requirements for education in the particular subject area.
- 3) The policy shall also require the school district or classroom teacher to provide parents and legal guardians not less than 2 weeks advance notice of curriculum course material used **for instruction of human sexuality or human sexual education.**
- 4) The policy shall address the method of delivering notification to a parent or legal guardian. To the extent practicable, a school district shall make curriculum course materials available to parents or legal guardians for review upon request.
- 5) The name of the parent or legal guardian and any specific reasons disclosed to school officials for the objection to the material shall not be public information and shall be excluded from access under RSA 91-A.

HB1015:

IX-c. Require School Districts to Adopt a

- 1) Policy Allowing an Exception to Specific Course Material Based on a Parent's or Legal Guardian's Determination That the Material is Objectionable.**
- 2) Such policy shall require the school district or classroom teacher to provide parents and legal guardians not less than 2 weeks advance notice of curriculum course material to be used in classroom instruction and address the method of delivering notification to a parent or legal guardian.**
- 3) The policy shall also include a provision requiring the parent or legal guardian to notify the school principal or designee in writing of the specific material to which they object and a provision requiring an alternative agreed upon by the school district and the parent, at the parent's expense, sufficient to enable the child to meet state requirements for education in the particular subject area.**
- 4) The name of the parent or legal guardian and any specific reasons disclosed to school officials for the objection to the material shall not be public information and shall be excluded from access under RSA 91-A.**

New:

- 5) A student shall not be granted an alternative to the entire content of a specific course or program in one of the core knowledge areas pursuant to RSA 193-E:2-a but shall be granted an agreed upon alternative to a portion of a course or program lesson that violates the student's convictions.**



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House Education Committee

Good morning. My name is Megan Tuttle and I represent more than 17,000 professional educators in the state as President of NEA-New Hampshire.

After reading HB 1015, and other bills put forward this session regarding public education, I am left wondering “*Who would want to be a teacher right now? Have you seen how professional educators are being treated?*”

I’ll not spend time today trying to understand the motivation behind this bill, but I will call your attention to its flawed mechanics.

By imposing a 2-week notification mandate on all materials to be used in any classroom, this bill removes the use current events from every school in our state.

If an article were to appear in the Boston Globe, Wall Street Journal, or Concord Monitor that could be used to help teach a lesson, I would have to place that article on hold for two weeks while my school district notified parents of the planned use of that article in my classroom.

If there were no objections, two full weeks after the fact, the material could be introduced in my classroom. In a high school setting that uses a block schedule, that would be 14 days out of 90 that the material would be on hold. If there were an objection, prior to using the article I would have to select alternative content to submit for ‘mutual approval.’ Since the bill provides no mechanics for reaching ‘mutual approval,’ a single current event item could be on hold for the duration of the semester.

The use of current events is a required and vital part of the New Hampshire social studies curriculum standards. HB 1015 makes it impossible to use current events in any meaningful or practical way preventing students from developing analytical skills to support any opinion they could form.

Teachers are trained and experienced in education and have a duty to set their students up to be successful contributors to society. To do that, the ability to teach honest, complete facts about historical and current events without being censored by politicians must be protected. All children deserve a fact-based education that helps prepare them for their future.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Megan Tuttle".

Megan Tuttle
NEA-New Hampshire President

HB 1015 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **1015**

AN ACT relative to school district policies regarding objectionable material.

SPONSORS: Rep. Cordelli, Carr. 4; Rep. Osborne, Rock. 4; Rep. Moffett, Merr. 9; Rep. Rice, Hills. 37; Rep. Notter, Hills. 21; Rep. Ammon, Hills. 40; Rep. Hobson, Rock. 35; Rep. Gould, Hills. 7; Sen. Reagan, Dist 17; Sen. Avard, Dist 12

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This bill revises the requirements for school district policies providing an alternative to specific course material based on a parent or legal guardian's determination that the material is objectionable.

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 Two

AN ACT relative to school district policies regarding objectionable material.

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

1 1 School District Policy Allowing an Exception to Specific Course Material Based on Parent's or
2 Legal Guardian's Determination That the Material is Objectionable. RSA 186:11, IX-c is repealed
3 and reenacted to read as follows:

4 IX-c. Require School Districts to Adopt a Policy Allowing an Exception to Specific Course
5 Material Based on a Parent's or Legal Guardian's Determination That the Material is Objectionable.
6 Such policy shall require the school district or classroom teacher to provide parents and legal
7 guardians not less than 2 weeks advance notice of curriculum course material to be used in
8 classroom instruction and address the method of delivering notification to a parent or legal
9 guardian. The policy shall also include a provision requiring the parent or legal guardian to notify
10 the school principal or designee in writing of the specific material to which they object and a
11 provision requiring an alternative agreed upon by the school district and the parent, at the parent's
12 expense, sufficient to enable the child to meet state requirements for education in the particular
13 subject area. The name of the parent or legal guardian and any specific reasons disclosed to school
14 officials for the objection to the material shall not be public information and shall be excluded from
15 access under RSA 91-A. A student shall not be granted an alternative to the entire content of a
16 specific course or program in one of the core knowledge areas pursuant to RSA 193-E:2-a but shall be
17 granted an agreed upon alternative to a portion of a course or program lesson that violates the
18 student's convictions.

19 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.