

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**March 3, 2022**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Committee on Judiciary to which was referred HB  
1603-FN,**

**AN ACT defining certain school information as  
governmental records under the right to know law.**

**Having considered the same, report the same with the  
following resolution: RESOLVED, that it is  
INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

**Rep. Joe Alexander**

**FOR THE COMMITTEE**

## COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	<b>Judiciary</b>
Bill Number:	<b>HB 1603-FN</b>
Title:	<b>defining certain school information as governmental records under the right to know law.</b>
Date:	<b>March 3, 2022</b>
Consent Calendar:	<b>CONSENT</b>
Recommendation:	<b>INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE</b>

### STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Judiciary Committee unanimously believes we should be hesitant adding additional requirements into RSA 91-A. This bill provides for the inclusion of certain records of schools and school administrative units under the Right-to-Know Law. The Right-to-Know Law already provides for the information specified in this bill to be public and further defining what specifically applies to this statute might inadvertently limit the information already available under Right-to-Know. The Judiciary Committee believes RSA 91-A should be broad and encompassing so that the public will have access to as many government records as possible. This bill is opposed by Right-to-Know NH.

Vote 20-1.

Rep. Joe Alexander  
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk  
Cc: Committee Bill File

## CONSENT CALENDAR

### Judiciary

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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1603-FN**

**BILL TITLE:** defining certain school information as governmental records under the right to know law.

**DATE:** March 3, 2022

**LOB ROOM:** 206-208

**MOTIONS: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Moved by Rep. Alexander Jr.

Seconded by Rep. Merner

Vote: 20-1

**CONSENT CALENDAR: YES**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Kurt Wuelper, Clerk



2021 SESSION

Judiciary

Bill #: 1603 Motion: ITL AM #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exec Session Date: 2-3-22

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Gordon, Edward M. Chairman	✓		
McLean, Mark Vice Chairman	✓		
Sylvia, Michael J.	✓		
Wuelper, Kurt F. Clerk	✓		
Alexander, Joe H.	✓		
<del>Rice, Kimberly A.</del> EDWARDS	✓		
<del>Silber, Norman J.</del> MERNER	✓		
Greene, Bob J.	✓		
Kelley, Diane E.	✓		
Tausch, Lindsay ANDRUS	✓		
Trottier, Douglas R.	✓		
Smith, Marjorie K.	✓		
Berch, Paul S. WOODS	✓		
Horrigan, Timothy O.	✓		
DiLorenzo, Charlotte I.	✓		
Chase, Wendy	✓		
Kenney, Cam E.	✓		
Langley, Diane M.	✓		
McBeath, Rebecca Susan		✓	
Paige, Mark	✓		
Simpson, Alexis	✓		

*Kurt Wuelper*

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1603-FN

**BILL TITLE:** defining certain school information as governmental records under the right to know law.

**DATE:** 1-20-22

**LOB ROOM:** 206/8

**Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 11:15 AM

**Time Adjourned:** 11:35 AM

**Committee Members:** ~~Reps. Gordon, McLean, Wuelper, Sylvia, Alexander Jr., Notter, Merner, Greene, D. Kelley, Andrus, Trottier, M. Smith, Borch, Horrigan, DiLorenzo, Chase, Kenney, Langley, McBeath, Paige and Simpson~~

**Bill Sponsors:**

**Rep. Yokela, Rock. 33; Rep. Testerman, Merr. 2; Rep. Yakubovich, Merr. 24; Rep. Abrami, Rock. 19; Rep. Stapleton, Sull. 5; Rep. Santonastaso, Ches. 14**

TESTIMONY

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

**Rep Yokela sponsor Support** The purpose is to clarify that schools are public bodies and subject to RSA 91-A. Right-to-Know NH told me they were not happy with the adding any list to 91-A, so I have an amendment 2022-0191h that moves the language into a different statute.

**Q Gordon:** So, these are already covered by 91-A?

**Ans:** Yes. This is just to clarify these particular documents.

**Q** Would this to some extent limit what people think is subject to 91-A?

**Ans:** I did the best I could.

**Margaret Burns NHMA Opposed** 91-A already defines what is a government record and almost everything falls under that definition. Adding a list like this is unnecessary. If the bill is amended to only deal with retention of records under a school statute, we would have no position as long as it does only that.

**Barrett Christina: NHSBA Opposed** I agree with Ms., Burns. The retention of records is spelled out in RSA 33. Some things on the list are problematic: 'Out of district Placement' information for example can't be redacted enough to prevent identification in a small district. Other types of information have similar problems. There is no corresponding statute for school districts similar to RSA 33:3. About 15 years ago there was a retention period listing on the Department of Education website. It has been removed they took it down but its information is still accurate. The listing is comprehensive. In the amendment the retention period is not explicit.



**Rep Kurt Wuelper, Clerk**



# House Remote Testify

## Judiciary Committee Testify List for Bill HB1603 on 2022-01-20

Support: 9 Oppose: 81 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>
Hamer, Heidi	Manchester, NH heidi.hamer@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/16/2022 8:42 AM
Howland, Curtis	Manchester, NH howland@priss.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/16/2022 6:00 PM
Fenner-Lukaitis, Elizabeth	Warner, NH glukaitis@mcttelecom.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/17/2022 6:14 AM
Wazir, Safiya	Concord, NH S.wazir@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself and my constituents	Oppose	No	No	1/17/2022 7:29 AM
LeBlanc, Jennifer	Lebanon, NH workrelated.leblanc@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/17/2022 8:47 AM
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Iwaskiewicz, Joel	Epping, NH joel.iwaskiewicz@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/17/2022 9:37 AM
Bleier, Kimberly	Concord, NH bleier21@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/17/2022 10:06 AM
Glass, jonathan	Cornish, NH jglass1063@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/17/2022 10:27 AM
Frostholm, Margaret	Concord, NH pfrostholm@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/17/2022 10:27 AM
Downing, Christine	Goshen, NH cdowning@goshenschooldistrictnh.org	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/17/2022 10:49 AM
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Dalton, Lee Ann	Brentwood, NH dalton.leeann@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/17/2022 8:10 PM
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Oxenham, Evan	Plainfield, NH evan.oxenham@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/17/2022 10:00 PM
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**Archived:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 10:39:04 AM  
**From:** [Laura Colquhoun](#)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 18, 2022 12:41:03 PM  
**To:** [~House Judiciary Committee](#)  
**Subject:** I oppose bill HB1603-FN  
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee;

My name is Laura Colquhoun and I live in Nashua NH. I am opposed to HB 1603-FN, amending the RSA to list specific school records as governmental records under the right to know law.

RSA 91-A definition of a governmental record encompasses, in broad terms, the specific language that has been added with this bill. The broad language defining records should not be juxtaposed with a list of specific school records as called out in this amendment for curriculum, by-laws and policies, receipts, expenditures, RFP and RFP, etc. If the legislature starts adding specific records, RSA 91-A could become pages of listed public documents.

While school records are listed in this amendment, every other municipal office could request amendments to list their records to be included. RSA 33-a is the municipal disposition and retention schedule. This document provides a list of specific documents and document types to be maintained.

Relative to school documents, RSA 189:29-a delineates records retention and disposition as it applies to School Boards, superintendents, teachers and truant officers. Boards are responsible for setting policy directing Superintendents to establish retention schedules for all official school records. It is unclear why a state level record retention document does not exist for school records.

A governmental record as defined by RSA 91-A means: any information created, accepted, or obtained by, or on behalf of, any public body, or a quorum or majority thereof, or any public agency in furtherance of its official function. Without limiting the foregoing, the term "governmental records" includes any written communication or other information, whether in paper, electronic, or other physical form, received by a quorum or majority of a public body in furtherance of its official function, whether at a meeting or outside a meeting of the body. The term "governmental records" shall also include the term "public records." and public bodies include, by definition, any school district or SAU.

Specific exemptions defined in RSA 91-A:5 provide the restrictions that apply to records for non-disclosure.

Please keep the language for governmental records in the broadest possible terms and oppose HB1603-FN.

Very truly yours,  
Laura Colquhoun  
30 Greenwood Dr  
Nashua, NH 03062

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**Laura Colquhoun**





**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 1603. Including all the records suggested as available to the right-to-know laws would put an undue burden on our already overworked and stressed out teachers. It would also put educators at risk for harassment by outside parties for no purpose other than political division. Please do not pass 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

HB 1603-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2022 SESSION

22-2464

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HOUSE BILL            ***1603-FN***

AN ACT                defining certain school information as governmental records under the right to know law.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Yokela, Rock. 33; Rep. Testerman, Merr. 2; Rep. Yakubovich, Merr. 24; Rep. Abrami, Rock. 19; Rep. Stapleton, Sull. 5; Rep. Santonastaso, Ches. 14

COMMITTEE:          Judiciary

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ANALYSIS

This bill provides for the inclusion of certain records of schools and school administrative units under the right-to-know law, RSA 91-A.

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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.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

AN ACT defining certain school information as governmental records under the right to know law.

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

1 1 Right-to-know Law; Governmental Records; School Records. Amend RSA 91-A:1-a, III to read  
2 as follows:

3 III. "Governmental records" means any information created, accepted, or obtained by, or on  
4 behalf of, any public body, or a quorum or majority thereof, or any public agency in furtherance of its  
5 official function. Without limiting the foregoing[7] :

6 (a) The term "governmental records" includes any written communication or other  
7 information, whether in paper, electronic, or other physical form, received by a quorum or majority  
8 of a public body in furtherance of its official function, whether at a meeting or outside a meeting of  
9 the body.

10 (b) The term "governmental records" shall also include the term "public records."

11 (c) *The term "governmental records" includes, but is not limited to, a school's*  
12 *and school administrative unit's:*

13 (1) *Curriculum, including curriculum for all educator/staff training*  
14 *regardless of the source.*

15 (2) *Bylaws and policies.*

16 (3) *Receipts, expenditures, and supporting documentation.*

17 (4) *Requests for proposals (RFPs), responses to RFPs, and contracts.*

18 (5) *Articles of agreement.*

19 (6) *Out-of-district placement information with redaction of student*  
20 *identifying information.*

21 (7) *Complaints and responses to complaints with redaction of student*  
22 *identifying information.*

23 (8) *Communications with transportation providers related to route*  
24 *planning, staffing shortages, or any other matter that affects the ability of all students to*  
25 *be transported to and from school in a timely manner.*

26 (9) *Communication or other information about subparagraphs (1)-(8).*

27 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**HB 1603-FN- FISCAL NOTE  
AS INTRODUCED**

AN ACT defining certain school information as governmental records under the right to know law.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**     State             County             Local             None

LOCAL:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	\$0	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable

**METHODOLOGY:**

This bill provides for the inclusion of certain records of schools and school administrative units (SAUs) under RSA 91-A, the state “right-to-know” law. While it is not expected that this bill will have any impact on state budgets, there may be local school district impacts as this will likely generate additional “right-to-know” record requests. Any impact to local expenditures is indeterminable.

It is assumed any fiscal impact would not occur until FY 2023.

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