

REGULAR CALENDAR

February 23, 2022

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**The Majority of the Committee on Education to which
was referred HB 1670-LOCAL,**

**AN ACT relative to funds of the education freedom
account program after termination of a student's
participation and responsibilities of the scholarship
organization. Having considered the same, report the
same with the following resolution: RESOLVED, that it
is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Deborah Hobson

FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

**MAJORITY
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee:	Education
Bill Number:	HB 1670-LOCAL
Title:	relative to funds of the education freedom account program after termination of a student's participation and responsibilities of the scholarship organization.
Date:	February 23, 2022
Consent Calendar:	REGULAR
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill requires when a student enrolls in a public school, who had been using an education freedom account (EFA), that the scholarship program stop the student's participation and funding be terminated. The bill also requires audit by the scholarship organization and investigation of misuse of funds. The process for withdrawal from EFAs is well documented in administrative rules. The legislature has approved a measure for additional staff at the Department of Education to provide support for this program. Additionally, an oversight committee has been established to monitor this program. This legislation adds duplication and confusion to rules already in place.

Vote 10-9.

Rep. Deborah Hobson
FOR THE MAJORITY

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

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Education

HB 1670-LOCAL, relative to funds of the education freedom account program after termination of a student's participation and responsibilities of the scholarship organization. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Deborah Hobson for the **Majority** of Education. This bill requires when a student enrolls in a public school, who had been using an education freedom account (EFA), that the scholarship program stop the student's participation and funding be terminated. The bill also requires audit by the scholarship organization and investigation of misuse of funds. The process for withdrawal from EFAs is well documented in administrative rules. The legislature has approved a measure for additional staff at the Department of Education to provide support for this program. Additionally, an oversight committee has been established to monitor this program. This legislation adds duplication and confusion to rules already in place. **Vote 10-9.**

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participation and responsibilities of the scholarship
organization. Having considered the same, and being
unable to agree with the Majority, report with the
recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. David Luneau

FOR THE MINORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

**MINORITY
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee:	Education
Bill Number:	HB 1670-LOCAL
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Date:	February 23, 2022
Consent Calendar:	REGULAR
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill suspends the use of taxpayer money paid from a student's education freedom account when the student enrolls full time in a public school or becomes ineligible due to fraud or misuse of funds. In such cases, the account will be closed and any remaining taxpayer dollars will be returned to the state's education trust fund.

Rep. David Luneau
FOR THE MINORITY

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1670-LOCAL

BILL TITLE: relative to funds of the education freedom account program after termination of a student's participation and responsibilities of the scholarship organization.

DATE: February 23, 2022

LOB ROOM: 207

MOTIONS: **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Moved by Rep. Hobson

Seconded by Rep. Moffett

Vote: 10-9

CONSENT CALENDAR: NO

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Melissa Litchfield, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on Bill # 1670

BILL TITLE: Relative to funds of the education freedom account program after termination of a student's participation and responsibilities of the scholarship organization.
DATE: 2/23/22
LOB ROOM: 207

MOTION: (Please check one box)

- OTP
- ITL
- Retain (1st year)
- Adoption of Amendment # _____ (if offered)
- Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. Hobson Seconded by Rep. Moffett Vote: 10-9

MOTION: (Please check one box)

- OTP
- OTP/A
- ITL
- Retain (1st year)
- Adoption of Amendment # _____ (if offered)
- Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

MOTION: (Please check one box)

- OTP
- OTP/A
- ITL
- Retain (1st year)
- Adoption of Amendment # _____ (if offered)
- Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

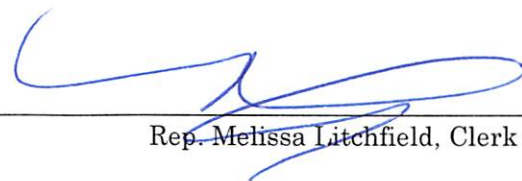
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- OTP
- OTP/A
- ITL
- Retain (1st year)
- Adoption of Amendment # _____ (if offered)
- Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

CONSENT CALENDAR: _____ YES _____ NO

Minority Report? Yes _____ No If yes, author, Rep: _____ Motion OTP

Respectfully submitted:  _____
Rep. Melissa Litchfield, Clerk



2022 SESSION

Education

Bill #: 1670 Motion: ITL AM #: _____ Exec Session Date: 2/23/22

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

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

PUBLIC HEARING on Bill # HB1670

BILL TITLE: relative to funds of the education freedom account program after termination of a student's participation and responsibilities of the scholarship organization.
DATE: 2/2/22

ROOM: 205-207

Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 2:00 PM

Time Adjourned: 2:15 PM

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

Rep Ham, prime sponsor

This bill requires that upon enrolling in a public school an education freedom account program student's participation and funding are terminated. The bill also requires audits by the scholarship organization and investigation of misuses of funds.

Rep Lekas, Outlined the law regarding EFA's , what if a parent has paid out of pocket and is waiting for money to be reimbursed, but then decide to put their child back in public school. Can they still be reimbursed for that money?

Response: Certainly

Rep Woodcock, Lines 19 and 20- change from may to shall. They will be audited?

Response: Yes

Rep Ladd, could the 5 days be extended to 10 days?

Response: Certainly, 10 days or 2 weeks.

Matt Southerton, technical assistance-

Rep Luneau, looking at page 1 starting at line 5. Current law says that suspends more state dollars from going in. It does not stop you from spending.

Response: That is correct.

Rep Boehm, If the tuition payments have already been made to the school and the child goes back to public school. There is no way of getting their money back?

Response: That is correct. Even if the money was returned, it would go directly back to the family.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Melissa Litchfield, Clerk

House Remote Testify

Education Committee Testify List for Bill HB1670 on 2022-02-02

Support: 90 Oppose: 4 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>
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Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:30 AM

From: [Kay Yeagley](#)

Sent: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 9:02:16 PM

To: [~House Education Committee](#)

Subject: Feb 2, 2022 remote testimony

Importance: Normal

My name is Kay Yeagley and I have been a Georges Mills, NH resident since 1973.

I would like to comment on today's bills that are before your committee. But before I give my input I would ask that as you take testimony and later vote on these bills that you ask yourself these four questions before deciding about each bill and that you have a reasonable answer for each.

If I vote for this bill what are the negatives?

If I vote for this bill what are the positives?

If I vote against this bill what are the negatives?

If I vote against this bill what are the positives?

My input for today's bills before your committee:

HB 1233 - I oppose this bill because I believe this is truly a minority opinion. It also appears, to me, as if this bill has been prepared by those who choose to place the burden of reducing infectious diseases on the general public rather than themselves.

HB1332 - I oppose this bill because I believe every person has a responsibility to the well being of the general population. When looking at the CDC National Center for Health Statistics 2019 Data Finder the vaccination rates for diseases we no longer worry about have an average rate above 80%. We are not an "every man for themselves" kind of state - are we?

HB 1670 - L I am in support of this bill because that student and their family need to be accountable to me and my tax dollar.

HB 1669 - FN - I am in support of this bill because local control is a very important part of this state's monetary philosophy. (You can't change boats in mid-stream without a great chance of falling in.)

HB 1669 - FN I am in support of this bill because I expect every single cent of my tax dollar to be properly administered and supervised.

Subject: In Opposition to HB 1670 relative to funds of the education freedom account program after termination of a student's participation and responsibilities of the scholarship organization.

From: Daniel Richardson <daniel6_22@comcast.net>

Date: 1/30/2022, 8:39 AM

To: HouseEducationCommittee@leg.state.nh.us

CC: Tom Lanzara <tomlanzara@gmail.com>, Dan Wolf <Dan.Wolf@leg.state.nh.us>, Brodie Deshaies <brodieforNH@gmail.com>

Ref: February 2, 2022 Public Hearing

House Education Committee -

I write in opposition to HB 1670. This bill would immediately yank a parents residual EFA funds back to the pool, without regard to the parents outstanding residual qualifying obligations, should the parent/student decide to return to public school. This bill would permanently terminate the EFA and force initiation of new EFA should the student decide to return to using EFA program. This bill forces a scholarship organization to make mandatory audits of individual EFAs, in addition to random audits of EFAs on an annual basis.

The bill's proposed immediacy of grabbing unexpended funds is totally unnecessary. Forcing scholarship organization to make mandatory audits of individual EFAs driven up EFA cost.

Please oppose HB 1670 and find as ITL.

Daniel Richardson, Nashua

Archived: Thursday, February 3, 2022 10:59:30 AM
From: [wm Langellotti](#)
Sent: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 8:08:07 PM
To: [~House Education Committee](#)
Subject: FEB 2 House Bills
Importance: Normal

NH House Education Committee Members,

Thank you.

We Oppose:

HB 1233, prohibiting higher education institutions receiving state funds from requiring face masks and COVID-19 vaccinations for attendance.

and **we oppose**

HB 1332, excepting public universities and colleges from requirements under medical freedom in immunizations.(No requirements for vaccines)

We support

HB 1670-L, relative to funds of the education freedom account program after termination of a student's participation and responsibilities of the scholarship organization (terminates EFA funds if student returns to district school and requires an audit of any misuse of funds)

We SUPPORT

HB 1669-FN, requiring the department of education to administer the education freedom account program.(brings the freedom accounts under state supervision)

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HOUSE BILL ***1670-LOCAL***

AN ACT relative to funds of the education freedom account program after termination of a student's participation and responsibilities of the scholarship organization.

SPONSORS: Rep. Ham, Graf. 5; Rep. Deshaies, Carr. 6; Rep. Wolf, Merr. 5

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This bill requires that upon enrolling in a public school an education freedom account program student's participation and funding are terminated. The bill also requires audits by the scholarship organization and investigation of misuses of 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 Two

AN ACT relative to funds of the education freedom account program after termination of a student's participation and responsibilities of the scholarship organization.

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

1 1 Education Freedom Accounts Program; Enrolling in Public School. Amend RSA 194-F:3, VI to
2 read as follows:

3 VI. Upon notice to the scholarship organization, an EFA student may choose to stop
4 receiving EFA funding and enroll full-time in a public school.

5 (a) Enrolling as a full-time student in the resident district public school shall result in:

6 (1) The immediate suspension of payment of additional funds into the student's
7 EFA. [~~However, an EFA that has been open for at least one full school year shall remain open and~~
8 ~~active for the parent to make qualifying expenditures to educate the student from funds remaining~~
9 ~~in the EFA. When no funds remain in the student's EFA, the scholarship organization may close the~~
10 ~~EFA.~~]

11 (2) **Termination of the EFA; and**

12 (3) **Any remaining funds being be transferred back to the education trust**
13 **fund.**

14 (b) If an eligible student decides to return to the EFA program, [~~payments into the~~
15 ~~student's existing EFA may resume if the EFA is still open and active.~~] a new EFA may be
16 established [~~if the student's EFA was closed~~].

17 2 Responsibilities of the Scholarship Organization; Audits; Misuse of Funds. Amend RSA 194-
18 F:4, X through 194-F:4, XIII to read as follows:

19 X. The scholarship organization [~~may~~] **shall** conduct or contract for the auditing of
20 individual EFAs, and shall at a minimum conduct random audits of EFAs on an annual basis.

21 XI. The scholarship organization [~~may~~] **shall** make any parent or EFA student ineligible for
22 the EFA program in the event of [~~intentional and~~] substantial misuse of EFA funds.

23 (a) The scholarship organization shall create procedures to ensure that a fair process
24 exists to determine whether [~~an intentional and~~] substantial misuse of EFA funds has occurred.

25 (b) If an EFA student is free from personal misconduct, that student shall be eligible for
26 an EFA in the future if placed with a new guardian or other person with the legal authority to act on
27 behalf of the student.

28 (c) The scholarship organization [~~may~~] **shall** refer suspected cases of [~~intentional and~~]
29 substantial misuse of EFA funds to the attorney general for investigation[~~if evidence of fraudulent~~
30 ~~use of EFA funds is obtained~~].

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1 (d) A parent or EFA student may appeal the scholarship organization's decision to deny
2 eligibility for the EFA program to the department.

3 XII. The scholarship organization may bar an education service provider from accepting
4 payments from EFAs if the scholarship organization determines that the education service provider
5 has:

6 (a) [~~Intentionally and~~] Substantially misrepresented information or failed to refund any
7 overpayments in a timely manner.

8 (b) Routinely failed to provide students with promised educational goods or services.

9 XIII. The scholarship organization shall create procedures to ensure that a fair process
10 exists to determine whether an education service provider may be barred from receiving payments
11 from EFAs.

12 (a) If the scholarship organization bars an education service provider from receiving
13 payments from EFAs, it shall notify parents and EFA students of its decision [~~as quickly as possible~~]
14 ***within 5 business days.***

15 (b) Education service providers may appeal the scholarship organization's decision to bar
16 them from receiving payments from the EFA to the department.

17 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.