

REGULAR CALENDAR

February 23, 2022

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**The Majority of the Committee on Education to which
was referred HB 1672,**

**AN ACT relative to misuse of education freedom
account funds. Having considered the same, report the
same with the following resolution: RESOLVED, that it
is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Alicia Lekas

FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

**MAJORITY
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee:	Education
Bill Number:	HB 1672
Title:	relative to misuse of education freedom account funds.
Date:	February 23, 2022
Consent Calendar:	REGULAR
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill requires the transfer of funds from terminated education freedom accounts to the education trust fund, requires investigation of and ineligibility for misuse of funds, and requires the Department of Education adopt the rules on policies and procedures for administration of the program. This bill has a plethora of problems. In addition, most of this has already been dealt with in rules and approved by the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules. We generally do not put into law an unnecessary bill, and this has now become unnecessary through rules.

Vote 10-9.

Rep. Alicia Lekas
FOR THE MAJORITY

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

REGULAR CALENDAR

Education

HB 1672, relative to misuse of education freedom account funds. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Alicia Lekas for the **Majority** of Education. This bill requires the transfer of funds from terminated education freedom accounts to the education trust fund, requires investigation of and ineligibility for misuse of funds, and requires the Department of Education adopt the rules on policies and procedures for administration of the program. This bill has a plethora of problems. In addition, most of this has already been dealt with in rules and approved by the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules. We generally do not put into law an unnecessary bill, and this has now become unnecessary through rules. **Vote 10-9.**

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**The Minority of the Committee on Education to which
was referred HB 1672,**

**AN ACT relative to misuse of education freedom
account funds. 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 1672
Title:	relative to misuse of education freedom account funds.
Date:	February 23, 2022
Consent Calendar:	REGULAR
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS

STATEMENT OF INTENT

The education freedom account program does not require the program administrator to refer suspected cases of fraud or misuse of taxpayer money to the Attorney General for investigation. This bill corrects what the minority believes is a serious flaw. The bill also 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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REGULAR CALENDAR

Education

HB 1672, relative to misuse of education freedom account funds. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. David Luneau for the **Minority** of Education. The education freedom account program does not require the program administrator to refer suspected cases of fraud or misuse of taxpayer money to the Attorney General for investigation. This bill corrects what the minority believes is a serious flaw. The bill also 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.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1672

BILL TITLE: relative to misuse of education freedom account funds.

DATE: February 22, 2022

LOB ROOM: 207

MOTIONS: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Moved by Rep. A. Lekas

Seconded by Rep. Cordelli

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 # 1672

BILL TITLE: Relative to misuse of Education freedom accts

DATE: 2/22/23

LOB ROOM: 207

MOTION: (Please check one box)

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

Moved by Rep. Lukas Seconded by Rep. Cordelli Vote: 10-9

MOTION: (Please check one box)

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

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

MOTION: (Please check one box)

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

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

MOTION: (Please check one box)

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

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

CONSENT CALENDAR: _____ YES _____ NO

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

Respectfully submitted: _____
Rep. Melissa Litchfield, Clerk



2022 SESSION

Education

Bill #: 1672 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	19		
Cordelli, Glenn Vice Chairman	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	11		
Luneau, David J.	10		
Cornell, Patricia	12		
Tanner, Linda L.	13		
Ellison, Arthur S. (Rep Wallner)	14		
Mullen, Sue M.	15		
Woodcock, Stephen L.	16		
Porter, Marjorie	17		
A. Hall, Muriel C.	18		
TOTAL VOTE:	19	0	

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1672

BILL TITLE: relative to misuse of education freedom account funds.

DATE: January 27, 2022

LOB ROOM: 207

Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 1:30pm

Time Adjourned: 1:40pm

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. Luneau

Rep. Myler

TESTIMONY

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

Rep. Luneau

- Introduced the bill and explained the intent and, compared it to HB1355, the difference, being 1672 was more comprehensive
- He emphasized the _____ of the expression "substantial misuse."

Rep. Cornell

- Asked about the change from State Ed. Dept. to State Ed Board.
- Rep. Luneau said it was a technical correction

Rep. Ladd

- Asked about the elimination or the term "intentional"

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Melissa Litchfield, Clerk

House Remote Testify

Education Committee Testify List for Bill HB1672 on 2022-01-27

Support: 107 Oppose: 11 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>
Fenner-Lukaitis, Elizabeth	Warner, NH glukaitis@mcttelecom.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/17/2022 6:17 AM
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Subject: Regarding HB 1672
Importance: Normal

Dear members of the NH House Education Committee,

With her permission, I am sending you a copy of a letter written by Monique Lavertu, Executive Director of St Kieran's enter for the Arts, in Berlin. She has written, far better than I could have done, about the shortsightedness of confining school curricula to 4 core areas.

Please read and very seriously consider what she has written.
Thank you,
Robin Peters Henne
Shelburne NH

Dear Members of the House Education Committee and my local representatives of the NH House,

I am writing today with a great deal of concern regarding HB1671 which removes a number of core educational components from our state's academic curriculum.

We, as a society, need to place high value in the future of this state and the students that will one day be in your seats. There is no argument that the curriculum must include math, science, language arts and social studies, however, equally important in this ever-evolving world are world language, engineering, computer science, digital literacy, physical education and the arts & humanities. New Hampshire is fortunate to have a strong education system, albeit equitable funding could still use some work. We should not be looking to send a message that our students would be sufficiently educated by 4 core subject areas and a happenstance on the other skills, talents and focus that will produce the workforce of our future and the 'fire' in our communities. The educational disciplines that are listed as 'non-core' in this bill are likewise responsible for giving each student a fair chance to learn from multiple experiences.

Does it come down to money and funding? It appears so! What price can we put on an individual with a well-rounded education. Students can learn many things via television and gaming screens, yet we know that this type of passive environment does not stimulate the brain as much as a series of active and engaging teachable moments. We have made use of Zoom and other such platforms to get us through the tough educational times associated with the COVID pandemic. We've seen some positive outcomes and have heard many a tale of the negative results as well. The nation has lost many valuable educators as a result of the additional stresses associated with forced on-line learning.

We cannot be serious about allowing this bill to actually take hold. Educators in all disciplines navigate similar training and education prior to stepping a single foot in a classroom. Those disciplines, identified here as non-core, require additional and specialized training to ensure the effective delivery of their own subject matter. They certainly cannot be replaced by the "...VLACS or some other means..." as the commissioner suggested in a recent interview. VLACS has its place and some students are fortunate to have access to those programs, however, this is not the educational norm that our students deserve; it is also not the educational format traditionally funded by the state's taxpayers.

Yes, one can have composition projects in music class, visual arts experiences in language arts lessons, discussions of health and physical activity in social studies; ALL of these topics can be integrated. However, that does not mean that this process is what is best for our students. Few people can teach the importance of physical activity better than the physical education specialist. Few people can invoke the benefits of music and art in to everyday existence better than the music and arts specialists. It strikes me as eerily similar to allowing a general physician to step in for the many specialists on which we so depend for our personal health care concerns. Yes, the Nurse Practitioner can do many things to positively affect the health and well-being of his/her patients, but one could not be expected to know everything about all

of the many intricate systems in our bodies. So, too, it is in education. School systems must work to provide the best education possible for our students and the best education includes ALL of the above mentioned disciplines as a rule. Education is already negatively impacted by so many distractions in and out of the classrooms. . Let's not make it worse by minimalizing what having a decent education entails. Build a strong, well-rounded education system and build a strong future; for students, for pass times, for careers, for businesses, for economics, for society, for engagement, for compassion, for confidence, for life!

The main purpose of education isn't just to receive a certification that leads to a career, but to become a well-rounded person in so many aspects of life. - Edmond Mbiaka

I strongly oppose HB 1671 and hope that people are made aware of the introduction of this outrageous bill and take the time to voice their concerns.

Monique Lavertu
Berlin

Sent from my iPad

HB 1672 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **1672**

AN ACT relative to misuse of education freedom account funds.

SPONSORS: Rep. Luneau, Merr. 10; Rep. Myler, Merr. 10

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This bill requires the transfer of funds from terminated education freedom accounts to the education trust fund, requires investigation of and ineligibility for misuse of funds, and requires the department of education adopt the rules on policies and procedures for administration of the program.

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 misuse of education freedom account funds.

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

1 1 Education Freedom Accounts; Program Funds. Amend RSA 194-F:2, VII to read as follows:

2 VII. An EFA shall remain in force, and any unused funds shall roll over from quarter-to-
3 quarter and from year-to-year until the parent withdraws the EFA student from the EFA program,
4 **the student becomes ineligible for the program**, or until the EFA student graduates from high
5 school, unless the EFA is closed because of a substantial misuse of funds. Any unused funds shall
6 revert to the education trust fund established in RSA 198:39 and be allocated to fund other EFAs.

7 2 Accounts; Termination. Amend RSA 194-F:3, VI(a) and (b) to read as follows:

8 (a) Enrolling as a full-time student in the resident district public school shall result in
9 the immediate suspension of payment of additional funds into the student's EFA [~~However, an EFA~~
10 ~~that has been open for at least one full school year shall remain open and active for the parent to~~
11 ~~make qualifying expenditures to educate the student from funds remaining in the EFA. When no~~
12 ~~funds remain in the student's EFA, the scholarship organization may close the EFA~~], **termination**
13 **of the EFA, and the transfer of any remaining funds back to the education trust 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 3 List of Education Service Providers. Amend RSA 194-F:4, I to read as follows:

18 I. The scholarship organization shall maintain an updated list of education service providers
19 and shall ensure that the list is publicly available through various sources, including the [~~Internet~~]
20 **department's website**.

21 4 Scholarship Organization Responsibilities. Amend RSA 194-F:4, XI-XVII to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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~~] **state board of education**.

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~~] **state board of education**.

17 XIV. The scholarship organization may accept gifts and grants from any source to cover
18 administrative costs, to inform the public about the EFA program, or to fund additional EFAs.

19 XV. The department shall adopt rules that are necessary for the administration of this
20 chapter.

21 [~~XVI. The scholarship organization shall adopt policies or procedures that are necessary for
22 the administration of this chapter.~~] This may include policies or procedures:

23 (a) Establishing or contracting for the establishment of an online anonymous fraud
24 reporting service.

25 (b) Establishing an anonymous telephone number for fraud reporting.

26 (c) Requiring a surety bond for education service providers receiving more than \$100,000
27 in EFA funds.

28 (d) Refunding payments from education service providers to EFAs.

29 (e) Ensuring appropriate use and rigorous oversight of all funds expended under this
30 program.

31 [~~XVII.] XVI.~~ The scholarship organization shall not exclude, discriminate against, or
32 otherwise disadvantage any education provider with respect to programs or services under this
33 section based in whole or in part on the provider's religious character or affiliation, including
34 religiously based or mission-based policies or practices.

35 5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.