

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

# **HB1218**

# Bill as Introduced

HB 1218-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2022 SESSION

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Approved: May 03, 2022

Effective Date:

I. Section 10 effective July 1, 2023

II. Remainder effective May 3, 2022

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# Committee Minutes

**SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE**  
**Education**

Sen Ruth Ward, Chair  
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Sen Denise Ricciardi, Member  
Sen Jay Kahn, Member  
Sen Suzanne Prentiss, Member

Date: March 2, 2022

**HEARINGS**

Tuesday	03/08/2022
(Day)	(Date)
Education	Legislative Office Building 101 9:00 a.m.
(Name of Committee)	(Place) (Time)
9:00 a.m. <b>HB 1521-FN</b>	requiring the department of education to provide the house and senate standing committees responsible for education with written copies of the laws relative to education.
9:15 a.m. <b>HB 1218-FN</b>	relative to the merger of Granite State college with the university of New Hampshire.
9:30 a.m. <b>HB 1653-FN</b>	relative to educational and employment opportunities and protections for military families and their dependents.
9:45 a.m. <b>HB 1575-FN</b>	relative to waiver of tuition in the university system and community college system.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

**Sponsors:**

**HB 1521-FN**

Rep. Tanner  
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# Senate Education Committee

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**Hearing Date:** March 8, 2022

**Time Opened:** 9:26 a.m.

**Time Closed:** 9:54 a.m.

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

**Members of the Committee Absent :** None

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**Who supports the bill:** Senator Ruth Ward, Senator John Reagan, Senator James Gray, Representative Rick Ladd, Catherine Provencher (USNH), Mike Decelle (USNH)

**Who opposes the bill:** None

**Who is neutral on the bill:** None

**Summary of testimony presented:**

**Senator Jay Kahn - Senate District 10**

- Senator Kahn introduced HB 1218-FN on behalf of Representative Ladd.
- He cosponsored this bill.
- This bill passed the House Education Committee unanimously.
- Last fall, the university system presented to a legislative oversight committee which preceded the introduction of this bill. That presentation was about the university systems request for support of this merger.
- The legislative oversight committee did provide a recommendation of support of this merger. Senator Ward chaired this oversight committee.

**Catherine Provencher - Chief Administrative Officer, University System of New Hampshire**

**Mike Decelle - Dean, UNH Manchester and Granite State College**

- The former President of Granite State College, Mark Rubinstein, left last fall to become the Chancellor of the Community College System of NH (CCSNH.)
- The question is how we can think differently about the structure and delivery of higher education.
- We are facing demographic challenges in the future.
- We must ask how students want their education delivered by rethinking about the way they operate today.
- Following President Rubinstein's departure, all parties supported the idea of merging Granite State College within the university system.
- This bill preserves the name and mission of Granite State College.
- USNH is working with CCSNH as well on this merger.
- The bill, as written, would provide by July 2023,
- Degrees will not be awarded by Granite State College but by the University of New Hampshire (UNH.)
- If this bill is to pass, they need to start planning.
- This merger is not just about students at Granite State College or UNH Manchester. It is more about online infrastructure through impactful online delivery. That resource will be shared across the university system.
- This merger is motivated by the headwinds we face, the opportunity to better serve NH students and the broader market for online education.
- Granite State College has relatively low name recognition within the state. This merger will offer a collective benefit and solidify Granite State College's performance.
- Senator Prentiss asked Ms. Provencher and Mr. Decelle about the composition of the board of trustees and if this bill would change the structure.
  - Ms. Provencher said they've maintained a student representative in the rotation on the board of trustees. Granite State College students are not traditional, residential students. While this college will be under UNH, that population will maintain a student trustee.
- Senator Kahn asked Mr. Decelle what his title is.

- Mr. Decelle said he has been the Dean of UNH Manchester for the last six years. Now, he is the Chief Administrative Officer at Granite State College following Chancellor Rubinstein's departure.
- Senator Kahn asked Mr. Decelle if this bill is to pass, what his title will be and what the college's title become.
  - Mr. Decelle said while Granite State College will maintain its name as a division under UNH, they will be calling it the UNH College of Professional Studies, of which he will lead. This college will serve non-traditional adult learners advancing their careers. They would absorb Granite State College personnel, where some personnel will start to serve online tech needs.
- Senator Kahn asked Mr. Decelle about degree titles and how they visualize these degrees. Does UNH Manchester already have a designation on a degree.
  - Mr. Decelle said yes, the degree is signed by the college dean and the name of the college is identified specifically on the diploma. UNH Manchester would be renamed as the College of Professional Studies with Granite State as a discrete division in that college.
- Senator Kahn asked Mr. Decelle what degrees this college will offer.
  - Mr. Decelle said they will offer the same degrees as offered today, i.e. associate's, bachelor's and master's degrees. All of which will be offered online. UNH Manchester confers a small number of associate's degrees, however, they have been trying to scale those back in favor of those degrees being issued by the CCSNH.
  - The bulk of UNH Manchester's undergraduate degrees are offered in a residential, face-to-face learning format. Their graduate degrees are a mix of face-to-face and online. They will have a much broader, richer list of offered programs. The degrees they issue will remain the same.
- Senator Kahn asked Mr. Decelle for clarity on what those degrees will be as the legislature grants them the ability to issue degrees.
  - Mr. Decelle said the inclusion of colleges on the diploma is more stylistic on at this point. On a student's transcript, they are issued from UNH only.
  - Ms. Provencher added that this legislation provides the authority for UNH to award the degree, not the College of Professional Studies.
- Senator Kahn asked for clarity on whether or not Granite State College will be identified on the degree.

- Mr. Decelle not as such, UNH will issue the credential. Ms. Provencher added that this will begin in 2023. Mr. Decelle said they would continue to issue Granite State College degrees through July 1, 2023 only, if this bill were to pass. Granite State College, as a body politic, would be eliminated as of July 1, 2023.
- Senator Kahn asked Mr. Decelle about enrollment in Granite State College and it running ahead of the curve for a while. He asked if the merger has had a positive effect or has enrollment gone down.
  - Mr. Decelle said it is too early to know what effect the merger has had. They operate as a completely financially stable and independent organization right now.
  - All personnel remain in place, finance and HR organizations are the only organizations that have been integrated thus far. This made sense for the merger to look at financial analysis.
  - They ran positive margins for many years. It has seen a shallow decline in credit hour demand, which is a proxy for enrollment. However, they have been able to manage their cost structure to stay net positive. There is great opportunity in online learning market.
- Senator Kahn asked Mr. Decelle about the financial disclosure for Granite State College. He wonders how this will be envisioned in the future, if it will be visible to a legislator to see the net positive margin or if it will be dissolved in FY24.
  - Ms. Provencher said in the audited financial statements, Granite State College will not be broken out. Financial activity by college can always be provided upon request. It will become part of the breakout for UNH after the merger. All colleges have internal financial statements that are not subject to external financial audit.
  - Ms. Provencher said there is a real commitment to continue with the open-enrollment access and lower tuition rates seen at Granite State College.
  - Mr. Decelle said while UNH retails at upwards of \$700 per credit hour, Granite State College's credit rate for in-state students is \$314 per credit hour, of which they plan to maintain. That is the price point you need to be at.
- Senator Kahn asked Ms. Provencher about Keene State and ongoing conversations about governance. He has concerns about the role of the legislature staying present in this progress and change. It is important that communication stay open between the system and the legislature. The legislature should not be blindsided by decisions, however, the legislature should be partners in those decisions.

- Ms. Provencher said Representative Rick Ladd and Senator James Gray sit on their board. Both Representative Ladd and Senator Gray provide healthy and informed dialogue on the board. Last week, the board unanimously named Jim Dean as Interim Chancellor for the university system. The motivation behind this decision was to acknowledge the state of transition we are currently in. The next wave of work will be evaluating and accessing student-based services. The temporariness of Jim Dean being chancellor acknowledges the constantly changing dialogue taking place.

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Date Hearing Report completed: March 9, 2022



# Speakers





# Senate Remote Testify

Education Committee Testify List for Bill HB1218 on 2022-03-08

Support: 2 Oppose: 0

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>
Ward, Senator Ruth	An Elected Official	Senate District 8	Support
Reagan, Senator John	An Elected Official	Senate District 17	Support

# Testimony

Granite State College

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UNIVERSITY

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New Hampshire

University System  
of New Hampshire

## Senate Education Committee

March 8, 2022

HB 1218, relative to the merger of Granite State college with the university of New Hampshire

Testimony of Catherine Provencher, Chief Administrative Officer, USNH  
Mike Decelle, Dean, UNH Manchester and Granite State College

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today about the future of the University System.

As members of this committee are aware, the University System has been diligently working to address the many headwinds facing higher education in the Northeast to continue meeting our mission of providing access to affordable, high-quality public higher education for the citizens of New Hampshire. We believe HB 1218 is an important piece of that work and want to share our thanks to Senator Ward, Representative Ladd, the members of the Public Higher Education Study Committee and other sponsors of the legislation for their help in developing this careful change to our governing statute.

Currently, Granite State College, a component of the University System, and UNH Manchester, a college of UNH, successfully pursue very similar missions focused largely on professional studies and non-traditional students. Because of these similarities, however, the colleges often compete for students while duplicating resources on instruction, administration, and facilities. Most simply, HB 1218 will allow us to address this duplication through the establishment of a single college of professional studies that we believe will better serve our students while reducing costs across the university system.

We want to emphasize three important points:

- 1) We intended to preserve the name as well as the important identity of Granite State College. As such, enrollment to GSC will remain open access and tuition rates will remain lower than the other programs in the system. We recognize the importance of these principles to our students and partners, including the Community College System and the business community.

- 2) While this bill most directly impacts GSC and UNH, the combined technological infrastructure of these two institutions will be a tremendous asset to Keene State College and Plymouth State University, creating an IT framework that will allow all our campuses to bring their programs online more effectively and broaden our reach.
- 3) We do not anticipate any forced layoffs as a part of this merger.

This proposal was developed by a cross-section of the USNH community, including most notably Granite State College's former president and the current leadership team, GSC alumni trustees and a student trustee, as well as the presidents and leadership teams of UNH, Plymouth State University and Keene State College, and ultimately supported by a unanimous vote of the USNH Board of Trustees. Further, as mentioned earlier, the bill has been recommended and cosponsored by all the members of the joint Public Higher Education Study Committee following a series of meetings last fall.

HB 1218 will allow the university system to better serve our students, and in turn the state, by providing affordable, accessible, aligned, and integrated higher education to any student seeking a degree or credential. It is an important step in a necessary evolution of the university system that we are confident will aid us in strengthening our institutions and preserving their benefits for future generations.

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## **Debra Martone**

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**From:** Thomas Cronin <thomas.cronin@unh.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2022 9:34 PM  
**To:** Debra Martone  
**Cc:** Catherine Provencher  
**Subject:** Follow-up: Sen. Daniels' question on GSC Tuition

Hi Deb,

Earlier today, Sen. Daniels and Cathy Provencher spoke for a few minutes about HB 1218, legislation merging Granite State College with UNH. The Senator had a question about tuition rates at GSC. On behalf of Cathy, please find the response below.

Please let us know if you have any questions,

Tom

Good evening Chairman Daniels,

Thank you for your time this afternoon and for raising your question about future tuition rates at Granite State College.

Through this merger we are committed to preserving the important identity of Granite State College. As such, enrollment to GSC will remain open access and tuition rates will remain lower than the other programs in the system. We recognize the importance of these principles to our students and partners, including the Community College System and the business community. Further, we acknowledge the highly competitive and cost-sensitive nature of the online adult education market and the critical importance of price to remaining relevant and successful in that market.

We believe we will be able to maintain lower tuition rates at GSC in large part because of the unique characteristics of the college and its typical students. Open access enrollment lowers the barriers to entry for GSC students, which also broadens our potential applicant pool and helps us to enroll more future graduates. Online coursework, the primary delivery method for GSC, further reduces cost compared to traditional in-person instruction. GSC will continue to provide most courses asynchronously, which permits fewer, part-time faculty to offer courses with higher enrollments compared to their in-person counterparts. Additionally, online coursework does not rely on the physical infrastructure requisite for other colleges.

More broadly, and in the longer-term, we expect to realize some savings through the elimination of duplicate courses while also expanding enrollments and revenues at GSC by marketing with the UNH brand and expanding online offerings in high demand programs.

When taken together, we are confident the features that make a GSC degree attractive to the state's adult and non-traditional students, coupled with the opportunities made possible by the proposed merger, will permit us

to sustain our commitment to continue offering GSC credits at a lower price point than other colleges in the university system.

I hope this helps to address your questions. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you or other members of the committee have any follow-up.

Sincerely,

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Chief Administrative Officer and Vice Chancellor for Financial Affairs and Treasurer  
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# Voting Sheets

**Senate Education Committee**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD**  
*2022-2023 Session*

VCB  
 VCR

Bill # HB 1218-FN

Hearing date: 3/8/22

Executive Session date: 3/8/22

Motion of: OTP Vote: 5-0

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Motion of: consent Vote: 5-0

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Reported out by: Jen. Kahn

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# Senate Finance Committee

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bill # HB 1218-FN

Hearing date: N/A

Executive session date: 03/22/22

Motion of: Opp

VOTE: 6-0

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# Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE  
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

THE COMMITTEE ON Education

to which was referred **HB 1218-FN**

AN ACT

relative to the merger of Granite State college with  
the university of New Hampshire.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

Senator Jay Kahn  
For the Committee

This bill merges Granite State College into the University of New Hampshire and would support the promotion of online learning infrastructure in New Hampshire's higher education system. This bill would benefit the students of Granite State College, often non-traditional adult learners looking to advance their careers, with the resources and name recognition extended by the University of New Hampshire. This merger would also ensure that the low, affordable credit hour rate for in-state students by Granite State College remains. The combined technological infrastructure is expected to be a tremendous asset to all University System campuses. No forced layoffs are anticipated as a part of this merger.

Ava Hawkes 271-3266

FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

**EDUCATION**

**HB 1218-FN**, relative to the merger of Granite State college with the university of New Hampshire. Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Jay Kahn for the committee.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
SENATE  
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

THE COMMITTEE ON Finance

to which was referred **HB 1218-FN**

AN ACT

relative to the merger of Granite State college with  
the university of New Hampshire.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS

BY A VOTE OF: 6-0

Senator Erin Hennessey  
For the Committee

Deb Martone 271-4980



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03/03/2022	S	Hearing: 03/08/2022, Room 101, LOB, 09:15 am; SC 10
03/09/2022	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 03/17/2022; Vote 5-0; CC; SC 11
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