

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

SB75

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SB 75 - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

21-1032
06/05

SENATE BILL **75**

AN ACT relative to school district information on the COVID-19 dashboard maintained by the department of health and human services.

SPONSORS: Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Sen. Whitley, Dist 15; Rep. Murphy, Graf. 12

COMMITTEE: Health and Human Services

ANALYSIS

This bill requires the department of health and human services to update the COVID-19 dashboard daily as it pertains to school districts and education.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 One

AN ACT relative to school district information on the COVID-19 dashboard maintained by
the department of health and human services.

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

- 1 1 Department of Health and Human Services; Department of Education; COVID-19 dashboard.
2 I. The department of health and human services and the department of education shall
3 develop mutually standardized daily reporting criteria for schools and school districts.
4 II. The department of health and human services shall update the COVID-19 dashboard for
5 all positive cases of COVID-19 in each school and school district regardless of whether a school is
6 conducting classes remotely or in person.
7 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Committee Minutes

SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE
Health and Human Services

Sen Jeb Bradley, Chair
Sen James Gray, Vice Chair
Sen Kevin Avard, Member
Sen Tom Sherman, Member
Sen Rebecca Whitley, Member

Date: January 20, 2021

HEARINGS

Thursday	01/28/2021
(Day)	(Date)
Health and Human Services	REMOTE 000 1:00 p.m.
(Name of Committee)	(Place) (Time)
1:00 p.m. SB 59	relative to the collaborative care model service delivery method.
1:15 p.m. SB 74	relative to advance directives for health care decisions.
1:45 p.m. SB 75	relative to school district information on the COVID-19 dashboard maintained by the department of health and human services.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

Sponsors:

SB 59

Sen. Sherman
Rep. Woods

Sen. Bradley

Sen. Rosenwald

Rep. Marsh

SB 74

Sen. Sherman
Sen. Prentiss

Sen. Bradley
Sen. Watters

Sen. Rosenwald
Rep. Marsh

Sen. Whitley
Rep. Woods

SB 75

Sen. Prentiss

Sen. Whitley

Rep. Murphy

Griffin Roberge 271-3042

Jeb Bradley
Chairman

Senate Health and Human Services Committee

Kirsten Koch 271-3266

SB 75, relative to school district information on the COVID-19 dashboard maintained by the department of health and human services.

Hearing Date: January 28, 2021

Time Opened: 2:58 p.m. **Time Closed:** 3:11 p.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Bradley, Gray, Sherman and Whitley

Members of the Committee Absent : Senator Avard

Bill Analysis: This bill requires the department of health and human services to update the COVID-19 dashboard daily as it pertains to school districts and education.

Sponsors:

Sen. Prentiss

Sen. Whitley

Rep. Murphy

Who supports the bill: Senator Prentiss, District 5; Senator Whitley, District 15; Senator Watters, District 4; Rep. Wazir, Merr 17 ; Brian Hawkins, NEA-NH; Frederick Rice; Nicole Fordey; Barbara Glassman; Jason Weisbrot.

Who opposes the bill: Andrew Manuse; Laura Condon; Alvin See.

Who is neutral on the bill: David Wieters, Department of Health and Human Services; Christine Brennan, Department of Education.

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Senator Prentiss

NH Senate District 5

- Re-opening decisions should be data driven.
- Schools with in-person learning report their cases. Schools doing remote learning do not report their COVID cases. If the school is in remote status, and staff or students test positive, it is not reported as a school case, but instead the case is reported as community transmission.
- Not all schools report to the state. Some maintain their own dashboards for COVID-19 reporting.
- Senator Whitley said, she has heard similar issues and desires for accurate data. She then asked, what have you heard about a lack of state guidance for school boards in your communities?

- Senator Prentiss said there is a specific set of guidance on the dashboard provided by the state, but some schools are maintaining their own dashboard and there is a concern that there is a lack of guidance in schools maintaining on their own dashboard.
- Senator Bradley said, there could be a non-legislative solution to this problem.

David Wieters

NH Department of Health and Human Services

- Mr. Wieters said that he manages the electronic dashboards and the system could be improved.
- Mr. Wieters said he acknowledged the two different perspectives.
 - (1) Students going to school with COVID-19 are at a higher risk at transmitting the virus.
 - (2) It is certainly understandable why the individual school dashboard is valuable to communities as well.

Christine Brennan

NH Department of Education

- Ms. Brennan said she was here to answer any questions.

Brian Hawkins

NEA-NH

- Mr. Hawkins said that he preferred to resolve this with non-legislative action because it would be quicker.
- Mr. Hawkins said he had an issue with level of guidance provided to schools in respect to how they report.
- Mr. Hawkins said he is concerned that if a student that does not test positive that day while they are in school, then that day is not counted as a day when the case is active, even though if infected, the student may be contagious on that day.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None

Neutral Information Presented: None

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Date Hearing Report completed: January 29, 2021

Speakers

Name	Title	Representing	Position	Testifying
Prentiss Sue	An Elected Official	District 5	Support	Yes
Wieters David	State Agency Staff	DHHS	Neutral	Yes
Rice Frederick	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	Yes
Brennan Christine	State Agency Staff	Department of Education	Neutral	Yes
Condon Laura	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No
See Alvin	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No
Hawkins Brian	A Lobbyist	NEA-NH	Support	No
Fordey Nicole	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Wazir Safiya	An Elected Official	My Constituent	Support	No
Glassman Barbara	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Whitley Becky	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No
Watters Senator David	An Elected Official	Myself (SD 4)	Support	No
Manuse Andrew	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No
Weisbrot Jason	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No

Testimony

Kirsten Koch

From: John O'Blenis III <oblenis3@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 7:07 AM
To: Jeb Bradley; James Gray; Tom Sherman; Becky Whitley; Kevin Avard; Kirsten Koch
Subject: Please oppose SB 75

Dear Committee Members:

Please oppose SB 75 and allow our children not to live in fear of a virus

Kirsten Koch

From: Kathy Peters <katpeters18@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 9:12 AM
To: Jeb Bradley; James Gray; Tom Sherman; Becky Whitley; Kevin Avard; Kirsten Koch
Subject: Senate Bill 75

Good morning folks

Senate Bill 75 would require the Department of Health and Human services to update a COVID-19 dashboard daily on school districts and education. I am opposed to **SB 75** because schools and kids are not high risk locations for spreading COVID-19, and students who typically attend schools need to get back to regular classroom learning and not continue to live in fear. Kids are not learning much at all at home, they have no social life and are getting depressed. Parents must stay home with them, many on Unemployment tax dollars.

My city is still total remote. For a flu with 99% recovery rate, we cannot go into a second year of failing education and bankrupting small businesses

Thank-you for your consideration and service.

Mrs. Kathryn Peterson
5 Cortez Drive
Nashua, NH 03062
(603) 889-2768

Voting Sheets

Senate Health and Human Services Committee

EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD

2021-2022 Session

Bill # SB 75

Hearing Date: 1/20/21

Executive Session Date: 3/3/21

Motion: Re-refer to Committee Vote: 5-0

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
Sen. Bradley, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sen. Whitley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion: Consent Calendar Vote: 5-0

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Motion: _____ Vote: _____

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Reported out by: Sen. Whitley

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Senate Health and Human Services Committee

EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD

2021-2022 Session

Bill # SB75

Hearing Date: 1/28/21

Executive Session Date: 9/23/21

Motion: Interim Study Vote: 5-0

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
Sen. Bradley, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Motion: Consent Vote: 5-0

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Reported out by: Sen. Whitley

Notes: _____

Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

THE COMMITTEE ON Health and Human Services

to which was referred **SB 75**

AN ACT

relative to school district information on the
COVID-19 dashboard maintained by the
department of health and human services.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

BE RE-REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

Senator Rebecca Whitley
For the Committee

This bill requires the department of health and human services to update the COVID-19 dashboard daily as it pertains to school districts and education. Senator Prentiss, the prime sponsor of this bill was able to resolve the issue through a non-legislative solution. The committee motioned for a re-referral on this bill as a precaution if the matter does not become fully resolved by a non-legislative resolution.

Kirsten Koch 271-3266

FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SB 75, relative to school district information on the COVID-19 dashboard maintained by the department of health and human services.

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 5-0.

Senator Rebecca Whitley for the committee.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SENATE
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Friday, September 24, 2021

THE COMMITTEE ON Health and Human Services

to which was referred SB 75

AN ACT

relative to school district information on the
COVID-19 dashboard maintained by the
department of health and human services.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

BE REFERRED TO INTERIM STUDY

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

Senator Rebecca Whitley
For the Committee

This bill requires the department of health and human services to update the COVID-19 dashboard daily as it pertains to school districts and education. The prime sponsor of this bill was able to resolve the problem that Senate Bill 75 addressed through a non-legislative solution. The committee has determined the matter has been fully resolved, and this bill is not currently necessary, but the committee will continue to review the bill as a precaution.

Kirsten Koch 271-4151

FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SB 75, relative to school district information on the COVID-19 dashboard maintained by the department of health and human services.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Rebecca Whitley for the committee.

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Docket of SB75

Docket Abbreviations

Bill Title: relative to school district information on the COVID-19 dashboard maintained by the department of health and human services.

Official Docket of SB75.:

Date	Body	Description
1/19/2021	S	Introduced 01/06/2021 and Referred to Health and Human Services; SJ 3
1/21/2021	S	Remote Hearing: 01/28/2021, 01:30 pm; Links to join the hearing can be found in the Senate Calendar; SC 8
3/4/2021	S	Committee Report: Rereferred to Committee, 03/11/2021; Vote 5-0; CC; SC 14
3/11/2021	S	Rereferred to Committee, RC 23Y-1N, MA ; 03/11/2021; SJ 7
12/16/2021	S	Committee Report: Referred to Interim Study, 01/05/2022; Vote 5-0; CC; SC 49
1/5/2022	S	Refer to Interim Study, MA, VV; 01/05/2022; SJ 1

NH House

NH Senate

Other Referrals

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