

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

HB275

Bill as Introduced

HB 275-LOCAL - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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Approved: August 04, 2023
Effective Date: October 03, 2023

Amendments

Sen. Lang, Dist 2
April 11, 2023
2023-1348s
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Committee Minutes

SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE

Education

Sen Ruth Ward, Chair
Sen Carrie Gendreau, Vice Chair
Sen Timothy Lang, Member
Sen Suzanne Prentiss, Member
Sen Donovan Fenton, Member

Date: March 28, 2023

HEARINGS

Tuesday		04/04/2023
(Day)		(Date)
Education	Legislative Office Building 101	9:00 a.m.
(Name of Committee)	(Place)	(Time)
9:00 a.m.		Hearing on proposed Amendment #1225s, relative to the chartered public school joint legislative oversight committee, and relative to chartered public school use of unused district facilities., to HB 536 , relative to the chartered public school joint legislative oversight committee.
9:15 a.m.	HB 275-LOCAL	relative to schools approved for a school tuition program by a school board.
9:30 a.m.	HB 349	relative to a special purpose school district for Bridgewater, Hebron, and Groton.
9:45 a.m.	HB 452	relative to the department of education procedures for school building aid applications.
10:00 a.m.	HB 207-FN	relative to school district unanticipated funds.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

Sponsors:

HB 536

Rep. Tanner
Rep. Telerski

Rep. Wallner

Rep. Luneau

Rep. Massimilla

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Rep. Ladd
Rep. Soti

Rep. Coulon
Rep. Hobson

Rep. Moffett
Sen. Ward

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HB 452

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Rep. Cordelli

Sen. Watters

HB 207-FN

Rep. Plett

Rep. Cushman

Peter Mulvey 271-4063

Ruth Ward
Chairman

Senate Education Committee

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HB 275-LOCAL, relative to schools approved for a school tuition program by a school board.

Hearing Date: April 4, 2023

Time Opened: 9:19 a.m.

Time Closed: 9:50 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Ward, Gendreau, Lang, Prentiss and Fenton

Members of the Committee Absent : None

Bill Analysis: This bill allows a pupil's parents to pay the difference between a receiving school tuition cost and the sending district tuition cap in a school tuition program.

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Rep. Soti

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Sen. Ward

Sen. Avard

Who supports the bill: In total, seven individuals signed in-support of HB 275-FN. For a copy of the sign-in sheet, contact Legislative Aide Pete D. Mulvey (peter.mulvey@leg.state.nh.us).

Who opposes the bill: In total, 69 individuals signed in-opposition to HB 275-FN. For a copy of the sign-in sheet, contact Legislative Aide Pete D. Mulvey (peter.mulvey@leg.state.nh.us).

Who is neutral on the bill: None.

Summary of testimony presented:

Representative Rick Ladd

Grafton – District 5

- Representative Ladd introduced HB 275-FN.
- There were several districts in the state that had different configurations for the grades within their schools.
- Once students got to a grade beyond what their home district accommodated for, they were to be sent out to another district.

- The receiving school was to be approved by the local school board, which was standard practice and had been in statute for years according to Rep. Ladd.
- Sending schools often had multiple recipient districts.
- The town of Piermont had approximately 80 students and had a K-8 configuration. The Piermont School District established a tuition cap of approximately \$19,000 by averaging the cost of an adequate education for their recipient schools, followed by an additional 18% of value.
- During the pandemic, four Piermont students had to decide where they would attend high school. Rep. Ladd said three of the four chose to attend St. Johnsbury, meanwhile one student chose to go to Bradford High School.
- Rep. Ladd said that parents considered the availability of academic programming to determine their children's new school.
- The tuition rate for the three students attending St. Johnsbury was within the tuition cap at the time, however since tuition had increased so much, younger students in the same family were unable to attend their school of choice, alongside their siblings, since the district could no longer cover the tuition.
- Parents had expressed interest in being allowed to cover the differential between the recipient school's tuition and the sending school's tuition cap.
- The school district hesitated to allow parents to cover the difference, to not discriminate against lower income students.
- Rep. Ladd hoped to enable parents to cover the differential to send their children to an approved school by clarifying the underlying statute.
- The program established by HB 275-FN was to clarify that you may pay the difference, so long as there was an anchor school available that could accommodate IEP's.

Representative Linda Tanner

Sullivan - District 5

- Representative Tanner had issues with HB 275-FN.
- Rep. Tanner conceded to the necessity of clarification.
- Rep. Tanner reminded the Committee that the foundational idea behind public education was equality.
- Both Sen. Ward and Rep. Tanner supported the Croydon bill, which opened contracting with private and non-public schools.
 - Croydon recently had a school board meeting where the budget was cut radically, to the extent that the contract services with the local public high school would cost an extra \$5,000 per child. If the parents could not come up with the required funds, there would be no public option for their child.
- Rep. Tanner suggested that if schools with untraditional configurations expected the school board to contract services to provide an adequate education, at least one of the contracts had to be with a public school.
- Many non-public schools which were contracted in the state lacked basic disability accommodations such as wheelchair ramps, and often failed to provide transportation.
- Rep. Tanner believed that our public tax money ought to go to our local public schools and local school boards.

- Rep. Tanner asserted that contracted, recipient schools shall not discriminate, and should be required to have IDA accommodations.
- Sen. Lang said school boards were able to set the standards for contracting, and asked Rep. Tanner if HB 275-FN didn't already achieve what she wanted.
 - Rep. Tanner said that public schools were held to several standards and requirements for the fulfillment of an adequate education that were absent, and untested among non-public schools which districts contracted with.
 - Rep. Tanner's major concern was that no school board should be allowed to set a cap that would require parents to pay excessively to access an adequate public education.
- Sen. Ward said so few people attended the Croydon meeting initially that the town had called a second meeting. Sen. Ward made the point to emphasize the importance of attending school budget hearings.
- Sen. Ward also said Newport public school was also contracted with Croydon.
 - Rep. Tanner said that was true, although the budget cuts were so significant that they couldn't employ any of the other options.

Dean Cascaddes

Superintendent, SAU 67

- Mr. Cascaddes spoke in favor of HB 275-FN, despite having some reservations.
- About a decade ago, Bow was losing students and had to cut teachers.
- Bow negotiated with Dunbarton under an area agreement.
- Hooksett did not have a high school. They had an agreement with Manchester schools that ended and became a district of choice. There had to be an anchor school.
- The local district had to have an option that would take students no matter what.
- Hooksett had two anchor schools, Pinkerton Academy or Londonderry High School, at the set rate of approximately \$14,000.
- Of the Hooksett students who elect to attend Bow High School, they would be expected to cover a \$4,000 difference.
- The resident district was responsible for extra special education costs that exceed typical tuition costs.
- If a parent wanted to come to SAU 76, they would be processed through a lottery system in Hooksett.
- SAU 76 would enroll one or two Hooksett students annually and had never encountered parents who did not pay the required overhead.
- SAU 76 had entered an agreement with Goshen, whose anchor school was Sunapee.
- Mr. Cascaddes believed the system was functional yet created inequities. Mr. Cascadden asserted that until school funding was no longer based on the property tax, these problems and inequities would persist.
- Sen. Fenton identified two issues; there had to be a public anchor school provision in statute, and that private schools which offered low tuition would accept students they could not meaningfully accommodate.
 - Mr. Cascaddes believed that to be the issue with Croydon, where a private school could offer a lower tuition rate, while not faithfully delivering an adequate education due to a lack of requirements.

- The key was to have an anchor school, that the sending district could negotiate with, that would take any student no matter what.

Representative Hope Damon

Sullivan – District 8

- Representative Damon, a Croydon native, sought to clarify the circumstances of her town.
- Last spring, Croydon had a 53% budget reduction for the school district. Croydon had a K-4 configuration, where students from 5th-12th grade were sent away.
- Most of the students had gone to Newport, with no formal agreement. Newport was, however, an anchor school.
- Many students went to Sunapee, which had become almost equal to Newport.
- There was a Montessori school in Newport which had \$10,000 tuition, and a Mount Royal Catholic school with comparable tuition.
- Although the meeting in which the radical budget cut took place was sparsely populated, Rep. Damon asserted that it was not an abnormally small crowd. Not every citizen who could participate would participate, especially if they were under the impression that the status quo would be maintained. Nothing on the school board meeting agenda indicated something dramatic would happen.
- The school board budget was restored by a 377-2 vote in a town of less than 800.
- The school board was forced to determine how to best utilize very limited resources to provide an adequate education. The school board wanted to contract with for-profit, predominantly online education providers. Staff were considered 'guides', with no required education, training, certification, credentials, or standards aside from being a legal adult who could administer CPR.
- Rep. Damon did not believe that such a situation would satisfy the standards for an adequate education.
- If HB 275-FN passed as written, without a public anchor school provision, then towns could establish meager private educational facilities which would not meet the standards of education expected of public schools.
- Sen. Ward asked if Rep. Damon believed parents ought to be enabled to pay the difference between schools.
 - Rep. Damon did not support the idea of permitting parents to cover differentials on the basis that it would perpetuate further inequity in our education system. Most families did not have the disposable income readily available to cover the balance to send their child to their school of choice.

Speakers

Senate Remote Testify

Education Committee Testify List for Bill HB275 on 2023-04-04

Support: 5 Oppose: 67

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>
Smith, Julie	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Howland, Curtis	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Gildersleeve, Darlene	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Damon, Claudia	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
DeFuria, Claudia	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Johnson, Judith	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Brennan, Nancy	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Brennan, Arthur	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Brennan, Jane	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Jones, Andrew	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Devore, Gary	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
M Clark, Denise	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Wessels, Susan	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Platt, Elizabeth-Anne	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Nardino, Marie	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Lenz, James	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Clifford, Virginia	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Liebowitz, Susan	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Thomas, William	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Moore, Susan	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Wood, Zephan	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
FEDER, Robert	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Merlone, Lynn	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Thomas, A	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Bissex, Hannah	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Hershey, Jane	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Martin, Patricia	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Grossi, Anne	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Schnell, Robin	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
freeman, lynn	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
DeMark, Richard	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
DeMark, Harriet	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Varnum, Steve	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Rettew, Ann	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Malmberg, Jane	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Willing, Maura	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Taylor, Susan	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
perencevich, ruth	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Davidson, Geri	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Spencer, Louise	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Chen, Melinda	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Garen, June	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Ellermann, Maureen	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Baucom, Pam	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Cote, Lois	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Koch, Laurie	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Satterfield, Peter	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose

Straiton, Marie	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Medeiros, Jesse	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Wilke, Mary	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Chase, Karen	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Hatcher, Phil	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Istel, Claudia	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Corell, Elizabeth	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
st martin, tom	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Orkin, Susan	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Racusin, Sharon	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
morgan, meredith	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Holcombe, Susan	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Martin, Lucretia	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Rand, Cindy	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Garland, Leane	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Walker, Deborah	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
McConnell, Liz	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Davis, Gregory	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Hinebauch, Melissa	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Powell, Margaret	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Lamphier, Regan	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose
Raspiller, Cindy	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Brown, Howard	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose
Miles, Nancy	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Drysdale, Robert	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose

Testimony

School Tuition Program – Testimony, Senate Education, April 4, 2023

Chairman Ward and Members of the Senate Education Committee:

HB 275, the school tuition program bill, was submitted to the House Education Committee in January; House Education recommended ought to pass, 20-0 vote. On March 22, the bill received another ought to pass vote from the House of Representatives.

This bill is very important for schools that may only have grades K-8, or perhaps other grade level configurations such as K-4 or K-6. Upon graduating from the highest grade level in such a school, students will then continue their education experience through 12th grade at a receiving school district or school approved by the resident, local school board.

A number of communities throughout the state, such as the Upper Valley school districts of (Piermont, Warren, Landaff, Monroe, and Bath) tuition students to a receiving school that contains grade levels not offered in the resident district. In accordance with current NH law, the resident or local school board may enter into a tuition contract agreement or complete multiple agreements with receiving districts. For example, the Piermont school board's tuition choice program has students attending Rivendell Academy in Orford, Oxbow High School in Bradford (VT), Woodsville High School, and St. Johnsbury Academy, an independent school in St. Johnsbury (VT).

The New Hampshire tuition program has been in place for years. In sending districts where several agreements are entered into with receiving school districts, parents have the opportunity to choose which approved tuition school program they'd like their student(s) to attend. To make such a decision, parents consider: availability of academic programming, needed special education services, cocurricular activities, proximity to parents' daily job/work, needed

transportation, career technical education offerings at the receiving school, graduation rates, and more.

Over the years, some communities throughout New Hampshire have questioned if a parent can pay the tuition difference for a child to attend a locally approved tuition school if that school's annual tuition cost increases beyond the sending district's tuition policy or tuition cap. Some districts allow a parent to pay the difference, while some do not. Differing opinions have brought about the need for legislative resolution.

As amended in committee, HB275 states that the resident, local board may allow the parent to pay the tuition cost difference to a locally board approved receiving school whose tuition is gone above the sending board's cap, as long as at least one other board approved tuition school option is available at no cost to the parent. With this policy and provision in place, there is no discrimination. Each sending school board is required to make available at least one receiving school that provides all grade levels and services at the receiving school. With this bill as amended, every student has the opportunity to receive the opportunity for an adequate education, without having to pay tuition.

In conclusion, students and parents look for learning options that best fit their learning needs and expectations. Parents also consider moving into tuition option communities when locating and choosing a place to live. HB275 as amended, provides statutory support for those districts looking for clarifying language on this tuition program question.

Respectfully,
NH Rep Rick Ladd,
Chair House Education

Sending Resident School District
Could be any grade level configuration



The sending district identifies and contracts with receiving schools for student education in grades not offered in the resident school. The resident board approves these tuition schools



Tuition Agreement Contract Signed by sending and receiving school districts/ schools
NOTE: The resident district may tuition to multiple public or private districts/schools "provided that the primary or anchor tuition school accepts all tuition grades and meets minimum public school approval standards + guaranteed placement for all students.



Considerations in Selecting Receiving School
Academic Programming
Performance Outcomes – Statewide Assessment
Graduation Rates
Special Education
Cocurricular Activities
Transportation
Career Technical Education
Tuition Cost



Example of Tuition Cost

Tuition Cap \$19,758	Tuition Sch A \$18,500	Tuition Sch B \$19,100	Tuition Sch C \$19,758	Tuition Sch D \$20,800
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Voting Sheets

Senate Education Committee

EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD

2023-2024 Session

Bill # HB275

Hearing date:

Executive Session date: 4/18

Motion of: OTP Vote: 5-0

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
Sen. Ward, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Gendreau, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sen. Lang	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Motion of: Adopt 13485 Vote: 5-0

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Motion of: Consent Vote: 5-0

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Reported out by: Sen. Lang

Notes: _____

Committee Report

FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

EDUCATION

HB 275-LOCAL, relative to schools approved for a school tuition program by a school board.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Timothy Lang for the committee.

House Bill 275-L would modify school tuition programs by allowing students to transfer to an approved recipient school, despite the tuition rate exceeding what the sending district is able to accommodate. HB 275-L enabled parents to cover the cost differential between the districts to enroll their student, so long as the district had at least one public anchor school which would result in no additional expense.

General Court of New Hampshire - Bill Status System

Docket of HB275

Docket Abbreviations

Bill Title: relative to schools approved for a school tuition program by a school board.**Official Docket of HB275.:**

Date	Body	Description
1/9/2023	H	Introduced (in recess of) 01/05/2023 and referred to Education HJ 3 P. 9
1/31/2023	H	Public Hearing: 02/10/2023 11:15 am LOB 205-207
3/1/2023	H	Executive Session: 03/08/2023 09:30 am LOB 205-207
3/16/2023	H	Committee Report: Without Recommendation 03/08/2023 (Vote ; RC) HC 16 P. 18
3/22/2023	H	Amendment #2023-0839h : AA DV 212-158 03/22/2023 HJ 10 P. 57
3/22/2023	H	Ought to Pass with Amendment 2023-0839h: MA DV 201-181 03/22/2023 HJ 10 P. 58
3/24/2023	S	Introduced 03/23/2023 and Referred to Education; SJ 12
3/28/2023	S	Hearing: 04/04/2023, Room 101, LOB, 09:15 am; SC 16
4/19/2023	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2023-1435s , 05/11/2023; Vote 5-0; CC; SC 21
5/11/2023	S	Committee Amendment #2023-1435s , AA, VV; 05/11/2023; SJ 14
5/11/2023	S	Ought to Pass with Amendment 2023-1435s, MA, VV; OT3rdg; 05/11/2023; SJ 14
6/15/2023	H	House Non-Concurs with Senate Amendment 2023-1435s and Requests CofC (Rep. Ladd): MA DV 363-12 06/15/2023 HJ 16 P. 4
6/15/2023	H	Speaker Appoints: Reps. Ladd, O. Ford, Myler, Drye 06/15/2023 HJ 16 P. 4
6/15/2023	S	Sen. Ward Accedes to House Request for Committee of Conference, MA, VV; 06/15/2023; SJ 19
6/15/2023	S	President Appoints: Senators Ward, Lang, Prentiss; 06/15/2023; SJ 19
6/19/2023	H	Conference Committee Meeting: 06/19/2023 09:00 am LOB 205-207
6/16/2023	S	Conferee Change; Senator Fenton Replaces Senator Prentiss; SJ 20
6/19/2023	S	Conferee Change; Senator Bradley Replaces Senator Fenton; SJ 20
6/19/2023	H	Conferee Change: Rep. Cordelli Replaces Rep. Myler 06/19/2023 HJ 16 P. 14
6/22/2023	S	Conference Committee Report Filed, #2023-2196c ; 06/29/2023
6/29/2023	S	Conference Committee Report #2023-2196c ; RC 15Y-9N , Adopted; 06/29/2023; SJ 20
6/29/2023	H	Conference Committee Report 2023-2196c: Adopted, DV 187-185 06/29/2023 HJ 17 P. 9
7/18/2023	S	Enrolled Adopted, VV, (In recess 06/29/2023); SJ 20
7/19/2023	H	Enrolled (in recess of) 06/29/2023 HJ 17 P. 18
8/9/2023	H	Signed by Governor Sununu 08/04/2023; Chapter 185; eff:10/03/2023 HJ 17

NH House

NH Senate

Other Referrals

1 Committee of Conference Report on HB 275-LOCAL, relative to schools approved for a school tuition
2 program by a school board.

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4 Recommendation:

5 That the House recede from its position of nonconcurrence with the Senate amendment, and
6 concur with the Senate amendment, and

7 That the Senate and House adopt the following new amendment to the bill as amended by the
8 Senate, and pass the bill as so amended:

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10 Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

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12 1 Change of School or Assignment; School Tuition Program. Amend RSA 193:3, VI to read as
13 follows:

14 VI. If there is no public school for the child's grade in the resident district, the school board
15 may contract with another public school in another school district or with any private school that has
16 been approved as a school tuition program by the school board, and may raise and appropriate
17 money for the purposes of the contract, if the school district decides it is in the best interest of the
18 pupil. The district may either assign all children to schools that have been approved as a school
19 tuition program, or allow each child's parent to choose a school from among schools that have been
20 approved as a school tuition program. *To enroll a child in a tuition school approved by the*
21 *local school board whose tuition cost is above the district's established tuition cost per*
22 *pupil as determined and approved by the board, the local board may require the parent to*
23 *pay the tuition cost difference as long as at least one option is a public school or public*
24 *academy that does not require additional tuition payment from the parent.*

Committee of Conference Report on HB 275-LOCAL

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The signatures below attest to the authenticity of this Report on HB 275-LOCAL, relative to schools approved for a school tuition program by a school board.

Conferees on the Part of the Senate

Conferees on the Part of the House

Sen. Ward, Dist. 8

Rep. Ladd, Graf. 5

Sen. Lang, Dist. 2

Rep. O. Ford, Rock. 3

Sen. Bradley, Dist. 3

Rep. Cordelli, Carr. 7

Rep. Drye, Sull. 7

Senate Inventory Checklist for Archives

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Senate Committee: Education

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Final docket found on Bill Status

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- All Calendar Notices
- Hearing Sign-up sheet(s)
- Prepared testimony, presentations, & other submissions handed in at the public hearing
- Hearing Report
- Revised/Amended Fiscal Notes provided by the Senate Clerk's Office

Committee Action Documents: {Legislative Aides}

All amendments considered in committee (including those not adopted):

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- amendment # 1435, ___ - amendment # _____
- Executive Session Sheet
- Committee Report

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All floor amendments considered by the body during session (only if they are offered to the senate):

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- ___ - amendment # _____ ___ - amendment # _____

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- Committee of Conference Report (if signed off by all members. Include any new language proposed by the committee of conference): 296 CofC
- ___ Enrolled Bill Amendment(s)
- ___ Governor's Veto Message

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- ___ as amended by the senate ___ as amended by the house
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