

Senate Education Committee

Kat Bourque 271-3091

HB 620, relative to compliance with state and federal education mandates.

Hearing Date: April 4, 2017

Time Opened: 10:23 a.m.

Time Closed: 10:41 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Watters and Kahn

Members of the Committee Absent : Senators Ward, Reagan and Giuda

Bill Analysis : This bill allows rules designed to implement federal law to exceed the minimum requirements of federal law but requires that such rules take into account the fiscal impact on the local school district.

Sponsors :

Rep. Ladd
Rep. Barry
Rep. Hinch
Sen. Reagan

Rep. Cordelli
Rep. Weyler
Rep. Seidel
Sen. Avar

Rep. V. Sullivan
Rep. McGuire
Sen. Giuda

Who supports the bill: Rep. Grenier, Rep. Ladd, Senator Avar, Rep. Weyler, Carl Ladd (NHSAA), Bonnie Dunham, Maureen Shields, Gerald Zelin (NHASEA), Rep. Hinch, Rep. Irwin, Ryan Donnelly (Granite State Independent Living), Chris Rueggeberg (NH Council on Developmental Disabilities), Lisa Stedman

Who opposes the bill: No one

Who is neutral on the bill: Karen Hatch

Summary of testimony presented in support :

Rep. Weyler

- Rep. Weyler introduced the bill on behalf of Rep. Ladd.
- This bill allows ruled designed to implement federal law to exceed the minimum requirements of federal law but requires that such rules take into account the fiscal impact on the local school district.
- Senator Watters asked if Rep. Weyler was aware of amended language submitted by Rep. Ladd. He stated that he was not aware.

Maureen Shields

- Ms. Shields gave testimony on behalf of Bonnie Dunham in support of the legislation, who also asked to not make any further changes to the bill.

- Senator Watters asked about the proposed amendment that was presented by Rep. Ladd. Ms. Shields stated that the way the bill was amended in the House is the way that she would like it to stay.

Attorney Gerald Zelin

NH Association of Special Education Administrators

- Attorney Zelin supports the underlying bill as well as Rep. Ladd's proposed amendment.
- Attorney Zelin walked through the changes of the amendment as shows on the second page of Rep. Ladd's submitted testimony.

Ryan Donnelly

Granite State Independent Living

- Granite State Independent Living supports the bill as it was amended in the House, but would be willing to support Rep. Ladd's amendment upon further examination.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition : N/A

Neutral Information Presented: N/A

Future Action: Pending

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