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SENATE BILL ***44***

AN ACT prohibiting the state from requiring implementation of common core standards and relative to the amendment or approval of academic standards.

SPONSORS: Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. Reagan, Dist 17; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Daniels, Dist 11; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. French, Dist 7; Sen. Innis, Dist 24; Rep. Ladd, Graf. 4; Rep. Murotake, Hills. 32; Rep. Cordelli, Carr. 4

COMMITTEE: Education

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits the department of education and the state board of education from requiring the implementation of the common core standards in any school or school district in this state. The bill also prohibits the state board of education from amending any existing academic standards or approving any new academic standards without prior review and recommendation of the legislative oversight committee.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Seventeen

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

1 252:1 Substantive Educational Content of an Adequate Education. Amend RSA 193-E:2-a, IV to
2 read as follows:

3 IV.(a) The minimum standards for public school approval for the areas identified in
4 paragraph I shall constitute the opportunity for the delivery of an adequate education. The general
5 court shall periodically, but not less frequently than every 10 years, review, revise, and update, as
6 necessary, the minimum standards identified in paragraph I and shall ensure that the high quality
7 of the minimum standards for public school approval in each area of education identified in
8 paragraph I is maintained. Changes made by the board of education to the school approval
9 standards through rulemaking after the effective date of this section shall not be included within
10 the standards that constitute the opportunity for the delivery of an adequate education without
11 prior adoption by the general court. The board of education shall provide written notice to the
12 speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, and the chairs of the house and
13 senate education committees of any changes to the school approval standards adopted pursuant to
14 RSA 541-A.

15 (b) *Neither the department of education nor the state board of education shall*
16 *by statute or rule require that the common core standards developed jointly by the*
17 *National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers be*
18 *implemented in any school or school district in this state. If the local school board elects*
19 *not to implement the common core standards or the common core state standards adopted*
20 *by the state board pursuant to RSA 541-A, the local school board shall determine, approve,*
21 *and implement alternative academic standards.*

22 (c) *On or after the effective date of this subparagraph, the state board of*
23 *education shall not amend any existing academic standards and shall not approve any*
24 *new academic standards without prior review and recommendation of the legislative*
25 *oversight committee established in RSA 193-C:7.*

26 (d) *In this paragraph, "academic standards" shall have the same meaning as*
27 *in RSA 193-E:2-a, VI(b).*

28 252:2 New Paragraph; Statewide Education Improvement and Assessment Program; Duties of
29 the Legislative Oversight Committee. Amend RSA 193-C:8 by inserting after paragraph XI the

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1 following new paragraph:

2 XII. Review and make recommendations relating to academic standards under
3 consideration by the state board of education pursuant to RSA 193-E:2-a, IV(c).

252:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: July 18, 2017

Effective Date: September 16, 2017