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HOUSE BILL **620**

AN ACT relative to compliance with state and federal education mandates and relative to school accreditation for the 2017-2018 school year.

SPONSORS: Rep. Ladd, Graf. 4; Rep. Cordelli, Carr. 4; Rep. V. Sullivan, Hills. 16; Rep. Barry, Hills. 21; Rep. Weyler, Rock. 13; Rep. McGuire, Merr. 29; Rep. Hinch, Hills. 21; Rep. Seidel, Hills. 28; Sen. Giuda, Dist 2; Sen. Reagan, Dist 17; Sen. Avard, Dist 12

COMMITTEE: Education

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AMENDED 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. The bill also provides that a school shall be deemed to be providing the opportunity for an adequate education for the 2017-2018 school year if the school furnishes evidence that it has initiated the process of obtaining full accreditation from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT                      relative to compliance with state and federal education mandates and relative to school accreditation for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

1            1 Compliance With Federal Provisions. Amend RSA 186:6 to read as follows:

2            186:6 Compliance With Federal Provisions.

3            **I.** The state board may also make the [~~regulations~~] **rules** necessary to enable the state to  
4 comply with the provisions of any law of the United States intended to promote vocational or other  
5 education, to abolish illiteracy and Americanize immigrants, to equalize educational opportunities,  
6 **to provide special education to children with disabilities**, to promote physical health and  
7 recreation, and to provide an adequate supply of trained teachers. ***Proposed rules designed to***  
8 ***implement federal law may exceed the minimum requirements of federal law, however***  
9 ***such rules shall take into account the fiscal impact and administrative burdens on the***  
10 ***local school district.***

11            **II.** ***This section shall only apply to rules adopted on or after the effective date of***  
12 ***this section.***

13            2 School Accreditation; 2017-2018 School Year. A school that furnishes the commissioner of the  
14 department of education with evidence that it has initiated the process of obtaining full  
15 accreditation from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges on or before the effective  
16 date of this act, shall be deemed to be in compliance with the provisions of RSA 193-E:3-b, I(a)-(b)  
17 for the 2017-2018 school year.

18            3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.