

Amendment to HB 304

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to implementation of academic standards by a local school board and
4 relative to review of academic standards under consideration by the state board of
5 education.
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7 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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9 1 State Board of Education; Rulemaking Authority. Amend RSA 186:8, I to read as follows:

10 I. Academic standards for all grades of the public schools, ***including rules requiring that***
11 ***if a school board elects not to implement academic standards adopted by the state board***
12 ***of education, a school board shall determine and approve local academic standards that***
13 ***meet or exceed the state academic standards as defined in RSA 193-E:2-a, VI(b).***

14 2 Substantive Educational Content of an Adequate Education. Amend RSA 193-E:2-a, IV to
15 read as follows:

16 IV.(a) The minimum standards for public school approval for the areas identified in
17 paragraph I shall constitute the opportunity for the delivery of an adequate education. The general
18 court shall periodically, but not less frequently than every 10 years, review, revise, and update, as
19 necessary, the minimum standards identified in paragraph I and shall ensure that the high quality
20 of the minimum standards for public school approval in each area of education identified in
21 paragraph I is maintained. Changes made by the board of education to the school approval
22 standards through rulemaking after the effective date of this section shall not be included within
23 the standards that constitute the opportunity for the delivery of an adequate education without
24 prior adoption by the general court. The board of education shall provide written notice to the
25 speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, and the chairs of the house and
26 senate education committees of any changes to the school approval standards adopted pursuant to
27 RSA 541-A.

28 (b) ***Neither the department of education nor the state board of education shall***
29 ***require any school or school district in this state to implement academic standards such***
30 ***as "Next Generation" science standards or common core standards.***

31 (c) ***On or after the effective date of this subparagraph, no existing academic***
32 ***standards shall be amended, and no new academic standards shall be approved, by the***
33 ***state board of education without prior review and recommendation by the legislative***

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1 ***oversight committee established in RSA 193-C:7.***

2 3 New Paragraph; Statewide Education Improvement and Assessment Program; Duties of the
3 Legislative Oversight Committee. Amend RSA 193-C:8 by inserting after paragraph XI the
4 following new paragraph:

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

7 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires a school board that elects not to implement the academic standards adopted by the state board of education to implement academic standards that meet or exceed state academic standards. The bill also requires the legislative oversight committee to review and make recommendations relating to academic standards under consideration by the state board of education.