

Amendment to SB 44

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

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3 AN ACT prohibiting the state from requiring implementation of common core standards and
4 relative to the amendment or approval of academic standards.
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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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8 1 Substantive Educational Content of an Adequate Education. Amend RSA 193-E:2-a, IV to
9 read as follows:

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

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

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

33 (d) *In this paragraph, "academic standards" shall have the same meaning as*

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1 *in RSA 193-E:2-a, VI(b).*

2 2 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 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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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.