

1 Committee of Conference Report on HB 556, requiring schools to post the state telephone numbers  
2 to report child abuse.

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4 Recommendation:

5 That the House recede from its position of nonconcurrence with the Senate amendment, and  
6 concur with the Senate amendment, and

7 That the Senate and House adopt the following new amendment to the bill as amended by the  
8 Senate, and pass the bill as so amended:

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10 Amend RSA 189:13-a, V as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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12 V. Any person who has been charged pending disposition for or convicted of any violation or  
13 attempted violation of RSA 630:1; 630:1-a; 630:1-b; 630:2; 632-A:2; 632-A:3; 632-A:4; 633:1; 639:2;  
14 639:3; 645:1, II or III; 645:2; 649-A:3; 649-A:3-a; 649-A:3-b; 649-B:3; or 649-B:4; or any violation or  
15 any attempted violation of RSA 650:2 where the act involves a child in material deemed obscene; in  
16 this state, or under any statute prohibiting the same conduct in another state, territory, or  
17 possession of the United States, shall not be hired by a school administrative unit, school district,  
18 chartered public school, or public academy. The superintendent of the school administrative unit or  
19 the chief executive officer of the chartered public school or public academy may deny a selected  
20 applicant a final offer of employment if such person has been convicted of any crime, *misdemeanor*  
21 *or felony*, in addition to those listed above. The governing body of a school district, chartered  
22 public school, or public academy ~~may~~ **shall** adopt a policy *relative to hiring practices based on*  
23 *the results of the criminal history records check and report of misdemeanors and felonies*  
24 *received under paragraph II. Such policy may include language* stating that any person  
25 who has been convicted of *any misdemeanor, or any of a list of misdemeanors, may not be*  
26 *hired. Such policy may also include language stating that any person who has been*  
27 *convicted of* any felony, or any of a list of felonies, shall not be hired.

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29 Amend RSA 189:13-a, IX(b) as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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31 (b) ~~[Student teachers and student interns shall submit a criminal history records check~~  
32 ~~upon enrollment in a teacher preparation program, but shall not be required to submit additional~~  
33 ~~criminal history records checks if the student teacher or student intern maintains continuous~~  
34 ~~enrollment in the teacher preparation program]. *Upon enrollment in an educator preparation*~~

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35 *program at an institution of higher education, a candidate shall submit to a criminal*  
36 *history records check. The institution of higher education in which the candidate is*  
37 *enrolled shall conduct the criminal history records check. Upon placement of a candidate*  
38 *as a student teacher, the receiving school administrative unit, school district, or*  
39 *chartered public school shall conduct another criminal history records check of the*  
40 *candidate and shall follow the same procedures for assessing the candidate's criminal*  
41 *history background as for applicants for employment. The governing body of the*  
42 *institution of higher education may adopt a policy relative to how often a candidate shall*  
43 *submit to a criminal history records check. In this subparagraph, "candidate" shall mean*  
44 *a student who is enrolled in an educator preparation program at an institution of higher*  
45 *education in New Hampshire.*

The signatures below attest to the authenticity of this Report on HB 556, requiring schools to post the state telephone numbers to report child abuse.

Conferees on the Part of the Senate

Conferees on the Part of the House

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Sen. Reagan, Dist. 17

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Rep. Ladd, Graf. 4

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Sen. Ward, Dist. 8

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Rep. T. Wolf, Hills. 7

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Sen. Kahn, Dist. 10

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Rep. M. Moffett, Merr. 9

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires each school and chartered public school to post a sign containing information on how to report child abuse or neglect to the division for children, youth, and families. The bill also amends the requirements for criminal history records checks of school employees, volunteers, and other educational staff.