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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT

relative to the merger of Granite state college with the university of New Hampshire.

SPONSORS:

Rep. Ladd, Graf. 4; Rep. Hobson, Rock. 35; Rep. Shaw, Hills. 16; Rep. Umberger, Carr. 2; Rep. Moffett, Merr. 9; Rep. Cordelli, Carr. 4; Rep. Mullen, Hills. 7; Sen. Gray, Dist 6; Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20; Sen. Reagan, Dist 17; Sen. Ward, Dist 8; Sen. Kahn, Dist 10

COMMITTEE:

Education

ANALYSIS

This bill merges Granite state college into the university of New Hampshire.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 35:1 Department of Education; Higher Education Commission. Amend RSA 21-N:8-a, II(a)(1) to read
2 as follows:

3 (1) The president of the university of New Hampshire, the president of Keene state
4 college[,] **and** the president of Plymouth state university[, and the president of Granite State college].

5 35:2 State College and University System; Components of the University System. Amend RSA 187-
6 A:2 to read as follows:

7 187-A:2 Components of the University System. The university system of New Hampshire shall
8 consist of the university of New Hampshire (including the New Hampshire college of agriculture and the
9 mechanic arts and its other colleges, schools and divisions), the Plymouth state university, **and** the Keene
10 state college[, and the Granite state college].

11 35:3 State College and University System; University of New Hampshire Colleges and Schools.
12 Amend RSA 187-A:4 to read as follows:

13 187-A:4 Colleges and Schools. The university shall include a college of engineering and physical
14 sciences, a college of liberal arts, a college of life sciences and agriculture, a school of business and
15 economics, a school of health studies, a college at Manchester, a graduate school, **Granite state college**,
16 and may include a school of social work and such other colleges, schools, departments and divisions as
17 are consistent with such organization.

18 35:4 State College and University System; Other Colleges Within System. Amend the section
19 heading in RSA 187-A:11 to read as follows:

20 187-A:11 Keene State College[,] **and** Plymouth State University[, and Granite State College].

21 35:5 State College and University System; Other Colleges Within System. Amend RSA 187-A:11, II-
22 a to read as follows:

23 II-a. Granite state college is established [~~and made a body corporate and politic and~~] **as** a
24 division of the university [~~system~~] of New Hampshire and is authorized to award associate, baccalaureate,
25 and masters degrees.

26 35:6 State College and University System; Trustees of University System. Amend RSA 187-A:13, I
27 to read as follows:

28 I. [~~Eight~~] **Seven** ex-officio members: the governor of the state, the chancellor of the university
29 system, the commissioner of agriculture, markets, and food, the commissioner of education, the president
30 of the university of New Hampshire, the president of Plymouth state university, **and** the president of Keene
31 state college[, the president of the Granite state college].

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1 35:7 State College and University System; Authority of the Trustees. Amend the introductory
2 paragraph in RSA 187-A:16 and RSA 187-A:16, I to read as follows:

3 The trustees shall have the management and control of all the property and affairs of the university
4 system of New Hampshire, the university of New Hampshire (including the New Hampshire college of
5 agriculture and the mechanic arts), and all its divisions and departments, the Keene state college, *and* the
6 Plymouth state university~~[,] and the Granite state college].~~ They shall not change the name of the
7 Plymouth state university~~[,] or the Keene state college[, or the Granite state college]~~ nor shall they cease
8 operating these colleges without legislative authority. It is the intent of the general court that the trustees,
9 when exercising their responsibilities under this chapter, recognize and foster the unique character and
10 educational mission of each institution of the system. To this end, the institutions are to be permitted to
11 operate with the highest measure of autonomy and self-governance, subject to the supervision of the
12 board of trustees. In addition to this general authority, the trustees are authorized to:

13 I. Appoint and fix the compensation of a president of the university of New Hampshire, a
14 president of Keene state college~~[,] and a president of Plymouth state university[, and a president of the~~
15 ~~Granite state college],~~ who shall be the chief academic and administrative officers of their respective
16 institutions. The chief executive officer of each institution shall have the authority for and be responsible
17 for the general administration and supervision of all aspects of the institutional, research and service
18 programs of that institution.

19 35:8 State College and University System; Public Higher Education Study Committee. Amend RSA
20 187-A:28-a to read as follows:

21 187-A:28-a Public Higher Education Study Committee. Educational opportunity in New Hampshire
22 must involve all the components of education. The general court acknowledges that education does not
23 start or end at any particular point. There is hereby established a permanent public higher education
24 study committee for the state of New Hampshire. The study committee shall be composed of 8 members
25 and shall examine the goals, purposes, organization, and financing of public higher education in New
26 Hampshire, and shall evaluate and make recommendations on the university of New Hampshire,
27 Plymouth state university, Keene state college, ~~[the Granite state college,]~~ and the community college
28 system of New Hampshire.

29 35:9 Motor Vehicles; Multi-use Decal Plates. Amend RSA 261-B:9, XII to read as follows:

30 XII. The university system of New Hampshire. ~~[Granite state college,]~~ Keene state college~~[,] and~~
31 Plymouth state university are each authorized to issue decals, provided that all proceeds shall remain with
32 the issuing institution and be used only for student scholarships.

33 35:10 Repeal. RSA 187-A:11, II-a, relative to Granite state college, is repealed.

34 35:11 Effective Date.

35 I. Section 10 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

36 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved: May 03, 2022

Effective Date:

I. Section 10 effective July 1, 2023

II. Remainder effective May 3, 2022

