

SB 341 - AS INTRODUCED

2024 SESSION

24-2832

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SENATE BILL

341

AN ACT

relative to mandatory disclosure by school district employees to parents.

SPONSORS:

Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. Gray, Dist 6; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23; Sen. Avar, Dist 12; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Gendreau, Dist 1; Sen. Murphy, Dist 16; Sen. Ward, Dist 8; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Abbas, Dist 22; Rep. Ladd, Graf. 5; Rep. Moffett, Merr. 4; Rep. Osborne, Rock. 2; Rep. Packard, Rock. 16

COMMITTEE:

Education

ANALYSIS

This bill requires all school employees to respond honestly and completely to written requests by parents regarding information relating to their children.

Explanation:

Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Four

AN ACT relative to mandatory disclosure by school district employees to parents.

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

1 1 Short Title. This act shall be known as the Honesty and Transparency in Education Act.

2 2 New Section; Communications Between Teachers and Parents. Amend RSA 189 by inserting
3 after section 13-c the following new section:

4 189:13-d Communications Between Teachers and Parents.

5 I. Written requests by parents regarding information relating to their child submitted to any
6 employee of the school district in which the child is enrolled shall be answered completely and
7 honestly to the extent permitted by law. Such response to written requests shall be submitted
8 within 10 days of the employee's receipt of the request. If, in the good faith determination of the
9 employee, such complete and honest response to a request would put the student at risk or
10 endangerment of physical harm, abuse, or neglect, such employee shall file a report with the
11 department of health and human services within 48 hours of such determination in accordance with
12 RSA 169-C:30.

13 II. Any violation of paragraph I by a school district employee shall be referred to the school
14 board for disciplinary action to include termination.

15 III. Any parent of a child in the school district aggrieved under this section shall have the
16 right to appeal a school board's disciplinary action decision to the state board of education, whose
17 decision shall be final.

18 IV. The board of education shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to
19 administering this section.

20 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2025.