

Amendment to SB 236

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

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3 AN ACT establishing a committee to study New Hampshire teacher shortages and
4 recruitment incentives, and relative to defining secondary school grades for teacher
5 loan forgiveness programs.
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7 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 5 with the following:

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9 6 Definition of Schools; Secondary School Grades; Teacher Loan Forgiveness Programs. Amend
10 RSA 189:25 to read as follows:

11 189:25 Elementary School. An elementary school is any school approved by the state board of
12 education in which the subjects taught are those prescribed by the state board for the grades
13 kindergarten through 8 of the public schools. However, a separate organization consisting of grades
14 7 through 9, or any grouping of these grades, may be recognized as a junior high school and so
15 approved by the board. Also a separate organization consisting of grades 4 through 8 or any
16 grouping of these grades may be recognized as a middle school and so approved by the state board.
17 Any elementary school may include a kindergarten program which, if it is provided, shall precede
18 the other elementary grades. ***Provided, however, that for the purpose of eligibility for state or***
19 ***federal teacher loan forgiveness programs, teachers of grades 7 through 12 shall be***
20 ***considered teachers of secondary school.***

21 7 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study New Hampshire teacher shortages and recruitment incentives. This bill also provides that teachers of grades 7-12 shall be considered secondary school teachers for purposes of teacher loan forgiveness programs.