

HB 303 – AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **303**

AN ACT establishing a committee to study the teaching of a second language beginning in kindergarten.

SPONSORS: Rep. Gargasz, Hills 27; Rep. Ford, Graf 3; Rep. Gile, Merr 27; Sen. Kelly, Dist 10

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study the teaching of a second language beginning in kindergarten.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen

AN ACT establishing a committee to study the teaching of a second language beginning in kindergarten.

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

1 1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study the teaching of a second
2 language beginning in kindergarten.

3 2 Membership and Compensation.

4 I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

5 (a) Three members of the house of representatives, at least one of whom shall be from
6 the education committee, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

7 (b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

8 II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to
9 the duties of the committee.

10 3 Duties.

11 I. The committee shall:

12 (a) Study the current status of teaching a second language beginning in kindergarten,
13 focusing on the benefits of early learning of a language.

14 (b) Assess existing curriculum requirements for kindergarten-aged children and
15 determine what changes would need to be made to incorporate the teaching of a second language.

16 (c) Examine the research available on the advantages to brain development from
17 learning a second language at an early age.

18 II. The committee may solicit advice and input from any individual or organization with
19 information or expertise relevant to the committee's duties.

20 4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from
21 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house
22 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this
23 section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

24 5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
25 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house
26 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2013.

27 6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.