

HB 1469 – AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **1469**

AN ACT requiring each school district to establish a special education parent advisory council.

SPONSORS: Rep. S. White, Carr 2; Rep. G. Chandler, Carr 1; Rep. Porter, Hills 1; Rep. Burns, Merr 2

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This bill requires every school district to establish a special education parent advisory council.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 1 New Section; Special Education; Special Education Parent Advisory Councils. Amend RSA
2 186-C by inserting after section 3-b the following new section:

3 186-C:3-c Special Education Parent Advisory Councils.

4 I. The school board of every school district and any city maintaining a school department
5 within its corporate organization, shall establish a special education parent advisory council.
6 Membership shall be offered to any parent of a child with a disability and any other interested
7 parties. The parent advisory council duties shall include but not be limited to: advising the school on
8 matters that pertain to the education and safety of children with a disability; meeting regularly with
9 school officials to participate in the planning, development, and evaluation of the school board's
10 special education programs, conducting fundraising activities; and accepting gifts, grants, and
11 donations to support its objectives. The parent advisory council shall establish by-laws regarding
12 officers and operational procedures. In the course of its duties under this section, the parent
13 advisory council shall receive assistance from the school district without charge, upon reasonable
14 notice, and subject to the availability of staff and resources.

15 II. Each school district and city maintaining a school department within its corporate
16 organization shall conduct, in cooperation with the parent advisory council, at least one workshop
17 annually within the school district on the rights of children with a disability and their parents under
18 the special education laws of the state and the federal government and shall make written materials
19 explaining such rights available upon request.

20 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.