

**SB 82 – AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE**

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SENATE BILL **82**

AN ACT establishing a commission to identify strategies needed for developing and implementing a competency-based public education system.

SPONSORS: Sen. Stiles, Dist 24; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Rep. Spang, Straf 6; Rep. Sapareto, Rock 6; Rep. Lovejoy, Rock 36; Rep. Gile, Merr 27; Rep. Grassie, Straf 11

COMMITTEE: Health, Education and Human Services

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ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a commission for the purpose of identifying strategies needed for developing and implementing a competency-based public education.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen*

AN ACT establishing a commission to identify strategies needed for developing and implementing a competency-based public education system.

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

1 1 New Subdivision; Commission for Competency-Based Public Education. Amend RSA 189 by  
2 inserting after section 64 the following new subdivision:

3 Commission for Competency-Based Public Education

4 189:65 Commission Established. There is hereby established a commission to identify strategies  
5 needed for delivering and implementing a competency-based public education.

6 189:66 Membership and Compensation. The members of the commission shall be as follows:

7 I. The commissioner of the department of education, or designee.

8 II. The chairman of the New Hampshire state board of education, or designee.

9 III. One teacher who is a member of the National Education Association-New Hampshire,  
10 appointed by the executive director of the association.

11 IV. One member from the American Federation of Teachers-New Hampshire, appointed by  
12 such organization.

13 V. Two New Hampshire school district superintendents, appointed by the president of the  
14 New Hampshire School Administrators Association.

15 VI. One member from the New Hampshire School Boards Association, appointed by the  
16 president of the association.

17 VII. One member from the New Hampshire Association of Special Education Administrators,  
18 appointed by the president of the association.

19 VIII. One member from the Parent Information Center, appointed by the executive director  
20 of the center.

21 IX. One member from the community college system of New Hampshire, appointed by the  
22 chancellor of the community college system of New Hampshire.

23 X. One member from the New Hampshire Association of School Business Officials, appointed  
24 by the executive director of the association.

25 XI. Two members from the Business and Industry Association, appointed by the president of  
26 the association.

27 XII. Two members from the New Hampshire Association of Chamber of Commerce  
28 Executives, appointed by the president of the association.

29 XIII. One member from the Council for Teacher Education, appointed by the chairman of the

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1 council.

2 XIV. The chancellor of the university system of New Hampshire, or designee.

3 XV. One member from the Southeastern Regional Education Service Center, appointed by  
4 the executive director of the center.

5 XVI. One member from North Country Education Services, appointed by that organization.

6 XVII. One member who shall be a New Hampshire school district attorney, appointed by the  
7 governor.

8 XVIII. Five members of the public, who shall be appointed by the members of the executive  
9 council with each member of the executive council receiving one appointment.

10 XIX. Two members who have received the New Hampshire Teacher of the Year award,  
11 appointed by the commissioner of the department of education.

12 XX. One member who is an elementary or middle school principal, appointed by the  
13 New Hampshire Association of School Principals.

14 XXI. One member who is a high school principal, appointed by the New Hampshire  
15 Association of School Principals

16 XXII. One member of the New Hampshire Extended Learning Organization, appointed by  
17 that organization.

18 XXIII. One attorney licensed in the state of New Hampshire who represents children with  
19 disabilities, appointed by the Disabilities Rights Center.

20 XXIV. One member representing home schooled students, appointed by the chairperson of  
21 the home education advisory council established in RSA 193-A:10.

22 XXV. One member representing charter school students, appointed by the New Hampshire  
23 Public Charter School Association.

24 XXVI. One member representing students engaged in career and technical education,  
25 appointed by the New Hampshire Association of Career and Technical Administrators.

26 189:67 Duties. The commission shall:

27 I. Create a report defining the development and implementation of a competency-based  
28 public education system which is based on each student attaining mastery of required competencies  
29 regardless of the learning environment.

30 II. Identify multiple models and strategies of financing a competency-based public  
31 education.

32 III. Identify the roles educators will play in a competency-based public education system.

33 IV. Identify multiple models and strategies of financing for a competency-based education  
34 system in school districts of various sizes and financial capabilities.

35 V. Identify support structures needed to facilitate the successful implementation of a  
36 competency-based system.

37 VI. Identify potential barriers to successfully implementing a competency-based system.

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1           VII. Make recommendations for legislation that will facilitate the implementation of a  
2 competency-based system.

3           VIII. Not suggest or identify any new tax source to fund the commission's recommendation.

4           189:68 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson and a  
5 vice-chairperson from among the members at the first meeting. The first meeting of the commission  
6 shall be called by the chairman of the state board of education. The first meeting of the commission  
7 shall be held within 15 days of the effective date of this section. Fifteen members of the commission  
8 shall constitute a quorum. Meetings of the commission shall be noticed in the house of  
9 representatives and senate calendars.

10          189:69 Report. The chairperson of the commission shall submit the report of the commission's  
11 findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the president of the senate, the  
12 speaker of the house of representatives, the senate clerk, the house clerk, the governor, the state  
13 library, and the commissioner of the department of education on or before October 31, 2014.

14          2 Repeal. RSA 189:65 through RSA 189:69, relative to a competency-based public education  
15 commission, is repealed.

16          3 Effective Date.

17           I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect October 31, 2014.

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