

SB 322 – AS INTRODUCED

2014 SESSION

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SENATE BILL           **322**

AN ACT               relative to the renomination of teachers.

SPONSORS:           Sen. Woodburn, Dist 1; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Gilmour, Dist 12; Sen. Kelly, Dist 10; Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Sen. Larsen, Dist 15; Sen. Lasky, Dist 13; Sen. Soucy, Dist 18; Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20; Rep. Herbert Richardson, Coos 4

COMMITTEE:       Health, Education and Human Services

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ANALYSIS

This bill reduces from 5 to 3 consecutive years of teaching required for a teacher to be entitled to notification and a hearing where the teacher is not reappointed.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen*

AN ACT                   relative to the renomination of teachers.

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

1           1 School Boards; Failure to be Renominated or Reelected. Amend RSA 189:14-a, I(c) to read as  
2 follows:

3                   (c) Any such teacher who has taught for ~~[5]~~ **3** consecutive years or more in the teacher's  
4 current school district, ~~[or who taught for 3 consecutive years or more in the teacher's current school~~  
5 ~~district before July 1, 2011,]~~ and who has been so notified may request in writing within 10 days of  
6 receipt of said notice a hearing before the school board and may in said request ask for reasons for  
7 failure to be renominated or reelected. For purposes of this section only, a leave of absence shall not  
8 interrupt the consecutive nature of a teacher's service, but neither shall such a leave be included in  
9 the computation of a teacher's service. Computation of a teacher's service for any other purposes  
10 shall not be affected by this section. The notice shall advise the teacher of all of the teacher's rights  
11 under this section. The school board, upon receipt of said request, shall provide for a hearing on the  
12 request to be held within 15 days. The school board shall issue its decision in writing within 15 days  
13 of the close of the hearing.

14           2 School Boards; Failure to be Renominated or Reelected. Amend RSA 189:14-a, II to read as  
15 follows:

16                   II. Any teacher who has a professional standards certificate from the state board of  
17 education shall be entitled to all of the rights for notification and hearing in paragraphs I(b), III, and  
18 IV of this section if:

19                   ~~(a)~~ the teacher has taught for ~~[5]~~ **3** consecutive years or more in any school district in the  
20 state and has taught for ~~[3]~~ **2** consecutive years or more in the teacher's current school district~~;~~~~or~~

21                   ~~(b) Before July 1, 2011, the teacher taught for 3 consecutive years or more in any school~~  
22 ~~district in the state and taught for 2 consecutive years or more in the teacher's current school~~  
23 ~~district].~~

24           3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.