

HB 317 – AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **317**

AN ACT relative to contracts between schools and school districts.

SPONSORS: Rep. Eastman, Hills 28

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This bill specifies criteria for the state board of education to use in evaluating whether to approve a nonpublic school. The bill also allows school districts to enter into a contract with another school or school district for the purpose of satisfying compulsory attendance requirements.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT relative to contracts between schools and school districts.

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

1 1 State Board of Education; Duties. Amend RSA 186:11, XVII to read as follows:

2 XVII. District Contracts. Examine contracts made by districts with academies, high schools
3 and other literary institutions, for the purpose of deciding whether they are calculated to promote
4 the cause of education ***and make recommendations when appropriate.***

5 2 State Board of Education; Duties. Amend RSA 186:11, XXIX to read as follows:

6 XXIX. Adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to reasonable criteria for approving non-
7 public schools for the purpose of compulsory attendance requirements. ***The rules shall specify***
8 ***that approval for the purpose of compulsory attendance shall be granted to a nonpublic***
9 ***school that offers instruction in science, mathematics, language, government, history,***
10 ***health, reading, writing, spelling, the history of the United States Constitution and the***
11 ***New Hampshire constitution, and an appreciation of art and music, and that meets all***
12 ***applicable state and local fire, health, and safety requirements. The rules may also***
13 ***provide for the collection of additional information for the purpose of informing the public,***
14 ***and which shall not be a part of the approval process.*** The rules may contain criteria for
15 conditional approval as specified by the state board. The state board of education may, upon request,
16 designate which schools meet those criteria, and may, upon the request of a non-public school,
17 approve or disapprove its education program and curriculum.

18 3 New Paragraph; School Attendance; Compulsory Attendance by Pupil. Amend RSA 193:1 by
19 inserting after paragraph IV the following new paragraph:

20 V. A school district may contract with another school district, public or nonpublic school, or
21 home education program approved pursuant to RSA 193-A for the purpose of satisfying compulsory
22 attendance requirements, and may raise and appropriate money to carry the contract into effect.

23 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.