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HOUSE BILL **603**

AN ACT relative to student exemption from the statewide assessment.

SPONSORS: Rep. Hoell, Merr 23; Rep. Itse, Rock 10; Rep. Abramson, Rock 20

COMMITTEE: Education

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill declares that a student exempted from taking the statewide assessment by the student's parent or legal guardian shall not be penalized. The bill also requires a school district to provide an appropriate alternative educational activity for the time period during which the assessment is administered..

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 1 Statewide Education Improvement and Assessment; Assessment Required. Amend RSA 193-
2 C:6 to read as follows:

3 193-C:6 Assessment Required. Each year, a statewide assessment shall be administered in all
4 school districts in the state in grades 3 through 8 and one grade in high school. All public school
5 students in the designated grades shall participate in the assessment, unless such student is
6 exempted ***from taking the test by his or her parent or legal guardian***, or provided that the
7 commissioner of the department of education may, through an agreement with another state when
8 such state and New Hampshire are parties to an interstate agreement, allow [~~pupils~~] ***students*** to
9 participate in that state's assessment program as an alternative to the assessment required under
10 this chapter. Home educated students may contact their local school districts if they wish to
11 participate in the statewide assessment. Private schools may contact the department of education to
12 participate in the statewide assessment. ***A school district shall not penalize any exempted
13 student nor shall the department of education or the state board of education penalize any
14 school district for a lower participation rate. A school district shall develop a form to be
15 signed by the parent or legal guardian of any student exempted from the assessment. The
16 school district shall provide an appropriate alternative educational activity for the time
17 period during which the assessment is administered. The alternative activity shall be
18 agreed upon by the school district and parent or legal guardian of the student.***

19 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.