

Senate Education Committee

Pete Mulvey 271-4063

HB 1382-FN, granting witness fee reimbursement to unrepresented parents in the armed forces who prevail in special education hearings.

Hearing Date: April 9, 2024

Time Opened: 10:06 a.m.

Time Closed: 10:09 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Ward, Gendreau, Lang and Fenton

Members of the Committee Absent : Senator Prentiss

Bill Analysis: This bill authorizes witness fee reimbursement for a parent in the armed forces who represents themselves at a special education hearing and prevails.

Sponsors:

Rep. Roy
Rep. Creighton

Rep. Moffett

Rep. Rhodes

Who supports the bill: Rep. Glenn Cordelli, Rep. Rick Ladd, Warren Perry, and Eric Pauer.

Who opposes the bill: Curtis Howland, Janet Lucas and Tod Davis.

Who is neutral on the bill: N/A

Summary of testimony:

Senator Tim Lang

Senate District 2

- Senator Lang introduced HB 1382-FN on behalf of Rep. Roy.
- HB 1382-FN granted witness fee reimbursement to unrepresented parents in the armed services who prevailed in a special education hearing.

Warren Perry

Deputy Adjutant General, New Hampshire Department of Military Affairs and Veteran Services

- The New Hampshire Department of Military Affairs and Veteran Services provided all veteran supports provided by the State.

- The Defense State Liaison Office requested HB 1382-FN, and the Department of Military Affairs and Veteran Services fully supports HB 1382-FN.
- HB 1382-FN made it easier for transitioning military families to ensure continuity in their special education services, namely Individualized Education Programs (IEPs).
- Mr. Perry added that HB 1382-FN passed the House Education Committee unanimously.

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Date Hearing Report completed: April 12, 2024