

Senate Education Committee

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HB 1551, relative to the retention of records of individualized education programs.

Hearing Date: March 6, 2018

Time Opened: 9:30 a.m.

Time Closed: 9:39 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Reagan, Giuda, Ward, Watters and Kahn

Members of the Committee Absent : None

Bill Analysis: This bill provides a time period for the retention by local education agencies of a student's individualized education programs.

Sponsors:

Rep. Hill

Who supports the bill: Nicole Heimarck (NHSBA), Rep. Hill.

Who opposes the bill: No one

Who is neutral on the bill: No one

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Representative Hill

Prime Sponsor

- This bill is at the request of Rep. Hill's local school district, Winnisquam Regional.
- There were some changes made through rulemaking (Ed. 1119.01) under confidentiality of information.
- This bill is in regards to the amount of time that school districts are required to store special education records, specifically the last IEP that was in effect prior to the student's exit from special education.
- It was required that the student's last IEP be held until the student turned 60 years old. Rep. Hill asked DOE for some background on this change and for what purpose age 60 was picked. Rep. Hill stated that he has yet to receive a response to this question, besides for it is perhaps in response to a person requesting disability benefits until age 60.
- Rep. Hill's recommendation through this legislation is to leave some of these decisions up to the parents of the student. There are some concerns about a school district holding confidential records for this long.
- At the time of graduation, up until age 26, parents would be able to decide whether to record should be destroyed or not. There is also an opportunity for parents to

extend this to age 30. Age 26 was chosen because this is the time that children come off of their parents insurance.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None

Neutral Information Presented: None

Future Action: Pending

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