

HB 1630-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL

***1630-FN***

AN ACT                    requiring high school students to complete a half year required course in the introduction to philosophy.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Soti, Rock. 7

COMMITTEE:          Education

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ANALYSIS

          This bill establishes a requirement for high school students to have a course in the introduction to philosophy.

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Explanation:            Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
                              Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~  
                              Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Twenty Two*

AN ACT                    requiring high school students to complete a half year required course in the introduction to philosophy.

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

1            1 New Section; Schools. Amend RSA 189 by inserting after section 11-d the following new  
2 section:

3            189:11-e Introduction to Philosophy. All public and private schools in the state, as part of the  
4 school board-approved high school education program, shall offer a half-year course of instruction in  
5 the introduction to philosophy required for high school graduation. The instruction shall focus on  
6 epistemology (theory of knowledge), logic, ethics, and the philosophy of science.

7            2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**HB 1630-FN- FISCAL NOTE  
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**FISCAL IMPACT:**    ☒ State                    ☐ County                    ☒ Local                    ☐ None

STATE:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
<b>Appropriation</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Expenditures</b>	\$0	\$27,250	\$27,250	\$28,250
<b>Funding Source:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Highway <input type="checkbox"/> Other			

**LOCAL:**

<b>Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Expenditures</b>	\$0	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase

**METHODOLOGY:**

This bill, assumed effective for the 2022-23 school year, requires all public and nonpublic schools in the state, as part of the school board approved high school education program, to offer a half-year course of instruction in the interdiction to philosophy, which shall be required for graduation. It is unknown at this time if, or by how much, this may increase local school district expenditures in FY 2023 and each year thereafter. The Department states it may be responsible for ensuring the compliance of New Hampshire private and public schools with this requirement and estimates executing these new responsibilities would require 25% of the time of an education consultant position (labor grade 27), with a total estimated salary, benefit, and other costs of \$27,250 in FY 2023, \$27,250 in FY 2024, and \$28,250 in FY 2025, assuming a start date of July 1, 2022. Additionally, local school districts may need to purchase curriculum and materials, and hire additional administrative and instructional staff to train educators and teach required material, which would likely increase expenditures in FY 2023 and each year thereafter by an indeterminable amount.

This bill does not contain an appropriation or authorization for positions.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

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