

SB 235 - AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL

235

AN ACT relative to the authority to offer multiple education instruction options.

SPONSORS: Sen. Kahn, Dist 10; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Soucy, Dist 18; Sen. Sherman, Dist 24; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Rep. Heath, Hills. 14; Rep. Myler, Merr. 10; Rep. Luneau, Merr. 10; Rep. Wolf, Merr. 5; Rep. Ames, Ches. 9

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This bill allows a local school board to offer students multiple instructional options, including traditional classroom, distance education, or hybrid instruction models using a combination of classroom and distance learning.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 relative to the authority to offer multiple education instruction options.

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

1 1 New Paragraph; School Boards; Duty to Provide Education; Instructional Options. Amend
2 RSA 189:1-a by inserting after paragraph IV the following new paragraph:

3 V.(a) Except as provided under an emergency order, the local school board shall have the
4 sole authority to offer students multiple instructional options, including traditional classroom,
5 distance education, or hybrid instruction models using a combination of classroom and distance
6 learning.

7 (b) The local school board shall be responsible for the approval, coordination, and
8 supervision of distance education courses and remote instruction offered by the school district.

9 (c) The local school board may decide to cooperate or contract with another education
10 provider to share delivery of distance education.

11 (d) The local school board shall adopt policies relative to all distance education offered by
12 the school district.

13 2 New Paragraph; School Boards; Definition Added; Distance Learning. Amend RSA 189:1-d by
14 inserting after paragraph IV the following new paragraph:

15 V. "Distance education" and "remote instruction" mean any instructional mode that is not
16 in-person instruction including, but not limited to, correspondence, video-based, Internet-based,
17 online courses, remote instruction, or any combination thereof. The terms distance education and
18 remote instruction also include hybrid instructional models that utilize elements of distance
19 education and traditional classroom instruction in any combination.

20 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.