

HB 505-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL ***505-FN***

AN ACT relative to comprehensive mental health education in schools.

SPONSORS: Rep. Newell, Ches. 4; Rep. Germana, Ches. 1; Rep. Read, Rock. 10; Rep. Wheeler,
Hills. 33; Rep. Vogt, Rock. 21; Rep. Seibert, Hills. 21; Rep. Darby, Hills. 11

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This bill adds comprehensive mental health education to the public school health education curriculum.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 1 School Boards, Transportation and Instruction of Pupils; Studies. Amend RSA 189:10, II to
2 read as follows:

3 II. The school board shall ensure that health education, physical education to include the
4 importance of exercise, and wellness are taught to pupils as part of the curriculum, specifically to
5 include physiology, hygiene, health and interpersonal relationships, **comprehensive mental health**
6 **education**, physical education, and wellness, as they relate to the effects of alcohol and other drugs,
7 prevention of sexual violence, child abuse as established in the definition of "abused child" under
8 RSA 169-C:3, II, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
9 (AIDS), and sexually transmitted diseases on the human system.

10 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**HB 505-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT: State County Local None

LOCAL:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	\$0	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable

METHODOLOGY:

This bill adds “comprehensive mental health education” to the required curriculum of health education and physical education. The Department of Education states local school districts may experience new costs in purchasing curriculum to meet the requirements of this bill. Any costs are indeterminable and would likely vary across districts.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

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