

HB 629-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL                    **629-FN**

AN ACT                    establishing a student bill of rights.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Tanner, Sull. 5; Rep. Myler, Merr. 9; Rep. Luneau, Merr. 9; Rep. Ellison,  
Merr. 28; Rep. Cornell, Hills. 22

COMMITTEE:          Education

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ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a student bill of rights.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three*

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

(a) The right to seek and obtain happiness;

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(b) The right to free speech and the liberty to publish;

(c) The right of petition and peaceful assembly;

(d) The right of personal privacy;

(e) The right to absolute freedom of conscience in all matters of religious sentiment, belief, and worship;

(f) The right to attend public schools that are funded in a manner that is consistent with the state's paramount duty of making ample provision for the education of all children residing within its borders;

(g) The right to have schools that are maintained wholly or partially by public funds free from sectarian control or influence;

(h) The right to countenance and inculcation of the principles of humanity and general benevolence; and

(i) The right of qualified persons to vote in all elections.

IV. Public school students are subject to numerous privileges and protections derived from New Hampshire state statutes, examples of which include:

(a) The right to access, without tuition, each resident school district's K-12 basic education program for students of qualifying age;

(b) The right to an education that provides students with the opportunities to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to meet state and district established graduation requirements intended to provide students with a meaningful diploma that prepares them for post-secondary education, gainful employment and citizenship;

(c) Due process rights related to disciplinary measures and educational access; and

(d) The right to an education and access to all educational activities and facilities without fear of discrimination.

(e) The right of minors residing in criminal justice facilities to receive an education;

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

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**HB 629-FN- FISCAL NOTE  
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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Due to time constraints, the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant is unable to provide a fiscal note for this bill, **as introduced**, at this time. When completed, the fiscal note will be forwarded to the House Clerk's Office.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

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