

Action Needed by Monday!

Speak Up for Public Schools

SUPPORT [HB1608-FN](#), *relative to providing an induction program for new teachers.*

- In response to the [report](#) of the Committee to Study New Hampshire Teacher Shortages and Recruitment Incentives, committee member Rep. Mel Myler (D-Contoocook) is sponsoring HB1608, which would create an induction program for new teachers.
- The report provided recommendations on how to address the state's teacher shortage, one of the recommendations being an investment in "robust teacher mentoring programs and opportunities for professional learning."
- As written, HB1608 would require all school districts to provide an induction program for new teachers in their first 3 years of practice.

By Monday's Public Hearing:

1. [Sign into the House Remote Testimony tool](#) to voice your support.

2. Enter your personal information.

3. Select:

- Monday, March 4th on the calendar
- House Education
- 9:00 a.m. - HB1608
- I am a member of the public.
- I am representing myself.

4. Click: "I support this bill", then hit the submit button at the bottom of the form. You may add remote testimony if desired.

If you need further directions, they can be found [here](#).

Please note: The form accepts testimony through the end of the day of each bill's public hearing. Testimony must be submitted online by 11:59 PM on the day of the bill's hearing.

SUPPORT [HB1592-FN](#), *relative to the use of education freedom account funds in religious schools.*

HB1592 prohibits the use of school vouchers at religious schools or for religious education or training and repeals provisions relating to the independence of and legal proceedings concerning education freedom account providers. From the bill's language: "The funds in an EFA may only be used for educational purposes in accordance with paragraph II, and shall not be used at a religious school or for a religious education or training."

By Monday's Public Hearing:

1. [Sign into the House Remote Testimony tool](#) to voice your support.

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3. Select:

- Monday, March 4th on the calendar
- House Education
- 10:30 a.m. - HB1592.
- I am a member of the public.
- I am representing myself.

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SUPPORT [HB1084](#), relative to qualifications for the commissioner of education.

- **This bill establishes minimum qualifications for the commissioner and deputy commissioner of the department of education.**
- **HB1084 would require that the education commissioner hold an advanced degree, be a certified teacher or administrator, and have at least five years combined experience as an administrator or teacher in a public school.**
- **Frank Edelblut, nominated by Gov. Sununu in 2017 to serve as New Hampshire's current Commissioner of Education, lacks any of these qualifications and educational experience, and has homeschooled all 7 of his children.**

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- Monday, March 4th on the calendar
- House Education
- 11:00 a.m. - HB1084.
- I am a member of the public.
- I am representing myself.

4. Click: "I support this bill", then hit the submit button at the bottom of the form. You may add remote testimony if desired.

2 Bills With Executive Sessions

Take Action By Tuesday Evening: Please email ALL committee members of the House Judiciary committee, asking them to **OPPOSE HB1353. Copy and paste the email addresses below into your email address line to reach all committee members.**

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OPPOSE [HB1353](#), relative to authorizing the commissioner of the department of education to issue subpoenas.

- This bill, a new version of a bill that failed last year, would give the Commissioner of Education, currently Frank Edelblut who is a right-wing extremist, official power to issue subpoenas during investigations of alleged teacher misconduct.
- Earlier in February, 320 people testified in opposition to this bill, while 13 people submitted testimony in support.
- HB1353 allows the Commissioner to issue subpoenas for materials “and other items and things” when the commissioner has “reason to believe” that a violation of the code of conduct has occurred under certain instances. Currently, the existing processes and procedures “aim to empower local school districts with shared responsibility, transparency, and clarity when addressing personnel matters,” [according](#) to the NH Department of Education.
- In submitted online testimony, Bridey Bellemare, the Executive Director of the New Hampshire Association of School Principals stated, “*In conclusion, while I understand the importance of addressing misconduct within the education system, I believe that the proposed bill raises significant concerns regarding individual rights, due process, and the potential for misuse of power. It is imperative that our state continue to prioritize fairness, transparency, and the protection of individual rights of those who serve within our education system.*”

Take Action By Tuesday Evening: Please email ALL committee members of the House Education committee, asking them to **OPPOSE HB1298-FN. Copy and paste the email addresses below into your email address line to reach all committee members.**

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