Bill as Introduced

HB 1244 - AS INTRODUCED

2001 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL ***1244***

AN ACT establishing a committee to study the curriculum content of an adequate education.

SPONSORS: Rep. Sova, Graf 11; Rep. Scanlan, Graf 11

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study the curriculum content of an adequate education.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand One

AN ACT establishing a committee to study the curriculum content of an adequate education.

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

1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study the curriculum content of an adequate education.

2 Membership and Compensation.

I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

(a) Four members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house.

(b) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the committee.

3 Duties. The committee shall study the curriculum content of an adequate education and develop appropriate guidelines for the curriculum content of an adequate education as defined in RSA 193-E:2.

4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Four members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate president, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2002.

6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Speakers

SIGN UP SHEET

To Register Opinion If Not Speaking

Bill # HB 1244 Date January 3, 2002

Committee ED

**** Please Print All Information ****

Name	Address	Phone	Representing	(check one) Pro	Con
Rep. Timothy O'Connell	Hills-Dist. B	673-2963		✓	
Rep David Scanlan	Grafton 11			✓	

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1244

BILL TITLE: establishing a committee to study the curriculum content of an adequate education.

DATE: January 3, 2002

LOB ROOM: 207 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 10:08 a.m.

Time Adjourned: 10:42 a.m.

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Henderson, Ward, Dearborn, Flint, P. Davis, Alger, Cox, Sullivan, Carson, Colcord, Sova, Winter, L'Heureux, Yeaton, Snyder, C. Jean, Estabrook, J. White, C. Clarke and Naro.

Bill Sponsors: Rep. Sova, Graf 11; Rep. Scanlan, Graf 11

TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

Rep. Sova

Rep. Cox: Wouldn't this put the onus on the Court to interpret any specific curriculum?

Rep. Sova: The definition is too vague.

Rep. Alger: Would this include intramural activities?

Rep. Sova: It would be researched by the committee.

Rep. Colcord: 193 is the criteria for adequate education. The decision on curriculum should be left with school boards (how to meet the criteria).

Rep. Sova: No reason why a political body cannot benefit from professional input.

Rep. Estabrook: What if the committee designs a curriculum whose offering is greater than what already exists.

Rep. White: Is this being studied by the Education Commission?

Rep. Henderson: Yes. Rep. Estabrook and I are on the commission.

Rep. Winter: Today's hearing at the Supreme Court will determine if things as they exist today are acceptable.

Rep. Henderson: You would say that a curriculum should be the same throughout the state?

Rep. Sova: Yes.

Mark Joyce, NH School Administrators Association – supports. I support the bill for three reasons. We must align this committee with the commission that already exists. It is not specific now; it would lend to court cases because of misalignment of minimum standards. It would improve the direction of funding which would help to develop a long-range plan.

Rep. Estabrook: Is there any state that delineates the curriculum in reference to the cost of education (MKT basket approach)?

Rep. Henderson: The State, by law, dictates curriculum. Then local school districts, because of state control, go to court to include something more or different.

Rep. Winter: Asked for definition of MKT basket approach. Feels that the MKT basket would grow.

Mark Joyce: Doesn't see this happening.

Dean Michener – opposes. His general concern is with duplicate tasks. The adequacy of the commission could use input and create it own study committee.

Pink Cards:
- *Rep. Sova. Supports the bill.
- Mark V. Joyce, representing NH School Administrators Association, 12 Cross St., Penacook, NH, 03303, 753-4479. Supports the bill.
- Dean Michener, representing NH School Boards Association, Concord, 228-2061. Opposes the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce L Dearborn

Rep. Bruce L. Dearborn
Committee Clerk

Testimony

Education Committee Testimony on HB1244
January 3, 2002

Mr. Chairman and members of the Education Committee for the record my name is Charles Sova, State Representative from Grafton County District 11. I am here to introduce HB1244.

This bill is fairly straightforward. It establishes a committee of four State representatives and two State senators whose duty it will be to define what comprises an adequate education. In my opinion, this should have been done several years ago. The State has been paying for the concept of an adequate education since it has come into compliance with the Supreme Court's ruling on the State's educational responsibilities. That concept has been vaguely defined by general statements in the law. In many ways, it is like giving the automobile dealer a check to purchase an automobile and then defining an automobile as a wheeled vehicle with an engine that is to roll down a highway. No make, no model, no options just sell me that general definition of an automobile and here is your money. None of us would purchase anything on those terms, but we have as representatives to State government in the case of purchasing an adequate education.

I believe it is past time to bring concrete definition to what we mean by an adequate education. If this legislation should become law and the Committee it establishes does its job, we may or may not like what we will see. It could cost more than what we are paying now; it could cost less. But at lest we will know what the money is buying.

Thank you for your time and I would be pleased to attempt to answer any questions you may have.

Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1244

BILL TITLE: **establishing a committee to study the curriculum content of an adequate education.**

DATE: 2/20/02

LOB ROOM: 207

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

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Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Dearborn

Seconded by Rep. Snyder

Vote: 14-4 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: No

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Bruce L. Dearborn, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1244

BILL TITLE: **establishing a committee to study the curriculum content of an adequate education.**

DATE: 2-20-12

LOB ROOM: 207

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

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Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. ~~Soka~~ Dearborn

Seconded by Rep. Sepulveda

Vote: 14-4-1 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Sova Moved OTP no second

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Sponsor was directed that the existing Study Groups and Commission Adequacy Comp were not to look on to recommend Curriculum moving forward as only a small portion of study dealing with adequate is a result of a term in the first instance adequate

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE:

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Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

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Rep. Bruce L. Dearborn, Clerk

OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK 2002 SESSION

EDUCATION

Bill #: HB1244 Title: Estab. comm. to study curric content of an adequate ed.

PH Date: 1/30/02 Exec Session Date: / /

Motion: ITL Amendment #:

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Henderson, Warren C, Chairman	✓	
Ward, Brien L, V Chairman	✓	✓
Dearborn, Bruce L, Clerk	✓	✓
Flint, Gordon B	✓	✓
Davis, Perlev E	✓	
Alger, John R M		✓
Cox, Russell N	✓	
Sullivan, P Judith		✓
Carson, Sharon M	✓	
Colcord, J D	✓	
Sova, Charles E		✓
Winter, Steven J	✓	
L'Heureux, Stephen R	✓	
Yeaton, Charles B		
Snyder, Clair A	✓	
Jean, Claudette R		
Estabrook, Iris W	✓	
White, John M	✓	
Clarke, Claire D	✓	
Naro, Debra A	✓	✓
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TOTAL VOTE:
Printed: 12/19/2001

Committee Report

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: **Education**

BILL NUMBER: **HB 1244**

TITLE: establishing a committee to study the curriculum content of an adequate education.

DATE: 2/20/02 CONSENT CALENDAR YES ☐ NO ☒

☐ OUGHT TO PASS

☐ OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

☒ INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

☐ REFER TO COMMITTEE FOR INTERIM STUDY
(Available only in second year of biennium.)

STATEMENT OF INTENT
(Include Committee Vote)

The sponsor of this bill was concerned that the existing study groups and commissions were not moving forward rapidly enough. Testimony from the two members of the Education Committee who are on the Adequacy Commission indicated that they and the other members of the Commission are actively pursuing the adequacy issue and the many facets it covers.

Vote 14-4.

Rep. Bruce L. Dearborn
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
cc: Committee Bill file

USE ANOTHER REPORT FOR MINORITY REPORT

Education

HB 1244, establishing a committee to study the curriculum content of an adequate education. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

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DATE: CONSENT CALENDAR YES ☐ NO ☒

☐ OUGHT TO PASS

☐ OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

☒ INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

☐ REFER TO COMMITTEE FOR INTERIM STUDY
(Available only in second year of biennium.)

STATEMENT OF INTENT
(Include Committee Vote)

Vote 14-4.

Rep. _____
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
cc: Committee Bill file

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USE ANOTHER REPORT FOR MINORITY REPORT

The sponsor of this bill was concerned that the existing study groups and commissions were not moving forward and specifically brought testimony from the two members of the Education Committee who sat on the Adequacy Commission indicating that they and the Chairman thought the Commission ~~should~~ ARE acting during the ~~current~~ legislative session and the many facets of it.

B. Barker