CONSENT CALENDAR

February 16, 2023

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on Education to which was referred HB 441-FN-LOCAL,

AN ACT eliminating residency requirements for public school attendance. Having considered the same, report the same with the following resolution: RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Katy Peternel

FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	**Education**
Bill Number:	**HB 441-FN-LOCAL**
Title:	**eliminating residency requirements for public school attendance.**
Date:	**February 16, 2023**
Consent Calendar:	**CONSENT**
Recommendation:	**INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill removes the requirement in the public school education laws that a pupil attend the school in the district of their residence. Changes of school or assignment are to be granted without discrimination based on the residence of the student. With minimal debate, the committee unanimously agreed that this bill is not feasible for a multitude of reasons.

Vote 20-0.

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Education

HB 441-FN-LOCAL, eliminating residency requirements for public school attendance. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 441-FN-LOCAL

BILL TITLE: eliminating residency requirements for public school attendance.

DATE: February 16, 2023

LOB ROOM: 207

MOTIONS: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Moved by Rep. Peternel Seconded by Rep. Drye Vote: 20-0

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Arlene Quaratiello, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on Bill # HB 441

BILL TITLE: ...Eliminating Residency Requirement for Public School Attendance

DATE: 2/16/23

LOB ROOM: 205-207

MOTION: (Please check one box)

☐ OTP ☑ ITL ☐ Retain (1st year) ☐ Adoption of Amendment # _____ *(if offered)*

☐ Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. Peternel Seconded by Rep. Drye Vote: 20-0

MOTION: (Please check one box)

☐ OTP ☐ OTP/A ☐ ITL ☐ Retain (1st year) ☐ Adoption of Amendment # _____ *(if offered)*

☐ Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

MOTION: (Please check one box)

☐ OTP ☐ OTP/A ☐ ITL ☐ Retain (1st year) ☐ Adoption of Amendment # _____ *(if offered)*

☐ Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

MOTION: (Please check one box)

☐ OTP ☐ OTP/A ☐ ITL ☐ Retain (1st year) ☐ Adoption of Amendment # _____ *(if offered)*

☐ Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

CONSENT CALENDAR: ✓ **YES** ____ **NO**

Minority Report? _____ Yes _____ No If yes, author, Rep: _____ Motion _____

Respectfully submitted: Arlene Pannatelli

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2023 SESSION

Education

Bill #HB 441 Motion: ITL AM #: _____ Exec Session Date: 2/16/23

Members	YEAS	Nays	NV
Ladd, Rick M. Chairman	20		
Cordelli, Glenn Vice Chairman	1		
Lekas, Alicia D.	2		
Ford, Oliver J. Clerk	3		
Belcher, Mike S.	4		
Drye, Margaret M.	5		
McDonnell, Valerie E.	6		
Noble, Kristin	7		
Peternel, Katy	8		
Quaratiello, Arlene	9		
Myler, Mel	10		
Cornell, Patricia	11		
~~Tanner, Linda L.~~ Jane, Connie	12		
Luneau, David J.	13		
Ellison, Arthur S.	14		
Woodcock, Stephen L.	15		
Hall, Muriel C.	16		
Balboni, Peggy	17		
S Cascadden, Corinne E.	18		
Damon, Hope	19		
TOTAL VOTE:	20	0	

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 441-FN-LOCAL

BILL TITLE: **eliminating residency requirements for public school attendance.**

DATE: **February 6, 2023**

LOB ROOM: **205-207** **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** **9:35 am**

Time Adjourned: **10:45 am**

Committee Members: Reps. Ladd, Cordelli, O. Ford, A. Lekas, Belcher, Drye, McDonnell, Noble, Peternel, Quaratiello, Myler, Cornell, Tanner, Luneau, Ellison, Woodcock, Hall, Balboni, Cascadden and Damon

Bill Sponsors:
Rep. Yokela **Rep. Phillips**

TESTIMONY

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

Rep. Emily Phillips - Co-Sponsor
- Will allow parents to do "What is best for child", choice of public school would not be limited to public school "assigned" to child through residency.

David Trumbull
- Opposes bill
- Bill will harm "receiving" school, widening gap between "property-rich" and "property-poor" towns; competition between public schools is not a good idea.

Barrett Christina - NHSBA
- Bill would make it hard for schools to budget; agreed with all points made by previous testifier and elaborated.

Debrah Howes- AFT-NH
- Opposes
- Great disparity in educational opportunities are due to funding formula that needs to be fixed; this bill will not solve this problem

Rep. Josh Yokela - Prime Sponsor
- Supports
- Bill addresses what is best for student, not what is easiest for school.
- Most schools would welcome additional enrollment considering declining enrollment statewide.

Rep. Jess Edwards
- Supports
- Shared story of his daughter's problems enrolling in a school in St. Louis, a school that ultimately benefitted her; worry about kids first, then money.

Terese Grinnen

- Supports
- Shared story of daughter's friend who had a lot of problems in assigned shool.
- This bill would have helped her, providing public school choice; especially important for foster kids.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Arlene Quaratiello, Clerk

SIGN UP SHEET

To Register Opinion If Not Speaking

Bill #: HB441-FN-LOCAL Date: 2/7/23

Committee: EDUCATION

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

Name	Address	Phone	Representing	Pro	Con
Megan Tuttle	95 Spring St Concord	224-7751	NEA-NH		X
William Palmer	80 Little Cornish 603675 2117		Myself		X
Maura Willey	Concord		Self		X
Deborah Hobson			Rocky	X	
Louise Spencer	Concord		Self		X
David Trumble	Weare		Self		X
Rep Jess Edwards		Rock Dist 31		X	
Sarah Robinson	30 Max Ln Concord, NH	603 496 8521	Granite State Prog.		X
Rep Gaby Grossman	31 Winter St. Exeter	6034184685			X
Harbour Johnson	Laconia	603-305-8466		X	
Melissa M White	Peterborough		Self	X	

House Remote Testify

Education Committee Testify List for Bill HB441 on 2023-02-07

Support: 8 Oppose: 211 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 0

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Name	City, State Email Address	Title	Representing	Position	Testifying	Non-Germane	Signed Up
Anastasia, Patricia	Londonderry, NH patti.anastasia@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/5/2023 6:50 PM
Desmarais, Doreen	Northwood, NH doreend@netzero.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/5/2023 7:45 PM
Short, Laura	Bedford, NY laura.short2@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/5/2023 7:52 PM
Takantjas, Edith	Belmont, NH edeeyam@hotmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/5/2023 8:12 PM
Bosco, James	Amherst, NH jamesbosco@aol.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/5/2023 8:30 PM
Lowen, Roz	Lincoln, NH Roz.lowen@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/5/2023 8:31 PM
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Cevasco, Karin	Milford, NH Karin.cevasco@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/5/2023 8:45 PM
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Damon, Claudia	Concord, NH cordsdamon@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/5/2023 9:26 PM
Coon, Kate	Peterborough, NH kate2coon@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	Yes	2/5/2023 9:30 PM
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Istel, Claudia	Acworth, NH cistel79@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/6/2023 12:30 AM
Holt, Kim	Concord, NH Kimberleyholt2301@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/6/2023 2:29 AM
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Meyer, Maureen	Stoddard, NH meyer03464@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/6/2023 1:25 PM
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Heintz, Jaclynn	Fremont, NH jackielosak@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/6/2023 1:34 PM
Raspiller, Cindy	Mont Vernon, NH raspicl@hotmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/6/2023 1:45 PM
Doherty, David	Pembroke, NH, NH ddoherty0845@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/6/2023 1:49 PM
Maloney, Ariel	Bristol, NH ariel.maloney@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/6/2023 1:55 PM
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Support of HB 441

February 7, 2023

Members of House Education Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this written testimony.

My name is Andrew Yates. I'm a government affairs director for yes. every kid., and I'm submitting this testimony in support of HB 441.

For those who are unfamiliar, yes. every kid. is a non-profit organization that supports policies that respects the dignity of every student, fosters a diversity of approaches, and is open to the free flow of ideas and innovation. We believe that the purpose of education is to help students discover, develop, and apply their unique abilities, establishing a foundation for a life of fulfillment and success.

HB 441 at its core is about putting the needs of a student above all else.

This legislation allows for a simpler path for a parent or guardian of a student to apply to change the student's school or assignment if they believe it would be in the best interest of their student. In addition, it recognizes that students and parents can best determine "educational hardship" and allows for greater flexibility in this definition.

This legislation ensures that students will no longer be constrained by their zip code but will instead have the choice about which public school is best for them. In doing so, it removes no money from public schools and allows for students to find the public school system that best fits their individual needs.

The arbitrary lines of school districts may fulfill the needs of some students, but for those who are facing educational hardships, we must allow for a simple and clear path to change schools or assignments and best meet the needs of our students.

We encourage you to support this legislation and are happy to answer any questions.

Thank you,

Andrew Yates
Government Affairs Director
yes. every kid.



Patricia Anastasia

HB441eliminating residency requirements for public school attendance.

I oppose HB 441. I am not in favor of loosening the requirements for a student to be assigned to a school outside of their school district. In addition to loosening the requirements, if a superintendent denies a request for a school reassignment and the parent objects, the superintendent will have the burden of establishing the absence of a manifest educational hardship rather than the parent having the burden of establishing the presence of a manifest education hardship. This bill will will also increase the workload of the superintendent. Like other educational freedom bills, this bill will have a undeterminable financial impact on school districts.

James Bosco

For the avoidance of doubt, as a 38+ year resident of Amherst, I am vehemently opposed to HB441.

Roz Lowen

Our democracy is dependent on public education. This bill will diminish our public sxhools.

Susan Dromey Heeter

I support public education; this bill is the antithesis to freedom, scholarship, knowledge.

Usurping local control.

Kelly Kennerson

Perhaps if the State of NH fully funded education a residential requirement wouldn't be needed. However, the state has pushed school funding onto the individual towns. Therefore, my taxes in my town should support the students of my town.

Sarah Ohl

I don't support expansion of the School Choice bill. As a public school teacher the loss of funding could lead to decreasing educational supports in our public schools. We need to support our public schools, not the public that chooses to not utilize our public schools.

Mary Levesque

This bill would overtax many school resources to the point of lowering quality of education.

Jeannette and Dudley Baker

Eliminating residency requirements will doom poorer performing schools to continued failure. The remedy is to adequately fund ALL schools, ensuring that ALL students have the opportunity for a good education.

Daniel Richardson

Only a yokel could come up with such a dumb idea. Ya, lets open the flood gates to a successful school system and force its residents in that district to pay for all of mooching people who have not contributed to it. Maybe we ought invite Canadians too?

Marie Straiton

You cannot put additional burdens on towns that are already having difficulty paying for public education on top of the "educational vouchers".

William Palmer

This bill could totally disrupt local public school budgets and make it impossible to maintain an excellent program for remaining students. It is also likely to raise local property taxes which is something my constituents are very concerned about. I know there are those who want to abolish public schools but what normal young family will move to NH without excellent schools.

Nancy Brown

The impact of this bill would be to increase the burden of property taxpayers, of which I am one. As a property taxpayer, my property tax bills have more than doubled since I moved to NH in 1984. My income has not double in that timeframe.

Jaclynn Heintz

My son has adhd and autism. I would like to be able to send him where he would succeed in school rather then be told where he needs to go.

Annie Rettew

Enabling parents to take their children out of their local public schools and send them to any public school they want is not fiscally responsible. Towns will suffer financially and planning for our students' education will be chaotic.

Kim Marie Fudge

This is simply another bill that drains funds from towns and cities in order to dismantle public education.

Mary Wilke

Like all of the bills attempting to lure students out of their community public schools, HB 441 would leave behind, in schools with dwindling resources, those students whose families can’t or won't make the choice to move to a more distant school. All public schools in NH should have adequate resources so that students in higher need districts don’t have to go looking to wealthier school districts to get the opportunities they deserve. The way to ensure that all students have access to an adequate education regardless of zip code is to fund all public schools fairly and adequately, as required by the NH Supreme Court, not to give "choice" to a few students and turn your back on the rest. Please vote ITL on HB 441.

Nancy Newcomb

I oppose spending our tax money on private schools to the detriment of public schools.

Patricia Wallace

Do you have any idea how this is going to effect funding for education. If parents can choose any distirct without residence. Then what about students with high Special Needs, it would be the district that student/parents have no connection with to fund high needs students. This is ridiculous. Education is not funded by the state as it is. This will put even more burdens on school sytems that are doing well, because all special ed students will want to attend this.
Also, what about transportation, who will fund that!!!
Can people in Concord look at the whole picture not just their own agenda of defunding public school and promoting private/religious/charter school. s

Giana Gelsey

Public schools are meant to be community schools. They are integral to the function and support system of the community in which students and their families live. This bill would remove that and would cause chaos in funding. The inequality between public school systems is due to the reliance on the property tax and the unconstitutional underfunding of public education from the state of New Hampshire. Fixing the funding is a better way of addressing inequity rather than this bill.

Marilyn Jonas

Although HB 441 may sound like a good solution to unequal access across towns, it will only serve to perpetuate privilege in NH. School “choice” programs are typically accessed only by families who have the wherewithal to exercise their choice-leaving behind students who come from families who are less informed and have fewer resources. We have a duty to fund schools in a manner that ensures equal access to high quality education across all of NH’s public schools and should not be making the situation worse through “choice” programs.

Sara Smith

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Laurie Gordon

Public schools should be supported not destroyed. I simply cannot afford this. If a parent wants their child to attend another school, move to that town. If a parent wants a child to attend a private school, then by all means go ahead and then pay the bill. Furthermore, though not applicable here, by no means ever should my tax dollars be used to support religious “schools”.

This will only serve to further draw students from their local schools that are already significantly underfunded. Strong community based public schools are crucial to an educated public and a healthy community.

William Harbron

This is another means of achieving open enrollment. How will this be managed, System all ready is in place for manifested hardships.

Elizabeth Corell

We pay property taxes in large part to support our local schools. Our children should benefit from the support our communities provide in those schools and work with the school board and school staff to ensure our children get what they need. Communities are where the commitment starts and why we have local school boards, the governing body that oversees the use of our dollars for the benefit of an educated public.

Joe Montibello

This is a sneaky attempt to take state funding away from public schools and siphon it off to private interests.

Public funding SHOULD NOT PAY FOR PRIVATE SCHOOLS. Ever.

Quite apart from the anti-American idea that we should privatize public education, this bill makes no provisions for the havoc that this would create in our state if enacted. The bill states in part that "any fiscal impact from this bill would occur at the local school district level, however, such impact is indeterminable." This is willful disregard for our civic body. Towns and cities across the state already struggle with budget shortfalls. Adding more uncertainty into school budgets, simply for the purpose of scoring political points, makes a mockery of our democracy.

bruce berk

There are too many unanswered negative potential outcomes to this bill, and thus should be opposed.

Equally important, this bill seems intent on making educational ghettos in the state. The poorest school districts with the poorest students will remain while others can go elsewhere.

Towns like mine, Pittsfield, have been waiting for the State to engage the decisions of the Claremont case from three decades ago. Tackle this real problem and desperate bills like this one will be unnecessary.

Absolutely not.

Margery Phillips

I oppose this bill

Catharine Farkas

I do support this bill. I may have in error opposed it.

Michael Holmes

This bill would erode community identity and place an undue burden on schools who are only funded to provide services for their residents.

Cindy Rand

New Hampshire public schools should be for New Hampshire residents., which are paid for by New Hampshire residents.

Leane Garland

This concept makes no sense to me. How can.a local public school board plan a budget when they don't even know what children will be attending their schools? To take money from one public school to pay for tuition to another creates an accounting and bureaucratic nightmare at both the local and State level. What happened to local control? That concept goes totally out the window when a local Board does not know what its student population will be.

This is also a nightmare for school district staff planning. How will local schools know how many children they will receive, what grades to assign them to, and how to make teacher assignments? Not to mention transportation issues.

What is the purpose of this bill? I see no benefits to the children, schools, or communities if this bill becomes law. I OPPOSE this bill!

Carol Petrusewicz

Thank you, Sponsor, for your forethought. Thank you, Committee, for supporting this bill. I am grateful that the discrimination will be lifted when this bill passes. I also appreciate the acknowledgment that the parent knows the best location for the child's education.

Sharon Racusin

I oppose this sneaky end run around public education. KILL THIS BILL.

Mary Anne Broshek

This bill is another attempt to weaken the public school system. A far better approach to differing qualities in school systems (which happens because of property values) is to ensure all schools have sufficient funding to meet to same high standards of quality.

HB 441 Testimony (Multi-Stall Bathrooms) -- Rep. Michael Moffett, 2/7/2023

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

I am not the original prime sponsor for this measure. The original prime sponsor lost a reelection bid by 18 votes and is thus out of our current legislative mix. As I have great respect for the honorable Melissa Litchfield, I agreed to keep this bill alive and bring it forward to you today. And we all look forward to hearing her remarks in just a bit.

I do want to quickly share a couple thoughts though.

In 2021 this committee heard a bill that had to do with sports and transgender issues. HB 198. As we were still constrained by the COVID thing, all the testimony was via zoom. I think 34 people testified. 33 of them testified in opposition to the bill, which would have limited transgender participation in sports. I was very moved by the testimony that day. I believe that those who testified, mostly moms, moved the needle. I know they certainly broadened my awareness of transgender issues. I really learned some things. Even at my age. Transgender issues were not on our radar screens back when I went to high school up in Groveton, NH, back during the seventies. This committee ultimately voted to retain the bill. We heard the people. We heard the moms.

Now in 2023 this committee has another bill here that involves transgender issues. HB441simply seeks to mandate that multi-stall bathrooms be designated same sex, as in one bathroom for those with xx chromosomes, and one for those with xy chromosomes. The need for a bill such as this would have perplexed the good folks in Groveton, NH, back in the seventies. Boys were boys, and girls were girls, right?

But now, in 2023, things are more complicated. There are transgender issues to acknowledge and address that were not issues back in the day. I suspect that we'll hear from some of the same moms we heard from back in 2021, when we heard HB198.

I expect these moms will again advocate to let their children select the locker rooms or bathrooms in which they feel most comfortable. BUT .... I expect we'll that this time around we'll hear from some other moms. To include Melissa Litchfield.

Boston media reports that school officials in Milford, NH, are considering reinstating a bathroom rule that would allow students to only use a restroom or locker room in accordance with their biological sex. Milford's current policy is to allow students to use whatever bathrooms they choose. What could possibly go wrong?

Well. A lot could go wrong.

Consider the young girls in Loudoun County, Va. who were assaulted in school restrooms by a biological male wearing a skirt. Timid school administrators dithered and dissembled and covered up the crimes until local outrage finally resulted in the firing of the superintendent.

Moms have enough to worry about, without having to fret about their daughters being assaulted in school restrooms or locker rooms as progressive bullies jam dubious policies down the throats of parents and kids who deserve to feel safe at school.

I know I keep referring to moms, but there are also dads out there. And no one ... NO ONE ... should underestimate the emotions that can be unleashed when a dad thinks his young daughters are not safe or being protected when they go to school.

I look forward to hearing the original sponsor testify, but I can try to answer any questions as best I can, if there are any.

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HOUSE BILL ***441-FN-LOCAL***

AN ACT eliminating residency requirements for public school attendance.

SPONSORS: Rep. Yokela, Rock. 32; Rep. Phillips, Rock. 7

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This bill removes the requirement in the public school education laws that a pupil attend the school in the district of their residence. Changes of school or assignment are to be granted without discrimination based on the residence of the student.

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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.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three

AN ACT eliminating residency requirements for public school attendance.

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

1 Education; Compulsory Attendance; Residence Removed. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 193:1, I to read as follows:

I. A parent of any child at least 6 years of age and under 18 years of age shall cause such child to attend [~~the~~] ***a*** public school [~~to which the child is assigned in the child's resident district~~]. Such child shall attend full time when such school is in session unless:

2 Change of School of Assignment; Best Interest of the Student. Amend RSA 193:3, I through IV to read as follows:

I.(a) The parent or guardian of a student may apply to the superintendent of [~~the student's~~] ***a*** district [~~of residence~~] if the parent or guardian believes it would be in the best interest of the student to change the student's school or assignment.

(b) Upon such request, the superintendent shall schedule a meeting with the parent or guardian, to be held within 10 days of the request.

(c) Prior to or at such meeting, the parent or guardian shall make a specific request that the student be re-assigned [~~by the school board~~] to another public school, public academy, or an approved private school within the district or to a public school, public academy, or an approved private school in another district.

(d) At such meeting, the parent or guardian may present documents, witnesses, or other relevant evidence supporting the parent's belief that it is in the best interest of the student to change the student's school or assignment. The superintendent may present such information as he or she deems appropriate.

(e) In determining whether it is in the best interest of the student to change the student's school or assignment, the superintendent shall ***only*** consider the student's [~~academic, physical, personal, or social needs~~] ***best interest and the information provided by the parent***.

(f) If the superintendent finds it is in the best of the interest of the student to change the student's school or assignment, the superintendent shall initiate:

(1) A change of assignment [~~within the student's current assigned school~~];

(2) The student's transfer to another public school or public academy within the ***superintendent's*** district [~~of residence~~]; or

(3) The student's transfer to a public school, public academy, or an approved private school in another district.

(g) If a student is reassigned as a result of a best interest determination to a public school or public academy, the superintendents or administrators involved in the reassignment shall jointly establish a tuition rate for such student. Some or all of the tuition may be waived by the superintendent of the receiving district for good cause shown or pursuant to school board policy of the receiving district. The school board of the student's district of residence shall approve the payment of tuition upon the superintendent's finding that is in the best interest of the student to be reassigned. ***Tuition shall not be charged to the parent or legal guardian.*** Transportation shall be the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian.

(h) If the student is reassigned as the result of a best interest determination to an approved private school, the private school may [~~charge tuition to the parent or may~~] enter into an agreement for payment of tuition with the school district in which the child resides.

(i) If the superintendent does not find that it is in the best interest of the student to change the student's school or assignment, the parent or guardian may request a hearing with the school board of residence to determine if the student is experiencing a manifest educational hardship under paragraph II. ***The school board of residence shall grant the hearing within 30 days of receiving written notification of the request.***

II.(a) "Manifest educational hardship" means that a student has a documented hardship in his or her current educational placement; and that such hardship has a detrimental or negative impact on the student's academic achievement or growth, physical safety, or social and emotional well-being***, or any other hardship as determined by the parent***. [~~Such hardship must be so severe, pervasive, or persistent that it interferes with or limits the ability of the student to receive an education.~~]

(b) The superintendent shall duly notify the school board that the parent or guardian has requested a manifest educational hardship hearing, upon which the school board shall schedule a hearing to be held no more than 15 days after the request has been received.

(c) At such hearing, the parent or guardian may present documents, witnesses, or other relevant evidence supporting their belief that the student is experiencing a manifest educational hardship. The superintendent may present such information as he or she may deem appropriate to assist the school board in reaching its decision. The parties shall have the right to examine all evidence and witnesses.

(d) Prior to or at such hearing, the parent or guardian shall make a specific request that the student be re-assigned by the school board to another public school, public academy, or an approved private school within the district or to a public school, public academy or an approved private school in another district.

(e) The [~~parent or guardian~~] ***superintendent*** shall have the burden of establishing the [~~presence~~] ***absence*** of a manifest educational hardship by clear and convincing evidence.

(f) If the school board finds that the student has a manifest educational hardship, the school board shall grant the parent's or guardian's request to re-assign the student to another public school, public academy or an approved private school within the district or to a public school, public academy, or an approved private school in another district.

(g) If the school board finds that the parent or guardian has not met their burden of proof, the parent or guardian may appeal the local school board decision to the state board of education. If the state board of education chooses to accept the parent's or guardian's appeal, the state board of education shall schedule hearing on the matter, pursuant to applicable department of education rules.

(h) If a student is assigned to attend a public school or public academy in another district because of a manifest educational hardship, the district in which the student resides shall pay tuition to the district to which the child is re-assigned. Such tuition shall be computed according to RSA 193:4. The school board of the district in which the student resides shall approve the tuition payment.

III. The state board of education may permit such child to withdraw from the school the student currently attends for such time as the state board deems necessary. Children with disabilities as defined in RSA 186-C:2 shall be accorded a due process review pursuant to rules adopted under RSA 186-C:16.

III-a.(a) A student reassigned under this section shall be counted in the average daily membership in residence of the student's resident school district. The student's resident district shall forward any tuition payment due to the district to which the student was reassigned.

(b) The superintendent of the student's resident school administrative unit shall notify the department of education within 30 days of any reassignment of students under this section.

(c) Nothing in this section shall alter or impair the right of a child with a disability, as defined in RSA 186-C:2, to be accorded a due process review pursuant to rules adopted under RSA 186-C:16.

(d) The total reassignments or transfers in any one school year shall not exceed one percent of the average daily membership in residence of a school district, or 5 percent of the average daily membership in residence of any single school, whichever is greater, unless the school board votes to exceed this limit.

(e) The state board of education shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to manifest educational hardship. Each school board shall establish a policy, consistent with the state board's rules, which shall allow a school board, with the recommendation of the superintendent, to take appropriate action including assignment to another public school or public academy within the district or to a public school or public academy in another district.

(f) Students re-assigned under this section shall meet the admission requirements of the school to which the student is re-assigned***, provided the admission requirements do not include discrimination based on the residence of the student***.

IV.(a) Any person having custody of a child may apply to enroll that child in a public school or public academy outside the school district in which the person and child reside. If the non-resident school district or public academy agrees to enroll the child it may ***not*** charge tuition to the parent [~~or~~] ***and*** may enter into an agreement for payment of tuition with the school district in which the child resides.

(b) When a child is enrolled pursuant to subparagraph (a), the district in which the child is enrolled shall immediately notify the district in which the child resides of the name, date of birth, address, and grade assignment of the child. This same notification shall be made at the beginning of each school year for which the child is enrolled.

(c) When a child is enrolled pursuant to subparagraph (a), the district in which the child [~~resides~~] ***attends*** shall retain all responsibility for the provision of special education and related services pursuant to RSA 186-C.

(d) The decision by a school district or a public academy to deny enrollment of a non-resident pupil shall not be based, in whole or in part, on whether such pupil is a child with a disability as defined in RSA 186-C:2, I, or a child that requires an accommodation under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. If a parent or guardian believes the denial was based upon the child's disability, such parent may appeal the decision to the state board of education consistent with the provisions of RSA 21-N:11, III or file a complaint with the state commission for human rights under RSA 354-A:28. The decision of a parent to enroll a child in a chartered public school shall not be subject to the provisions of this section.

(e) The decision of a parent to enroll a child in a charter school shall not be subject to the provisions of this section.

(f) Disputes related to the provision of special education services under this paragraph shall be governed by RSA 186-C.

3 School Attendance; Legal Residence Defined RSA 193:12 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

193:12 Legal Residence Required.

I. For the purposes of this title, "legal resident" of a school district means a natural person who is domiciled in the state and who, if temporarily absent, demonstrates an intent to maintain a principal dwelling place in the state indefinitely and to return there, coupled with an act or acts consistent with that intent. A married person may have a domicile independent of the domicile of his or her spouse. A person may have only one legal residence at a given time.

II. The term "homeless children and youths" means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, and shall include the following:

(a) Children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting foster care placement.

(b) Children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

(c) Children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings.

(d) Migratory children, as defined in 20 U.S.C. section 6399 who qualify as homeless because such children are living in circumstances as described in subparagraphs (a)-(c).

III. Nothing in this section shall limit or abridge the right of any child placed and cared for in any home for children, as defined in RSA 193:27, or of any child placed in the home of a relative of that child by the department of health and human services, or placed in the home of a relative or friend by a court pursuant to RSA 169-B, RSA 169-C, RSA 169-D, RSA 170-C, or RSA 463, to attend the public schools of the school district in which the home for children or home of the relative or friend in which a child is placed by the department of health and human services or by a court of competent jurisdiction is located, as provided in RSA 193:28.

IV. Whenever a parent or guardian voluntarily places a child with a relative at the recommendation or request of the department of health and human services, that child shall be permitted to attend the public schools of the school district in which that relative resides provided that:

(a) Upon request of the school district, the department of health and human services shall confirm that the department recommended or requested that the child be placed with the relative to promote the child's well being, and not for the purpose of allowing the child to attend school in the district where the relative resides; and

(b) Upon request of the school district, the relative shall take reasonable steps to secure a court award of guardianship over the child, the child being allowed to attend school in that district while the relative seeks guardianship.

V. Whenever a dispute arises among one or more school districts, the department of health and human services, or one or more of the previously mentioned parties, as to the residency of a child who is in the legal custody or guardianship of the department of health and human services, or who has been placed pursuant to a court order in a proceeding under RSA 169-B, RSA 169-C, RSA 169-D, or RSA 463, the department of health and human services shall request in writing that the superintendents involved resolve the dispute. If the residency dispute remains unresolved 10 days after such request, the department of health and human services shall request that the commissioner of the department of education determine the residence of the child. The child shall be

permitted to attend school in the district in which the child has been placed by the court or the department of health and human services. Liability as to the cost of school attendance provided under this paragraph shall be determined by the commissioner of education.

VI.(a) The commissioner of the department of education, or designee, shall decide residency issues for all pupils, excluding homeless children and youths, in accordance with this section. When addressing residency issues, the only question the commissioner may decide is whether the child is a resident of the state. The commissioner's decision, including a written explanation for that decision, shall be provided to the parties of record and a copy of such explanation shall be kept on file by the department of education. No school district shall deny a pupil attendance or implementation of an existing individualized education program.

(b) A pupil shall remain in attendance in the pupil's school of origin during the pendency of a determination of residency. If a child does not have a school of origin within this state, the child shall be immediately admitted to the school in which enrollment is sought pending determination of the residency dispute, provided such school is in the school district in which the child temporarily resides. For the purpose of this paragraph, "school of origin" means the school the child attended when permanently housed or the school in which the child was last enrolled.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 21-N:11, III any person aggrieved by a determination of the commissioner may appeal such determination to a court of competent jurisdiction.

VII. Nothing in this section shall require or prohibit a district to provide transportation for a student beyond the geographical limits of that district.

VIII. Each school district shall adopt an admission and attendance of non-resident students policy.

IX. The commissioner of education may enter into agreements with other states relative to liability for educational costs, including special education costs, of students placed in New Hampshire by those states, or of students placed outside the state of New Hampshire.

X. For the purpose of determining liability for a child placed and cared for in any home for children or health care facility, the provisions of RSA 193:29 shall apply.

4 Education; Discrimination in Public Schools; Residency. Amend RSA 193:38 to read as follows:

193:38 Discrimination in Public Schools. No person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in public schools because of their age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, color, marital status, familial status, disability, religion, or national origin, all as defined in RSA 354-A***, or their residence within the borders of the state***. Any person claiming to be aggrieved by a discriminatory practice prohibited under this section, including the attorney general, may initiate a civil action against a school or school district in

superior court for legal or equitable relief, or with the New Hampshire commission for human rights, as provided in RSA 354-A:27-28.

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

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HB 441-FN-LOCAL- FISCAL NOTE
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AN ACT eliminating residency requirements for public school attendance.

FISCAL IMPACT: [ ] State [ ] County [X] Local [ ] None

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

METHODOLOGY:

This bill strikes the requirement in RSA 193:1 that the child attend a school in his or her resident district and modifies what a parent must prove under best interest and manifest educational hardship to have their child attend a different school. The Department of Education states any fiscal impact from this bill would occur at the local school district level, however, such impact is indeterminable since it unknown how many people would request a change of school assignment pursuant to best interest and manifest educational hardship.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Education