

HB 68 - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL

**68**

AN ACT

making best interest placements within the same school district mandatory in the absence of a valid reason to deny the placement.

SPONSORS:

Rep. Layon, Rock. 13; Rep. D. McGuire, Merr. 14; Rep. D. Thomas, Rock. 16; Rep. J. Aron, Sull. 4; Rep. Cordelli, Carr. 7; Rep. Thibault, Merr. 25; Sen. Murphy, Dist 16; Sen. Ward, Dist 8; Sen. Sullivan, Dist 18

COMMITTEE:

Education Policy and Administration

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ANALYSIS

This bill requires superintendents to approve student requests for reassignment within the same school district, and requires superintendents to provide written reasons to parents for denials of requests.

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Explanation:

Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT making best interest placements within the same school district mandatory in the absence of a valid reason to deny the placement.

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

1 1 Change of School or Assignment; Best Interest of Student. Amend RSA 193:3, I(c) to read as  
2 follows:

3 (c) Prior to or at such meeting, the parent or guardian shall make a specific request that  
4 the student be re-assigned by the school board to another public school, public academy, or an  
5 approved private school within the district or to a public school, public academy, or an approved  
6 private school in another district. ***If such request is made to re-assign the student to another  
7 public school or public academy within the school district, the superintendent shall  
8 approve the request unless it fails to meet the requirements under this section.***

9 2 Change of School or Assignment; Finding Not in Best Interest. Amend RSA 193:3, I(i) to read  
10 as follows:

11 (i) If the superintendent does not find that it is in the best interest of the student to  
12 change the student's school or assignment, the parent or guardian may request a hearing with the  
13 school board of residence to determine if the student is experiencing a manifest educational hardship  
14 under paragraph II. ***Within 10 days following such decision, the superintendent shall  
15 provide a written report to the parent or guardian providing the reasons why the request  
16 cannot be accommodated.***

17 3 New Paragraph; Failure to Meet Requirements. Amend RSA 193:3 by inserting after  
18 paragraph I the following new paragraph:

19 I-a. If the superintendent fails to meet any requirements under this section, the request  
20 shall be approved.

21 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.