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HOUSE BILL **676**

AN ACT relative to the composition and responsibilities of the parent and education service provider advisory commission, and establishing education freedom account impact and parent satisfaction surveys.

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COMMITTEE: Education Policy and Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill makes changes to the parent and education service provider advisory commission and establishes education freedom account impact and parent satisfaction surveys.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

AN ACT relative to the composition and responsibilities of the parent and education service provider advisory commission, and establishing education freedom account impact and parent satisfaction surveys.

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

1 1 Parent and Education Service Provider Advisory Commission. Amend RSA 194-
2 F:5, II to read as follows:

3 II. The commission shall consist of [7] 9 members who shall be parents of EFA students or
4 education service providers and shall represent no fewer than 4 counties in the state. The members
5 shall be appointed by the director of the scholarship organization and serve at the director's pleasure
6 for one calendar year after which they may be reappointed. The director of the scholarship
7 organization, or designee, shall serve as a non-voting chairperson of the commission. The
8 commissioner of the department of education, or designee, shall serve as a non-voting member of the
9 commission. ***Five members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.***

10 2 Parent and Education Service Provider Advisory Commission. RSA 194-F:5, III is repealed
11 and reenacted to read as follows:

12 III. The commission shall meet at least on a quarterly basis and more often as necessary.
13 Additional meetings may be called on the vote of a majority of members or at the request of the
14 director or commissioner or their designees. The commission shall meet, in person or virtually, to:

15 (a) To review appeals of education service provider denials pursuant to RSA 194-F:4, XI
16 and to provide a recommendation to the scholarship organization as to whether an education service
17 provider should be allowed to receive, or continue receiving, payments from EFAs.

18 (b) To review program application process, approval process for account expenses, and
19 approval of service providers and make recommendations for legislative changes.

20 IV. The commission shall submit an annual report by November 1st beginning in 2026 to the
21 president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the chairpersons of the house
22 and senate education committee, and the chairperson of the EFA Legislative Oversight Committee
23 pursuant to RSA 194-F:12.

24 3 New Sections; Education Freedom Account Surveys. Amend RSA 194-F by inserting after
25 section 12 the following new sections:

26 194-F:13 Education Freedom Account Impact Survey.

27 The education freedom account impact survey shall be a document developed by the department
28 of education and given to the parents of students who have exited a public school under the

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1 provisions of this chapter. The survey shall solicit the reasons for seeking the education freedom
2 account and any suggested improvements desired in the public school they are leaving.

3 194-F:14 Education Freedom Account Parent Satisfaction Survey.

4 I. The department shall provide aggregated results from a survey, designed by the
5 department, and administered by the scholarship organization, which shall solicit information from
6 at least 90 percent of the parents or legal guardians of participating students, broken down by the
7 number of years in the program. In each case, the respondent shall be asked to gauge their level of
8 agreement with the statement as follows: "strongly agree," "agree," "no change," "disagree," "strongly
9 disagree." The following statements shall be included in the survey:

10 (a) I am satisfied with the education option(s) my child is utilizing as compared to the
11 option(s) my child utilized prior to the availability of the education freedom account program.

12 (b) My child has seen a measurable improvement in academic achievement.

13 (c) My child would have been unable to attend the school of his or her choice without the
14 education freedom account program.

15 II. The survey shall include the following question to the parent or legal guardian of a
16 participating student who is attending a public or private school full time: "Excluding the education
17 freedom account, how much did you pay out of pocket for your child to attend school this year?"

18 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 30 days after its passage.