

Senate Education Committee

Ryan Meleedy 271-4151

SB 100-FN, relative to violations of the prohibition on teaching discrimination.

Hearing Date: February 4, 2025

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Ward, Sullivan, Abbas, Prentiss and Altschiller

Members of the Committee Absent : None

Bill Analysis: This bill repeals the provision of law classifying violations of the prohibition on teaching discrimination as a violation of the educator code of conduct.

Sponsors:

Sen. Lang

Sen. Avard

Sen. Birdsell

Sen. Innis

Sen. Pearl

Sen. Gannon

Who supports the bill: Senator Timothy Lang, Senator Daniel Innis, Jerry Frew (NHSAA), Barrett M. Christina (NHSBA), Karen Burnett-Kurie.

Who opposes the bill: Brian Hawkins (NEANH), Debrah Howes (AFT-NH), Ian Huyett (Cornerstone), Janet Lucas, Daniel Richardson, Curtis Howard, Mary Burton, Leane Garland, Robert Keene, Claudia Gibson, Barbara Callaway, Margaret Caudill-Slosberg, Margaret Bowles, Joanne Scobie, Karen Chase, Isabeth Gross, Janet Hurd.

Who is neutral on the bill: No one signed in neutrality to this bill.

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Senator Timothy Lang

- Senator Lang testified in support of his prime-sponsored Senate Bill 100.
- Senator Lang explained that the bill came on the heels of a lawsuit which determined that the language from section four of a previously passed Critical Race Theory bill was ambiguous.
- Senator Lang explained that this bill, as introduced, would strike the ambiguous section from the law.
- Senator Lang explained that rather than following through with merely striking the section, he was in the process of developing an amendment with the Department of Education to replace the section's language.
- Senator Lang asked that the bill be held until the amendment has been drafted.

