

# Senate Education Committee

*Trevor Currier 271-4151*

**HB 1202**, relative to dual and concurrent enrollment requirements for courses at institutions within the community college system of New Hampshire.

**Hearing Date:** March 10, 2026

**Time Opened:** 10:00 a.m.

**Time Closed:** 10:09 a.m.

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

**Members of the Committee Absent :** None

**Bill Analysis:** This bill allows oversight of dual or concurrent enrollment of high schoolers in the community college system.

This bill is a request of the community college system of New Hampshire.

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**Sponsors:**

Rep. Ladd

Rep. Popovici-Muller

Rep. Peeples

Rep. Kofalt

Sen. Ward

Sen. Innis

Sen. Murphy

Sen. Sullivan

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**Who supports the bill:** Senator Ruth Ward, Senator Dan Innis, Rep. Popovici-Muller, Rep. Toni Weinstein, Chuck Loyd (Community College System), Shawna Young (Secondary Education Partnerships), Cory Stone, Daniel Richardson, Laura Vincent, Dennis Jakubowski, Stacey Baston, Mary Dance, Deborah Jakubowski, Marie Stratton, Betsey Neville, and David Tucker

**Who opposes the bill:** Jennifer Favreau, Priscilla Dube, and Tami Lanzillo Zeimetz

**Who is neutral on the bill:** No one.

**Summary of testimony presented:**

**Representative Daniel Popovici-Muller, *Rockingham 17***

- Representative Popovici-Muller introduced and testified in support of HB 1202 on behalf of Representative Rick Ladd.
- Rep. Popovici-Muller said that the legislation makes a minor change to a highly successful program. It is established that the bill removes the four-credit class

limit for dual or concurrent enrollment courses. He explained that currently, the law restricts courses to those that are no larger than four credits.

- He highlighted that the bill was requested by the community college system.
- Senator Altschiller asked if there was a problem with the four-credit ceiling. He stated that the college has classes exceeding four credits that the community college system would like to offer to dual and concurrent enrollment students.
- Senator Altschiller clarified that the restriction in the statute is not that students cannot take courses exceeding four credits, but that they would have to pay for the credits beyond four. He confirmed that Senator Altschiller is correct and explained that the purpose of the bill is to remove financial barriers that would otherwise prevent students from enrolling in courses that go over four credits.

**Chuck Llyod, *Vice Chancellor of the Community College System***

- Mr. Llyod stated that last year, the community college system requested a four ceiling because it only offered courses that were three and four credits. He stated that, however, over the last year, the curriculum has evolved to include LNA and welding courses totaling 5 and 6 credits.
- He stated that the current law was administratively burdensome because the community college system would need to bill for one or two credits.
- He also established that the ceiling was a financial barrier for some students.
- Senator Abbas asked why the four-credit cap was in place and if this change could provide more flexibility in the program. He mentioned that it would allow for greater flexibility to adjust the curriculum, which combines courses to total up to seven credits.
- Senator Altschiller raised concerns about students enrolling in more than four dual and concurrent courses per year while still in high school. Mr. Llyod responded that some students reach their senior year after already completing their graduation requirements and then begin taking courses through the community college system. He also mentioned that students take courses at night.
- Senator Abbas asked if a motivated student could graduate high school and already have obtained an associates degree at the same time. He replied that it has happened.
- Senator Altschiller clarified that this bill would result in more of the students' educational expenses being paid by the state instead of providing some form of assistance through the community college system. She expressed concern that the community college system is relying on the state to resolve an administrative issue. Mr. Llyod clarified that HB 1202 addresses the credit cap and not the course cap. He also replied that this legislation is targeted at thirty to fifty students in programs like welding and LNA.