

Amendment to HB 741-FN

1 Amend RSA 194-D:2, VII-X as inserted by section 6 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 ***VII. A pupil who is a dependent child of active duty military personnel whose move***
4 ***resulted from military orders, shall be given admission preference over a nonresident***
5 ***pupil. Once admitted and unless expelled, military connected students as defined in RSA***
6 ***110-E:1 need not reapply for admission for subsequent years.***

7 ***VIII. A school district may deny a transfer application only for the following***
8 ***reasons:***

9 ***(a) The student was expelled by the student's previous district;***

10 ***(b) The student has a documented history of significant disciplinary issues;***

11 ***(c) The student has a documented history of chronic absenteeism; or***

12 ***(d) The receiving district does not have available capacity pursuant to this***
13 ***section, provided that military connected students as defined in RSA 110-E:1 shall be***
14 ***exempt from capacity limits.***

15 ***IX. No receiving school or district shall accept or reject an applicant based upon***
16 ***grade or age levels, pupil needs, areas of academic focus, aptitude, academic or athletic***
17 ***achievement.***

18 ***X. Attendance at [~~an open enrollment~~] a public school for the purposes of transportation***
19 ***shall not constitute assignment under the provisions of RSA 189:6 and RSA 189:8. Pupils who reside***
20 ***in the school district in which the [~~open enrollment~~] school is located shall be provided***
21 ***transportation to that school by the district on the same terms and conditions as provided for in RSA***
22 ***189:6 and RSA 189:8 and that transportation is provided to pupils attending other public schools***
23 ***within that district. However, any added costs for such transportation services shall be borne by the***
24 ***[~~open enrollment~~] school. For the purposes of open enrollment, neither the sending nor the receiving***
25 ***school district shall be obligated to provide transportation services for pupils attending [~~an open~~***
26 ***enrollment] a school outside the pupil's resident district. *The parent may provide****
27 ***transportation to a specific bus stop on an existing route of the receiving school or district.***
28 ***The district shall provide the parents with information regarding transportation options.***

29 ***[X.] XI. Upon approval by each of the district's legislative bodies and after a public hearing,***
30 ***2 or more school districts may consolidate otherwise eligible resident pupils into one applicant pool***
31 ***for the purposes of an admissions lottery for designated open enrollment schools***