

Senate Education Committee

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HB 1827-FN-A, requiring the department of education to conduct a confidential criminal history record check on all prospective educational personnel.

Hearing Date: April 7, 2026

Time Opened: 10:21 a.m.

Time Closed: 10:25 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Prentiss and Ward

Members of the Committee Absent : Senators Abbas, Altschiller and Sullivan

Bill Analysis: This bill requires the department of education to conduct a confidential criminal history record check on all prospective educational personnel.

Sponsors:

Rep. Ladd

Who supports the bill: 4 People signed in support of HB 1827-FN. To see the full list of sign-ins, please email the committee aide (trevor.currier@gc.nh.gov).

Who opposes the bill: 30 People signed in opposition to HB 1827-FN. To see the full list of sign-ins, please email the committee aide (trevor.currier@gc.nh.gov).

Who is neutral on the bill: No one.

Summary of testimony presented:

Representative Kristin Noble - Hillsborough 2

- Representative Noble introduced House Bill 1827-FN.
- She established that the bill sought to require the Department of Education to conduct a confidential criminal history record check on all prospective educational personnel.

Steve Appleby – New Hampshire Department of Education

- Mr. Appleby explained that checks are currently conducted every five years for bus drivers, for new applicants for an educator license, and for education preparation enrolled students at the time of enrollment. The checks are done to confirm that none of the individuals have been convicted of a crime on the

section five list and that no action has been taken against their license in another state.

- He stated that the legislation expands the current process to include all education personnel in public schools, public charter schools, and non-public special education schools, allowing the department to run the individual through the nationwide database.
- He stated that schools cannot currently employ someone whose license has been revoked in another state, but explained that the schools have no way of knowing because the district does not have access to the database.
- Senator Ward asked for further explanation regarding the confidentiality of the record check. He replied that all criminal history checks are confidential and comply with FBI rules and standards.