

# Senate Education Committee

*Trevor Currier 271-4151*

**HB 1093**, relative to public charter schools and governmental land use exemptions.

**Hearing Date:** April 14, 2026

**Time Opened:** 9:16 a.m.

**Time Closed:** 9:21 a.m.

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

**Members of the Committee Absent :** Senator Altschiller

**Bill Analysis:** This bill grants chartered public schools governmental-use status for land-use purposes and subjects them to the same municipal notification requirements as other governmental entities.

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**Sponsors:**

Rep. Donnelly

Rep. Harvey-Bolia

Rep. Janigian

Rep. D. Mannion

Rep. Mooney

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**Who supports the bill:** Representative Tanya Donnelly, Jessica Wachsman, Emily Whalen, Beth McClure, Amy Bottomley, Christopher O'Reilly, Spring McKenney (Northeast Woodland Chartered Public School), and Daniel Richardson.

**Who opposes the bill:** William Copeland Jr, Carol Wright, Priscilla Dube, Joyce Weston, Julie Retelle, Stephanie Osborne, Richard Osborne, Suzanna Derynioski, Carol Lenahan, Sally Widerstrom, Janet Lucas, Karen Burnett-Kurie, Rose LaRochelle-Colby, Sheila Donahue, Nancy Donahue, Erin Kerwin, Lisa Willis, Steven Zeimetz, Tami Lanzillo Zeimetz, Lisa Day-Copeland, Anne Hunnewell, and Gary McCool.

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

**Summary of testimony presented in support:**

**Senator Daryl Abbas – *Senate District 22***

- Senator Abbas introduced House Bill 1093 on behalf of Representative Tanya Donnelly.
- Senator Abbas explained that public charter schools have fallen outside the law regarding governmental land use and that there have been inconsistent interpretations of the current law by municipalities.

- He stated that the RSAs are inconsistent and that this bill looks to address those concerns.

**Jessica Wachsman**

- Ms. Wachsman stated that this bill addresses roadblocks that were raised when public charter schools wanted to make renovations.
- Ms. Wachsman explained that different municipalities have been interpreting the law related to public charter schools inconsistently.
- Ms. Wachsman stated that after working with attorneys, they settled on RSA 674 as the accurate place to make these changes.
- She explained that the bill recognized that charter schools are public schools and are granted all the rights that are afforded to public schools.
- She explained that the bill addresses concerns about permitting fees, zoning areas, and property taxes. She stated that the bill does not include changes to code requirements.

**Summary of testimony presented in opposition:** None.

