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HOUSE BILL **1700**

AN ACT adding a non-voting student member to the state board of education.

SPONSORS: Rep. Alexander Jr., Hills. 29; Rep. McDonnell, Rock. 25; Rep. Thibault, Merr. 25

COMMITTEE: Education Policy and Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill adds a non-voting member to the state board of education who is actively a student in a career school, high school, community college, college, or university, or enrolled in an education freedom account program or home education program located in the state. The bill also clarifies that such member shall serve for a non-renewable two-year term or until the member attains the age of 22, whichever occurs first.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

AN ACT adding a non-voting student member to the state board of education.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 State Board of Education; Student Position Added. Amend RSA 21-N:10 to read as follows:
 2 21-N:10 State Board of Education.

3 I. There is hereby established the state board of education consisting of [7] 8 members who
 4 shall serve without pay and shall not be technical educators or professionally engaged in school
 5 work. ***For the purposes of this section, "professionally engaged in school work" shall not***
 6 ***include a member that is actively enrolled as a student in a career school, high school,***
 7 ***community college, college, or university located in the state.*** The members shall be paid for
 8 actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties out of moneys appropriated for the
 9 department of education.

10 II. The education committee of the house of representatives or the education committee of
 11 the senate may, by majority vote of its members, propose areas of study to the board, which shall be
 12 put on the agenda of the next meeting of the board for its consideration and response.

13 III. The governor and council shall appoint the members of the board.

14 (a) Five of the members shall be selected one each from the 5 executive councilor
 15 districts and 2 members shall be selected from the public at large. Terms of office of ***these*** members
 16 shall be for 4 years from the January 31 on which the terms of their predecessors expired. Annually,
 17 on or before January 31, the governor shall name [a] ***one of these [member] members*** of the board
 18 ~~[who shall]~~ ***to*** serve as chairperson for one year and until a successor is appointed. No member of
 19 the board shall serve more than 3 consecutive full terms.

20 (b) ***One member of the board shall be a student currently attending a New***
 21 ***Hampshire career school, high school, community college, college, or university, or enrolled***
 22 ***in an education freedom account program or home education program in the state, and***
 23 ***who is between 14 and 22 years of age. Terms of office for said board member shall be for 2***
 24 ***years from the January 31 on which the term of their predecessor expired, or until said***
 25 ***board member attains 22 years of age, whichever occurs first. No individual serving in this***
 26 ***board member position shall serve more than one term. This board member position shall***
 27 ***be a non-voting member position but possess all other rights of members of the state board***
 28 ***of education.***

29 IV. The governor and council may, after notice and hearing, remove a member of the board
 30 for incompetency, failure to discharge the member's duties, malfeasance, immorality, or other cause

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1 inimical to the welfare of the public schools, and in case of such removal, or of a vacancy arising from
2 any other cause, they shall make another appointment for the unexpired term.

3 V. The state shall provide an office for the board. The board shall hold at least 6 regular
4 meetings each year, and such special meetings as may be required. The time and places for regular
5 meetings shall be fixed by the board, and the chairperson shall call a special meeting upon the
6 written request of any 2 members, or on the chairperson's own motion.

7 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.