

HB 1817-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2026 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL            ***1817-FN***

AN ACT                permitting all students the choice to attend the school district in which they reside.

SPONSORS:            Rep. McDonnell, Rock. 25; Rep. P. Brown, Rock. 14; Rep. Kuttab, Rock. 17; Rep. Morse, Merr. 3; Rep. Hill, Merr. 2; Rep. Thibault, Merr. 25

COMMITTEE:          Education Policy and Administration

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ANALYSIS

This bill allows all students the choice to attend school in the school district in which they reside.

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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                    permitting all students the choice to attend the school district in which they reside.

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

1            1    Education; School Attendance; Access to Public School Programs by Nonpublic, Public  
2    Chartered Schools or Home Educated Pupils. Amend RSA 193:1-c to read as follows:

3            193:1-c    Access to Public School Programs by [~~Nonpublic, Public Chartered Schools or Home~~  
4    ~~Educated Pupils~~] ***Residents of this State who are Eligible to Enroll in a Public Elementary or***  
5    ***Secondary School.***

6            I. [~~Nonpublic, public chartered school, or home educated pupils~~] ***Residents of this state***  
7    ***who are eligible to enroll in a public elementary or secondary school, including non-public,***  
8    ***public chartered school, or home educated pupils under RSA 193:1-c, or any other state-***  
9    ***based education program under RSA 194-F,*** shall have access to curricular courses and  
10    cocurricular programs offered by the school district in which the pupil resides. The local school  
11    board shall adopt a policy regulating participation in curricular courses and cocurricular programs[  
12    ~~provided that such~~]. ***Such*** policy shall not be more restrictive for non-public, public chartered  
13    school, or home educated pupils ***under RSA 193:1-c, or any other state-based education***  
14    ***program under RSA 194-F,*** than the policy governing the school district's resident pupils. In this  
15    section, "cocurricular" shall include those activities which are designed to supplement and enrich  
16    regular academic programs of study, provide opportunities for social development, and encourage  
17    participation in clubs, athletics, performing groups, and service to school and community. For  
18    purposes of allowing access as described in this section, a "home educated pupil" includes any pupil  
19    who is a "child with a disability" under RSA 186-C:2, I, until such time as such pupil has acquired a  
20    high school diploma or reached age 21 inclusive; but shall not include any other pupil who has  
21    graduated from a high school level program of home education, or its equivalent, or has attained the  
22    age of 21 inclusive.

23            II. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a parent to establish a home  
24    education program which exceeds the requirements of RSA 193:1.

25            2    Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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**HB 1817-FN- FISCAL NOTE  
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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Office of Legislative Budget Assistant is unable to complete a fiscal note for this bill as it is awaiting information from the Department of Education. The Department was initially contacted on 11/20/25 for a fiscal note worksheet, with follow-up contact made on 12/5/25. When completed, the fiscal note will be forwarded to the House Clerk's Office.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

Department of Education