

HB 1828-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL ***1828-FN***

AN ACT requiring the department of education to establish an auditing process relative to teacher preparation programs at the post-secondary educational level.

SPONSORS: Rep. Noble, Hills. 2; Rep. Layon, Rock. 13; Rep. Peternel, Carr. 6; Rep. Freeman, Belk. 8; Rep. Korzen, Coos 7; Rep. Litchfield, Rock. 32; Rep. Colcombe, Hills. 30; Sen. Ward, Dist 8

COMMITTEE: Education Policy and Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill requires the department of education to review professional educator preparation programs to ensure effective literacy instruction is provided in institutions of higher education. The bill also authorizes the department to make rules relative to the auditing process of preparation programs.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 1 New Section; Preparation Program Literacy Audit. Amend RSA 189 by inserting after section
2 58 the following new section:

3 189:58-a Preparation Program Literacy Audit.

4 I. The department of education shall review New Hampshire approved professional
5 preparation programs to:

6 (a) Ensure that all educators complete coursework in evidence-based strategies for
7 effective literacy instruction aligned to the science of reading, which includes phonics, phonemic
8 awareness, fluency comprehension, and vocabulary teacher development, and is part of a structured
9 literacy program; and

10 (b) Ensure that clinical preparation for all educators who are responsible for teaching
11 reading only occurs in the classrooms where the local education agency has verified that the
12 practicing teachers have training in literacy instruction strategies aligned to the science of reading,
13 use instructional materials aligned to the science of reading, and actively implement a structured
14 literacy approach.

15 II. The department of education shall develop an auditing process with metrics that
16 document the degree to which every educator preparation program at an institution of higher
17 education is effectively teaching the science of reading and publish the audit results on the
18 department's web site.

19 III. The department of education shall adopt rules under RSA 541-A relative to the auditing
20 process.

21 2 New Subparagraph; Literacy Audit Rulemaking. Amend RSA 21-N:9, II by inserting after
22 subparagraph (cc) the following new subparagraph:

23 (dd) The auditing process for literacy instruction in professional preparation programs,
24 as defined in RSA 189:58-a.

25 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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**HB 1828-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 10/15/25 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.

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