

SB 430 - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL **430**

AN ACT relative to mandatory disclosure by school district employees to parents and legal guardians.

SPONSORS: Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. McGough, Dist 11; Sen. Ward, Dist 8; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Gray, Dist 6; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23; Sen. Abbas, Dist 22; Sen. Sullivan, Dist 18; Sen. Murphy, Dist 16; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Rochefort, Dist 1; Rep. Berry, Hills. 44; Rep. Moffett, Merr. 4

COMMITTEE: Education

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires all school employees to respond honestly and completely to written requests by parents and legal guardians regarding information relating to their children.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 relative to mandatory disclosure by school district employees to parents and legal guardians.

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

- 1 1 Short Title. This act shall be known as the Honesty and Transparency in Education Act.
- 2 2 New Section; Communications Between Teachers, Parents, and Legal Guardians. Amend
- 3 RSA 189 by inserting after section 13-c the following new section:
- 4 189:13-d Communications Between Teachers, Parents, and Legal Guardians.
- 5 I. Educators credentialed by the New Hampshire department of education shall have a duty
- 6 to respond to written inquiries by parents and legal guardians regarding material information
- 7 relating to their child enrolled in that educator’s school. Such response to a written request shall be
- 8 sent within 10 business days of its receipt and be answered completely and honestly to the extent
- 9 permitted by state or federal law.
- 10 II. If, in the good faith determination of the credential holder, such complete and honest
- 11 response to a request would put the student at imminent risk of physical harm, abuse, or neglect,
- 12 such credential holder shall file a report with the department of health and human services within
- 13 48 hours of such determination in accordance with RSA 169-C:30, and may withhold only the
- 14 information that creates the risk.
- 15 III. On or before June 30, 2027, the state board of education shall adopt rules, pursuant to
- 16 RSA 541-A, amending the code of ethics and the code of conduct for New Hampshire educators
- 17 relative to this section.
- 18 IV. Violation of this section shall be considered a violation of the code of conduct for New
- 19 Hampshire educators and subject to investigation, in accordance with administrative rules, against
- 20 that credential holder.
- 21 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.