

HB 1270 - VERSION ADOPTED BY BOTH BODIES

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HOUSE BILL **1270**

AN ACT clarifying the definition of part-time teacher.

SPONSORS: Rep. Drye, Sull. 7; Rep. Nadeau, Rock. 4; Rep. Notter, Hills. 12; Rep. Freeman, Belk. 8; Rep. Mooney, Hills. 12; Rep. Litchfield, Rock. 32; Rep. Belcher, Carr. 4; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Ward, Dist 8; Sen. Sullivan, Dist 18

COMMITTEE: Education Policy and Administration

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ANALYSIS

This bill clarifies the definition of part-time teacher by requiring a superintendent or school principal approval of part-time teachers' expertise to teach in a subject area. The bill also clarifies the ethical standards which part-time teachers must abide by.

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 clarifying the definition of part-time teacher.

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

1 1 Part-Time Teacher; Definition; Expertise and Ethics. Amend RSA 189:39-c to read as follows:  
2 189:39-c Part-Time Teacher; Defined.

3 I. A part-time teacher is not required to hold a state board of education credential provided  
4 that the individual:

5 (a) Works up to 20 hours per week.

6 (b) Seeks a criminal history record check clearance authorization from the department of  
7 education as outlined in RSA 189:13-c prior to receiving a final offer of employment.

8 (c) Is employed or contracted as a full-time or adjunct faculty member by a university  
9 system of New Hampshire or a community college system of New Hampshire member institution.

10 (d) Has expertise or significant professional experience to teach in a subject-area offered  
11 by the school or district or an approved college dual or concurrent enrollment course in the high  
12 school that has the same quality and rigor as the courses offered on-campus at the sponsoring college  
13 or university, ***as determined by the superintendent or school principal.***

14 II. ~~[Part-time teachers shall practice the principles identified in the New Hampshire code of~~  
15 ~~conduct and ethics for educational professionals]~~ ***The professional code of ethics and the***  
16 ***professional code of conduct shall apply to all individuals working as a part-time teacher***  
17 ***pursuant to this section.***

18 III. Any person who has had an educator credential, educator license, or other educator  
19 certification revoked under RSA 189:14-c or RSA 189:14-d, or who has been rendered ineligible to be  
20 employed as an educator under another provision of law, shall not be eligible to teach under this  
21 section.

22 IV. The state board of education shall adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A to implement this  
23 section.

24 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.