

HB 1795-FN - VERSION ADOPTED BY BOTH BODIES

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HOUSE BILL ***1795-FN***

AN ACT requiring criminal history record checks for the renewal of teaching licenses.

SPONSORS: Rep. Noble, Hills. 2; Rep. Freeman, Belk. 8; Rep. Litchfield, Rock. 32

COMMITTEE: Education Policy and Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill requires individuals seeking renewal of a teaching credential submit a criminal history release form to the department of education as a condition of renewing their credential. The bill also adds neglect to the criminal history record check.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Subparagraph; Credentialing Applicant Criminal History Records Check; Educator
2 Definition Added. Amend RSA 189:13-c, I by inserting after subparagraph (b) the following new
3 subparagraph:

4 (c) "Educator" means an individual currently holding a New Hampshire state board of
5 education issued credential including teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals, school nurses,
6 instructional specialists, and educational specialists.

7 2 New Subparagraph; Credentialing Applicant Criminal History Records Check; Educator
8 Renewal Requirement. Amend RSA 189:13-c, III by inserting after subparagraph (b) the following
9 new subparagraph:

10 (c) All educators shall submit a criminal history release form to the department of
11 education as a condition of renewing their credential every 3 years at least 60 days prior to their
12 credential expiration date.

13 3 Rulemaking; Educator Licensing Standards; Renewing Credential Holders Added. Amend
14 RSA 21-N:9, II(s)(1) to read as follows:

15 (1) The establishment and implementation of a secure system for conducting
16 criminal background checks pursuant to RSA 189:13-a for all first-time applicants **and renewing**
17 **credential holders** listed in this section,

18 4 Rulemaking; Educator Licensing Standards; Neglect Added. Amend RSA 21-N:9, II(s)(3) to
19 read as follows:

20 (3) The establishment and implementation of a secure system for accessing findings
21 of abuse **and neglect** for individuals on the central registry pursuant to RSA 169-C:35, and other
22 states' central registries upon approval of a memorandum of understanding by the governor and
23 council, and

24 5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2027.

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**HB 1795-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS INTRODUCED**

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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 11/17/25 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.

The Department of Safety states this bill is not expected to have any impact on its budget.

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Department of Education and Department of Safety