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HOUSE BILL

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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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 76:1 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 76:2 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 new
9 subparagraph:

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

13 76:3 Rulemaking; Educator Licensing Standards; Renewing Credential Holders Added. Amend RSA
14 21-N:9, II(s)(1) to read as follows:

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

18 76:4 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 of
21 abuse ***and neglect*** for individuals on the central registry pursuant to RSA 169-C:35, and other states'
22 central registries upon approval of a memorandum of understanding by the governor and council, and

23 76:5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2027.

Approved: May 18, 2026
Effective Date: July 01, 2027

