

HB 68 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT making best interest placements within the same school district mandatory in the absence of a valid reason to deny the placement.

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COMMITTEE: Education Policy and Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill requires superintendents to approve student requests for reassignment within the same school district, and requires superintendents to provide written reasons to parents for denials of requests.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 1 Change of School or Assignment; Best Interest of Student. Amend RSA 193:3, I(c) to read as
2 follows:

3 (c) Prior to or at such meeting, the parent or guardian shall make a specific request that
4 the student be re-assigned by the school board to another public school, public academy, or an
5 approved private school within the district or to a public school, public academy, or an approved
6 private school in another district. ***If such request is made to re-assign the student to another***
7 ***public school, public academy, or approved private school within the school district, the***
8 ***superintendent shall approve the request unless it fails to meet the requirements under***
9 ***this section.***

10 2 Change of School or Assignment; Finding Not in Best Interest. Amend RSA 193:3, I(i) to read
11 as follows:

12 (i) If the superintendent does not find that it is in the best interest of the student to
13 change the student's school or assignment, the parent or guardian may request a hearing with the
14 school board of residence to determine if the student is experiencing a manifest educational hardship
15 under paragraph II. ***Within 10 days following such decision, the superintendent shall***
16 ***provide a written report to the parent or guardian providing the reasons why the request***
17 ***cannot be accommodated.***

18 3 New Paragraph; Failure to Meet Requirements. Amend RSA 193:3 by inserting after
19 paragraph I the following new paragraph:

20 I-a. If the superintendent fails to meet any requirements under this section, the request
21 shall be approved.

22 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.