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HOUSE BILL **1511**

AN ACT relative to the membership of the agriculture in the classroom committee, the annual proclamation of "New Hampshire Day at the Big E," and repealing the repeal of the produce safety chapter.

SPONSORS: Rep. Barbour, Hills. 35; Rep. J. Aron, Sull. 4; Rep. Bixby, Straf. 13; Rep. Comtois, Belk. 7; Rep. N. Germana, Ches. 15; Rep. Kenny, Hills. 13; Rep. Scully, Hills. 8; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17

COMMITTEE: Environment and Agriculture

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

- I. Reconfigures the membership of the agriculture in the classroom committee.
- II. Proclaims the third Friday after labor day as "New Hampshire Day at the Big E".
- III. Removes a representative of the Granite State Dairy Promotion from the agriculture in the classroom committee.
- IV. Removes the prospective repeal of RSA 426-A, relative to produce safety.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

1 229:1 The Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food; Agriculture in the Classroom; Agriculture in
2 the Classroom Committee. RSA 425:25, III is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

3 III. The committee shall consist of the following members, and additional representatives may be
4 appointed pursuant to a majority vote of the sitting committee members up to a maximum of 15 total
5 members:

6 (a) The director of the university of New Hampshire cooperative extension, or designee.

7 (b) The commissioner of the department of agriculture, markets, and food, or designee.

8 (c) The commissioner of the department of education, or designee.

9 (d) The dean of the college of life sciences and agriculture, university of New Hampshire, or
10 designee.

11 (e) A representative of the New Hampshire Farm Bureau Federation, appointed by its board
12 of directors.

13 (f) A representative of the Granite State Association of FFA, appointed by its advisory
14 council.

15 (g) A representative of the New Hampshire Association of Agricultural Educators, appointed
16 by its executive committee.

17 (h) Up to 8 additional members who have a background in agriculture, appointed by a
18 majority vote of the committee.

19 229:2 Agriculture in the Classroom; Report to the Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food.
20 Amend RSA 425:25, VI to read as follows:

21 VI. The committee shall submit an annual report of finances and activities [ef] **to** the
22 commissioner **of the department of agriculture, markets, and food** in a manner and form and containing
23 such information as the commissioner may require.

24 229:3 New Section; New Hampshire Day at The Big E. Amend RSA 4 by inserting after section 13-
25 ee the following new section:

26 4:13-ff New Hampshire Day at the Big E. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation
27 observing the third Friday after Labor Day as "New Hampshire Day at The Big E" in recognition of the
28 more than a century of support the Eastern States Exposition, Home of The Big E, has given to promoting
29 agriculture and cooperation in the New England states.

30 229:4 Repeal. The following are repealed:

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- 1 I. 2018, 323:28 and 2018, 323:29, I, relative to the repeal of the produce safety chapter.
 - 2 II. 2021, 21:1, I, relative to the extended effective date of the repeal of produce safety chapter.
- 229:5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved: July 02, 2026
Effective Date: July 02, 2026