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SENATE BILL

575

AN ACT

establishing a committee to study the issue of school bullying and modifying both the exemption of teacher certification records from the right-to-know law and the assignment of superintendent services for school administrative units.

SPONSORS:

Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. Sullivan, Dist 18; Sen. Altschiller, Dist 24; Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Rep. N. Murphy, Hills. 12

COMMITTEE:

Education

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Establishes a committee to study the issue of school bullying.

II. Modifies the exemption of teacher certification records under RSA 91-A by replacing the term "teacher" with "educator".

III. Modifies the assignment of personnel authorized to perform superintendent services for school administrative units by permitting assignment by the school board in addition to the superintendent.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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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:

1 269:1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study school bullying.

2 269:2 Membership and Compensation.

3 I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

4 (a) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

5 (b) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of
6 representatives.

7 II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the
8 duties of the committee.

9 269:3 Duties. The committee shall study school bullying and means to prevent it.

10 269:4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from
11 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named senate
12 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this
13 section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

14 269:5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
15 legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate clerk,
16 the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2026.

17 269:6 Access to Governmental Records and Meetings; Exemptions; Certification Records Modified.
18 Amend RSA 91-A:5, V to read as follows:

19 V. ~~[Teacher]~~ **Educator** certification records in the department of education, provided that the
20 department shall make available ~~[teacher]~~ **educator** certification status information.

21 269:7 Assignment of Superintendent Services; Personnel; Superintendent Assignment of Services
22 Modified. Amend RSA 194-C:4-a to read as follows:

23 194-C:4-a Assignment of Superintendent Services; Personnel. When used in this title, the term
24 "superintendent" shall include the superintendent and any personnel assigned by the superintendent **or**
25 **school board** to perform superintendent services under the authority in RSA 194-C:5.

269:8 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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