**HB 1298-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE**

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HOUSE BILL ***1298-FN***

AN ACT relative to the definition of part-time teachers.

SPONSORS: Rep. Cordelli, Carr. 7; Rep. Noble, Hills. 2; Rep. Quaratiello, Rock. 18; Rep. Hill, Merr. 2; Rep. Potucek, Rock. 13; Rep. Ball, Rock. 25; Rep. A. Lekas, Hills. 38; Rep. Pauer, Hills. 36; Rep. M. Pearson, Rock. 34

COMMITTEE: Education

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ANALYSIS

This bill defines "part-time teachers" and subjects them to the board of education's professional code of ethics and professional code of conduct.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT relative to the definition of part-time teachers.

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

1 New Section; Part-time Teachers. Amend RSA 189 by inserting after section 39-b the following new section:

189:39-c Part-time Teachers; Adjunct Authorization.

I. For a part-time teacher to be eligible for adjunct authorization in a content area, the following conditions must be met:

(a) A public school or school district in the state shall employ the individual to work as a teacher on a part-time basis for less than 20 hours per week in a local or statewide teacher shortage content area.

(b) The individual must have earned a bachelor's degree or higher with a major in, or related to, the field of authorization and must submit passing scores on the content knowledge exam or exams required for the authorization area if one exists.

(c) The individual must submit verification of 5 years of occupational experience in or related to the content field of the authorization for which the individual is applying. If the New Hampshire department of education determines that this requirement is not met, the individual and the employing public school or district may apply to the New Hampshire department of education for a determination as to whether adequate occupational experience is documented to justify the issuance of an adjunct authorization.

II. The local school district shall seek a criminal history record check clearance authorization from the department of education as outlined in RSA 189:13-a prior to receiving a final offer of employment.

III. The adjunct authorization issued under this option shall not lead to a standard educator certificate, but may be renewed as indicated for the content area. An educator who has been issued an adjunct authorization who wishes to pursue a standard educator certificate may do so through completion of an approved traditional educator preparation program or through an approved alternative program.

IV. Any person who has had a teaching credential, teaching license, or other teaching certification revoked under RSA 189:14-c or RSA 189:14-d, or who has been rendered ineligible to be employed as a teacher under another provision of law, shall not be eligible to teach under this section.

V. The state board of education shall adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A to implement this section.

2 Rulemaking; Professional Code of Ethics. Amend RSA 21-N:9, II(cc)(2) to read as follows:

(2) The professional code of ethics and the professional code of conduct shall apply to all teachers, ***part-time teachers,*** specialists, and administrators who are licensed or certified by the department.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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**HB 1298-FN- FISCAL NOTE**

AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE (AMENDMENT #2024-1127h)

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**FISCAL IMPACT:** [ X ] State [ ] County [ ] Local [ ] None

| Estimated State Impact - Increase / (Decrease) | | | | |
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| | **FY 2024** | **FY 2025** | **FY 2026** | **FY 2027** |
| **Revenue** | $0 | $0 | Indeterminable Increase ($100 Per Individual) | |
| *Revenue Fund(s)* | Restricted - Education Credentialing Revenue | | | |
| **Expenditures** | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| *Funding Source(s)* | None | | | |
| **Appropriations** | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| *Funding Source(s)* | None | | | |

- Does this bill provide sufficient funding to cover estimated expenditures? [X] N/A
- Does this bill authorize new positions to implement this bill? [X] N/A

**METHODOLOGY:**

This bill, presumed effective for the 2025-2026 school year, defines a part-time teacher in NH public schools and requires criminal history record check clearance authorization from the Department of Education. The Department states it has no information to estimate how many individuals may seek to be authorized as a part-time teacher, however, notes the Department charges a $100 fee for the criminal history record check clearance. Therefore, to the extent individuals seek this designation, there would be an increase in state restricted education credentialing revenue in FY 2025 and beyond.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

Department of Education