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HOUSE BILL ***1164***

AN ACT revising the agriculture in the classroom committee.

SPONSORS: Rep. Pearl, Merr. 26

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This bill makes changes to the composition and scope of the agriculture in the classroom committee.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

AN ACT revising the agriculture in the classroom committee.

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

1 63:1 Agriculture in the Classroom Committee. RSA 425:25 is repealed and reenacted to read as
2 follows:

3 425:25 Agriculture in the Classroom Committee.

4 I. There is hereby established an agriculture in the classroom committee, the purpose of which is
5 to enhance the understanding of agriculture among K - 12 school students throughout the state using
6 interdisciplinary education, leading to a new generation of knowledgeable citizens who can make
7 judicious decisions about agriculture.

8 II. The committee shall be a not-for-profit voluntary corporation under RSA 292 and shall possess
9 all general powers of a not-for-profit corporation, and any such additional powers and duties as are
10 approved by the commissioner in order to:

11 (a) Determine the objectives and programs of agriculture in the classroom.

12 (b) Develop details and directions of the agriculture in the classroom programs.

13 (c) Apply for, receive, and expend any funds from federal, state, or non-state sources,
14 including grants and matching funds which may be available and accept private donations and gifts from
15 any source for the purpose of administering agriculture in the classroom programs.

16 (d) Direct fundraising and spending for agriculture in the classroom programs.

17 (e) Hire and oversee an education director when funding allows.

18 III. The committee shall consist of the following members, and additional representatives may be
19 appointed pursuant to a majority vote of the sitting committee members up to a maximum of 20 total
20 members:

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

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

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

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

26 (e) A representative of the New Hampshire State Grange, appointed by the governor.

27 (f) A representative of Granite State Dairy Promotion, appointed by the governor.

28 (g) A representative of the Fruit Growers Association, appointed by the governor.

29 (h) A representative of the New Hampshire Beekeepers' Association, appointed by the
30 governor.

31 (i) A member of the New Hampshire Maple Producers' Association, appointed by the
32 governor.

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1 (j) A member of the New Hampshire Farm Bureau Federation, appointed by the governor.

2 (k) A member of the Granite State Association of FFA, appointed by the governor.

3 (l) A member of the New Hampshire Christmas Tree Promotion Board, appointed by the
4 governor.

5 (m) A member of the New Hampshire Association of Agricultural Educators, appointed by the
6 governor.

7 (n) A member of the New Hampshire Horse Council, appointed by the governor.

8 (o) Any additional members appointed by a majority vote of the committee.

9 IV. The committee shall elect from its membership an executive board consisting of a president,
10 first vice president, second vice president, treasurer, and secretary. The term of office of each member
11 shall be 3 years. All vacancies shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term.

12 V. The committee shall establish bylaws and procedures as necessary for the execution of its
13 functions under this section and shall keep a record of its official actions. The members of the committee
14 shall serve without compensation, but the appointees shall be entitled to expenses, including traveling
15 expenses necessarily incurred in the discharge of their duties. The committee may provide in its bylaws
16 or rules for indemnification of, and legal representation for its members and employees for any act or
17 omission related to the performance of their powers and duties under this chapter unless such act or
18 omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct.

19 VI. The committee shall submit an annual report of finances and activities of the commissioner in
20 a manner and form and containing such information as the commissioner may require.

63:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: May 20, 2022
Effective Date: July 19, 2022