

HB 446 - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL

446

AN ACT

relative to parental notice for non-academic surveys in public schools.

SPONSORS:

Rep. Litchfield, Rock. 32; Rep. Tenczar, Hills. 1; Rep. DeVito, Rock. 8; Rep. Giasson, Hills. 29; Rep. Popovici-Muller, Rock. 17

COMMITTEE:

Education Policy and Administration

AMENDED ANALYSIS

The bill requires school districts to email parents copies of non-academic surveys in public schools and removes the exception for the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, requiring parents to opt-in for their children to participate in this survey.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT relative to parental notice for non-academic surveys in public schools.

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

1 1 Duties of State Board of Education; Administration of Non-Academic Surveys. Amend RSA
2 186:11, IX-d to read as follows:

3 IX-d. Require School Districts to Adopt a Policy Governing the Administration of Non-
4 academic Surveys or Questionnaires to Students. The policy shall require school districts to notify a
5 parent or legal guardian of a non-academic survey or questionnaire and its purpose. The policy shall
6 provide that no student shall be required to volunteer for or submit to a non-academic survey or
7 questionnaire, as defined in this paragraph, without written consent of a parent or legal guardian
8 unless the student is an adult or an emancipated minor. ~~[The policy shall include an exception from~~
9 ~~the consent requirement for the youth risk behavior survey developed by the Centers for Disease~~
10 ~~Control and Prevention. The policy shall also allow a parent or legal guardian to opt out of the youth~~
11 ~~risk behavior survey developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.]~~ The school
12 district shall make such surveys or questionnaires available, at the school and on the school or
13 school district's website, for review by a student's parent or legal guardian, **and shall notify**
14 **parents or legal guardians by sending such survey through email and any other means of**
15 **delivery the district deems appropriate** at least 10 days prior to distribution to students. In this
16 paragraph, "non-academic survey or questionnaire" means surveys, questionnaires, or other
17 documents designed to elicit information about a student's social behavior, family life, religion,
18 politics, sexual orientation, sexual activity, drug use, or any other information not related to a
19 student's academics.

20 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.