

HB 571 - VERSION ADOPTED BY BOTH BODIES

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HOUSE BILL

**571**

AN ACT including Constitution Day in patriotic exercises required of public schools.

SPONSORS: Rep. Perez, Rock. 16; Rep. Andrus, Merr. 5; Rep. Cambrils, Merr. 4; Rep. Cordelli, Carr. 7; Rep. Edwards, Rock. 31; Rep. Polozov, Merr. 10; Rep. Popovici-Muller, Rock. 17; Rep. Thibault, Merr. 25; Rep. Dunn, Rock. 16; Sen. Carson, Dist 14

COMMITTEE: Education Policy and Administration

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ANALYSIS

This bill requires public schools to dedicate one session during the week of Constitution Day to exercises of a patriotic nature.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

- 1       1 Patriotic Exercises. Amend RSA 189:18 to read as follows:
- 2       189:18 Patriotic Exercises. In all public schools of the state one session, or a portion thereof,
- 3 during the weeks in which Memorial Day, ***Constitution Day***, and Veterans Day fall, shall be
- 4 devoted to exercises of a patriotic nature, which shall include a discussion of the words, meaning,
- 5 and history of the Pledge of Allegiance and the Star Spangled Banner, ***and which may include***
- 6 ***speakers, instruction, presentations, and other events as appropriate. Federal***
- 7 ***Constitution exercises may include recognition of the New Hampshire constitution as well***
- 8 ***as exercises related to our rights and responsibilities as citizens.***
- 9       2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.