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HOUSE BILL

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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

ANALYSIS

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

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 70:1 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, during
3 the weeks in which Memorial Day, ***Constitution Day***, and Veterans Day fall, shall be devoted to exercises
4 of a patriotic nature, which shall include a discussion of the words, meaning, and history of the Pledge of
5 Allegiance and the Star Spangled Banner, ***and which may include speakers, instruction, presentations,***
6 ***and other events as appropriate. Federal Constitution exercises may include recognition of the New***
7 ***Hampshire constitution as well as exercises related to our rights and responsibilities as citizens.***

70:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: June 02, 2025

Effective Date: August 01, 2025