

Floor Amendment to HB 76-FN

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

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3 1 New Section; Special Education State Complaints and Findings; Complaint Tracking. Amend
4 RSA 186-C by inserting after section 5 the following new section:

5 186-C:5-a Special Education State Complaints and Findings; Complaint Tracking.

6 I. The department shall establish and maintain an internal tracking system for all state
7 complaints related to special education services. The tracking system shall include, but not be
8 limited to, the following information:

- 9 (a) The date the complaint was filed.
10 (b) The complainant's contact information.
11 (c) The respondent's information, including the name of the public school involved in the
12 complaint.
13 (d) The name of any law firm representing the school district in the complaint.
14 (e) A summary of the allegations.
15 (f) Key dates relevant to the complaint process, including acknowledgment, response,
16 investigation, and resolution.
17 (g) Status updates throughout the investigation process.
18 (h) The outcome of the complaint, including findings of fact and any corrective actions
19 required.

20 II. The department shall make available summaries of all state complaints and their
21 outcomes on the department's website within 30 days of the issuance of the final decision on the
22 complaint to the complainant. The department shall redact all personally identifiable information
23 (PII) related to students and complainants to ensure compliance with the Family Educational Rights
24 and Privacy Act (FERPA) and other state or federal privacy laws. The information shall be limited
25 to:

- 26 (a) The dates the complaint was filed.
27 (b) A summary of the complaint.
28 (c) The determinations of fact and conclusions reached by the department.
29 (d) Any corrective actions required or taken by the respondent.

30 III. The department shall publish an annual report by July 1st each year beginning in 2026.
31 The annual report shall be made publicly available on the department's website and provided to the
32 office of special education advocate, state advisory council on the education of children with

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- 1 disabilities, and the chair of the house and senate education committees. The annual report shall
- 2 summarize the state complaint data, including:
 - 3 (a) The total number of state complaints filed in the previous calendar year.
 - 4 (b) The number of complaints resolved, with details on the nature of the resolutions as
 - 5 limited by paragraph II.
 - 6 (c) An analysis of patterns or systemic issues identified through the complaints.
 - 7 (d) The actions taken by the department to address any identified systemic issues.