

Amendment to SB 491-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT enabling students to utilize education freedom account funds to pay for certain career
4 and technical education funding and removing references to "curriculum
5 frameworks" as they relate to the substantive educational content of an adequate
6 education.
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8 Amend RSA 188-E:6, IV as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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10 IV. ~~[In consultation with the house and senate committees responsible for education policy~~
11 ~~and financial matters, the state board]~~ **The department** of education shall, in rules adopted
12 pursuant to RSA 541-A, develop a formula for determining **separately** the tuition and
13 transportation costs for approved career technical education programs and procedures for
14 disbursement of funds.

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16 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 3 with the following:

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18 4 Adequate Public Education; Substantive Educational Content of an Adequate Education.

19 Amend RSA 193-E:2-a, V and VI to read as follows:

20 V.(a) The general court requires every 10 years the state board of education and the
21 department of education to institute procedures for maintaining, updating, improving, and refining
22 the minimum standards for public school approval and the ~~[curriculum frameworks]~~ **academic**
23 **standards** for each area of education identified in paragraph I. Each school district shall be
24 responsible for maintaining, updating, improving, and refining curriculum. The curriculum shall
25 present educational goals, broad pedagogical approaches, and strategies for assisting students in the
26 development of the skills, competencies, and knowledge called for by the minimum standards for
27 public school approval and academic standards for each area of education identified in paragraph I.
28 ~~[The curriculum frameworks shall serve as a guide and reference to what New Hampshire students~~
29 ~~should know and be able to do in each area of education identified in paragraph I. Curriculum~~
30 ~~frameworks do not establish a statewide curriculum.]~~ It is the responsibility of local teachers,
31 administrators, and school boards to identify and implement approaches best suited for the students
32 in their communities to acquire the skills and knowledge included in the curriculum, to determine

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1 the scope, organization, and sequence of course offerings, and to choose the methods of instruction,
2 the activities, and the materials to be used.

3 (b) The state board of education shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to the
4 approval of alternative programs for granting credit leading to graduation.

5 VI. In this section:

6 (a) "Minimum standards for public school approval" mean the applicable criteria that
7 public schools and public academies shall meet in order to be an approved school, as adopted by the
8 state board of education through administrative rules.

9 (b) "Academic standards" means what a student should know and be able to do in a
10 course, **program**, or at each grade level.

11 (c) "Curriculum" means the lessons and academic content taught in school or in a
12 specific course or program.

13 ~~[(d) "Curriculum framework" means an organized plan of study that serves as a guide~~
14 ~~and reference to what New Hampshire students should know and be able to do in a learning area~~
15 ~~and identifies the academic standards aligned with each learning area pursuant to RSA 193-E:2-a,~~
16 ~~[(a).]~~

17 ~~[(e)]~~ (d) "Applied learning" means an educational approach whereby students have the
18 opportunity to directly engage in learning activities using knowledge and skills.

19 ~~[(f)]~~ (e) "Logic" means a reasoning skill that better enables a student to analyze
20 problems in learning areas such as mathematics and to develop problem solutions; to better
21 understand the principle of cause and effect; and to develop critical thinking skills to better identify
22 fact from unverified information or data.

23 ~~[(g)]~~ (f) "Rhetoric" means the skill of speaking and writing as a means of communication
24 or persuasion.

25 5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2027.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

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