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HOUSE BILL ***1373***

AN ACT relative to background check disqualifications for applicants seeking educator credentials.

SPONSORS: Rep. Litchfield, Rock. 32; Rep. Nadeau, Rock. 4; Rep. Thibault, Merr. 25; Rep. Noble, Hills. 2; Rep. Drye, Sull. 7; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23

COMMITTEE: Education Policy and Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill extends criminal history record checks for applicants seeking educator credentials by adding additional crimes to the record check.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

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

1 23:1 Additional Crimes; Criminal History Records Check. Amend RSA 189:13-c, V to read as follows:
2 V. Any person who has been charged pending disposition for or convicted of any violation or
3 attempted violation of RSA 318-B:2 for possession of a controlled drug with the intent to sell, felony level,
4 within the last 10 years, RSA 630:1; 630:1-a; 630:1-b; 630:2; ~~630:3~~; 631:1; ~~631:2~~; ~~631:2-b~~; 632-A:2; 632-
5 A:3; 632-A:4; 633:1; 633:7; ~~636:1~~; ~~638:1~~; ~~638:15-a~~; 639:2; 639:3; 645:1, II or III; 645:2; 649-A:3; 649-A:3-
6 a; 649-A:3-b; 649-B:3; or 649-B:4; or any violation or any attempted violation of RSA 650:2 where the act
7 involves a child in material deemed obscene in this state, or under any statute prohibiting the same
8 conduct in another state, territory, or possession of the United States, shall not be granted a teaching
9 credential by the department nor shall candidates be granted clearance.

23:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved: April 03, 2026
Effective Date: April 03, 2026