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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT relative to access to curricular courses and cocurricular programs within school districts.

SPONSORS: Rep. McDonnell, Rock. 25; Rep. P. Brown, Rock. 14; Rep. Kuttub, Rock. 17; Rep. Morse, Merr. 3; Rep. Hill, Merr. 2; Rep. Thibault, Merr. 25

COMMITTEE: Education Policy and Administration

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill expands access to curricular courses and cocurricular programs within school districts for education freedom account students.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

1 183:1 Education; School Attendance; Access to Public School Programs by Nonpublic, Public
2 Chartered Schools or Home Educated Pupils. Amend RSA 193:1-c to read as follows:

3 193:1-c Access to Public School Programs by Nonpublic, Public Chartered [Schools] **School,**
4 **Education Freedom Account,** or Home Educated Pupils.

5 I. Nonpublic, public chartered school, **education freedom account,** or home educated pupils shall
6 have access to curricular courses and cocurricular programs offered by the school district in which the
7 pupil resides, **including the statewide assessment and preliminary scholastic aptitude test (PSAT).** The
8 local school board shall adopt a policy regulating participation in curricular courses and cocurricular
9 programs[~~;~~ provided that such]. **Such** policy shall not be more restrictive for non-public, public chartered
10 school, **education freedom account,** or home educated pupils than the policy governing the school
11 district's resident pupils. In this section, "cocurricular" shall include those activities which are designed to
12 supplement and enrich regular academic programs of study, provide opportunities for social development,
13 and encourage participation in clubs, athletics, performing groups, and service to school and community.
14 For purposes of allowing access as described in this section, a "home educated pupil" includes any pupil
15 who is a "child with a disability" under RSA 186-C:2, I, until such time as such pupil has acquired a high
16 school diploma or reached age 21 inclusive; but shall not include any other pupil who has graduated from
17 a high school level program of home education, or its equivalent, or has attained the age of 21.

18 II. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a parent to establish a home education
19 program which exceeds the requirements of RSA 193:1 **or RSA 193-A.**

20 183:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: June 19, 2026
Effective Date: August 18, 2026

