

February 20, 2026

New Hampshire House of Representatives
House Education Policy and Administration Committee
Legislative Office Building
33 N State Street
Concord, NH 03301

Re: HB 1268 / Amendment 2026-0606h

Chair and Members of the Committee:

I support the goal of HB 1268 and Amendment 2026-0606h. I want this bill to pass, but only with refinements that clearly protect homeschool families from unintended state overreach.

My position is simple: families should be free to homeschool without unnecessary government control.

Please strengthen the amendment so it clearly does all of the following:

1. Affirms that lawful home education satisfies compulsory attendance and cannot, by itself, be used as evidence of truancy or neglect.
2. Bars state and local officials from adding homeschool mandates beyond what statute expressly requires, except narrowly for access to public school programs.
3. Adds clear due-process protections so homeschool status alone cannot trigger intrusive investigations or home entry.
4. Protects family data by limiting homeschool-related collection, tracking, and sharing without consent or proper legal authority.
5. Creates consequences for bad-faith or retaliatory reports against homeschool families.
6. Confirms that parent-issued completion certification is fully valid and legally sufficient.
7. Keeps any Department of Education completion document strictly optional and not superior to parent certification.
8. Removes language that imports public-school special-needs definitions into homeschool law in ways that increase state control.
9. Fully repeals prior homeschool regulatory controls without reintroducing them in new statutory form.

I appreciate your work on this issue. With these protections, HB 1268 can deliver real deregulation while preserving family liberty.

Respectfully,
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