

Re: Support for HB 1268, with additional needed protections

Dear House Education Policy and Administration Chair and Committee Members:

I am writing to support the intent of HB 1268 and Amendment 2026-0606h, with one important condition: the final language must more clearly safeguard homeschooling families. I am in support of a law that reduces bureaucracy and protects parental rights at the same time.

To accomplish that, I respectfully ask the Committee to include these protections in the final amendment:

1. Explicitly state that compliant home education fulfills compulsory education requirements and is not, on its own, proof of truancy or neglect.
2. Prevent agencies and districts from creating extra homeschool rules outside statute, except limited provisions tied to participation in public school programs.
3. Include firm due-process safeguards to prevent unnecessary investigations or home intrusions based only on a family's homeschool status.
4. Strengthen privacy protections so homeschool family information is not broadly collected, tracked, or disclosed without consent or lawful process.
5. Deter bad-faith complaints by establishing accountability for knowingly false or retaliatory reporting.
6. Protect parent authority by making parent completion certification fully recognized in law.
7. Make clear that any DOE-issued completion document is optional convenience only, not a required or higher form of approval.
8. Avoid importing public-school special-needs definitions into homeschool law in ways that expand state authority over homeschool families.
9. Ensure the repeal of legacy homeschool regulatory controls is complete and not recreated elsewhere in the statute.

With these revisions, HB 1268 can provide both freedom and legal clarity for New Hampshire homeschool families.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,  
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