

HEAC Legislative Report – 12/8/09  
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House Deadlines:

Wednesday, January 6, 2010	Last day to introduce House bills for 2010 Session
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Senate Deadlines:

Wednesday, December 09, 2009, at 4:00 p.m.	The last day to sign-off legislation for the above filing period shall be Wednesday, December 09, 2009, at 4:00 p.m.
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I cannot find any 2010 bills that have yet been published.

Home education bills

- HB368 – retained for study Sponsors: (Prime) Judith Day
  - 11/10/2009 1:00 PM LOB 207 – Definitions Subcommittee Work Session *The subcommittee met and voted to recommend two changes to current law:*
    - ♣ *voted 2-1 to recommend that 11 of the subjects in RSA 193-A:4, plus computer literacy, be required to be taught every year.*
    - ♣ *voted 2-1 to recommend the history of the constitutions of New Hampshire and the United States be required to be taught once between grades 6 and 12.*
  - 11/19/2009 10:00 AM LOB 207 – Executive Session *The committee took 5 votes and reached one consensus:*
    - ♣ *voted 10-10 on an amendment to require notification to be in writing.*
    - ♣ *voted 10-10 on an amendment to require both testing and portfolio evaluation.*
    - ♣ *voted 7-13 on a motion OTP*
    - ♣ *voted 7-13 on a motion to retain for interim study*
    - ♣ *voted 6-14 on a motion to ITL*
    - ♣ *asked the chair to write a letter to the BOE recommending changes to the rules to require that notification be in writing*
    - ♣ *minority report recommends OTP/AM, amendment #2010-0018h*
- LSR # 2632 relative to home schooling. Sponsors: (Prime) Paul Ingbretson, Carol Vita, Robert Willette, Edith Hogan

## Truancy Bills

- HB 154, relative to truancy Sponsors: (Prime) Nancy Stiles, Lucy Weber, Barbara Shaw, Edward Moran, David Welch (all members of the Committee to study truancy statutes)
  - 11/12/09, 10:00 AM, Room 103, LOB – Executive Session

## Compulsory Attendance/Dropout Bills

- LSR # 2512 – requiring school boards to develop dropout prevention policies. Sponsors: (Prime) Andrew R. Peterson

## Parental rights

- LSR # 2236 – relating to parental rights. Providing that the state shall not abridge the responsibility of parents for the health, education, and welfare of their children.  
Sponsors: (Prime) Daniel C Itse, Walter Kolodziej, Mary Griffin, David Bates, Robert Letourneau, John Barnes, Jr., Dudley Dumaine

## Child Protection Act, DCYF, Custody

- WITHDRAWN == LSR # 2584 – relative to grounds for removal of a child from the home in abuse and neglect cases. Sponsors: (Prime) Mary Stuart Gile

There are also a number of bills and LSR's that have the potential to affect the operation of HEAC.

## Right-to-Know Law

- ♣ HB53 – relative to the definition of "public body" under the right-to-know law. Sponsors: (Prime) *This bill has been retained by the House Judiciary Committee, and will be discussed in executive session 11/17/09 10:00 AM LOB208.*
- ♣ HB135 – relative to remedies for violation of the state right-to-know law. *"This bill requires a court to invalidate an action of a public body or agency taken at a meeting held in violation of the provisions of RSA 91-A. Current law does not mandate a court to invalidate such action" This bill has been retained by the House Judiciary Committee, and will be discussed in executive session 11/17/09 10:00 AM LOB208.*
- ♣ HB425 – relative to remedies under the state right-to-know law and continually appropriating a special fund. *" This bill clarifies the remedies for violations of the right-to-know law. The bill establishes a civil penalty for violations of the law which are to be deposited in a special fund. This bill is a request of the right-to-know oversight commission established in RSA 91-A:11." This bill has been retained by the House Judiciary Committee, which voted 19-0 in executive session OTP/AM, amendment #2383h.*
- 2010-H-2013-R relative to posting of minutes under the right-to-know law.  
Sponsors: (Prime) Liz H Merry

## Sunsetting

♣ HB2 in 2009 contained the following language: *”144:87 Boards, Commissions, and Councils; Expiration Date. I.(a) Except as provided in subparagraph (b), all non-regulatory boards, commissions, councils, advisory committees, and task forces in state government created by statute or administrative rule shall expire on June 30, 2011, unless reinstated by the general court. The office of legislative services shall provide a list of all such boards, commissions, councils, advisory committees, and task forces in state government created by statute or administrative rule to the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate president, and the governor on or before September 30, 2009.”* The members of the “Committee to Study the List of Non-regulatory Boards, Commissions, Councils, Advisory Committees, and Task Forces under Paragraph I” has been appointed, and has met five times. It is scheduled to meet again on 12/15/09, 12:00 in LOB 306. The DOE has provided to the committee a list of all such bodies under its purview. HEAC is on that list.

2010-H-2037-R relative to the expiration dates of certain committees.  
Sponsors: (Prime) L. Mike Kappler

2010-H-2938-R exempting certain non-regulatory boards, commissions, councils, advisory committees, and task forces from repeal on June 30, 2011. Sponsors: (Prime) Laurie Harding

2010-H-2939-R making statutory changes required by the repeal of certain non-regulatory boards, commissions, councils, advisory committees, and task forces. Sponsors: (Prime) Laurie Harding

#### Other

2010-S-2868-R relative to executive branch ethics. Sponsors: (Prime) Amanda Merrill, Sheila Roberge, Janet Wall