

AFT-NH Legislative Bulletin (March 16, 2026)

It was a great victory for our members and public employees across the state when the NH House defeated HB 1704 this week. The bill is dead for the rest of this legislative session. But let's remember this in November. This bill was poised to significantly weaken the rights of teachers, school staff, and other municipal employees to negotiate for strong contracts and have a meaningful voice in the workplace. A big thank you to the hundreds of you who contacted your state representatives and help prevent this bill from passing.

In other news from the House session this week, [HB 1300](#) was passed. HB 1300 would create a question on the November state ballot every two years to cap school taxes, turning our local property tax issues into something that gets decided amidst the partisan politics of a national election and not when voters are thinking about town and school issues. This bill will get a Senate hearing in the upcoming weeks, and we will keep you informed.

Next week, the Senate Education Committee will continue the hearing on [HB 1792](#), the bill looking to censor teachers and limit what students can learn without any real understanding of classrooms or how teaching works. **AFT-NH opposes this bill.** You can still sign in opposed to this bill if you have not already. The hearing will be held on **March 17th at 9:15 am.** [SUBMIT YOUR POSITION TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE HERE.](#)

[HB 1134](#) would create additional obstructions at town meeting and establish more impediments to passing warrant articles. The bill will be heard before the Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee on **March 18 at 1:00 pm.** **AFT-NH Opposes this bill.**

We are at the point in the legislative session where bills that have passed the House will now to proceed to hearings in the Senate. And those bills that have passed the Senate, will be heard in at the House. As our priority bills are scheduled for hearing, we will keep you informed and ask you to join us in having your voice heard as we proceed to the second half of the session.

AFT-NH Legislative Hearings

Week of March 16, 2026

Date	Time	Location	Committee	Position	Bill	Sponsors	Title	Meeting Description
Mar 17, 2026	9:15 AM	SL, Room Map Room	Senate Education	Oppose	HB 1792	Belcher Noble Osborne	Title: prohibiting school districts and personnel from the instruction of critical race theory and LGBTQ+ ideologies in schools as well as	Senate Standing Committee

							establishing a private right of action for violations.	
Mar 17, 2026	9:30 AM	SL, Room Map Room	Senate Education	Neutral	HB 1099	Hill Bernardy Erf	Title: establishing a committee to study private businesses providing special education services and issues relative to local school district reimbursement.	Senate Standing Committee
Mar 17, 2026	9:45 AM	SL, Room Map Room	Senate Education	Support	HB 1514	Damon Cloutier Balboni	Title: requiring the department of education and the department of revenue administration to send school compliance and financial reports to school and school board authorities.	Senate Standing Committee
Mar 17, 2026	10:00 AM	SL, Room Map Room	Senate Education	Neutral	HB 1267	Sheehan Corcoran DeRoy	Title: prohibiting school district attorneys and non-school personnel from questioning students without their parent or guardian present.	Senate Standing Committee
Mar 17, 2026	10:00 AM	GP, Room 230	House Finance	Oppose	HB 112	Moffett Belcher Mooney	Title: (New Title) requiring students in the university and community college systems of New Hampshire to pass the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services civics naturalization test, take a course that covers fundamental	Executive Session

American documents as part of the general education curriculum, or pass a civics course competency test.

Mar 17, 2026	10:00 AM	GP, Room 230	House Finance	Neutral	HB 1563	Ladd Erf Peeples	Title: relative to the special education aid formula.	Executive Session
Mar 17, 2026	10:00 AM	GP, Room 230	House Finance	Neutral	HB 1571	Noble Thibault Peternel	Title: requiring the department of education to review statewide academic standards and curriculum and making an appropriation therefor.	Executive Session
Mar 17, 2026	10:00 AM	GP, Room 230	House Finance	Neutral	HB 1827	Ladd	Title: (New Title) requiring the department of education to conduct a confidential criminal history record check on all prospective educational personnel.	Executive Session
Mar 18, 2026	1:00 PM	SH, Room 103	Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs	Oppose	HB 1134	Pauer Berezchny DeRoy	Title: relative to the Senate town meeting form of local governance.	Senate Standing Committee
Mar 18, 2026	1:15 PM	GP, Room 231	House Executive Departments and Administration	Neutral	SB 569	Birdsell	Title: relative to the qualifications for hearings officers within the department of labor.	Hearing
Mar 18, 2026	1:30 PM	SH, Room	Senate Election Law and Municipal	Neutral	HB 1369	Beaulier Barton	Title: relative to the manner of posting the warrant for a	Senate Standing

		103	Affairs		Berry	special town meeting.	Committee
Mar 19, 2026	1:10 PM	SH, Room 100	Senate Judiciary	Neutral	HB 1308 Giasson Layon Litchfield	Title: relative to increasing the penalty for passing a stopped school bus.	Senate Standing Committee