

AFT-NH Legislative Bulletin (January 31, 2026) Action Needed

Attack on Public Employees – Red Alert Action Needed

[HB 1704](#), the attack on public employees' collective bargaining rights was heard by the House Labor Committee last week and there was overwhelming opposition to this bill. Even the NH Municipal Association testified in opposition to this legislation. **807 signed in as opposed to this bill and only 21 supported this.** The Committee will be voting on Tuesday, February 3rd. We need everyone to contact the committee by clicking the following link, [NO TO HB 1704](#). While we hope the committee will see the chaos this bill would cause and they will vote no, should this bill pass the committee, this fight will be a fight of epic proportion to maintain your protections as a member of your union and preserve the protections of your contract and working conditions. **AFT-NH opposes this bill. Please take the one-click action in this paragraph.**

Open Enrollment

You may have seen the news this week that Open Enrollment has passed the Senate. Open enrollment allows the parent of any child that lives in a public school district to send that child to any other public school in the state and makes the resident district pay for it.

Open enrollment has in fact passed twice. Once on [SB 101](#), which will now go to a House Education Committee for committee work, and once on [HB 751](#), which means the next stop for this bill is the full House. If the House passes it, it will go straight to the Governor. We know that Open Enrollment will send school districts scrambling, raise property taxes, and lower outcomes for students in districts that are already struggling. The House should kill this bill and if they don't the Governor should veto. We will keep you informed and send out necessary alerts. **AFT-NH Opposes These Bills**

Attacks on Teachers

[HB 1792](#) casts aspersions on our teachers, blatantly lies about classroom teaching, and then offers stiff penalties on educators for violating any of the sections that are vague and undefined. This bill is scheduled to be heard before the House Education Policy and Administration on February 2nd at 2:00 pm. **AFT-NH opposes this bill**

Book Bans

[SB 434](#) is another book ban bill. This bill is scheduled before the Senate Education Committee ON February 3rd at 9:00 am. **AFT-NH opposes this bill.**

Full list for this week:

AFT-NH Legislative Hearings

Week of February 2, 2026

Date	Time	Location	Title	Bill	Position	Committee	Hearing Type	Sponsors
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Feb 2, 2026	10:00 AM	GP, Room 232	Title: relative to the mathematics requirement for high school graduation.	<u>HB 1183</u>	Oppose	<u>House Education Policy and Administration</u>	Public Hearing 10:00 AM	Ladd Erf Noble
Feb 2, 2026	10:40 AM	GP, Room 232	Title: modifying the definition of persistently dangerous schools.	<u>HB 1829</u>	Oppose	<u>House Education Policy and Administration</u>	Public Hearing 10:40 AM	Litchfield Nadeau Miner
Feb 2, 2026	11:00 AM	GP, Room 232	Title: relative to the reporting requirements for the identification and accommodation of gifted and talented students.	<u>HB 1370</u>	Neutral	<u>House Education Policy and Administration</u>	Public Hearing 11:00 AM	Litchfield Morse Pauer
Feb 2, 2026	11:10 AM	GP, Room 232	Title: requiring the department of education to collect and publish data regarding the costs associated with providing special education services to students of public, charter, private, trade, and other K-12 schools or academies.	<u>HB 1548</u>	Neutral	<u>House Education Policy and Administration</u>	Public Hearing 11:10 AM	Hicks Fracht
Feb 2, 2026	1:00 PM	GP, Room 232	Title: establishing a commission to review draft rules related to minimum standards for public school approval and state academic standards developed by the department of	<u>HB 1212</u>	Support	<u>House Education Policy and Administration</u>	Public Hearing 01:00 PM	Damon Balboni Fellows

education.

Feb 2, 2026	1:00 PM	GP, Room 159	Title: relating to the adoption of tax laws. Providing that no law shall establish or increase a state imposed tax unless adopted by not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting.	CACR 10	Oppose	House Ways and Means	Full Committee Work Session 01:00 PM; Executive Session 02:00PM	McFarlane Farrington Tom Mannion
Feb 2, 2026	1:00 PM	GP, Room 159	Title: relating to tax rates. Providing that the rate of taxes in the state shall not exceed certain annual percentages.	CACR 18	Oppose	House Ways and Means	Full Committee Work Session 01:00 PM; Executive Session 02:00PM	Ulery Cole Aures
Feb 2, 2026	1:00 PM	GP, Room 159	Title: relative to statewide education property taxes and other tax revenues.	HB 1708	Neutral	House Ways and Means	Full Committee Work Session 01:00 PM; Executive Session 02:00PM	Vallone Cloutier
Feb 2, 2026	1:20 PM	GP, Room 232	Title: relative to prohibiting the use of personal identity ideology in public school instruction and policies.	HB 1778	Oppose	House Education Policy and Administration	Public Hearing 01:20 PM	Litchfield Nalevanko Wherry
Feb 2, 2026	2:00 PM	GP, Room 232	Title: prohibiting school districts and personnel from the instruction of critical race theory and LGBTQ+ ideologies in schools as well as establishing a private right of	HB 1792	Oppose	House Education Policy and Administration	Public Hearing 02:00 PM	Belcher Noble Osborne

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violations.**

Feb 3, 2026	9:15 AM	SH, Room 122-123	Title: requiring that all municipalities that are served by a school district vote on the closure of schools.	<u>SB</u> <u>588</u>	Neutral	<u>Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs</u>	Hearing 09:15 AM	Innis Keith Murphy Ruth Ward
Feb 3, 2026	9:15 AM	SL, Room Map Room	Title: relative to regulation of public school materials.	<u>SB</u> <u>434</u>	Oppose	<u>Senate Education</u>	Hearing 09:15 AM	Lang Ruth Ward Carson
Feb 3, 2026	9:30 AM	SL, Room Map Room	Title: relative to mandatory disclosure by school district employees to parents.	<u>SB</u> <u>430</u>	Oppose	<u>Senate Education</u>	Hearing 09:30 AM	Lang Avard Birdsell
Feb 3, 2026	10:00 AM	GP, Room 232	Title: requiring higher educational institutions to report the reception of foreign grants, donations, and contracts to the department of education and the general court.	<u>HB</u> <u>1776</u>	Oppose	<u>==REVISED== House Education Funding</u>	Hearing 10:00 AM	Sweeney Alexander Berry
Feb 3, 2026	10:00 AM	GP, Room 159	Title: relative to employer discretion in offering minimum payment options to employees.	<u>HB</u> <u>1043</u>	Oppose	<u>House Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services</u>	Executive Session 10:00 AM	Labrie Bill Boyd Creighton
Feb 3, 2026	10:00 AM	GP, Room 159	Title: requiring disclosure of complaints to public employees within 5 business days.	<u>HB</u> <u>1150</u>	Support	<u>House Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services</u>	<u>==CONTINUED==</u> = Executive Session 10:00 AM	Stephen Pearson

Feb 3, 2026	10:00 AM	GP, Room 159	Title: permitting public employees to bargain individually with public employers without any intervention.	<u>HB 1704</u>	Oppose	<u>House Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services</u>	Executive Session 10:00 AM	Labrie Drago Drew
Feb 3, 2026	10:20 AM	GP, Room 154	Title: allowing municipalities to hold a vote to prevent their residents from receiving education freedom account vouchers.	<u>HB 1512</u>	Support	<u>House Municipal and County Government</u>	Public Hearing 10:20 AM	Read Damon Ankarberg
Feb 3, 2026	10:45 AM	GP, Room 232	Title: establishing a grant program to support school districts extraordinary needs and fiscal capacity disparities relative to providing an adequate education.	<u>HB 1827</u>	Neutral	<u>==REVISED== House Education Funding</u>	Hearing 10:45 AM	Ladd
Feb 3, 2026	11:10 AM	GP, Room 154	Title: allowing the governing bodies of municipalities, cities, and towns to review and approve school budgets.	<u>HB 1220</u>	Neutral	<u>House Municipal and County Government</u>	Public Hearing 11:10 AM	Hemingway
Feb 3, 2026	12:45 PM	GP, Room 232	Title: authorizing school districts to extend free and reduced lunch benefits for special education students.	<u>HB 1574</u>	Support	<u>House Education Funding</u>	Executive Session 12:45 PM	Weinstein Cornell Selig
Feb 3,	12:45 PM	GP, Room 232	Title: directing the department of education to	<u>HB 1791</u>	Neutral	<u>House Education Funding</u>	Executive Session 12:45 PM	Burton

2026			establish a grant program at the post-secondary educational level for individuals with developmental disabilities, and making an appropriation therefor.					
Feb 3, 2026	1:00 PM	GP, Room 154	Title: limiting the authority of a municipality, county, or school district to issue bonds.	<u>HB 1427</u>	Neutral	<u>House Municipal and County Government</u>	Executive Session 01:00 PM	McFarlane Corcoran Berry
Feb 3, 2026	1:00 PM	GP, Room 154	Title: requiring municipalities, towns, and cities to submit documentation to the department of revenue administration proving they are in compliance with local budget and tax caps.	<u>HB 1505</u>	Oppose	<u>House Municipal and County Government</u>	Executive Session 01:00 PM	Pauer Ammon Girard
Feb 3, 2026	1:15 PM	SH, Room 103	Title: making an appropriation for each full-time student eligible for the in-state tuition rate enrolled in the university system of New Hampshire.	<u>SB 407</u>	Neutral	<u>Senate Finance</u>	Hearing 01:15 PM	Gray
Feb 3, 2026	1:30 PM	SH, Room 100	Title: relative to establishing certain due process rights for students, student organizations, and faculty members	<u>HB 510</u>	Oppose	<u>Senate Judiciary</u>	Hearing 01:30 PM; Hearing 01:40PM	Lynn Popovici-Muller Thibault

			facing disciplinary actions by state institutions of higher learning.				
Feb 3, 2026	2:15 PM	SH, Room 103	Title: relative to special assessment requests from pooled risk management programs.	<u>SB 605</u>	Support	<u>Senate Finance</u>	Hearing 02:15 PM Perkins Kwoka Watters Rosenwald
Feb 4, 2026	9:00 AM	GP, Room 158	Title: repealing statutory immunization requirements for children.	<u>HB 1811</u>	Oppose	<u>House Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs</u>	Public Hearing 09:00 AM Drew McGrath Polozov
Feb 4, 2026	9:30 AM	SH, Room 122-123	Title: reducing the rate of the business enterprise tax.	<u>HB 155</u>	Oppose	<u>Senate Ways and Means</u>	Hearing 09:30 AM Sweeney Alexander Berry
Feb 4, 2026	10:00 AM	GP, Room 232	Title: modifying the term "one-year certificate of eligibility" to "emergency authorization" relative to persons not possessing an educator credential.	<u>HB 1182</u>	Oppose	<u>House Education Policy and Administration</u>	Public Hearing 10:00 AM Nadeau
Feb 4, 2026	10:00 AM	GP, Room 154	Title: relative to statewide education property taxes.	<u>HB 1800</u>	Neutral	<u>House Ways and Means</u>	Public Hearing 10:00 AM Spilsbury Dan McGuire Peebles
Feb 4, 2026	10:15 AM	GP, Room 232	Title: requiring the department of education to establish an auditing process relative to teacher preparation programs at the post-secondary	<u>HB 1828</u>	Oppose	<u>House Education Policy and Administration</u>	Public Hearing 10:15 AM Noble Layon Peternel

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Feb 4, 2026	10:30 AM	GP, Room 232	Title: clarifying the definition of home education.	HB 1521	Neutral	House Education Policy and Administration	Public Hearing 10:30 AM	Peternel Bennett Burnham
Feb 4, 2026	10:45 AM	GP, Room 232	Title: permitting all students the choice to attend the school district in which they reside.	HB 1817	Oppose	House Education Policy and Administration	Public Hearing 10:45 AM	McDonnell Pam Brown Kuttab
Feb 4, 2026	10:45 AM	GP, Room 154	Title: modifying the statewide education property tax.	HB 1787	Support	House Ways and Means	Public Hearing 10:45 AM	Ames Luneau Damon
Feb 4, 2026	11:00 AM	GP, Room 158	Title: relative to religious exemption from immunization requirements.	HB 1022	Neutral	House Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs	Public Hearing 11:00 AM	Drew Korzen Polozov
Feb 4, 2026	11:00 AM	GP, Room 230	Title: Relating to the supreme court. Providing that the supreme court may not make rules that have the force and effect of law.	CACR 29	Oppose	House Judiciary	Hearing 11:00 AM	Wherry Ford McFarlane
Feb 4, 2026	11:00 AM	GP, Room 231	Title: relative to environmental, social, and governance-related investment strategies by the state retirement system.	HB 1585	Oppose	House Executive Departments and Administration	Meeting 11:00 AM	Ammon Kofalt Miles
Feb 4, 2026	1:00 PM	GP, Room 230	Title: relative to liability of governmental units.	HB 1064	Neutral	House Judiciary	Hearing 1:00 PM	Kuttab Lynn Berch

Feb 4, 2026	1:00 PM	GP, Room 232	Title: relating to morality and piety. Providing that town, parishes, bodies corporate, or religious societies may elect and contract with teachers.	CACR 28	Oppose	House Education Policy and Administration	Public Hearing 01:00 PM	Soti Sabourin dit Choinière Sellers
Feb 4, 2026	1:45 PM	GP, Room 229	Title: relative to pooled risk management programs.	HB 1491	Support	House Commerce and Consumer Affairs	Hearing 1:45 PM	Hunt Porcelli Innis
Feb 6, 2026	10:00 AM	GP, Room 232	Title: modifying the state average expenditure per pupil relative to students in special education.	HB 1557	Support	House Education Funding	Executive Session 10:00 AM	Wallner Luneau Ames
Feb 6, 2026	10:00 AM	GP, Room 232	Title: requiring higher educational institutions to report the reception of foreign grants, donations, and contracts to the department of education and the general court.	HB 1776	Oppose	House Education Funding	Executive Session 10:00 AM	Sweeney Alexander Berry
Feb 6, 2026	10:00 AM	GP, Room 232	Title: relative to required state funding for providing an opportunity for an adequate education.	HB 1799	Support	House Education Funding	Executive Session 10:00 AM	Ames Luneau Damon
Feb 6, 2026	10:00 AM	GP, Room 232	Title: rendering a recipient of an education tax credit scholarship ineligible to receive education	HB 1803	Support	House Education Funding	Executive Session 10:00 AM	Fellows Luneau Damon

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program year.

Feb 6, 2026	10:00 AM	GP, Room 232	Title: relative to the cost of an opportunity for an adequate education.	<u>HB 1826</u>	Neutral	<u>House Education Funding</u>	Executive Session 10:00 AM	Ladd
Feb 6, 2026	10:00 AM	GP, Room 232	Title: establishing a grant program to support school districts extraordinary needs and fiscal capacity disparities relative to providing an adequate education.	<u>HB 1827</u>	Neutral	<u>House Education Funding</u>	Executive Session 10:00 AM	Ladd
Feb 6, 2026	10:00 AM	GP, Room 232	Title: repealing the education trust fund targeted aid cap.	<u>HB 1831</u>	Support	<u>House Education Funding</u>	Executive Session 10:00 AM	Chretien Cornell Damon