

AFT-NH LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Universal Vouchers Advance

Universal Vouchers Anti-public education politicians continue their march towards a universal school voucher program this week. The House passed an amended version of SB 295 which starts a universal voucher program next year. As we have talked about many times expanding school vouchers to the wealthy Granite State families is not only fiscally irresponsible in a time where revenues are tight and programs that provide health care for working families and needed supports for Granite Staters with disabilities are being cut, but it also irresponsible use of tax money because there has never been any public data showing students benefit from those vouchers.

Subpoena power for Education Commissioner Next week the Senate Judiciary Committee is hearing [HB 520](#). HB 520 enables the Commissioner of Education to have subpoena power. We have talked about this bill before and we remained concerned that the bill is open to abuse by the Commissioner, whether that is Frank Edelblut or someone else.

Action Needed – Register Your Opposition to HB 520

Please submit your opposition to HB 520 by clicking [here](#). Select Senate Judiciary Committee for Thursday May 15th at 1:30pm and choose HB 520. You can click Oppose.

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Upcoming Legislative Hearings

Week of May 12, 2025

Date/ Time	Item	Position	Description	Sponsors	Location
Tue 5/13 9:15	HB 228	Monitor	Relative to Petitioned Articles At Annual or Special Town Meetings.	Rep. Diane Pauer	LOB 103 (Election Law and Municipal Affairs/S) Hearing

AM

Tue
5/13
9:25
AM

[HB](#)
[356](#)

Oppose

Enabling School Districts to
Adopt Partisan School District
Elections.

Rep.
Robert
Wherry

LOB 103 (Election
Law and Municipal
Affairs/S)
Hearing

Tue
5/13
10:00
AM

[SB](#)
[24](#)

Monitor

Allowing Students Under Age 21
to Taste Wine In Educational
Settings.

Sen. Daniel
Innis

LOB 302-304
(Commerce and
Consumer
Affairs/H)
Subcommittee
Work Session

Thu
5/15
1:30
PM

[HB](#)
[520](#)

Oppose

Relative to Authorizing Hearing
Officers Of The Department Of
Education to Issue Subpoenas.

Rep. Bob
Lynn

SH 100
(Judiciary/S)
Hearing

Thu
5/15
1:40
PM

[HB](#)
[376](#)

Monitor

Specifying That Library User
Information Exempted From
Disclosure In The Right-to-know
Law Includes Information
Regarding Library Cards and
Library Membership Status.

Rep. Lisa
Mazur

SH 100
(Judiciary/S)
Hearing

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