

HB 1635 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **1635**

AN ACT requiring climate education in grade and secondary schools.

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Ches. 2; Rep. Oxenham, Sull. 1

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This bill requires climate change instruction in all public school grades pre-K through grade 12.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty

AN ACT requiring climate education in grade and secondary schools.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Section; Education; Instruction in Climate Change. Amend RSA 189 by inserting after
2 section 11-d the following new section:

3 189:11-e Instruction in Climate Change. The following curriculum is identified and shall be
4 included in each child's public education:

5 I.(a) PreK-3rd grade: 2 hours of climate education.

6 (b) Fourth-6th grade: 4 hours of climate education.

7 (c) Seventh-8th grade: 8 hours of climate education.

8 (d) Ninth-12th grade: at least 10 hours of climate education or one full semester of an
9 environmental education course.

10 II. Education shall include:

11 (a) Anthropogenic causes of climate change.

12 (b) Effects of climate change on New Hampshire.

13 (c) Species affected by climate change in New Hampshire.

14 (d) Coastal impacts of climate change.

15 (e) Changes in weather patterns.

16 (f) Climate change impacts locally and globally.

17 (g) Alternatives to fossil fuels.

18 (h) Maximizing energy efficiency in homes and schools.

19 (i) Information about careers in solar, wind, algae, hydrogen power and other developing
20 innovative energy sources.

21 (j) STEM activities that include problem solving, social concerns, energy engineering,
22 invention, installation, maintenance, literary, and informative performance opportunities

23 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.