



GOLD STANDARD



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SB 190-FN, (New Title) relative to payment of costs for career and technical education center programs and administration by the department of education.

SB 190

Finance Committee Recommendation: OTP/A, 13-10

ANTI-LIBERTY: Expands regional educational programs directly under the control of the DOE, circumventing elected school boards and district supervision.

**NAY
OTP/A**

- SB 190 undermines the well established NH principle that education is better controlled locally by parents and taxpayers.
- SB 190 augments the authority of the state Department of Education to include the determination of tuition and transportation costs and the distribution of funds.
- The NHLA does not support amendment #1945h, which adds the language of HB 276 (not SB101) to SB 190. HB 276 prohibits the state from requiring that school districts adopt Common Core standards. However, it goes too far by granting power to the state Board of Education to adopt standards. Currently only the state legislature may adopt standards for an adequate education.

SB 124-FN, relative to filing felonies first in the superior court.

SB 124

Judiciary Committee Recommendation: OTP/A, 20-0

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill would eliminate a citizen's right to a probable cause hearing.

**NAY
OTP/A**

- Probable cause hearings protect our rights by requiring the state to provide some proof a crime has been committed by the accused before subjecting that person to the risk and expense of mounting a defense in a trial.
- This bill will allow a judge to decide if a hearing is "necessary to assist the court", revoking the protection the right to a probable cause hearing could offer the accused.
- We should never jeopardize our rights to due process merely to save money or for the courts to more efficiency convict the accused.
- The improvements to SB 124 in the committee amendment are supported by the NHLA but they don't do enough to redeem the bill.