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HB 1212, relative to eligibility for free school meals.

HB 1212

Education: OTP 10-8

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill increases the eligibility for free school meals to household incomes up to 350% of federal poverty guidelines.

- This bill significantly increases the cost burden of the public education system by over \$50,000,000 per year to the state of New Hampshire taxpayers.
- A parent's fundamental responsibility is to feed their children. This bill further and unnecessarily drives the state between the child and their families by inducing dependence.
- Lowering taxes by reducing the cost of the public school system and returning that money to the taxpayers is a far more effective way to allow parents to supply high-quality foods to their children. If the state would stop interfering in the private lives of families, families wouldn't need or want food from the state.

NAY OTP

HB 1652, relative to establishing a local education freedom account program.

HB 1652

Education: Without Recommendation

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill allows school districts to adopt a program for local Education Freedom Accounts for a parent of an eligible student to receive a grant from a scholarship organization for qualifying educational expenses at a public school, chartered public school, nonpublic school, or program approved by the Department of Education.

- This bill increases the availability of the Education Freedom Accounts to all school districts who choose to enact it at their level.
- This bill enhances liberty by moving access to superior forms of education down to the local level and is available to all who are interested.
- Education Freedom Accounts provide an alternative for parents who are not interested in exposing their children to undesirable cultural programming or insufficient and inefficient "academics" at public education institutions.
- EFAs ultimately create an opportunity to reduce property taxes as EFAs cost taxpayers far less to educate a student than the current public school bureaucracy.

Support

HB 1677, relative to participation in education freedom accounts based on school or school district proficiency scores.

HB 1677

Education: Without Recommendation

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill extends eligibility for the Education Freedom Accounts program to students who participated in the program in the preceding year, students whose enrollment transfer requests were denied, and students in school districts that performed at 49% or below in statewide assessments.

- This bill improves the Education Freedom Accounts program to fulfill one of its cornerstone paradigms, which is to allow parents whose children are suffering in poor-performing schools to get a better education elsewhere.
- This will improve educational outcomes for all children in an area, as it will drive efficiencies in the public education system while permitting those parents who would prefer to educate their children elsewhere to do so without shouldering the extra burden of paying to educate their children twice.
- This bill is an excellent example of enhancing liberty through increasing opportunities for people to freely choose what they want without state coercion.

Support

HB 1560, relative to unassigned moneys in the education trust fund.

Finance: OTP 13-12

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill requires that any surplus in the education trust fund be transferred to the general fund at the end of each fiscal year.

- By moving surplus education funding annually to the general fund, this bill creates the opportunity to lower taxes, as the surplus is revealed in the general fund to be unnecessary to collect from taxpayers.
- If realized, this future tax cut opportunity would drive more efficiency in state spending, therefore improving the availability of funding in the hands of our productive citizens so that they may choose to enhance their investment in New Hampshire.

HB 1560

YEA OTP

HB 1696, relative to electronic record requests under the right-to-know law.

Judiciary: OTP/A 19-0

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill clarifies a public body or agency's ability to accept record requests by electronic means and to provide such records electronically.

- This bill enhances the capacity for transparency in local government by providing for Right-to-Know requests to be satisfied by utilizing document databases accessed via the Internet.
- This is a common sense bill that seeks to modernize government records retention and access through digitizing documents and making them readily accessible on the Internet.
- This accessibility of information would reduce the number of Right-to-Know requests the government sees, as requesters can readily find the information openly available to them online.

HB 1696

YEA OTP/A

HB 1000, relative to classifying New Hampshire legislators' service as public service for certain federal purposes.

Legislative Administration: ITL 11-3

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill allows for the service of a current or former member of the general court to be deemed by the state to qualify as full-time public service for the purposes of federal public service student loan forgiveness programs.

- This bill is an unethical attempt to enrich the political class by taking advantage of a corrupt program that is canceling the publicly-funded debt of a chosen few at the expense of those who have paid their loans or never indebted themselves in the first place.
- This bill further exacerbates the tax burden to all because of the choices of a few.
- The school loans incurred by those attending college were offered by the people with the understanding that the people would be repaid in a reasonable time frame. This bill would deny those individuals who accepted the taxpayers' generous offer the opportunity to fulfill their responsibility by repaying their loans in full.

HB 1000

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