



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU**  
Governor

July 24, 2020

**Governor's Veto Message Regarding House Bill 1454**

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020, I have vetoed House Bill 1454, relative to credit for alternative, extended learning, and work-based programs.

For the second time in as many years, the legislature has put legislation on my desk that will stifle innovation in education and strip away alternative learning paths for students.

New Hampshire has a long and distinguished history of education innovation that has served our students, families, and communities well. Learn Everywhere is the next step on this path to innovation and this bill effectively kills this opportunity. Programs like Learn Everywhere continue our great legacy by enabling creative and innovative learning experiences for all of our public school students. My firm belief is that all students can find success when we put them in the right environment, inside or outside of a classroom.

Every child learns differently and programs that allow some students to thrive do not work for others. Learn Everywhere empowers parents to find the best educational paths for their children, and allows students to access a broader range of courses than their schools could provide on their own.

In the midst of the current health crisis and the impending need for flexible solutions for education, we need to keep all options open to our students, families and teachers. House Bill 1454 would restrict the ability of parents to seek out educational alternatives. We should be expanding alternatives for New Hampshire students, not reducing them.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed House Bill 1454.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu  
Governor