CONSENT CALENDAR

March 16, 2023

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on Finance to which was referred HB 207-FN,

AN ACT relative to school district unanticipated funds.

Having considered the same, report the same with the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS.

Rep. Tracy Emerick

FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	**Finance**
Bill Number:	**HB 207-FN**
Title:	**relative to school district unanticipated funds.**
Date:	**March 16, 2023**
Consent Calendar:	**CONSENT**
Recommendation:	**OUGHT TO PASS**

STATEMENT OF INTENT

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Vote 25-0.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 207-FN

BILL TITLE: relative to school district unanticipated funds.

DATE: March 15, 2023

LOB ROOM: 210-211

MOTIONS: **OUGHT TO PASS**

Moved by Rep. Emerick | Seconded by Rep. Pitre | Vote: 25-0

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Joseph Pitre, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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DATE: 3/15/23

LOB ROOM: 210-211

MOTION: (Please check one box)

☑ OTP ☐ ITL ☐ Retain (1st year) ☐ Adoption of Amendment # _____ *(if offered)*

☐ Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. Emerick Seconded by Rep. Pitre Vote: 20-0

MOTION: (Please check one box)

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Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

MOTION: (Please check one box)

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Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

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Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

CONSENT CALENDAR: ✓ **YES** ____ **NO**

Minority Report? ____ Yes ✓ No If yes, author, Rep: _____ Motion_____

Respectfully submitted: _____

Rep Joseph Pitre, Clerk

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK

2023 SESSION

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Roll Call Committee Registers Report

Finance

Bill #: HB 207 FN **Motion:** OTP **AM #:** _____ **Exec Session Date:** 3/15/23

Members	YEAS	Nays	NV
Weyler, Kenneth L. Chairman	25		
Erf, Keith Vice Chairman	1		
McGuire, Dan	2		
Pitre, Joseph A. Clerk	3		
Emerick, Tracy	4		
Griffin, Gerald	5		
Mooney, Maureen C.	6		
Edwards, Jess C.	7		
Bean, Harry H.	8		
Hoell, J.R.	9		
Sweeney, Joe	10		
Cambrils, Jose E.	11		
Popovici-Muller, Daniel	12		
Wallner, Mary Jane	13		
Nordgren, Sharon L.	14		
Leishman, Peter R.	15		
Buco, Thomas L.	16		
Hatch, William A.	17		
Huot, David O.	18		
Heath, Mary	19		
Murray, Kate R.	20		
Ebel, Karen E.	21		
Telerski, Laura D.	22		
Hakken-Phillips, Mary A.	23		
Stringham, Jerry M.	24		
TOTAL VOTE:	25	0	

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON Finance

DIVISION II WORK SESSION ON HB 207-FN

BILL TITLE: **relative to school district unanticipated funds.**

DATE: **January 25, 2023**

ROOM: **209** **Time Work Session Called to Order: 10:00 a.m.**

Time Adjourned: 10:05 a.m.

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Emerick, Pitre, Bean, Popovici-Muller, Buco, Heath, K. Murray and Hakken-Phillips

Bill Sponsors:
Rep. Plett **Rep. Cushman**

TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

No introduction.

Rep. **Popovici-Muller** asked about inflation.

Rep. **Murray** stated support for existing amount to reduce administrative cost.

Rep. **Pitre** supported existing bill, streamlines the process.

Motion of OTP adopted 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Popovici-Muller
Clerk, Division II

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK

1/24/2023 2:49:52 PM
Roll Call Committee Registers Report

2023 SESSION

Finance - Division II

Bill #: 207-FN **Motion:** OTP **AM #:** ~~3004~~ **Exec Session Date:** JAN 25, 2023

Members	YEAS	Nays	NV
Emerick, Tracy Chairman	X 8		
Pitre, Joseph A. Vice Chairman	X 1		
Bean, Harry H.	X 2		
Popovici-Muller, Daniel	X 3		
Buco, Thomas L.	X 4		
Heath, Mary	X 5		
Murray, Kate R.	X 6		
Hakken-Phillips, Mary A.	X 7		
TOTAL VOTE:	8	0	0

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 207-FN

BILL TITLE: **relative to school district unanticipated funds.**

DATE: **January 24, 2023**

LOB ROOM: **210-211** **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** **1:00 p.m.**

Time Adjourned: **1:14 p.m.**

Committee Members: **Reps. Weyler, Erf, Pitre, D. McGuire, Emerick, G. Griffin, Mooney, Edwards, Bean, Hoell, Sweeney, Cambrils, Popovici-Muller, Hatch, Wallner, Nordgren, Leishman, Buco, Huot, Heath, K. Murray, Ebel, Telerski, Hakken-Phillips and Stringham**

Bill Sponsors:
Rep. Plett **Rep. Cushman**

TESTIMONY

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Rep. **Plett** introduced the bill, supports.

Scott **Gross**, SAU 19, supports bill.

Laura **Taylor**, SAU 19, supports bill.

Rep. **McGuire**: How much was donated in unanticipated funds?

Ms. **Taylor**: Spent considerable funds on notice act requirements.

Rep. **Popovici-Muller**: Couldn't you do this during school board meeting?

Mr. **Gross**: May have to reschedule due to errors in notice and seemed petty to do this exercise for small amount.

Rep. **Hakken-Phillips**:

Rep. **Mooney**: Any feedback from other school districts?

Mr. **Gross**: This is a compromised amount ($20,000).

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Joseph Pitre
Clerk

Fill in *ONLY* if *SPEAKING* on Bill

Bill # 207 - FIN Date 1/24/23

Committee Finance

I support the bill X

I oppose the bill ____

I have written testimony ____

(Number of copies) ____

Time needed to speak: 5 minutes

Name Rep. Fred Plett (CG proxy)

Address 29 Fifty Way
Gotlesboro NH 03245

Phone 603-660-0732

Representing Self

Fill in *ONLY* if *SPEAKING* on Bill

Bill # 207 Date 1/24/2023

Committee Finance

I support the bill ✓

I oppose the bill ____

I have written testimony ____

(Number of copies) ____

Time needed to speak: 15 minutes

Name Scott Gross

Address 57 Range Rd
Gilfstown NH

Phone 603 533 5444

Representing SALT

+ Laura Taylor

SIGN UP SHEET

To Register Opinion If Not Speaking

Bill # HB 207 Date 1-24-23

Committee

**** Please Print All Information ****

Name	Address	Phone	Representing	(check one) Pro	Con
SCOTT GROSS	57 Ranger Rd Gof	603 533 5444	SAU 19	✓	
Red Enid Plett	29 My Way Colebrook	603-246-0752	Self	✓	
JERRY FREW			NH School Administrators	✓	
Barrett M. Christina	Concord		NH School Boards Assoc.	✓	

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - ONLINE TESTIMONY SUBMISSIONS

House Finance

HB267, relative to school district unanticipated funds.

Support: 0 | Oppose: 1 | Neutral: 0

Name	Town	State	Position	Attachment	Typed
Liz Barbour	Hollis	NH	Oppose		

HB 207-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2023 SESSION

23-0044
10/08

HOUSE BILL ***207-FN***

AN ACT relative to school district unanticipated funds.

SPONSORS: Rep. Plett, Hills. 29; Rep. Cushman, Hills. 28

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This bill increases the amount of unanticipated funds for which a school district is required to give notice and hold a public meeting.

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.

23-0044
10/08

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three

AN ACT relative to school district unanticipated funds.

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

1 School Money; Appropriation for Unanticipated Funds Made Available During Year; Amount Increased. Amend RSA 198:20-b, III to read as follows:

III.(a) For unanticipated funds in the amount of [~~$5,000~~] ***$20,000*** or more, the school board shall hold a prior public hearing on the action to be taken. Notice of the time, place, and subject of such hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the relevant municipality at least 7 days before the meeting is held.

(b) A school board may establish the amount of unanticipated funds required for notice under this subparagraph, provided such amount is less than [~~$5,000~~] ***$20,000***. For unanticipated funds in an amount less than [~~$5,000~~] ***$20,000***, the school board shall post notice of the funds in the agenda and shall include notice in the minutes of the school board meeting in which such funds are discussed. The acceptance of unanticipated funds under this subparagraph shall be made in public session of any regular school board meeting.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

LBA
23-0044
12/13/22

HB 207-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT relative to school district unanticipated funds.

FISCAL IMPACT: [ ] State [ ] County [X] Local [ ] None

	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
LOCAL:	**FY 2023**	**FY 2024**	**FY 2025**	**FY 2026**
Revenue	$0	$0	$0	$0
Expenditures	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable

METHODOLOGY:

This bill increases the threshold for the requirement for a school board to conduct a public meeting to accept and spend unanticipated revenue from $5,000 to $20,000. Approximately, 114 school districts have the authority to access unanticipated revenue. To the extent this change reduces the number of public hearings required to be conducted, school districts may experience an indeterminable cost savings. Public hearings are primarily done during non-business hours and require district staffing and facility operation expenditures. Therefore, this proposed bill may have an indeterminable decrease on local school district expenditures.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Education and New Hampshire Municipal Association