CONSENT CALENDAR

February 9, 2023

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on Municipal and County Government to which was referred HB 293-A-LOCAL,

AN ACT allowing a town to appropriate funds to create a town scholarship fund. Having considered the same, report the same with the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Diane Pauer

FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	**Municipal and County Government**
Bill Number:	**HB 293-A-LOCAL**
Title:	**allowing a town to appropriate funds to create a town scholarship fund.**
Date:	**February 9, 2023**
Consent Calendar:	**CONSENT**
Recommendation:	**INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill amends Powers and Duties of Towns; Trust Funds (RSA 31:19-a) to include the creation of a scholarship trust fund exclusively for town residents. Establishment of a scholarship trust fund by a municipality for select residents is not an essential function of government; and as such, it neither serves nor benefits the community as a whole. Furthermore, the committee believes that raising funds for the purpose of awarding scholarships to select residents is not a prudent use of taxpayer dollars. Private non-profit and charitable organizations, which rely upon private donations and fundraisers rather than taxation, are well suited to award scholarships as part of their independent missions. Lastly, the bill did not address the criterion as to how the scholarship trust fund would select recipients.

Vote 20-0.

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Municipal and County Government

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 293-A-LOCAL

BILL TITLE: allowing a town to appropriate funds to create a town scholarship fund.

DATE: February 9, 2023

LOB ROOM: 301-303

MOTIONS: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Moved by Rep. Pauer Seconded by Rep. Tatro Vote: 20-0

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep John MacDonald, Clerk

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK

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2023 SESSION

Municipal and County Government

Bill #: HB 293-A Motion: ITL AM #: _____ Exec Session Date: 2/9/23

Members	YEAS	Nays	NV
Turcotte, Len P. Chairman	20		
Pauer, Diane Vice Chairman	1		
Guthrie, Joseph A.	2		
MacDonald, John T. Clerk	3		
Lascelles, Richard W.	4		
Yokela, Josh S.	5		
Kelley, Diane E.	6		
Aylward, Deborah	7		
~~Brown, Richard R~~ Colcombee	8		
Cahill, Tim P	9		
Stavis, Laurel	10		
Tatro, Bruce L.	11		
Treleaven, Susan GS	12		
Gilman, Julie D.	13		
Maggiore, Jim V.	14		
Mangipudi, Latha D.	15		
Gallager, Eric B.	16		
Hicks, Matthew S	17		
Howland, Allan	18		
Preece, David John	19		
TOTAL VOTE:	20	0	

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 293-A-LOCAL

BILL TITLE: **allowing a town to appropriate funds to create a town scholarship fund.**

DATE: **January 26, 2023**

LOB ROOM: **301-303** **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** **2:30 p.m.**

Time Adjourned: **2:52 p.m.**

Committee Members: Reps. L. Turcotte, Pauer, J. MacDonald, Guthrie, Lascelles, Yokela, D. Kelley, Aylward, R. Brown, T. Cahill, Stavis, Tatro, Treleaven, Gilman, Maggiore, Mangipudi, Gallager, Hicks, Howland and Preece

Bill Sponsors:

Rep. Hill	**Rep. L. Turcotte**	**Rep. T. Walsh**
Rep. Cordelli	**Rep. Ladd**	**Sen. Avard**

TESTIMONY

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

- Rep. Hill - Northfield - house keeping bill - town attorney not appropriate to establish a fund through a warrant article. Because the town is a part of a cooperative school district, the town does not have a need for a town scholarship program. It is only appropriate if this is spelled out in the law - that is why I am here.
- Rep. Pauer - where the funds will come from, the municipality
- Hill - yes, raising and appropriating from town meetings
- Rep. Gallagher - what level of scholarships
- Rep. Hill - leave it up to the town to decide what the scholarships will be used for. Dedicated scholarship funds.
- Rep. Gilman - interact with EFA?
- Rep. Hill - no connection to the EFAs
- Rep. Howland - using tax payers money
- Rep. Hill - no place to hold those dollars
- Rep. Howland - couldn't they be held by the school board account
- Rep. Hill - I am not aware this is the appropriate way from the town attorney
- Rep. Preece - will they have the opportunity - the town - to say who gets the scholarship
- Rep. Hill - Yes it is just creating the authorization to have the account.
- Natch Greyes - NH Municipal Association - no position. As written creates a trust fund. Someone to authorize the payment - who awards it
- Chair - number of towns
- Natch - 100 years ago someone set up a trust - not aware of any trusts created by warrant article. Town runs the trust.

House Remote Testify

Municipal and County Government Committee Testify List for Bill HB293 on 2023-01-26

Support: 1 Oppose: 14 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 0

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Name	City, State Email Address	Title	Representing	Position	Testifying	Non-Germane	Signed Up
Davis, Tod	Nashua, NH todc.18@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/21/2023 8:30 AM
Creem, Jeffrey	Nashua, NH jeff@thecreems.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/22/2023 10:45 PM
Medeiros, Jesse	Plainfield, NH bgtrck458@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/23/2023 11:50 AM
Karney, Stephen	Amherst, NH stephenakarney@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/23/2023 1:31 PM
Benham, Linda	Greenland, NH benhamblab@outlook.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/24/2023 9:30 AM
BALDWIN, HEATHER	Thornton, NH hpbaldwin48@gmail.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/24/2023 2:44 PM
Spier, Carry	Nashua, NH carry.spier@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/24/2023 3:58 PM
Almy, Susan	Lebanon, NH susan.almy@comcast.net	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/24/2023 7:56 PM
Richardson, Daniel	Nashua, NH daniel6_22@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/25/2023 12:05 PM
LeClerc, Dan	Amherst, NH djl91862@gmail.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/25/2023 12:51 PM
Anastasia, Patricia	Londonderry, NH patti.anastasia@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/25/2023 6:27 PM
Cordelli, State Rep Glenn	Tudftonboro, NH Glenn.cordelli@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	No	1/25/2023 8:15 PM
Schuett, Rep. Dianne	Pembroke, NH schuettforrep@yahoo.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/25/2023 8:49 PM

Muns, Chris	Hampton, NH chris.muns@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/26/2023 11:35 AM
Lane, Connie	Concord, NH connie.lane@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Constituents	Oppose	No	No	1/26/2023 5:32 PM

SIGN UP SHEET

To Register Opinion If Not Speaking

Bill # HB 293-A-LOCAL Date 1/26/23

Committee Municipal + County Gov.

** Please Print All Information **

Name	Address	Phone	Representing	(check one) Pro	Con
Eric Pzner	12 Westview Rd Brookline	673 7247	SDGA-NH	w/Am.	

Tod Davis

How would this help the maintenance or operation of the town?

HB 293-A-LOCAL - AS INTRODUCED

2023 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL ***293-A-LOCAL***

AN ACT allowing a town to appropriate funds to create a town scholarship fund.

SPONSORS: Rep. Hill, Merr. 2; Rep. L. Turcotte, Straf. 4; Rep. T. Walsh, Merr. 10; Rep. Cordelli, Carr. 7; Rep. Ladd, Graf. 5; Sen. Avard, Dist 12

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

ANALYSIS

This bill allows a town to establish a scholarship fund for the benefit of town residents.

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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.

23-0519
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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three

AN ACT allowing a town to appropriate funds to create a town scholarship fund.

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

1 Powers and Duties of Towns; Trust Funds. Amend RSA 31:19-a, I to read as follows:

I. A town may at any annual or special meeting grant and vote such sums of money as it deems necessary to create trust funds for the maintenance and operation of the town***, for dedicated scholarship trust funds exclusively for town residents***[~~:~~] **,** and any other public purpose that is not foreign to the town's institution or incompatible with the objects of its organization. The town may appoint agents to expend any funds in the trust for the purposes of the trust. An annual accounting and report of the activities of the trust shall be presented to the selectmen and published in the annual report.

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