

**HOUSE FINANCE DIVISION II
RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO HB 1 / HB 2
THROUGH MARCH 21, 2025**

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724	4	Lottery Commission; Authority Granted	Accept
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25	21-22	Education - Education Freedom Account Program; Eligible Student Expansion	Adopt (1075h, pg 14)
39-40	65-69	Lottery - State Lottery and Gaming Commission and Video Lottery Terminals <i>(Sweeney Amendment 1255h, pg 15)</i>	
42	70	Safety - Northern Shield (Program Funding and Uses)	Adopt (1215h, pg 21)
46	81	CCSNH - Dual and Concurrent Enrollment Program Credits Per Course	Delete (0957h, pg 22)
54	120	Education - Uses of the Education Trust Fund <i>(Erf Amendment 1294h, pg 23)</i>	
55	121	Education - Chartered Public Schools Funding	Adopt (1153h, pg 25)
55	122	Education - Chartered Public Schools Funding - VLACS Payment Schedule	Accept
55	123	Education - Determination of Education Grants	
62	143-144	Police Standards and Training - Extra Duty Functions	Delete (0945h, pg 26)
63	145-146	Safety - FY 2026 General Fund Lapse to Fire Standards and Training and Emergency Medical Services Fund	Accept
63	147	Safety - Driver License Related Prohibition	Accept
63	148	Safety - Driver History Records Related Prohibition	Accept
63	149	Safety - Division of Emergency Services and Communications Enhanced 911 Systems Fund Uses	Delete (1248h, pg 27)
63	150	Safety - Hazard Materials Incident Response Coordinator Group II Eligibility	Accept
64	151	Safety - Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Policy and Purpose	Amend (1113h, pg 28)
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72	178	Lottery - Authority Granted for Ticket Acquisition	Delete (0892h, pg 29)
72	179	Lottery - Maximum Ticket Price Increase (\$30 to \$50)	
72	180-181	Business Profits Tax and Business Enterprise Tax Distribution of Funds	
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Description			Action
Education - Eliminate Fiscal Committee Approval for Public School Infrastructure Grants			Adopt (1156h, pg 30)
Education - Establishing Tax /Appropriation Cap on Local School Districts (HB 675)			Adopt (1082h, pg 31)
Education - Lapse Computer Science Appropriation on June 30, 2025 to General Fund (\$2.5M)			Adopt (1180h, pg 32)
Education - Requiring State Assessment Portal for Naturalization Exam Graduation Requirement			Adopt (1154h, pg 33)
Education - Special Education Audit Requirement			Adopt (1157h, pg 34)
Fish and Game - Various Changes to Dedicated Accounts			Adopt (1264h, pg 35)
Safety - Division of Fire Safety Retirement System Group II Membership			Adopt (1112h, pg 38)
Safety - New Resident Driver License Transfer Requirements (HB 133)			Adopt (1194h, pg 39)
Safety - Passenger Vehicle Inspection Repeal (HB 649)			Adopt (1092h, pg 41)
Transportation - Restrict Revenue Relating to Public-Private Partnership Agreements			Adopt (1093h, pg 45)

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OTHER HB 2 AMENDMENTS	
Description	Action
Education - Evidence Based Within Public Education (HB 129) (Erf Amendment 1189h, pg 46)	
Education - Medicaid Direct Certification (Kelly Amendment 1213h, pg 47)	
Education - Special Education Aid (Formerly Catastrophic Aid) (HB 773) (Erf Amendment 1270h, pg 48)	
Education - State Adequacy Grants (HB 563) (Erf Amendment 1269h, pg 50)	
Education - Educator Certification Standards/Employee Qualifications (Erf Amendment 1272h, pg 53)	
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Education - Various Repeals Pertaining to Misconduct at Higher Education Institutions (Erf Amendment 1299h, pg 55)	
Safety - Increase Vanity Plate Fee from \$40 to \$60 (Murray Amendment 1265h, pg 56)	
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HOUSE FINANCE DIVISION II
INCREASES / (DECREASES) TO CONSIDER FROM GOVERNOR'S BUDGET
THROUGH MARCH 21, 2025

		SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	TOTAL
	Additional Prioritized Needs / Requests / Other Changes					
1	Safety - Northern Border Alliance Fund (HB 2)	GF	\$ -	\$ 600,000	\$ -	\$ 600,000
2	Fish and Game - General Fund Support (AU 7887)	GF	\$ -	\$ 1,349,103	\$ 1,348,513	\$ 2,697,616
3a	Transportation - Retention Incentive Program (AU 2928) (DOT)	HWY	\$ -	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 7,000,000
3b	Transportation - Retention Incentive Program (AU 2928) (Erf)	HWY	-	1,750,000	1,750,000	3,500,000
4	Transportation - Equipment Replacement Program (AU 3007)	HWY	-	5,300,000	4,500,000	9,800,000
5a	Transportation - Winter Maintenance (AU 2928) (DOT)	HWY	-	7,600,000	7,600,000	15,200,000
5b	Transportation - Winter Maintenance (AU 2928) (Erf)	HWY	-	3,800,000	3,800,000	7,600,000
6a	Transportation - Transit Operating Match (AU 2916) (DOT)	GF	-	1,680,794	1,680,794	3,361,588
6b	Transportation - Transit Operating Match (AU 2916) (Murray/Erf)	GF	-	1,500,000	1,500,000	3,000,000
7	Transportation - Transit Restricted P3 Revenue (AU 2050 / HB 2)	OTH	-	52,750	78,000	130,750
8	Transportation - Adjust "Apportionment A" and Construction Lines to Reflect Estimated Revenue (AU 2943/3039/8910)	HWY	\$ -	TBD	TBD	TBD
		OTH	-	TBD	TBD	TBD
		TOT	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
9	Education - Learning Platform (AU 2503)	GF	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 3,000,000
10	Education - State Testing (AU 3478)	ETF	-	1,500,000	1,500,000	3,000,000
11	Education - State Assessment Administrator (AU 7064)	GF	-	84,262	87,171	171,433
12	Education - Remove 10 New Positions No Longer Needed (AU 2550)	FED	-	(856,061)	(897,817)	(1,753,878)
13a	Education - Abolish Four (4) Existing Vacant Positions (HB 1 - Various AUs)	GF	-	(436,297)	(457,590)	(893,887)
13b	Education - Abolish 19 Existing Vacant Positions (HB 1 - Various AUs)	FED	-	(1,719,709)	(1,785,694)	(3,505,403)
14a	Education - Existing Charter School Aid at NHED Estimate (AU 3445)	ETF	\$ -	\$ 4,141,268	\$ 6,155,229	\$ 10,296,497
14b	Education - Existing/Approved New Charter School Aid at NHED Estimate (AU 3445)	ETF	-	9,412,348	11,639,260	21,051,608
14c	Education - Existing/All New Charter School Aid at NHED Estimate (AU 3445)	ETF	-	9,412,348	16,812,579	26,224,927
15	Education - Fund EFA Grants NHED at Estimate (AU 3446)	ETF	-	5,395,023	-	5,395,023
16	Education - Fund EFA Phase-Out Grants NHED at Estimate (AU 3447)	ETF	-	476,759	901,294	1,378,053
17	Education - New Full-Day Kindergarten Programs (Surplus Statement)	ETF	-	500,000	700,000	1,200,000
18	Lottery - Security System Upgrade (AU 2028)	OTH	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000
19	Lottery - ADA Building Improvements (AU 2028)	OTH	-	30,000	-	30,000
20a	PSTC - Unfund Position #18241 and Reduce Training (AU 8980/6639)	GF	\$ -	\$ (105,059)	\$ (110,235)	\$ (215,294)
20b	and Fund IT Position via Transfer to DoIT #14294 (AU 8980)	GF	-	105,059	110,235	215,294

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INCREASES / (DECREASES) TO CONSIDER FROM GOVERNOR'S BUDGET
THROUGH MARCH 21, 2025

		SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	TOTAL
<i>Bills - Work Session Completed</i>						
21	HB 129 - "Evidence-Based" Within Public Education					
			House Finance Retained (03/17/25), See HB 2 Amendment 1189h			
22	HB 133 - New Resident Driver License Transfer Requirements					
			House Finance Retained, Added to HB 2 (1194h)			
23	HB 494 - CCSNH Math Learning Communities					
			House Finance OTPA (03/17/25), Funding Part of CCSNH HB 1 Budget			
24	HB 671 - Kindergarten Literacy Readiness Program					
			House Finance Retained (03/17/25)			
25	HB 716 - CCSNH Dual and Concurrent Enrollment					
			House Finance Retained (03/17/25), Addressed as Part of CCSNH Budget			
26	HB 563 - Calculation of Adequate Education Grants					
			Recommended Retain (03/18/25), See HB 2 Amendment #1269h			
27	HB 675 - Limit on School District Appropriations					
			Recommended Retain (03/18/25), Added to HB 2 (1082h)			
28	HB 713 - Mile Markers on Route 112					
			Recommended OTP (03/18/25)			
29	HB 773 - Special Education (Cat) Aid					
			Recommended Retain (03/18/25), See HB 2 Amendment #1270h			
30	HB 781 - School Cell Phone Policy					
			Recommended OTP (03/21/25), Funding Removed from HB 1			
31	HB 115 - Education Freedom Account Eligibility					
			Recommended OTP (03/22/25), Funding in HB 1 to be determined			
<i>Bills - House Passed, Not Referred to Finance (For Informational Purposes)</i>						
32	HB 739 - Excess SWEPT No Longer Retained Locally	ETF				
			Reduces Adequacy Grants by \$28.6M in FY 2027			
33	HB 763 - School Emergency Plans for Sports Related Injuries	GF				
			Appropriates \$80K in each FY 2026 and FY 2027			
<i>Other Items</i>						
34	Fish and Game - Fund Environmental Review Position (AU 2475)	F&G	\$ -	\$ 44,813	\$ 94,443	\$ 139,256
		FED	-	44,813	-	44,813
		TOT	\$ -	\$ 89,626	\$ 94,443	\$ 184,069
35	Fish and Game - Information Technology Increase	F&G	\$ -	\$ 637,527	\$ -	\$ 637,527
36	Fish and Game - Eliminate Six (6) Seasonal PT Positions and Fund One (1) New Position (Net Difference Presented) (AU 2130/2132)	F&G	\$ -	\$ (12,439)	\$ (11,383)	\$ (23,822)
		FED	-	30,395	33,562	63,957
		TOT	\$ -	\$ 17,956	\$ 22,179	\$ 40,135
37	Fish and Game - Eliminate Sale of Fish Food Account (AU 2131)	OTH	\$ -	\$ (4,500)	\$ (4,500)	\$ (9,000)
38	Education - Eliminate School Cell Phone Policy Grant (AU 4076)	ETF	\$ -	\$ (1,000,000)	\$ -	\$ (1,000,000)

HOUSE FINANCE DIVISION II

RECOMMENDED INCREASES / (DECREASES TO GOVERNOR'S BUDGET)

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	Date	Agency / Amendment	Description	Source of Funds	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	TOTAL
HB 1								
1	03/17/25	Education	Remove 10 New Positions Deemed No Longer Needed	FED	\$ -	\$ (856,061)	\$ (897,817)	\$ (1,753,878)
2	03/17/25	Education	Abolish 19 Vacant Federal Funded Positions	FED	-	(1,719,709)	(1,785,694)	\$ (3,505,403)
3	03/17/25	Police Standards	Unfund Admin Position (#18241)	GF	-	(105,059)	(110,235)	\$ (215,294)
			Fund IT Manager Position (#14294) at DoIT	GF	-	105,059	110,235	\$ 215,294
4	03/18/25	Transportation	Budget Restricted P3 Agreement Revenue	OTH	-	52,750	78,000	\$ 130,750
5	03/18/25	Education	Abolish Four (4) Vacant General Funded Positions	GF	-	(436,297)	(457,590)	\$ (893,887)
6	03/18/25	CCSNH	Reduce Overall Appropriation and Add Budget Footnote	GF	\$ -	\$ 1,790,908	\$ 140,908	\$ 1,931,816
			Identifying Funds for the Dual and Concurrent Enrollment and Math Learning Communities Programs	ETF	-	(3,000,000)	(3,000,000)	\$ (6,000,000)
			<i>Subtotal</i>		\$ -	\$ (1,209,092)	\$ (2,859,092)	\$ (4,068,184)
7	03/19/25	Education	Move Assessment Administrator Position (#41150) from AU 3059 to AU 7064, and Change Funding from 100% Federal to 50% Federal and 50% General Fund	GF	\$ -	\$ 85,003	\$ 87,124	\$ 172,127
				FED	-	(85,003)	(87,124)	\$ (172,127)
			<i>Subtotal</i>		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
8	03/21/25	Education	Remove Funding for Cell Phone Free Education Grants (HB 781)	ETF	-	(1,000,000)	-	\$ (1,000,000)
9	03/21/25	Fish and Game	Fund Environmental Review Position (#9T3158)	F&G	\$ -	\$ 44,813	\$ 94,443	\$ 139,256
				FED	-	44,813	-	\$ 44,813
				<i>Subtotal</i>		\$ -	\$ 89,626	\$ 94,443
10	03/21/25	Fish and Game	Increase Transfer to Department of Information Technology (DoIT)	F&G	-	637,527	-	\$ 637,527
11	03/21/25	Fish and Game	Eliminate Six (6) Seasonal Part-Time Positions and Establish One (1) New Full-Time Position (Net Impact Shown)	F&G	\$ -	\$ (12,439)	\$ (11,383)	\$ (23,822)
				FED	-	30,395	33,562	\$ 63,957
				<i>Subtotal</i>		\$ -	\$ 17,956	\$ 22,179
12	03/21/25	Fish and Game	Eliminate Sale of Fish Food Accounting Unit (2131)	OTH	-	(4,500)	(4,500)	\$ (9,000)
13	03/21/25	Safety	Make Communications Section (AU 4001) 50% E-911 Fund and 50% General Fund	GF	\$ -	\$ 1,440,431	\$ 1,479,220	\$ 2,919,651
				OTH	-	(1,440,431)	(1,479,220)	\$ (2,919,651)
				<i>Subtotal</i>		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
HB 2								
14	03/21/25	1264h	Transfer From Restricted Accounts to Fish and Game Fund	F&G-REV	\$ 1,350,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,350,000
				Fee Increases Directed to Fish and Game Fund	F&G-REV	-	382,500	765,000
15	03/21/25	1180h	Lapse Computer Science Appropriation to General Fund	GF-REV	2,500,000	-	-	\$ 2,500,000
Surplus Statement								
16	03/19/25	Education	Account for Bedford Full-Day Kindergarten	ETF	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 700,000	\$ 1,200,000
TOTALS				GF	\$ -	\$ 2,880,045	\$ 1,249,662	\$ 4,129,707
				ETF	\$ -	\$ (3,500,000)	\$ (2,300,000)	\$ (5,800,000)
				HWY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
				F&G	\$ -	\$ 669,901	\$ 83,060	\$ 752,961
				FED	\$ -	\$ (2,585,565)	\$ (2,737,073)	\$ (5,322,638)
				OTHER	\$ -	\$ (1,392,181)	\$ (1,405,720)	\$ (2,797,901)
				TOTAL	\$ -	\$ (3,927,800)	\$ (5,110,071)	\$ (7,837,871)
				GF-REV	\$ 2,500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500,000
				ETF-REV	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
				HWY-REV	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
				F&G-REV	\$ 1,350,000	\$ 382,500	\$ 765,000	\$ 2,497,500

Representative Erf - Highway Fund Proposal Summary - Estimates		
1	Division II Highway Fund Cumulative Ending GAAP Balance, as of June 30, 2027 <i>(As of March 20, 2025)</i>	\$ (15,484,000)
2		
3	<i>Potential Highway Fund Items for Division II to Consider (FY25-FY27 Totals)</i>	
4	Raise Motor Vehicle Fees (\$20.5M in FY 2026 and \$41M in FY 2027)	\$ 45,000,000
5		
6	Safety - Abolish Eight (8) Automotive Equipment Inspectors (Re: MV Inspection Repeal)	\$ 993,000
7	Safety - Shift Highway Funds in for General Funds in SP Accounts	(6,000,000)
8	Transportation - Retention Incentive Program (AU 2928)	(3,500,000)
9	Transportation - Winter Maintenance (AU 2928)	(7,600,000)
10	Apportionment A (Highway Block Grants, 12% of PY Revenue)	<u>(1,800,000)</u>
11		<i>Net Appropriations</i> \$ (17,907,000)
12		
13	Estimated Highway Fund Cumulative Ending GAAP Balance, as of June 30, 2027	\$ 11,609,000

Approved 03/21/25 - F&G Fund Proposal Summary - Estimates		
14	Division II F&G Fund Cumulative Ending GAAP Balance, as of June 30, 2027 <i>(As of March 20, 2025)</i>	\$ 1,337,000
15		
16	<i>Potential F&G Fund Items for Division II to Consider (FY25-FY27 Totals)</i>	
17	<i>Dedicated Account Transfers to F&G Fund</i>	
18	Fisheries Habitat Account	\$ 120,000
19	Game Management Account	1,230,000
20	Sale of Fish Food Account	<u>-</u>
21		<i>Account Transfers Total</i> \$ 1,350,000
22	<i>Fee Increases Directed to F&G Fund</i>	
23	Fisheries Habitat Fee	\$ 937,500
24	Wildlife Habitat Fee	<u>210,000</u>
25		<i>Fee Increases Total</i> \$ 1,147,500
26		
27		<i>Increase to F&G Revenue</i> \$ 2,497,500
28		
29	Fund Environmental Review Position	\$ (139,256)
30	Fund Information Technology Increase	(637,527)
31	Replace Six (6) PT Positions With One (1) New FT Position	<u>23,822</u>
32		<i>Net Appropriations</i> \$ (752,961)
33		
34	Estimated F&G Fund Cumulative Ending GAAP Balance, as of June 30, 2027	\$ 3,081,539

HB 1 Amendments - Department of Safety (Representative Erf)

Item #1

Department/Division: Department of Safety
 Accounting Unit: 2305 (Commercial Enforcement)
 Governor Recommended Budget Page #: 448

Description	FY 2026			FY 2027		
	Gov Rec	Change	Revised Budget	Gov Rec	Change	Revised Budget
Expenditure Class						
010 PERSONAL SERVICES PERM CLASS	\$ 2,880,867	\$ (252,892)	\$ 2,627,975	\$ 2,934,422	\$ (508,430)	\$ 2,425,992
060 BENEFITS	\$ 1,642,606	\$ (181,282)	\$ 1,461,324	\$ 1,708,094	\$ (382,050)	\$ 1,326,044
TOTAL	\$ 4,523,473	\$ (434,174)	\$ 4,089,299	\$ 2,934,422	\$ (890,480)	\$ 2,043,942
Source of Funds						
GENERAL FUND	\$ 1,664,558	\$ (108,544)	\$ 1,556,015	\$ 1,593,907	\$ (222,620)	\$ 1,371,287
Highway Fund	4,993,669	(325,631)	4,668,039	4,781,724	(667,860)	4,113,864
TOTAL	\$ 6,658,227	\$ (434,174)	\$ 6,224,053	\$ 6,375,631	\$ (890,480)	\$ 5,485,151

Abolish eight (8) compliance officer (automotive equipment inspector) positions, relative to the adoption of HB 649 (relative to removing the requirement for physical safety inspections and on-board diagnostic tests for passenger vehicles), effective January 1, 2026. Position #s 43692, 43700, 43701, 43702, 43703, 43704, 43705, and 43706.

Item #2

Reduce general fund appropriations and increase highway fund appropriations each by \$3,000,000, respectively, in each FY 2026 and FY 2027 across State Police accounting units 4010 (Enforcement, page 453), 4011 (Hampton Beach Detail, page 454), and 4565 (J-One, page 457).

HB 1 Amendments - Department of Transportation (Representative Erf)

Item #1						
Department/Division:		Department of Transportation				
Accounting Unit:		2928 (Winter Maintenance)				
Governor Recommended Budget Page #:		448				
Description	FY 2026			FY 2027		
	Gov Rec	Change	Revised Budget	Gov Rec	Change	Revised Budget
Expenditure Class						
017 FT EMPLOYEES SPECIAL PAYMENT	\$ 798,840	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 2,198,840	\$ 798,840	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 2,198,840
049 TRANSFER TO OTHER STATE AGEN	-	50,000	50,000	-	50,000	50,000
060 BENEFITS	1,203,591	300,000	1,503,591	1,203,591	300,000	1,503,591
TOTAL	\$ 2,002,431	\$ 1,750,000	\$ 3,752,431	\$ 2,002,431	\$ 1,750,000	\$ 3,752,431
Source of Funds						
Highway Fund	\$ 30,496,536	\$ 1,750,000	\$ 32,246,536	\$ 30,501,536	\$ 1,750,000	\$ 32,251,536
TOTAL	\$ 30,496,536	\$ 1,750,000	\$ 32,246,536	\$ 30,501,536	\$ 1,750,000	\$ 32,251,536
Add funds for Retention Incentive Program, for performing winter maintenance and to mitigate further attrition during critical winter months to meet expected service levels						

Item #2						
Department/Division:		Department of Transportation				
Accounting Unit:		2928 (Winter Maintenance)				
Governor Recommended Budget Page #:		448				
Description	FY 2026			FY 2027		
	Gov Rec	Change	Revised Budget	Gov Rec	Change	Revised Budget
Expenditure Class						
020 CURRENT EXPENSES	\$ 13,067,691	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 14,867,691	\$ 12,972,691	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 14,772,691
022 RENTS-LEASES OTHER THAN STAT	7,986,885	1,900,000	9,886,885	8,086,885	1,900,000	9,986,885
050 PERSONAL SERVICE TEMP APPOIN	202,205	100,000	302,205	202,205	100,000	302,205
TOTAL	\$ 21,256,781	\$ 3,800,000	\$ 25,056,781	\$ 21,261,781	\$ 3,800,000	\$ 25,061,781
Source of Funds						
Highway Fund	\$ 30,496,536	\$ 3,800,000	\$ 34,296,536	\$ 30,501,536	\$ 3,800,000	\$ 34,301,536
TOTAL	\$ 30,496,536	\$ 3,800,000	\$ 34,296,536	\$ 30,501,536	\$ 3,800,000	\$ 34,301,536
Winter maintenance activities include all state equipment and personnel resources but also requires significant contractor equipment and operators, sufficient salt stores, and additional seasonal help.						

Item #3

Authorize the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant to adjust class lines in AUs 2943 (Apportionment A-B, page 823), 3039 (Betterment, page 826), and 8910 (SB367 Capital Investment, page 828) to reflect highway fund revenue estimates and any changes to highway fund revenues approved by the committee. These class lines are based on revenue collected.

HB 1 Amendments - Representative Erf
Department of Education

		Class	FY 2026 Reduction	FY 2027 Reduction
1	<p align="center">Accounting Unit 2171 (Student Wellness-State) Gov Rec Page 1113</p> <p>Abolish Positions - #44173, #9T2894, #9T2964, and #9T2965 and make corresponding budget reductions.</p> <p>This is in addition to previous D-II action to abolish position #44593 in this AU.</p>	10	(83,069)	(83,655)
		18	(5,500)	(5,500)
		20	(300)	(300)
		29	(400)	(400)
		37	(100)	(100)
		38	(100)	(100)
		39	(4,548)	(4,548)
		57	(200)	(200)
		59	(228,306)	(238,778)
		60	(230,098)	(237,007)
		66	(100)	(100)
		70	(600)	(600)
		80	(1,500)	(1,500)
	TOTAL		\$(554,821)	\$(572,788)
2	<p align="center">Accounting Unit 2503 (Instructional Support) Gov Rec Page 1120</p> <p>This is in addition to previous D-II action to abolish position #45031 in this AU.</p>	80	(6,800)	(6,800)
		TOTAL		\$(6,800)
3	<p align="center">Accounting Unit 4021 (Robotics Education Fund) Gov Rec Page 1145</p>	50	(15,000)	(15,000)
		60	(1,179)	(1,179)
		73	(250,000)	(250,000)
		TOTAL		\$(266,179)

**HB 1 Amendments - Representative Erf
Department of Education**

4	Accounting Unit 4039 (Adult Education-State) Gov Rec Page 1150	602	(834,000)	(834,000)
		TOTAL	\$(834,000)	\$(834,000)
5	Accounting Unit 3474 (Office of Early Childhood) Gov Rec Page 1169	18	(2,200)	(2,200)
		20	(2,000)	(2,000)
		30	(1,000)	(1,000)
		37	(2,000)	(2,000)
		38	(1,000)	(1,000)
		50	(1,000)	(1,000)
		60	(535)	(535)
		102	(50,000)	(50,000)
		TOTAL	\$(59,735)	\$(59,735)
6	Accounting Unit 4275 (OIT State) Gov Rec Page 1080	27	(137,479)	(137,479)
	Remove funding for DoIT position #18877	TOTAL	\$(137,479)	\$(137,479)
7	Accounting Unit 6001 (Commissioner) Gov Rec Page 1073	28	(250,000)	(250,000)
		TOTAL	\$(250,000)	\$(250,000)
8	Accounting Unit 7374 (Advanced Placement Fee) Gov Rec Page 1101	102	(50,000)	(50,000)
		TOTAL	\$(50,000)	\$(50,000)

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Accounting Units to be Moved from Education Trust Fund to General Fund				
Gov Rec Page	AU	Program	FY 2026	FY 2027
1177	4073	Special Education Aid	49,917,000	49,917,000
1178	4074	Tuition and Transportation	9,000,000	9,000,000
1176	3479	School Building Aid	14,762,183	12,039,788
1142	3015	Court Ordered Placements	4,512,668	4,512,556
1175	3478	State Testing	4,505,235	4,523,570
1176	3998	Building Lease Aid	850,000	850,000
1072	1964	Public School Infrastructure Fund	5,215,435	5,222,377
		TOTAL	88,762,521	86,065,291

HB 1 Amendment - Representative Erf

Item #1 - State Adequacy Grants						
Department/Division:		Department of Education				
Accounting Unit:		3043 (Education Trust Fund)*				
Governor Recommended Budget Page #:		1173				
Description	FY 2026			FY 2027		
	Gov Rec	Change	Revised Budget	Gov Rec	Change	Revised Budget
Expenditure Class						
079 Adequate Education Aid - State	\$ 1,080,465,156	\$ -	\$ 1,080,465,156	\$ 1,082,217,723	\$ 28,124,131	\$ 1,110,341,854
TOTAL	\$ 1,080,465,156	\$ -	\$ 1,080,465,156	\$ 1,082,217,723	\$ 28,124,131	\$ 1,110,341,854
Source of Funds						
Education Trust Fund	\$ 1,080,465,156	\$ (185,000,000)	\$ 895,465,156	\$ 1,082,217,723	\$ (291,875,869)	\$ 790,341,854
Restricted Lottery Revenue	-	185,000,000	185,000,000	-	320,000,000	320,000,000
TOTAL	\$ 1,080,465,156	\$ -	\$ 1,080,465,156	\$ 1,082,217,723	\$ 28,124,131	\$ 1,110,341,854
Reflects the net cost of amendment #2025-1269h (HB 563) and restriction of Lottery revenue to only be used for state adequacy grants (#2025-1294h)						
* Will be moved to new accounting unit as this will be for just state adequacy grants and not the entire education trust fund.						

Item #2 - Charter School Grants						
Department/Division:		Department of Education				
Accounting Unit:		3445 (Charter Schools)				
Governor Recommended Budget Page #:		1173				
Description	FY 2026			FY 2027		
	Gov Rec	Change	Revised Budget	Gov Rec	Change	Revised Budget
Expenditure Class						
073 Grants Non Federal	\$ 66,822,814	\$ 6,677,186	\$ 73,500,000	\$ 68,159,270	\$ 9,840,730	\$ 78,000,000
TOTAL	\$ 66,822,814	\$ 6,677,186	\$ 73,500,000	\$ 68,159,270	\$ 9,840,730	\$ 78,000,000
Source of Funds						
Education Trust Fund	\$ 66,822,814	\$ 6,677,186	\$ 73,500,000	\$ 68,159,270	\$ 9,840,730	\$ 78,000,000
TOTAL	\$ 66,822,814	\$ 6,677,186	\$ 73,500,000	\$ 68,159,270	\$ 9,840,730	\$ 78,000,000
Reflects the estimated cost for existing schools and new schools for the biennium.						

Item #3 - Education Freedom Accounts						
Department/Division:		Department of Education				
Accounting Unit:		3446 (Education Freedom Accounts)				
Governor Recommended Budget Page #:		1174				
Description	FY 2026			FY 2027		
	Gov Rec	Change	Revised Budget	Gov Rec	Change	Revised Budget
Expenditure Class						
073 Grants Non Federal	\$ 29,455,909	\$ 6,544,091	\$ 36,000,000	\$ 44,069,309	\$ 10,930,691	\$ 55,000,000
TOTAL	\$ 29,455,909	\$ 6,544,091	\$ 36,000,000	\$ 44,069,309	\$ 10,930,691	\$ 55,000,000
Source of Funds						
Education Trust Fund	\$ 29,455,909	\$ 6,544,091	\$ 36,000,000	\$ 44,069,309	\$ 10,930,691	\$ 55,000,000
TOTAL	\$ 29,455,909	\$ 6,544,091	\$ 36,000,000	\$ 44,069,309	\$ 10,930,691	\$ 55,000,000
Reflects the estimated cost for the incorporation of HB 115 (EFA eligibility) into HB 2.						

Item #4 - Education Freedom Accounts - Phase Out Grants						
Department/Division:		Department of Education				
Accounting Unit:		3447 (EFA Phase Out Grants)				
Governor Recommended Budget Page #:		1175				
Description	FY 2026			FY 2027		
	Gov Rec	Change	Revised Budget	Gov Rec	Change	Revised Budget
Expenditure Class						
073 Grants Non Federal	\$ 750,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 375,000	\$ 625,000	\$ 1,000,000
TOTAL	\$ 750,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 375,000	\$ 625,000	\$ 1,000,000
Source of Funds						
Education Trust Fund	\$ 750,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 375,000	\$ 625,000	\$ 1,000,000
TOTAL	\$ 750,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 375,000	\$ 625,000	\$ 1,000,000
Reflects the estimated cost for EFA phase out grants for the biennium.						

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by replacing sections 17-18 with the following:

2

3 17 New Paragraph; Cell Phone Use Policy. Amend RSA 189:1-a by inserting after paragraph IV
4 the following new paragraph:

5 V. School boards and boards of trustees of chartered public schools shall develop and adopt a
6 policy governing the use of student cell phones and other personal electronic communication devices
7 in schools. The policy shall, at a minimum, restrict the use of student personal cell phones during
8 class instruction, with approved exceptions determined by the superintendent or their designee for
9 student medical, disability, or language proficiency needs. School district policies shall not prohibit
10 students with medical needs, such as insulin pumps and glucose sensors, or students with
11 disabilities, from using a device necessary to support their learning as identified in their
12 individualized education program (IEP) or a plan developed under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation
13 Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. section 794. Policies shall also not prohibit the use of devices required to
14 support emergent multilingual students through appropriate language access programs and services
15 pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Replace:

19. Requires school districts to adopt policies governing student cell phone use in schools.

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by replacing sections 21 and 22 with the following:

2

3 21 Education Freedom Accounts; Definitions; Eligible Student. Amend RSA 194-F:1, VI to read
4 as follows:

5 VI. "Eligible student" means a resident of this state who is eligible to enroll in a public
6 elementary or secondary school and whose annual household income at the time the student applies
7 for the program is less than or equal to ~~[350]~~ **400** percent of the federal poverty guidelines as
8 updated annually in the Federal Register by the United States Department of Health and Human
9 Services under 42 U.S.C. section 9902(2). ~~[No]~~ **After June 30, 2026, no** income threshold need be
10 met in subsequent years **for a kindergarten through grade 12 student to enroll in the EFA**
11 **program**, provided the student otherwise qualifies. Students in the special school district within
12 the department of corrections established in RSA 194:60 shall not be eligible students.

13 22 Effective Date. Section 21 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by replacing sections 66-69 with the following:

2

3 66 Games of Chance; Definition of High Stakes Tournament. Amend RSA 287-D:1 by inserting
4 after paragraph IX the following new paragraph:

5 IX-a. "High-Stakes Tournament" means a tournament of a game of chance in which the
6 required buy-in for participation in the tournament is \$2,500 or greater.

7 67 Games of Chance; Definitions. Amend RSA 287-D:1, XII to read as follows:

8 XII. ***"Video lottery terminal" or "VLT" means any device which, upon payment of***
9 ***bills, coins or vouchers, is available to play or operate and may entitle the patron to receive***
10 ***cash, vouchers, or electronic credits redeemable for cash. The results, including options***
11 ***available to the patron, are randomly determined by the device. A device may use spinning***
12 ***reels or video displays or both. This definition does not include any device that sells lottery***
13 ***tickets, pari-mutuel wagers, nor any device which is operated through, utilizes, or is played***
14 ***on or with assistance from the Internet.***

15 XIII. "Wager" means a monetary agreement between 2 or more persons that a sum of money
16 or other valuable thing shall be paid to one of them on the happening or not happening of an
17 uncertain event. Wager may be used synonymously with the term "bet."

18 XIV. ***"Wide-Area Progressive Link" means a networked gaming system that connects***
19 ***electronic gaming devices located at multiple licensed gaming establishments to a common***
20 ***progressive jackpot pool, allowing for contributions from each linked machine, regardless***
21 ***of location, to incrementally increase a shared jackpot prize, which can be won by any***
22 ***eligible player participating on any of the linked devices.***

23 68 Games of Chance; Rulemaking. Amend RSA 287-D:3, XVII to read as follows:

24 XVII. ***The licensing and enforcement of VLT licensees, terminals, and compliance***
25 ***requirements under RSA 287-J.***

26 XVIII. Other matters related to the proper administration of this chapter.

27 69 New Section; Games of Chance; High-Stakes Tournaments. Amend RSA 287-D by inserting
28 after section 3 the following new section:

29 287-D:3-a High-Stakes Tournaments. A licensed game operator employer may conduct a high-
30 stakes game of Chance Tournament provided that:

31 I. The tournament is held at a facility licensed to conduct games of chance under RSA 287-

32 D.

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1 II. The tournament is conducted in accordance with the rules and procedures established by
2 the lottery commission.

3 III. The game operator submits the tournament structure, entry fees, rake structure, and
4 prize payout distribution to the lottery commission at least 30 days prior to the tournament start
5 date for approval.

6 IV. The tournament is conducted using approved dealers and equipment.

7 70 New Section; 24-Hour Gaming and Liquor Sales. Amend RSA 287-D by inserting after
8 section 4-a the following new section:

9 287-D:4-b 24-Hour Gaming and Liquor Sales. Any municipality may, by majority vote of its
10 legislative body, authorize gaming facilities licensed under this chapter to operate for up to 24 hours
11 per day. Such authorization may include the ability for such facilities to serve liquor for up to 24
12 hours per day, notwithstanding any other provision of law.

13 71 Games, Amusements, and Athletic Exhibitions; Games of Chance; Wagers. RSA 287-D:16 is
14 repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

15 287-D:16 Wagers. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no maximum wager shall apply
16 to any game of chance conducted under this chapter, or any historic horse race under RSA 284:22-b,
17 including table games, historic horse racing, and VLT wagers.

18 72 Games, Amusements, and Athletic Exhibitions; Games of Chance; Prizes. Amend RSA 287-
19 D:20 to read as follows:

20 287-D:20 Prizes.

21 I. In games where chips have no monetary value, ***except for high-stakes tournaments, as***
22 ***defined in RSA 287-D:1, XI-a***, 3 percent of all funds collected from players, less moneys used by
23 the lottery commission to fund authorized personnel expenses and related costs, shall be paid to the
24 state treasurer to be deposited into the special fund established in RSA 284:21-j. Such payments
25 shall be made once per month not later than the ~~5th~~ ***15th*** day of the month for the funds collected
26 in the previous month.

27 ***I-a. In high-stakes tournaments, as defined in RSA 287-D:1, XI-a, 5 percent of house***
28 ***winnings, after prizes paid, less moneys used by the lottery commission to fund authorized***
29 ***personnel expenses and related costs, shall be paid to the state treasurer to be deposited***
30 ***into the special fund established in RSA 284:21-j. Such payments shall be made once per***
31 ***month not later than the 15th day of the month for the funds collected in the previous***
32 ***month.***

33 II. In games where chips have monetary value, 10 percent of the rake or house winnings and
34 other moneys collected by the game operator that are not paid out as prizes to players, less moneys
35 used by the lottery commission to fund authorized personnel expenses and related costs, shall be
36 paid to the state treasurer for deposit into the special fund established in RSA 284:21-j. Such

1 payments shall be made once per month not later than the ~~5th~~ **15th** day of the month for the funds
2 collected in the previous month.

3 ***III. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the cash value of free bets and***
4 ***promotional credits of all table games, historic horse racing (HHR), and VLTs shall be***
5 ***exempted from revenues subject to charity allocation and payments to the state, so long as***
6 ***the cash value of such promotions for each type of game, whether it be table games, HHR,***
7 ***or VLTs, does not exceed 15 percent of the total revenue from that type of game for a given***
8 ***month.***

9 73 Games, Amusements, and Athletic Exhibitions; Games of Chance; Unlawful Gambling
10 Machines. RSA 287-D:26 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

11 287-D:26 Unlawful Gambling Machines. No person shall possess or operate any gambling
12 machine, slot machine, or other gaming device, unless specifically authorized under RSA 287-D or
13 RSA 284:22-b, or licensed by the lottery commission.

14 74 New Chapter; Video Lottery Terminals. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 287-I the
15 following new chapter:

16 CHAPTER 287-J

17 VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS

18 287-J:1 Definitions.

19 For the purposes of this chapter these words shall have the following meaning:

- 20 I. "Applicant" means an individual or entity applying for a license under this chapter.
21 II. "Commission" means the lottery and gaming commission.
22 III. "Gross video lottery revenue" means the total of all sums actually received by a VLT
23 licensee from operation of video lottery terminals, minus the total of all sums actually paid out as
24 winnings to patrons.
25 IV. "Facility" means a facility licensed under RSA 287-D for the conduct of charitable
26 gaming.
27 V. "Video lottery terminal" or "VLT" means any device which, upon payment of bills, coins or
28 vouchers, is available to play or operate and may entitle the patron to receive cash, vouchers, or
29 electronic credits redeemable for cash. The results, including options available to the patron, are
30 randomly determined by the device. A device may use spinning reels or video displays or both. This
31 definition does not include any device that sells lottery tickets, pari-mutuel wagers, nor any device
32 which is operated through, utilizes, or is played on or with assistance from the Internet.
33 VI. "VLT license" means a license issued in accordance with this section, to offer video
34 lottery terminals to the public.
35 VII. "VLT licensee" means a game operator employer licensee that has been granted a VLT
36 license under this section.

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1 VIII. "Voucher" means a printed wagering instrument, issued by a video lottery terminal at
2 a facility, that has a fixed dollar wagering value which can only be used to acquire an equivalent
3 value of cashable credits or cash.

4 287-J:2 Enforcement. The commission, with the assistance of the attorney general and the chief
5 of police of any city or town where licensed facilities are located, shall administer and enforce the
6 provisions of this chapter. To enforce the requirements of this chapter, the commission may exercise
7 all rights of enforcement, including but not limited to its subpoena power, investigation authority,
8 and authority to issue administrative orders and fines, granted to the commission by RSA 287-D.

9 287-J:3 Rulemaking. The commission shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to:

- 10 I. The application procedure for VLT licenses for game operators.
11 II. Information to be required on VLT license applications for VLT licenses for game
12 operators.
13 III. The conducting and operation of video lottery terminals.
14 IV. Accountability controls to ensure game integrity, including, but not limited to, cash,
15 prizes, income, expense and financial reporting, and recordkeeping to be implemented by VLT
16 licensees in addition to requirements set forth in RSA 287-D:22.
17 V. Investigation and enforcement to ensure compliance with this chapter.
18 VI. Other matters related to the proper administration of this chapter.

19 287-J:4 Eligible Operators.

20 I. To be eligible for a VLT license, the applicant shall have been licensed or eligible for
21 licensure to sell pari-mutuel pools on historic horse races under RSA 287-D and under RSA 284:22-b
22 as of the effective date of this chapter. A license shall not be permitted to be transferred or sold.

23 II. Applicants eligible to obtain a VLT license pursuant to paragraph I of this section shall
24 submit to background, financial, and suitability checks pursuant to RSA 287-D:11 and RSA 287-
25 D:12, to ensure the applicant's ability to conduct video lottery terminals in accordance with the
26 provisions of RSA 287-D and this chapter. An entity found suitable for gaming by the commission as
27 of the effective date of this chapter shall satisfy paragraph I and RSA 284:22-b. The applicant for a
28 VLT license shall submit to the commission a criminal history records release form, as provided by
29 the division of state police, which authorizes the division of state police to conduct a criminal history
30 records check through its state records and through the Federal Bureau of Investigation and to
31 release a report of the applicant's criminal history and record information, including confidential
32 criminal history record information, to the commission. Floor space allocated to VLTs shall
33 represent no more than 90 percent of a facility's total gaming space.

34 287-J:5 Operation of Video Lottery Terminals.

35 I. Prior to use all VLTs shall have been tested by an independent testing laboratory and
36 approved by the commission to ensure integrity and proper working order.

37 II. There shall be no bet limit imposed on VLTs.

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1 III. No VLT shall be operated except within the facility of an eligible VLT licensee during
2 the facility's approved hours of play of charitable games.

3 IV. Floor space allocated to VLTs and to historic horse racing terminals, as authorized by
4 RSA 284:22-b, shall represent no more than 90 percent of a facility's total gaming space.

5 V. VLTs shall operate to ensure a minimum average daily aggregate payback of 88 percent
6 computed for all VLTs operated at each facility on a quarterly basis, except for machines that are
7 tied to a wide-area progressive link, which shall have minimum average daily aggregate payback of
8 80 percent. For historic horse racing pools authorized by RSA 284:22-b tied to a wide-area
9 progressive link, the commission on such pools shall be set at a rate no greater than 20 percent.

10 VI. VLTs shall operate pursuant to any other such characteristics as the commission may
11 establish by rule to safeguard the integrity of gaming in New Hampshire.

12 287-J:6 Revenue Share.

13 I. Each video lottery terminal licensee shall collect a tax equal to 30 percent of gross video
14 lottery revenue, less any free play offered by the operator, for distribution under paragraph II.

15 II.(a) Each licensee shall distribute 35 percent of the amount collected under paragraph I to
16 charitable organizations with whom the licensee contracts on each licensed game date. Each VLT
17 licensee shall contract with 2 licensed charitable organizations for each game date.

18 (b) The remainder of the total amount collected by the licensee under paragraph I shall
19 be paid to the commission and distributed as follows:

20 (1) 0.25 percent for payment of problem gaming services by the commission; and

21 (2) The remaining 64.75 percent for deposit in the education trust fund established
22 by RSA 198:39.

23 III. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the cash value of free
24 bets and promotional credits of all table games, historic horse racing, and VLTs shall be exempted
25 from revenues subject to charity allocation and payments to the state, so long as the cash value of
26 such promotions for each type of game, whether table games, historic horse racing, or VLTs, does not
27 exceed 15 percent of the total revenue from that type of game for a given month.

28 287-J:7 Unclaimed Vouchers.

29 I. Vouchers shall remain valid for 180 days from the date printed, after which the obligation
30 of the VLT licensee to pay the patron any value remaining on a voucher expires.

31 II. Before the end of each calendar month, the VLT licensee shall report and remit the total
32 value of vouchers that expired during the preceding calendar month in a format prescribed by the
33 commission.

34 III. Such moneys shall become a part of the special fund established in RSA 284:21-j.

35 287-J:8 Election of Central Monitory System or Audit.

36 I. If the lottery commission elects to implement a central monitoring system for VLTs, the
37 state shall bear all associated costs, including any connectivity fees, service fees, or equipment fees.

- 1 II. If the state chooses not to implement a central monitoring system, the state shall be
- 2 responsible for conducting audits of VLT and associated costs.

UNAPPROVED

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 70 with the following:

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3 70 Opioid Abatement Trust Fund; Substance Abuse Enforcement Program. For the biennium
4 ending June 30, 2027, funds from the opioid abatement trust fund, established under RSA 126-A:83,
5 may be appropriated to the department of safety, as authorized by the general court. The funds are
6 intended to cover overtime costs for county and local law enforcement officers participating in the
7 substance abuse enforcement program, established in RSA 21-P:66. Specifically, the funding may
8 support officers in Coos, Grafton, Carroll, and Sullivan counties in carrying out law enforcement
9 activities related to the program, which aims to prevent or reduce overdose deaths and other opioid-
10 related harms.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

REPLACE:

26. Provides that the general court may appropriate funds from the opioid abatement trust fund to the department of safety for law enforcement activities related to substance abuse prevention, including overtime costs, for officers in the northern part of the state.

Rep. Erf, Hills. 28
March 12, 2025
2025-0957h
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Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 Amend the bill by deleting section 81.

2025-0957h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Deletes paragraph 32, which establishes credit limits for courses through the dual and concurrent enrollment program.

UNAPPROVED

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 120 with the following:

2

3 1 Education; Special Education; Liability for Children With Disabilities in Certain Court
4 Ordered Placements. Amend RSA 186-C:19-b, V to read as follows:

5 V. If the total amount required for court ordered placements or placements for an episode of
6 treatment exceeds the amount appropriated to the department for such payments, the governor is
7 authorized to draw a warrant from the ~~[education trust]~~ **general** fund for such sum to satisfy the
8 state's obligation under this section.

9 2 Games, Amusements, and Athletic Exhibitions; Lottery; Establishment. Amend RSA 284:21-j,
10 I to read as follows:

11 I. The state treasurer shall credit all moneys received from the lottery commission under
12 RSA 284, RSA 287-D, and RSA 287-E, and interest received on such moneys, to a special fund from
13 which the treasurer shall pay all expenses of the commission incident to the administration of this
14 subdivision and all administration and enforcement expenses of racing and charitable gaming under
15 RSA 284, RSA 287-D, and RSA 287-E. Any balance left in such fund after such expenses are paid
16 shall be ~~[deposited in the education trust fund established under RSA 198:39]~~ **restricted to**
17 **accounting unit 06-56-56-560040-4079 in the department of education, for the purpose of**
18 **distributing state adequacy grants to public school districts.**

19 3 Games, Amusements, and Athletic Exhibitions; Lottery; Operation of Keno Games. Amend
20 RSA 284:47, II to read as follows:

21 II. A licensee may retain 8 percent of the proceeds from keno games. The remainder, less
22 the administrative costs of the lottery commission and prize payouts, shall be ~~[deposited in the~~
23 ~~education trust fund established in RSA 198:39]~~ **restricted to accounting unit 06-56-56-560040-**
24 **4079 in the department of education, for the purpose of distributing state adequacy grants**
25 **to public school districts.**

26 4 Games, Amusements, and Athletic Exhibitions; Sports Betting; Proceeds to Education Fund.
27 Amend RSA 287:I-9 to read as follows:

28 287-I:9 Proceeds to Education Fund. The proceeds received by the commission from sports
29 wagering, less the administrative costs of the commission, prizes paid, and payments for problem
30 gambling services, shall be ~~[deposited in the education trust fund established in RSA 198:39]~~
31 **restricted to accounting unit 06-56-56-560040-4079 in the department of education, for the**
32 **purpose of distributing state adequacy grants to public school districts.**

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1 5 Repeal. The following are repealed:

2 I. RSA 198:39, I(g), relative to using monies in the education trust fund for the statewide
3 assessment program.

4 II. RSA 198:39, I(j), relative to using monies in the education trust fund to fund school
5 building aid.

6 III. RSA 198:39, I(k), relative to using monies in the education trust fund for tuition and
7 transportation funds to school districts for students attending career and technical education
8 programs.

9 IV. RSA 198:39, I(l), relative to using monies in the education trust fund for special
10 education aid to school districts.

11 V. RSA 198:39, I(m), relative to using monies in the education trust fund for payments to
12 education service providers on behalf of school districts for children with disabilities in certain court
13 ordered placements or placements for an episode of treatment.

14 VI. RSA 198:39, I(n), relative to using monies in the education trust fund for grants for
15 leased space to approved chartered public schools.

16 VII. RSA 198:39, II(g), relative to depositing into the education trust fund monies relative to
17 sweepstakes and the lottery.

18 VIII. RSA 198:39, II(j), relative to depositing into the education trust fund monies collected
19 and paid over to the state treasurer by the lottery commission.

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 121 with the following:

2

3 121 Chartered Public Schools; Funding. Amend RSA 194-B:11, I(c) to read as follows:

4 (c) The ~~[commissioner of the]~~ department of education shall calculate and distribute
5 chartered public school tuition payments as set forth herein. The first payment shall be 30 percent
6 of the per pupil amount multiplied by the number of eligible pupils **enrolled and** present on the
7 first day of the current school year. Such payment shall be made no later than 15 days after the
8 department of education receives the ~~[attendance]~~ **approved enrollment** report. The December 1
9 payment shall be 30 percent of the per pupil amount multiplied by the membership on ~~[November]~~
10 **October** 1, and the March 1 payment shall be 30 percent of the per pupil amount multiplied by the
11 membership on February 1. To calculate the final payment, ~~[the commissioner of]~~ the department of
12 education shall multiply the per pupil amount by the average daily membership in attendance for
13 the full school year, and subtract the total amount of the first 3 payments made. The remaining
14 balance shall be the final payment. Eligible chartered public schools shall report membership in
15 accordance with RSA 189:1-d. In this subparagraph, "membership" shall be as defined in RSA 189:1-
16 d, II. Tuition amounts shall be prorated on a per diem basis for pupils attending a school for less
17 than a full school year. ***The average daily membership in attendance for the Virtual
18 Learning Academy Charter School shall be calculated by converting each credit completed
19 into an average daily membership metric utilizing the basis that 12 half-credits equal 1.0
20 average daily membership. No full-time enrolled pupil at the Virtual Learning Academy
21 Charter School shall have an average daily membership that exceeds 1.0.***

Rep. Erf, Hills. 28
March 12, 2025
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Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 Amend the bill by deleting section 143 and 144, relative to law enforcement training specialist and
- 2 extra duty.

UNAPPROVED

Rep. Hakken-Phillips, Graf. 12
March 21, 2025
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Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 Amend the bill by deleting section 149.

2025-1248h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

DELETE:

73. Brings the state radio communications systems within the oversight of the director of the division of emergency services.

UNAPPROVED

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 151 with the following:

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3 151 Department of Safety; Division of Fire Standards and Training and Emergency Medical
4 Services. Amend RSA 153-A:1, I to read as follows:

5 I. The general court declares that it is the policy of the state of New Hampshire to save lives
6 and speed the healing of persons in need of medical services by providing an emergency medical and
7 trauma services system that will bring an injured or sick person under the care of properly trained
8 individuals in the shortest practical time, and that will provide safe transportation to the most
9 appropriate treatment center prepared to receive the sick or injured person. It is the policy of the
10 state of New Hampshire to ~~insure~~ **ensure** that the sick or injured person is safely transported in
11 properly equipped vehicles which are designed to supply supportive care and which are able to
12 communicate with medical treatment centers. ~~[The use of properly licensed wheelchair vans for hire
13 is to ensure that patients confined to a wheelchair are transported in equipped vehicles driven by
14 personnel approved by the division.]~~

15 152 Department of Safety; Division of Fire Standards and Training and Emergency Medical
16 Services. Amend RSA 21-P:12-b, II(f) to read as follows:

17 (f) License emergency medical care providers, emergency medical service units,
18 emergency medical service instructor/coordinators, emergency medical service training agencies,
19 ~~[emergency medical services dispatchers,]~~ and emergency medical service vehicles~~[- including
20 wheelchair vans for hire].~~

21 153 Repeal. RSA 21-P:12-b, II(d), relative to division of fire standards and training and
22 emergency medical services responsibility for a communications network for EMS units, is repealed.

2025-1113h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Replace:

75. Clarifies the division of fire standards and training and emergency medical services policy regarding the use of properly equipped vehicles to transport sick or injured individuals; removes a reference to licensing of wheelchair vans and emergency medical dispatchers by the division; and repeals a requirement that the division establish an emergency communications network as such responsibility is handled by other state entities.

Rep. Erf, Hills. 28
March 11, 2025
2025-0892h
08/09

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 Amend the bill by deleting section 178.

2025-0892h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

DELETE:

98. Requires for the biennium, in certain circumstances, the lottery commission to apply to the legislative fiscal committee before applying to the governor and executive council for certain funds.

UNAPPROVED

Rep. Erf, Hills. 28
March 20, 2025
2025-1156h
02/08

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 Public School Infrastructure Fund. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 198:15-y, III to
2 read as follows:

3 III. The public school infrastructure commission may authorize the department of education
4 to fund expenditures [~~with approval of the fiscal committee of the general court~~] for the following
5 purposes:

2025-1156h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

ADD:

1. Removes the requirement to get approval from the fiscal committee of the general court for public school infrastructure grants.

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 New Paragraphs; Commissioner's Warrant. Amend RSA 76:8 by inserting after paragraph III
2 the following new paragraphs:

3 IV. Until June 30, 2027, school district appropriation amounts, less facilities acquisition and
4 construction, authorized in paragraph III and reported pursuant to RSA 198:4-a, shall not be more
5 than the previous year's appropriation, less facilities acquisition and construction, times the
6 previous 5 years average Consumer Price Index pursuant to paragraph VI.

7 (a) After June 30, 2027, the school district appropriation amount, less facilities
8 acquisition and construction, authorized in paragraph III shall not be more than the greater of the
9 following:

10 (1) The 5-year average percent change in ADMR used for the purposes of calculating
11 adequate education grants pursuant to RSA 198:40-a applied to the previous year's appropriation,
12 less facilities acquisition and construction, or

13 (2) The 5-year average appropriation, less facilities acquisition and construction.

14 (b) School districts seeking appropriations, less facilities acquisition and construction, to
15 assess local property taxes in excess of paragraph IV, as applicable, shall do so by a 2/3 majority vote
16 of their legislative body on each vote or warrant article in excess of the appropriation determined in
17 paragraph V. The vote to exceed the excess shall not be a voice vote.

18 (c) Districts seeking emergency appropriations shall follow the provisions of RSA 197:3.

19 V. Within 45 days after the reported appropriation amounts are submitted pursuant to RSA
20 198:4-a, the commissioner of the department of revenue administration shall notify the school board
21 of any excess appropriations not made in accordance with RSA 76:8, IV and delete those
22 appropriations when computing district taxation pursuant to RSA 198:4-a, IV.

23 VI. Previous 5 years average Consumer Price Index shall be calculated by using the All
24 Urban Consumers, Northeast Region, using the "services less medical care services" special
25 aggregate index, as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, United States Department of Labor.
26 The average annual change shall be calculated using the 5 calendar years ending 18 months before
27 the start of the fiscal year.

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 Appropriations; Department of Education; Computer Science Professional Development.
2 Amend 2023, 79:81, I-III to read as follows:

3 79:81 Appropriations; Department of Education; Computer Science Professional Development.

4 I. There is hereby appropriated to the department of education the sum of \$500,000 for the
5 fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 for the purpose of encouraging New Hampshire certified educators
6 to pursue eligible industry recognized credentials in the field of computer science. This
7 appropriation shall not lapse *until June 30, 2025*. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant
8 for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

9 II. There is hereby appropriated to the department of education the sum of \$2,741,871 for
10 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 for the purpose of encouraging individuals holding an eligible
11 industry recognized credentials to teach computer science or related courses of study in New
12 Hampshire approved education programs. This appropriation shall not lapse *until June 30, 2025*.
13 The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not
14 otherwise appropriated.

15 III. There is hereby appropriated to the department of education the sum of \$455,000 for the
16 fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 for the purpose of implementing the experiential robotics platform
17 in all New Hampshire classrooms for grades 6-12 including, but not limited to the purchase of
18 robotics kits from First New Hampshire Robotics, Experiential Robotics Platform, career and
19 technical education of community college fabrication sites, and professional development delivery
20 and support. The sum appropriated shall not lapse *until June 30, 2025*. The governor is
21 authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise
22 appropriated.

23 2 Effective Date. Section 1 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2025.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

ADD:

1. Lapses funding appropriated to computer science professional development.

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1 1 Instruction in National and State History, Government, and Civics. Amend RSA 189:11, II to
2 read as follows:

3 II.(a) As a component of instruction under this section, a locally developed competency
4 assessment of United States government and civics that includes, but is not limited to, the nature,
5 purpose, structure, function, and history of the United States government, the rights and
6 responsibilities of citizens, and noteworthy government and civic leaders, shall be administered to
7 students as part of the required high school course in history and government of the United States
8 and New Hampshire.

9 (b) To be eligible for a graduation certificate, a student in a public, chartered public,
10 non-public school, or a privately incorporated school that serves as a public school in the state, shall
11 attain a locally sanctioned passing grade on the competency assessment, and ~~[a grade of]~~ **shall**
12 **score** 70 percent or better on the 128 question civics (history and government) naturalization
13 examination developed by the 2020 United States Citizen and Immigration Services. **Public and**
14 **chartered public schools shall use the assessment provided by the department of education.**

15 (c) ~~[Schools are required to]~~ **The department of education shall** provide
16 accommodations and may modify the naturalization examination for a child with a disability in
17 accordance with the child's individualized education program.

18 (d) **Annually, the department shall publish a report of the state and district**
19 **results of the civics assessment.**

20 (e) ~~[By June 30 of each year, each school district, chartered public or]~~ Non-public
21 **schools** ~~[school, or a privately incorporated school that serves as a public school in the state,]~~ shall
22 submit the results of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) test to the
23 department of education.

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1 1 Education; Special Education; Program Approval, Monitoring, and Corrective Action. Amend
2 RSA 186-C:5, IX to read as follows:

3 IX. The department, with input from the advisory committee on the education of
4 children/students with disabilities, shall select and contract with an independent, nationally
5 recognized organization in program evaluation and quality assurance to evaluate in 2010, 2015, and
6 decennially thereafter, the effectiveness of the program approval and monitoring system, including
7 whether it is carrying out activities in RSA 186-C:5 in an efficient manner. Such organization shall
8 submit recommendations for any improvements to the commissioner, the state board of education,
9 the governor, and the general court within 90 days of completing the program evaluation. On or
10 before September 1, 2013, the department shall submit a written response to the report submitted
11 by the organization that conducted the 2012 independent evaluation. The written response shall
12 include a detailed plan for how the department will address the areas identified as needing
13 improvement and the recommendations made in the initial evaluation required under this section.
14 The written response shall include specific steps the department plans to take, along with a timeline
15 for each step. The written response shall also provide an explanation for any actions the department
16 will not implement or complete during the plan's timeframe. On or before December 30, 2013 and
17 June 30, 2014, the department shall submit a report of its progress toward completing its plan. The
18 plan and reports shall be submitted to the governor, to the chairpersons of the senate and house
19 committees with jurisdiction over education policy, to the state advisory committee for the education
20 of children with disabilities established in RSA 186-C:3-b, and to the state board of education. For
21 the 2015 evaluation, the department shall invite the same organization that conducted the 2012
22 evaluation to respond to a request for proposals. The 2015 evaluation shall include feedback on the
23 steps the department has taken in response to the recommendations in the 2012 report. The
24 department shall provide unimpeded access to all documents requested by the organization, except
25 as otherwise required by law. ***For the 2025 evaluation, the department may utilize the Special
26 Education Dispute Resolution performance audit and the Special Education performance
27 audit from the Audit Division of the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant of the New
28 Hampshire General Court to meet this requirement.***

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 Fish and Game; Gifts, Donations, and Raffles. Amend RSA 206:33-a to read as follows:
2 206:33-a Gifts, [~~and~~] Donations, **and Raffles**; Account Established.

3 I. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, individual gifts and donations
4 not exceeding \$2,500 in value in a year may be received by the fish and game department with the
5 consent of the commission and without the approval of the governor or the governor and council.
6 Individual gifts and donations exceeding \$2,500 in value in a year may be received by the fish and
7 game department with the consent of the commission and with the approval of the governor and
8 council.

9 ***I-a. The fish and game department is authorized to conduct raffles for fundraising***
10 ***purposes. Revenue received shall be credited to the gifts, donations, and raffles account***
11 ***established in RSA 206:33-a, II.***

12 II. There is established an account within the fish and game fund to be known as the gifts,
13 [~~and~~] donations, **and raffles** account. Moneys in the gifts and donations account are nonlapsing and
14 continually appropriated to the fish and game department. All gifts and donations shall be
15 deposited in this account, except gifts and donations made to the department in support of a specific
16 program that has an established dedicated account in title XVIII which shall be deposited into the
17 appropriate dedicated account and expended in accordance with the purpose of the dedicated
18 account.

19 III. This section shall not apply to gifts, grants, bequests, or donations received pursuant to
20 RSA 206:33-c or RSA 212-B:6.

21 2 Fish and Game; Gifts, Donations, and Raffles. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b)(231) to read as follows:

22 (231) Moneys deposited in the fish and game department gifts, [~~and~~] donations, **and**
23 ***raffles*** account under RSA 206:33-a.

24 3 Pheasant License Revenues. Amend RSA 206:35-a to read as follows:

25 206:35-a Pheasant License Revenues. The state treasurer shall establish a separate account to
26 which shall be credited all moneys collected by the fish and game department from issuance of
27 pheasant licenses under RSA 214:9, X. The moneys in said account shall be used only for purchase
28 or propagation of pheasants, ***as well as for program management and implementation***, and is
29 hereby appropriated for said purposes. Said funds shall be expended for the purposes hereof as
30 determined by the executive director with the approval of the commission. The moneys in said
31 account shall be nonlapsing.

32 4 Fisheries Habitat Fee. Amend RSA 214:1-g to read as follows:

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1 I. A [~~one-dollar~~] **\$5** fisheries habitat fee shall be required to be paid by all persons 16 years
2 of age or older, in addition to each applicable fishing or combination license required by Title XVIII,
3 in order to take fish in the fresh waters of this state. ***The \$5 fee shall be credited as \$4 of***
4 ***unrestricted revenue to the fish and game fund and \$1 to the fisheries habitat account***
5 ***under RSA 214:1-g, II.*** This paragraph shall not apply to any person who takes fish under a
6 complimentary license, excluding any administrative fee, issued pursuant to RSA 214:3, RSA 214:7-
7 a, RSA 214:13, RSA 214:13-b, or RSA 214:13-c, or a lifetime license issued pursuant to RSA 214:9-c
8 that was purchased in a prior calendar year.

9 II. The state treasurer shall establish a separate nonlapsing account within the fish and
10 game fund, to be known as the fisheries habitat account, to which [~~shall be credited all~~] ***a portion of***
11 ***the*** fees collected under RSA 214:1-g, I ***shall be allocated.*** The state treasurer may accept public
12 and private grants and donations for deposit into the account. ***Beginning in the fiscal year***
13 ***ending June 30, 2026, and each year thereafter, any amount in this account in excess of***
14 ***\$750,000 at the end of the fiscal year shall be transferred to the fish and game fund.***

15 5 Game Management Account Established; Report. Amend RSA 206:34-b, I to read as follows:

16 I. The state treasurer shall establish a separate nonlapsing account within the fish and
17 game fund, to be known as the game management account. Each month the department shall
18 determine the number of licenses, applications, or permits sold for moose, bear, turkey, and
19 waterfowl and, for each, transfer \$10 to the game management account. The moneys in this account
20 shall be used exclusively for the implementation of a comprehensive population and habitat
21 management program, including research and management, protection, education, and outreach for
22 game as defined in RSA 207:1, IX, fur-bearing animals as defined in RSA 207:1, VIII, and migratory
23 game birds as defined in RSA 209:5 to include waterfowl, snipe, and woodcock. Funds in the game
24 management account are hereby continually appropriated for said purposes. Said funds shall be
25 expended for the purposes of this section as determined by the executive director with approval of
26 the commission. ***Beginning in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and each year thereafter,***
27 ***any amount in this account in excess of \$750,000 at the end of the fiscal year shall be***
28 ***transferred to the fish and game fund.***

29 6 Wildlife Habitat License. Amend RSA 214:1-f, V to read as follows:

30 V. The state treasurer shall establish a separate nonlapsing account within the fish and
31 game fund, to be known as the wildlife habitat account, to which shall be credited all fees collected
32 under RSA 214:9, XV from the sale of wildlife habitat licenses. The state treasurer may accept
33 public and private grants and donations into the account. ***Beginning in the fiscal year ending***
34 ***June 30, 2026, and each year thereafter, any amount in this account in excess of \$750,000 at***
35 ***the end of the fiscal year shall be transferred to the fish and game fund.***

36 7 Application; Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping Licenses. Amend RSA 214:9 to read as follows:

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1 XV. If the applicant wishes to take wild animals, excluding fish and marine species, or wild
2 birds, a fee set by the executive director pursuant to RSA 206:10, I, and the agent shall thereupon
3 issue a wildlife habitat license as provided in RSA 214:1-f. For any year in which a license is issued,
4 the agent shall be entitled to retain a portion of the fee as set by the executive director pursuant to
5 RSA 206:10, I for each wildlife habitat license sold and all licenses sold at the department
6 headquarters or any subagency thereof shall retain the same portion of the fee which,
7 notwithstanding RSA 214:1-f, V, shall be credited to the general fish and game fund.
8 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there shall be no agent fee for a wildlife habitat license
9 issued pursuant to RSA 214:1-f. ***The wildlife habitat fee shall be set no less than \$5, with***
10 ***\$2.50 credited to the wildlife habitat account established under RSA 214:1-f and the***
11 ***remainder credited to the fish and game fund.***

12 8 Transfers to Fish and Game Fund.

13 I. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any amounts in excess of \$750,000 in the
14 fisheries habitat account established under RSA 214:1-g, II, shall be transferred to the fish and game
15 fund on June 30, 2025.

16 II. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any amounts in excess of \$750,000 in game
17 management account established under RSA 206:34-b, I, shall be transferred to the fish and game
18 fund on June 30, 2025.

19 III. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any amount remaining in the fish food sales
20 revenue account established under RSA 206:35-c, shall be transferred to the fish and game fund on
21 June 30, 2025.

22 9 Repeal. The following are repealed:

23 I. RSA 206:35-c, relative to the fish food sales revenue account.

24 II. RSA 6:12, I(b)(182), relative to the fish food sales revenue account.

25 10 Effective Date.

26 I. Sections 8 and 9 shall take effect June 30, 2025.

27 II. Sections 4 and 7 shall take effect January 1, 2026.

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 New Hampshire Retirement System; Membership; Division of Fire Safety. Amend RSA 100-
2 A:3, III-c to read as follows:

3 III-c. Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 100-A:1, VIII, any permanent fireman who has
4 been a group II member and who has 10 years' fire service experience, or any person included in the
5 definition of "fire service personnel" as defined in RSA 21-P:25, II(c) who has 10 years' fire service
6 experience, who is or becomes the director of the division of fire safety, the director of the division of
7 homeland security and emergency management, the director of the division of fire standards and
8 training and emergency medical services, any fire instructor, supervisor, instructor, or other
9 technical specialist who has hazardous materials, firefighting, or rescue training functions and who
10 has as a job requirement satisfied the fire standards and training commission's entrance and
11 certification requirements for physical condition, education, and training shall be construed to be a
12 permanent fireman for the purposes of membership in group II and shall remain in the system for
13 the duration of service in that capacity with the fire standards and training commission *or the*
14 *division of fire safety.*

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 Nonresident Who Establishes a Residency in the State. Amend RSA 263:35 to read as follows:
2 263:35 Nonresident Who Establishes a Residency in the State.

3 **I.(a)** Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 261:44 or any other law to the contrary, any
4 nonresident driver of a motor vehicle who holds a valid driver's license in another jurisdiction, upon
5 the establishment of a bona fide residency in this state, shall have a maximum of 60 days from the
6 date his or her residency was established to obtain a driver's license issued by the state of New
7 Hampshire; provided that H-2A temporary agricultural workers satisfying the requirements under
8 RSA 263:35-a shall have a maximum of 300 days.

9 **(b)** *An individual subject to subparagraph (a), who ceases to be a resident of*
10 *this state within 60 days of establishing a bona fide residency and has not yet obtained a*
11 *driver's license issued by the state of New Hampshire, shall notify the director of their*
12 *departure from the state.*

13 **(c)** *A resident subject to subparagraph (a), whose out-of-state driver's license*
14 *expires or is relinquished after becoming a resident of this state shall notify the director.*

15 **II.** *The director shall notify any individual in violation of paragraph I who is more*
16 *than 30 days past a deadline provided in this section. The notification shall be sent to the*
17 *in-state address and out-of-state address, if available. The director shall begin sending*
18 *such notifications within one year of the effective date of this section.*

19 **III.** *The director, for good cause shown, may grant an extension of a deadline in*
20 *this section to any individual.*

21 2 New Subparagraph; Centralized Voter Registration Database; Information Sharing. Amend
22 RSA 654:45, IV(b) to read as follows:

23 **(b)** Voter database record data shall be verified by matching the records with those of
24 the department of safety and the federal Social Security Administration as are required by law, and
25 with the records of the state agency or division charged with maintaining vital records. For this
26 purpose, the voter registration record database may be linked to the state agency or division charged
27 with maintaining vital records and the department of safety, provided that no linked agency or
28 division may save or retain voter information or use it for purposes other than verifying the accuracy
29 of the information contained in the voter database. The link authorized by this subparagraph shall
30 not allow the department of state or election officials direct access to the motor vehicle registration
31 or driver's license records maintained by the division of motor vehicles; ***provided that such link***
32 ***shall authorize the department of state to identify voter records with out-of-state driver's***

1 *license information where the record cannot be matched to an in-state driver's license*
2 *obtained within the deadline provided in RSA 263:35. The secretary of state shall*
3 *authorize the release of information from the voter database necessary for the department*
4 *of safety to notify an individual pursuant to RSA 263:35, II. The commissioner of safety may*
5 *authorize the release of information from motor vehicle registration and driver's license records to*
6 *the extent that the information is necessary to department of state and department of safety*
7 *cooperation in a joint notification to individuals of apparent discrepancies in their records and to the*
8 *extent that the information is necessary to resolve those discrepancies. The commissioner of safety*
9 *and the secretary of state are authorized to enter into an agreement that establishes the services to*
10 *be provided by the department of safety and the cost for those services. The department of safety*
11 *shall not be required to provide any services under this subparagraph unless an agreement is in*
12 *place and there are sufficient funds in the election fund to pay the cost for the services. The system*
13 *shall facilitate the identification and correction of voter registration records whenever a registered*
14 *voter has died or has been disenfranchised pursuant to part I, article 11 of the New Hampshire*
15 *constitution or RSA 654:5 through RSA 654:6, or when the domicile address does not match the*
16 *address provided by the same individual to the department of safety.*

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 Motor Vehicle Air Pollution Abatement Fund; Definitions. Amend RSA 125-S:2 to read as
2 follows:

3 125-S:2 Definitions. In this chapter:

4 I. "Department" means the department of environmental services.

5 II. ~~["Motor vehicle inspection fee" means the fee collected by the department of safety~~
6 ~~pursuant to RSA 266:2.~~

7 ~~III.]~~ "Mobile source" means, for the purposes of this chapter, any motor vehicle registered for
8 on-road use by the department of safety, division of motor vehicles.

9 2 Inspection; Power Unit and Trailer. Amend RSA 266:18-d, III to read as follows:

10 III. Vehicles so certified include the power unit and trailer. The vehicle shall be certified
11 upon submission to the department of documentation satisfactory to the department from the
12 manufacturer attesting that the vehicle is capable of safely carrying the additional weight. Such
13 attestation shall be required upon the first application for certification and a new attestation shall
14 be required at any time when the configuration of the vehicle relative to power unit, axles, springs,
15 or other safety items that could affect the vehicle's ability to qualify for an excess weight certification
16 is altered. Such attestation shall designate the maximum safe gross weight for the vehicles as
17 determined by the components and the summation of the manufacturer's axle design limits for each
18 axle of the vehicle ~~[The power unit and trailer shall be required at all times to have a current~~
19 ~~inspection sticker or decal from an official inspection station].~~

20 3 Inspection; Rulemaking. Amend RSA 266:18-d, VI to read as follows:

21 VI. The commissioner or his designee may revoke or suspend any additional
22 registration granted pursuant to paragraph V of any vehicle or vehicles which are being driven in
23 violation of the limits established by RSA 266:18-b or any other provision of law as evidenced by a
24 record of such violations. The commissioner shall adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A pertaining to
25 the procedures for such revocation or suspension and the application~~[,~~ and certification~~[,~~
26 ~~inspection]~~ process for additional truck weights, as well as procedures to become certified as a
27 vehicle inspector for additional weights.

28 4 Inspection; Motorcycle Noise. Amend RSA 266:59-a to read as follows:

29 266:59-a Motorcycle Noise Levels.

30 I. No person shall operate in this state any motorcycle which produces a sound level in
31 excess of the following decibels, when measured in accordance with the provisions of the SAE

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1 International Recommended Practice SAE J2825, "Measurement of Exhaust Sound Pressure Levels
2 of Stationary On-Highway Motorcycles":

3 (a) For all motorcycles, 92 decibels while the engine is operating at idle speed; or

4 (b) For motorcycles with less than 3 or more than 4 cylinders, 96 decibels while the
5 engine is operating at 2,000 revolutions per minute or 75 percent of maximum engine speed,
6 whichever is less; or

7 (c) For 3 and 4 cylinder motorcycles, 100 decibels while the engine is operating at 5,000
8 revolutions per minute or 75 percent of maximum engine speed, whichever is less.

9 ~~[II. No person shall pass for the purposes of the inspection required by RSA 266:1 any
10 motoreycle which produces a sound level in excess of the following decibels, when measured in
11 accordance with the provisions of the SAE International Recommended Practice SAE J2825,
12 "Measurement of Exhaust Sound Pressure Levels of Stationary On-Highway Motoreycles":~~

13 ~~(a) For all motoreycles, 92 decibels while the engine is operating at idle speed; or~~

14 ~~(b) For motoreycles with less than 3 or more than 4 cylinders, 96 decibels while the
15 engine is operating at 2,000 revolutions per minute or 75 percent of maximum engine speed,
16 whichever is less; or~~

17 ~~(c) For 3 and 4 cylinder motoreycles, 100 decibels while the engine is operating at 5,000
18 revolutions per minute or 75 percent of maximum engine speed, whichever is less.~~

19 ~~III.] II.~~ Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a violation
20 and shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$300.

21 5 Inspection; Odometers. Amend RSA 266:60 to read as follows:

22 266:60 Standards for Odometers. No passenger motor vehicle designated as a 1972 or later
23 model which is manufactured after January 1, 1972, shall be registered in this state unless it is
24 equipped with a tamper-resistant odometer designed with the intent to reduce the likelihood of
25 unlawful tampering with the mileage reading thereon. The director may adopt rules pursuant to
26 RSA 260:5 establishing standards for such devices, which standards shall be consistent with
27 provisions of federal law, if any, relating thereto. The director shall not require, as a condition
28 precedent to the initial sale of a vehicle, ~~[the inspection,]~~ certification or other approval of such
29 odometer if such device or equipment has been certified by the manufacturer as complying with
30 federal or state law or rule.

31 6 Street Rod Equipment; Inspection. Amend RSA 266:13, I to read as follows:

32 I. A vehicle registered as a street rod shall be equipped as prescribed by RSA 266 ~~[and state
33 of New Hampshire official inspection station rules adopted pursuant to RSA 541-A,]~~ as ~~[they]~~ *it* may
34 be applicable to vehicles whose model year is prior to the year 1949.

35 7 Custom Vehicles; Inspection. Amend RSA 266:115, I to read as follows:

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1 I. A vehicle registered as a custom vehicle shall be equipped as prescribed by RSA 266 ~~and~~
2 ~~state of New Hampshire official inspection station rules adopted pursuant to RSA 541-A~~, as ~~[they]~~ *it*
3 may be applicable to such vehicles.

4 8 Sale of Unsafe Used Motor Vehicles; Inspection. Amend RSA 358-F:2 to read as follows:

5 358-F:2 Inspection. Before selling to any customer any used motor vehicle which is ***believed by***
6 ***the customer to be*** unsafe for operation upon the highways pursuant to ~~[RSA 266:8]~~ ***RSA 266***, the
7 dealer shall, upon the request of the customer, conduct or have conducted a safety inspection of such
8 vehicle. If the vehicle is found to be unsafe for operation, the dealer may sell the vehicle to the
9 customer without correcting the defects, but only if the dealer presents to the customer at the time of
10 sale a notice which states: This motor vehicle ~~[will not pass a New Hampshire inspection and]~~ is
11 unsafe for operation ***upon the highways pursuant to RSA 266***. The following defects must be
12 corrected ~~[before an inspection sticker will be issued]~~. The dealer shall list all ~~[inspection]~~ defects
13 under this statement and specify the date on which the inspection was conducted and the person
14 who performed the inspection. The dealer may make a reasonable charge for conducting the
15 inspection.

16 9 Sale of Unsafe Used Motor Vehicles; Remedy. Amend RSA 358-F:4 to read as follows:

17 358-F:4 Remedy. A failure of any dealer to comply with the provisions of this section, or a
18 concealment by any dealer of any defect which was discovered, or should have been discovered,
19 during the inspection ~~[required by]~~ ***requested under*** RSA 358-F:2 is an unfair or deceptive act or
20 practice within the meaning of RSA 358-A:2. Any right or remedy set forth in RSA 358-A may be
21 used to enforce the provisions of this chapter.

22 10 Repeal. The following are repealed:

- 23 I. RSA 125-S:4, relative to the motor vehicle air pollution abatement fund.
24 II. RSA 260:6-a, relative to administrative review of sanctions against inspection stations.
25 III. RSA 260:6-b, relative to point system for automobile dealer and inspection station
26 violations.
27 IV. RSA 266:1, relative to inspection authorized.
28 V. RSA 266:1-a, relative to state police duties relative to vehicle inspection.
29 VI. RSA 266:1-b, relative to inspection of trailers.
30 VII. RSA 266:2, relative to fees.
31 VIII. RSA 266:3, relative to inspection of spare tires.
32 IX. RSA 266:3-a, relative to rust.
33 X. RSA 266:4, relative to repair of defective equipment.
34 XI. RSA 266:5, relative to penalties for failing to obey inspection requirements.
35 XII. RSA 266:6, relative to driving of uninspected vehicles.
36 XIII. RSA 266:8, relative to sales of unsafe vehicles.
37 XIV. RSA 266:59-b, relative to emission control equipment.

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- 1 XV. RSA 266:78-o, relative to emergency and warning lights; duties of official inspection
- 2 stations.
- 3 11 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

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1 1 Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Program; State and Federal Funding. Amend RSA
2 228:114 to read as follows:

3 228:114 State and Federal Funding.

4 ***I.*** Any public-private partnership projects utilizing federal or state funding shall be approved as
5 part of the state 10-year transportation improvement program in accordance with RSA 240.

6 ***II.*** *All proceeds or revenues to the state derived from public-private partnerships and*
7 *intended for payment to the department of transportation shall be credited to the*
8 *department of transportation, restricted in accordance with the approved public-private*
9 *partnership agreement, continuously appropriated, and non-lapsing.*

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Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 Short Title. This act shall be known as the Science in Education Act.

2 2 Legislative Findings. It is the intent of the general court that the term “evidence-based” is
3 either poorly defined or undefined in both law and educational practice. The scientific method relies
4 on the concept of falsifiability and testing of theorems in properly designed experimentation to test
5 truth claims. The paramount metric and standard for evaluation of theorems is resistance to
6 falsification by achieving repeatedly consistent results over multiple experiments. The general court
7 believes that while peer review of studies has uses, including evaluating the proper design of studies,
8 peer review alone has no weight in evaluating or falsifying truth claims. A rigorously scientific
9 approach to education will give substantial weight to repeatability of studies confirming theorems of
10 educational praxis while affording relatively little weight to peer review alone.

11 3 New Section; Evidence-Based Methods Required. Amend RSA 193-E by inserting after section
12 1 the following new section:

13 193-E:1-a Evidence-Based Methods Required.

14 I. All methods of delivering public education shall be evidence-based, including educator
15 training, policies, and any pedagogical methods attached to or accompanying curriculum (though not
16 to the content of the curriculum itself) adopted by the department of education, local school districts,
17 and any other regulatory body that may prescribe teaching methods.

18 II. "Evidence-based" under this section shall exclude surveys and other self-reported data
19 sets, and other subjective measurements such as reports of student progress and learning.
20 "Evidence-based" under this section means methods or techniques that meet at least one of the
21 following requirements, without regard to peer review status:

22 (a) Reproducibility in multiple, well-designed studies within a single discipline.

23 (b) Independent confirmation by well-designed studies across multiple disciplines.

24 III. Any use of the term "evidence-based" in communications by the department or local
25 school districts shall conform to the definition in paragraph II.

26 IV. The department and all local school districts shall make publicly available the scientific
27 studies on which they relied to assure the methods meet the definition of "evidence-based." If the
28 curriculum provider is a third party, the department or school board may require the provider to
29 furnish it to them.

30 V. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A to implement the provisions of
31 this section.

32 4 Effective Date. Sections 1-3 shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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1 1 Department of Education; Application for Medicaid Direct Certification Program; Public
2 Kindergarten, Elementary, and Secondary Schools. The department of education shall seek
3 participation in the Demonstration Projects to Evaluate Direct Certification with Medicaid
4 administered by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The department of health
5 and human services shall assist the department of education as needed in pursuing and
6 implementing this new direct certification methodology.

7 2 Department of Health and Human Services; Free And Reduced Meal Program. The
8 department of health and human services shall provide Medicaid applicants the option to
9 automatically enroll their children in the school free and reduced meals program, if income eligibility
10 is met, to participate in the Demonstration Projects to Evaluate Direct Certification with Medicaid
11 administered by the United States Department of Agriculture. Participants shall only be opted into
12 such program if the participants consent on their application.

13 3 Education; School Money; Public Kindergarten, Elementary, and Secondary Schools. The
14 department of education shall divide each pupil eligible for a free or reduced-price meal by the
15 average daily membership in residence (ADMR), as defined in RSA 198:38, I-a(a), for each district
16 and town for the 2025-2026 school year. The resulting percentage shall be applied to the ADMR for
17 the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years to establish a new calculation of ADMR for which pupils
18 are eligible for a free or reduced price meal, and shall be used to calculate differential aid under RSA
19 198:40-a, II(b) and extraordinary need grants under RSA 198:40-f.

20 4 Contingency. Section 3 of this act shall take effect on the date the department of education's
21 participation in Demonstration Projects to Evaluate Direct Certification with Medicaid has been
22 approved by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the commissioner of the
23 department of education provides notice of such to the secretary of state and the director of the office
24 of legislative services. If the application is not approved, section 3 of this act shall not take effect.

25 5 Prospective Repeal. Sections 1, 2, and 3 of this act, relative to participation in the
26 Demonstration Projects to Evaluate Direct Certification with Medicaid, are repealed.

27 6 Effective Date.

28 I. Section 3 of this act shall take effect as provided in section 4 of this act.

29 II. Section 5 of this act shall take effect on July 1, 2028.

30 III. Sections 1 and 2 of this act take effect upon its passage.

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1 1 Education; Special Education; State Aid. Amend RSA 186-C:18, III(a)-(b) to read as follows:

2 III.(a) The ~~[state board of education through the commissioner,]~~ department of education~~[,]~~
3 shall distribute aid available under this paragraph as entitlement to such school districts as have a
4 special education pupil for whose costs they are responsible, for whom the costs of special education
5 in the fiscal year exceed 3 **and** 1/2 times the ~~[estimated]~~ **most current** state average expenditure
6 per pupil for the school year preceding the year of distribution. ~~[If in any year, the amount~~
7 ~~appropriated for distribution as special education aid in accordance with this section is insufficient~~
8 ~~therefor, the appropriation shall be prorated proportionally based on entitlement among the districts~~
9 ~~entitled to a grant.]~~ ***If in any year, the amount appropriated for distribution as special***
10 ***education aid in accordance with this section is insufficient therefor, the appropriation***
11 ***shall be prorated proportionally based on entitlement among the districts entitled to a***
12 ***grant, provided that the department of education shall distribute to the school district not***
13 ***less than 80 percent of the district's entitlement in the fiscal year.*** ~~[If there are unexpended~~
14 ~~funds appropriated under this paragraph at the end of any fiscal year, such funds shall be~~
15 ~~distributed for court ordered placements and episodes of treatment under RSA 186-C:19 b.]~~ The
16 state may designate up to \$250,000 of the funds which are appropriated as required by this
17 paragraph, for each fiscal year, to assist those school districts which, under guidelines established by
18 rules of the state board of education, may qualify for emergency assistance to mitigate the impact of
19 special education costs. The state may designate up to an additional \$250,000 of the funds which are
20 appropriated under this paragraph for each fiscal year for any community of 1,000 or fewer residents
21 to mitigate the impact of special education costs when emergency assistance is necessary to prevent
22 significant financial harm to such district or community. Upon application to the commissioner of
23 education, and approval by the commissioner, such funds may be accepted and expended by school
24 districts in accordance with this chapter; provided, however, that if a school district has received
25 emergency assistance funds for certain children with disabilities, it shall not receive special
26 education aid for those same children with disabilities. If any of the funds designated for emergency
27 assistance under this paragraph are not used for such emergency assistance purposes, the funds
28 shall be used to assist school districts in meeting special education cost increases in their special
29 education programs as provided by this paragraph.

30 (b) The school district shall be liable for 3 **and** 1/2 times the estimated state average
31 expenditure per pupil for the school year preceding the year of distribution, plus 20 percent of the

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1 additional cost, up to 10 times the estimated state average expenditure per pupil for the school year
2 preceding the year of distribution.

3 2 Education; Special Education; State Aid. Amend RSA 186-C:18, IV to read as follows:

4 IV. ~~[The state shall appropriate an amount for each fiscal year to assist special education~~
5 ~~programs that are statewide in their scope, and that meet the standards for such programs~~
6 ~~established by the state board of education. Funds under this paragraph shall be administered and~~
7 ~~distributed by the state board of education through the commissioner.]~~ ***The amount necessary to***
8 ***fund special education aid under this section is hereby appropriated to the department.***
9 ***The governor is authorized to draw a warrant to satisfy the state's obligation under this***
10 ***section.***

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1 1 Cost of an Opportunity for an Adequate Education. Amend RSA 198:40-a, I-II to read as
2 follows:

3 I. [~~For the biennium~~] Beginning July 1, [~~2023~~] **2026**, the annual cost of providing the
4 opportunity for an adequate education as defined in RSA 193-E:2-a shall be as specified in
5 paragraph II. The department shall adjust the rates specified in this paragraph in accordance with
6 RSA 198:40-d.

7 II.(a) A cost of [~~\$4,100~~] **\$4,351** per pupil in the ADMR, plus differentiated aid as follows:

8 (b) An additional [~~\$2,300~~] **\$2,441** for each pupil in the ADMR who is eligible for a free or
9 reduced price meal anytime during the determination year; plus

10 (c) An additional [~~\$800~~] **\$849** for each pupil in the ADMR who is an English language
11 learner anytime during the determination year; plus

12 (d) An additional [~~\$2,100~~] **\$3,140** for each pupil in the ADMR who is receiving special
13 education services anytime during the determination year.

14 2 Annual Adjustment. Amend RSA 198:40-d to read as follows:

15 198:40-d Annual Adjustment.

16 Beginning July 1, [~~2024~~] **2027**, and every year thereafter, the department of education shall
17 adjust the following with an increase of 2 percent annually, ***rounded up to the nearest whole***
18 ***dollar***:

19 I. Per pupil costs in RSA 198:40-a, II; ***and***

20 II. [~~Extraordinary need grant "grant floor," "grant ceiling," "factor," and "max grant" as~~
21 ~~defined in RSA 198:40-f, II, (a)-(d); and~~

22 III.] Chartered public school additional grants under RSA 194-B:11, I(b)(1)(A) and (B).

23 3 Extraordinary Need Grants. RSA 198:40-f is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

24 198:40-f Extraordinary Need Grants.

25 I. In addition to aid for the cost of the opportunity for an adequate education provided under
26 RSA 198:40-a, each year the commissioner shall calculate an extraordinary need grant for schools
27 and provide that amount of aid to a municipality's school districts as follows:

28 (a) A municipality with an equalized valuation per pupil eligible to receive a free or
29 reduced-priced meal of \$1,700,000 or less shall receive \$11,730 per pupil eligible to receive a free or
30 reduced-price meal in the municipality's ADMR.

31 (b) A municipality with an equalized valuation per pupil eligible to receive a free or
32 reduced-price meal between \$1,700,001 and \$6,999,999 shall receive a grant equal to \$0.00221321

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1 for each dollar of difference between its equalized valuation per pupil eligible to receive a free or
2 reduced-price meal and \$6,999,999, for each pupil eligible to receive a free or reduced-price meal in
3 the municipality's ADMR.

4 (c) A municipality with an equalized valuation per pupil eligible to receive a free or
5 reduced-price meal of \$7,000,000 or more shall not receive an extraordinary need grant.

6 II. In this section:

7 (a) "Grant floor" means \$1,700,000 in equalized valuation per free or reduced-price meal
8 pupil.

9 (b) "Grant ceiling" means \$7,000,000 in equalized valuation per free or reduced-price
10 meal pupil.

11 (c) "Factor" means \$0.00221321 for each dollar difference between equalized valuation
12 per free or reduced-price meal pupil.

13 (d) "Maximum grant" means \$11,730 per free or reduced-price meal pupil.

14 III. The extraordinary needs grants shall be calculated using the formula described in
15 paragraph I, however, beginning July 1, 2027, and every year thereafter, the grant floor, grant
16 ceiling, and maximum grant shall be increased by 2 percent. The factor shall be readjusted by
17 taking the newly adjusted maximum grant and dividing by the difference between the grant floor
18 and grant ceiling.

19 4 New Section; Fiscal Capacity Disparity Aid. Amend RSA 198 by inserting after section 40-f
20 the following new section:

21 198:40-g Fiscal Capacity Disparity Aid.

22 I. In addition to aid for the cost of the opportunity for an adequate education provided under
23 RSA 198:40-a, each year the commissioner shall calculate a fiscal capacity disparity aid grant for
24 schools and provide that amount of aid to a municipality's school districts as follows:

25 (a) A municipality with an equalized valuation per pupil of \$1,000,000 or less shall
26 receive \$1,250 per pupil eligible in the municipality's ADMR.

27 (b) A municipality with an equalized valuation per pupil between \$1,000,001 and
28 \$1,599,999 shall receive a grant equal to \$0.00208333 for each dollar of difference between its
29 equalized valuation per pupil and \$1,599,999, for each pupil the municipality's ADMR.

30 (c) A municipality with an equalized valuation per pupil of \$1,600,000 or more shall not
31 receive a fiscal capacity disparity aid grant.

32 II. In this section:

33 (a) "Grant floor" means \$1,000,000 in equalized valuation per pupil.

34 (b) "Grant ceiling" means \$1,600,000 in equalized valuation per pupil.

35 (c) "Factor" means \$0.00208333 for each dollar difference between equalized valuation
36 per pupil.

37 (d) "Maximum grant" means \$1,250 per pupil.

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1 III. The fiscal capacity disparity aid grants shall be calculated using the formula described
2 in paragraph I, however, beginning July 1, 2027, and every year thereafter, the grant floor, grant
3 ceiling, and maximum grant shall be increased by 2 percent. The factor shall be readjusted by
4 taking the newly adjusted maximum grant and dividing by the difference between the grant floor
5 and grant ceiling.

6 5 Determination of Education Grants. Amend RSA 198:41, I(b)-(c) to read as follows:

7 (b) Subtract the amount of the education tax warrant to be issued by the commissioner
8 of revenue administration for such municipality reported pursuant to RSA 76:8 for the next tax year;
9 ~~and~~

10 (c) Add the municipality's extraordinary need grant pursuant to RSA 198:40-f;[-]

11 ***(d) Add the municipality's fiscal capacity disparity aid grant pursuant to RSA***
12 ***198:40-g; and***

13 ***(e) For municipalities with a total ADMR of 5,000 or more, subtract the amount***
14 ***necessary to limit the total additional targeted aid to \$3,750 per pupil in the municipality's***
15 ***ADMR. For the purpose of this paragraph, additional targeted aid shall be the sum of a***
16 ***municipality's extraordinary needs grant and fiscal capacity disparity aid grant.***

17 6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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1 1 Rulemaking Authority; Standards; Employee Qualifications. Amend RSA 186:8, VI to read as
2 follows:

3 VI. Certification standards [~~for advanced teaching credentials, including administering the~~
4 ~~master teacher credential as provided in RSA 189:14 f]~~ ***shall not include prior employment***
5 ***experience requirements, except as required by federal law or for CTE program***
6 ***endorsements, educational specialists, or instructional specialists.***

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

Add:

1. Prohibits certification standards from requiring prior employment experience, except when federally mandated or for CTE endorsements, educational specialists, and instructional specialists.

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1 1 Repeal. The following are repealed:

2 I. RSA 21-N:11, IV, relative to the duties of the state board of education.

3 II. RSA 186:60, relative to the professional standards board for the state board of education.

4 2 Rulemaking. Amend RSA 21-N:9, II(s)(4) to read as follows:

5 (4) The establishment of educator certification fees for granting licenses to
6 educational personnel, including teachers, paraprofessionals, administrators, educational specialists,
7 instructional specialists, school bus drivers and transportation monitors, and master teachers as
8 authorized by RSA 186:8 and RSA 186:11, X, provided that fees for granting of licenses to master
9 teachers and the renewal of master teacher licenses shall be no more than beginning or experienced
10 educator licenses, professional licenses including beginning educator licenses, experienced educator
11 licenses, and intern authorizations, and other classifications of educators, administrators,
12 specialists, and paraprofessionals necessary to address educational needs as determined by the state
13 board[~~upon the recommendation of the professional standards board pursuant to RSA 186:60~~].

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

Add:

1. Repeals the professional standards board for the state board of education.
2. Repeals the duties of the department of education board relative to the professional standards board.

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1 1 Repeal. The following are repealed:

2 I. RSA 188-H:1, I through III, relative to the definitions of "commission", "director", and
3 "division".

4 II. RSA 188-H:4, relative to sexual misconduct climate surveys at institutions of higher
5 education.

6 III. RSA 188-H:5, relative to task forces on sexual misconduct at institutions of higher
7 education.

8 IV. RSA 188-H:6, II, relative to waiving the requirement that a higher education institution
9 collaborate with local law enforcement to adopt joint policies on sexual misconduct.

10 V. RSA 188-H:9, relative to sexual misconduct awareness programming at institutions of
11 higher education.

12 VI. RSA 188-H:12, relative to sexual misconduct data reporting requirements.

13 VII. RSA 188-H:14, relative to the enforcement of, and penalties related thereto, compliance
14 with provisions of law pertaining to sexual misconduct at higher education institutions.

15 VIII. RSA 188-H:15, III, relative to waiving the requirement that a higher education
16 institution enter into and maintain a memorandum of understanding with a rape crisis center or
17 domestic violence center.

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1 1 Vanity Number Plates; Fees. Amend RSA 261:89 to read as follows:

2 261:89 Vanity Number Plates. The director is hereby authorized to design and to issue, under
3 such rules as the director deems appropriate, vanity number plates to be used on motor vehicles in
4 lieu of other number plates. Such number plates shall be of such design and shall bear such letters
5 or letters and numbers as the director shall prescribe, but there shall be no duplication of
6 identification. Such number plates or a changeable designation of the effective period thereof, as the
7 director shall determine, shall be issued only upon application therefor and upon payment of a
8 special vanity plate service fee of [~~\$40~~] **\$60**, said special fee to be in addition to the regular motor
9 vehicle registration fee and any other number plate manufacturing fee otherwise required by law for
10 the particular vehicle. Plates shall be renewed on an annual basis for [~~\$40~~] **\$60** per set. All special
11 fees collected under this section shall be paid to the state treasurer and distributed as provided by
12 RSA 263:52. Upon rejection of an application for vanity number plates, the director shall refund or
13 credit the collected special vanity plate service fee. The director shall recall any vanity number
14 plates that have been issued which do not conform to applicable law and rules, regardless of when
15 the plates were issued. Any person whose application for vanity number plates has been rejected or
16 whose vanity number plates have been recalled shall be issued a number plate of the same
17 classification as the plate that had been requested or recalled. The prorated by month portion of the
18 special vanity plate service fee shall be refunded or credited to the person whose vanity number
19 plates have been recalled.

20 2 Vanity Number Plates; Fee Collection. Amend RSA 261:141, III(cc) to read as follows:

21 (cc) For each vanity number plate set-~~[\$40]~~ **\$60**.

22 3 Vanity Plates; Fee Collection. Amend RSA 261:141, VII(d) to read as follows:

23 (d) For vanity plate service fee-~~[\$40]~~ **\$60**.

24 4 Driver Training Fund; Application of Vanity Plate Fee. Amend RSA 263:52, II to read as
25 follows:

26 II. The [~~\$40~~] **\$60** vanity plate service fee and the fee for renewal of vanity number plates
27 shall automatically be credited to the driver training fund until all fees in such fund equal the
28 amount of money estimated by the general court as available for expenditure for course materials,
29 licensing of schools, and certification services in connection with driver training from that fund for
30 that fiscal year. Once the driver training course materials, licensing of schools, and certification
31 services have been funded in accordance with the legislative estimates for the current fiscal year, the
32 next 1.5 million dollars shall be transferred to the department of safety as restricted revenue,

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- 1 thereafter the balance of all such fees shall be transferred to the general fund and shall be available
 2 as unrestricted revenue.
 3 5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

	Current Law (01/01/26 - 06/30/27)		Proposed (01/01/26 - 06/30/27)	
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Estimated # Plates (Based on FY 2024)	103,340	206,680	103,340	206,680
Fee Amount	<u>\$40</u>	<u>\$40</u>	<u>\$60</u>	<u>\$60</u>
<i>Total Revenue</i>	\$4,133,600	\$8,267,200	\$6,200,400	\$12,400,800
(Less: Driver Safety Education) AU 1110, Page 352	(\$298,033)	(\$310,473)	(\$310,473)	(\$310,473)
(Less: Detective Bureau) AU 5412, Page 384	<u>(\$1,500,000)</u>	<u>(\$1,500,000)</u>	<u>(\$1,500,000)</u>	<u>(\$1,500,000)</u>
Revenue to the General Fund	\$2,335,567	\$6,456,727	\$4,389,927	\$10,590,327
Biennium Total	\$8,792,294		\$14,980,254	
Increase	\$6,187,960			

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1 1 Motor Vehicles; Administration of Motor Vehicle Laws; Copies of Certificates and Motor
2 Vehicle Records. Amend RSA 260:15, II to read as follows:

3 II. The department may issue a copy of any motor vehicle record upon the request of an
4 insurance company or any other authorized agent, and notwithstanding RSA 91-A shall require
5 payment by the insurance company or authorized agent of a fee of [~~\$17~~] **\$20**, which shall be
6 deposited in the fire standards and training and emergency medical services fund established in
7 RSA 21-P:12-d.

8 2 Motor Vehicles; Administration of Motor Vehicle Laws; Identification Cards. Amend RSA
9 260:21, V(a) to read as follows:

10 V.(a) The fee for such card shall be [~~\$10~~] **\$20** and is not refundable, except that no fee shall
11 be charged to any person who, for reason of health or age, turns in his or her driver's license before
12 the expiration date of such license. For purposes of this section, reasons of age shall be deemed to
13 apply only to those persons over age 65. A person who requires a photo identification card only for
14 voter identification purposes may obtain a voucher in the form provided for in subparagraph (b) from
15 his or her town or city clerk or the secretary of state exempting the voter from the identification card
16 fee. Upon presentation of the voucher to the division, the actual costs of issuing the card shall be
17 paid by the secretary of state from the election fund established under RSA 5:6-d. An identification
18 card paid for by the secretary of state shall be valid for voter identification purposes only, and the
19 card, which shall be known as a voter identification card, shall be marked "for voter identification
20 only."

21 3 Motor Vehicles; Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles; Fees. Amend RSA 261:20,
22 I(a)-(i) to read as follows:

23 (a) For filing an application for a first certificate of title, with or without a lienholder
24 named, [~~\$25~~] **\$35**;

25 (b) For a certificate of title after a transfer, with or without a lienholder named, [~~\$25~~]
26 **\$35**;

27 (c) For a duplicate certificate of title, [~~\$25~~] **\$35**;

28 (d) For an ordinary certificate of title issued upon surrender of a distinctive certificate,
29 [~~\$20~~] **\$40**;

30 (e) For filing a notice of security interest, \$20;

31 (f) For a certificate of search of the records of the division, for each name or
32 identification number searched against, \$20;

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- 1 (g) For filing an assignment of security interest, \$2;
- 2 (h) For issuing a distinctive New Hampshire number in place of a vehicle identification
- 3 number, [~~\$30~~] **\$40**;
- 4 (i) For issuing a salvage vehicle decal pursuant to RSA 261:22, IV, [~~\$50~~] **\$60**.

5 4 Motor Vehicles; Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles; Twenty-Day Registration.

6 Amend RSA 261:57, I to read as follows:

7 I. Any resident of this state who intends to purchase a vehicle in another state or from

8 another person or who is unable to register a vehicle because of limited hours of operation of the

9 town clerk in the town where the person resides may apply to the division or its substation or

10 authorized agent nearest his or her residence for a registration to drive said vehicle on the ways of

11 the state in an unregistered condition. Said resident shall appear in person at the division or

12 substation to obtain such registration and shall sign under penalty of perjury a statement that the

13 vehicle meets all New Hampshire inspection requirements, and in the case of a person seeking an

14 extension of his or her registration, that he or she was unable to register the vehicle because of the

15 limited hours of the town clerk, before said registration may be issued. Said registration shall be

16 valid for 20 days from the time it is issued. Application blanks and permits in the form prescribed

17 by the director shall be designed, printed, and supplied to the substations by the division. The fee

18 for the issuance of a registration shall be [~~\$10~~] **\$20**. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive a

19 vehicle on the ways of the state under a registration issued pursuant to this section unless said

20 person has in his or her possession a valid bill of sale for the vehicle he or she is driving, or in the

21 case of a person whose registration is extended, a copy of the form indicating he or she was unable to

22 register because of the limited hours of the town clerk. No person shall make application for a 20-

23 day registration on the same vehicle more than once within a 12-month period. Only 3 20-day

24 registrations shall be issued on the same vehicle within a 12-month period.

25 5 Motor Vehicles; Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles; Fees to be Collected. Amend

26 RSA 261:141, III to read as follows:

27 III. Prorated fees:

- 28 (a) For agricultural vehicles-~~[\$3.60]~~ **\$12**.
- 29 (b) For each agricultural tractor-~~[\$1.80]~~ **\$12**.
- 30 (c) For air compressors-~~[\$6]~~ **\$11**.
- 31 (d) For cement mixers-~~[\$6]~~ **\$11**.
- 32 (e) For saw rigs or log splitters-~~[\$6]~~ **\$11**.
- 33 (If the equipment cited in RSA 261:141, III(c)-(e), is towed exclusively within the limits of
- 34 a single city or town, the state registration fee shall not be collected.)
- 35 (f) For antique motorcycles-~~[\$2.40]~~ **\$12**.
- 36 (g) For all motor vehicles other than those in RSA 261:141, I:
- 37 0-3000 lbs. [~~\$31.20 (\$2.60 per month)~~] **\$42 (\$3.50 per month)**

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- 1 3001-5000 lbs. [~~\$43.20 (\$3.60 per month)~~] **\$48 (\$4 per month)**
2 5001-8000 lbs. [~~\$55.20 (\$4.60 per month)~~] **\$66 (\$5.50 per month)**
3 8001-73,280 lbs. [~~\$.96~~] **\$1.44** per hundred lbs. gross weight.

4 (h) Truck-tractors to be used in conjunction with a semi-trailer, gross weight shall
5 include the weight of such tractors, the weight of the heaviest semi-trailer to be used therewith, and
6 the weight of the maximum load to be carried thereby: up to 73,280 pounds [~~\$.96~~] **\$1.44** per 100
7 pounds gross weight, over 73,280 pounds-~~[\$1.44]~~ **\$2.40** shall be charged for each 100 pounds gross
8 weight or portion thereof in excess of 73,280 pounds.

9 (i) Each additional semi-trailer used in conjunction with such truck-tractor-~~[\$24.00]~~ **\$60**.

10 (j) For semi-trailers or automobile utility trailers (the weight of the trailer shall include
11 the maximum load to be carried thereby):

12 0-1000 lbs. [~~\$3.00~~] **\$14**

13 1001-1500 lbs. [~~6.00~~] **\$16**

14 1501-3000 lbs. [~~12.00~~] **\$19**

15 3001-5000 lbs. [~~24.00~~] **\$36**

16 5001-8000 lbs. [~~36.00~~] **\$52**

17 8001-up [~~.60~~] **\$0.95** per hundred lbs. gross weight.

18 (k) For each semi-trailer not registered in connection with a truck-tractor, the gross
19 weight shall include the weight of such trailer and the weight of the maximum load to be carried
20 thereby. The registration fee shall be [~~\$.60~~] **\$0.95** per hundred lbs. gross weight and such trailer
21 shall not be registered for less than 10,000 lbs.

22 (l) For equipment mounted on trucks of which the equipment is an integral part of the
23 unit and the truck is not capable of carrying freight or merchandise, the registration fee shall be 1/3
24 of the regular fee charged as determined by the corresponding weight chart specified in
25 subparagraph (i).

26 (m) For each farm truck or combination of motor type tractor and semi-trailer used only
27 for transportation of agricultural products produced on and meant to be used in connection with the
28 operation of a farm or farms owned, operated, or occupied by the registrant, for the first 16,000
29 pounds-~~[\$24]~~ **\$36**, for any additional weight above 16,000 pounds-~~[\$.74]~~ **\$1.44** per hundred weight.

30 (n) For each additional or extra semi-trailer used in connection with a motor type tractor
31 registered for farm purposes-~~[\$24]~~ **\$36**. (In the event that a farm truck registered under the [~~\$24~~]
32 **\$36** fee as provided in this subparagraph and thereafter registered for general use during the same
33 registration year, such fee shall be applied toward the fee for such general registration.)

34 (o) For each motorcycle-~~[\$15]~~ **\$30**.

35 (p) For each moped-~~[\$3]~~ **\$14**.

36 (q) For each motor vehicle used exclusively as a school bus or owned by a religious
37 organization or a non-profit organization used exclusively as a bus for the transportation of its

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1 members in connection with functions of the organization for which no fee is charged-\$24. (These
2 provisions shall not apply to municipally owned vehicles nor to vehicles of public utilities or common
3 carriers.)

4 (r) For antique motor vehicles other than antique motorcycles-~~[\$6]~~ **\$16**.

5 (s) For each road oiler or bituminous distributor-\$72.

6 (t) For plates issued to motor vehicle repairer-\$24 for the first set of plates, ~~[\$9]~~ **\$18** for
7 each additional set of plates.

8 (u)(1) For each vehicle, owned by or under control of a manufacturer, wholesaler, or
9 dealer-~~[\$200]~~ **\$400** for the first plate.

10 (2) For every additional plate-~~[\$12]~~ **\$24**.

11 (v) For motor vehicles owned by or under control of automotive recycling dealer licensee-
12 ~~[\$30]~~ **\$60** up to first 7,000 lbs., over 7,000 lbs.-~~[\$.74]~~ **\$1.44** per 100 lbs. gross weight.

13 (w)(1) For motorcycles owned or under the control of a manufacturer or dealer in
14 motorcycles-~~[\$12]~~ **\$24** for the first plate.

15 (2) For every additional plate-~~[\$3]~~ **\$6**.

16 (x)(1) For mopeds owned or under the control of a manufacturer or dealer in mopeds-
17 ~~[\$12]~~ **\$24** for the first plate.

18 (2) For every additional plate-~~[\$3]~~ **\$6**.

19 (y) For each transporter-~~[\$36]~~ **\$72**. Additional sets of number plates at ~~[\$18]~~ **\$36** per
20 set.

21 (z) For each utility dealer registration-~~[\$36]~~ **\$72**. Additional number plates at ~~[\$9]~~ **\$18**
22 per plate.

23 (aa) For ski area vehicles-\$6.

24 (bb) For construction equipment as defined by RSA 259:42-the exclusive fee charged by
25 the state shall be ~~[\$25]~~ **\$40**.

26 (cc) For each vanity number plate set-\$40.

27 (dd) For agricultural/industrial utility vehicles the registration fee shall be 1/3 of the
28 registration fee determined by the corresponding weight chart specified in subparagraph (g).

29 6 Motor Vehicles; Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles; Fees to be Collected. Amend
30 RSA 261:141, VII(f) to read as follows:

31 (f) For the replacement of lost or illegible validation sticker-~~[\$1]~~ **\$5**.

32 7 Motor Vehicles; Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles; Fees to be Collected. Amend
33 RSA 261:141, IX to read as follows:

34 IX. For every certified copy of and duplicate of a certificate of registration-~~[\$15]~~ **\$20**.

35 8 Motor Vehicles; Drivers' Licenses; Driver's License Fees. Amend RSA 263:42, II-IV-a to read
36 as follows:

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1 II. For every certified copy of a registration, license, or driving record, [~~\$15~~] **\$20**, except that
2 the commissioner shall waive the fee for local, state, and federal law enforcement and criminal
3 justice agencies requesting such information for investigative purposes and may, for good cause,
4 waive the fee in cases involving other government agencies or the public defender if the
5 commissioner determines that such a waiver is in the public interest.

6 III. No fee shall be charged for a driver's license issued to a disabled veteran who because of
7 being an amputee or a paraplegic has received a motor vehicle from the United States government.
8 The provisions of this paragraph shall apply to a veteran who, because of a disability incurred in, or
9 aggravated by such service, and upon satisfactory proof that the veteran is evaluated by the United
10 States Department of Veterans Affairs to be permanently and totally disabled from such service-
11 connected disability.

12 IV. A duplicate copy of a photographic license or a new license with a different classification
13 because of a commercial driver license disqualification may be issued for a fee of [~~\$10~~] **\$20**. For the
14 purpose of this chapter, the term "duplicate copy" shall mean an additional license containing an
15 indicator that the license is a duplicate. A new photograph need not be taken.

16 IV-a. For a new driver's license because of a change of address, [~~\$3~~] **\$10**.

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1 Amend the bill by inserting after section 203 the following new section and renumbering the final
2 effective date to be the last section:

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4 1 New Hampshire Excellence in Higher Education Endowment Trust Fund Established. Amend
5 RSA 6:38, I to read as follows:

6 I. There is hereby established in the office of the treasurer the New Hampshire excellence in
7 higher education endowment trust fund which shall be kept distinct and separate from all other
8 funds. Annual assessments, less any annual administrative costs received from the New Hampshire
9 college tuition savings plan established under RSA 195-H, ***and less \$15,000,000 in the fiscal year***
10 ***ending June 30, 2026, and \$15,000,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, which shall***
11 ***be allocated as state support to the university system of New Hampshire***, shall be credited to
12 the trust fund to provide scholarships for the benefit of residents of the state pursuing programs of
13 study at eligible educational institutions within the state.