

SB 513-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2026 SESSION

26-2109

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SENATE BILL        ***513-FN***

AN ACT            requiring schools to engage an owner's project manager for construction of school building aid projects at the time of application.

SPONSORS:        Sen. Abbas, Dist 22; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Sullivan, Dist 18; Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. Murphy, Dist 16; Sen. Long, Dist 20; Sen. McConkey, Dist 3; Rep. Donnelly, Rock. 25; Rep. Janigian, Rock. 25; Rep. D. Mannion, Rock. 25; Rep. Sweeney, Rock. 25

COMMITTEE:      Education Finance

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ANALYSIS

This bill requires schools to have engaged the services of an owner's project manager at the time they apply for school building aid.

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Explanation:     Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six*

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

1 1 School Building Aid; Approval of Plans; Specifications, and Costs of Construction or Purchase.

2 Amend RSA 198:15-c, III to read as follows:

3 III. A school district or chartered public school that [~~accepts~~] ***applies for*** school building aid  
4 for construction shall ***have*** [~~engage~~] ***engaged*** the services of an owner's project manager for  
5 construction or reconstruction/renovation projects of \$1,250,000 or more, unless the commissioner  
6 waives such requirement as unnecessary. The owner's project manager shall have his or her own  
7 comprehensive liability and auto insurance, workers' compensation coverage, and professional  
8 liability coverage. The state board of education shall adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A relative to  
9 the required services, responsibilities, and qualifications for the owner's project manager to ensure  
10 the project owner's best interests are carried out.

11 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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**SB 513-FN- FISCAL NOTE  
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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

<b>Estimated Political Subdivision Impact</b>				
	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>	<b>FY 2029</b>
<b>Local Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Local Expenditures</b>	\$0	Indeterminable		

**METHODOLOGY:**

This bill changes the time when a school district or chartered public school must retain the services of an owner's project manager (OPM) for the purposes of applying for a school building aid grant. Currently, OPMs are only required to be retained for a building aid applicant to receive an award. This bill would require applicants to retain the services of an OPM prior to submitting a building aid application. At the time of application submittal, there is no guarantee that appropriation will be available or that applicants will receive an award. Any impact that this bill may have on local school districts applying for school building aid is indeterminable. For informational purposes, the Department of Education states that the services for an OPM generally run at 1% to 5% of the total project cost.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

Department of Education