

HB 1243-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL ***1243-FN***

AN ACT relative to contracting and investment decisions by executive branch agencies.

SPONSORS: Rep. Sabourin dit Choinere, Rock. 30; Rep. Barton, Graf. 1; Rep. Granger, Straf. 2;
Rep. Harvey-Bolia, Belk. 3; Rep. Kuttab, Rock. 17; Rep. Tom Mannion, Hills. 1;
Rep. Potenza, Straf. 19; Rep. Wheeler, Hills. 33

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill requires executive branch agencies to base all contracting and investment decisions on providing direct benefits, services, or goods to New Hampshire citizens, with certain requirements and guidelines.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT relative to contracting and investment decisions by executive branch agencies.

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

1 1 Statement of Purpose. It is the policy of the state of New Hampshire that decisions concerning
2 contracting and investing by executive branch agencies shall be made solely in the interest of, and
3 for the exclusive purpose of providing benefits, services, and goods to, the citizens of New
4 Hampshire.

5 2 New Section; Limitation of Purpose of Contracting and Investing Decisions. Amend RSA 21-I
6 by inserting after section 11-e the following new section:

7 21-I:11-f Limitation on Purpose of Contracting and Investing Decisions.

8 I. All contracting and investing actions by any executive branch agency, including
9 departments, boards, commissions, and institutions as defined in RSA 21-I:11, shall be undertaken
10 solely in the interest of, and for the exclusive purpose of providing benefits, services, and goods to the
11 citizens of New Hampshire.

12 II. No executive branch agency shall award or renew any contract, or make any investment
13 or other expenditure, unless the primary and exclusive purpose of such action is to provide a direct
14 benefit, service, or good to the citizens of New Hampshire. Agencies shall not consider, nor be
15 required to further, interests, policies, or objectives extraneous to or inconsistent with this purpose.

16 III. This section shall not preclude compliance with the express requirements of federal law,
17 or valid conditions for receipt of federal funds, nor shall it prohibit actions to the extent required for
18 participation in multistate or federal programs that confer a direct benefit, service, or good to New
19 Hampshire citizens.

20 IV. All contracts entered into by executive branch agencies shall contain a certification by
21 the agency that the contract is consistent with the requirements of this section. The director of
22 procurement and support services shall develop and provide a standard certification for this purpose,
23 and may issue such additional rules and guidance as are necessary to administer this section.

24 V. If a part of this act is invalid, all valid parts that are severable from the invalid part
25 remain in effect. If a part of this act is invalid in one or more of its applications, the part remains in
26 effect in all valid applications that are severable from the invalid applications.

27 VI. For purposes of this section, “agency,” “contract,” and “purchase” shall have the same
28 meaning as provided in RSA 21-I:11, II.

29 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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**HB 1243-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Legislative Budget Assistant has determined that this legislation has a total fiscal impact of less than \$10,000 in each of the fiscal years 2026 through 2029.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

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