

FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

EDUCATION

SB 57, establishing a study committee to analyze reducing the number of school administrative units.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Debra Altschiller for the committee.

SB 57 establishes a study committee to analyze reducing the number of school administrative units (SAUs) in the state. The committee will examine the potential transition to a county-based SAU system, including administrative, financial, and logistical impacts. It will also assess possible cost savings from consolidation. The committee must report its findings and recommendations by November 1, 2025. The committee amendment modifies the committee's duties by explicitly including an analysis of the impact of potential county taxes in the transition to a county-based SAU system. It also allows the committee to consult with county commissioners, the New Hampshire Municipal Association, and the New Hampshire School Boards Association.