

HB 1516-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL ***1516-FN***

AN ACT requiring municipalities to produce pie charts, bar charts, and QR codes on property tax bills depicting where and how tax dollars are being allocated.

SPONSORS: Rep. Labrie, Hills. 2; Rep. Cole, Hills. 26; Rep. Drago, Rock. 4; Rep. Drew, Hills. 19; Rep. Osborne, Rock. 2; Rep. Pauer, Hills. 36; Rep. Schneller, Hills. 2; Rep. Sweeney, Rock. 25; Sen. McGough, Dist 11; Sen. Sullivan, Dist 18

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

ANALYSIS

This bill requires municipalities to produce pie charts, bar charts, and QR codes on property tax bills depicting where and how tax dollars are being allocated.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 New Paragraph; Taxation; Apportionment, Assessment, and Abatement of Taxes; Information.

2 Amend RSA 76:11-a by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

3 II-a. The governing body shall ensure the year-end property tax bill issued by each
4 municipality shall include a link on the official municipal website with the label "Detailed Property
5 Tax Information," where the information in subparagraphs (a) through (e) shall be posted. The tax
6 bill may optionally also include a quick response (QR) code for this website link. The detailed
7 property tax information in subparagraphs (a) through (e) shall be updated at least annually before
8 the year-end property tax bills are issued. If the municipality does not have a website, the detailed
9 property tax information in subparagraphs (a) through (e) shall be posted by the governing body in
10 an appropriate place in the municipality, and the physical address of this place shall be listed on the
11 property tax bill instead of a website link. The governing body shall post the following complete
12 documents or, alternatively, post the physical locations where these documents are available for
13 inspection:

14 (a) A pie chart depicting the categories of taxation with each tax rate, labeled with
15 percentages of the total: state education, school, city or town, county, and each precinct or village
16 district, if any. If the municipality supports more than one school district, the pie chart shall depict
17 the state education and school tax rate for each school district.

18 (b) A 10-year line graph depicting the approved appropriations for each of the categories
19 of taxation listed in subparagraph (a), for the current year and previous 9 years, with a label or table
20 listing the dollar figure for each data point.

21 (c) A link to the most recent city or town report.

22 (d) Links to the minutes where the most recent budgets were adopted: the annual
23 county meeting, the annual meeting or council meeting for the town or city, the annual meetings of
24 school districts supported by the municipality, and the annual meetings of village districts supported
25 by the municipality, if any.

26 (e) Links to the approved budgets for each political subdivision in subparagraph (d), and
27 the details of any adopted tax cap, local tax cap, or budget cap in each political subdivision, if any.

28 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect April 1, 2027.

**HB 1516-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated Political Subdivision Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditures	\$0	Indeterminable Increase (less than \$10,000 per municipality)		

METHODOLOGY:

This bill requires towns and cities to update property tax bills to include pie charts, bar graphs, and QR codes and show how local tax dollars are being spent.

The New Hampshire Municipal Association states this bill may cost towns and cities less than \$10,000 to update their tax bill format to meet new rules. If the changes make tax bills longer or require four-color printing, it could lead to ongoing increases in printing and mailing costs. The actual cost depends on the size of the municipality, with larger towns likely spending more due to the higher volume of tax bills.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

New Hampshire Municipal Association