

HB 1548-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL ***1548-FN***

AN ACT requiring the department of education to collect and publish data regarding the costs associated with providing special education services to students of public, charter, private, trade, and other K-12 schools or academies.

SPONSORS: Rep. Hicks, Merr. 24; Rep. Fracht, Graf. 16

COMMITTEE: Education Policy and Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill requires the New Hampshire department of education to collect and publish data on the costs of special education services across public school districts, charter schools, and approved private schools.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Section; Reporting and Publication of Special Education Cost Data. Amend RSA 186-C
2 by inserting after section 18 the following new section:

3 186-C:18-a Reporting and Publication of Special Education Cost Data. The department of
4 education shall provide the legislature and publish on its website a report detailing the costs of
5 special education and related services provided to a child with a disability pursuant to an individual
6 education program. The report shall break down costs by school district and by provider type,
7 including services delivered directly by the district or through chartered public schools, public
8 academies, joint maintenance agreements, state facilities, or private special education providers.
9 The report shall also include related transportation costs. If the department does not currently
10 collect all required data, it shall publish available information and adopt rules under RSA 541-A to
11 require school districts to report the remaining data.

12 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**HB 1548-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT: This bill does not provide funding, nor does it authorize new positions.

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund(s)</i>	None			
Expenditures*	\$0	Indeterminable Increase		
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	General Fund			
Appropriations*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	None			

*Expenditure = Cost of bill

*Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill

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

METHODOLOGY:

This bill requires the Department of Education to publish and provide the General Court with detailed reports on special education costs. The Department states it would need to employ more staff to analyze and organize this data further to meet the requirements of this bill. The Department has not provided any details of staffing it may require or estimated costs. This bill provides neither authority nor appropriation for new personnel. Costs, if any, for local school districts complying with the requirements of this bill are indeterminable and will vary by district.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

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