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HOUSE BILL **1579**

AN ACT establishing a committee to study methods for increasing revenues to enable additional spending on education.

SPONSORS: Rep. Fellows, Graf. 8; Rep. Ames, Ches. 13; Rep. Stringham, Graf. 3; Rep. Ford, Rock. 3; Rep. Bryer, Rock. 1; Rep. Almy, Graf. 17; Rep. Wade, Straf. 15

COMMITTEE: Education Funding

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ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study methods for increasing revenues to enable additional spending on education.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT                    establishing a committee to study methods for increasing revenues to enable additional spending on education.

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

1            1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study viable revenue options,  
2 including new state revenue sources and modifications to existing sources, to increase education aid.

3            2 Membership and Compensation.

4            I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

5                    (a) Four members of the majority party of the house of representatives who currently  
6 serve, or have previously served, on the ways and means committee, or who have revenue or  
7 property value expertise, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

8                    (b) Four members of the minority party of the house of representatives who currently  
9 serve, or have previously served, on the ways and means committee, or who have revenue or  
10 property value expertise, appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives.

11                    (c) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

12                    (d) One member of the senate, appointed by the senate minority leader.

13            II. Legislative members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when  
14 attending to the duties of the committee.

15            3 Duties. The committee shall, in collaboration with the department of revenue administration,  
16 business and industry association of New Hampshire, and New Hampshire fiscal policy institute:

17                    I.(a) Analyze viable revenue options, including new state revenue sources and modifications  
18 to existing sources, to increase education aid;

19                    (b) Identify sources of revenue that could be used to fund education and reduce property  
20 taxes;

21                    (c) Study the reliability and predictability of the revenue sources identified in  
22 subparagraphs (a) and (b);

23                    (d) Study the cost of implementation and administration of the revenue sources  
24 identified in subparagraphs (a) and (b);

25                    (e) Study how quickly the revenue sources identified in subparagraphs (a) and (b) can be  
26 implemented;

27                    (f) Study the maximum increased revenue potential of the revenue sources identified in  
28 subparagraphs (a) and (b);

29                    (g) Study any negative side effects of the revenue sources identified in subparagraphs (a)  
30 and (b);

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1           (h) Study the impact on the state economy by business sector, and size if applicable, of  
2 the revenue sources identified in subparagraphs (a) and (b); and

3           (i) Study the impact on individuals, categorized by income, age, location, type of housing,  
4 and whether such individuals are citizens or non-citizens, of the revenue sources identified in  
5 subparagraphs (a) and (b).

6           II.(a) Solicit input from relevant state agencies and experts regarding the revenue sources  
7 identified in paragraph II(a) and (b). The committee shall report its finding on each revenue option  
8 considered.

9           (b) Not make a recommendation for or against any option considered. Should there be  
10 substantial disagreement on any finding, such disagreement shall be included in the committee's  
11 report.

12           4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chair from the  
13 majority party members and vice chair from the minority party members. The first meeting of the  
14 committee shall be called by the chair of the committee. The first meeting of the committee shall be  
15 held no later than August 7, 2026. Four members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

16           5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed  
17 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house  
18 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, the executive council, legislative members of the general court,  
19 and the state library on or before November 1, 2026.

20           6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.