

SB 491-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL **491-FN**

AN ACT enabling students to utilize education freedom account funds to pay for certain career and technical education funding.

SPONSORS: Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. McGough, Dist 11; Sen. Sullivan, Dist 18; Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. Long, Dist 20; Sen. McConkey, Dist 3; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17

COMMITTEE: Education Finance

ANALYSIS

This bill enables students to utilize education freedom account funds to pay for certain career and technical education funding.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Education; Regional Career and Technical Education (CTE); Costs for Students Attending
2 Career and Technical Education Programs. Amend RSA 188-E:6, IV to read as follows:

3 IV. In consultation with the house and senate committees responsible for education policy
4 and financial matters, the [~~state board~~] **department** of education shall, in rules adopted pursuant to
5 RSA 541-A, develop a formula for determining **separately** the tuition and transportation costs for
6 approved career technical education programs and procedures for disbursement of funds.

7 2 New Paragraph; Education; Regional Career and Technical Education (CTE); Payment of
8 Tuition and Transportation Funds. Amend RSA 188-E:9 by inserting after paragraph IV the
9 following new paragraph:

10 V. The department of education shall establish separate funds for tuition and transportation
11 and determine the cost for each on an annual basis in accordance with the provisions of RSA 188:E-
12 6, IV and 188-E:9, II-III.

13 3 New Paragraph; Education; Education Freedom Accounts; Authority and Responsibilities of
14 the Scholarship Organization. Amend RSA 194-F:4 by inserting after paragraph XVII the following
15 new paragraph:

16 XVIII. The scholarship organization, in cooperation with the department of education, shall
17 make available to EFA students in grades 9-12 information about enrolling in career and technical
18 education classes and programs.

19 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2027.

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SB 491-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE (AMENDMENT #2026-0379s)

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FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill requires the Department of Education to establish formulas and separate funds for career and technical education (CTE) tuition and transportation costs, and to determine those costs annually. This would be accomplished presumably through administrative rulemaking. This bill also requires that Education Freedom Account (EFA) students in grades 9 through 12 be provided information about enrolling in CTE programs.

This bill is not expected to have a fiscal impact.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Education