

HB 1807-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL ***1807-FN***

AN ACT relative to mandatory reports to voters.

SPONSORS: Rep. Peternel, Carr. 6; Rep. Bernardy, Rock. 36; Rep. Berry, Hills. 44; Rep. Pauer, Hills. 36; Rep. Drago, Rock. 4; Rep. Colcombe, Hills. 30; Rep. DeVito, Rock. 8; Sen. Murphy, Dist 16; Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. Sullivan, Dist 18

COMMITTEE: Education Funding

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill makes changes to the form and content of the mandatory report to voters distributed before any meeting at which any school district adopts a school budget.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 relative to mandatory reports to voters.

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

1 1 Education; Students First Act; Mandatory Report to Voters. Amend RSA 189:76, I-V to read
2 as follows:

3 I. Before any meeting at which any school district adopts a school budget, whether or not the
4 district has adopted the provisions of RSA 194-C:9-b, a mandatory report to voters ~~[must]~~ **shall** be
5 posted in at least 3 appropriate places, 2 of which ~~[must]~~ **shall** be places of business or other public
6 locations, and one of which ~~[shall]~~ **may** be the local newspaper ~~[or, if a local newspaper is not~~
7 ~~available, the district's website]~~. **The report shall be posted to the school district website, if**
8 **one exists.** The report ~~[must]~~ **shall** be posted at least 7 days, excluding Sundays and legal holidays,
9 prior to the ~~[meeting]~~ **scheduled date of the first budget hearing held pursuant to RSA 32:5, I.**

10 II. The report shall display the name of the school district, be prominently titled "Mandatory
11 Report to Voters on School Expenses," and shall contain ~~[3 line graphs]~~ **one graph with 3**
12 **financial indicators**, and one table. When posted in public locations, the report shall be displayed
13 on 2 pages which are each **at least** ~~[18]~~ **8.5** inches wide and ~~[24]~~ **11** inches tall. **The graphs and**
14 **table shall fill each page, leaving margins no greater than one inch.**

15 III. The first line ~~[graph]~~ **indicator** shall be titled "Average Cost Per Pupil" and shall
16 display the district's annual cost-per-pupil over the previous 10 years. The second line ~~[graph]~~
17 **indicator** shall be titled "Average Teacher Salary" and shall display the district's yearly average
18 teacher salary over the previous 10 years. A good faith effort shall be made to adjust each annual
19 statistic for inflation using the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Inflation Calculator or ~~[an]~~
20 equivalent, **publicly available** resource. Each yearly statistic shall be clearly labeled, **and the**
21 **base year used for the inflation adjustment shall be explicitly identified.** In each **line** graph,
22 the upper and lower boundaries of the **dual** y-axis ~~[must]~~ **shall** be capped at the nearest thousand
23 dollars.

24 IV. The third line **indicator** graph shall be titled "Administrator Salaries" and shall display
25 annual totals of all salaries paid to administrators employed or contracted by the district and
26 corresponding school administrative unit over the previous 10 years. Administrators serving
27 multiple districts may have annotation showing how their salary is apportioned among the multiple
28 districts. A good faith effort shall be made to adjust each annual statistic for inflation using the U.S.
29 Bureau of Labor Statistics Inflation Calculator or ~~[an]~~ equivalent, **publicly available** resource.
30 Each yearly total shall be clearly labeled, **and the base year used for the inflation adjustment**

1 ***shall be explicitly identified.*** The upper and lower boundaries of the ***dual*** y-axis [~~must~~] ***shall*** be
2 capped at the nearest hundred thousand dollars.

3 ***IV-a. If the district has fewer than 10 years of historical data, all available years***
4 ***shall be used for the required graphs in paragraphs III and IV.***

5 V. The table shall be titled "Top Administrator Salaries" and shall list the titles and current
6 salaries of the [4] ***10*** highest-paid administrators employed or contracted by the district or
7 corresponding school administrative unit. If less than [4] ***10*** administrators are so employed, all
8 administrators shall be so listed.

9 2 New Section; Education; School Meetings; Annual Warrant Information. Amend RSA 197 by
10 inserting after section 1-g the following new section:

11 197:1-h Annual Warrant Information. In the annual warrant, the information in RSA 671:20, II
12 (a)-(c) shall be printed immediately below the article number and title, and preceding the question of
13 adopting a school budget.

14 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

HB 1807-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE (AMENDMENT #2026-1004h)

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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 (Possibly No Impact)		

METHODOLOGY:

This bill updates the required mandatory report to voters for school district budget meetings by standardizing its format and expanding financial disclosures, including 10-year trends on per-pupil costs, teacher salaries, and administrator pay, along with a table of the highest-paid administrators. It also revises posting requirements and requires certain fiscal information to appear directly in the annual school warrant. Costs, if any, for districts to comply with this bill are indeterminable.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

None