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AN ACT relative to public charter schools and governmental land use exemptions.

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COMMITTEE: Education Policy and Administration

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill grants chartered public schools governmental-use status for land-use purposes and subjects them to the same municipal notification requirements as other governmental entities.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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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:

1 118:1 Chartered Public Schools; Governmental Use. Amend RSA 194-B:3, I(a) to read as follows:

2 (a) Except as otherwise provided in law, chartered public schools shall be fully exempt from
3 state laws and rules which otherwise apply to public or nonpublic schools, or local school boards or
4 districts. Notwithstanding the foregoing, chartered public schools shall have all the rights and privileges of
5 other public schools, ***including treatment as governmental use under RSA 674:54.***

6 118:2 Governmental Land Uses; Chartered Public School. Amend RSA 674:54, I through II to read
7 as follows:

8 I. In this section, "governmental use" means a use, construction, or development of land owned
9 or occupied, or proposed to be owned or occupied, by the state, university system, the community college
10 system of New Hampshire, or by a county, town, city, school district, ***chartered public school,*** or village
11 district, or any of their agents, for any public purpose which is statutorily or traditionally governmental in
12 nature.

13 II. The state, university system, community college system of New Hampshire, county, town, city,
14 school district, ***chartered public school,*** or village district shall give written notification to the governing
15 body and planning board, if such exists, of a municipality of any proposed governmental use of property
16 within its jurisdiction, which constitutes a substantial change in use or a substantial new use. Written
17 notification shall contain plans, specifications, explanations of proposed changes available at the time, a
18 statement of the governmental nature of the use as set forth in paragraph I, and a proposed construction
19 schedule. Such notification shall be provided at least 60 days prior to the beginning of construction.
20 Either the governing body or planning board of the municipality may conduct a public hearing relative to
21 the proposed governmental use. Any such hearing shall be held within 30 days after receipt of notice by
22 the governing body or planning board. A representative of the governmental entity which provided notice
23 shall be available to present the plans, specifications, and construction schedule, and to provide
24 explanations. The governing body or planning board may issue nonbinding written comments relative to
25 conformity or nonconformity of the proposal with normally applicable land use regulations to the sponsor
26 of the governmental use within 30 days after the hearing.

118:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: June 05, 2026
Effective Date: August 04, 2026