

HB 311-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL ***311-FN***

AN ACT relative to permissible campaign contributions by business organizations and labor unions.

SPONSORS: Rep. Read, Rock. 10; Rep. H. Howard, Straf. 4; Rep. Muirhead, Graf. 12; Rep. Lane, Merr. 16; Rep. Newell, Ches. 4

COMMITTEE: Election Law

ANALYSIS

This bill requires business organizations and labor unions to make political contributions through segregated funds.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 1 Political Expenditures and Contributions; Prohibited Political Contributions; Segregated
2 Account Exception. Amend RSA 664:4, II to read as follows:

3 II.(a) By any labor union or group of labor unions, or by any officer, director, executive,
4 agent, or employee acting on behalf of such union or group of unions, or by any organization
5 representing or affiliated with any such union or group of unions, or by any officer, director,
6 executive, agent, or employee acting on behalf of such organization; **or by any business**
7 **organization, or by any officer, director, executive, agent, partner, or employee acting on**
8 **behalf of such business organization. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to**
9 **sole proprietorships.**

10 (b) *Nothing in this paragraph shall prohibit the establishment, by any union or*
11 *organization that is subject to subparagraph II (a), of a political committee that operates*
12 *independently of such union or organization, provided the committee's expenditures and*
13 *contributions are made through a separate, segregated fund consisting only of voluntary*
14 *contributions solicited from individuals who are employees, officers, shareholders,*
15 *directors, partners, or members of such union or organization.*

16 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**HB 311-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund</i>	None			
Expenditures*	Indeterminable			
<i>Funding Source</i>	General Fund			
Appropriations*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source</i>	None			

*Expenditure = Cost of bill *Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill

Estimated Political Subdivision Impact				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
County Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
County Expenditures	Indeterminable			
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditures	Indeterminable			

METHODOLOGY:

This bill adds, deletes, or modifies a criminal penalty, or changes statute to which there is a penalty for violation. Therefore, this bill may have an impact on the judicial and correctional systems, which could affect prosecution, incarceration, probation, and parole costs, for the state, as well as county and local governments. A summary of such costs can be found at: https://gencourt.state.nh.us/lba/Budget/Fiscal_Notes/JudicialCorrectionalCosts.pdf

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Judicial Branch, Judicial Council, Department of Justice, Department of Corrections, New Hampshire Association of Counties, and New Hampshire Municipal Association