

SB 69-LOCAL - AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL

**69-LOCAL**

AN ACT

relative to acceptance of or rejection of charitable contributions, gifts, or donations by local school boards.

SPONSORS:

Sen. Murphy, Dist 16; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Rep. Ladd, Graf. 5; Rep. Alexander Jr., Hills. 29; Rep. Mazur, Hills. 44; Rep. Osborne, Rock. 2; Rep. Seidel, Hills. 29

COMMITTEE:

Education

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ANALYSIS

This bill requires local school boards to discuss and vote in public session before rejecting any charitable contribution, gift, or donation.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT                    relative to acceptance of or rejection of charitable contributions, gifts, or donations by local school boards.

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

1            1 Local Planning and Approval. Amend RSA 194-E:2, VI to read as follows:

2                    VI. Each public school and each local school board may seek and accept public and private  
3 gifts, grants, and donations to offset the costs of developing and implementing innovation plans and  
4 plans for creating innovation school zones, ***provided that such gifts shall only be rejected by the***  
5 ***school board after being discussed and voted on in a public session.***

6            2 Trust Funds Created for Specific Purposes; Expenditures; Administration. Amend RSA  
7 198:20-c, VI to read as follows:

8                    VI. The district may authorize the acceptance of privately-donated gifts, legacies and devises  
9 to be utilized for the same purpose as a trust fund created under this section; provided, however,  
10 that such gifts, legacies or devises shall be invested and accounted for separately from, and not  
11 commingled with, amounts appropriated under paragraph I, and shall be subject to the custody and  
12 investment provisions applicable to trust funds accepted under RSA 31:31. ***Gifts authorized***  
13 ***pursuant to this paragraph shall only be rejected by the school board after being discussed***  
14 ***and voted on in a public session.***

15            3 Supply of Epinephrine Auto-Injectors. Amend RSA 200:44-b, IV to read as follows:

16                    IV. A school may enter into an agreement with a manufacturer of epinephrine auto-  
17 injectors, third-party suppliers of epinephrine auto-injectors, or health care offices to obtain  
18 epinephrine auto-injectors at no charge or at fair-market prices or at reduced prices. A school  
19 district may accept gifts, grants or donations from foundations, organizations, or private parties to  
20 purchase epinephrine auto-injectors. ***Gifts authorized pursuant to this paragraph shall only***  
21 ***be rejected by the school board after being discussed and voted on in a public session.***

22            4 Supply of Bronchodilators, Spacers, or Nebulizers. Amend RSA 200:54, IV to read as follows:

23                    IV. A school may enter into an agreement with a manufacturer of bronchodilators, spacers,  
24 or nebulizers, third-party suppliers of bronchodilators, spacers, or nebulizers, or health care offices  
25 to obtain bronchodilators, spacers, or nebulizers at no charge or at fair-market prices or at reduced  
26 prices. A school district may accept gifts, grants or donations from foundations, organizations, or  
27 private parties to purchase bronchodilators, spacers, or nebulizers. ***Gifts authorized pursuant to***  
28 ***this paragraph shall only be rejected by the school board after being discussed and voted***  
29 ***on in a public session.***

30            5 Trust Funds for Districts. Amend RSA 31:31 to read as follows:

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1           31:31 Trust Funds for Districts. Except where otherwise specifically provided in the charter of a  
2 city or by special act of the legislature whenever a gift, legacy or devise shall be made in trust to a  
3 school district, village district or any subdivision of a town and accepted by it, the same shall be held  
4 in custody and administered by the trustees of trust funds of such town or in case of districts  
5 embracing 2 or more towns by the trustees of trust funds of that town which the voters of said  
6 district may elect. The governing body of any such district or subdivision shall expend such district  
7 or subdivision trust funds, or the income thereof to be expended, consistently with the terms of the  
8 trust. The provisions of RSA 31:32 shall not apply to expenditures of district or subdivision trust  
9 funds. ***Gifts made pursuant to this section shall only be rejected by a school board after***  
10 ***being discussed and voted on in a public session.***

11           6 Public recreation and Parks; Establishment and Management. Amend RSA 35-B:1 to read as  
12 follows:

13           35-B:1 Establishment and Management. Any town, city, county, village district or school  
14 district acting through its governing body, may either independently or in conjunction with the  
15 United States, the state of New Hampshire, or any other political subdivision acquire land within or  
16 without its jurisdiction by gift, purchase or lease, for a public recreation and park area and may  
17 prepare, equip, and maintain said land for said purpose. Said town, city, county or district may  
18 establish a system of reasonable fees and charges thereon; may conduct and promote leisure-time  
19 activities thereon. In connection therewith, any such town, city, county, or district may construct,  
20 reconstruct, equip, operate, and maintain any recreation building or recreation support facility; and  
21 may employ an administrative officer and such other persons as it deems necessary to carry out the  
22 provisions of this chapter. Any town, city, county or district shall have the power to jointly enter  
23 into any contract with any organization or organizations for the purpose of conducting leisure-time  
24 programs, acquiring recreational lands or facilities, or exercising any other power granted by this  
25 chapter. ***Gifts made pursuant to this section shall only be rejected by a school board after***  
26 ***being discussed and voted on in a public session.***

27           7 New Paragraph; Donations to Regional Career and Technical Education Center Programs.  
28 Amend RSA 188-E:9-a by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

29           II-a. Donations made pursuant to paragraph II shall only be rejected by a school board after  
30 being discussed and voted on in a public session.

31           8 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.