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HOUSE BILL ***552-FN-A-LOCAL***

AN ACT relative to making incentive grants for school districts that improve in certain assessment scores.

SPONSORS: Rep. Moffett, Merr. 4; Rep. Layon, Rock. 13; Rep. A. Lekas, Hills. 38; Rep. Hill, Merr. 2; Rep. Cordelli, Carr. 7

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This bill transfers $1,000,000 from the revenue stabilization reserve account to the department of education for the commissioner of education to award to school districts that improve on mathematics test scores in statewide assessments.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three

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

1 Education Achievement Incentive Grants; Appropriation.

I. The sum of $1,000,000 is appropriated to the commissioner of the department of education for the purpose of rewarding school districts which demonstrate measurable improvement regarding designated standardized mathematics test scores. Notwithstanding RSA 9:13-e, IV, the appropriation shall be funded by the state treasurer transferring said sum from the revenue stabilization reserve account in RSA 9:13-e, II.

II. The commissioner of the department of education shall award amounts not to exceed $50,000 to school districts which document improvements to student performance in mathematics test scores on the statewide education improvement and assessment program under RSA 193-C:6. The department shall determine criteria to qualify for awards to take into account differences such as grade level, school size, and other applicable data.

III. The funds for incentive grants shall not lapse and shall remain under the administration of the department until such time as funds are awarded. If more than 20 districts qualify in the first year, then the awards will be prorated by dividing the fund total by the number of qualifying districts. After the initial year, awards of $50,000 shall be made to districts in the order that they document qualifying data, until such time as the fund is exhausted.

IV. The commissioner of the department of education shall communicate with school districts and shall adopt such administrative arrangements under RSA 541-A as necessary to implement this section.

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

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HB 552-FN-A-LOCAL- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Budget Assistant is unable to complete a fiscal note for this bill, **as introduced**, as it is awaiting information from the Department of Education. The Department was initially contacted on 11/16/22 and most recently contacted on 12/06/22. When completed, the fiscal note will be forwarded to the House Clerk's Office.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Education