

Amendment to HB 356-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT establishing a committee to study education funding and the cost of an opportunity
4 for an adequate education.

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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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8 1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study education funding and the
9 cost of an opportunity for an adequate education.

10 2 Membership and Compensation.

11 I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

12 (a) Seven members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
13 house of representatives.

14 (b) Three members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

15 II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to
16 the duties of the committee.

17 3 Duties. The committee shall:

18 I. Evaluate the successes and shortcomings of the funding formula for kindergarten to
19 grade 12 and propose changes to improve the funding formula.

20 II. Review and modify where necessary education funding formula components, including:

21 (a) Base adequacy pursuant to RSA 198:40-a, to include formula elements within base
22 adequacy.

23 (b) Differentiated aid pursuant to RSA 198:40-a.

24 (c) Stabilization grants pursuant to RSA 198:41, IV.

25 (d) Fiscal capacity disparity aid.

26 (e) Other formula components the committee may deem appropriate.

27 III. Investigate other funding methodologies that best distribute state funding support for
28 an adequate education. As an alternative option to using property value, the committee may
29 consider tax effort that equals the amount of the tax rate needed to raise a certain dollar amount
30 per pupil. The committee shall also study distribution methodologies that focus on efficiency and
31 the minimization or preferably elimination of donor/receiver municipalities.

32 IV. Identify the causes of increased per pupil education costs and develop proposals to help
33 local school districts contain increasing costs.

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1 V. Identify trends and disparities across the state in student performance in kindergarten
2 to grade 12 and develop policy and funding formula recommendations for improvement.

3 VI. Consider other policy and education funding issues as the committee may deem
4 necessary.

5 4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from
6 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house
7 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this
8 section. Six members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

9 5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
10 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house
11 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2018.

12 6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study education funding and the cost of an opportunity for an adequate education.