

Amendment to HB 551-FN-A

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

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3 AN ACT establishing a committee to review, revise, and update the cost and delivery of an
4 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 New Section; Legislative Committee for the Review, Revision, and Update of the Delivery and
9 Costing an Adequate Education Established. Amend RSA 193-E by inserting after section 2-d the
10 following new section:

11 193-E:2-e Legislative Committee for the Review, Revision, and Update of the Delivery and Cost
12 of an Adequate Education.

13 I. There is hereby established the joint legislative committee for the review, revision, and
14 update of the delivery and cost of an adequate education. The members of the committee shall be as
15 follows:

16 (a) Five members of the house of representatives, which shall include at least 2 of whom
17 shall be members of the house education committee and at least 2 of whom shall be members of the
18 house finance committee, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

19 (b) Three members of the senate, at least one of whom shall be a member of the senate
20 education committee and at least one of whom shall be a member of the senate finance committee,
21 appointed by the president of the senate.

22 (c) The governor or designee as ex officio member of the committee.

23 II. The committee shall:

24 (a) Review and study the analytical models and formulae for determining the delivery
25 and cost of an adequate education and the educational needs and resources needed to ensure
26 equitable delivery and cost of an adequate education for students throughout the state.

27 (b) Review the education formula and make recommendations to ensure a uniform and
28 equitable design for financing the cost of an adequate education for all public school students in the
29 state.

30 (c) Determine whether the New Hampshire school funding formula complies with court
31 decisions mandating the opportunity for an adequate education for all students, with a revenue
32 source that is uniform across the state.

33 (d) Identify trends and disparities across the state in student performance in

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1 kindergarten through grade 12 based upon current school costing options.

2 (e) Identify and recommend education costing options that support districts in which
3 inequity in income effects the ability of some communities to increase the amount raised by local
4 property taxes in support of the opportunity of an adequate education.

5 (f) Re-establish a baseline for the universal cost of an opportunity for an adequate
6 education that represents the per pupil resources necessary including the costs of programs,
7 staffing, and facilities attributable to the subset of education that supports the specific criteria and
8 substantive programs to deliver the opportunity for an adequate education as defined in RSA 193-
9 E:2-a.

10 (g) Develop and propose criteria for identifying schools with enhanced needs and
11 identify and propose any resources these schools may need.

12 (h) Consider other policy issues as the committee deems necessary. The committee may
13 consult with outside resources and state agencies, including but not limited to the department of
14 education, the department of revenue administration, and the legislative assistant's office.

15 III. The members of the legislative committee shall elect a chairperson from among the
16 members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house member. The
17 first meeting of the committee shall be held within 60 days of the effective date of this section. Five
18 members of the committee shall constitute a quorum. The committee shall establish a calendar to
19 meet on a regular basis.

20 IV. The joint legislative committee shall submit an interim report to the speaker of the
21 house of representatives, the president of the senate, the senate clerk, the house clerk, the governor
22 and the state library not more than 9 months after its first meeting, and a final report on or before
23 September 1, 2020. The joint legislative committee shall remain active until the general court
24 addresses its recommendations.

25 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a joint legislative committee for the review, revision, and update of the cost and delivery of an adequate education.