

Amendment to HB 1520

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

2  
3 AN ACT establishing the New Hampshire health professionals' program administration fund  
4 and making an appropriation therefor, and relative to state board of education  
5 rulemaking regarding criminal history records checks.  
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7 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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9 1 New Paragraph; Office of Professional Licensure and Certification; Fees; Fund Established.  
10 Amend RSA 310-A:1-e by inserting after paragraph I the following new paragraph:

11 I-a. There is hereby established a nonlapsing fund to be known as the New Hampshire  
12 health professionals' program administration fund for the administration of the professionals' health  
13 program, including the professionals' health program in RSA 329:13-b, the alternative recovery  
14 monitoring program in RSA 326-B:36-a, and the impaired pharmacist program set forth in RSA  
15 318:29-a, with a fee charged to licensees per year at the time of licensure renewal for the board of  
16 medicine, board of dental examiners, pharmacy board, board of nursing, board of veterinary  
17 medicine, board of psychologists, board of chiropractic examiners, board of mental health practice,  
18 midwifery council, board of registration in optometry, board of podiatry, licensed dietitians, and  
19 board of licensing for alcohol and other drug use professionals, not to exceed 125 percent of the  
20 actual cost of providing the services. Other health and technical professions boards may be added to  
21 program at the same annual fee per licensee. The moneys in this fund shall be continually  
22 appropriated to the office.

23 2 New Subparagraph; Application of Receipts. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by inserting after  
24 subparagraph (358) the following new subparagraph:

25 (359) Moneys deposited in the New Hampshire health professionals' program  
26 administration fund established in RSA 310-A:1-e, I-a.

27 3 Department of Education; Rulemaking. Amend RSA 21-N:9, II(s) to read as follows:

28 (s) ~~[Certification]~~ **License** standards for educational personnel, **to include the**  
29 **establishment and implementation of a secure system for conducting criminal background**  
30 **checks pursuant to RSA 189:13-a for all first-time applicants listed in this section,** and  
31 educator certification fees for granting ~~[credentials]~~ **licenses** to educational personnel, including  
32 teachers, paraprofessionals, superintendents, assistant superintendents, special education  
33 administrators, business administrators, principals, vocational directors, coordinators of

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1 comprehensive health education and services, directors of pupil personnel services, guidance  
2 directors, guidance counselors, school psychologists, associate school psychologists, speech-language  
3 specialists, social workers, health educators, physical education teachers, consumer and family  
4 science teachers, elementary teachers, specialists in assessment of intellectual functioning, media  
5 supervisors, media generalists, and master teachers as authorized by RSA 186:8 and RSA 186:11, X,  
6 professional [~~credentials~~] **licenses** including beginning educator [~~credentials~~] **licenses**, experienced  
7 educator [~~credentials~~] **licenses**, and intern [~~licenses~~] **authorizations**, and other classifications of  
8 educators, administrators, specialists, and paraprofessionals necessary to address educational needs  
9 as determined by the state board upon the recommendation of the professional standards board  
10 pursuant to RSA 186:60.

11 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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**AMENDED ANALYSIS**

This bill establishes the New Hampshire health professionals' program administration fund. The bill also requires the state board of education to adopt rules requiring criminal background checks for first-time applicants to certain educational personnel positions.