

1 Committee of Conference Report on HB 1665-FN, relative to student eligibility for the education
2 freedom accounts program.

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4 Recommendation:

5 That the House recede from its position of nonconcurrence with the Senate amendment, and
6 concur with the Senate amendment, and

7 That the Senate and House adopt the following new amendment to the bill as amended by the
8 Senate, and pass the bill as so amended:

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10 Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

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12 1 Education Freedom Accounts; Definitions. Amend RSA 194-F:1, VI to read as follows:

13 VI. "Eligible student" means a resident of this state who is eligible to enroll in a public
14 elementary or secondary school and whose annual household income at the time the student applies
15 for the program is less than or equal to ~~[350]~~ **425** percent of the federal poverty guidelines as
16 updated annually in the Federal Register by the United States Department of Health and Human
17 Services under 42 U.S.C. section 9902(2). No income threshold need be met in subsequent years,
18 provided the student otherwise qualifies. Students in the special school district within the
19 department of corrections established in RSA 194:60 shall not be eligible students.

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21 Amend the bill by deleting section 5 and renumbering the original section 6 to read as 5.

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The signatures below attest to the authenticity of this Report on HB 1665-FN, relative to student eligibility for the education freedom accounts program.

Conferees on the Part of the Senate

Conferees on the Part of the House

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Sen. Bradley, Dist. 3

Rep. Cordelli, Carr. 7

Sen. Ward, Dist. 8

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Raises the annual household income threshold for eligible students and reduces the amount that the scholarship organization may retain to cover administrative costs.

II. Extends the phase-out grants provided under the education freedom account (EFA) program and directs the department of education to submit an annual report regarding EFA funding and costs.