

HB 650-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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HOUSE BILL

650-FN

AN ACT removing references to repealed funds and relative to state park and robotics education funds.

SPONSORS: Rep. D. McGuire, Merr. 14; Rep. Almy, Graf. 17; Rep. Janigian, Rock. 25; Rep. Weyler, Rock. 14; Sen. Gray, Dist 6

COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

ANALYSIS

This bill:

- I. Removes references to repealed funds;
- II. Splits the state parks fund into two separate funds; and
- III. Changes the robotics education fund to lapse excess funds into the general fund.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~in brackets and struck through~~.
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

AN ACT removing references to repealed funds and relative to state park and robotics education funds.

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

1 1 New Section; Cannon Mountain Ski Account Fund Established. Amend RSA 216-A by
2 inserting after section 3-o the following new section:

3 216-A:3-p Cannon Mountain Ski Account Fund Established.

4 I. The state treasurer shall establish a separate and distinct account to be known as the
5 Cannon Mountain ski account fund. The account shall be continuing and nonlapsing. The treasurer
6 shall deposit in the Cannon Mountain ski account fund actual revenues associated with the state-
7 owned ski areas, derived by the department of natural and cultural resources from fees, services,
8 accommodations, rentals, revenue from lift and tramway operations, retail sales, and net profit from
9 concession operations in excess of budget expenses. Any federal moneys which become available and
10 all donations and gifts shall be deposited into this account.

11 2 New Subparagraph; State Treasurer; Application of Receipts; Cannon Mountain Ski Account
12 Fund. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by inserting after subparagraph 399 the following new subparagraph:

13 (400) Moneys deposited in the Cannon Mountain ski account fund under RSA 216-
14 A:3-l.

15 3 Robotics Education Development Program and Robotics Education Fund; Robotics Education
16 Fund Established; Cap on Unencumbered Balance. Amend RSA 188-E:24 to read as follows:

17 188-E:24 Robotics Education Fund Established. There is established in the office of the state
18 treasurer a ~~nonlapsing~~ fund to be known as the robotics education fund which shall be kept distinct
19 and separate from all other funds. ***The unobligated balance of the fund shall be capped at***
20 ***\$1,000,000, and any excess funds shall lapse to the general fund at the end of each***
21 ***biennium.*** The fund shall be administered by the commissioner of the department of education.
22 The commissioner may accept and expend funds from any public or private source, including private
23 gifts, grants, and donations.

24 4 Expansion of State Park System; State Park Fund Established; References Removed. Amend
25 RSA 216-A:3-i, I to read as follows:

26 I. The state treasurer shall establish a separate and distinct account to be known as the
27 state park fund. ~~[The treasurer shall establish within the state park fund separate and distinct~~
28 ~~accounts, known as the state park account and the state-owned ski area account.]~~ The ~~[accounts]~~
29 ***account*** shall be continuing and nonlapsing. The treasurer shall deposit in the state park account
30 actual revenues from fees, services, accommodations, rentals, retail sales, net profit from concession

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1 operations, and special registration plate symbol fees collected under RSA 261:75-c in excess of
2 budget expenses and [excluding] **exclude** revenues associated with state-owned ski areas. [The
3 treasurer shall deposit in the state-owned ski area account actual revenues associated with the
4 state-owned ski areas, derived by the department of natural and cultural resources from fees,
5 services, accommodations, rentals, revenue from lift and tramway operations, retail sales, and net
6 profit from concession operations in excess of budget expenses.] Any federal moneys which become
7 available and all donations and gifts shall be deposited into [their appropriately designated
8 accounts] **this account**.

9 5 Repeal. The following are repealed:

10 I. RSA 6:12, I(b)(32), relative to fees collected under RSA 310-B:21.

11 II. RSA 6:12, I(b)(341), relative to the advanced manufacturing education fund under RSA
12 188-E:23-a.

13 6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

HB 650-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS INTRODUCED

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue Fund(s)	None			
Expenditures*	\$0	Indeterminable		
Funding Source(s)	General Fund			
Appropriations*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Funding Source(s)	None			

***Expenditure = Cost of bill**

***Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill**

METHODOLOGY:

This bill eliminates the state-owned ski area account, a sub-account under the state park fund, and creates the Cannon Mountain Ski Account Fund. Revenues generated from Cannon Mountain ski operations including fees, services, accommodations, rentals, lift and tramway operations, retail sales, and net profits from concession operations exceeding budgeted expenses will now be deposited into the newly established Cannon Mountain Ski Account Fund instead of the previous state-owned ski area account. Additionally, this bill changes the Robotics Education Fund to lapse back to the General Fund at the end of each biennium for any unencumbered funds that exceed \$1,000,000.

The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources states eliminating the state-owned ski area sub account and creating its own new account called the Cannon Mountain Ski Account will not have a fiscal impact as it will just be a transfer of funds from one account to another.

The Department of Education indicates that capping unencumbered Robotics Education Funds at \$1,000,000 and allowing any funds exceeding that amount to lapse into the General Fund will not affect the Robotics Education Fund or the General Fund, unless unencumbered funds exceed \$1,000,000 in the future. Currently, the program has been fully encumbering the entire \$1,500,000 per biennium to schools, with a waitlist of additional schools requesting funding. The

Department also states that any unspent funds by schools at the end of the year will lapse back to the Department, with amounts far below \$1,000,000, and are then reallocated to other schools on the waitlist.

It is assumed any fiscal impact, if any, would occur after FY 2025.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

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