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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT requiring the state board of education to report the unfunded financial impact to school districts for rules adopted by the board which exceed state or federal minimum standards.

SPONSORS: Rep. Ladd, Graf. 5

COMMITTEE: Education Funding

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires the department of education to report the out-of-pocket costs that local districts must incur to comply with rules that exceed state or federal special education standards and if certain federal or state requirements may have an indeterminable fiscal impact on school districts.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

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

1 1 Special Education; Rules Exceeding State or Federal Minimum Requirements. Amend RSA
2 186-C:16-c, I(a) to read as follows:

3 (a) For each rule or proposed rule contained in the report, [~~the state board shall include~~]
4 ***the department of education shall identify:*** the rule number, the nature of the rule, any state
5 minimum requirement exceeded, any federal minimum requirement exceeded, ***the unfunded***
6 ***financial impact on local school districts for rules exceeding state or federal minimum***
7 ***requirements, if the rule exceeding state or federal requirements may have an***
8 ***indeterminable fiscal impact on school districts,*** and the reasons for exceeding those minimum
9 requirements.

10 2 New Paragraphs; Session Law 2023, Chapter 109. Amend RSA 2023, 109 by inserting after
11 paragraph X the following new paragraphs:

12 XI. Session law 2023, Chapter 190, authorized the creation of the Bridgewater-Hebron
13 Groton Special Purpose School District. The district was created by vote of the 3 towns at their 2024
14 annual meetings and the first operating budget for the new school district was adopted at the March
15 2025 annual meeting for the district, which is now known as the Pasquaney School District.

16 XII. Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 76:15-a and any other provision of law, the
17 Pasquaney School District and its member towns are hereby granted an exception to the
18 requirement that the July 1 taxes by the member towns be limited to the prior year's tax assessed
19 valuation times 1/2 of the previous year's tax rate in setting the tax assessment for the Pasquaney
20 School District. Instead, for the 2025 partial payment tax bill, each of the member towns may apply
21 to the commissioner of revenue administration to adjust the 1/2 of the previous year's local school tax
22 rate by an amount sufficient to collect 1/2 of their individual responsibility of the net assessment as
23 calculated on the school district's 2025 MS-26. The department of revenue administration shall
24 expedite the adjusted rate applications.

25 XIII. The member towns and the Pasquaney School District are hereby granted such relief
26 from the limitations and deadlines set forth in RSA 76:15-a as is necessary to effectuate paragraph
27 XII.

28 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.