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HOUSE BILL **718**

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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:

1 208:1 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]~~ ***the***
4 ***department of education shall identify:*** the rule number, the nature of the rule, any state minimum
5 requirement exceeded, any federal minimum requirement exceeded, ***the unfunded financial impact on***
6 ***local school districts for rules exceeding state or federal minimum requirements, if the rule exceeding***
7 ***state or federal requirements may have an indeterminable fiscal impact on school districts,*** and the
8 reasons for exceeding those minimum requirements.

9 208:2 New Paragraphs; Session Law 2023, Chapter 190. Amend RSA 2023, 190:1 by inserting after
10 paragraph X the following new paragraphs:

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

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

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

208:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved: July 15, 2025
Effective Date: July 15, 2025