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HOUSE BILL ***557***

AN ACT relative to the information that appears on the school budget ballot.

SPONSORS: Rep. Berry, Hills. 44; Rep. Alexander Jr., Hills. 29; Rep. Osborne, Rock. 2; Rep. Sweeney, Rock. 25; Rep. Cordelli, Carr. 7; Rep. Farrington, Straf. 8

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

ANALYSIS

This bill requires the printing of certain information on the school budget ballot.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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:

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4 town clerks for non-partisan town elections, as provided in RSA 669:23 and 669:24, except that the ballot
5 shall be of a different color than any other ballot used at the election.

6 *II. Immediately preceding the question of adopting a school budget, the following information*
7 *shall be printed on the ballot:*

8 *(a) The average cost-per-pupil for the preceding year as calculated in accordance with RSA*
9 *189:75, I(a).*

10 *(b) School district achievement proficiency scores obtained from the department of education*
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24 *X%".*

25 281:3 Contingency. If HB 356 of the 2025 regular legislative session becomes law, section 1 of this
26 act shall not take effect and section 2 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage. If HB 356 of
27 the 2025 regular legislative session does not become law, section 1 of this act shall take effect 60 days
28 after its passage and section 2 of this act shall not take effect.

29 281:4 Effective Date.

30 *I.* Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall take effect as provided in section 3 of this act.

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II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved: August 01, 2025

Effective Date:

I. Sections 1 & 2 effective as provided in section 3

II. Remainder effective August 1, 2025