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Floor Amendment to HB 1563-FN-LOCAL

1 Amend RSA 186-C:18-a as inserted by section 4 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 186-C:18-a Administration and Monitoring of State Special Education Aid.

4 I. Each school district seeking reimbursement under this chapter shall submit to the
5 department, by a date established by the department, a report certified by the superintendent, or
6 their designee, for special education reimbursement as required by the department of education, and
7 shall, through service logs and attendance logs, as well as individualized education program (IEP)
8 documentation, serve as sufficient evidence that services are being rendered. Determination of
9 expenditure eligibility shall be made pursuant to state and federal regulations governing special
10 education services and programs.

11 II. The department shall determine and issue state special education aid payments based on
12 the certified reports submitted by school districts.

13 III.(a) The department shall establish a risk-based monitoring program to verify the
14 accuracy and allowability of reimbursement claims.

15 (b) The monitoring program shall include:

16 (1) Annual review of not less than 20 percent of districts submitting claims for state
17 special education aid on a rotating review schedule designed to ensure that each district is reviewed
18 at least once every 5 years;

19 (2) Random selection of additional districts for review;

20 (3) Targeted reviews based on risk indicators, anomalies, prior findings, or other
21 factors identified by the department; and

22 (4) Other criteria as identified by the department.

23 (c) If systemic errors are identified, the department may take additional measures,
24 including:

25 (1) Conducting a full review of the past years of submissions;

26 (2) Requiring districts to enter into an agreement with an independent auditor to
27 complete an audit of expenditures under this program;

28 (3) Requiring additional review and certification of expenditures by the local school
29 board; and

30 (4) Other measures deemed appropriate.

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1 IV. For districts selected for review, the department may examine invoices, individualized
2 education programs (IEPs), service documentation, expenditure records, and any other
3 documentation necessary to verify eligibility and accuracy of reported costs.

4 V.(a) The department shall adjust reimbursement amounts based on monitoring findings.

5 (b) Overpayments shall be subject to recoupment.

6 (c) The department may require corrective action plans for districts demonstrating
7 systemic errors or noncompliance.

8 VI. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A to implement this section,
9 including reporting formats, certification requirements, monitoring standards, appeal procedures,
10 and recoupment processes.