

HB 132-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL            ***132-FN***

AN ACT                repealing liability for familial support under chapter 165, aid to assisted persons.

SPONSORS:          Rep. Ladd, Graf. 5

COMMITTEE:        Judiciary

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ANALYSIS

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                         Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five*

AN ACT                    repealing liability for familial support under chapter 165, aid to assisted persons.

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

- 1            1 Repeal. RSA 165:19, relative to liability of support, is repealed.
- 2            2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**HB 132-FN- FISCAL NOTE  
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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

| Estimated Political Subdivision Impact |         |                               |                               |                               |
|----------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                                        | FY 2025 | FY 2026                       | FY 2027                       | FY 2028                       |
| County Revenue                         | \$0     | \$0                           | \$0                           | \$0                           |
| County Expenditures                    | \$0     | \$0                           | \$0                           | \$0                           |
| Local Revenue                          | \$0     | Indeterminable,<br>de minimus | Indeterminable,<br>de minimus | Indeterminable,<br>de minimus |
| Local Expenditures                     | \$0     | Indeterminable,<br>de minimus | Indeterminable,<br>de minimus | Indeterminable,<br>de minimus |

**METHODOLOGY:**

This bill eliminates the requirement that a relative of certain family members must support any of those members who are poor.

The New Hampshire Municipal Association states it is unaware of any statewide database or resource that tracks reimbursement for local support of indigent persons. As such, the impact on revenue or expenditures is indeterminable. However, according to the Local Welfare Administrators Association, this provision is sometimes used, but infrequently. New Hampshire Legal Assistance reports the same. As such, the Association believes that this provision's use is likely de minimus.

The New Hampshire Association of Counties indicates this is a rarely used statute by the County Commissioners and the Association does not anticipate any fiscal impact to the counties.

The Department of Health and Human Services states it operates several programs of assistance to provide necessary food, medical care, or financial assistance to eligible residents of New Hampshire. The Department's assistance programs are not part of RSA 165 and are not supported by local authorities' ability to require or recoup assistance from relatives pursuant to RSA 165:19. Therefore, the Department does not expect the bill to impact state revenues or expenditures.

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

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

Department of Health and Human Services, New Hampshire Association of Counties and New Hampshire Municipal Association