

HB 319-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL ***319-FN***

AN ACT relative to the responsibility of local school districts to provide transportation and meals for pupils in kindergarten.

SPONSORS: Rep. Ammon, Hills. 42; Rep. Post, Hills. 42

COMMITTEE: Education Funding

ANALYSIS

This bill removes the requirement that school districts provide transportation and meals to half-day kindergarten students.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 relative to the responsibility of local school districts to provide transportation and meals for pupils in kindergarten.

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

1 1 Transportation of Pupils. Amend RSA 189:6 to read as follows:

2 189:6 Transportation of Pupils. The local school district shall furnish transportation to **full-day**
3 pupils in kindergarten through grade 8 who live more than 2 miles from the school to which they are
4 assigned. The local school district may furnish transportation to pupils in **half-day kindergarten**
5 **programs, full-day** kindergarten through grade 8 who live 2 miles or less from the school to which
6 they are assigned, and to pupils in grades 9 through 12, when it finds that this is appropriate, and
7 shall furnish it when so directed by the commissioner of education.

8 2 Food and Nutrition Programs. Amend RSA 189:11-a, I to read as follows:

9 I. Each school board shall make at least one meal available during school hours to every
10 **full-day** pupil under its jurisdiction. Such meals shall be served without cost or at a reduced cost to
11 any child who meets federal income eligibility guidelines. The state board of education shall ensure
12 compliance with this section and shall establish minimum nutritional standards for such meals as
13 well as income guidelines set for the family size used in determining eligibility for free and reduced
14 price meals. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the operation of both a breakfast and lunch
15 program in the same school.

16 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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**HB 319-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated Political Subdivision Impact				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditures	\$0	Indeterminable		

METHODOLOGY:

This bill removes the requirement that school districts provide transportation and meals to half-day kindergarten students. Any impact this bill may have on local school districts is indeterminable and would vary from district to district.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Education