

HB 557 - AS INTRODUCED

2025 SESSION

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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

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ANALYSIS

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

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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                      relative to the information that appears on the school budget ballot.

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

1            1 Preparation of Ballots; By School District Clerk. Amend RSA 671:20 to read as follows:  
2            671:20 By School District Clerk.

3            ***I.*** The school district clerk shall prepare ballots for school district elections in the same  
4 manner as town clerks for non-partisan town elections, as provided in RSA 669:23 and 669:24,  
5 except that the ballot 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***  
7 ***information shall be printed on the ballot:***

8                      (a) *The average cost per pupil defined by the average daily enrollment of the*  
9 *preceding year divided by the total expenditure of the district.*

10                     (b) *The average daily enrollment for the district for the previous 5 years.*

11                     (c) *The average full-time teacher-to-administrator ratio. "Full-time teacher"*  
12 *means a full-time employee whose primary responsibility is the instruction of students.*  
13 *"Administrator" means all other full -time positions.*

14            2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.