

HB 750-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL

750-FN

AN ACT relative to making incentive grants for school districts that improve in certain assessment scores.

SPONSORS: Rep. Moffett, Merr. 4

COMMITTEE: Education Funding

ANALYSIS

This bill transfers \$1,000,000 from the education trust fund to the department of education for the commissioner of education to award to school districts that improve on mathematics test scores in statewide assessments.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 making incentive grants for school districts that improve in certain assessment scores.

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

1 1 New Section; Education Achievement Incentive Grants. Amend RSA 193-C by inserting after
2 section 12 the following new section:

3 193-C:13 Education Achievement Incentive Grants.

4 I. The sum of \$1,000,000 is appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 to the
5 department of education from the education trust fund established under RSA 198:39 for the
6 purpose of rewarding school districts which demonstrate measurable improvement regarding
7 designated standardized mathematics test scores. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant
8 from the education trust fund to satisfy the state's obligation under this section.

9 II. The commissioner of the department of education shall award amounts not to exceed
10 \$50,000 to school districts which document improvements to student performance in mathematics
11 test scores on the statewide education improvement and assessment program under RSA 193-C:6.
12 The department shall determine criteria to qualify for awards to take into account differences such
13 as grade level, school size, and other applicable data.

14 III. The funds for incentive grants shall not lapse and shall remain under the
15 administration of the department until such time as funds are awarded. If more than 20 districts
16 qualify in the first year, then the awards will be prorated by dividing the fund total by the number of
17 qualifying districts. After the initial year, awards of \$50,000 shall be made to districts in the order
18 that they document qualifying data, until such time as the fund is exhausted.

19 IV. The commissioner of the department of education shall communicate with school
20 districts and shall adopt such administrative arrangements under RSA 541-A as necessary to
21 implement this section.

22 2 New Subparagraph; Education Trust Fund Created and Invested. Amend RSA 198:39, I by
23 inserting after subparagraph (n) the following new subparagraph:

24 (o) To distribute education achievement incentive grants pursuant to RSA 193-C:13.

25 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

HB 750-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue Fund(s)	None			
Expenditures*	\$0	Grants Indeterminable - Not to exceed \$1,000,000 Total Department of Education Part-Time Position Costs Approximately \$60,000 Per Year		
Funding Source(s)	Education Trust Fund			
Appropriations*	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0
Funding Source(s)	Education Trust Fund			

*Expenditure = Cost of bill

*Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill

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

METHODOLOGY:

This bill appropriates \$1,000,000 in FY 2026 from the education trust fund to the Department of Education for the purpose of rewarding school districts which demonstrate measurable improvement regarding designated standardized mathematics test scores. Awards are not to exceed \$50,000 and be prorated should more than 20 districts qualify. It is unknown how many districts may qualify and since the grant funds are non-lapsing, it is unknown how much in grants may be disbursed in each fiscal year. The Department states to administer this grant program, it would need one new temporary part-time position, at an estimated total cost of approximately \$60,000 per year. This bill does not provide funding for personnel.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

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