

Amendment to HB 594-FN

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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3 1 Grant for School Construction. Amend RSA 198:15-a, IV to read as follows:

4 IV. Beginning July 1, 2013, and every fiscal year thereafter, school building aid grants for
5 construction or renovation projects approved by the department of education shall ~~not exceed~~ **be no**
6 **less than** \$50,000,000 per fiscal year less any debt service payments owed in the fiscal year, unless
7 otherwise provided by an act of the general court. School building aid grants shall be funded from
8 appropriations in the state operating budget and no state bonds shall be authorized or issued for the
9 purpose of funding such school building aid grants.

10 2 New Paragraph; Ten Year Plan for Grant Projects. Amend RSA 198:15-a by inserting after
11 paragraph IV the following new paragraph:

12 V. The department of education shall develop and maintain a 10-year school facilities plan of
13 potential school building grant projects. Potential projects shall include, but not be limited to,
14 criteria pursuant to RSA 198:15-c, II(b). The 10-year plan is intended to create a method to identify
15 and enhance school facilities in a safe, healthy, and efficient manner while providing adequate
16 learning environments for New Hampshire's students. The 10-year plan shall be updated every
17 biennium to provide the department a summary of projects and school facility capital expenditures
18 that are anticipated for the next 10 years. The state board of education shall adopt rules pursuant to
19 RSA 541-A relative to this paragraph. The plan shall identify new construction, renovation, and
20 emergency projects, and describe the overall condition of projects contained in the plan.

21 3 New Paragraph; School Building Aid; Approval of Plans, Specifications, and Costs of
22 Construction or Purchase. Amend RSA 198:15-c by inserting after paragraph IV the following new
23 paragraph:

24 V. Projects that started construction between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2020, may be
25 considered for reimbursement of 20 percent of project costs paid in a lump sum upon award,
26 provided an application is filed with the commissioner by June 30, 2022.

27 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Increases the amount of school building aid grants that may be approved by the department of education per fiscal year.

II. Requires the department of education to develop and maintain a 10-year plan for school building grant projects.

III. Permits projects that started construction between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2020 to be considered for a reimbursement of 20 percent of project costs.

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