

HB 1033-FN-LOCAL - AS INTRODUCED

2022 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL ***1033-FN-LOCAL***

AN ACT prohibiting recipients of state or local grants or appropriations from using such funds for lobbying.

SPONSORS: Rep. Cordelli, Carr. 4; Rep. Pauer, Hills. 26; Rep. Tripp, Rock. 6; Rep. Kofalt, Hills. 4; Rep. Johnson, Belk. 3; Rep. Moffett, Merr. 9; Rep. A. Lekas, Hills. 37; Sen. Giuda, Dist 2; Sen. Avard, Dist 12

COMMITTEE: Legislative Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits the recipient of a grant or appropriation of county, municipal, school district, or village district funds from using such funds to engage in lobbying activities.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT prohibiting recipients of state or local grants or appropriations from using such funds for lobbying.

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

1 1 Lobbyists; Use of County or Municipal Funds for Lobbying Activity Prohibited. Amend RSA
2 15:5 to read as follows:

3 15:5 Prohibited Activities.

4 I. Except as provided in paragraph II, no recipient of a grant or appropriation of state,
5 **county, municipal, school district, or village district** funds may use the [state] funds to lobby or
6 attempt to influence legislation, participate in political activity, or contribute funds to any entity
7 engaged in these activities.

8 II. Any recipient of a grant or appropriation of state, **county, municipal, school district,**
9 **or village district** funds that wishes to engage in any of the activities prohibited in paragraph I, or
10 contribute funds to any entity engaged in these activities, shall segregate the state, **county,**
11 **municipal, school district, or village district** funds in such a manner that such funds are
12 physically and financially separate from any [~~non-state~~] **other** funds that may be used for any of
13 these purposes. Mere bookkeeping separation of the state, **county, municipal, school district, or**
14 **village district** funds from other moneys shall not be sufficient.

15 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**HB 1033-FN-LOCAL- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT: State County Local None

COUNTY:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	\$0	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase

METHODOLOGY:

This bill would prohibit any recipient that received an appropriation of funds from a political subdivision from using those funds to engage in lobbying or political activity or contributing the funds to an entity engaged in those activities. Any recipient that receives such funds would be required to segregate them from other funds that may be used for lobbying or political activity. To the extent a county is a member of an entity that conducts lobbying or political activity and chooses to remain a member, they may have increased member costs associated with the entity complying with this bill.

The New Hampshire Municipal Association states there would be no impact at the local level.

It is assumed any fiscal impact will not occur until FY 2023.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

New Hampshire Association of Counties and New Hampshire Municipal Association