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SENATE BILL ***373-LOCAL***

AN ACT authorizing the retention of funds by a school district and relative to regional vocational education centers in the Manchester school district.

SPONSORS: Sen. Forsythe, Dist 4; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Gallus, Dist 1; Sen. Lambert, Dist 13; Sen. Luther, Dist 12; Sen. Odell, Dist 8; Sen. Stiles, Dist 24; Rep. L. Ober, Hills 27; Rep. Malone, Belk 5

COMMITTEE: Education

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes a school district to retain funds for emergency expenditures or to reduce the tax rate. The bill also makes changes to the definition and enrollment requirements for regional vocational education centers in the Manchester school district and provides that the Manchester school district shall bear the costs associated with such changes.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twelve

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

1 221:1 School Money; Contingency Fund. Amend RSA 198:4-b to read as follows:
2 198:4-b Contingency Fund.

3 ***I. [Every] A school district annually by an article in the warrant, [and] or the governing***
4 ***body of a city upon recommendation of the school board, when the operation of the schools is by a***
5 ***department of the city, may establish a contingency fund to meet the cost of unanticipated expenses***
6 ***that may arise during the year. A detailed report of all expenditures from the contingency fund shall***
7 ***be made annually by the school board and published with their report.***

8 ***II. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a school district by a vote of the***
9 ***legislative body may authorize, indefinitely until specific rescission, the school district to***
10 ***retain year-end unassigned general funds in an amount not to exceed, in any fiscal year,***
11 ***2.5 percent of the current fiscal year's net assessment pursuant to RSA 198:5, for the***
12 ***purpose of having funds on hand to use as a revenue source for emergency expenditures***
13 ***and overexpenditures under RSA 32:11, or to be used as a revenue source to reduce the tax***
14 ***rate.***

15 ***III. The legislative body of the city of Manchester, upon recommendation of the***
16 ***school committee, may authorize, indefinitely until specific rescission, the school district to***
17 ***retain year-end unassigned general funds.***

18 221:2 New Paragraph; Definition of High School. Amend RSA 194:23 by inserting after
19 paragraph II, the following new paragraph:

20 II-a. In this section, the term "high school" shall include any regional vocational education
21 center in the Manchester school district which complies with the provisions of RSA 188-E.

22 221:3 Regional Vocational Education; Program. Amend RSA 188-E:5, II to read as follows:

23 II. Regional vocational centers shall, on a space available basis, enroll any student
24 requesting enrollment who has attended 2 years of high school regardless of the number of academic
25 credits earned, ***except that the Manchester school district shall, on a space available basis,***
26 ***enroll and bear the associated costs for any Manchester school district student in grades 9-***
27 ***12 who resides in the city of Manchester and who requests enrollment in a regional***

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1 *vocational center within the district*, provided that *in either case*:

2 (a) The student has successfully completed any courses required as a prerequisite for the
3 career and technical education program elected; or

4 (b) The prerequisites have been waived by the regional vocational center. Such a waiver
5 shall not be unreasonably withheld.

6 221:4 Effective Date.

7 I. Section 1 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

8 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

9 Approved; June 13, 2012

10 Effective Date: I. Section 1 shall take effect August 12, 2012.

11 II. Remainder shall take effect June 13, 2012.

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