

HB 435-FN – AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL ***435-FN***

AN ACT relative to funding for chartered public school pupils.

SPONSORS: Rep. Weyler, Rock 13; Rep. Roberts, Ches 4; Rep. Sedensky, Rock 13; Sen. Reagan,
Dist 17

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This bill provides that funding for chartered public school pupils shall be based on 50 percent of the most recently available statewide average cost per pupil for public school pupils.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen

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

- 1 1 Chartered Public Schools; Funding. Amend RSA 194-B:11, I(b) to read as follows:
2 (b) For any chartered public school authorized by the state board of education pursuant
3 to RSA 194-B:3-a, the state shall pay [~~tuition pursuant to RSA 198:40 a plus an additional grant of~~
4 ~~\$2,000~~] **50 percent of the most recently available statewide average cost per pupil for public**
5 **school pupils as calculated by the department of education** directly to the chartered public
6 school for each pupil who is a resident of this state in attendance at such chartered public school.
7 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

HB 435-FN FISCAL NOTE

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Department of Education states this bill, **as introduced**, will increase state expenditures by \$2,763,092 in FY 2015, and by an indeterminable amount in each year thereafter. There will be no impact on state revenue, or county and local revenues or expenditures.

METHODOLOGY:

The Department of Education states this bill, assumed effective for FY 2015, amends the amount of money, per pupil, the state would provide to chartered public schools for each student. Under current law, the annual per pupil aid for chartered public schools is \$3,749 for kindergarten students and \$5,498 for grade 1-12 students, plus qualifying differentiated aid under RSA 198:40-a (English language learners, special education, free or reduced-price meal program, or third graders not tested a proficient level of the reading component of the state assessment). Under this bill, per pupil aid for all students would be calculated at 50 percent of the most recently available statewide average cost per pupil for traditional public schools as calculated by the department of education (\$13,459.40, which 50% would be \$6,729.70), and students would no longer be eligible for differentiated aid. The estimated difference in expenditures between current law and this bill, based on available enrollment projections and assuming this bill will have no impact on the Department's memorandum of understanding with the Virtual Learning Academy Charter School (VLACS), is as follows:

	FY 2015	
	Current Law	HB 435, As Introduced
Annual Per Pupil Aid - Kindergarten	\$3,749.15	\$6,729.70
Annual Per Pupil Aid - Grades 1-12	\$5,498.30	\$6,729.70
Estimated Enrollment - Kindergarten	88	88
Estimated Enrollment - Grades 1-12	2,796	2,796
Total Per Pupil Aid - Kindergarten	\$329,925	\$592,214
Total Per Pupil Aid - Grades 1-12	\$15,373,247	\$18,816,241
Total Per Pupil Aid - All	\$15,703,172	\$19,408,455
Estimated Differentiated Aid	\$942,190	\$0

VLACS (Per MOU)	\$6,647,444	\$6,647,444
Total Estimated Charter School Aid	\$23,292,806	\$26,055,899
Estimated Increase in Education Trust Fund Expenditures		\$2,763,092

The Department states it is unable to provide estimates for charter school enrollment or average cost per pupil for traditional public schools beyond FY 2015.