

HB 1114-FN – AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL

***1114-FN***

AN ACT

relative to limits on state expenditures for school building aid.

SPONSORS:

Rep. Ladd, Graf 4; Rep. Grassie, Straf 11; Rep. Shaw, Hills 16; Rep. Frazer, Merr 13; Rep. Myler, Merr 10; Rep. Grenier, Sull 7; Rep. Harris, Rock 9

COMMITTEE:

Education

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ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a minimum state expenditure for school building aid of \$50,000,000 per fiscal year.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen*

AN ACT                   relative to limits on state expenditures for school building aid.

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

1           1 School Building Aid; Grant for School Construction. Amend RSA 198:15-a to read as follows:  
2           198:15-a Grant for School Construction.

3           I. To aid local school districts in meeting the costs of school buildings ***and infrastructure***  
4 ***necessary for a 21<sup>st</sup> century learning environment***, the department of education shall, from  
5 funds appropriated by the general court to carry out the provisions of this subdivision, pay to the  
6 school districts of the state, sums in accordance with the provisions of this subdivision or the  
7 alternative school building aid provisions under RSA 198:15-u through RSA 198:15-w.

8           II. Beginning with construction authorized by a local school district on or after July 1, 2013,  
9 office facilities for school administrative units and the purchase or lease-purchase of temporary space  
10 for any purpose, including but not limited to modulars, trailers, or other similar structures to be used  
11 as classroom, office, or storage space shall not be eligible for school building aid grants.

12           III. Facilities constructed using school building aid grants shall be used as instructional  
13 facilities for kindergarten through grade 12 for at least 20 years. A school district that discontinues  
14 the use of the facilities within 20 years shall be required to repay the state 100 percent of the state  
15 grant received. Upon a showing of good cause by the school district, the commissioner of the  
16 department of education may waive this penalty in whole or part on a case by case basis.

17           IV. Beginning July 1, ~~[2013]~~ **2015**, and every fiscal year thereafter, school building aid  
18 grants for construction or renovation projects approved by the ~~[department]~~ **state board** of  
19 education shall not ~~[exceed]~~ **be less than** \$50,000,000 per fiscal year less any debt service payments  
20 owed in the fiscal year, unless otherwise provided by an act of the general court. School building aid  
21 grants shall be funded from appropriations in the state operating budget and no state bonds shall be  
22 authorized or issued for the purpose of funding such school building aid grants.

23           2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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**HB 1114-FN - FISCAL NOTE**

AN ACT                    relative to limits on state expenditures for school building aid.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Department of Education states this bill, **as introduced**, would increase state general fund expenditures and local revenues by an indeterminable amount in FY 2016 and each year thereafter. There will be no impact on state and county revenue, or county and local expenditures.

**METHODOLOGY:**

The Department of Education states this bill moves authority for approving school building aid projects from the Department to the State Board of Education. Also, this bill removes the cap on annual school building aid spending of \$50,000,000 and replaces it with a funding floor of \$50,000,000, effective July 1, 2015. Appropriations for school building aid in FY 2014 and FY 2015 was \$45,181,264 and \$42,800,000, respectively, however the Department is unable to estimate the fiscal impact of this bill as it would depend on future state appropriations for the school building aid program.