

CHAPTER 309  
HB 1534 – FINAL VERSION

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HOUSE BILL            **1534**

AN ACT                establishing a commission to study fiscal disparities between public school districts.

SPONSORS:            Rep. G. Richardson, Merr 10; Rep. Ladd, Graf 4; Rep. Lovejoy, Rock 36; Sen. Stiles, Dist 24; Sen. Bradley, Dist 3

COMMITTEE:          Education

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ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study fiscal disparities between public school districts and to determine how funds should be distributed to provide each child the best opportunity for education.

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                                Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen*

AN ACT                    establishing a commission to study fiscal disparities between public school districts.

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

1            309:1 New Subdivision; Commission to Study Fiscal Disparities Between Public School Districts.

2 Amend RSA 198 by inserting after section 61 the following new subdivision:

3                            Commission to Study Fiscal Disparities Between Public School Districts

4            198:62 Commission to Study Fiscal Disparities Between Public School Districts.

5            I. There is established a commission to study fiscal disparities between public school  
6 districts and to determine how funds should be distributed to provide each child the best opportunity  
7 for education. The members of the commission shall be as follows:

8                    (a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the  
9 house of representatives.

10                    (b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

11                    (c) The governor, or her designee.

12                    (d) Three members who shall represent school districts and who shall have expertise in  
13 school funding matters, appointed by the governor.

14            II. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when  
15 attending to the duties of the commission.

16            III. The commission shall examine: (a) fiscal disparities between public school districts and  
17 (b) whether funds could be more effectively distributed in order to provide every child in the public  
18 schools the best opportunity for education. The commission shall solicit input from any person or  
19 organization with information relevant to the commission's objective.

20            IV. The members of the study commission shall elect a chairperson from among the  
21 members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member.  
22 The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section.  
23 Five members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

24            V. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed  
25 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house  
26 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2014.

27            309:2 Repeal. RSA 198:62 and the subdivision heading preceding RSA 198:62 relative to fiscal  
28 disparities between public school districts, is repealed.

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1           309:3 Effective Date.

2                   I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect November 2, 2014.

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

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5   Approved: August 1, 2014

6   Effective Date: I. Section 2 shall take effect November 2, 2014.

7                   II. Remainder shall take effect August 1, 2014.