

HB 537-FN-LOCAL - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL            ***537-FN-LOCAL***

AN ACT                relative to the calculation of the school administrative unit budget.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Pitre, Straf 2

COMMITTEE:          Education

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ANALYSIS

This bill changes the basis for calculating the school administrative unit budget from average daily membership in attendance to average daily membership in residence for a district or unincorporated place that has no schools.

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                         Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT relative to the calculation of the school administrative unit budget.

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

1 1 School Administrative Unit; Budget. Amend RSA 194-C:9, I to read as follows:

2 I.(a) At a meeting held before January 1, the school administrative unit board shall adopt a  
3 budget required for the expenses of the school administrative unit for the next fiscal year, which  
4 budget may include the salary and expenses of supervisors of health, physical education, music, art,  
5 and guidance, and any other employees, and shall include the expenses necessary for the operation of  
6 the school administrative unit. Superintendents, assistant superintendents, business  
7 administrators, teacher consultants, and the regularly employed office personnel of the school  
8 administrative unit office shall be deemed employees of the school administrative unit for the  
9 purposes of payment of salaries and contributions to the employee's retirement system of the state of  
10 New Hampshire and workers' compensation. The school administrative unit board shall apportion  
11 the total amount of the budget among the constituent school districts in the following manner: the  
12 apportionment shall be based 1/2 on the average **daily** membership in attendance for the previous  
13 school year and 1/2 on the most recently available equalized valuation of each district as of June 30  
14 of the preceding school year, **except that in a district or an unincorporated place that has no**  
15 **schools, the school administrative unit board shall apportion the total amount of the**  
16 **budget among the constituent school districts in the following manner: the apportionment**  
17 **shall be based 1/2 on the average daily membership in residence for the previous school**  
18 **year and 1/2 on the most recently available equalized valuation of each district as of June**  
19 **30 of the preceding school year.**

20 (b) Prior to January 15 in each year, the board shall certify to the chairperson of the  
21 school board of each constituent school district the amount so apportioned. Each district within a  
22 school administrative unit shall raise at the next annual district meeting the sum of money  
23 apportioned to it by the school administrative unit board for the expenses of services which each  
24 district received in connection with the school administrative unit office. The school administrative  
25 unit board in adopting the budget shall not add any new service to the school administrative unit  
26 budget unless a majority of the school districts in the school administrative unit representing not  
27 less than 60 percent of the total pupils in the school administrative unit have voted favorably upon  
28 the establishment of the service. A vote to accept a new service shall not be construed as a vote to  
29 raise and appropriate money within the meaning of RSA 197:3.

30 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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**HB 537-FN-LOCAL - FISCAL NOTE**

AN ACT                    relative to the calculation of the school administrative unit budget.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Department of Education states this bill, **as introduced**, will have an indeterminable fiscal impact on local expenditures in FY 2016 and each year thereafter. There will be no impact on state and county expenditures, or state, county, and local revenue.

**METHODOLOGY:**

The Department of Education states this bill changes the basis for calculating the school administrative unit (SAU) budget for SAUs with multiple school districts from average daily membership in attendance to average daily membership in residence for a district or unincorporated place that has no schools. The Department states there are 15 school districts that do not operate schools, and 11 of these school districts belong to multi-district SAUs. The Department anticipates the school districts with no schools will pay a larger share under this bill, however is unable to estimate the exact fiscal impact at this time.