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HOUSE BILL ***563-FN***

AN ACT relative to funding for chartered public school pupils.

SPONSORS: Rep. Weyler, Rock 13; Rep. K. Roberts, Ches 16; Rep. Elliott, Rock 8; Rep. Boehm, Hills 20; Rep. Cordelli, Carr 4; Rep. Pitre, Straf 2; Rep. Azarian, Rock 8

COMMITTEE: Finance

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill adjusts the additional grants for chartered public school pupils based on the Consumer Price Index and adds \$1,000 per pupil to the grant beginning July 1, 2016 for chartered public schools other than the Virtual Learning Academy Charter School.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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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)(1) to read as follows:

2 (b)(1) Except as provided in subparagraph (2), for a chartered public school authorized
3 by the state board of education pursuant to RSA 194-B:3-a, the state shall pay tuition pursuant to
4 RSA 198:40-a plus an additional grant of [~~\$2,000~~] **\$2,036** directly to the chartered public school for
5 each pupil who is a resident of this state in attendance at such chartered public school.

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7 (b)(1) Except as provided in subparagraph (2), for a chartered public school authorized
8 by the state board of education pursuant to RSA 194-B:3-a, the state shall pay tuition pursuant to
9 RSA 198:40-a plus an additional grant of \$2,036 ***for the Virtual Learning Academy Charter***
10 ***School and \$3,036 for all other chartered public schools*** directly to the chartered public school
11 for each pupil who is a resident of this state in attendance at such chartered public school.
12 ***Beginning July 1, 2017 and every biennium thereafter, the department of education shall***
13 ***adjust the per pupil amount of the additional grant based on the average change in the***
14 ***Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, Northeast Region, using the “services less***
15 ***medical care services” special aggregate index, as published by the Bureau of Labor***
16 ***Statistics, United States Department of Labor.***

17 3 Effective Date.

18 I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

19 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

HB 563-FN FISCAL NOTE

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Department of Education states this bill, **as introduced**, will increase state education trust fund expenditures by \$6,184,897 in FY 2016, \$8,581,166 in FY 2017, \$10,579,043 in FY 2018, and \$13,427,090 in FY 2019. There will be no impact on state revenue, or county and local revenue or expenditures.

METHODOLOGY:

The Department of Education states this bill, assumed effective for FY 2016, amends the amount of money per pupil the state would provide to public charter schools for each student. Under current law, the annual per pupil aid for public charter schools is \$3,780.64 for kindergarten students, and \$5,561.21 for grade 1-12 students, plus qualifying differentiated aid under RSA 198:40-a. Under this bill, per pupil aid for all pupils (including kindergarten) would be calculated at 50 percent of the most recently available statewide average cost per pupil for traditional public and public charter schools would no longer be eligible for differentiated aid. The Department estimates, based on historical costs and trends, the average cost per pupil to be as follows:

School Year	Statewide Cost per Pupil	50% Estimated Statewide Cost Per Pupil	Year Rate Used For Charter Per Pupil Funding, Under This Bill
2013/2014	\$14,001.08	\$7,000.54	FY 2016
2014/2015	\$14,448.60	\$7,224.30	FY 2017
2015/2016	\$15,011.54	\$7,505.77	FY 2018
2016/2017	\$15,596.41	\$7,798.21	FY 2019

The Department states based on current enrollment projections and assuming the Department will have a similar memorandum of understand with the Virtual Learning Academy Charter School (VLACS) as it has had in recent years relative to state funding, the estimated increase of state education trust fund expenditures is as follows:

	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Current Law				
Annual Per Pupil Aid (Kindergarten)	\$3,780.64	\$3,780.64	\$3,816.25	\$3,816.25
Annual Per Pupil Aid (Grades 1-12)	\$5,561.27	\$5,561.27	\$5,632.49	\$5,632.49

Enrollment Projection (Kindergarten)	166	166	166	166
Enrollment Projection (Grades 1-12)	3,408	4,123	4,344	4,562
Total Per Pupil Aid (Kindergarten)	\$627,586	\$627,586	\$633,498	\$633,498
Total Per Pupil Aid (Grades 1-12)	\$18,952,808	\$22,929,116	\$24,467,537	\$25,695,419
Differentiated Aid	\$1,255,225	\$1,506,340	\$1,615,617	\$1,693,711
VLACS	\$7,730,165	\$8,892,471	\$10,357,313	\$11,910,910
Total Under Current Law	\$28,565,784	\$33,955,513	\$37,073,964	\$39,933,538
<u>Proposed</u>				
Annual Per Pupil Aid (Kindergarten)	\$7,000.54	\$7,224.30	\$7,505.77	\$7,798.21
Annual Per Pupil Aid (Grades 1-12)	\$7,000.54	\$7,224.30	\$7,505.77	\$7,798.21
Enrollment Projection (Kindergarten)	166	166	166	166
Enrollment Projection (Grades 1-12)	3,408	4,123	4,344	4,562
Total Per Pupil Aid (Kindergarten)	\$1,162,090	\$1,199,234	\$1,245,958	\$1,294,503
Total Per Pupil Aid (Grades 1-12)	\$23,857,840	\$29,785,789	\$32,605,065	\$35,575,434
Differentiated Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
VLACS	\$9,730,751	\$11,551,656	\$13,801,985	\$16,490,691
Total Under This Bill	\$34,750,681	\$42,536,679	\$47,653,008	\$53,360,628
Estimated Increase / (Decrease)	\$6,184,897	\$8,581,166	\$10,579,043	\$13,427,090