

Sen. Whitley, Dist 15  
Sen. Altschiller, Dist 24  
June 6, 2023  
2023-2150s  
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Floor Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by inserting after section 604 the following new sections and renumbering the  
2 effective date to be the last numbered section:

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4 605 Findings; Children's Mental Health. The general court recognizes that the ongoing mental  
5 health, substance misuse, and child protection crises have taken a significant toll on New  
6 Hampshire's children, families, and taxpayers, and New Hampshire schools are challenged daily to  
7 support the behavioral health needs of students while promoting academic achievement for all  
8 students. In response, the New Hampshire department of education's office of social and emotional  
9 wellness has supported approximately 37 New Hampshire school districts in implementing an  
10 evidence-based prevention framework to support the behavioral health and wellness of all students,  
11 called multi-tiered system of support for behavioral health and wellness, or MTSS-B. MTSS-B is a  
12 key component of the system of care established under RSA 135-F.

13 606 Appropriation; Department of Education; Children's Mental Health; MTSS-B Framework.

14 I. The sum of \$1,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and the sum of \$1,000,000  
15 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, are hereby appropriated to the department of education to  
16 enter into the contracts required to continue to perform the statutory duties as described under RSA  
17 135-F:5.

18 II. Of these sums, the governor shall determine if any remaining discretionary funds  
19 appropriated for the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, or any other matching  
20 federal funds can be used for the purpose described in paragraph I of this section. Any remaining  
21 costs for said purpose shall be appropriated from the general fund. The governor is authorized to  
22 draw a warrant for said sums from the general fund or out of any money in the treasury not  
23 otherwise appropriated.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

Add:

206. Makes an appropriation to the department of education to enter into contracts required to perform the statutory duties as described under RSA 135-F:5.