

**HB 295-FN - AS INTRODUCED**

2023 SESSION

23-0511

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HOUSE BILL            ***295-FN***

AN ACT                relative to requiring all selectboard and school board meetings to be recorded and broadcast live online.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Damon, Sull. 8; Rep. Tanner, Sull. 5; Rep. Cloutier, Sull. 6; Rep. Merchant, Sull. 6; Rep. Palmer, Sull. 2; Rep. B. Sullivan, Sull. 1

COMMITTEE:          Municipal and County Government

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ANALYSIS

This bill requires public sessions of the boards of selectmen and school boards to be video recorded and live-streamed.

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Explanation:          Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Twenty Three*

AN ACT                   relative to requiring all selectboard and school board meetings to be recorded and broadcast live online.

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

1           1 New Section; Powers and Duties of Towns; Recording of Selectmen Meetings. Amend RSA 31  
2 by inserting after section 103-a the following new section:

3           31:103-b Recording of Selectboard Meetings. The board of selectmen shall cause all regular and  
4 special sessions of board of selectmen meetings to be video recorded and live-streamed on a platform  
5 that is accessible to the public.

6           2 New Section; School Boards; Recording of School Board Meetings. Amend RSA 189 by  
7 inserting after section 1-e the following new section:

8           189:1-f Recording of School Board Meetings. The school board of every school district shall  
9 cause all regular and special sessions of school board meetings to be video recorded and live-  
10 streamed on a platform that is accessible to the public.

11          3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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**HB 295-FN- FISCAL NOTE  
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**FISCAL IMPACT:**     State             County             Local             None

LOCAL:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	\$0	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase

**METHODOLOGY:**

This bill requires public sessions of the boards of selectmen and school boards to be video recorded and live-streamed. The New Hampshire Municipal Association there will be an indeterminable increase in local expenditures starting in FY 2024 to the extent boards of selectman and school boards do not currently live stream their meetings on a platform accessible to the public. If a municipality does not have the technology necessary to video record and live-stream their board meetings, additional investments in broadband infrastructure, to ensure there is adequate bandwidth to live-stream, as well as purchases of equipment and associated technological support will be needed.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

New Hampshire Municipal Association