

HB 492-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **492-FN**

AN ACT requiring the department of education to provide the house and senate standing committees responsible for education with copies of the laws and rules relative to education.

SPONSORS: Rep. Tanner, Sull. 5; Rep. Myler, Merr. 9; Rep. Woodcock, Carr. 1; Rep. Ellison, Merr. 28; Rep. Cornell, Hills. 22

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This bill requires the department of education to provide the house and senate standing committees responsible for education with either physical copies, digital copies, or a link to an Internet copy of the laws and rules relative to education.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 1 New Paragraph; Duties of the Commissioner; Department of Education; Current Rules and
2 Statutes. Amend RSA 21-N:4 by inserting after paragraph XI the following new paragraph:

3 XII. At the beginning of each session of the biennium, providing a physical copy of, a copy on
4 a portable data storage device of, or a searchable Internet data base to the New Hampshire
5 education laws annotated and education department rules to the house and senate standing
6 committees that oversee education policy, and to make such copy available to all superintendents of
7 New Hampshire schools in any format as practicable. A member of the house of representatives or
8 senate may request the New Hampshire education laws annotated and department rules in any
9 format.

10 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**HB 492-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT: State County Local None

STATE:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Appropriation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	\$0	Up to \$54,000	Up to \$56,000	Up to \$58,000
Funding Source:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Highway	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

METHODOLOGY:

This bill requires the Department of Education to provide the House and Senate standing committees responsible for education with a physical copy, portable storage device copy, or searchable database of New Hampshire laws annotated and Department administrative rules. Furthermore, this bill allows for any member of the House or Senate to request the laws and rules in any format. The Department states the usual annual ordering process starts in late summer with a final purchase order sent to the vendor in September for a delivery date around the first of the calendar year. The Department states the costs to produce 2022-2023 law materials were \$13.40 per portable storage device and \$106.75 for a physical book (laws and rules are currently posted online), with the expectation that costs will increase 2-5% per year. To the extent this bill allows for any of the 424 total House and Senate membership to request the laws/rules in any format, a cost to the Department of approximately \$54,000 per year, beginning in FY 2024, may be incurred to meet the requirements of this bill:

FY 2024 Estimated Price Per Copy

Portable Storage Device - \$14

Physical Copy (Book) - \$112

424 House and Senate Members x \$14.07 = \$5,936

424 House and Senate Members x 112.09 = \$47,488

Total = \$53,424

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Education