

HB 541-FN-A-LOCAL - AS INTRODUCED

2023 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL            ***541-FN-A-LOCAL***

AN ACT                relative to school building aid grants and making an appropriation therefor.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Wallner, Merr. 19; Rep. Luneau, Merr. 9; Sen. Whitley, Dist 15

COMMITTEE:          Finance

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ANALYSIS

This bill increases the amount of school building aid grants that may be approved by the department of education per fiscal year. The bill also makes appropriations of \$100 million in fiscal years 2024 and 2025 for approved school building aid projects.

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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                         Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 school building aid grants and making an appropriation therefor.

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

1 1 Grant for School Construction. Amend RSA 198:15-a, IV to read as follows:

2 IV. Beginning July 1, [~~2013~~] **2025**, and every fiscal year thereafter, school building aid  
3 grants for construction or renovation projects approved by the department of education shall not  
4 [~~exceed~~] **be less than** \$50,000,000 per fiscal year less any debt service payments owed in the fiscal  
5 year, unless otherwise provided by an act of the general court. School building aid grants shall be  
6 funded from appropriations in the state operating budget and no state bonds shall be authorized or  
7 issued for the purpose of funding such school building aid grants.

8 2 Appropriation; Department of Education; School Building Aid Grants. For fiscal years, 2024  
9 and 2025, the sum of \$100,000,000 per fiscal year is appropriated to the department of education for  
10 funding school building aid grants made pursuant to RSA 198:15-a through RSA 198:15-w. The  
11 governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not  
12 otherwise appropriated.

13 3 Effective Date.

14 I. Section 1 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

15 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

**HB 541-FN-A-LOCAL- FISCAL NOTE  
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**FISCAL IMPACT:**     State             County             Local             None

STATE:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
<b>Appropriation</b>	\$0	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	\$0
<b>Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Expenditures</b>	\$0	\$72,600,000	\$76,100,000	\$28,800,000
<b>Funding Source:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Highway	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

**LOCAL:**

<b>Revenue</b>	\$0	\$72,600,000	\$76,100,000	\$28,800,000
<b>Expenditures</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**METHODOLOGY:**

This bill appropriates \$100,000,000 of general funds in each FY 2024 and FY 2025 to the Department of Education for the purpose of providing school building aid, and further requires not less than \$50,000,000 in school building aid be provided per year, beginning in FY 2026. It is assumed the intention of this bill is to have the appropriation of \$100,000,000 per year in FY 2024 and FY 2025 override the cap in RSA 195:15-a, IV, for those two years (as it would be the last law passed), and therefore this bill would increase state costs and local revenues by the following (rounded):

	Proposed Building Aid Under This Bill	Current Minimum Building Aid - Obligated Payments on Previously Approved Projects and Debt Service on 2010 Bond	Increase
FY 2024	\$100,000,000	\$27,400,000	<b>\$72,600,000</b>
FY 2025	\$100,000,000	\$23,900,000	<b>\$76,100,000</b>
FY 2026	\$50,000,000	\$21,200,000	<b>\$28,800,000</b>

It is unknown if the expenditures in FY 2026 and beyond will be from the education trust fund or general fund (would be dependent on future legislation).

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

Department of Education