

Amendment to HB 529-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend RSA 198:40-h, I as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 I. Each biennium the commissioner shall calculate fiscal capacity disparity aid and provide
4 that amount of aid in each year of the biennium to a municipality as follows:

5 (a) A municipality with an equalized valuation per ADMR of \$600,000 or less shall
6 receive \$2,000 per pupil in the municipality's ADMR.

7 (b) A municipality with an equalized valuation per ADMR greater than \$600,000 but
8 less than \$1,600,000 shall receive 0.0020 cents for each dollar of difference between its equalized
9 valuation per ADMR and \$1,600,000, per pupil in the municipality's ADMR.

10 (c) A municipality with an equalized valuation per ADMR of \$1,600,000 or more shall
11 receive no fiscal capacity disparity aid.

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13 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 2 with the following:

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15 3 New Section; School Money; Adequate Education; Education Trust Fund; Accountability for
16 Grants. Amend RSA 198 by inserting after section 41 the following new section:

17 194:41-a Accountability for Grants.

18 I. In order to receive a grant under RSA 198:40-g or RSA 198:40-h, the eligible school district
19 shall provide a plan to the department of education outlining how the district intends to use grant
20 award funds to improve the educational achievement and growth of students. The plan shall include
21 an accountability component designed to generate data that measures student academic
22 achievement and growth of knowledge and skills in reading and language arts and/or mathematics
23 at what grade levels funds will be used. The school district shall develop and administer its own
24 grant accountability assessment that identifies a pupil's range of learning and yields objective data
25 to use in improving instruction and learning, or use the statewide assessment.

26 II. The school district shall submit to the department an annual grant accountability
27 progress report that includes evidence of satisfactory program implementation and progress toward
28 grant accountability improvement targets, as described in paragraph I of this section. The primary
29 goal of this grant is to improve student achievement and growth and to help the school district to
30 have funding for successful, best practice student learning approaches. The accountability plan will
31 not be a conditional requirement to receive the grant if the grant award as estimated on November
32 15 pursuant to RSA 198:41, V is less than \$50,000.

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1 4 School Districts; Unanticipated Funds Available; Special Meetings.

2 I. Notwithstanding RSA 198:20-b and RSA 198:48, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024,
3 a school district may accept and expend unanticipated funds from the education trust fund which
4 may become available during the year as a result of adjustments to the calculation of adequate
5 education grant amounts.

6 II. Notwithstanding RSA 197:3, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, a school district at
7 a special meeting may make adjustments to the district's operating budget due to adjustments to the
8 calculation of adequate education grant amounts.

9 5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes 2 additional aid grants for schools based on the percentage of students eligible for free or reduced-price meals and municipal fiscal capacity disparity, creates accountability measures for such grants, and allows for one-time exceptions of certain school funding laws for the availability of unanticipated funds to school districts.