

HB 594-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL

594-FN

AN ACT relative to the school building aid program.

SPONSORS: Rep. Luneau, Merr. 10; Rep. Cahill, Rock. 17

COMMITTEE: Education

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill increases the amount of school building aid grants that may be approved by the department of education per fiscal year. This bill also requires the department of education to develop and maintain a 10-year plan for school building grant projects.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT relative to the school building aid program.

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

8 2 New Paragraph; Ten Year Plan for Grant Projects. Amend RSA 198:15-a by inserting after
9 paragraph IV the following new paragraph:

10 V. The department of education shall develop and maintain a 10-year school facilities plan of
11 potential school building grant projects. Potential projects shall include, but not be limited to,
12 criteria pursuant to RSA 198:15-c, II(b). The 10-year plan is intended to create a method to identify
13 and enhance school facilities in a safe, healthy, and efficient manner while providing adequate
14 learning environments for New Hampshire's students. The 10-year plan shall be updated every
15 biennium to provide the department a summary of projects and school facility capital expenditures
16 that are anticipated for the next 10 years. The state board of education shall adopt rules pursuant to
17 RSA 541-A relative to this paragraph. The plan shall identify new construction, renovation, and
18 emergency projects, and describe the overall condition of projects contained in the plan.

19 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

HB 594-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT relative to the school building aid program.

FISCAL IMPACT: ☒ State ☐ County ☒ Local ☐ None

STATE:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Appropriation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	\$0	\$14,960,000	\$18,010,000	\$22,570,000
Funding Source:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Highway <input type="checkbox"/> Other			

LOCAL:

Revenue	\$0	\$14,960,000	\$18,010,000	\$22,570,000
Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

METHODOLOGY:

This bill amends RSA 198:15-a, by changing the current maximum expenditure for school building aid grants from \$50,000,000 per year, including debt service payments, to a minimum expenditure of \$50,000,000 per year, not including debt service payments. Assuming a base appropriation of only existing obligations, or “tail payments”, this bill, beginning in FY 2022, would result in the following increases to state appropriations and expenditures and local revenue (amounts rounded):

	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Proposed Minimum Annual Expenditure	\$50,000,000	\$50,000,000	\$50,000,000
(Less: Base Appropriation Needed for Existing Obligations)	(\$35,040,000)	(\$31,990,000)	(\$27,430,000)
Increase to State Appropriation/Expenditures and Local Revenue	\$14,960,000	\$18,010,000	\$22,570,000

It is assumed this bill will have no fiscal impact until after July 1, 2021.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Education