

HB 51 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **51**

AN ACT relative to requiring towns and school districts use warrant articles for lobbying agents.

SPONSORS: Rep. Boehm, Hills. 14; Rep. A. Lekas, Hills. 38

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

ANALYSIS

This bill requires towns and school districts, when using local funds to lobby for legislation, to use warrant articles for each lobbying agency.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 towns and school districts use warrant articles for lobbying agents.

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

1 1 Lobbyists; Prohibited Activities Exception. Amend RSA 15:5, I to read as follows:

2 I. Except as provided in paragraph II **and III**, no recipient of a grant or appropriation of
3 state funds may use the state funds to lobby or attempt to influence legislation, participate in
4 political activity, or contribute funds to any entity engaged in these activities.

5 2 New Paragraph; Lobbyists; Prohibited Activities Exception. Amend RSA 15:5 by inserting
6 after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

7 III. Towns and school districts which fund lobbyists defined under RSA 15:1, I, shall use a
8 warrant article for each agency. Such article shall read as follows: "Shall the town or school district
9 fund _____ (name of lobbyist or lobbyist agency) using local funds to lobby
10 for legislation."

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