

HB 365 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **365**

AN ACT relative to a statewide facility condition assessment for school buildings.

SPONSORS: Rep. Ladd, Graf. 5

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This bill encourages school districts to provide the department of education with long range capital improvement program outlines.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 a statewide facility condition assessment for school buildings.

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

1 1 School Building Aid; Grant for School Construction.. Amend RSA 198:15-a, V to read as
2 follows:

3 V. The department of education shall develop and maintain a 10-year school facilities plan of
4 potential school building grant projects. Potential projects shall include, but not be limited to,
5 criteria pursuant to RSA 198:15-c, II(b). The 10-year plan is intended to create a method to identify
6 and enhance school facilities in a safe, healthy, and efficient manner while providing adequate
7 learning environments for New Hampshire's students. The 10-year plan shall be updated every
8 biennium to provide the department a summary of projects and school facility capital expenditures
9 that are anticipated for the next 10 years. ~~[The state board of education shall adopt rules pursuant~~
10 ~~to RSA 541-A relative to this paragraph.]~~ The plan shall identify new construction, renovation, and
11 emergency projects, and describe the overall condition of projects contained in the plan. ***In support***
12 ***of the 10-year plan, it is recommended that each district have in place and provide the***
13 ***department a long-range capital improvement program that identifies school facility***
14 ***goals, provides projected expenditures, and outlines procedures and guidelines to be***
15 ***followed to accomplish goals. Each district is encouraged to review and update the***
16 ***district's anticipated school facility capital improvement plan on a 2-year recurring basis***
17 ***or as needed. The department shall use this information to better plan, prioritize, and***
18 ***project new anticipated capital construction and renovation expenditures relative to the***
19 ***state building aid program. The state board of education shall adopt rules pursuant to***
20 ***RSA 541-A relative to this paragraph.***

21 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.