

Amendment to HB 552-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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3 1 Education Achievement Incentive Grants; Appropriation.

4 I. The sum of \$500,000 is appropriated to the commissioner of the department of education
5 for the purpose of rewarding schools which demonstrate measurable improvement regarding
6 designated standardized mathematics test scores. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for
7 said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

8 II. The commissioner of the department of education shall award amounts not to exceed
9 \$25,000 to schools which document improvements to student performance in mathematics test scores
10 on the statewide education improvement and assessment program under RSA 193-C:6. The
11 department shall determine criteria to qualify for awards to take into account differences such as
12 grade level, school size, and other applicable data.

13 III. The funds for incentive grants shall not lapse and shall remain under the
14 administration of the department until such time as all funds are awarded. If more than 20 schools
15 qualify in the first year, the 20 schools with the greatest improvement shall be granted the awards.
16 After the initial year, awards shall be made to schools in the order that they document qualifying
17 data, until such time as the funds are exhausted.

18 IV. The commissioner of the department of education shall communicate with school
19 districts and shall adopt such administrative arrangements under RSA 541-A as necessary to
20 implement this section.

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

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill appropriates \$500,000 to the department of education for the commissioner of education to award to school districts that improve on mathematics test scores in statewide assessments.