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Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by replacing sections 165, 166, and 167 with the following:

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3 165 School Construction. The subdivision heading preceding RSA 198:15-a and RSA 198:15-a
4 are repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

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School Construction

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198:15-a School Construction. School building projects authorized and funded under the
7 applicable provisions of this subdivision in effect prior to June 30, 2023 shall continue until their
8 completion according to the terms and funding schedules approved by the department of education.

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166 Classrooms for Kids Grants. RSA 198:15-b is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

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198:15-b Classrooms for Kids Grants.

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I. In addition to any other education aid program, each year the commissioner of the
12 department of education shall calculate a classrooms for kids grant for schools and provide that
13 amount of aid to a municipality's school districts as follows:

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(a) \$300 for each pupil in the municipality's ADMR in grades kindergarten through
15 grade 8.

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(b) \$350 for each pupil in the municipality's ADMR in grades 9 through grade 12.

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II. In addition to any other education aid program, each year the commissioner shall
18 calculate a classrooms for kids grant for chartered public schools, except for the Virtual Learning
19 Academy Charter School, as follows:

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(a) \$300 for each pupil in the chartered public school's ADMA in grades kindergarten
21 through grade 8.

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(b) \$350 for each pupil in the chartered public school's ADMA in grades 9 through grade
23 12.

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III. Grants under this section shall be used for capital expenditures, including, but not
25 limited to the construction of new buildings, additions, major renovations, major repairs, leased
26 space, temporary classrooms, or adding to capital reserves. This shall not include general
27 maintenance costs such as routine repairs, landscaping, or winter maintenance.

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IV. Grants under this section shall be distributed to school districts pursuant to the
29 payment schedule under RSA 198:42, and to chartered public schools pursuant to the payment
30 schedule under RSA 194-B:11, I(c)

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1 V. The amount necessary to fund the grants under this section is hereby appropriated to the
2 department from the education trust fund created under RSA 198:39. The governor is authorized to
3 draw a warrant from the education trust fund to satisfy the state's obligation under this section.
4 Such warrant for payment shall be issued regardless of the balance of funds available in the
5 education trust fund. If the balance in the education trust fund, after the issuance of any such
6 warrant, is less than zero, the comptroller shall transfer sufficient funds from the general fund to
7 eliminate such deficit. The commissioner of the department of administrative services shall inform
8 the fiscal committee and the governor and council of such balance. This reporting shall not in any
9 way prohibit or delay the distribution of adequate education grants.

10 167 Minimum Appropriation for Biennium. The minimum amounts of \$50,000,000 in the fiscal
11 year ending June 30, 2024, and \$50,000,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, are hereby
12 appropriated to the department of education for the disbursement of classrooms for kids grants
13 established under RSA 198:15-b. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of
14 any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. This appropriation shall be a charge to the
15 education trust fund.

16 168 Repeals. The following are repealed:

17 I. RSA 198:15-c through RSA 198:15-w, relative to school building aid grants, grants for
18 leased space, kindergarten construction grants, and alternative school building aid grants, are
19 repealed.

20 II. RSA 194-B:11, VII relative to prohibiting school building aid for chartered public schools.

21 169 Education Trust Fund; Purposes. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 198:39, I to
22 read as follows:

23 I. The state treasurer shall establish an education trust fund in the treasury. Moneys in
24 such fund shall not be used for any purpose other than to distribute adequate education grants to
25 municipalities' school districts and to approved charter schools pursuant to RSA 198:42, to provide
26 low and moderate income homeowners property tax relief under RSA 198:56-198:61, to distribute
27 school building aid to school districts and approved chartered public schools ***for projects***
28 ***authorized prior to June 30, 2023 and for classrooms to kids grants*** pursuant to RSA 198:15-
29 b, to distribute tuition and transportation funds to school districts for students attending career and
30 technical education programs pursuant to RSA 188-E:9, to distribute special education aid to school
31 districts pursuant to RSA 186-C:18, to fund department of education operating costs for a state
32 student data collection and reporting system, and to fund kindergarten programs as may be
33 determined by the general court. The state treasurer shall deposit into this fund immediately upon
34 receipt:

35 170 Reference Removed; CTE Centers. Amend RSA 188-E:3, II to read as follows:

36 II. Upon completion, the constructed or renovated facility shall become the property of the
37 school district or public academy, for use by the career and technical education center exclusively.

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1 Provision of the site, parking, and other related areas shall be the responsibility of the local
2 community. Site work, including, but not limited to cut and fill work, compaction, demolition,
3 relocation of utilities, relocation of roadways and sidewalks, and similar work within an area
4 extending to one foot beyond the outside edge of the exterior walls of the building, shall be eligible
5 for grants under paragraph I. ~~[Nothing shall prohibit the inclusion of the site and related facilities~~
6 ~~which are not funded as part of construction cost by the state under this chapter from being included~~
7 ~~in a regular building aid grant application of the district as provided in RSA 198:15 b. However, no~~
8 ~~school district which receives any funding under this chapter shall be eligible to receive school~~
9 ~~building aid grants under RSA 198:15 b for the same project.]~~ Maintenance, repair, and upkeep of
10 the constructed or renovated facility, including all classroom and laboratory spaces, shall be the
11 responsibility of the school district or public academy, as the case may be.

12 171 Reference Deleted; Water Bottle Filling Stations in Schools. Amend the introductory
13 paragraph of RSA 200:11-b, II to read as follows:

14 II. All construction or renovation of public school buildings~~[, including any approved project~~
15 ~~under RSA 198:15 e,]~~ shall be equipped with water bottle filling stations meeting the following
16 requirements:

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

Insert:

1. Establishes the classrooms for kids grant for school building construction and repeals existing school building aid programs.

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