

**SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
BUDGET WORK SESSION**

**05/30/23**

## SENATE FINANCE - 2023 BUDGET RECAP SHEET

## Other Miscellaneous Items

<b>NH Retirement System</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>SOF</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>1. HB 2 - Amendment #2023-2039s, Page 3</b> - Replaces sections 67-83 of HB 2 with the establishment of a Retirement Benefits Commission.	Senator Bradley	G	-	(\$25,000,000)	(\$25,000,000)	(\$50,000,000)
<b>DHHS - Division of Medicaid Services</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>SOF</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>1. HB 2 - Amendment 2023-1959s, Page 5</b> - Incorporates two components of SB 175: funding for family resource centers, and policies relating to nursing mothers. The amounts shown here are the increases above the House-passed level for family resource centers.	Senator Rosenwald	G	-	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000
<b>2. (NEW) HB 2 - Amendment 2023-2033s, Page 8</b> - Adds \$2 million for family resources centers, funded out of FY23 money.	Senator Bradley	G	\$2,000,000	-	-	\$2,000,000
<b>3. (NEW) HB 2 - Amendment 2023-2050s, Page 9</b> - Extends the Granite Advantage Health Care Program for seven years, until December 31, 2030.	Senator Bradley	N/A	-	-	-	-
<b>4. (NEW) HB 2 - Amendment 2023-2037s, Page 10</b> - Revises 1634s, previously adopted, by restoring \$15.7 million for provider rate increases.	Senator Bradley	G	-	\$15,740,786	-	\$15,740,786
<b>DHHS - Division of Behavioral Health</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>SOF</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>1. HB 2 - Amendment 2023-1884s, Page 11</b> - Establishes an early childhood mental health consultation pilot program and funds out of FY23.	Senator Bradley	G	\$1,000,000	-	-	\$1,000,000
<b>2. HB 2 - Amendment 2023-1848s, Page 13</b> - Establishes an early childhood mental health consultation pilot program and funds in FY24/25.	Senator Rosenwald	G	-	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000

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Department of Education	Contact	SOF	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	Total
<b>1. HB 2 - Amendment #2023-1382s, Page 15</b> - Adds section appropriating funds to increase adult education program aid during the FY 2024 - FY 2025 biennium.	Senator Rosenwald	GF	\$500,000	-	-	\$500,000
<b>2. HB 2 - Amendment #2023-2030s, Page 16</b> - Replaces previously adopted amendment relative to education funding (2023-1764s), with the only difference being raising the hold harmless provision from 102% to 104%.	Senator Bradley	ETF	-	\$6,445,895	\$5,836,100	\$12,281,995
<b>HB 1 - AU 3043, Class 077</b> - Make corresponding change to adequacy appropriation.						
<b>3. Surplus Statement</b> - Remove adequate education grant adjustment relative the free and reduced-price meal eligibility (SNAP expansion - 185% to 200%). Education Trust Fund balance will be sufficient to cover any related costs.	Senator Bradley	ETF	-	\$10,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$30,000,000
Other Miscellaneous Items	Contact	SOF	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	Total
<b>1. HB 2 - Amendment #2023-2021s, Page 22</b> - Relative to campaign contribution limits.	Senator Bradley / Senator Soucy	N/A	-	-	-	-
<b>2. HB 2 - Amendment #2023-2040s, Page 23</b> - Adds new section authorizing the Joint Legislative Historical Committee to accept a gift of a portrait of Rogers Johnson and oversee the hanging of the portrait in the state house (SB 28).	Senator Birdsell	N/A	-	-	-	-
<b>3. HB 2 - Amendment #2023-2038s, Page 24</b> - Deletes section 133, relative to enabling the engagement of peer support services following a critical incident or other certain experiences by emergency services providers (addressed in SB 207).	Senator Birdsell	N/A	-	-	-	-

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 Amend the bill by replacing sections 67-83 with the following:  
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- 3 67 New Section; Retirement Benefits Commission Established. Amend RSA 100-A by inserting  
4 after section 57 the following new section:  
5 100-A:58 Retirement Benefits Commission.
- 6 I. There is established a commission to study retirement benefits and retention of  
7 employees.
- 8 II. The members of the commission shall be as follows:  
9 (a) Four members of the senate, at least one of whom shall be a member of the minority  
10 party, appointed by the president of the senate.  
11 (b) Four members of the house of representatives, at least one of whom shall be a  
12 member of the minority party, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.  
13 (c) One representative of the New Hampshire Municipal Association, appointed by the  
14 association.  
15 (d) One representative of the New Hampshire School Boards Association, appointed by  
16 the association.  
17 (e) One representative of the New Hampshire Association of Counties, appointed by the  
18 association.  
19 (f) One representative of the Professional Firefighters of New Hampshire, appointed by  
20 that organization.  
21 (g) One representative of the New Hampshire Troopers Association or New Hampshire  
22 Police Association, appointed by mutual agreement.  
23 (h) One teacher, appointed by the National Education Association - New Hampshire.  
24 (i) One state employee, appointed by the New Hampshire State Employees Association.  
25 III. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when  
26 attending to the duties of the commission.
- 27 IV. The commission shall examine issues surrounding retirement benefits, including:  
28 (a) The impact retirement benefits have on the retention of employees and the ability to  
29 attract new employees.  
30 (b) Whether changes to the current benefit structure are warranted, including the cost  
31 and funding source of any proposed change.  
32 (c) The report of the decennial retirement commission.

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1 (d) Analyzing the financial status of the retirement system and performing a risk  
2 assessment to the system.

3 (e) Whether cost of living adjustments (COLAs) or stipend are appropriate and could be  
4 funded through employer and employee contributions.

5 (f) Making recommendations ensuring the long-term viability of the New Hampshire  
6 retirement system.

7 (g) Considering the effect that policy changes have on the state and political  
8 subdivisions.

9 (h) Consideration of a state employer match toward state employee contributions under  
10 the state of New Hampshire public employees deferred compensation plan.

11 V. Members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first  
12 meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named senate member. The first meeting of  
13 the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Eight members of  
14 the commission shall constitute a quorum.

15 VI. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed  
16 legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate  
17 clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before December 1, 2023.

18 68 Repeal. RSA 100-A:58, relative to the retirement benefits commission, is repealed.

19 69 Effective Date. Section 68 of this act shall take effect December 1, 2023.

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 437 with the following:

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3 437 Department of Health and Human Services; Family Resource Centers; Appropriation.  
4 There is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services the sums of  
5 \$2,000,000 for the state fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and \$2,000,000 for the state fiscal year  
6 ending June 30, 2025, to support family resource center (FRC) infrastructure. The appropriation  
7 shall be allocated to the FRC facilitating organization to distribute to FRCs. The use of the funds  
8 shall include, but not be limited to, better serving families, preparing for FRC-Q designation,  
9 enhancing coordination with other early childhood systems, and supporting evidence-based  
10 programs such as home visiting programs, ACERT, and community collaborations. The governor is  
11 authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise  
12 appropriated.

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14 Amend the bill by inserting the following new sections:

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16 1 New Subdivision; Labor; Protective Legislation; Policies Relating to Nursing Mothers. Amend  
17 RSA 275 by inserting after section 77 the following new subdivision:

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Policies Relating to Nursing Mothers

275:78 Definitions. In this subdivision:

20 I. "Employee" shall mean a person who may be permitted, required, or directed by an  
21 employer in consideration of direct or indirect gain or profit but shall not include any individual who  
22 volunteers services for a public, charitable, or religious facility without expectation or promise of  
23 pay.

24 II. "Employer" shall mean a person, partnership, association, corporation, or legal  
25 representative of a person, partnership, association, or corporation, or the state or any of its political  
26 subdivisions, which has 6 or more employees working in the state.

27 III. "Expression of milk" means the initiation of lactation by manual or mechanical means  
28 but shall not include breastfeeding.

29 IV. "Reasonable break period" shall mean an unpaid break of approximately 30 minutes for  
30 every 3 hours of work performed by a nursing employee for the purpose of expressing milk.

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- 1 V. "Undue hardship" shall mean any action that requires significant difficulty or expense  
2 when considered in relation to factors such as the size of the business, its financial resources and the  
3 nature and structure of its operation.
- 4 275:79 Notification of Policies.
- 5 I. Every employer shall adopt a policy to address the provision of sufficient space and  
6 reasonable break periods for nursing employees that need to express milk during working hours.
- 7 II. Every employer shall, at the time of hire, make available to its employees the employer's  
8 policy related to expression of milk during working hours.
- 9 III. A nursing employee shall notify its employer at least 2 weeks prior to needing  
10 reasonable break periods and sufficient space for expression of milk during work hours.
- 11 275:80 Sufficient Space.
- 12 I. Every employer shall provide access to reasonable, sufficient space, either temporary or  
13 permanent in nature, for the use of an employee to express milk for a nursing child for a period of  
14 one year from the date of birth of the child.
- 15 II. The location of the space provided shall be within a reasonable walk of the employee's  
16 worksite, unless otherwise mutually agreed to by the employer and employee.
- 17 III. Sufficient space provided in accordance with this section shall not be a bathroom, and  
18 shall be a clean space shielded from view and free from intrusion from coworkers and the public.
- 19 (a) If the space is not solely for the use of employees expressing milk it shall be made  
20 available when requested to comply with the requirements set forth in this subdivision.
- 21 (b) If feasible, the room shall have, at a minimum, an electrical outlet and a chair.
- 22 275:81 Reasonable Break Period.
- 23 I. Every employer shall provide reasonable break periods to employees who need to express  
24 milk for a child for a period of one year from the date of birth of the child. Nothing in this section  
25 shall preclude an employer from negotiating with an employee reasonable break periods to express  
26 milk that are different from the requirements in this subdivision.
- 27 II. Nothing under this subdivision shall preclude an employee from taking a reasonable  
28 break period contemporaneously with break or meal periods already provided to the employee by the  
29 employer.
- 30 III. An employer shall not require an employee to make up time related to use of unpaid  
31 reasonable break periods.
- 32 275:82 Penalties. Any employer who violates any provision of this subdivision shall be subject  
33 to a one-time civil penalty pursuant to RSA 273:11-a.
- 34 275:83 Hardship Exemption. An employer may be exempted from this subdivision if providing  
35 reasonable break time and sufficient space for expressing milk would impose an undue hardship to  
36 the employer's operations.
- 37 2 Effective Date.

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- 1 I. Section 1 of this act, except for RSA 275:82, shall take effect July 1, 2025.
- 2 II. RSA 275:82, as inserted by section 1 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

DETAILED OR PRELIMINARY



Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 437 with the following:

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3 437 Department of Health and Human Services; Family Resource Centers; Appropriations.

4 I. The following amounts are appropriated to the department of health and human services :

5 (a) The sum of \$2,000,000 for the state fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, which shall not  
6 lapse until June 30, 2025.

7 (b) The sums of \$1,000,000 for the state fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and \$1,000,000  
8 for the state fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

9 II. The amounts appropriated in paragraph I shall be to support family resource center  
10 (FRC) infrastructure. The appropriations shall be allocated to the FRC facilitating organization to  
11 distribute to FRCs. The use of the funds shall include, but not be limited to, better serving families,  
12 preparing for FRC-Q designation, enhancing coordination with other early childhood systems, and  
13 supporting evidence-based programs such as home visiting programs, ACERT, and community  
14 collaborations. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the  
15 treasury not otherwise appropriated.

16 437-a Effective Date. Subparagraph I(a) of section 437 shall take effect June 30, 2023.

Sen. Bradley, Dist 3  
May 29, 2023  
2023-2050s  
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Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 Amend the bill by replacing section 402 with the following:
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- 3 402 Extension of the Prospective Repeal of the Granite Health Care Advantage Program.
- 4 Amend 2018, 342:25, II to read as follows:
- 5 II. Paragraphs III and VII of section 24 of this act shall take effect December, 31, [~~2023~~]
- 6 **2030.**

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by replacing paragraph XXI of section 231 with the following:

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3 XXI. \$15,740786 for the biennium ending June 30, 2025 for the purpose of increasing any of  
4 the rates in this section prior to January 1, 2024, if feasible, where the department has given priority  
5 to those increases the commissioner has deemed most critical. Any portion of this appropriation not  
6 expended by January 1, 2024 may be used for rate increases authorized elsewhere in this section and  
7 section 230 of this act.

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9 Amend the bill by inserting after section 231 the following new section:

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11 231-a Department of Health and Human Services; Medicaid Rate Increases.

12 I. The department shall utilize the funds appropriated in sections 230 and 231 of this act to  
13 increase rates pursuant to section 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Social Security Act, and to promote  
14 efficiency, economy, and quality of care within New Hampshire's Medicaid program. The  
15 department shall have the authority to make adjustments to sections 230 and 231 of this act in order  
16 to address:

- 17 (a) During implementation, that the percentage of RSA 126-AA funds shall be a  
18 proportional credit to the amount implemented;
- 19 (b) Impacts to established contracts;
- 20 (c) Changes that result in reductions to federal match levels;
- 21 (d) Cost-based rate methodologies that cannot accommodate a percentage-based  
22 increase as defined under the Medicaid state plan;
- 23 (e) Prohibitions regarding the use of general funds;
- 24 (f) Parity among rates, including non-Medicaid rates;
- 25 (g) Rates paid to out-of-state providers; and
- 26 (h) Any rate methodology actively under review and development.

27 II. Amounts available for the purposes of sections 230 and 231 of this act may be  
28 increased by the amounts of any funds unable to be implemented in this section as a result of a  
29 technical assistance finding by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that a proposed state  
30 plan amendment or waiver must be modified in order to be approved.

31 III. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rate parity among the same or similar  
32 services within existing waiver services shall be a priority.

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by inserting the following:

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3 1 Department of Health and Human Services; Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation  
4 Pilot Program.

5 I. The department of health and human services shall implement a minimum 2-year pilot  
6 program to develop and maintain a publicly available network of trauma-informed early childhood  
7 mental health consultants and ensure ongoing training and consultation of the early childhood  
8 mental health consultants. The department may consult with outside resources when establishing  
9 the pilot program. Under the pilot program, early childhood mental health consultations shall be:

10 (a) Provided by qualified mental health professionals who possess a masters or doctoral-  
11 level degree in the mental health field and who demonstrate evidence of specialized training and  
12 experience in infant and early childhood mental health as established by the department;

13 (b) Offered, if necessary, to children across settings and regardless of changes to setting  
14 and placement;

15 (c) Integrated with other available behavioral health and family support services  
16 providers, including but not limited to the care management entities established under RSA 135-F,  
17 early childhood mental health services, and early supports and services; and

18 (d) Implemented in accordance with this section and include, but not be limited to, the  
19 following services:

20 (1) Conducting observation and assessment of a child and their caregivers across  
21 child care settings, including universal strengths-based assessments in accordance with this chapter  
22 and RSA 170-G:4-e and the use of valid and reliable measures of: trauma exposure, chronic exposure  
23 to stress and symptoms, emotional and behavioral development, and the strengths and needs of the  
24 caregiving/child-caregiver relationship;

25 (2) Consulting with caregivers, teachers, directors, administrators, and other  
26 medical and behavioral health providers about the meaning of challenging behaviors and how to  
27 meet the needs of the child and care givers;

28 (3) Strengthening caregiver and professional capacity to successfully handle  
29 challenging behaviors through developmentally appropriate methods, including but not limited to  
30 reflective questioning, developmental guidance, modeling, and role playing;

31 (4) Offering training in young child socio-emotional development, emotional and  
32 behavioral regulation, and trauma exposure to caregivers and professionals; and

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1 (5) Be provided to any child 0 to 6 years of age presenting with behaviors  
2 substantially interfering with their successful engagement in child care and to any child who is  
3 placed or at risk of being placed in foster care within 30 days of their placement in care.

4 II. The department shall establish the eligibility and referral process for consultations that  
5 prioritize children in foster care or at risk of being placed in foster care.

6 III. Notwithstanding any paragraph of this section, the availability of consultations shall be  
7 subject to available appropriations to this program.

8 2 Appropriation; Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Pilot Program. The sum of  
9 \$1,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 is hereby appropriated to the department of  
10 health and human services to support the early childhood mental health consultation pilot program.  
11 Said funds shall not lapse and shall be allocated equally in each year of the biennium ending June  
12 30, 2025.

13 3 Effective Date. Section 2 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2023.

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1 Insert the following new sections:

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3 1 New Section; System of Care for Children's Mental Health; Early Childhood Behavioral  
4 Health Supports. Amend RSA 135-F by inserting after section 9 the following new section:

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6 135-F:10 Early Childhood Behavioral Health Supports Established.  
7 I. The department of health and human services shall develop and maintain a publicly  
8 available network of trauma-informed early childhood mental health consultants and ensure ongoing  
9 training and consultation of the early childhood mental health consultants. Early childhood mental  
10 health consultations shall be:

11 (a) Provided by qualified mental health professionals who possess a masters or doctoral-  
12 level degree in the mental health field and who demonstrate evidence of specialized training and  
13 experience in infant and early childhood mental health as established by the department;

14 (b) Offered, if necessary, to children across settings and regardless of changes to setting  
15 and placement;

16 (c) Integrated with other available behavioral health and family support services  
17 providers, including but not limited to the care management entities established under RSA 135-F,  
18 early childhood mental health services, and early supports and services; and

19 (d) Implemented in accordance with this chapter and include, but not be limited to, the  
20 following services:

21 (1) Conducting observation and assessment of a child and their caregivers across  
22 child care settings, including universal strengths-based assessments in accordance with this chapter  
23 and RSA 170-G:4-e and the use of valid and reliable measures of: trauma exposure, chronic exposure  
24 to stress and symptoms, emotional and behavioral development, and the strengths and needs of the  
25 caregiving/child-caregiver relationship;

26 (2) Consulting with caregivers, teachers, directors, administrators, and other  
27 medical and behavioral health providers about the meaning of challenging behaviors and how to  
28 meet the needs of the child and care givers;

29 (3) Strengthening caregiver and professional capacity to successfully handle  
30 challenging behaviors through developmentally appropriate methods, including but not limited to  
31 reflective questioning, developmental guidance, modeling, and role playing;

32 (4) Offering training in young child socio-emotional development, emotional and  
behavioral regulation, and trauma exposure to caregivers and professionals; and

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2 with their successful engagement in child care and to any child who is placed or at risk of being  
3 placed in foster care within 30 days of their placement in care.

4 II. The department shall establish the eligibility and referral process for the consultations  
5 that prioritized children in foster care or at risk of being placed in foster care.

6 III. Notwithstanding any paragraph of this section, the availability of consultations shall be  
7 subject to available appropriations to this program.

8 2 Department of Health and Human Services; Children's Mental Health Consultation;  
9 Appropriation. The sum of \$500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and the sum of  
10 \$500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, is hereby appropriated to the department of health  
11 and human services for the purpose of providing mental health consultation for young children in  
12 childcare. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the  
13 treasury not otherwise appropriated.

14 3 Prospective Repeal. Early Childhood Behavioral Health Supports Pilot Program. Section 1 of  
15 this act is repealed.

16 4 Effective Date. Section 3 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2025.

Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13  
April 13, 2023  
2023-1382s  
10/08

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1     1   Appropriation; Department of Education; Adult Education. The sum of \$500,000, in the fiscal
- 2     2   year ending June 30, 2023, is hereby appropriated to the department of education for the purpose of
- 3     3   increasing funding available for grants to adult education programs during the biennium ending
- 4     4   June 30, 2025. This appropriation shall not lapse. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for
- 5     5   said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.
- 6     2   Effective Date. Section 1 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2023.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

Add:

1. Makes an appropriation to the department of education for grants to adult education programs.



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1 Amend the bill by replacing sections 146 through 150 with the following:

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3 146 Cost of an Opportunity for an Adequate Education. Amend RSA 198:40-a to read as follows:  
4 198:40-a Cost of an Opportunity for an Adequate Education.

5 I. For the biennium beginning July 1, ~~[2015]~~ **2023**, the annual cost of providing the  
6 opportunity for an adequate education as defined in RSA 193-E:2-a shall be as specified in  
7 paragraph II. The department shall adjust the rates specified in this paragraph in accordance with  
8 RSA 198:40-d.

9 II.(a) A cost of ~~[\$3,561.27]~~ **\$4,100** per pupil in the ADMR, plus differentiated aid as follows:

10 (b) An additional ~~[\$1,780.63]~~ **\$2,300** for each pupil in the ADMR who is eligible for a free  
11 or reduced price meal anytime during the determination year; plus

12 (c) An additional ~~[\$697.77]~~ **\$800** for each pupil in the ADMR who is an English language  
13 learner anytime during the determination year; plus

14 (d) An additional ~~[\$1,915.86]~~ **\$2,100** for each pupil in the ADMR who is receiving special  
15 education services anytime during the determination year~~[-plus~~

16 ~~(e) An additional \$697.77 for each third-grade pupil in the ADMR with a score below the~~  
17 ~~proficient level on the reading component of the state assessment administered pursuant to RSA~~  
18 ~~193-C:6 or the authorized, locally-administered assessment as provided in RSA 193-C:3, IV(i);~~  
19 ~~provided the pupil is not eligible to receive differentiated aid pursuant to subparagraphs (b)-(d). A~~  
20 ~~school district receiving aid under this subparagraph shall annually provide to the department of~~  
21 ~~education documentation demonstrating that the district has implemented an instructional program~~  
22 ~~to improve non-proficient pupil reading].~~

23 III. The sum total calculated under paragraph II shall be the cost of an adequate education.  
24 The department shall determine the cost of an adequate education for each municipality based on  
25 the ADMR of pupils who reside in that municipality.

26 147 Annual Adjustment; Relief Funding. RSA 198:40-d is repealed and reenacted to read as  
27 follows:

28 198:40-d Annual Adjustment. Beginning July 1, 2024 and every year thereafter, the  
29 department of education shall adjust the following with an increase of 2 percent annually:

30 I. Per pupil costs in RSA 198:40-a, II;

31 II. Extraordinary need grant “grant floor,” “grant ceiling,” “factor,” and “max grant” as  
32 defined in RSA 198:40-f, II, (a)-(d); and

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- 1 III. Chartered public school additional grants under RSA 194-B:11, I(b)(1)(A) and (B).  
2 147-a Repeal. RSA 198:40-e, relative to relief funding, is repealed.  
3 148 Extraordinary Need Grants; 2023. Amend RSA 198:40-f to read as follows:  
4 198:40-f Extraordinary Need Grants.

5 I. In addition to aid for the cost of the opportunity for an adequate education provided under  
6 RSA 198:40-a, each year the commissioner shall calculate an extraordinary need grant for schools  
7 and provide that amount of aid to a municipality's school districts as follows:

8 (a) A municipality with an equalized valuation per pupil eligible to receive a free or  
9 reduced-priced meal of [~~\$1,000,000~~] **\$1,600,000** or less shall receive [~~\$650~~] **\$8,500** per pupil eligible  
10 to receive a free or reduced-price meal in the municipality's ADMR.

11 (b) A municipality with an equalized valuation per pupil eligible to receive a free or  
12 reduced-price meal between [~~\$1,000,001~~] **\$1,600,001** and [~~\$5,999,999~~] **\$6,599,999** shall receive a  
13 grant equal to [~~\$0.00013~~] **\$0.0017** for each dollar of difference between its equalized valuation per  
14 pupil eligible to receive a free or reduced-price meal and [~~\$6,000,000~~] **\$6,600,000**, per pupil eligible  
15 to receive a free or reduced-price meal in the municipality's ADMR.

16 (c) A municipality with an equalized valuation per pupil eligible to receive a free or  
17 reduced-price meal of [~~\$6,000,000~~] **\$6,600,000** or more shall not receive an extraordinary need grant.

18 II. [~~In order to receive an extraordinary need grant, the eligible school district shall provide~~  
19 ~~a plan to the department of education outlining how the district intends to use grant-award funds to~~  
20 ~~improve the educational achievement and growth of students. The extraordinary need grant plan~~  
21 ~~shall include an accountability component designed to generate data that measures student~~  
22 ~~academic achievement and growth of knowledge and skills in reading and language arts and/or~~  
23 ~~mathematics at what grade levels funds will be used. The school district shall develop and~~  
24 ~~administer its own grant accountability assessment that identifies a pupil's range of learning and~~  
25 ~~yields objective data to use in improving instruction and learning, or use the statewide assessment.~~  
26 ~~The school district shall submit to the department an annual grant accountability progress report~~  
27 ~~that includes evidence of satisfactory program implementation and progress toward grant~~  
28 ~~accountability improvement targets. The primary goal of this grant is to improve student~~  
29 ~~achievement and growth and to help the school district to have funding for successful, best practice~~  
30 ~~student learning approaches.] **In this section:**~~

31 (a) **The \$1,600,000 in equalized valuation per free or reduced-price meal pupil**  
32 **referenced in RSA 198:40-f, I(a) shall be called the "grant floor."**

33 (b) **The \$6,600,000 in equalized valuation per free or reduced-price meal pupil**  
34 **referenced in RSA 198:40-f, I(b) and RSA 198:40-f, I(c) shall be called the "grant ceiling."**

35 (c) **The \$0.0017 for each dollar difference between equalized valuation per pupil**  
36 **eligible to receive a free or reduced-price meal referenced in RSA 198:40-f, I(b) shall be**  
37 **called the "factor."**

1           (d) *The \$8,500 per pupil eligible to receive a free or reduced-price meal*  
2 *referenced in RSA 198:40-f, I(a) shall be called the “max grant.”*

3           III. Extraordinary need grants shall be distributed pursuant to RSA 198:42.

4           IV. In this section, "equalized valuation per pupil eligible to receive a free or reduced-price  
5 meal" means a municipality's equalized valuation [~~excluding properties subject to taxation under~~  
6 ~~RSA 82 and equalized payments in lieu of taxes,~~] as determined by the department of revenue  
7 administration, that was the basis for the local tax assessment in the determination year, divided by  
8 the school district's kindergarten through grade 12 ADMR in the determination year eligible to  
9 receive a free or reduced-price meal.

10          148-a Extraordinary Need Grants; 2025. Amend RSA 198:40-f, I and II to read as follows:

11           I. In addition to aid for the cost of the opportunity for an adequate education provided under  
12 RSA 198:40-a, each year the commissioner shall calculate an extraordinary need grant for schools  
13 and provide that amount of aid to a municipality's school districts as follows:

14           (a) A municipality with an equalized valuation per pupil eligible to receive a free or  
15 reduced-priced meal of [~~\$1,600,000~~] **\$1,664,640** or less shall receive [~~\$8,500~~] **\$11,500** per pupil  
16 eligible to receive a free or reduced-price meal in the municipality's ADMR.

17           (b) A municipality with an equalized valuation per pupil eligible to receive a free or  
18 reduced-price meal between [~~\$1,600,001~~] **\$1,664,641** and [~~\$6,599,999~~] **\$6,866,639** shall receive a  
19 grant equal to [~~\$0,00170~~] **\$0.00221** for each dollar of difference between its equalized valuation per  
20 pupil eligible to receive a free or reduced-price meal and [~~\$6,600,000~~] **\$6,866,640**, per pupil eligible  
21 to receive a free or reduced-price meal in the municipality's ADMR.

22           (c) A municipality with an equalized valuation per pupil eligible to receive a free or  
23 reduced-price meal of [~~\$6,600,000~~] **\$6,866,640** or more shall not receive an extraordinary need grant.

24           II. In this section:

25           (a) The [~~\$1,600,000~~] **\$1,664,640** in equalized valuation per free or reduced-price meal  
26 pupil referenced in RSA 198:40-f, I(a) shall be called the “grant floor.”

27           (b) The [~~\$6,600,000~~] **\$6,866,640** in equalized valuation per free or reduced-price meal  
28 pupil referenced in RSA 198:40-f, I(b) and RSA 198:40-f, I(c) shall be called the “grant ceiling.”

29           (c) The [~~\$0,00060~~] **\$0.00221** for each dollar difference between equalized valuation per  
30 pupil eligible to receive a free or reduced-price meal referenced in RSA 198:40-f, I(b) shall be called  
31 the “factor.”

32           (d) The [~~\$8,500~~] **\$11,500** per pupil eligible to receive a free or reduced-price meal  
33 referenced in RSA 198:40-f, I(a) shall be called the “max grant.”

34          148-b Effective Date. Section 148-a shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

35          149 Determination of Education Grants. Amend RSA 198:41 to read as follows:

36          198:41 Determination of Education Grants.

37           I. Except for municipalities where all school districts therein provide education to all of their

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1 pupils by paying tuition to other institutions, the department of education shall determine the total  
2 education grant for the municipality as follows:

- 3 (a) Add the per pupil cost of providing the opportunity for an adequate education for  
4 which each pupil is eligible pursuant to RSA 198:40-a, I-III, and from such amount;  
5 (b) Subtract the amount of the education tax warrant to be issued by the commissioner  
6 of revenue administration for such municipality reported pursuant to RSA 76:8 for the next tax year;  
7 and

8 (c) ~~[[Repealed.]]~~

9 ~~(d) Add the municipality's additional aid for relief funding pursuant to RSA 198:40-e.~~

10 ~~(e) Add the municipality's extraordinary need grant pursuant to RSA 198:40-f.~~

11 ~~[[H. For municipalities where all school districts therein provide education to all of their  
12 pupils by paying tuition to other institutions, the department of education shall determine the total  
13 education grant for each municipality as the lesser of the 2 following calculations:~~

14 ~~(a) The amount calculated in accordance with paragraph I of this section; or~~

15 ~~(b) The total amount paid for items of current education expense as determined by the  
16 department of education minus the amount of the education tax warrant to be issued by the  
17 commissioner of revenue administration for such municipality reported pursuant to RSA 76:8 for the  
18 next tax year.~~

19 ~~III.(a) For the biennium ending June 30, 2013, the department of education shall not  
20 distribute a total education grant on behalf of all pupils who reside in a municipality that exceeds  
21 that municipality's total education grant in the second year of the previous biennium.~~

22 ~~(b) [[Repealed.]]~~

23 ~~IV.(a) For fiscal year 2012, the department of education shall identify all municipalities in  
24 which the fiscal year 2012 total education grant will be less than the fiscal year 2011 total education  
25 grant. The department shall distribute a stabilization grant to each of those municipalities equal to  
26 100 percent of the decrease.~~

27 ~~[(b) For fiscal year 2013, the department of education shall identify all municipalities in  
28 which the fiscal year 2013 total education grant, including any stabilization grant distributed  
29 pursuant to subparagraph (a), will be less than the fiscal year 2011 total education grant. The  
30 department shall distribute funds to each of those municipalities equal to 100 percent of the  
31 decrease.~~

32 ~~(c) For fiscal year 2014 through fiscal year 2016, the department of education shall  
33 distribute a total education grant to each municipality in an amount equal to the total education  
34 grant for the fiscal year in which the grant is calculated plus the amount of the fiscal year 2012  
35 stabilization grant, if any, distributed to the municipality.~~

36 ~~(d) For fiscal year 2024 and each fiscal year thereafter, the department of education  
37 shall distribute a total education grant to each municipality in an amount equal to the total~~

~~education grant for the fiscal year in which the grant is calculated plus a percentage of the municipality's fiscal year 2012 stabilization grant, if any, distributed to the municipality; the percentage shall be 96 percent for fiscal year 2017, 92 percent for fiscal year 2018, 88 percent for fiscal year 2019, and 100 percent for fiscal year 2020 and each fiscal year thereafter. No stabilization grant shall be distributed to any municipality for any fiscal year in which the municipality's education property tax warrant pursuant to RSA 76:8 exceeds the total cost of an adequate education or to any municipality for any fiscal year in which the municipality's ADMR is zero.]~~

*II. For fiscal year 2024 and fiscal year 2025, the department of education shall distribute a hold harmless grant equal to any amount in which a municipality's adequacy grant is less than 104 percent of the fiscal year 2024 preliminary estimate for the adequacy grant as of November 15, 2022. No municipality with a current adequacy grant amount that exceeds the fiscal year 2024 preliminary estimate shall receive a hold harmless grant. No hold harmless grant shall be distributed to any municipality in which the municipality's education property tax warrant pursuant to RSA 76:8 exceeds the total cost of an adequate education.*

*III. Beginning in fiscal year 2026, the hold harmless grant calculated under paragraph III shall decrease as a percent of the amount awarded under the following schedule:*

- (1) 80 percent of the calculated fiscal year 2025 hold harmless grant shall be awarded for fiscal year 2026 and fiscal year 2027.*
- (2) 60 percent of the calculated fiscal year 2025 hold harmless grant shall be awarded for fiscal year 2028 and fiscal year 2029.*
- (3) 40 percent of the calculated fiscal year 2025 hold harmless grant shall be awarded for fiscal year 2030 and fiscal year 2031.*
- (4) 20 percent of the calculated fiscal year 2025 hold harmless grant shall be awarded for fiscal year 2032 and fiscal year 2033.*
- (5) No hold harmless grant shall be awarded for fiscal year 2034 and each year thereafter.*

~~[V.]~~ *IV.* The department shall use the best available data and methods to estimate ADMR and education grants by November 15 of the year preceding the school year for which aid is determined.

~~[VI.]~~ *V.* The department shall produce a revised estimate of grants using actual determination year data for the purpose of settling municipal tax rates. A municipality's grant estimate shall not be less than 95 percent of the estimate reported pursuant to paragraph [V] *IV.* The commissioner of the department of education shall provide the estimate for the current fiscal year to the commissioner of the department of revenue administration no later than October 1 of

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1 each year.

2 ~~[VII]~~ **VI.** When final determination year data is available, but not later than April 1, the  
3 department shall make a final determination of grant amounts. A municipality's grant estimate  
4 shall not be less than 95 percent of the estimate reported pursuant to paragraph ~~[V]~~ **IV**. The  
5 department shall adjust the April grant disbursement required pursuant to RSA 198:42 so that the  
6 total amount disbursed for the fiscal year shall match the final grant determination.

7 ~~[VIII]~~ **VII.** Reports of grant determinations for municipalities required pursuant to  
8 paragraphs ~~[V-VII]~~ **IV- VI** shall be available to the public by the date specified in paragraphs ~~[V-VII]~~  
9 **IV- VI**, and the department shall make available a report for multi-town school districts and  
10 municipalities with multiple school districts. The department of education shall provide the  
11 department of revenue administration the information needed to set tax rates.

Sen. Bradley, Dist 3  
 Sen. Soucy, Dist 18  
 May 25, 2023  
 2023-2021s  
 03/07

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 Amend the bill by inserting the following new sections:  
 2  
 3 1 Prohibited Political Contributions; Candidate or Candidate Committee. RSA 664:4, V is  
 4 repealed and reenacted to read as follows:  
 5 V. By any candidate committee, non-candidate political committee, or political advocacy  
 6 organization in excess of the following amounts:

	Maximum amount contributed during exploratory phase	Additional maximum amount that may be contributed for the primary election.	Additional maximum amount that may be contributed for the general election.	Total maximum amount of contributions:
Contributed to:				
Candidate or Candidate Committee	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Non-candidate political committee or political party	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Political advocacy organization	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited

7 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

2023-2021s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Add:

1. Removes the campaign contribution limit under RSA 664:4 for a candidate or candidate committee.

Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19  
May 26, 2023  
2023-2040s  
03/10

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 Amend the bill by inserting the following new section:
- 2
- 3 1 Joint Legislative Historical Committee; Rogers Johnson Portrait. The joint legislative
- 4 historical committee established under RSA 17-I:1 may accept a gift of a portrait of Rogers Johnson
- 5 and oversee the hanging of the portrait in the state house.



Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19  
May 26, 2023  
2023-2038s  
06/07

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 Amend the bill by deleting section 133.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

Delete:

53. Enables the engagement of peer support services following a critical incident or other certain experiences by emergency services providers.