

Rep. Ladd, Graf. 5  
Rep. Cordelli, Carr. 7  
Rep. Luneau, Merr. 9  
Rep. Myler, Merr. 9  
February 12, 2024  
2024-0620h  
02/06

Amendment to HB 1583-FN-A

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

2

3 1 Cost of an Opportunity for an Adequate Education. Amend RSA 198:40-a, I through II(a) to  
4 read as follows:

5 I. For the biennium beginning July 1, ~~[2023]~~ **2025**, 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 ~~[\$4,100]~~ **\$4,404** per pupil in the ADMR, plus differentiated aid as follows:

10 2 Relief Funding. RSA 198:40-e is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

11 198:40-e Relief Funding.

12 I. In a municipality in which 48 percent or more of the ADMR is eligible to receive a free or  
13 reduced-priced meal, an additional \$800 for each pupil in the ADMR who is eligible for a free or  
14 reduced-priced meal.

15 II. In a municipality in which at least 12 percent but less than 48 percent of the ADMR is  
16 eligible to receive a free or reduced-priced meal, an amount equal to \$200 plus \$0.166667 for each  
17 0.01 percent that its free or reduced-priced meal eligibility rate exceeds 12 percent, for each pupil in  
18 the ADMR who is eligible for a free or reduced-priced meal.

19 III. A municipality in which less than 12 percent of the ADMR is eligible to receive a free or  
20 reduced-priced meal shall receive no relief aid under this section.

21 3 New Section; Fiscal Capacity Disparity Aid. Amend RSA 198 by inserting after section 40-f  
22 the following new section:

23 198:40-g Fiscal Capacity Disparity Aid.

24 I. In addition to aid for the cost of the opportunity for an adequate education provided under  
25 RSA 198:40-a, each year the commissioner shall calculate fiscal capacity disparity aid for schools and  
26 provide that amount of aid to a municipality's school districts as follows:

27 (a) A municipality with an equalized valuation per ADMR of \$800,000 or less shall  
28 receive \$900 per pupil in the municipality's ADMR.

Amendment to HB 1583-FN-A

- Page 2 -

1 (b) A municipality with an equalized valuation per ADMR greater than \$800,000 but  
2 less than \$1,900,000 shall receive \$0.0008181 for each dollar of difference between its equalized  
3 valuation per ADMR and \$1,900,000, per pupil in the municipality's ADMR.

4 (c) A municipality with an equalized valuation per ADMR of \$1,900,000 or more shall  
5 receive no fiscal capacity disparity aid.

6 II. In this section:

7 (a) The \$800,000 in equalized valuation per ADMR referenced in subparagraph I(a),  
8 shall be called the "grant floor."

9 (b) The \$1,900,000 in equalized valuation per ADMR referenced in subparagraphs I(b)-  
10 (c), shall be called the "grant ceiling."

11 (c) The \$0.0008181 for each dollar difference between equalized valuation per ADMR in  
12 subparagraph I(b) shall be called the "factor."

13 (d) The \$900 per pupil referenced in subparagraph I(a) shall be called the "max grant."

14 4 Annual Adjustment. Amend RSA 198:40-d, II to read as follows:

15 II. Extraordinary need grant **and fiscal capacity disparity aid grant's** "grant floor,"  
16 "grant ceiling," "factor," and "max grant" as defined in RSA 198:40-f, II, (a)-(d) **and RSA 198:40-g,**  
17 **II(a)-(d);** and

18 5 Determination of Education Grants. Amend RSA 198:41, I-II to read as follows:

19 198:41 Determination of Education Grants.

20 I. Except for municipalities where all school districts therein provide education to all of their  
21 pupils by paying tuition to other institutions, the department of education shall determine the total  
22 education grant for the municipality as follows:

23 (a) Add the per pupil cost of providing the opportunity for an adequate education for  
24 which each pupil is eligible pursuant to RSA 198:40-a, I-III, and from such amount;

25 (b) Subtract the amount of the education tax warrant to be issued by the commissioner  
26 of revenue administration for such municipality reported pursuant to RSA 76:8 for the next tax year;

27 [~~and~~]

28 (c) Add the municipality's extraordinary need grant pursuant to RSA 198:40-f[-];

29 **(d) Add the relief aid grant pursuant to RSA 198:40-e; and**

30 **(e) Add the fiscal capacity disparity aid grant pursuant to RSA 198:40-g.**

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

1            *II-a. Current adequacy grant shall not include fiscal capacity disparity aid*  
2 *pursuant to RSA 198:40-g and relief aid pursuant to RSA 198:40-e for the purpose of*  
3 *determining the hold harmless grant pursuant to RSA 198:41, II.*

4            6 Effective Date.

5            I. Section 1 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

6            II. The remainder of this act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

**Amendment to HB 1583-FN-A**  
**- Page 4 -**

2024-0620h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill increases the base annual cost of providing an opportunity for an adequate education. It also establishes relief aid funding and fiscal disparity aid.