

REGULAR CALENDAR

March 10, 2022

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Majority of the Committee on Municipal and County Government to which was referred HB 1393,

AN ACT relative to the adoption of school district budget caps. Having considered the same, report the same with the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS.

Rep. Diane Pauer

FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

**MAJORITY
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee:	Municipal and County Government
Bill Number:	HB 1393
Title:	relative to the adoption of school district budget caps.
Date:	March 10, 2022
Consent Calendar:	REGULAR
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill is enabling legislation that allows the legislative body of a school district to adopt a budget cap by a 3/5 supermajority vote. The budget cap limits the total dollar amount recommended by the school board or official budget committee for the fiscal year to not exceed a specific dollar amount adjusted annually, based on the average daily membership of students and an annual inflation factor. The inflation factor can be a fixed percentage, including zero, or an index published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Additionally, a 3/5 supermajority override provision permits the legislative body to approve total spending to exceed the budget cap when necessary. This bill offers an effective mechanism for school district voters to control spending in light of the trend across the state of rapidly increasing school district budgets despite declining student enrollments. In summary, this bill provides granite state taxpayers with a much needed tool to rein in unsustainable spending at the local level and control escalating property taxes.

Vote 10-9.

Rep. Diane Pauer
FOR THE MAJORITY

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

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Municipal and County Government

HB 1393, relative to the adoption of school district budget caps. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Minority of the Committee on Municipal and County Government to which was referred HB 1393,

AN ACT relative to the adoption of school district budget caps. Having considered the same, and being unable to agree with the Majority, report with the following resolution: RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Jim Maggiore

FOR THE MINORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk

Cc: Committee Bill File

**MINORITY
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee:	Municipal and County Government
Bill Number:	HB 1393
Title:	relative to the adoption of school district budget caps.
Date:	March 10, 2022
Consent Calendar:	REGULAR
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

While this bill is enabling, the minority believes that the bill lacks specificity in order to set a reasonable budget. More importantly, if passed, a school would experience crippling budgetary constraints. Annual increases to the school budget would be pegged to either a fixed percentage, including zero, or an inflation index published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The bill lacks an upper range to the percentage and any specificity as to which index from the BLS should be used. While these issues of definition could be resolved, the minority feels strongly that the fiscal impacts imposed by this bill are the salient defects. There is no accommodation in the cap for costs of and unanticipated enrollment of a student with special needs. The cost for just one special needs student ranges into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. Catastrophic insurance is not available until the second year of enrollment. Budgets would also include only the first-year payment on any approved long-term expenditures from bonds, multi-year projects, or contracts. If a school approves a 30-year bond, a five year contract, and a three year equipment lease in one year, only the first year payments for each would be used in the calculus of all budgets moving forward.

Rep. Jim Maggiore
FOR THE MINORITY

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Municipal and County Government

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1393

BILL TITLE: relative to the adoption of school district budget caps.

DATE: March 1, 2022

LOB ROOM: 301 - 303

MOTIONS: OUGHT TO PASS

Moved by Rep. Pauer

Seconded by Rep. Lascelles

Vote: 10-9

CONSENT CALENDAR: NO

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep John MacDonald, Clerk



2022 SESSION

Municipal and County Government

Bill #: HB 1393 Motion: OTP AM #: _____ Exec Session Date: 3/1/22

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Dolan, Tom Chairman	10		
Piemonte, Tony Vice Chairman	1		
MacDonald, John T. Clerk	2		
Tripp, Richard P.	3		
Guthrie, Joseph A.	4		
Lascelles, Richard W.	5		
McBride, Everett P. <i>MacDonald</i>	6		
Melvin, Charles R.	7		
Ayer, Paul F.	8		
Pauer, Diane	9		
Maggiore, Jim V.		1	
Treleaven, Susan GS		2	
Gilman, Julie D.		3	
Stavis, Laurel		4	
Mangipudi, Latha D. <i>Newman</i>		5	
Vann, Ivy C.		6	
Klee, Patricia S.		7	
Gallager, Eric B.		8	
Rung, Rosemarie		9	
TOTAL VOTE:	10	9	

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1393

BILL TITLE: relative to the adoption of school district budget caps.

DATE: February 15, 2022

LOB ROOM: 301 - 303

Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 3:35 p.m.

Time Adjourned: 4:35 p.m.

Committee Members: Reps. Dolan, Piemonte, J. MacDonald, Tripp, Guthrie, Lascelles, Pauer, Maggiore, Gilman, Mangipudi, Vann, Klee, Gallager and Rung

Bill Sponsors:

Rep. Pauer

Rep. Ammon

Rep. Greene

Rep. Hill

Rep. Hobson

Rep. Post

Rep. Silber

Rep. Andrus

Sen. Gannon

TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

Rep. Diane Pauer - Prime sponsor of the bill. This bill is a constituent request enabling legislation. Bring spending to a reasonable level. 3/5th majority vote. Annual adjustment factor/consumer price index. The total spending is limited by the budget cap. Approved to override the budget cap must be 3/5ths. Specifies a budget cap 3/5 super majority flexible in spending, with the changing student population.

Eric Pauer, SDGA Member - Responsible governor in the school districts. We looked at 26 school districts. 21 school districts exceeded inflation despite the declining enrollment the budgets went up. Submitted graph - explained to committee. Reasonable cost per student.

Rep. Dolan: Gross cost per student, are you adding in the fixed cost? ANS: It is on the attachment, shows the cost per student.

Rep. Tripp: Fixed costs are set. What are variable costs? ANS: How much do you pay on your people, special education. 75 to 80% are variable costs. You can't keep the same number of teachers when your school population is down 15%.

Rep. Lascelles: All students are not the same. One handicapped child can greatly affect the budget. How would this affect the budget? ANS: The law of large numbers. You will have to deal with that a d go to the community for the super majority.

Rep. Maggiore: Roman IV - First year payment on the bond. The second year is different. ANS: The school board or the budget committee need to plan for that.

Rep. Rung: Need - staffing is not going down/when student enrollment is dropping. How does this work in this bill? ANS: When you start having 12 or 13% of students leaving, you will need to reduce costs.

Rep. Maggiore: School board - Budget committee - SB 2 raises the budget over the cap. That appropriation has to go to the ballot. Whatever the article is that puts you over the cap. You would need a vote on each article that you go over the tax cap.

Rep. Gilman: Decline of student enrollment. Where did you get that number? ANS: Department of Education, Hollis Brookline school district. Not that many students being born to New Hampshire residents.

Rep. Dolan: Handicapped - students are out placed to very expensive facilities. Does that mean that the other students will get burned? ANS: They should be included in the gross cost per student. If not, it would take a super majority to increase it.

Barrett Christina, NH School Boards Association - Opposes the bill. We are opposed to this bill. Competing interest. Best possible education. Collective bargain agreement for salaries. Declining enrollment throughout the state. School District 1,000. 76 students per grade level. 65 students per class. The max for elementary students is 25. RSA 32:5 local tax cap. SB 2 is another opportunity for taxes increase or decrease. 2021 school kindergarten, we saw a decrease in kindergarten students.

Brian Hawkins, NEA - NH - Opposes the bill. Many shared concerns as mentioned by previous speakers. The initial number that gets approval if that is not adequate and the number is too low. It would be very difficult for the school districts. What happens to the quality of education?

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. John MacDonald
Clerk

House Remote Testify

Municipal and County Government Committee Testify List for Bill HB1393 on 2022-02-15

Support: 7 Oppose: 1 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 0

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<u>Name</u>	<u>City, State</u> <u>Email Address</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>Non-Germane</u>	<u>Signed Up</u>
Pauer, Eric	Brookline, NH secretary@BrooklineGOP.org	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/7/2022 6:19 PM
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Ahern, Jr., Omer	Wentworth, NH omer.ahern.jr@gmail.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	No	2/10/2022 10:56 PM
Bettencourt, Janice	Sunapee, NH Jan.Bettencourt@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/11/2022 6:17 AM
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Doughty, Patrick	Bethlehem, NH patrickdoughty@roadrunner.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/11/2022 2:03 PM
Lane, Connie	Concord, NH connie.lane@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Merrimack District 12	Oppose	No	No	2/11/2022 5:40 PM
Hamer, Heidi	Manchester, NH heidi.hamer@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/11/2022 6:18 PM
Hamer, Gary	Manchester, NH grhamer@aol.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/11/2022 6:19 PM

Fay, Chris	Litchfield, NH loyalx3@aol.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/11/2022 9:40 PM
Dyer, Allison	Nashua, NH allie_scott@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/11/2022 10:18 PM
Cahill, Michael	Newmarket, NH michael.cahill@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/12/2022 6:31 AM
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Wood, Jacqueline	Auburn, NH jackie_wood47@hotmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/12/2022 10:29 AM
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Nardino, Marie	Andover, NH mdnardino@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/13/2022 4:48 PM
Broshek, Mary Anne	Andover, NH mabandsadie@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/13/2022 4:57 PM
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Barbour, Liz	Hollis, NH lizbarbour@protonmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/13/2022 6:11 PM
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Kirby, Pamela	Derry, NH pkirby1@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/13/2022 9:05 PM
Martin, Valerie	Nashua, NH valscustomsigns@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/13/2022 9:21 PM
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Zaenglein, Eric	Amherst, NH henley11@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/13/2022 9:56 PM
Stevens, Representative Deb	Nashua, NH debstevens4ward7@gmail.com	An Elected Official	My 10K constituents	Oppose	No	No	2/13/2022 10:06 PM
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Jakubowski, Dennis	LOUDON, NH dendeb146@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/14/2022 9:26 AM
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Gordon, Margaret	Weare, NH Megordon98@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/14/2022 10:58 AM
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Gordon, Laurie	Weare, NH lmgord23@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/14/2022 12:21 PM
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Romero, Dena	Hanover, NH dena.romero@myfairpoint.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/14/2022 1:54 PM
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Trostorff, Pamela	Warner, NH pdt360@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/14/2022 2:49 PM
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Aronson, Laura	Manchester, NH laura@mlans.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/14/2022 3:00 PM
Payne, Deborah	Brentwood, NH deborah.e.payne@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/14/2022 4:26 PM
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Martin, Patricia A	Rindge, NH pmartin2894@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/14/2022 4:27 PM
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Hershey, Jane	Rindge, NH janelhershey@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/14/2022 4:47 PM
blanche, raul	Hollis, NH raul.blanche@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/14/2022 4:57 PM
Banfield, Ann Marie	North Hampton, NH Banfieldannmarie@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/14/2022 4:58 PM
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Heather Goley

From: Marzetta Gaskamp <marzetta.gaskamp@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 8, 2022 9:58 PM
To: ~House Children and Family Law Committee; ~House Commerce Committee; ~House Criminal Justice and Public Safety; ~House Education Committee; ~House Election Law Committee; ~House Environment and Agriculture Committee; ~House Executive Departments and Administration; ~House Finance Committee; ~House Fish and Game Committee; ~House Health Human Services and Elderly Affairs; ~House Judiciary Committee; ~House Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services; ~House Legislative Administration; ~House Municipal and County Govt; ~House Public Works and Highways; ~House Resources Recreation and Development; ~House Rules Committee; ~House Science Technology and Energy; ~House State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs; ~House Ways & Means Committee
Subject: HB 1393

Dear Senators,

I am writing today to urge you to please OPPOSE HB 1393, relative to the adoption of arbitrary and rigid school district budget caps.

As your constituent and voter, I am very concerned about the damage that HB 1393 will do to New Hampshire communities like mine. I have been paying attention to the chaos that has erupted in the small town of Croydon and I do not want that for my community.

After everything our children have been through with the pandemic, HB 1393 would be devastating to our children and their families. Because of the impossible position that arbitrary per-pupil budget caps put a school district in, our children could find themselves suddenly without the teachers, staff, programs, and supports they've always had (and need now more than ever).

Please find HB 1393 Inexpedient to Legislate.

Sincerely,

Marzetta Gaskamp
Laconia NH

Granite State Taxpayers is New Hampshire's oldest statewide taxpayer advocacy group, founded in 1990 by the late Governor Mel Thomson and the late N.H. Senator George Lovejoy.

GST supports HB 1393. It provides a local option for school districts, by a supermajority vote, to cap their operating budgets at last year's level, adjusted for the number of students and inflation, and once in effect, allows for the cap to be over-ridden by a supermajority.

This provides an opportunity for towns concerned about the level of property taxes another way to control them.

We ask that the Committee report the bill out as OTP.

Respectfully,

Neal Kurk

for Granite State Taxpayers

Heather Goley

From: Weare Representative <rep03281@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2022 10:30 AM
To: ~House Municipal and County Govt
Subject: HB 1393



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February 14, 2022

N.H. House Committee on Municipal and County Government

Legislative Office Building

33 North State Street

Concord NH 03301

Re: HB 1393, relative to the adoption of school district budget caps

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Unofficial Cheat Sheet of Key Timberlane Regional School District Metrics

Year Ending June	Budget	Unassigned Fund Balance	Actual Expenditure	Enrollment TRSD Reported	Staff Full Time Equiv (FTE)	Student Teacher Ratio NHDOE	Cost Per Pupil NHDOE Calculation	Gross Budget Per Pupil	Local Assessment (Note 1)
2008	\$57,493,020	\$1,417,844	\$56,270,519	4,653	697.5	12.7	\$10,573	\$12,356	\$38,901,455
2009	\$60,164,826	\$975,215	\$58,690,463	4,496	710.9	12.1	\$11,108	\$13,382	\$41,862,001
2010	\$60,950,948	\$1,705,287	\$59,264,291	4,398	728.1	12.4	\$11,543	\$13,859	\$41,409,857
2011	\$63,042,176	\$2,137,432	\$61,093,305	4,275	711.8	12.1	\$12,414	\$14,747	\$42,479,248
2012	\$63,329,559	\$1,995,623	\$61,186,711	4,162	688.6	12.4	\$13,005	\$15,216	\$42,942,286
2013	\$63,021,817	\$1,988,459	\$61,054,575	4,072	688	12.1	\$13,329	\$15,477	\$43,479,773
2014	\$65,020,620	\$2,128,647	\$63,120,620	3,924	694.9	11.3	\$14,498	\$16,570	\$45,718,130
2015	\$67,335,682	\$2,250,680	\$63,409,029	3,773	688.4	11.4	\$14,867	\$17,847	\$47,009,603
2016	\$68,321,710	\$3,502,167	\$64,737,703	3,673	676.7	11.4	\$15,695	\$18,601	\$46,801,684
2017	\$70,464,589	\$3,599,045	\$67,087,743	3,581	676.9	11.2	\$16,780	\$19,677	\$49,364,379
2018	\$71,509,415	\$2,511,989	\$69,032,792	3,556	675.5	11.1	\$17,280	\$20,110	\$53,007,333
2019	\$71,870,606	\$2,511,989	\$68,041,040	3,464	651.4	11.5	\$17,464	\$20,748	\$54,018,988
2020	\$73,078,676	\$3,284,921	\$71,055,256	3,464		11.5	\$18,121	\$21,097	
2021	\$73,304,644	\$3,417,890	\$70,688,400	3,456		11.0	\$19,768	\$21,211	
2022	\$75,398,154	\$1,000,000		3,289				\$22,924	
2023	\$75,753,607	\$1,000,000	1	3,289				\$23,032	
Change 2008-21	UP 27.5%		UP 25.6%	DOWN -25.7%	DOWN -6.6%		UP 87.0%	UP 71.7%	UP #VALUE!

Thank you. May your wisdom give New Hampshire voters the freedom they need to bring government schools back to an affordable reality.

Donna Green

Member of School District Governance Association of NH
sdganh.org

Heather Goley

From: Donna Green <donnagre@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 10:46 AM
To: ~House Municipal and County Govt
Cc: Tony Piemonte
Subject: Please Vote in Favor of HB 1393
Attachments: Cheat Sheet rev Feb 15 2022.pdf

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

I used to serve on the Timberlane Regional School District Budget Committee and then subsequently on its school board. Timberlane is a large cooperative district but not unlike many in New Hampshire. In 2008, its enrollment was at a historic high. It's budget was \$57.5 million. Since then, the district has lost more than a quarter of its students while its budget has grown more than 25%. For the year 2021, its budget was up 27.5% from 2008, while enrollment was down 25.7%.

Gross cost per student in 2021 was \$21,211.00 for every child from kindergarten to 12th grade.

We are all told there is a crisis in education. Clearly it is not due to funding. Our schools are lavishly funded. The crisis is in management. SAUs have no incentive to release administrators and surplus teachers with plummeting enrollment, and they don't. Budget committees are told personnel is not their purview, and school boards are for the most part in the thrall of their superintendents.

We all know government school district budgets will just keep going up regardless of how many students they lose to charters, homeschooling or private options. This is why it is critical to support this bill to allow district voters to put a cap linked to enrollment on district budgets.

Attached is a quick summary of the salient financial numbers for Timberlane which I call a "Cheat Sheet." It is my understanding that the vast majority of districts in the state have a similar situation of vastly declining enrollment with equally vastly escalating budgets. Clearly this is only possible because the taxpayers cannot impose discipline on institutions and administrations that have no incentive to restrain themselves and manage themselves more prudently.

Heather Goley

From: Sharon Clark <sharonclark411@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2022 4:25 PM
To: ~House Municipal and County Govt
Subject: Support HB1393

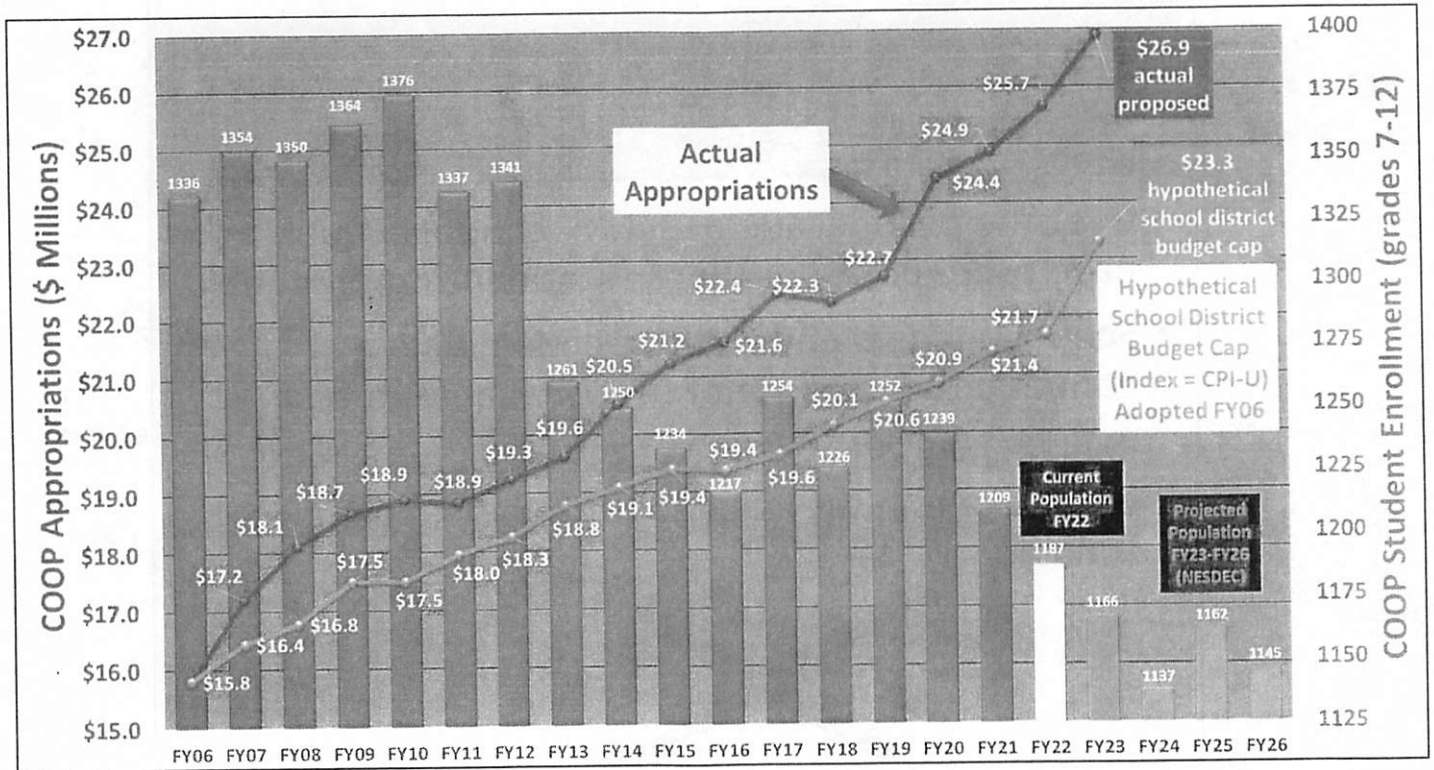
Dear Committee Members,

Our school budget has increased dramatically. Our town is at a loss as to how to defend ourselves from these inflating taxes. They take two thirds of our tax dollars. Please pass HB 1393.

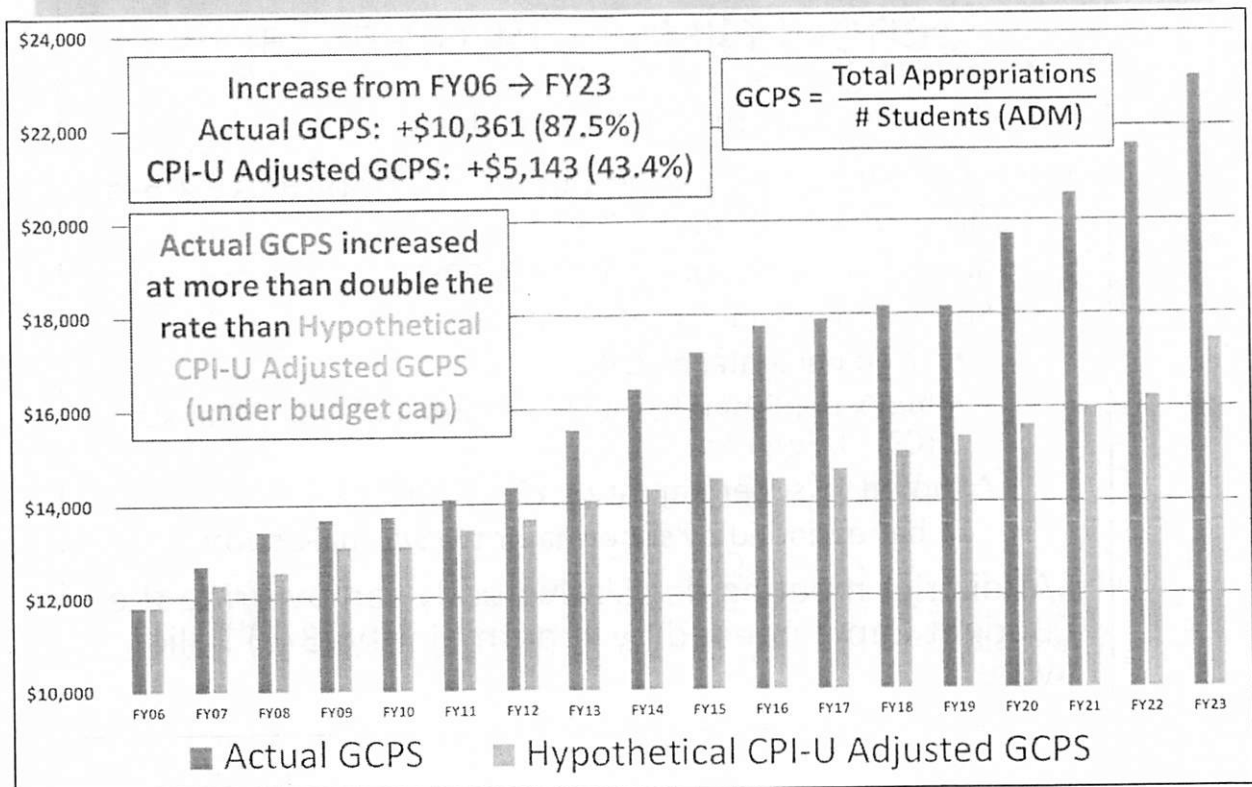
Sincerely,

Sharon Clark
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Town of Grafton

Example Student Enrollment and Appropriations History



Example Gross Cost Per Student (GCPS) – Actual GCPS and CPI-U Adjusted GCPS

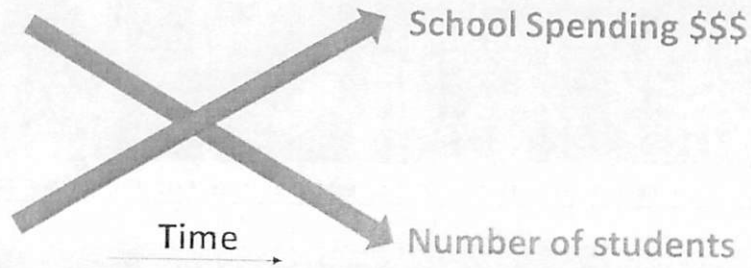


HB 1393 – School District Budget Cap

House Committee on Municipal and County Government

Issue: Rising School Spending, Declining Student Populations

- Over the past decade or so, NH school districts have experienced declines in student enrollment
- School budgets and overall spending have continued to increase at unsustainable rates
- Enabling legislation in HB 1393 provides school districts a tool they can adopt to help manage spending



Solution: RSA 32:5-d – “School District Budget Cap”

- Enabling legislation, not a mandate
- School district legislative body can adopt RSA 32:5-d “School District Budget Cap”
 - Specify gross cost per student (GCPS)
 - Specify annual increase for inflation
 - Fixed percentage **OR**
 - Index published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (CPI-U, ECI, etc.)
 - Adopted by supermajority (3/5) ballot vote
 - Can be rescinded by supermajority (3/5) ballot vote
- At district meeting, legislative body can override the Budget Cap if needed by supermajority (3/5) ballot vote

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HOUSE BILL **1393**

AN ACT relative to the adoption of school district budget caps.

SPONSORS: Rep. Pauer, Hills. 26; Rep. Ammon, Hills. 40; Rep. Greene, Hills. 37; Rep. Hill, Merr. 3; Rep. Hobson, Rock. 35; Rep. Post, Hills. 4; Rep. Silber, Belk. 2; Rep. Andrus, Merr. 1; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes the requirements for and procedure for the adoption of a school district budget cap.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in **bold italics**.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]
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 Two

AN ACT relative to the adoption of school district budget caps.

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

1 1 New Sections; Municipal Budget Law; School District Budget Caps. Amend RSA 32 by
2 inserting after section 5-c the following new sections:

3 32:5-d School District Budget Cap. Upon adoption under RSA 32:5-e, the following shall apply:

4 I. In a school district that has adopted this section, the total amount raised and
5 appropriated for the fiscal year, as shown on the budget certified by the school board or the budget
6 committee and posted with the warrant for the annual meeting pursuant to RSA 32:5, shall not
7 exceed a specified dollar amount times the average daily membership of the school district as of
8 October 1 of the year immediately preceding the proposed budget year as reported to the department
9 of revenue administration plus an amount for an annual increase for inflation.

10 II. The annual increase for inflation shall be either a fixed percentage, including zero, or an
11 inflation index published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

12 III. The legislative body may override the budget cap by the usual procedures applicable to
13 annual school meetings of the legislative body, provided that when a proposed appropriation will
14 cause the total amount raised and appropriated to exceed the budget cap or the total amount already
15 raised and appropriated has exceeded the budget cap, voting on the appropriation question shall be
16 by ballot, but the question shall not be placed on the official ballot used to elect officers, except in the
17 case of a legislative body that uses an official ballot form of meeting under RSA 40:13 or under a
18 charter adopted pursuant to RSA 49-D. If a 3/5 majority, or the supermajority as determined under
19 a charter pursuant to RSA 49-D, of those voting on the question vote "yes," the appropriation is
20 approved. Only votes in the affirmative or negative shall be included in the calculation of the 3/5
21 majority or the supermajority as determined under a charter pursuant to RSA 49-D.

22 IV.(a) For warrant articles proposing bonds, notes, or other multi-year expenditures, only
23 the first-year estimated costs shall be used in counting appropriations for the budget cap.

24 (b) When using the official ballot form of meeting under RSA 40:13, if the warrant
25 article for the operating budget results in appropriations exceeding the budget cap and receives less
26 than 3/5 majority "yes" vote, the adopted operating budget shall be reduced by appropriations
27 already raised to remain compliant with the budget cap.

28 (c)(1) School districts that have adopted the school administrative unit (SAU) alternative
29 budget procedure under RSA 194-C:9-b shall place the warrant article for the SAU budget at the
30 beginning of school district warrant, immediately after any warrant articles proposing bonds or
31 notes.

1 (2) For school districts using a traditional meeting and when the outcome of the SAU
2 budget vote is pending on balloting from the other school districts, the higher of the school district's
3 assigned portion of the proposed SAU budget or the school district's assigned portion of the adjusted
4 SAU budget shall be assumed as raised and appropriated for the purpose of determining when the
5 override provisions under paragraph III apply.

6 32:5-e Adoption of School District Budget Cap.

7 I. The provisions of RSA 32:5-d may be adopted by any school district in the state whose
8 legislative body raises and appropriates funds through an annual meeting. A 3/5 majority of those
9 voting on the question shall be required to adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-d. Only votes in the
10 affirmative or negative shall be included in the calculation of the 3/5 majority.

11 II. The question shall be placed on the warrant of the annual or special meeting by the
12 school board or by petition under the procedures set out in RSA 197:2 or 197:6.

13 III. A public hearing shall be held by the school board on the question at least 15 days, but
14 not more than 30 days, before the question is to be voted on. In multi-town school districts, a public
15 hearing shall be held in each town embraced by the district, none of which shall be held on the same
16 day. Notice of the hearing shall be posted in at least 2 public places in the district and at least 2
17 public places in each town of multi-town districts, and published in a newspaper of general
18 circulation at least 7 days prior to the date of the hearing.

19 IV. The wording of the question shall be: "Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-d, and
20 implement a budget cap whereby the school board (or budget committee) shall not submit a
21 recommended budget that is higher than ___ dollars times the average daily membership of the
22 school district as of October 1 of the year immediately preceding the proposed budget year plus a ___
23 annual increase for inflation. Requires a 3/5ths majority of the school district." Alternatively, if an
24 inflation index is used, the wording of the question shall be: "Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA
25 32:5-d, and implement a budget cap whereby the school board (or budget committee) shall not
26 submit a recommended budget that is higher than ___ dollars times the average daily membership of
27 the school district as of October 1 of the year immediately preceding the proposed budget year plus
28 an annual increase for inflation using (the index) published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics as
29 of January 1. Requires a 3/5ths majority of the school district."

30 V. Voting on the question shall be by ballot, but the question shall not be placed on the
31 official ballot used to elect officers, except in the case of a legislative body that uses an official ballot
32 form of meeting under RSA 40:13 or under a charter adopted pursuant to RSA 49-D. Polls shall
33 remain open and ballots shall be accepted by the moderator for a period of not less than one hour
34 following the completion of discussion on the question. If a 3/5 majority of those voting on the
35 question vote "yes," RSA 32:5-d shall apply within the school district beginning with the following
36 fiscal year and for all subsequent years until it is rescinded as provided in paragraph VI.

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1 VI. Any school district which has adopted RSA 32:5-d may consider rescinding its action in
2 the manner described in paragraphs I through V. The wording of the question shall be: "Shall we
3 rescind the provisions of RSA 32:5-d, known as the school district budget cap, as adopted by the
4 (school district) on (date of adoption), so that there will no longer be a school district budget cap limit
5 on the amount raised and appropriated?" A 3/5 majority of those voting on the question shall be
6 required to rescind the provisions of this section, except in the case of repeal by charter enactment
7 under RSA 49-D. Only votes in the affirmative or negative shall be included in the calculation of the
8 3/5 majority.

9 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.