

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**February 23, 2022**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Committee on Education to which was referred HB  
1605-FN,**

**AN ACT requiring SAUs to maintain a report on the 5-  
year projection of future enrollments. Having  
considered the same, report the same with the following  
resolution: RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO  
LEGISLATE.**

**Rep. Rick Ladd**

**FOR THE COMMITTEE**

## COMMITTEE REPORT

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|-------------------|--|
| Committee:        | <b>Education</b>   |
| Bill Number:      | <b>HB 1605-FN</b>  |
| Title:            | <b>requiring SAUs to maintain a report on the 5-year projection of future enrollments.</b> |
| Date:             | <b>February 23, 2022</b>   |
| Consent Calendar: | <b>CONSENT</b>   |
| Recommendation:   | <b>INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE</b>  |

### STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill requires school administrative units to annually report to school districts the 5-year projection of future enrollments within the school administrative unit, including cost per student information. School districts and budget committees presently gather this data when developing annual budgets and projecting expenditures extending forward into the future. This is done when addressing negotiated contracts, bonding, capital purchases, maintenance plans, and much more. Although this bill is directed toward the purpose of holding each school district's cost per student growth within the current inflation rate, there are certain unplanned expenses that occur that significantly spike small district per pupil costs. Unexpected special education costs associated with newly placed, handicapped students may be catastrophic for districts with fewer than 100 students. Those expenses must be paid in the given year; however, budgets are premised upon data from the previous year. Each district is unique with different contracts, demographics, staffing, community economics, and more which will be different from district to district. Each district has unique issues contributing to costs, and these elements come into play when forecasting populations. The committee cautions comparison of one district to another due to these very unique education costing elements.

Vote 18-1.

Rep. Rick Ladd  
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk  
Cc: Committee Bill File

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Education

**HB 1605-FN**, requiring SAUs to maintain a report on the 5-year projection of future enrollments. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Rick Ladd for Education. This bill requires school administrative units to annually report to school districts the 5-year projection of future enrollments within the school administrative unit, including cost per student information. School districts and budget committees presently gather this data when developing annual budgets and projecting expenditures extending forward into the future. This is done when addressing negotiated contracts, bonding, capital purchases, maintenance plans, and much more. Although this bill is directed toward the purpose of holding each school district's cost per student growth within the current inflation rate, there are certain unplanned expenses that occur that significantly spike small district per pupil costs. Unexpected special education costs associated with newly placed, handicapped students may be catastrophic for districts with fewer than 100 students. Those expenses must be paid in the given year; however, budgets are premised upon data from the previous year. Each district is unique with different contracts, demographics, staffing, community economics, and more which will be different from district to district. Each district has unique issues contributing to costs, and these elements come into play when forecasting populations. The committee cautions comparison of one district to another due to these very unique education costing elements. **Vote 18-1.**

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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1605-FN**

**BILL TITLE:** requiring SAUs to maintain a report on the 5-year projection of future enrollments.

**DATE:** February 24, 2022

**LOB ROOM:** 207

**MOTIONS: OUGHT TO PASS**

Moved by Rep. Hobson

Seconded by Rep. A. Lekas

Vote: 3-16

**MOTIONS: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Moved by Rep. Ladd

Seconded by Rep. Luneau

Vote: 18-1

**CONSENT CALENDAR: YES**

**Statement of Intent:** Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Melissa Litchfield, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on Bill # 1605

BILL TITLE: Requiring SAUs to maintain a report  
DATE: on 2/24/22 the 5-year projection of future  
LOB ROOM: 209 enrollments

MOTION: (Please check one box)

- OTP
- ITL
- Retain (1<sup>st</sup> year)
- Adoption of Amendment # \_\_\_\_\_ (if offered)
- Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. Hobson Seconded by Rep. Lukas Vote: 16-3

MOTION: (Please check one box)

- OTP
- OTP/A
- ITL
- Retain (1<sup>st</sup> year)
- Adoption of Amendment # \_\_\_\_\_ (if offered)
- Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. Ladd Seconded by Rep. Unrau Vote: 18-1

MOTION: (Please check one box)

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- Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_


MOTION: (Please check one box)

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- Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

CONSENT CALENDAR:  YES  NO

Minority Report? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No If yes, author, Rep: \_\_\_\_\_ Motion \_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully submitted:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Rep. Melissa Litchfield, Clerk



2022 SESSION

Education

Bill #: 1605 Motion: ITL AM #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exec Session Date: 2/24/22

| <u>Members</u>                | <u>YEAS</u> | <u>Nays</u> | <u>NV</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| Ladd, Rick M. Chairman        | 18          |             |           |
| Cordelli, Glenn Vice Chairman | 1           |             |           |
| Litchfield, Melissa A. Clerk  | 2           |             |           |
| Boehm, Ralph G.               | 3           |             |           |
| Lekas, Alicia D.              |             | 1           |           |
| Moffett, Michael              | 4           |             |           |
| Hobson, Deborah L.            | 5           |             |           |
| Ford, Oliver J.               | 6           |             |           |
| Soti, Julius F.               | 7           |             |           |
| Nelson, Bill G.               | 8           |             |           |
| Myler, Mel-Walz, Mary Beth    | 10          |             |           |
| Luneau, David J.              | 9           |             |           |
| Cornell, Patricia             | 11          |             |           |
| Tanner, Linda L.              | 12          |             |           |
| Ellison, Arthur S.            | 13          |             |           |
| Mullen, Sue M.                | 14          |             |           |
| Woodcock, Stephen L.          | 15          |             |           |
| Porter, Marjorie              | 16          |             |           |
| A. Hall, Muriel C.            | 17          |             |           |
| <b>TOTAL VOTE:</b>            | <b>18</b>   | <b>1</b>    |           |



2022 SESSION

Education

Bill #: 1605 Motion: OTP AM #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exec Session Date: 2/24/22

| <u>Members</u>                           | <u>YEAS</u> | <u>Nays</u> | <u>NV</u> |
|--|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| Ladd, Rick M. Chairman <i>last</i>       |             | 16          |           |
| Cordelli, Glenn Vice Chairman <i>1st</i> |             | 1           |           |
| Litchfield, Melissa A. Clerk             |             | 2           |           |
| Boehm, Ralph G.                          |             | 3           |           |
| Lekas, Alicia D.                         | 1           |             |           |
| Moffett, Michael                         |             | 4           |           |
| Hobson, Deborah L.                       | 2           |             |           |
| Ford, Oliver J.                          |             | 5           |           |
| Soti, Julius F.                          |             | 6           |           |
| Nelson, Bill G.                          | 3           |             |           |
| Myler, Mel-Walz, Mary Beth <i>2nd</i>    |             | 8           |           |
| Luneau, David J. <i>1st</i>              |             | 7           |           |
| Cornell, Patricia                        |             | 9           |           |
| Tanner, Linda L.                         |             | 10          |           |
| Ellison, Arthur S.                       |             | 11          |           |
| Mullen, Sue M.                           |             | 12          |           |
| Woodcock, Stephen L.                     |             | 13          |           |
| Porter, Marjorie                         |             | 14          |           |
| A. Hall, Muriel C.                       |             | 15          |           |
| <b>TOTAL VOTE:</b>                       | <b>3</b>    | <b>16</b>   |           |

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**PUBLIC HEARING on Bill # HB1605**

**BILL TITLE:** requiring SAUs to maintain a report on the 5-year projection of future enrollments.

**DATE:** 2/3/22

**ROOM:** 207

**Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 10:55 AM**

**Time Adjourned: 10:58 AM**

**Committee Members: Reps. Ladd, Cordelli, Boehm, A. Lekas, Moffet, Hobson, Ford, Soti, B. Nelson, Litchfield, Luneau, Cornell, Tanner, Ellison, Muller, Woodcock, Porter, and Walz**

No meeting notes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Melissa Litchfield, Clerk





# House Remote Testify

Education Committee Testify List for Bill HB1605 on 2022-02-03

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

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| <u>Name</u>        | <u>City, State</u><br><u>Email Address</u> | <u>Title</u>           | <u>Representing</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Testifying</u> | <u>Non-Germane</u> | <u>Signed Up</u>  |
|--------------------|--|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Richardson, Daniel | Nashua, NH<br>daniel6_22@comcast.net       | A Member of the Public | Myself              | Support         | No                | No                 | 1/31/2022 3:32 PM |

HB 1605-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2022 SESSION

22-2063

10/08

HOUSE BILL            ***1605-FN***

AN ACT                requiring SAUs to maintain a report on the 5-year projection of future enrollments.

SPONSORS:            Rep. G. Griffin, Hills. 5; Rep. Pitre, Straf. 2; Rep. Emerick, Rock. 21; Rep. Theberge, Coos 3

COMMITTEE:          Education

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ANALYSIS

This bill requires school administrative units to annually report to school districts the 5-year projection of future enrollments within the school administrative unit, including cost-per-student information. The requirement is repealed in 2025.

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Explanation:          Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~  
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 requiring SAUs to maintain a report on the 5-year projection of future enrollments.

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

1 1 New Paragraph; School Administrative Units; Duties; Enrollment Reports. Amend RSA 194-  
2 C:4 by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

3 III. Each school administrative unit shall annually prepare for each school board served by  
4 the school administrative unit a report containing a 5-year projection of future enrollments within  
5 the school administrative unit. Such projections shall be based on current enrollments moving  
6 forward and projected school district growth based on sound demographic trends within each  
7 district. The report shall also contain a 5-year projection of the future cost per student of each school  
8 district served by the school administrative unit, contrasted with the cost per student of each school  
9 district for the previous 3 years. Such cost-per-student information shall be calculated based on the  
10 total actual, where available, or projected school district costs, including each district's share of the  
11 school administrative unit costs. The report shall be updated each year and presented as part of  
12 each school district's budget process for the forthcoming year. The report shall also present a plan of  
13 the budget reductions and/or consolidations necessary to hold each school district's cost-per-student  
14 growth within the current annual inflation rate.

15 2 Repeal. RSA 194-C:4, III, relative to enrollment reports, is repealed.

16 3 Effective Date.

17 I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2025.

18 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

**HB 1605-FN- FISCAL NOTE  
AS INTRODUCED**

AN ACT requiring SAUs to maintain a report on the 5-year projection of future enrollments.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**     State             County             Local             None

| LOCAL:       | Estimated Increase / (Decrease) |                |                |                |
|--------------|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|              | FY 2022                         | FY 2023        | FY 2024        | FY 2025        |
| Revenue      | \$0                             | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            |
| Expenditures | Indeterminable                  | Indeterminable | Indeterminable | Indeterminable |

**METHODOLOGY:**

This bill requires each school administrative unit (SAU) to report annually, from the bill's passage through 2025, to each school board served by the SAU, a report containing a 5-year projection of future enrollments. It is unknown across all SAUs in the state to what extent this bill may increase administrative costs, if at all. Therefore, this bill's impact on local school district expenditures between FY 2022 and FY 2025 is indeterminable.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

None