

Floor Amendment to SB 191-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT establishing the kindergarten initiative development support grant program.  
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5 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:  
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7 1 Kindergarten Initiative Development Support Grant. RSA 198:48-b is repealed and  
8 reenacted to read as follows:

9 198:48-b Kindergarten Initiative Development Support Grants.

10 I. When specific terms used in this section are defined in RSA 198:38, such terms shall have  
11 the meaning given such terms in RSA 198:38, and, in addition, in this section:

12 (a) "Adjusted equalized valuation excluding utilities" means the equalized valuation of  
13 property in a jurisdiction as determined by the department of revenue administration pursuant to  
14 RSA 76:8 for April 1 of the fiscal year 2 years prior to the applicable determination year.

15 (b) "Average daily membership in attendance" or "ADMA" shall mean the average daily  
16 membership in attendance, as defined in RSA 189:1-d, III, of pupils in kindergarten through grade  
17 12, in the determination year. ADMA shall only include pupils who are legal residents of New  
18 Hampshire pursuant to RSA 193:12 and educated at school district expense which may include  
19 public academies or out-of-district placements. For the purpose of calculating funding for  
20 municipalities, the ADMA shall not include pupils attending chartered public schools, but shall  
21 include pupils attending a charter conversion school approved by the school district in which the  
22 pupil resides.

23 (c) "Equalized valuation per pupil" means, for any municipality, the adjusted equalized  
24 valuation excluding utilities of the municipality for the determination year, divided by the  
25 municipality's total ADMR for the determination year.

26 (d) "KIDS grant" means the kindergarten initiative development support grants  
27 determined pursuant to this section.

28 (e) "Municipality's ELL factor" means, with respect to each municipality, the  
29 municipality's ELL percentage for the applicable determination year divided by the statewide ELL  
30 percentage for the same determination year.

31 (f) "Municipality's ELL percentage" means, with respect to each municipality, the  
32 municipality's English language learner pupils for the applicable determination year divided by the

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total statewide English language learner pupils for the same determination year.

(g) "Municipality's F&R factor" means, with respect to each municipality, the municipality's F&R percentage for the applicable determination year divided by the statewide F&R percentage for the same determination year.

(h) "Municipality's F&R percentage" means, with respect to each municipality, the municipality's pupils eligible for a free or reduced-price meal for the applicable determination year divided by the municipality's total ADMA for the same determination year.

(i) "Property wealth factor" means, with respect to each municipality, the statewide average equalized valuation per pupil for the applicable determination year divided by the municipality's equalized valuation per pupil for the same determination year.

(j) "Statewide aggregate KIDS grant" means, with respect to any determination year, the amount established by the legislature as an appropriation to fund the grants authorized under this section.

(k) "Statewide average equalized valuation per pupil" means the total statewide adjusted equalized valuation excluding utilities of all municipalities that had resident pupils during the determination year, divided by the total statewide ADMR for the determination year.

(l) "Statewide ELL percentage" means the total statewide English language learner pupils for the applicable determination year divide by the total statewide ADMA for the same determination year.

(m) "Statewide F&R percentage" means the total statewide number of pupils eligible for a free or reduced price meal for the applicable determination year divided by the total statewide ADMA for the same determination year.

(n) "Statewide KIDS grant per weighted kindergarten ADMA" means, with respect to any determination year, the statewide aggregate KIDS grant for the determination year divided by the statewide weighted kindergarten ADMA for the same determination year.

(o) "Statewide weighted kindergarten ADMA" means, with respect to any determination year, the sum of weighted kindergarten ADMA for all municipalities for the same determination year.

(p) "Weighted aggregate KIDS grant factor" means, with respect to each municipality, the sum of:

(1) 0.5 multiplied by the municipality's property wealth factor for the determination year; plus

(2) 0.25 multiplied by the municipality's F&R factor for the determination year; plus

(3) 0.25 multiplied by the municipality's ELL factor for the determination year.

(q) "Weighted kindergarten ADMA" means, with respect to each municipality, the municipality's kindergarten ADMA for the determination year multiplied by the municipality's weighted aggregate KIDS grant factor for the same determination year.

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1           II.(a) Except for the municipalities where all school districts therein provide education to all  
2 of their pupils by paying tuition to other institutions, the department of education shall determine  
3 the total KIDS grant for each municipality in accordance with this section.

4           (b) The amount of each municipality's KIDS grant for any fiscal year shall be equal to  
5 the statewide KIDS grant per weighted kindergarten ADMA for the determination year multiplied  
6 by the municipality's weighted kindergarten ADMA for the same determination year.

7           (c) The department shall use, to the greatest extent possible, the same data and  
8 methods used to determine adequate education grants for purposes of determining KIDS grants,  
9 subject to the specific provisions of this section. The department shall otherwise use the best  
10 available data and methods to estimate any other data or factors required under this section for  
11 calculating KIDS grants.

12           III.(a) The KIDS grant determined in this section shall be distributed to each municipality's  
13 school district or districts from the education trust fund established in RSA 198:39 in 4 payments of  
14 20 percent on September 1, 20 percent on November 1, 30 percent on January 1, and 30 percent on  
15 April 1 of each school year; provided that for a dependent school district, the grant determined in  
16 this section shall be distributed to the municipality, which shall appropriate and transfer the grant  
17 funds to its dependent school department.

18           (b) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and every fiscal year thereafter, the  
19 amount necessary to fund the KIDS grants under this section is hereby appropriated to the  
20 department from the education trust fund created under RSA 198:39. The governor is authorized to  
21 draw a warrant from the education trust fund to satisfy the state's obligation under this section.  
22 Such warrant for payment shall be issued regardless of the balance of funds available in the  
23 education trust fund. If the balance in the education trust fund, after the issuance of any such  
24 warrant, is less than zero, the commissioner of the department of administrative services shall  
25 inform the fiscal committee of the general court and the governor and council of such balance. This  
26 reporting shall not in any way prohibit or delay the distribution of KIDS grants.

27           (c) The department of education shall certify the amount of each KIDS grant to the  
28 state treasurer and direct the payment thereof to the school district or municipality.

29           2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes the kindergarten initiative development support grant program.