

1 Committee of Conference Report on SB 191-FN, establishing the kindergarten initiative
2 development support grant program.

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4 Recommendation:

5 That the Senate recede from its position of nonconcurrence with the House amendment, and
6 concur with the House amendment, and

7 That the Senate and House adopt the following new amendment to the bill as amended by the
8 House, and pass the bill as so amended:

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10 Amend the bill by replacing section 4 with the following:

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12 4 New Section; School Money; Kindergarten Grants. Amend RSA 198 by inserting after section
13 48-b the following new section:

14 198:48-c Kindergarten Grants.

15 I.(a) For fiscal year 2019, in addition to any funds received pursuant to RSA 198:40-a, in
16 the first year that a school district or chartered public school that operates an approved full-day
17 kindergarten program, the commissioner of the department of education shall calculate and
18 distribute a grant of \$1,100 per kindergarten pupil based on the enrollment number of eligible full-
19 day kindergarten pupils on the first day of the school year. The superintendent, or designee, shall
20 certify the enrollment number of kindergarten pupils to the commissioner.

21 (b) For fiscal year 2019, once pupils enrolled in an approved full-day kindergarten
22 program have been counted in the school district's average daily membership in attendance as
23 defined in RSA 198:38, I, a school district, or a chartered public school based on its kindergarten
24 average daily membership enrollment number, shall receive, in addition to any funds received
25 pursuant to RSA 198:40-a, an additional grant of \$1,100 per kindergarten pupil attending a full-day
26 kindergarten program. The commissioner shall certify the amount of the grant to the state
27 treasurer and direct the payment thereof from the education trust fund established in RSA 198:39
28 to the school district or chartered public school.

29 (c) Grants shall be disbursed to a school district pursuant to the distribution schedule in
30 RSA 198:42 and to a chartered public school pursuant to the distribution schedule in RSA 194-B:11,
31 I(c).

32 (d) The amount necessary to fund the grants under this section is hereby appropriated
33 to the department from the education trust fund. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant
34 from the education trust fund to satisfy the state's obligation under this section.

35 II. A school district or chartered public school that operates an approved full-day

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36 kindergarten program for which it receives funding under this section shall permit a pupil to attend
37 kindergarten for a half-day.

38 III.(a) For fiscal year 2020 and each fiscal year thereafter, in addition to any funds received
39 pursuant to RSA 198:40-a, the department of education shall distribute a total kindergarten grant,
40 pursuant to RSA 198:40-a, for the remaining 1/2 of each average daily membership not counted
41 under RSA 198:40-a to each school district or chartered public school that operates an approved full-
42 day kindergarten program. If the amount of revenue raised through keno is insufficient to fully
43 fund the distribution of grants under this section, the revenue shall be prorated proportionally
44 based on entitlement among the districts entitled to a grant. The prorated portion of this grant
45 shall not be less than the per pupil amount disbursed under paragraph I(b).

46 (b) Grants shall be disbursed to a school district pursuant to the distribution schedule
47 in RSA 198:42 and to a chartered public school pursuant to the distribution schedule in RSA 194-
48 B:11, I(c).

49 (c) The amount necessary to fund the grants under this paragraph is hereby
50 appropriated to the department from the education trust fund. The governor is authorized to draw
51 a warrant from the education trust fund to satisfy the state's obligation under this section.

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The signatures below attest to the authenticity of this Report on SB 191-FN, establishing the kindergarten initiative development support grant program.

Conferees on the Part of the Senate

Conferees on the Part of the House

Sen. Reagan, Dist. 17

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Sen. Bradley, Dist. 3

Rep. Ladd, Graf. 4

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes keno in New Hampshire and establishes a program to provide grants to kindergarten students.