



Senate Bill 191 (2017) An Act Establishing Keno and Relative to Funding for Kindergarten

Fiscal Issue Brief

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Senate Bill 191 (2017), establishes Keno, as well as a new kindergarten funding program, which will provide additional grants to school districts (districts) and chartered public schools (charter schools) for full-day kindergarten programs beginning in FY 2019. Below is a brief narrative for the grants in each FY 2019 and FY 2020 (and each year thereafter), and a table illustrating this bill’s impact on kindergarten per pupil aid.

In FY 2019, a district or charter school will receive \$1,100 per kindergarten pupil attending a full-day kindergarten program in addition to any funds received pursuant to RSA 198:40-a (cost of an opportunity for an adequate education). For districts or charter schools in which FY 2019 is the first year of a full-day kindergarten program, the payments will be based on enrollment numbers as of the first day of the school year. For all other full-day programs, the average daily membership in attendance (for districts) or average daily membership enrollment number (for charter schools) will be used to determine grants. All amounts necessary to make required payments is appropriated to the Department of Education (DOE) from the education trust fund.

In FY 2020 and each year thereafter, DOE “shall distribute a total kindergarten grant, pursuant to RSA 198:40-a, for the remaining ½ of each average daily membership not counted under RSA 198:40-a” to each district or charter school operating a full-day kindergarten program. This amount, also referred to as “full-adequacy” is estimated to be the base amount of \$1,856, plus any applicable differentiated aid¹. However, if the revenue raised through Keno is insufficient to fully fund the grants, proration is required “proportionally based on entitlement” **provided the prorated portion of the grant shall not be less than \$1,100 per pupil (regardless of actual Keno revenue).**

	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020 ²
<u>Half-Day Programs</u>			
Base Adequacy	\$1,818	\$1,818	\$1,856
Differentiated Aid ¹	\$0 - \$2,243	\$0 - \$2,243	\$0 - \$2,289
SB 191 Additional Grant	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Per Pupil	\$1,818 - \$4,061	\$1,818 - \$4,061	\$1,856 - \$4,145
<u>Full-Day Programs</u>			
Base Adequacy	\$1,818	\$1,818	\$1,856
Differentiated Aid ¹	\$0 - \$2,243	\$0 - \$2,243	\$0 - \$2,289
SB 191 Additional Grant	\$0	\$1,100	\$1,100 - \$4,145*
Total Per Pupil	\$1,818 - \$4,061	\$2,918 - \$5,161	\$2,956 - \$8,290

¹ Differentiated aid under 198:40-a is available for pupils eligible for free and reduced lunch meals, are receiving special education services, are English Language Learners, or for 3rd grader pupils whose achievement score on the state assessment for reading was below the proficient level.

² FY 2020 assumes 2.1% Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment (same as FY 2018-19)

* Will be prorated depending on Keno revenue, however the additional grant cannot be less than \$1,100 per pupil.