

1 Committee of Conference Report on HB 1627-FN-A, establishing an education freedom account  
2 program administrator in the department of education and making an appropriation therefor, and  
3 relative to the school meals direct certification with Medicaid program.

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5 Recommendation:

6 That the House recede from its position of nonconcurrency with the Senate amendment, and  
7 concur with the Senate amendment, and

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

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11 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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13 1 New Section; Department of Education; New Position; Education Freedom Accounts. Amend  
14 RSA 21-N by inserting after section 7 the following new section:

15 21-N:7-a Education Freedom Accounts; Administrator. There is established a position within  
16 the division of education analytics and resources who shall be a classified employee at no less than  
17 the level of administrator II. The education freedom account position shall be qualified to hold such  
18 position by reason of education and experience. The position shall be subject to any other  
19 employment requirements as determined by the department. The education freedom account  
20 position shall coordinate and provide technical assistance to guide students, parents, and the  
21 scholarship organizations responsible for dispensing the education freedom accounts (EFAs) under  
22 RSA 194-F. The education freedom account position shall:

23 I. Coordinate and provide technical assistance to students, parents, and the scholarship  
24 organizations that are responsible for administering the education freedom accounts (EFAs) under  
25 RSA 194-F.

26 II. Contract with scholarship organizations, subject to the approval of the governor and  
27 executive council.

28 III. Implement policies and procedures at the department related to the education freedom  
29 account program.

30 IV. Serve as a resource for administrators, educators, families, scholarship organizations,  
31 and policymakers across the state.

32 2 Appropriation. The sum of \$115,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 is hereby  
33 appropriated to the department of education, division of education analytics and resources, for the

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- 1 education freedom account position established in RSA 21-N:7-a. The governor is authorized to draw  
2 a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.  
3       3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

The signatures below attest to the authenticity of this Report on HB 1627-FN-A, establishing an education freedom account program administrator in the department of education and making an appropriation therefor, and relative to the school meals direct certification with Medicaid program.

Conferees on the Part of the Senate

Conferees on the Part of the House

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Sen. Ward, Dist. 8

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Rep. Ladd, Graf. 4

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Sen. Bradley, Dist. 3

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Rep. Cordelli, Carr. 4

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Sen. Prentiss, Dist. 5

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Rep. Weyler, Rock. 13

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Rep. Mullen, Hills. 7

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes the position of education freedom account administrator in the department of education, division of education analytics and resources, and makes an appropriation to the department for the position.