

Amendment to HB 1033-FN-LOCAL

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

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3 AN ACT prohibiting state grants, appropriations, or funds collected from property taxes to be  
4 used for lobbying efforts.  
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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:  
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9 1 New Paragraphs; Powers; Use of Funds for Lobbying Restricted. Amend RSA 24:13 by  
10 inserting after paragraph IV the following new paragraphs:

11 V. Except as provided in paragraph VII, no state grant or appropriation provided to any  
12 county shall be used for lobbying as referenced in RSA 15:1, II (a) and (b).

13 VI. Except as provided in paragraph VII, no funds collected from property taxes provided to  
14 any county shall be used for lobbying as referenced in RSA 15:1, II (a) and (b).

15 VII. Any county that wishes to engage in any of the activities prohibited in paragraph V or  
16 VI, shall segregate funds for such in a separate account, in such a manner that such funds are  
17 physically and financially separate from any funds that shall not be used for any of these purposes.  
18 Mere bookkeeping separation of state funds or county funds collected from taxpayers from other  
19 moneys shall not be sufficient.

20 2 New Section; Use of Property Tax Funds. Amend RSA 31 by inserting after section 8-a the  
21 following new section:

22 31:8-b Use of Taxpayer Funds

23 I. Except as provided in paragraph III, no state grant or appropriation provided to any town,  
24 city, village district or unincorporated place shall be used for lobbying as referenced in RSA 15:1, II  
(a) and (b).

25 II. Except as provided in paragraph III, no funds collected from property taxes provided to  
26 any town, city, village district or unincorporated place shall be used for lobbying as referenced in  
27 RSA 15:1, II (a) and (b).

28 III. Any town, city, village district or unincorporated place that wishes to engage in any of  
29 the activities prohibited in paragraph I or II, shall segregate non-taxpayer funds in a separate  
30 account, in such a manner that such funds are physically and financially separate from any funds  
31 that shall not be used for any of these purposes. Mere bookkeeping separation of state funds or  
32 county funds collected from taxpayers from other moneys shall not be sufficient.

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1       3 New Section; Limitation on Use of Funds. Amend RSA 194 by inserting after section 5 the  
2 following new section:

3       194:5-a Limitation on Use of Funds.

4           I. Except as provided in paragraph III, no state grant or appropriation provided to a school  
5 district shall be used for lobbying as referenced in RSA 15:1, II (a) and (b).

6           II. Except as provided in paragraph III, no funds raised by property taxpayers provided to  
7 any school district shall be used for lobbying as referenced in RSA 15:1, II (a) and (b).

8           III. Any school district that wishes to engage in any of the activities prohibited in paragraph  
9 I or II, shall segregate non-taxpayer funds in a separate account, in such a manner that such funds  
10 are physically and financially separate from any funds that may not be used for any of these  
11 purposes. Mere bookkeeping separation of state funds or school district funds collected from  
12 taxpayers from other moneys shall not be sufficient.

13       4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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**AMENDED ANALYSIS**

This bill prohibits counties, municipalities, or school districts that are recipients of a grant, appropriation, or property taxes from using such funds to engage in lobbying activities.