

## YOUR STATE REPS HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITIES TO DECREASE YOUR PROPERTY TAXES.

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Bill	Impact
<b>SB 295</b> (2025): Expanded universal voucher eligibility regardless of family income with soft "cap" on enrollment. <b>Passed the Senate on 3/27/25 and the House on 6/5/25</b>	Increased voucher program to \$51.6 million this year. It will continue to expand an unknown amount each year. In 2025, 96.7% of students who got a voucher were already in a private or home school program.
<b>Amendment #1525h</b> to the State Budget (2025): Amendment to increase public school funding to struggling communities instead of universal voucher eligibility. <b>Result: Killed in the House on 4/10/25</b>	This would have <b>increased funding to most NH towns by over \$100,000</b> instead of increasing money to the voucher program by about \$20 million per year.
<b>HB 155</b> : Cuts the Business Enterprise Tax (BET) rate from 0.55% to 0.50% which would reduce revenue to the State by \$26 million per year. Reductions in business taxes since 2015 have resulted in over \$1 Billion in lost revenue to the State. <b>Result: Passed in the House on 1/08/26</b>	Average business that pays BET would see a cut of only \$47 per month. Excluding larger businesses brings the savings down to just \$28 per month.  Largest 306 businesses in the state would get a tax cut of <b>\$2,561</b> per month.
<b>HB 651</b> : Would have increased the amount of funding for public schools coming from the state beyond the Supreme Court ruling in the ConVal case. <b>Result: Killed in the House on 1/07/26</b>	Homeowners would have seen a meaningful decrease in their local property tax bills. School districts would have recieved millions of dollars more per year from the State.
<b>HB 491</b> : Would have created a committee to begin discussing how to raise more revenue at the state level in order to reduce reliance on local property taxes. <b>Result: Killed in the House on 1/07/26</b>	Currently, the state only covers about 20% of public education costs and downshifts <b>over 70% to local property tax payers.</b>
<b>HB 1557</b> : Strengthens NH's Special Education Aid program by lowering the eligibility threshold and ending proration, allowing districts to receive earlier, more predictable state reimbursement for high-cost special education services and reducing the financial burden on local property taxpayers. <b>This bill was killed by the House on 2/19/2026.</b>	
<b>HB 1799</b> : Would establish new standards for what constitutes an adequate education, and reinforces the State's responsibility to provide an adequate education for all students regardless of location. This bill would have raised the State contribution from \$4,100 to \$7,356.56, which would reduce the burden on local property tax payers. <b>This bill was killed by the House on 2/19/2026.</b>	
<b>HB 1835</b> : This bill restructures how the State provides special education funding by moving away from the current flat differentiated aid model and toward a reimbursement-based system tied more closely to districts' actual special education costs. The bill increases the State's share of special education expenses and establishes a framework intended to provide districts with more timely and predictable reimbursement for services required under state and federal law. <b>This bill was killed by the House on 2/19/2026.</b>	
<b>HB 1636</b> : Would have required the NH Department of Revenue Administration to study and publicly report on options to raise \$500 million, the impact on income groups, and ways to make sure low and moderate income people did not pay more. <b>Result: Killed in the House on 2/12/26</b>	

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We are looking for folks to help write Letters to the Editor to raise awareness about this issue. We are focusing on the following areas: **Affordability** (property tax increases/hard to live here), **Accountability** (how the State is failing to address this), and **Answers** (possible solutions, call to action for the State to figure out how to solve this).

**Contact Casey at [cneal@fairfundingnh.org](mailto:cneal@fairfundingnh.org)** if you would like to write a letter learn more about opportunities to engage.

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