

UPDATE - this bill failed in the House in an early Jan session. It was brought forward after being retained last year for further discussion, but there were several amendments which ultimately led to its defeat. We should fully expect it will return in the future...

HB 675 is back - It imposes a **mandatory budget cap on every school district**, even though communities across New Hampshire have already rejected this idea **every single time** it's been proposed locally.

In 2025 alone, voters in ten districts defeated budget cap proposals — many by huge margins.

It will be voted on by the House in January.

Take a moment to speak up before the Legislature returns in January.

Tell Your Representatives to Oppose HB 675

Despite a minor amendment, HB 675 still:

- **Strips local control** away from voters and school boards
- **Ties school budgets to formulas** that don't reflect real needs or real costs
- **Will force cuts** to programs like arts, music, sports, AP classes, clubs, field trips, and Career & Technical Education
- **Locks in the deep inequities** in our school funding system
- **Distracts from the State's ongoing failure** to adequately fund public education

A statewide cap is simply unworkable.

This fall, More than 60 districts were hit with **unexpected SchoolCare**

insurance increases — some in the hundreds of thousands or even millions of dollars. These aren't expenses communities chose, and no one could have predicted them. Under HB 675, districts would have **no flexibility** to respond to cost spikes like these without cutting programs students rely on.

Granite Staters have said **no to budget caps** at the local level. Lawmakers rejected a backdoor attempt to slip this same policy into the State Budget this spring.

HB 675 is simply another attempt to force through a statewide cap communities do not want.

The Legislature votes in January. Now is the time to make your voice heard.



Thank you for taking action to protect local control and support strong public schools across New Hampshire.