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## Press Release



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### Statement from Governor Hassan on Senate Action on Amendment to Fund Education Adequacy Formula

CONCORD – Governor Maggie Hassan issued the following statement after the New Hampshire State Senate failed to pass an amendment to HB 1144 to provide the funding needed to fully comply with the state's adequacy formula:

"A strong public education system is critical to helping our students develop the skills and innovative thinking needed for success in the 21st century economy. I agree with the Attorney General's determination that the funding levels for certain school districts this fiscal year are not legally defensible, and I thank Senator David Watters for continuing to fight to ensure that we meet our responsibility to our students."

"I am disappointed that Senate Republicans today voted against doing the right thing for our students and towns, especially with revenues already \$80 million above plan this year, and expected to exceed plan by a similar amount next year. We have the ability to fill the Rainy Day Fund while also fully funding our obligations under the state's education funding formula for Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017, and there is no excuse for the legislature failing to act."

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