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BIPARTISAN VOTES ADVANCE TRIO OF CRITICAL EDUCATION FUNDING BILLS THROUGH HOUSE

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – The House of Representatives voted today to pass a trio of education funding bills to address short, midrange, and long term education funding challenges. [HB 177](#) benefits communities in the short term by restoring Stabilization Aid to 2016 levels for FY2020 and FY2021. [HB 709](#) provides a bridge by establishing Fiscal Capacity Disparity Aid based on equalized valuation per pupil beginning in FY2022. [HB 551](#) takes a long-range approach by establishing an independent commission to review, and make recommendations to improve, all aspects of education funding. **Representative Mel Myler (D-Contoocook)** released the following statement:

“This package of bills represents the most significant and bipartisan steps this legislature has taken yet to address deficiencies in our education funding formula. Year after year, property taxpayers have been forced to foot an increasing portion of public education costs because the state has failed to meet its obligations.”

“The House Education Committee rolled up our sleeves and worked together to propose meaningful reforms to our funding formulas. With the support of Representative Ladd and our Republican colleagues, we developed bipartisan proposals to provide more aid to communities that need it, while upholding our constitutional obligations to all students.”

“Together, these bills address short-term, mid-range, and long-term education funding needs. I thank my colleagues from both parties for their votes today.”