

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT

MINUTES

March 16, 2018

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, March 16, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Neal Kurk, Chairman
Representative Ken Weyler
Representative Lynne Ober
Representative Mary Jane Wallner
Representative Daniel Eaton
Representative Frank Byron (Alternate)
Representative Karen Umberger (Alternate)
Senator Gary Daniels
Senator Bob Giuda
Senator Lou D'Allesandro
Senator James Gray (Alternate)
Senator Sharon Carson (Alternate)

Chairman Kurk opened the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Senator Daniels, that the minutes of the February 16, 2018 meeting be accepted as written. MOTION ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS:

RSA 9:16-a, TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Senator Giuda, that the Committee approve the requests under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 18-039 Department of Justice – authorization to transfer \$70,682 in general/federal/other funds through June 30, 2018, FIS 18-047 Department of Transportation – authorization to transfer between various accounts and classes; \$603,224 in federal/other/highway funds through June 30, 2018, and \$275,000 in federal/other funds through June 30, 2019, FIS 18-051 Department of Information Technology – authorization to transfer \$175,000 in other funds through June 30, 2018, and FIS 18-055 Department of Administrative Services – authorization to create a new class code and transfer \$3,100 in other funds through June 30, 2018]

RSA 9:16-c, I, TRANSFER OF FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS:
CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee approve the request under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 18-038 New Hampshire Insurance Department – authorization to transfer \$125,100 in federal funds within a budgeted accounting unit through September 18, 2018]

RSA 14:30-a, VI FISCAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS OVER \$100,000 FROM ANY NON-STATE SOURCE:
CONSENT CALENDAR

At the request of Senator Daniels, FIS 18-040 Department of Environmental Services was removed from the Consent Calendar.

FIS 18-040 Department of Environmental Services – Susan Carlson, Chief Operations Officer, and Hamilton McLean, Bureau Administrator, Department of Environmental Services, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Senator Giuda, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Environmental Services to accept and expend \$152,305 in federal funds through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 124:15 POSITIONS AUTHORIZED:
CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator Daniels, that the Committee approve the request under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 18-041 Department of Environmental Services – authorization to extend one (1) full-time temporary Environmentalist III (LG 23) position from March 31, 2018 to December 31, 2018 (originally approved (FIS 16-141) October 14, 2016 and subsequently approved (FIS 17-153) September 29, 2017)]

RSA 14:30-a, VI FISCAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS OVER \$100,000 FROM ANY NON-STATE SOURCE AND RSA 9:16-a, TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED:
CONSENT CALENDAR

Request FIS 18-058 Department of Health and Services was removed from the Consent Calendar.

FIS 18-058 Department of Health and Human Services – Jeffrey Meyers, Commissioner, and Mary Calise, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services, and Denis Goulet, Commissioner, Department of Information Technology, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee. Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, Department

of Administrative Services respond to Committee questions, and Kerrin Rounds, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services was also present.

The Committee recessed at 10:33 a.m., and reconvened at 10:42 a.m.

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Wallner, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services through June 30, 2018 to; 1) accept and expend \$2,775,742 in federal funds, and 2) transfer \$2,775,742 in general funds, and contingent upon approval of request #2, 3) accept and expend \$2,779,591 in federal funds. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 14:30-a, VI FISCAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS OVER \$100,000 FROM ANY NON-STATE SOURCE AND RSA 124:15 POSITIONS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

Requests FIS 18-042 New Hampshire Insurance Department and FIS 18-053 Department of Safety were removed from the Consent Calendar.

FIS 18-042 New Hampshire Insurance Department – John Elias, Assistant Commissioner, and Alain Couture, Health Reform Coordinator, New Hampshire Insurance Department, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the New Hampshire Insurance Department through September 18, 2018 to; 1) accept and expend \$139,012 in federal funds, and 2) increase class 046 (Consultants) appropriation by \$139,012. No Action Taken.

On a motion by Senator Giuda, seconded by Senator Daniels, that the Committee table the request of the New Hampshire Insurance Department through September 18, 2018 to; 1) accept and expend \$139,012 in federal funds, and 2) increase class 046 (Consultants) appropriation by \$139,012. MOTION FAILED. (2-Yes, 8-No)

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the New Hampshire Insurance Department through September 18, 2018 to; 1) accept and expend \$139,012 in federal funds, and 2) increase class 046 (Consultants) appropriation by \$139,012. MOTION ADOPTED. (8-Yes, 2-No)

The Committee requested the Department provide the number of staff/consultants involved in the project of improving the rate review process and a status report of what has happened as a result of their work.

FIS 18-053 Department of Safety – Steven Lavoie, Director of Administration, Department of Safety, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Representative Wallner, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Safety through June 30, 2019 to; 1) accept and expend \$1,330,000 in federal funds, and contingent upon approval of request #1, 2) continue utilizing existing consultants currently contracted for the VISION project. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 14:30-a, VI FISCAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS OVER \$100,000 FROM ANY NON-STATE SOURCE, RSA 124:15 POSITIONS AUTHORIZED, AND CHAPTER 156:137, LAWS OF 2017, CONTINGENT APPROPRIATION; OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION; CONTROLLED DRUG PRESCRIPTION HEALTH AND SAFETY PROGRAM:

FIS 18-052 Office of Professional Licensure and Certification – Peter Danles, Executive Director, Michelle Ricco Jonas, Program Manager, Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, and Michael Bullek, Administrator, Chief of Compliance, Board of Pharmacy, Office of Professional Licensure and Certification presented the request and respond to questions of the Committee.

The Office of Professional Licensure and Certification passed around a copy of their Annual Report to the Fiscal Committee and offered to provide a copy to the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant to be disseminated to all the Members.

The Committee recessed at 11:14 a.m., and reconvened at 11:24 a.m.

On a motion by Representative Byron, seconded by Senator Giuda, that the Committee approve the request of the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification to; 1) amended FIS 14-015, approved February 14, 2014, to accept and expend \$267,363 in other funds through June 30, 2019, and contingent upon approval of request #1, 2) amended FIS 14-015, approved February 14, 2014, by extending the end date from March 31, 2018 to June 30, 2019 for; a) temporary full-time Administrator I position and b) class 046 Consultant position, and contingent upon approval of request #1 further authorization to, 3) amend FIS 16-055, approved March 18, 2016, by extending end date from March 31, 2018 to June 30, 2019 for a temporary full-time Administrative Assistant I position, 4) authorization to budget and expend \$100,000 in general funds through June 30, 2019, and contingent upon approval of request #4, authorization 5) for a temporary full-time Planning Analyst/Data System (LG 24) position through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

Senator Carson requested the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification provide a copy of the monthly Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Corrective Action Plan report, as submitted by the Board of Pharmacy, to the Senate Executive Department and Administration Committee.

RSA 106-H: 9-I (e), FUNDING; FUND ESTABLISHED:

FIS 18-043 Department of Safety – On a motion by Senator Daniels, seconded by Representative Weyler, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Safety to accept and expend \$105,000 from the Prior Year Carry Forward Balance of the Enhanced E-911 System Fund through June 30, 2018. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 604-A: 1-b, ADDITIONAL FUNDING:

FIS 18-044 Judicial Council – On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator Giuda, that the Committee approve the request of the Judicial Council to receive an additional appropriation from funds not otherwise appropriated in the amount of \$450,000 in general funds through June 30, 2018. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 156:13, LAWS OF 2017, JUDICIAL BRANCH; TRANSFER AMONG ACCOUNTS AND CLASSES:

FIS 18-045 Administrative Office of The Courts – On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator Giuda, that the Committee approve the request of the Administrative Office of the Courts to transfer \$787,500 in general/other funds through June 30, 2018. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 18-046 Administrative Office of The Courts – Replacement Pages 1 and 2 were submitted prior to the meeting. Christopher Keating, Director, and Donna Raymond, Fiscal Manager, Administrative Office of the Courts, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the Committee approve the request, including replacement pages 1 and 2, of the Administrative Office of the Courts to transfer \$549,700 in general funds through June 30, 2018. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 156:183, LAWS OF 2017, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; UNFUNDED POSITIONS; AUTHORIZATION:

FIS 18-054 Department of Health and Human Services – On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Representative Weyler, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to fill 2 unfunded positions effective upon Fiscal Committee approval through the biennium ending June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

MISCELLANEOUS:

None

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

FIS 18-050 Department of Health and Human Services – Jeffrey Meyers, Commissioner, Mary Calise, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, and Christine Santaniello, Controller, Division of Developmental Services, Department of Health and Human Services presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee regarding the Monthly Operating Statistics Dashboard SFY18 report through January 31, 2018.

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

AUDITS:


State of New Hampshire, Department of Information Technology, Performance Audit Report, March 2018 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, and John Clinch, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Denis Goulet, Commissioner, and Ken Dunn, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Information Technology, were present to respond to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Representative Ober, that the report be accepted, placed on file, and released in the usual manner. MOTION ADOPTED.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting of the Fiscal Committee was previously set for Friday, April 20, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.



Representative Ken Weyler, Clerk