

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT

MINUTES

March 9, 2012

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, March 9, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Ken Weyler, Chairman
Representative Beverly Rodeschin
Representative Stephen Stepanek
Representative Robert Foose
Representative John Reagan (Alternate)
Senator Chuck Morse
Senate President Peter Bragdon
Senator Bob Odell
Senator Sylvia Larsen
Senator John Gallus

Chairman Weyler opened the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Representative Rodeschin, seconded by Senator Gallus, that the minutes of the February 17, 2012 meeting be accepted as written. MOTION ADOPTED.

OLD BUSINESS:

Office of Legislative Budget Assistant – Administrative Procedures. Tabled 12/29/10. No Action Taken.

FIS 11-274 Department of Information Technology – request for an extension to the October 1, 2011 requirement to present the consultant’s report on the MMIS system to the Fiscal Committee to December 31, 2011. Tabled 09/23/11 and FIS 11-274 Additional Information – Department of Justice handout presented at the October 28, 2011 meeting, and FIS 11-274 Additional Information #2 – Department of Information Technology update presented at the January 20, 2012 meeting. No Action Taken.

FIS 11-322 House of Representatives – request on behalf of the House Speaker that the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant conduct a complete financial audit of the New Hampshire Disaster Relief Fund (“NHDRF”) from inception to the present and a complete report on how NHDRF operated itself, determined distributions and followed-up on distributions. Tabled 10/28/11. No Action Taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

RSA 9:16-a, TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED:

On a motion by Senator Bragdon, seconded by Representative Stepanek, that the Committee approve the requests under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 12-084 Department of Transportation – transfer \$1,320,000, FIS 12-085 New Hampshire Veterans Home – transfer \$82,000]

RSA 14:30-a, VI FISCAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS OVER \$50,000 FROM ANY NON-STATE SOURCE:

On a motion by Senator Bragdon, seconded by Representative Stepanek, that the Committee approve the requests under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 12-077 Department of Resources and Economic Development – accept and expend \$201,499, FIS 12-078 Department of Safety – accept and expend \$106,619, FIS 12-093 Department of Resources and Economic Development – accept and expend \$97,280]

RSA 206:33-b TRANSFERS FROM FISH AND GAME FUND, AND RSA 124:15 POSITIONS RESTRICTED:

FIS 12-087 New Hampshire Fish and Game Department – On a motion by Senator Bragdon, seconded by Representative Foose, that the Committee approve the request of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department to transfer \$91,148 from the Fish and Game Fund Reserve Account through June 30, 2012 and hire part-time temporary personnel through June 30, 2012. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 604-A:1-b ADDITIONAL FUNDING:

FIS 12-088 Judicial Council – On a motion by Senator Bragdon, seconded by Representative Foose that the Committee approve the request of the Judicial Council to receive \$300,000 in additional General Funds from funds not otherwise appropriated through June 30, 2012. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 87:3, LAWS OF 2008, AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER 144:261, LAWS OF 2009, DISASTER RELIEF PAYMENTS TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES; APRIL 2007 DISASTER ASSISTANCE:

FIS 12-079 Department of Safety – On a motion by Senator Bragdon, seconded by Representative Stepanek, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Safety to expend \$164,855 in State Matching general funds. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 125, LAWS OF 2011, RELATIVE TO MEDICAID MANAGED CARE:

FIS 12-094 and FIS 12-094 Amended Department of Health and Human Services – Nicholas Toumpas, Commissioner, Stephen Mosher, Chief Financial Officer, and Walter Faasen, Director of Contracts and Procurement, Department of Health and Human Services, presented the original and amended request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Morse, seconded by Representative Reagan, that the Committee approve the requests of the Department of Health and Human Services authorizing the capitated rates for the Medicaid Managed Care program for the State Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2013, and the change of the date for submission of contracts to the Governor and Executive Council from March 15, 2012 to March 28, 2012. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 224:203, LAWS OF 2011, DEPARTMENT BUDGETS; TRANSFER OF FEDERAL FUNDS:

FIS 12-080 Department of Cultural Resources – On a motion by Representative Foose, seconded by Senator Bragdon, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Cultural Resources to transfer \$63,001 in federal funds through June 30, 2012. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 12-089 Adjutant General's Department – On a motion by Senator Bragdon, seconded by Representative Stepanek, that the Committee approve the request of the Adjutant General's Department to transfer \$1,051,280 in federal funds through June 30, 2013. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 12-090 Department of Education – On a motion by Senator Bragdon, seconded by Representative Stepanek, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Education to transfer \$964,704 in federal funds through June 30, 2012. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 224:210, LAWS OF 2011, DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY; TRANSFERS AMONG ACCOUNTS:

FIS 12-091 Department of Information Technology – On a motion by Senator Bragdon, seconded by Representative Reagan, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Information Technology to transfer \$28,900 in other funds through June 30, 2012. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 224:371, LAWS OF 2011, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES; TRANSFER AMONG ACCOUNTS:

FIS 12-092 Department of Administrative Services – On a motion by Senator Bragdon, seconded by Representative Reagan, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Administrative Services to transfer \$186,339 in general funds and \$160,365 in other funds through June 30, 2012. MOTION ADOPTED.

LATE ITEM:

FIS 12-095 Department of Safety – On a motion by Representative Foose, seconded by Representative Reagan, that the Committee approved the request of the Department of Safety to transfer \$40,000 in revolving funds to replace two vehicles. MOTION ADOPTED.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

AUDITS:

State of New Hampshire, Comprehensive Annual Financial Report For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011 – Richard Mahoney, Director of Audits, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, Greg Driscoll, KPMG Partner, and Scott Warnetski, KPMG Senior Audit Manager, Linda Hodgdon, Commissioner, and Edgar Carter, Comptroller, Department of Administrative Services, presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee.

This report was accepted, placed on file and released at the December 2, 2011 meeting of the Fiscal Committee.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee was set for Friday, April 13, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

On a motion by Representative Rodeschin, seconded by Senator Gallus, that the meeting adjourn. MOTION ADOPTED. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.)

Representative Beverly Rodeschin, Clerk