

HB 1566-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL                    ***1566-FN***

AN ACT                    relative to the New Hampshire prescription drug affordability board.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Murphy, Graf. 12; Rep. Marsh, Carr. 8; Rep. Merchant, Sull. 4; Rep. Weston,  
Graf. 8; Sen. Sherman, Dist 24; Sen. Carson, Dist 14

COMMITTEE:          Executive Departments and Administration

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ANALYSIS

This bill changes the New Hampshire prescription drug affordability board executive director position from a classified to an unclassified position and establishes a dedicated fund to support the board.

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Explanation:          Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two*

AN ACT                      relative to the New Hampshire prescription drug affordability board.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1            1 New Hampshire Prescription Drug Affordability Board; Executive Director. Amend RSA 126-  
2 BB:2, VI to read as follows:

3            VI. The board shall be administratively attached to the department of health and human  
4 services. The board may employ an executive director who shall be [~~a-classified~~] ***an unclassified***  
5 employee ***who shall serve at the pleasure of the board.***

6            2 New Paragraph; New Hampshire Prescription Drug Affordability Board; Dedicated Fund.  
7 Amend RSA 126-BB:8 by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

8            III. There is hereby established a non-lapsing fund to be known as the New Hampshire  
9 prescription drug affordability board administration fund. The fund shall be continually  
10 appropriated to the board and shall be used, consistent with the provisions of this chapter, to receive  
11 funds and to reimburse costs incurred by the board. The fund may be used to pay administrative,  
12 technical, legal support or other costs incurred by the board under this chapter. The state treasurer  
13 may invest moneys in the fund as provided by law, and all interest received on such investment shall  
14 be credited to the fund.

15           3 New Subparagraph; Dedicated Fund. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by inserting after subparagraph  
16 (382) the following new subparagraph:

17                      (383) Moneys deposited in the New Hampshire prescription drug affordability board  
18 administration fund, established in RSA 126-BB:8, III.

19           4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

**HB 1566-FN- FISCAL NOTE  
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**FISCAL IMPACT:**    ☒ State                    ☐ County                    ☐ Local                    ☐ None

STATE:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
<b>Appropriation</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Expenditures</b>	\$0	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable
<b>Funding Source:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Highway <input type="checkbox"/> Other			

**METHODOLOGY:**

This bill: (1) changes from classified to unclassified the position of executive director of the Prescription Drug Affordability Board; and (2) establishes a non-lapsing special fund known as the NH prescription drug affordability board administration fund. With respect to (1), although the position was established in RSA 126-BB:2, VI with an effective date of July 1, 2020, it was not included in the FY22/23 budget, nor does it have an assigned labor grade. Per the Department of Health and Human Services, the classified position would likely require a labor grade of 35, while the proposed unclassified unclassified position would likely be established as a labor grade HH. The table below shows the difference between the classified and unclassified salary and benefit cost of the position with the assumptions above:

	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
<b><i>CURRENT LAW:</i></b>			
CLASSIFIED, LG 35			
Salary	\$ 80,100	\$ 83,900	\$ 87,700
Benefits	\$ 37,300	\$ 39,200	\$ 41,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 117,400</b>	<b>\$ 123,100</b>	<b>\$ 128,900</b>
<b><i>PROPOSED LAW:</i></b>			
UNCLASSIFIED LG HH			
Salary	\$ 85,500	\$ 91,100	\$ 96,700
Benefits	\$ 38,500	\$ 40,800	\$ 43,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 124,000</b>	<b>\$ 131,900</b>	<b>\$ 139,900</b>
<b><i>Difference:</i></b>	<b>\$ 6,600</b>	<b>\$ 8,800</b>	<b>\$ 11,000</b>

This bill does not contain an appropriation for the unclassified position.

With respect to (2), the bill does not provide an appropriation to the newly-created fund, nor does it identify the funding sources that may be deposited. For this reason, the fund's creation is assumed to have no fiscal impact.

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