

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT

MINUTES

January 14, 2022

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, January 14, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Karen Umberger, Chairman
Representative Jess Edwards
Representative Tracy Emerick
Representative Keith Erf
Representative Mary Jane Wallner (Alternate)
Representative Bob Lynn (Alternate)
Senator Gary Daniels
Senator James Gray (Alternate)
Senator Bob Giuda
Senator Cindy Rosenwald
Senator Lou D'Allesandro

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

FIS 21-357 Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery Additional Information #2 – letter of intent, dated January 5, 2022, to withdraw request FIS 21-357 Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery – authorization to accept and expend an amount not to exceed \$17,019,503 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) through June 30, 2023, tabled 11/19/2021, and FIS 21-357 Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery – Additional Information. WITHDRAWN BY AGENCY.

FIS 21-365 Department of Health and Human Services – On a motion by Representative Emerick, seconded by Representative Umberger, that the item be removed from the table. MOTION ADOPTED. (7-Yes; 3-No)

FIS 21-365 Additional Information as provided by the Department of State regarding Vital Records Confidentiality and Federal Data Modernization Funding related to tabled item FIS 21-365 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to accept and expend \$3,323,142 in federal funds through June 30, 2023, tabled 12/17/2021.

Senator Rosenwald notified members that she has received approval to file a late bill for a study committee to look at the amount of birth information that goes from the hospitals and mothers to the Secretary of State.

Patricia Tilley, Director, Division of Public Health Services, Department of Health and Human Services, and Denise Gonyer, Director, Division of Vital Records, Department of State, respond to Committee questions. Catherine Cheney, Business Systems Analyst, Project Manager, Secretary of State, Information Technology was also present to respond to Committee questions.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Gray, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$3,323,142 in federal funds through June 30, 2023.

A roll call was taken, and the results were as follows:

Representative Edwards – Yes
Representative Emerick – Yes
Representative Erf – No
Representative Wallner – Yes
Senator Daniels – Yes
Senator Gray (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Giuda – Yes
Senator Rosenwald – No
Senator D’Allesandro – Yes
Representative Umberger – Yes (8-Yes; 2-No)
MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 21-371 Department of Health and Human Services – On a motion by Representative Wallner, seconded by Senator Rosenwald, that the item be removed from the table. (7-Yes; 3-No)

Kerrin Rounds, Chief Financial Officer, and Patricia Tilley, Director, Division of Public Health Services, Department of Health and Human Services, respond to Committee questions.

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, 2022 to; 1) accept and expend \$279,404 in federal funds, and 2) contingent upon approval of Request #1, authorization to continue one temporary full-time Program Specialist IV position, tabled 12/17/2021.

A roll call was taken, and the results were as follows:

Representative Edwards – Yes
Representative Emerick – Yes
Representative Erf – No
Representative Wallner – Yes
Senator Daniels – No

Senator Gray (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Giuda – No
Senator Rosenwald – Yes
Senator D’Allesandro – Yes
Representative Umberger – Yes (7-Yes; 3-No)
MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 21-389 Department of Health and Human Services – On a motion by Representative Emerick, seconded by Representative Erf, that the item be removed from the table. MOTION ADOPTED. (9-Yes; 1-No)

Lori Shibinette, Commissioner, Kerrin Rounds, Chief Financial Officer, and Joseph Ribsam, Director, Division Children, Youth and Families, Department of Health and Human Services responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Giuda, seconded by Representative Edwards, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$846,805 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds through June 30, 2023, tabled 12/17/2021.

A roll call was taken, and the results were as follows:

Representative Edwards – Yes
Representative Emerick – Yes
Representative Erf – Yes
Representative Wallner – Yes
Senator Daniels – Yes
Senator Gray (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Giuda – Yes
Senator Rosenwald – Yes
Senator D’Allesandro – Yes
Representative Umberger – Yes (10-Yes; 0-No)
MOTION ADOPTED.

The Committee recessed at 10:56 a.m., and reconvened at 11:07 a.m.

AUDITS:

State of New Hampshire, Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant and Brock Romano, Audit Partner, KPMG, and Karen Farrell, Manager, KPMG, presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, and Dana Call, State Comptroller, Department of Administrative Services, were also present to respond to Committee questions.

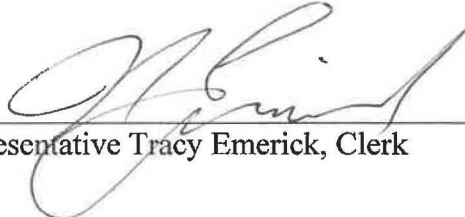
This report was accepted, placed on file, and released at the December 17, 2021 meeting of the Fiscal Committee.

On a motion by Senator Giuda, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief And Recovery (GOFERR) come before the Fiscal Committee to explain and detail verbally and provide a spreadsheet on how much has been received, how much has been appropriated, and how much has been expended for CARES Act and ARPA Act revenues received by the State. MOTION ADOPTED.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting of the Fiscal Committee is scheduled for Friday, January 21, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Senator Giuda, that the meeting adjourn, whereupon the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:24 p.m.



Representative Tracy Emerick, Clerk