

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT
MINUTES
May 20, 2022

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, May 20, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 302-304 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Senator Daniels, that the Committee approve the minutes of the April 15, 2022 meeting. MOTION ADOPTED. (8-Yes; 1-Abstained)

OLD BUSINESS:

FIS 22-023 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to accept and expend \$350,000 in other funds through June 30, 2023, tabled January 21, 2022. NO ACTION TAKEN.

FIS 22-129 Department of Safety – On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Senator Gray, that the request of the Department of Safety, tabled April 15, 2022, be removed from the table. MOTION ADOPTED.

On a motion by Representative Leishman, seconded by Representative Lynn, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Safety to accept and expend \$188,314 in other funds through June 30, 2023.

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

Representative Edwards – Yes
Representative Emerick – Yes
Representative Leishman – Yes

Representative Lynn (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Daniels – Yes
Senator Gray (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Rosenwald – Yes
Senator D’Allesandro – Yes
Representative Umberger – Yes (9-Yes; 0-No)
MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 22-134 New Hampshire Liquor Commission – On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Representative Edwards, that the request of the NH Liquor Commission, tabled April 15, 2022, be removed from the table. MOTION ADOPTED.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Representative Edwards, that the Committee approve the request of the New Hampshire Liquor Commission for approval of the Indirect Cost Allocation Plan for State Fiscal Year 2021 and report of the closure of the New Hampshire Liquor and Wine Outlet #28, 186 Ocean Blvd, Seabrook, tabled April 15, 2022.

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

Representative Edwards – Yes
Representative Emerick – Yes
Representative Leishman – Yes
Representative Lynn (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Daniels – Yes
Senator Gray (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Rosenwald – Yes
Senator D’Allesandro – Yes
Representative Umberger – Yes (9-Yes; 0-No)
MOTION ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS:

RSA 14:30-a. III AUDIT TOPIC RECOMMENDATION BY LEGISLATIVE PERFORMANCE AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE:

FIS 22-200 Letter from Senator John Reagan, Vice Chair of the Legislative Performance Audit and Oversight Committee – On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the request of the Legislative Performance Audit and Oversight Committee relative to the recommendation of the following performance audit topic: the efficiency and effectiveness of the Department of Education oversight of the provision of special education.

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

Representative Edwards – Yes
Representative Emerick – Yes
Representative Leishman – Yes
Representative Lynn (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Daniels – Yes
Senator Gray (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Rosenwald – Yes
Senator D’Allesandro – Yes
Representative Umberger – Yes (9-Yes; 0-No)
MOTION ADOPTED.

CONSENT CALENDAR

FIS 22-175 Department of Education request to transfer \$580,000 in federal funds in and among classes within an accounting unit through August 30, 2022 was withdrawn by the agency.

As announced by the Chair, the following items were removed from the Consent Calendar to be acted on individually;

- Tab 4 Pursuant to RSA 9:16-a, I.
FIS 22-155, 22-172, 22-173, 22-197
- Tab 6 Pursuant to RSA 14:30-A, VI.
FIS 22-160, 22-162
- Tab 7 Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI. and RSA 124:15
FIS 22-196
- Tab 8 Pursuant to ARPA RSA 14:30-a, VI.
FIS 22-161, 22-198

On a motion by Senator Daniels, seconded by Senator D’Allesandro, that the Committee approve the remaining requests under the Consent Calendar as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [TAB 4 pursuant to RSA 9:16-a, I, FIS 22-154 Department of Transportation – authorization to transfer \$12,000 in federal/other/highway funds between classes through June 30, 2022, FIS 22-156 Department of Transportation – authorization to transfer \$15,000 in turnpike funds between various classes through June 30, 2022, FIS 22-157 Department of Transportation – authorization to transfer \$304,946 between various accounting units and classes through June 30, 2023, and FIS 22-174 Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services – authorization to transfer \$193,000 in federal/general funds within the Army National Guard Maintenance and the Air National Guard Maintenance to compensate for anticipated shortfalls in Class 023-Utilities through June 30, 2022; TAB 5 pursuant to RSA 9:16-c, I., FIS 22-158 Department of Environmental Services – authorization to transfer \$929,229 in federal funds between accounting units and multiple class lines through June 30, 2022, FIS 22-159 Department of Environmental Services – authorization to transfer \$46,290 in federal funds in and among classes within an accounting unit through June 30, 2023, FIS 22-176 Department of Education – authorization to transfer \$14,000 in federal funds within accounting units through June 30, 2022, and FIS

22-177 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – authorization to transfer \$128,811 in federal funds and establish two new appropriation classes through June 30, 2023; TAB 6 pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI., FIS 22-163 Department of Justice – authorization to accept and expend \$1,619,765 in federal funds through June 30, 2023, FIS 22-178 Department of Education – authorization to accept and expend \$16,029,845 in federal funds through June 30, 2023, FIS 22-180 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to accept and expend \$780,000 in federal funds through June 30, 2023, FIS 22-182 Department of Safety – authorization to accept and expend \$7,568,336 in federal funds through June 30, 2023, FIS 22-183 Department of Safety – authorization to accept and expend \$496,296 in federal funds through June 30, 2023, FIS 22-184 State Treasury – authorization to accept and expend up to \$600,000 of Land and Community Heritage Investment Program funds through June 30, 2022, and FIS 22-185 Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services – authorization to amend FIS 21-192, approved August 20, 2021, by extending the completion date from June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2023, with no increase in funding; and TAB 8 pursuant to ARPA RSA 14:30-a, VI. FIS 22-164 Department of Environmental Services – authorization to accept and expend \$1,616,127 in federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds through June 30, 2023, FIS 22-179 Department of Environmental Services – authorization to accept and expend \$283,500 in federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds through June 30, 2023, FIS 22-181 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources - authorization to amend FIS 21-219, approved August 20, 2021, by reallocating \$331,936 in federal funds previously budgeted within an accounting unit through June 30, 2023, FIS 22-199 Department of Justice – authorization to accept and expend \$720,000 in federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) through June 30, 2023, FIS 22-202 Governor’s Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery – authorization to amend a previously approved budget and expend (FIS 22-039, approved January 21, 2022) for prior year carryforward funds in FY 2022 by increasing the amount by \$1,777,276 from \$5,007,500 to \$6,784,776 through June 30, 2023, FIS 22-203 Governor’s Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery – authorization to amend a previously approved budget and expend (FIS 22-040, approved January 21, 2022) for prior year carryforward funds in FY 2022 by increasing the amount by \$30,032,503 from \$40,042,503 to \$70,075,006 through June 30, 2023, and FIS 22-204 Governor’s Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery – authorization to accept and expend \$220,000 in federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) through June 30, 2023; TAB 9 pursuant to ARPA RSA 14:30-a, VI. and RSA 124:15, FIS 22-195 Department of Environmental Services – authorization through June 30, 2023 to; 1) accept and expend \$35,000,000 in federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021(ARPA), and 2) establish class 046, Consultants, and establish four (4) full-time temporary positions consisting of; two (2) Civil Engineer V (LG 30) positions, an Environmentalist IV (LG 27) position, and an Environmental Program Manager (LG 27) position, and FIS 22-201 Department of Safety – authorization through June 30, 2023 to; 1) accept and expend \$1,230,400 in federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (FRF), and 2) contingent upon approval of Request #1, authorization to establish one (1) full-time temporary Criminalist II (LG24) position; and TAB 10 pursuant to ARPA RSA 124:15, FIS 22-171 Department of Environmental Services – authorization to amend FIS 21-138, approved June 8, 2021, to establish one additional full-time temporary Accountant IV (LG23) position through June 30, 2023]

RSA 9:16-a, I, TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

FIS 22-155 Department of Transportation – Marie Mullen, Director of Finance, Department of Transportation responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Leishman, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation to transfer \$50,000 in turnpike funds between various classes through June 30, 2022.

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

Representative Edwards – Yes
Representative Emerick – Yes
Representative Leishman – Yes
Representative Lynn (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Daniels – Yes
Senator Gray (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Rosenwald – Yes
Senator D'Allesandro – Yes
Representative Umberger – Yes (9-Yes; 0-No)
MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 22-172 Department of Information Technology – Denis Goulet, Commissioner, Department of Information Technology responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Edwards, seconded by Representative Lynn, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Information Technology to transfer \$221,000 in SFY2023 other funds through June 30, 2023.

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

Representative Edwards – Yes
Representative Emerick – Yes
Representative Leishman – Yes
Representative Lynn (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Daniels – Yes
Senator Gray (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Rosenwald – Yes
Senator D'Allesandro – Yes
Representative Umberger – Yes (9-Yes; 0-No)
MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 22-173 Department of Information Technology – Denis Goulet, Commissioner, Department of Information Technology responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Edwards, seconded by Representative Lynn, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Information Technology on behalf of the

Department of Transportation to transfer \$175,000 in SFY2022 other funds through June 30, 2022.

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

Representative Edwards – Yes
Representative Emerick – Yes
Representative Leishman – Yes
Representative Lynn (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Daniels – Yes
Senator Gray (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Rosenwald – Yes
Senator D’Allesandro – Yes
Representative Umberger – Yes (9-Yes; 0-No)
MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 22-197 Office of Professional Licensure and Certification – Lindsey Courtney, Executive Director, Office of Professional Licensure and Certification presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee. Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services was also present to respond to Committee questions.

The Department of Administrative Services, at the request of the Committee, will provide a list of the downtown Concord leases being paid by the State.

On a motion by Representative Lynn, seconded by Senator Gray, that the Committee approve the request of the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification to transfer \$118,500 in other funds between classes and to establish class 103 through June 30, 2022.

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

Representative Edwards – Yes
Representative Emerick – Yes
Representative Leishman – Yes
Representative Lynn (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Daniels – Yes
Senator Gray (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Rosenwald – Yes
Senator D’Allesandro – Yes
Representative Umberger – Yes (9-Yes; 0-No)
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:

CONSENT CALENDAR

FIS 22-160 Department of Health and Human Services – Nathan White, Chief Financial Officer, and Katja Fox, Director, Division of Behavioral Health, Department of Health and Human Services responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Leishman, seconded by Senator Gray, that the Committee approve the request of the Department Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$338,302 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 Leishman – Yes
Representative Lynn (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Daniels – Yes
Senator Gray (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Rosenwald – Yes
Senator D’Allesandro – Yes
Representative Umberger – Yes (9-Yes; 0-No)
MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 22-162 Department of Health and Human Services – Nathan White, Chief Financial Officer, Joseph Caristi, Chief Financial Officer, New Hampshire Hospital, and Ellen LaPointe, Chief Executive Officer, New Hampshire Hospital, Department of Health and Human Services, responded to questions of the Committee. Katja Fox, Director, Division of Behavioral Health, Department of Health and Human Services, and Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services also responded to Committee questions.

The Committee had questions regarding the status of the transitional beds across the state, to which Katja Fox responded she would provide that information.

On a motion by Representative Edwards, seconded by Representative Lynn, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services through June 30, 2023 to; 1) accept and expend \$5,672,079 in federal funds, and 2) accept and expend \$5,666,413 in other funds.

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

Representative Edwards – Yes
Representative Emerick – Yes

Representative Leishman – Yes
Representative Lynn (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Daniels – Yes
Senator Gray (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Rosenwald – Yes
Senator D’Allesandro – Yes
Representative Umberger – Yes (9-Yes; 0-No)
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

FIS 22-196 Department of Health and Human Services – Nathan White, Chief Financial Officer, and Iain Watt, Deputy Director, Division of Public Health Services, Department of Health and Human Services responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 to; 1) accept and expend \$1,231,520 in federal funds, and 2) contingent upon approval of Request #1, authorization to continue 3 full-time temporary positions consisting of; two (2) Program Specialist I’s and a Program Specialist III.

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

Representative Edwards – Yes
Representative Emerick – Yes
Representative Leishman – No
Representative Lynn (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Daniels – Yes
Senator Gray (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Rosenwald – Yes
Senator D’Allesandro – Yes
Representative Umberger – Yes (8-Yes; 1-No)
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:

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN 2021
CONSENT CALENDAR

FIS 22-161 Department of Health and Human Services – Nathan White, Chief Financial Officer, and Christine Santaniello, Associate Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Representative Lynn, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend federal grant funds under the American Rescue Plan in the amount of \$78,610 and \$115,789 for a total of \$194,399 through June 30, 2023.

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

Representative Edwards – Yes
Representative Emerick – Yes
Representative Leishman – Yes
Representative Lynn (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Daniels – Yes
Senator Gray (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Rosenwald – Yes
Senator D’Allesandro – Yes
Representative Umberger – Yes (9-Yes; 0-No)
MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 22-198 Department of Health and Human Services – Nathan White, Chief Financial Officer, and Iain Watt, Deputy Director, Division of Public Health Services, Department of Health and Human Services responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Representative Edwards, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to amend FIS 22-043, approved January 21, 2022, by accepting \$833,613 in other funds from the NH Liquor Commission to return federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which were used to purchase At-Home COVID-19 test kits and redistribute unsold tests at no cost through June 30, 2023.

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

Representative Edwards – Yes
Representative Emerick – Yes
Representative Leishman – Yes
Representative Lynn (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Daniels – Yes
Senator Gray (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Rosenwald – Yes
Senator D’Allesandro – Yes
Representative Umberger – Yes (9-Yes; 0-No)
MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 9:16-a, I, TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED, RSA 9:16-c, TRANSFER OF FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS, RSA 14:30-a, VI, FISCAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS OVER \$100,000 FROM ANY NON-STATE SOURCE, RSA 9:17-a, LIMITATIONS, AND CHAPTER 91:35, LAWS OF 2021, CHANGE IN FEDERAL MATCH REVENUE:

FIS 22-168 Department of Health and Human Services – On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Representative Lynn, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer \$10,529,174 in general funds between various class lines, increase federal revenues in the amount of \$2,706,164, increase related other revenues in the amount of \$7,077, and create new expenditure class codes through June 30, 2022.

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

Representative Edwards – Yes
Representative Emerick – Yes
Representative Leishman – Yes
Representative Lynn (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Daniels – Yes
Senator Gray (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Rosenwald – Yes
Senator D’Allesandro – Yes
Representative Umberger – Yes (9-Yes; 0-No)
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 9:16-a, TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED:

FIS 22-169 Department of Health and Human Services – On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Representative Lynn, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to amend FIS 21-371, approved January 14, 2022 by; 1) extending the completion date from June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2023, and 2) transferring \$151,500 in federal funds between class lines through June 30, 2023.

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

Representative Edwards – Yes
Representative Emerick – Yes
Representative Leishman – Yes
Representative Lynn (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Daniels – Yes
Senator Gray (Alternate) – Yes

Senator Rosenwald – Yes
Senator D’Allesandro – Yes
Representative Umberger – Yes (9-Yes; 0-No)
MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 206:33-b TRANSFERS FROM FISH AND GAME FUND:

FIS 22-165 New Hampshire Fish and Game Department – On a motion by Representative Leishman, seconded by Senator D’Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the NH Fish and Game Department to transfer \$235,000 from the NH Fish and Game Fund Reserve to the Fish and Game FY 2022 Operating Budget through June 30, 2023.

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

Representative Edwards – Yes
Representative Emerick – Yes
Representative Leishman – Yes
Representative Lynn (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Daniels – Yes
Senator Gray (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Rosenwald – Yes
Senator D’Allesandro – Yes
Representative Umberger – Yes (9-Yes; 0-No)
MOTION ADOPTED.

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

FIS 22-166 New Hampshire Fish and Game Department – Scott Mason, Executive Director, NH Fish and Game Department responded to question of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Gray, that the Committee approve the request of the NH Fish and Game Department through June 30, 2023 to; 1) transfer \$200,000 from the NH Fish and Game Fund Reserved to the Fish and Game FY 2022 Operating Budget, and 2) contingent upon approval of Request #1, authorization to establish Class 046-Consultants.

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

Representative Edwards – Yes
Representative Emerick – Yes
Representative Leishman – Yes
Representative Lynn (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Daniels – Yes

Senator Gray (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Rosenwald – Yes
Senator D’Allesandro – Yes
Representative Umberger – Yes (9-Yes; 0-No)
MOTION ADOPTED.

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

FIS 22-186 Judicial Council – On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Representative Lynn, that the Committee approve the request of the Judicial Council to receive an additional appropriation from funds not otherwise appropriated in the total amount of \$595,000 through June 30, 2022.

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

Representative Edwards – Yes
Representative Emerick – Yes
Representative Leishman – Yes
Representative Lynn (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Daniels – Yes
Senator Gray (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Rosenwald – Yes
Senator D’Allesandro – Yes
Representative Umberger – Yes (9-Yes; 0-No)
MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 215-A:23, IX. AND RSA 215-C:39, X. REGISTRATION FEES:

FIS 22-167 New Hampshire Fish and Game Department – On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Representative Lynn, that the Committee approve the request of the NH Fish and Game Department to transfer \$2,400,000 of unexpended funds from Excess Registration Fees to the Fish and Game OHRV Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget through June 30, 2022.

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

Representative Edwards – Yes
Representative Emerick – Yes
Representative Leishman – Yes
Representative Lynn (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Daniels – Yes
Senator Gray (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Rosenwald – Yes

Senator D'Allesandro – Yes
Representative Umberger – Yes (9-Yes; 0-No)
MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 91:34, LAWS OF 2021, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY; ADDITIONAL REVENUES, AND RSA 14:30-a, VI., FISCAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS OVER \$100,000 FROM ANY NON-STATE SOURCE:

FIS 22-170 Department of Health and Human Services – On a motion by Representative Edwards, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to; 1) modify the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Education and Training (E&T) Program, and 2) accept and expend \$230,000 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 Leishman – Yes
Representative Lynn (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Daniels – Yes
Senator Gray (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Rosenwald – Yes
Senator D'Allesandro – Yes
Representative Umberger – Yes (9-Yes; 0-No)
MOTION ADOPTED.

LATE ITEM:

FIS 22-205 Department of Information Technology - Denis Goulet, Commissioner, Department of Information Technology presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Rosenwald, seconded by Senator Gray, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Information Technology through June 30, 2023 to; 1) accept and expend \$201,828 in federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) to implement a high quality weatherproof portable wireless internet (WiFi) connectivity, and 2) contingent upon approval of Request #1, authorization to establish Class 046 Consultants for the purpose of hiring independent professional services for initial installation, testing and support.

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

Representative Emerick – Yes
Representative Leishman – Yes
Representative Lynn (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Daniels – Yes
Senator Gray (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Rosenwald – Yes
Representative Umberger – Yes (7-Yes; 0-No)
MOTION ADOPTED.

INFORMATIONAL:

Frank Edelblut, Commissioner, Department of Education and Brandon Kernen, Administrator, Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau, Department of Environmental Services, responded to questions of the Committee pertaining to FIS 22-189 Department of Education – SB 247, Laws of 2018 – Preventing Childhood Lead Poisoning from Paint and Water quarterly report for the Removal of Lead in Drinking Water for NH Schools for the period ending March 31, 2022.

Christine Santaniello, Associate Commissioner, and Henry Lipman, Director of Medicaid, Department of Health and Human Services, responded to questions of the Committee pertaining to FIS 22-192 Department of Health and Human Services – progress update on the additional federal funds made available to the State pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), dated April 20, 2022.

James Duris, Chief Financial Officer, New Hampshire Lottery Commission responded to questions of the Committee pertaining to FIS 22-193 NH Lottery Commission – RSA 284:21-h, VII – Quarterly report on the status of the incentive employee recognition program for the sale of instant tickets for the third quarter of FY 2022.

ARPA FUNDING UPDATE:


Department of Education – Frank Edelblut, Commissioner, presented two (2) handouts and updated the Committee relative to American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds they have received that have not gone through the Governor’s Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR).

Department of Transportation – Andre Briere, Deputy Commissioner, and Marie Mullen, Director of Finance, Department of Transportation presented handouts and updated the Committee relative to American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds they have received that have not gone through the Governor’s Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR).

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair scheduled the next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee for Friday, June 17, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. to be held in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Future meetings were scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Friday; July 22, 2022, September 9, 2022, October 14, 2022 and November 18, 2022 to be held in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 12:39 p.m.)



Representative Tracy Emerick, Clerk