

OUTLINE OF VARIOUS PROVISIONS INCLUDED IN THE GOVERNOR'S FY 2024-2025 "TRAILER BILL"

DIVISION 1

DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Establishes 4 divisions within the Department: Business Relationship Management, User Experience, Infrastructure & Operations, and User Services to align with the Department's statewide strategic plan.

Provides authority for the Department to fill unfunded positions provided that the total expenditure for positions does not exceed the amount appropriated for personnel services.

LIQUOR COMMISSION

Authorizes the Commission to transfer funds for its employee incentive program to compensate qualifying employees.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Exempts the Department from certain restrictions on transfers to and from personnel and benefit class lines provided that any transfer of \$100,000 or more shall require prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court and governor and council.

Establishes three unclassified positions: Deputy Director of Health Services, Deputy Director of Rehabilitative Services, and Deputy Warden. These positions shall be appointed by the Commissioner with salaries determined after assessment and review of the appropriate temporary letter grade allocation in RSA 94:1-a, I(b) for the positions which shall be conducted pursuant to RSA 94:1-d and RSA 14:14-c. Three classified positions are abolished, with funding transferred to the new positions.

Transfers 3 positions to Group II status in the New Hampshire retirement system: Licensed Nursing Assistant III #44273, Licensed Nursing Assistant I #44291, and Administrator -Secure Psychiatric Unit # 16849.

Amends RSA 21-H:7 for requirements and salaries of division directors from certain specified division directors to division directors in general.

New Hampshire State Prison Fund Established, Department of Corrections. Administered by the Department of Corrections. Nonlapsing fund established for the purpose of design and construction of a New Hampshire state prison.

Corrections Officers' Salaries.

I. Effective July 14, 2023, part-time corrections officers and corrections officer corporals shall be compensated in accordance with the salary schedule applicable to full-time corrections officers and corrections officer corporals.

II. Effective July 14, 2023, corrections officer majors shall be compensated in accordance with the salary schedule applicable to corrections officer lieutenants, sergeants, and captains.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Amends the duties of the Chief Operations Officer and the Assistant Commissioner. Both positions are nominated by the Commissioner and appointed by the Governor and Executive Council with salaries as specified in RSA 94:1-a.

Amends RSA 21-O:12 regarding units within the Office of the Commissioner.

Amends RSA 21-M:3 to provide the hearings officer for appeals to any of the councils under the Environmental Service statute may be provided with clerical and support personnel and services under the memorandum between Environmental Services and the Department of Justice and modifies other allowable provisions of the agreement.

Provides that a quorum of 3 members of various councils may serve in an advisory role to the hearing officer assigned pursuant to RSA 21-M:3, VIII, at any hearing for administrative appeals.

Provides that the fees collected for sewage disposal systems and RSA 485-A:30 shall be deposited in the water resources fund established in RSA 482-A:3, III and not the subsurface systems fund and adds to the purpose of paying all costs and salaries associated with the subsurface systems program, "other land resources management programs."

Adds to 482-A:3 Excavating and Dredging Permit filing fees individual sewage disposal systems and subdivisions under RSA 485-A:30. Makes the water resources fund continuously appropriated.

Repeals the subsurface systems fund.

Makes the wastewater plant operator certification fund continuously appropriated.

Provides that final applications for funding of pollution control projects under RSA 486 must be received within one year of final completion of the project to be eligible for funding.

Amend RSA 485-A:49 to remove the \$3,000,000 cap on the amount the state treasurer is authorized to borrow on behalf of the Winnepesaukee River basin control program.

New Chapter. PCB Assistance. Makes a \$6,000,000 appropriation to the newly established nonlapsing, continually appropriated PCB Assistance Fund.

OFFICE OF REGULATORY REVIEW, REDUCTION, AND GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY

Creates a new independent agency administratively attached to the Department of Business and Economic Affairs. Three appointed directors and one staff person. Shall have the power and duty to petition for, initiate, appear, or intervene in any proceeding concerning rulemaking before any board, commission, agency, or regulatory body in which the interests of private industry in New Hampshire are involved and to represent the interests of such industries. Includes appropriations of \$750,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and the sum of \$750,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY

Historic Housing Preservation Tax Credit. Establishes a credit for 65% of a contribution to the Authority for a qualified project. Credit is against the BPT, BET, or Insurance Premium tax. Total contributions for a tax credit is limited to \$5 million in a fiscal year, and any portion of the unused tax credit may be carried forward.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Establishes a nonlapsing InvestNH Fund composed of appropriations, gifts, grants, donations, bequests, or other moneys from any public or private sources. It also establishes the InvestNH Program to make grants and loans for the purpose of accelerating the approval and construction of workforce housing, as defined in RSA 674:58, IV, and other types of housing determined by the department of business and economic affairs to be determined important for the economic development of the state. Grants and loans may be made by the department to municipalities and to housing developers. See appropriation sheet. Program was started by GOFERR with federal fiscal recovery funds.

Repeal. The following are hereby repealed:

RSA 12-O:47 and 48, 49, and 50, relative to the New Hampshire College Graduate Retention Incentive Partnership (NH GRIP)

RSA 12-O:64, relative to the COVID-19 Micro Enterprise Relief Fund

RSA 12-O:19, relative to the Package Plan Program

RSA 12-O:44;III (a)-(i) relative to the State Workforce Innovation Board

Amends RSA 12-O:2-I to delete the bureau of workforce development.

Amends RSA 12-O:42 to remove workforce development and add the Office of Workforce Opportunity. Change from: grants under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, to grants under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014

RSA 12-O:43 Workforce Development Director – Amends RSA 12-O:43:

There is established within the [~~bureau~~] office of workforce [~~development~~] opportunity the position of [~~workforce development coordinator~~] Director, which shall be an administrator {# }IV position, classified at labor grade 33 29. The [~~workforce development~~] director shall lead the office of workforce opportunity [~~workforce development bureau~~]. The [~~workforce development~~] director shall perform all duties the commissioner may assign.

Amend RSA 12-O:44 to the same name changes as above.

Amend RSA 33:3-g, IV. Clean up to be consistent with changes in the last budget changes when the department of energy was created. Reference changes from the office of planning and development, to the department of business and economic affairs, and from the office of energy and planning, to the office of planning and development.

RSA 126-A:4 Department Established – Amend RSA 126-A:4, V(b)(1) Clean up to remove reference to the office of planning and development. Same as above.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Establishes the Bridges House Special Account Fund for the care, maintenance, and repair of, and additions to, the Bridges house.

New language to 21-I:30 Medical and Surgical Benefits. XV. Funds appropriated for the purposes of this section shall not be transferred or used for any other purpose and shall be non-lapsing.

Amend RSA 21-I:6 as follows: There is hereby established within the office of the commissioner of administrative services a state budget office under the supervision of an unclassified budget [~~director~~] officer who shall:

Amend RSA 21-I:85 Planning and Design Costs. Provides the Department of Administrative Services shall bill state agencies for any design, planning, project management, and or inspection work for all capital construction projects administered through the Department; and for any operating projects that are funded in full or in part with federal funds, agency income, or funding sources other than general funds.

Parking; Concord. The Department of Administrative Services is authorized to spend such funding as appropriated for additional parking for full-time and part-time

employees who are assigned to the downtown Concord area and who are not provided a state-provided parking space for their personal vehicle.

STATE COMMISSION ON AGING

Add: RSA 19-P:1 II (k) The commission shall elect a chairperson, vice-chairperson, and a recorder.

Amend RSA 19-P:1 IV Provides that the chairperson, vice-chairperson, and recorder who may serve an additional term for a total of 3 terms. A council member whose term of office is expiring may continue beyond the end of the term until reappointed or until a successor is nominated.

Changes a quorum from 13 members to 50% of membership.

Add 19-P:1 VI. The Commission on Aging shall be an independent agency administratively attached to the department of administrative services pursuant to RSA 21-G:10.

Add 19-P:2 XV. To accept and utilize for its purposes, functions, and duties as outlined in this chapter public and private grants, gifts, donations, and contributions of money and other assets and properties, real and personal, of all types and kinds, without limitations.

Amend RSA 19-P:1,V to delete authorization for the governor to draw a warrant to pay the executive director and related office expenses.

BOARD OF TAX AND LAND APPEALS

Amends RSA 71-B:1 to require that at least one member of the board shall be an attorney admitted to practice in New Hampshire.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

Repeals RSA 82-A relative to the Communication Services Tax as of July 1, 2023.

Amends RSA 77-A:20-a relative to the distribution of BPT revenue to the education trust fund from revenue produced by a 1.5% increase in the rate, to 35 % of revenue produced by the tax imposed by RSA 77-A:2.

Amends RSA 77-E:14 relative to the distribution of BET revenue to the education trust fund from the amount produced by a .50 percent increase in the rate, to 35% of the revenue produced by the tax imposed by RSA 77-E:2

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Amends RSA 273:11-a (Penalty Appeal Board) to provide that certain civil penalties are deposited in the department of labor restricted fund established in RSA 273:1-b and not the general fund.

Amends RSA 281-A:7 (Workers' Compensation Employer Compliance) to provide that certain civil penalties are deposited in the department of labor restricted fund established in RSA 273:1-b and not the general fund.

Amends RSA 277:5-a (Occupational Safety and Health Administration Certification) to provide that certain civil penalties are deposited in the department of labor restricted fund established in RSA 273:1-b and not the general fund.

Amends RSA 273:11-b Penalty Appeal Board to provide that the chairman is appointed by the governor and council. Provides for per diem payments of the board members.

Amends RSA 281-A:54 regarding Payment for Second Injuries from Special Fund

Amends RSA 275:37-d Family and Medical Leave Insurance to provide that the commissioner may adopt rules under RSA 541-A to facilitate administration and enforcement of the section.

Amends RSA 157-A:6 relative to boilers and pressure vessels, technical clarification.

Amends RSA 281-A:42-a regarding the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board. Reduces the board pool from 33 members to 27.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Custody and Escheat of unclaimed and abandoned property. Amends RSA 471-C:31-a to provide that owners may also petition counties for payments and no longer require governor and council approval for payment. If claims exceed budgeted appropriations, the fiscal committee and governor and council may authorize additional funding from the general fund.

Revenue Sharing, Suspension. RSA 31-A, relative to revenue sharing with cities and towns, shall be suspended for the biennium ending June 30, 2025.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Amends RSA 374-F:4, VIII(f) to provide that the annual report on the results and effectiveness of the system benefits charge shall be submitted by the Department of Energy and not the Department of Environmental Services

Amend RSA 378:49, II(c). Clean up to replace PUC with the Department of Energy.

Amend RSA 362-F:10, I to add offshore wind initiatives, including the Office of Offshore Wind Industry Development, as projects support with remaining renewable energy funds available.

Amendment to RSA 362-F:8, I change the reporting date requirement for electricity providers regarding compliance with the electric renewable portfolio standard.

Amend RSA 362-F:14 changes reporting date requirement for electrical providers concerning power supply contracts.

Amend RSA 12-P:5 Provides that if the expenditure of additional funds over budget estimates is necessary for the proper functioning of the department of energy, the governor and council, with the prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court, upon request from the department of energy, may authorize an additional assessment pursuant to RSA 363-A for such purpose.

Amends RSA 363:28,I to increase the number of additional staff appointed by the Consumer Advocate from two additional staff to three.

Amend RSA 363:28 adding VII: Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if the expenditure of additional funds over budget estimates is necessary for the proper functioning of the office of the consumer advocate, the governor and council, with the prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court, upon request from the consumer advocate, may authorize an additional assessment pursuant to RSA 363-A for such purpose.

Amends RSA 363-A:2. Clarifies the period used as the prior calendar year for the expenditures used in computing the utility assessment.

Amends RSA 363-A:3 Changes dates used in the calculation of utility assessments.

Amends RSA 363-A:4 Changes billing and due dates for the Department of Energy to bill public utilities and for utilities to pay the Department.

Amends RSA 363-A:5 regarding assessments on entities that earned less than \$10,000 from fiscal year to calendar year.

Amends RSA 12-P:4 to add the general counsel position to those positions subject to the supervisory authority of the Commissioner and provides the commissioner shall appoint a general counsel, who shall serve at the pleasure of the commissioner.

ALL AGENCIES

Amend RSA 9:16-a,II-a(c) to restrict transfers on classes 027, 028, 040, 041, 042, 049, 061, 062, 064, 210, and 211.

Insert new paragraph after RSA 9:16-a,II-a(c): the following classes shall not lapse in the first year of the operating budget; 028, 040, 041, 042, 061, 062, 064, 210, and 211.

Amend RSA 99:4, Salary Adjustment Fund. Governor and Council approval for transfers removed. Annual informational report to the Governor and Council added.

Amend RSA 9:17-c Employee Benefit Adjustment Account. Governor and Council approval for transfers removed. Annual informational report to the Governor and Council added.

STATE EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION

Provides for a 10% pay increase effective July 14, 2023, and a 2% pay increase effective July 12, 2024, for all state employees, including:

- Unclassified State Employees, RSA 94:1-a.
- Councilors and Commissioners, RSA 94:1-a, II.
- Department of Justice; Attorney Salaries, RSA 94:1-a, I(c).
- Legislative Employees.
- Judicial Salaries, RSA 491-A:1.
- Judicial Employees
- Salaries adjusted for recruitment and retention for positions listed under RSA 94:3-b,II.

Appropriations for above (In Millions)

	General	Liquor	Federal	Highway	Turnpike	F&G	Other	Total
FY 2024	\$44.9	\$3.4	\$16.7	\$9.3	\$1.8	\$.9	\$24.6	\$101.6
FY 2025	\$54.8	\$4.1	\$20.4	\$11.3	\$2.2	\$1.1	30.0	\$123.9

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, MARKETS AND FOOD

Amend RSA 425:23 relative to the agricultural advisory board. Changes to meet quarterly instead of semi-annually and allow public comment at each meeting instead of once annually.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Amend RSA 611-B:5 to provide that the assistant deputy medical examiners shall be employed and not a contractor.

New: Department of Justice; Assistant Deputy Medical Examiners Established. Unclassified positions of assistant deputy medical examiners appointed to serve at the pleasure of the chief medical examiner pursuant to RSA 611-B:5.

Amend RSA 21-M:3 by inserting, after paragraph XIV, the following new paragraph:

XV. The attorney general, subject to the approval of the governor and council, may appoint permanent assistant deputy medical examiners within the limits of the appropriation made for the appointment, and who shall serve at the pleasure of the chief medical examiner pursuant to RSA 611-B:5.

Establishes an unclassified position of deputy chief forensic investigator appointed to serve for a term of 5 years. Upon completion of this action and appointments to the unclassified position, classified position number 9T3175 shall be abolished to allow for the transition of the available appropriations to the unclassified position.

New Paragraph; Department of Justice; Attorney General Position Established. Amend RSA 21-M:3 establishing a permanent chief forensic investigator and/or a deputy chief forensic investigator within the limits of the appropriation made for the appointment, who shall hold office for a term of 5 years.

Amend RSA 611-B:10 to provide that the chief medical examiner may employ adequate classified administrative, clerical, and technical assistants to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

Amends RSA 21-M:12-a to make technical changes regarding the office of the solicitor general.

Amends RSA 21-M:7 relative to the Division of Legal Counsel to change the transportation and construction bureau to the public safety and infrastructure bureau. Removes the office of solicitor general, which will now be under the Department.

Amends RSA 21-M:12 to rename the transportation and construction bureau to the public safety and infrastructure bureau.

New. The attorney general shall transfer the national violent death reporting system and positions 9T2789 and 9T2644 to the department of health and human services effective July 1, 2023.

Amend RSA 7:28 insert after Section 28-f:
7-28-g Handling Charges. – Adds a handling fee for fees paid electronically related to charitable trusts to cover electronic processing fees paid by the Department.

Amend RSA 7:24 to remove outdated language requiring individuals subject to an investigation to appear at the state house.

Amend RSA 21-M:8-I to change the amount of money in the victims' assistance fund that shall be used by the attorney general for the costs of administration of the victims' assistance fund and the administrative costs of the victims' assistance commission from 15 percent to 30 percent.

BUSINESS FINANCE AUTHORITY

Amend RSA 162-A:22 to increase the Unified Contingent Credit Limit on June 1, 2023, to not exceed \$200,000,000 plus interest from the current level of \$115,000,000. State guarantee is applicable to Local Development Organizations, Guarantee of Loans to Small Businesses, Secondary Market for Loans Made by Local Development Organizations, the Capital Asset Backed Guarantee Program, Working Capital Loan Guarantee Program, State Bond Guarantee, and Business Finance Authority Revenue Bonds.

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION

Over 130 pages of changes to statutes relative to the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification and the regulatory boards amending, repealing, and rewriting the various statutes. The stated purpose is that “there are opportunities for improving efficiency and customer service by providing for the joint administration of the boards' administrative, clerical, business processing, and recordkeeping functions.”

The proposed sections:

- Transfer certain authorities and responsibilities from boards to the Office of Professional Licensure.
- Eliminate regulation of some professions.
- Reduce membership of regulatory boards to improve the ability to achieve a quorum.
- Makes some boards “advisory” boards.
- Provides that funds in the OPLC fund in excess of \$5 million shall lapse to the general fund at the end of the biennium.

DIVISION II

DUAL AND CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAM

Appropriates \$2,000,000 of general funds in each FY 2024 and FY 2025 for the program and increases the maximum number of courses a student may take from two (2) to three (3).

COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM OF NEW HAMPSHIRE (CCSNH) EMPLOYEE PARTICIPATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM (NHRS)

Limits covered employees to those full-time employees participating in the New Hampshire Retirement System (NHRS) prior to January 1, 2024 (individuals commencing employment after that date would not be in the NHRS system).

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE APPROPRIATIONS

From FY 2023 general funds, appropriates \$1,500,000 for the purpose of establishing a program at the University of New Hampshire Interoperability lab to analyze the interoperability of blockchain technology and \$8,000,000 for renovation and expansion of the Whittemore Center Arena.

NEW HAMPSHIRE EXCELLENCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION TRUST FUND / UNIQUE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS / WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT STUDENT DEBT RELIEF PROGRAM

Changes the allocation of revenue to the NH Excellence in Higher Education Trust fund between UNIQUE scholarship and endowment programs and the Workforce Development Student Debt Relief Program (expansion of the formerly established Regenerative Manufacturing Student Debt Relief Program).

COMPUTER SCIENCE AND STEM ADMINISTRATOR

Establishes a new computer science and STEM administrator within the Department of Education.

COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATOR PROGRAM

Creates a new program, which includes (from FY 2023 general funds), \$500,000 for the purpose of encouraging New Hampshire certified educators to pursue eligible industry recognized credentials (IRC) in the field of computer science, \$4,000,000 for the purpose of encouraging

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individuals holding an eligible IRC to teach Computer Science or related courses of study in New Hampshire approved education programs, and \$455,000 for the purpose of implementing the experiential robotics platform in all New Hampshire classrooms for grades 6-12.

BODY-WORN AND DASHBOARD CAMERA FUND

From FY 2023 general funds, appropriates \$1,005,000 to the Department of Safety Body-Worn and Dashboard Camera fund, established in RSA 105-D:3.

NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOLS CIVICS PROGRAM

Establishes a commission and provides \$2,000,000 from FY 2023 general funds to create a textbook and related curriculum specifically designed for New Hampshire students and teachers to help them explore the history, heritage, and principles of the New Hampshire Constitution and the government it established.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM

Appropriates \$250,000 in FY 2023 general funds to the Department of Education to expand the Teacher of the Year program.

NORTHERN BORDER ALLIANCE PROGRAM

Establishes the Norther Border Alliance Program, with an appropriation of \$1,435,384 in FY 2023 general funds, administered by the Department of Safety, to make grants available to other state, county, and local law enforcement agencies and also provide funding for the division of state police.

OVER-LENGTH, OVER-WIDTH, AND OVER-HEIGHT REVOLVING FUND

Establishes a dedicated fund for over-length, over-weight, and over-height permit fee revenue, which would be nonlapsing and continually appropriated to the Department of Transportation.

VARIOUS TRANSPORTATION RELATED SECTIONS

Proposed statutory changes relative to highway surveillance, transportation and railroad appeals boards, rights-of-way, disposal of real estate, and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan.

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AUXILIARY STATE POLICE

Eliminates the cap of 16 persons for the State Police Auxiliary State Police Force.

COPIES OF CERTIFICATES AND MOTOR VEHICLE RECORDS FEE

Allows the Department of Safety to set the fees through administrative rulemaking (currently, fees are statutory).

DRIVER HISTORY RECORDS

Authorizes the Department of Safety, in certain instances, to provide driver history records to a federal entity.

RESIDENTIAL CARE AND HEALTH FACILITY INSPECTION

Requires the State Fire Marshal to make at least one annual, unannounced inspection of all licensed facilities.

NEW DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY POSITION

Appropriates \$146,000 in general funds over the FY 2024 – FY 2025 biennium to fund a new program assistant II position within the Department of Safety, Division of Fire Safety.

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AUTHORIZATIONS

Allows the Department of Safety to fill unfunded positions, provided total expenditure for such positions does not exceed amounts appropriated for personal services, and to create full-time temporary positions for any positions on military deployment and to transfer funds from Class 010 into Class 059 with approval from the Department of Administrative Services.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

Appropriates \$408,297 in general funds over the FY 2024 – FY 2025 biennium into the Department of Safety for forensic laboratory and state police overtime relative to the program. Also appropriates \$1,667,368 in general funds over the FY 2024 – FY 2025 biennium for the Department of Safety to disburse grants to county and local law enforcement agencies to fund overtime costs for county and local law enforcement officers performing law enforcement activities attributable to the program.

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND TRAUMA SERVICES

Makes various statutory changes relative to the administration of Naloxone, and adds the definition of “peer support groups” to RSA 153-A.

SUSPENSION OF RSA 9:9-B, II

For the biennium ending June 30, 2025, suspends statute limiting Department of Safety highway fund allocations.

STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (SLCGP)

Appropriates general funds of \$1,255,500 in FY 2024 and \$1,612,215 in FY 2025 to the Department of Safety for the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program.

STATE POLICE CRUISERS

Appropriates \$3,510,000 of FY 2023 general funds to the Department of Safety for purchasing 52 State Police cruisers.

EDUCATION FREEDOM ACCOUNT PROGRAM

Expands program eligibility criteria.

EDUCATION TRUST FUND USES

Expands uses of the education trust fund (ETF), allowing the Department of Education to retain up to 1% of total ETF appropriations for its administration of ETF programs.

SCHOOL BUILDING AID FUND

Allocates \$75,000,000 from the education trust fund, as of June 30, 2025, to a newly established school building aid fund. This would fund new school building aid projects beginning in FY 2026.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION

Appropriates \$12,514,533 in FY 2024 from the education trust fund for the renovation of the Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center in Newport. Traditionally, this program was funded through the capital budget (HB 25).

ADEQUATE EDUCATION GRANTS

Makes various changes to the calculation of adequate education grants. Changes include increases to base and differentiated aid for free and reduced meal eligible pupils, a two (2) percent annual adjustment to base and all differentiated aid per pupil categories, elimination of the 3rd-grade reading differentiated aid category and stabilization grants, and the implementation of a new “hold harmless” grant. Changes to extraordinary needs grants and the new “hold harmless” grant in FY 2026 through FY 2034.

PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING

Makes technical changes in the charter school funding statute (RSA 194-B:11), but no specific changes. Public charter school aid would consider changes to the cost of an adequate education (see above).

THIRD-GRADE READING ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM

Establishes a new oversight program within the Department of Education.

STATE AID USDOE MAINTENANCE OF EQUITY

Adds public charter school funding reference to statute.

DIVISION III

DHHS UNFUNDED POSITIONS

Allows The Department of Health and Human Services to fill unfunded positions during the FY 2024-2025 biennium, not to exceed total personnel appropriations.

FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM

Suspends the foster grandparent program through the biennium.

HOUSING AND CONGREGATE SERVICES

Suspends housing and congregate services through the biennium.

SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM INCOME ELIGIBILITY

Increases the income eligibility for elderly and adult clients under the Social Services Block Grant each January by the percentage amount of any Social Security COLA granted on a yearly basis.

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ELIGIBILITY

Extends repeal relative to eligibility for community mental health services until July 1, 2025.

DIRECT & INDIRECT GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION PAYMENTS

Suspends direct and indirect graduate medical education payments to hospitals for the biennium.

MEDICAID TO SCHOOLS

Provides that, in the event appropriations for Medicaid to schools are insufficient, the Department may accept and expend additional federal funds with prior approval of the Fiscal Committee. Any request of the Fiscal Committee shall include a detailed explanation of the types of assistance the Department provides to school districts to ensure eligibility for reimbursement.

UNSPENT MEDICAID FUNDS

Provides that any funds appropriated to the Division of Medicaid Services shall not lapse until the end of the biennium and shall be treated as restricted revenue to fund expenditures in the Medicaid care management account.

PREVENTATIVE HEALTH CARE BENEFITS

Requires DHHS to, if necessary, submit a Medicaid state plan amendment to establish and provide preventative health care benefits under the state Medicaid program.

RESIDENTIAL CARE AND HEALTH FACILITY LICENSING

Moves from DHHS to the Department of Safety the responsibility to conduct preliminary inspection and approval for new facilities or alterations to existing facilities.

HEALTH CARE FACILITY WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM

Delays until July 1, 2025, implementation of the health care facility workplace violence prevention program.

TRANSFER AUTHORITY

Allows DHHS to transfer between and create certain class lines to comply with federal standards, and extends until June 30, 2025, the repeal date of the Department's exemptions from certain statewide transfer provisions.

UNCLASSIFIED POSITIONS

Establishes certain unclassified positions within DHHS and abolishes certain classified positions.

FORENSIC PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS

Establishes that no admissions to the forensic psychiatric hospital shall occur until after June 30, 2025, unless necessary funding is appropriated.

DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, ACQUIRED BRAIN DISORDER, AND IN-HOME SUPPORT FUNDS

Authorizes DHHS to carry forward funds from FY23 in the developmental services, acquired brain disorder, and in-home support funds.

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COUNTY NURSING SERVICES REIMBURSEMENT LIMITS

Caps county nursing services billings at \$134.5M in FY 2024 and \$137.2M in FY 2025. Amounts reflect appropriations contained in HB 1.