

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT

MINUTES

December 15, 2017

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, December 15, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Neal Kurk, Chairman
Representative Ken Weyler
Representative Lynne Ober
Representative Cindy Rosenwald (Alternate)
Representative Daniel Eaton
Senator Gary Daniels
Senator Regina Birdsell (Alternate)
Senator Lou D'Allesandro
Senator Andy Sanborn
Senator John Reagan

Chairman Kurk opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Senator Reagan, seconded by Representative Rosenwald, that the minutes of the October 20, 2017 meeting be accepted as written. MOTION ADOPTED.

OLD BUSINESS:

FIS 17-178 Additional Information Department of Health and Human Services – additional information, dated November 14, 2017, to request FIS 17-178 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to accept and expend \$326,407 in federal funds through June 30, 2018. Tabled 10/20/17. No Action Taken.

FIS 17-179 Additional Information Department of Health and Human Services – additional information, dated November 13, 2017, to request FIS 17-179 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to accept and expend \$775,000 in other funds through June 30, 2018. Tabled 10/20/17. No Action Taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

FIS 17-200 Letter from Representative Lynne Ober, Chairman of the Legislative Performance Audit and Oversight Committee – On a motion by Senator Reagan, seconded by Representative Weyler, that the Committee approve the request of the Legislative Performance

Audit and Oversight Committee relative to the recommendation of the following four (4) new performance audit topics: 1) Department of Environmental Services, Water Division, 2) Public Utilities Commission, Electric Company Restructuring, 3) Department of Corrections, Adult Parole Board, and 4) Police Standards and Training Council. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 9:16-a, TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

At the request of Senator Sanborn, FIS 17-202 Department of Health and Human Services was removed from the Consent Calendar.

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Weyler, that the Committee approve the remaining requests under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 17-193 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to transfer \$1,184,620 in federal and general funds through June 30, 2019 and FIS 17-201 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to transfer \$89,600 in general funds through June 30, 2018]

FIS 17-202 Department of Health and Human Services – Mary Calise, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, and Todd Bickford, Administrator, Glencliff Home, Department of Health and Human Services, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer \$951,639 in general funds through June 30, 2018. 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

The Chair announced that all items would be removed from the Consent Calendar and each item considered separately.

FIS 17-203 Department of Environmental Services – Susan Carlson, Chief Operations Officer, Department of Environmental Services, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator Daniels, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Environmental Services to accept and expend \$15,000,000 in federal funds through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 17-204 Department of Health and Human Services – Mary Calise, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, and Andrew Chalsma, Director, Data Analytics and Reporting, Department of Health and Human Services, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$1,251,093 in federal funds through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED. (6-Yes, 4-No)

FIS 17-205 Department of Health and Human Services – Rebecca Lorden, Fiscal Administrator, Division for Children, Youth, and Families, and Brady Serafin, Director of Operations, Sununu Youth Services Center, Department of Health and Human Services, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee. Jeffrey Meyers, Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services, was also present to respond to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$820,478 in other funds through June 30, 2018. MOTION ADOPTED. (9-Yes, 1-No)

FIS 17-206 Department of Justice – Ann Rice, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Reagan, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Justice to accept and expend \$200,000 in federal funds through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED. (9-Yes, 1-No)

The Committee requested the Department provide a copy of the report when available from the Center for New Hampshire Public Policy Studies as a result of the research and data to be performed as part of the Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN) grant.

RSA 124:15 POSITIONS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator Daniels, that the Committee approve the request under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 17-208 Department of Information Technology – authorization to; 1) increase Class 046 Consultants for the purpose of hiring consultants through June 30, 2018]

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

The Chair announced that all items would be removed from the Consent Calendar and each item considered separately.

FIS 17-197 New Hampshire Fish and Game Department – Glenn Normandeau, Executive Director, New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the request of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department for authorization through June 30, 2019 to; 1) create a full-time temporary Biological Technician (LG 17), and 2) accept and expend \$93,640 in other funds. MOTION FAILED. (3-Yes, 6-No)

FIS 17-207 Department of Safety – Steven Lavoie, Director of Administration, and Nick Mercuri, Bureau Chief, Division of Fire Standards and Training and Emergency Medical Services, Department of Safety, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Safety for authorization through September 29, 2018 to; 1) amend FIS 17-121, approved August 25, 2017, by reallocating \$14,137 in federal funds, 2) accept and expend \$785,666 in federal funds, and 3) contingent upon approval of #2, authorization to create two (2) temporary full-time positions consisting of a Program Specialist IV (LG 25) and a Program Specialist II (LG 21). Motion Withdrawn.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Daniels, that the Committee table the request of the Department of Safety for authorization through September 29, 2018 to; 1) amend FIS 17-121, approved August 25, 2017, by reallocating \$14,137 in federal funds, 2) accept and expend \$785,666 in federal funds, and 3) contingent upon approval of #2, authorization to create two (2) temporary full-time positions consisting of a Program Specialist IV (LG 25) and a Program Specialist II (LG 21). MOTION ADOPTED. (8-Yes, 2-No)

CHAPTER 156:165, LAWS OF 2017, ALTERNATIVE PLACEMENT CAPACITY FOR YOUTH; REPORTING REQUIREMENT:

FIS 17-210 Department of Health and Human Services – Rebecca Lorden, Fiscal Administrator, Division for Children, Youth, and Families, and Brady Serafin, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Community and Family Support, Department of Health and Human Services, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee. Jeffrey Meyers, Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services, was also present to respond to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Reagan, seconded by Representative Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services for approval of the rate structure to provide Alternative Placement Capacity for Youth effective January 1, 2018. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 156:183, LAWS OF 2017, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; UNFUNDED POSITIONS; AUTHORIZATION:

FIS 17-211 Department of Health and Human Services – On a motion by Senator Reagan, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to fill 10 unfunded positions effective upon Fiscal Committee approval through the biennium ending June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED. (9-Yes, 1-No)

MISCELLANEOUS:

FIS 17-196 State Treasury – On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee approve the request of the State Treasury, on behalf of the College Tuition Savings Plan Advisory Commission, requesting authorization for the release and distribution of the audited financial statements of the UNIQUE College Investing Plan and Fidelity Advisor 529 Plan for the year ended September 30, 2017 upon completion of the audits and prior to the presentation of the audit results to the Fiscal Committee. MOTION ADOPTED.

Michael Kane, Legislative Budget Assistant, requested authorization by the Committee to release publicly, as soon as it is available the FY 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the State of New Hampshire.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee approve the request of the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant to release publicly, as soon as it is available the FY 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the State of New Hampshire. MOTION ADOPTED.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

FIS 17-213 Department of Health and Human Services – Jeffrey Meyers, Commissioner, Mary Calise, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, and Christine Santaniello, Controller, Division of Developmental Services, Department of Health and Human Services presented the information item and responded to questions of the Committee regarding the Monthly Operating Statistics Dashboard SFY18 report through October 31, 2017.

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

AUDITS:

State of New Hampshire, Pharmacy Board, Controlled Drug Prescription Health and Safety Program, Performance Audit Report, December 2017 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, and Steven Grady, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Gary Merchant, President, New Hampshire Board of Pharmacy, Peter Danles, Executive Director, Office of Professional Licensure and Certification, and Michael Bullek, Administrator, Division of Health

Professionals, Office of Professional Licensure and Certification, were also present to respond to Committee questions.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Senator Reagan, that the report be accepted, placed on file, and released in the usual manner. MOTION ADOPTED.

State of New Hampshire, Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food, Financial Audit Report, Nine Months Ended March 31, 2017 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, and James LaRiviere, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Shawn Jasper, Commissioner, and Stephen Crawford, State Veterinarian, Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food, were also present to respond to Committee questions.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Senator Reagan, that the report be accepted, placed on file, and released in the usual manner. MOTION ADOPTED.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting of the Fiscal Committee was previously set for Friday, February 16, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m.



Representative Ken Weyler, Clerk