

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT

MINUTES

January 19, 2018

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, January 19, 2018 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 Mary Jane Wallner
Representative Daniel Eaton
Representative Frank Byron (Alternate)
Representative Karen Umberger (Alternate)
Senator Gary Daniels
Senate President Chuck Morse
Senator Regina Birdsell (Alternate)
Senator Lou D'Allesandro

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

RSA 198:15-y, III, PUBLIC SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND:

FIS 18-011 Office of The Governor – His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee. Frank Edelblut, Commissioner, Department of Education, and Perry Plummer, Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Department of Safety, were also present to respond to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Representative Weyler, that the Committee approve the request of the Office of The Governor to authorize general fund expenditures from the Public School Infrastructure Fund in the amount of \$10,078,085 through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the minutes of the December 15, 2017 meeting be accepted as written. MOTION ADOPTED.

OLD BUSINESS:

FIS 17-178 Additional Information #2 Department of Health and Human Services – submitted a request, dated January 12, 2018, to withdraw request FIS 17-178 Department of Health and Human Services (tabled October 20, 2017) – seeking authorization to accept and expend \$326,407 in federal funds through June 30, 2018. WITHDRAWN BY AGENCY.

FIS 17-207 Department of Safety – On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Morse, that the item, tabled December 15, 2017, be removed from the table. MOTION ADOPTED.

The Department submitted FIS 17-207 Additional Information, dated January 9, 2018, to provide additional information and clarify the nature and intent of the new approach to opioid overdose response and treatment.

Steven Lavoie, Director of Administration, and Nick Mercuri, Bureau Chief, Division of Fire Standards and Training and Emergency Medical Services, Department of Safety, and David Mara, Governor’s Advisor on Addiction, Office of The Governor, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Representative Kurk, 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 ADOPTED.

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 – On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator D’Allesandro, that the item, tabled October 10, 2017, be removed from the table. MOTION ADOPTED.

The Department submitted FIS 17-179 Additional Information #2, dated January 12, 2018, in response to a Committee request October 20, 2017.

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$775,000 in other funds through June 30, 2018. MOTION ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

At the request of the Chair items FIS 18-001 Department of Safety and FIS 18-016 Department of Education were removed from the Consent Calendar.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee approve the remaining requests under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 18-002 Department of Transportation – authorization to budget and expend \$214,962 in prior year carry forward other funds through June 30, 2018, and FIS 18-014 Department of

Administrative Services – authorization to budget and expend \$157,158 in prior year federal funds through June 30, 2018]

FIS 18-001 Department of Safety – Steven Lavoie, Director of Administration, Department of Safety, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Representative Wallner, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Safety to accept and expend \$580,513 in other funds through September 30, 2018. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 18-016 Department of Education – Frank Edelblut, Commissioner, and Tammy Vaillancourt, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Education, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Senator D’Allesandro, that the Committee **amend** and approve the request of the Department of Education, to **accept \$500,000 in other funds** through June 30, 2019, as specified in the request dated January 10, 2018. MOTION ADOPTED.

The Department will need Committee approval to expend the funds once they have submitted a detailed plan for the Pfizer Foundation grant to support and strengthen existing state programs focused on addressing opioid overdose and prevention education.

RSA 124:15 POSITIONS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee approve the request under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 18-004 Department of Administrative Services – authorization to; 1) establish one (1) part-time temporary Program Specialist I position 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 items FIS 18-003 Department of Corrections and FIS 18-010 Department of Environmental Services would be removed from the Consent Calendar.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Morse, that the Committee approve the remaining request under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 18-005 Department of Safety – authorization through September 30, 2018 to; 1) accept and expend \$116,609 in other funds, and 2) continue existing class 046 consultant positions]

FIS 18-003 Department of Corrections – Helen Hanks, Commissioner, and Robin Maddaus, Director of Administration, Department of Corrections, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Daniels, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee table the request of the Department of Corrections for authorization through June 30, 2019 to; 1) accept and expend \$900,000 in other funds, and contingent upon approval of #1, 2) authorization to establish one (1) full-time temporary Program Coordinator (LG 26) position. MOTION ADOPTED. (6-Yes, 3-No)

The Committee requested that the Department provide additional detail relative to funding for the requested position.

FIS 18-010 Replacement Department of Environmental Services – The Department submitted a replacement request to accept and expend \$35,204,700 in other funds through June 30, 2019.

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator Morse, that the Committee approve the replacement request of the Department of Environmental Services to accept and expend \$35,204,700 in other funds through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 7:12, I, ASSISTANTS:

FIS 18-009 Department of Justice – On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Justice to accept and expend a sum not to exceed \$886,537 from funds not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of covering projected shortfalls in the general litigation expenses incurred in the defense of the State and the prosecution of criminal offenses through June 30, 2018. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 215-A:23, IX AND RSA 215-C:39, X REGISTRATION FEES, AND RSA 124:15 POSITIONS AUTHORIZED:

FIS 18-006 New Hampshire Fish and Game Department – Glenn Normandeau, Executive Director, and Captain Kevin Jordan, Chief of Law Enforcement, New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee. Captain David Walsh, OHRV Program Manager, was also present.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department for authorization through June 30, 2019 to; 1) transfer \$551,139 in unexpended funds from Excess Registration Fees, to the Fish and Game OHRV Fiscal Year 2018 and 2019 Operating Budgets, and contingent upon approval of #1, 2) authorization to create three (3) full-time temporary positions consisting of; two (2) Conservation Officer Trainees (LG 16) and one (1) Program Assistant I (LG 12). MOTION ADOPTED.

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

FIS 18-015 Judicial Council – On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee approve the request of the Judicial Council to receive an additional appropriation from funds not otherwise appropriated in the amount of \$100,000 in general funds through June 30, 2018. MOTION ADOPTED.

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

FIS 18-012 Department of Health and Human Services – On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Morse, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to fill 3 unfunded positions effective upon Fiscal Committee approval through the biennium ending June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

AUDITS:

State of New Hampshire, Comprehensive Annual Financial Report For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant and Marie Zimmerman, Partner, 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 15, 2017 meeting of the Fiscal Committee.

State of New Hampshire, Department of Transportation, Turnpike System, Annual Financial Report For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant and Karen Farrell, Manager, KPMG, presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Marie Mullen, Director of Finance, Department of Transportation, was also present to respond to Committee questions.

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

New Hampshire Lottery Commission, A Department of The State of New Hampshire, Comprehensive Annual Financial Report For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 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. Charles McIntyre, Executive Director, and James Duris, Chief Financial Officer, New Hampshire Lottery Commission, were also present to respond to Committee questions.

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

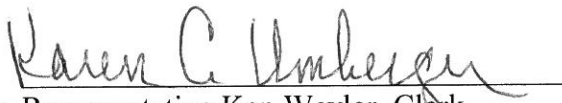
2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, New Hampshire State Liquor Commission, A Department Of The State Of New Hampshire – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, and Jean Mitchell, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Tina Demers, Chief Financial Officer, and Daniel St. Hilaire, Director of Administration, New Hampshire Liquor Commission, were also present to respond to Committee questions.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Senator Birdsell, 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 11:36 a.m.


for Representative Ken Weyler, Clerk