

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT  
MINUTES  
May 22, 2014

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Thursday, May 22, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Mary Jane Wallner, Chair  
Representative Ken Weyler, Clerk  
Representative Cindy Rosenwald  
Representative Peter Leishman  
Representative Daniel Eaton  
Representative Sharon Nordgren (Alternate)  
Senator Jeanie Forrester, Vice Chair  
Senate President Chuck Morse  
Senator Bob Odell  
Senator Peggy Gilmour (Alternate)  
Senator Andy Sanborn

Chairman Wallner opened the meeting at 1:03 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

LATE ITEM:

FIS 14-079 Office of The Governor – Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee. Gerard Murphy, Budget Director, Office of The Governor was also present to respond to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the request of the Office of the Governor for approval of Executive Order 2014-02 directing a freeze in state hiring, equipment, purchasing, and out-of-state travel to reduce state general fund expenditures. MOTION ADOPTED.

The Committee recessed at 1:31 p.m. and reconvened at 2:47 p.m.

CHAPTER 3 (SB 413), LAWS OF 2014, NEW HAMPSHIRE HEALTH PROTECTION ACT:

FIS 14-071 Replacement Department of Health and Human Services – Jeffrey Meyers, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Department of Health and Human Services presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

The four (4) State Plan Amendments were presented and voted on individually.

On a motion by Senator Sanborn, seconded by Senator Forrester, that the Committee **conditionally** approve the Alternative Benefit Plan State Plan Amendment as requested by the Department of Health and Human Services for approval of amendments to the New Hampshire State Medicaid Plan in order to implement the mandatory Health Insurance Premium and Voluntary Bridge to Marketplace programs under the New Hampshire Health Protection Program for the new adult group in New Hampshire, as specified in your letter dated May 22, 2014, **on the condition that the Department will, within 60 days, bring forward for approval a further state plan amendment to remove coverage for inappropriate use of the emergency room for newly eligible adults.** MOTION ADOPTED. (7-Yes, 3-No)

On a motion by Representative Rosenwald, seconded by Representative Nordgren, that the Committee approve the Cost Sharing State Plan Amendment as requested by the Department of Health and Human Services for approval of amendments to the New Hampshire State Medicaid Plan in order to implement the mandatory Health Insurance Premium and Voluntary Bridget to Marketplace programs under the New Hampshire Health Protection Program for the new adult group in New Hampshire. MOTION ADOPTED. (8-Yes, 2-No)

On a motion by Representative Rosenwald, seconded by Representative Leishman, that the Committee approve the FMAP Drawdown State Plan Amendment as requested by the Department of Health and Human Services for approval of amendments to the New Hampshire State Medicaid Plan in order to implement the mandatory Health Insurance Premium and Voluntary Bridget to Marketplace programs under the New Hampshire Health Protection Program for the new adult group in New Hampshire. MOTION ADOPTED. (8-Yes, 2-No)

On a motion by Senator Gilmour, seconded by Representative Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the Payment State Plan Amendment as requested by the Department of Health and Human Services for approval of amendments to the New Hampshire State Medicaid Plan in order to implement the mandatory Health Insurance Premium and Voluntary Bridget to Marketplace programs under the New Hampshire Health Protection Program for the new adult group in New Hampshire. MOTION ADOPTED. (8-Yes, 2-No)

**CHAPTER 3:7, II, LAWS OF 2014, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; CONTRACTING; TRANSFER AMONG ACCOUNTS, 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 14-067 Department of Health and Human Services – Nicholas Toumpas, Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Rosenwald, seconded by Representative Nordgren, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer \$484,424 in general funds and increase related federal revenues by \$118,057 and increase related other revenues by \$331,490 through June 30, 2014. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 14-068 Department of Health and Human Services – Nicholas Toumpas, Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Leishman, seconded by Representative Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer \$4,456,546 in general funds and increase related federal revenues by \$17,596,555 and decrease related other revenues by (\$785,531) through June 30, 2014. MOTION ADOPTED.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Representative Rosenwald, that the minutes of the April 18, 2014 meeting be accepted as written. MOTION ADOPTED.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM:

FIS 14-071 Additional Information Department of Health and Human Services – Jeffrey Meyers, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Department of Health and Human Services and James Hardy, Specialist Leader, Deloitte Consulting, presented New Hampshire's "Building Capacity for Transformation" Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver informational update and responded to questions of the Committee.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

A special meeting of the Fiscal Committee was set for Wednesday, May 28, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. pertaining to, Laws of 2014, Chapter 3 (SB 413), An act relative to health insurance coverage. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.)

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee was previously set for Monday, June 9, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.



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Representative Ken Weyler, Clerk