

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT  
MINUTES  
July 20, 2018

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, July 20, 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 Frank Byron (Alternate)  
Representative Lynne Ober  
Representative Mary Jane Wallner  
Representative Daniel Eaton  
Senator Gary Daniels  
Senator Regina Birdsell  
Senator Lou D'Allesandro  
Senator Bob Giuda  
Senator John Reagan

Chairman Kurk opened the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Daniels, that the minutes of the June 15, 2018 meeting be accepted as written. MOTION ADOPTED.

OLD BUSINESS:

FIS 18-136 The Adjutant General's Department – On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Senator Giuda, that the request tabled June 15, 2018 be removed from the table. (8-Yes, 1-No)

FIS 18-136 Additional Information from The Adjutant General's Department was distributed to the members prior to the meeting.

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Senator Giuda, that the Committee approve the request of The Adjutant General's Department effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 to; 1) accept and expend \$200,000 in other funds, and 2) establish two (2) full-time temporary Veterans Service Officers (LG 18) positions. MOTION ADOPTED. (8-Yes, 2-No)

NEW BUSINESS:

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

FIS 18-141 Letter from Representative Lynne Ober, Chairman of the Legislative Performance Audit and Oversight Committee – On a motion by Senator Reagan, seconded by Senator Daniels, that the Committee approve the request of Representative Ober, Chairman of the Legislative Performance Audit and Oversight Committee relative to the recommendation of the following one (1) new performance audit topic: Department of Education, Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 9:16-a, TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the requests under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 18-142 Department of Administrative Services – authorization to create a new class code and transfer \$3,100 in other funds through June 30, 2019, and FIS 18-147 Department of Information Technology – authorization to transfer \$550,000 in other funds through June 30, 2019]

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, FIS 18-148 Department of Education was removed from the Consent Calendar.

On a motion by Senator Birdsell, seconded by Senator Daniels, that the Committee approve the remaining requests under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 18-144 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to accept and expend \$1,600,000 in other funds through June 30, 2019, and FIS 18-149 Department of Transportation – authorization to accept and expend \$5,245,000 in federal funds through June 30, 2019]

FIS 18-148 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 Ober, seconded by Senator Giuda, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Education to expend \$500,000 in other funds through June 30, 2019 (originally approved (FIS 18-016) January 19, 2018). MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 124:15 POSITIONS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

At the request of Senator Giuda, FIS 18-150 Department of Justice was removed from the Consent Calendar.

FIS 18-150 Department of Justice – Gordon MacDonald, Attorney General, and Kathleen Carr, Director of Administration, Department of Justice, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator D’Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Justice to establish one (1) full-time temporary Criminal Justice Program Specialist (LG 24) position through June 30, 2019. 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

At the request of Representative Ober, FIS 18-143 Department of Health and Human Services was removed from the Consent Calendar.

FIS 18-143 Department of Health and Human Services – Denis Goulet, Commissioner, Department of Information Technology, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Reagan, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services through June 30, 2019 to; 1) accept and expend \$2,966,646 in federal funds, and 2) contingent upon approval of request #1, establish Class 046-Consultant positions. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 126-AA:2, I.(d), NEW HAMPSHIRE GRANITE ADVANTAGE HEALTH CARE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED:

FIS 18-153 Department of Health and Human Services – Jeffrey Meyers, Commissioner, and Henry Lipman, Director, Office of Medicaid and Business Policy, Department of Health and Human Services, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee. Deborah Scheetz, Deputy Medicaid Director, was also present.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services for review and approval of the Granite Advantage Health Care Program waiver application and related State Plan Amendments. MOTION ADOPTED.

MISCELLANEOUS:

FIS 18-140 Legislative Performance Audit and Oversight Committee – notification of discontinuance of the Public Utilities Commission, Electric Company Restructuring performance audit from the Joint Legislative Performance Audit and Oversight Committee, dated June 19, 2018. No Action Required.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

Jeffrey Meyers, Commissioner, and Kerrin Rounds, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services, updated the Committee and presented a handout on the State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant, and further presented an update and responded to questions of the Committee regarding FIS 18-154 Department of Health and Human Services – the Monthly Operating Statistics Dashboard SFY18 report through June 30, 2018. Mary Calise, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services was also present.

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee was set for Friday, September 21, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.)



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Representative Ken Weyler, Clerk