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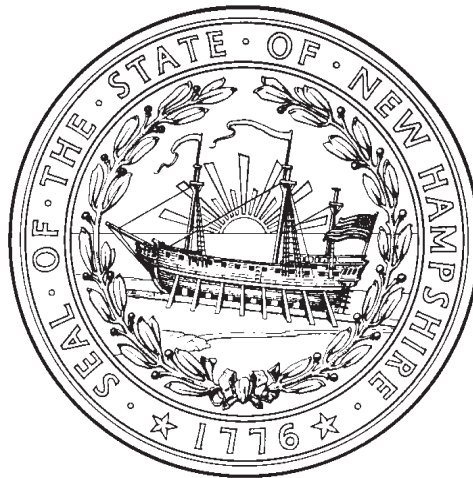
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**First Year of the 168<sup>th</sup> Session of the  
New Hampshire General Court**

# SENATE CALENDAR

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**THE SENATE WILL MEET IN SESSION ON THURSDAY,  
MARCH 30, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE SENATE CHAMBER**

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The Senate Session on Thursday, March 30, 2023, in the Senate Chamber  
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**SB 234-FN-A**, directing the department of health and human services to develop a public awareness campaign on brain health, Alzheimer's disease, and related dementias and making an appropriation therefor.03/16/2023, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 10

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# CONSENT CALENDAR REPORTS

## EDUCATION

**HB 365**, relative to a statewide facility condition assessment for school buildings.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Gendreau for the committee.

As introduced HB 365 encourages school districts to provide the Department of Education with long range capital improvement program outlines. This bill's intent is to enhance school facility projects and school capital expenditure through recommending that each district has a long range capital improvement plan, which would be reviewed and updated by the district every 2 years, that can be provided to the department of education in order to assess priority and to plan anticipated capital construction and renovation expenditures, relative to the state building aid program.

**HB 466**, relative to water bottle filling stations in schools.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Fenton for the committee.

As introduced HB 466 repeals the State Board of Education's rulemaking authority to adopt rules relative to the requirements for the installation of water bottle filling stations. This bill, proposed by the Department of Education is a technical correction that changes nothing from last year's previous bill that was adopted into law. Instead, this bill says that what was put into law is exactly what will be put into rule-making.

**HB 501**, relative to ages for special education services.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0 .

Senator Gendreau for the committee.

As introduced, HB 501 provides for special education services to be available for children with disabilities until the age of 21 inclusive. The intent of HB 501 is to make technical corrections to sections of RSA 186-C:3, that were overlooked when HB 1513 was adopted to meet federal law and regulations. There are eight places in the RSA that were mistakenly overlooked; this bill would amend these mistakes to maintain consistency.

## ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

**SB 224**, relative to housing opportunity zones and inclusionary zoning.

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 5-0.

Senator Perkins Kwoka for the committee.

This bill would have done two things: allowed municipalities the option of drafting their own zoning ordinances to require affordable units as part of new construction and update the criteria for the adoption of housing opportunity zones by a municipality to ensure that the economic viability of a development is maintained and housing units for low and moderate income families are available. The Committee determined that some further development of the language would be helpful to ensure these tools are effective for our towns and cities.

**HB 72**, relative to the tenure of public librarians.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

This bill as amended by the House removes the words "and until a successor is appointed and qualified" from RSA 202-A:15. Allowing an appointed person to serve until a successor is appointed is common practice in New Hampshire. The committee amendment retained the words and added "may serve". This change allows for more flexibility for the Library Trustees and the Librarian.

**HB 83**, relative to county commissioners' authority on county buildings.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

This bill as amended increases the expense thresholds to \$25,000 dollars for county commissioners' authority to purchase real estate and repair, enlarge, or erect county buildings and raises the monetary cap to \$25,000 dollars on the value of enlargements or repairs to county buildings. These thresholds have not been adjusted since the 1990's. Additionally, this legislation will increase the minimum value threshold from \$300 to \$3,000 dollars of county personal property subject to competitive bidding.

## **ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**SB 54-FN**, relative to purchased power agreements for electric distribution utilities.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Avard for the committee.

SB 54 encourages the development of reliable, low-cost electricity by allowing investor-owned electric distribution utilities to enter into long-term power purchasing agreements with producers. This bill requires that utilities consult with the Office of the Consumer Advocate and the Department of Energy before entering into an agreement. Agreements would also require approval from the Public Utilities Commission.

**SB 62**, relative to landowner liability under RSA 147-B, the hazardous waste cleanup fund.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Avard for the committee.

SB 62 clarifies when a landowner is liable under RSA 147-B for hazardous waste and substances on their land. This bill updates the language of RSA 147-B. SB 62 was filed at the request of the Department of Environmental Services.

**SB 165**, relative to the online energy data platform.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

SB 165 would require electrical utilities to jointly file with the Department of Energy, the Office of the Consumer Advocate, and a commission created by the bill, a proposal for an online platform which would publish information on New Hampshire energy prices. This platform would make the energy market more transparent to consumers. The proposal would have to include a budget. The bill would require the commission to study the proposal and then approve or defer implementation based on whether it would reduce costs for New Hampshire ratepayers.

**HB 152**, relative to soil and plant additives.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

HB 152 was introduced at the request from the department of agriculture, markets, and food. HB 152 is a result from a study committee that examined the state statutes governing soil and plant additives. HB 152 amends the title of RSA 431 so that it is consistent with the definitions and rules used by the Association of American Plant Food Control Officials. Additionally, HB 152 clarifies penalties related to fertilizer manufacturers and producers, and how penalties are calculated.

## **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**SB 82**, relative to prompt payments for managed care.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Whitley for the committee.

SB 82 furthers the notice requirements for denial or pending claims made by health carriers subject to the managed care law. Currently, some carriers are not processing some claims within the statutory deadlines. SB 82 will provide a further nudge on carriers to process and respond to claims in a timely manner, enabling patients to be made aware of their costs and allowing providers to be compensated for the care they've provided.

**SB 95**, relative to medical loss reporting by dental benefits providers.

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 5-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

SB 95 expands New Hampshire's laws regarding requirements for the submission and filing of individual health insurance rates to include dental benefits. SB 95 is a complex bill, moving dental benefits from an ancillary benefit into the same category as major medical insurance products and subjecting dental benefits to the same regulations. Rereferring SB 95 will allow for more discussions to take place on potential amendments that may be needed to ensure the bill is workable and achieves its desired outcome of increased transparency and lower premiums.

**SB 116**, relative to discharge from the secure psychiatric unit of the state prison.

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 5-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

SB 116 modifies criteria for committal order durations and clarifies that it is the Commissioner for the Department of Health and Human Services that authorizes persons transferred to state hospitals. The

Committee heard conflicting testimony from state agencies about the need for this bill, as well as concerns regarding the formatting of the bill as it only applies to one section of statute and not others. Rereferring SB 116 will allow more time for the agencies to meet and discuss the underlying issue, which may prove a legislative solution is not required.

**HB 66**, establishing a committee to study non-pharmacological treatment options for patients with chronic pain. Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Prentiss for the committee.

HB 66 establishes a committee to study non-pharmacological treatment options to treat patients with chronic pain and the creation of a pilot program that supports and encourages nonpharmacological treatment options. The Committee heard testimony about the importance and success of integrated, patient-centered care models used at the Department of Veterans Affairs and in the State of Vermont. Establishing a study committee will allow us to look at opportunities to craft these models into a New Hampshire-specific model that meets the needs of Granite Staters.

**HB 188**, relative to the duration of physical therapy.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Avar for the committee.

HB 188 removes the requirement that a physical therapist refer a patient to a health care provider if there is no documented improvement after 25 days of treatment. There are some injuries that simply do not respond in documentable ways after only 25 days of treatment. Requiring a referral back to a health care provider after that time adds a barrier to timely, medically appropriate care for patients. HB 188 will remove that barrier and allow physical therapists to practice their specialty as they see fit for the needs of the patient.

**HB 223**, relative to prescription refills.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Avar for the committee.

HB 223 creates an exception to the 34-day limit on prescription refills of schedule III topical androgens if the prescription specifies it is being used for the treatment of chronic low testosterone replacement therapy. This is a very specific carve out for a very specific prescription for a very specific condition, affecting between 1,000 and 2,000 men in New Hampshire. Making this change will save those patients from having to go to the pharmacy and pay a co-pay every couple of weeks, saving them time and money.

## REGULAR CALENDAR REPORTS

### COMMERCE

**SB 201**, relative to resale of event tickets.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Chandley for the committee.

### ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

**CACR 9**, relating to the New Hampshire presidential primary. Providing that the New Hampshire presidential primary will be the first presidential primary of a presidential election cycle.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

**SB 133-FN**, relative to changing the date of the state primary election and creates runoff election for federal primary election.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-1.

Senator Gray for the committee.

**SB 221**, enabling municipalities to adopt a property tax exemption for child day care agencies.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

**SB 222**, relative to the definition of broadband infrastructure as a revenue-producing facility eligible for municipal revenue bonds.

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 4-1.

Senator Gray for the committee.

**SB 271**, relative to the seating of delegates to national party conventions.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2.

Senator Gray for the committee.



## **ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**HB 79**, establishing a committee to study the New Hampshire law relative to standards for farm products and marketing and grading commodities.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

## **FINANCE**

**SB 36-FN**, relative to systems of care for healthy aging.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0.

Senator D'Allesandro for the committee.

**SB 86-FN**, relative to health care workforce development and making appropriations therefor.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0.

Senator Rosenwald for the committee.

**SB 104-FN-A**, to regulate online gambling and direct net proceeds to a community college education scholarship fund.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-2.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

**SB 120-FN**, relative to charitable gaming license applications, wages, stakes, and bonds.

Ought to Pass, Vote 6-1.

Senator Rosenwald for the committee.

**SB 132-FN**, prohibiting cities and towns from adopting sanctuary policies.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-2.

Senator Innis for the committee.

**SB 140-FN**, relative to establishing a program for the recruitment of educators.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

**SB 145-FN**, relative to New Hampshire housing champion designation for municipalities and making appropriations therefor.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0.

Senator Rosenwald for the committee.

**SB 153-FN-A**, establishing a law enforcement officers, professional firefighters, and emergency medical technicians career development, recruitment, and retention program and making an appropriation therefor.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

**SB 218-FN-A**, establishing an early educator professional development grant.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0.

Senator D'Allesandro for the committee.

**SB 237-FN**, relative to the child care scholarship program and making an appropriation therefor.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

**SB 239-FN**, relative to the use of harm reduction services to treat alcohol and other substance misuse.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

**SB 241-FN**, relative to graduated public assistance programs.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 7-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

**SB 242-FN**, relative to Medicaid direct certification.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 7-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

## **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**SB 238-FN**, relative to the use of telemedicine to treat mental health conditions.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Prentiss for the committee.

## **JUDICIARY**

**CACR 6**, relating to the retirement age for judges. Providing that the mandatory judicial retirement age shall be increased from 70 to 75.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Chandley for the committee.

**SB 58**, relative to arrests without a warrant while in the care of a medical professional on the premises of a residential care or health care facility.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

**SB 246**, relative to disclosure of post-arrest photographs under the right to know law.

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 4-0.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

**SB 264-FN**, relative to parentage.

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 3-2.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

**HB 85**, relative to antenuptial agreements.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

**HB 124**, relative to temporary alimony.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-1.

Senator Whitley for the committee.

**HB 151**, establishing a committee to study the issue of unmarried cohabitants, domestic partnerships, and common law marriage.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-1.

Senator Carson for the committee.

**HB 162**, relative to supported decision making.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Carson for the committee.

**HB 240**, relative to equal access to marriage.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Whitley for the committee.

## AMENDMENTS

Energy and Natural Resources

March 21, 2023

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### Amendment to SB 54-FN

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Legislative Findings and Purpose. The general court finds that:

I. The cost of electricity supply in New Hampshire has significantly increased over the past year, which has created an economic burden on the state's citizens and businesses.

II. The cost of electricity in New England is driven by a number of factors, including the retirements of baseload generation resources, lack of adequate natural gas capacity in the winter, and increases in the cost of natural gas due to international factors.

III. The development of reliable sources of low-cost electricity supply is critical to stabilizing and reducing the cost of electricity in New Hampshire.

IV. Market volatility is harming New Hampshire's residents and businesses.

V. To ensure that New Hampshire ratepayers can benefit from cost effective energy sources in a time of unprecedented price volatility, the general court finds that it is appropriate to allow the electric distribution utilities to issue requests for proposals to provide more diverse and long-term options for providing energy service to customers.

2 New Section; Purchase Power Agreements. Amend RSA 374-F by inserting after section 10 the following new section:

374-F:11 Purchased Power Agreements.

## I. Low-Cost Reliable Energy Requests for Proposals.

(a) Investor-owned electric distribution utilities may elect to develop and, no later than June 30, 2025, issue a request for proposals for multi-year agreements for energy, in conjunction with or independent of any attendant environmental attributes from electric energy sources.

(1) The electric distribution utilities may issue requests for proposals alone or in conjunction with another New Hampshire utility or utilities, or with out of state utilities subject to consultation with the department of energy and the office of the consumer advocate with resulting contracts approved by the public utilities commission.

(2) Any costs associated with transmission system upgrades required for interconnecting new or incremental electric energy sources shall be included in responses to the request for proposals and power purchase agreements.

(3) Electric distribution utilities shall consult with the department of energy and the office of the consumer advocate on all issues related to such requests for proposals, prior to issuance, including the criteria and scoring to be used in the review of responses to the request for proposals. The department and the office of the consumer advocate will provide any such consultation within 60 days from the date each draft request for proposals is provided for its review. Within this period the utilities may solicit public comment.

(4) The department of energy may hire consultants to aid in the development of requests for proposals and assess the costs of such consultants to the relevant distribution electric utility or utilities as appropriate and equitable on a case by case basis. The department shall not enter into any contract under this section in an amount greater than \$10,000, including any contract extension, without the approval of the governor and council.

(b) Each investor-owned electric distribution utility may propose more than one agreement, with varying lengths and terms, alone or in conjunction with another utility or utilities, resulting from these requests for proposals, provided that:

(1) Agreements shall not exceed 20 years in length.

(2) Collectively among all investor-owned electric distribution utilities, agreements will only be eligible for approval for up to a total not to exceed 2 million megawatt hours, annually, apportioned to each investor-owned electric distribution utility based upon kWh sales to ultimate customers as reported on the utilities' FERC Form 1. No electric distribution utility may contract in excess of its apportionment.

(3) All megawatt hours procured through agreements made pursuant to this provision shall come from new or incremental electric energy sources.

(4) For the purposes of this section, "new electric energy sources" are those that are able to provide additional energy into the ISO-NE regional market that first began commercial operation on or after January 1, 2023, at a site where no facility previously existed, and "incremental electric energy sources" are those that existed prior to January 1, 2023, and which, as a result of new construction, are capable of providing additional energy into the ISO-NE regional market on or after January 1, 2023.

(c) Electric distribution utilities shall recover any prudently incurred costs related to complying with this section through distribution rates.

II. Any investor-owned electric distribution utility electing to enter into an agreement pursuant to this section shall petition the public utilities commission for authorization to enter the agreement no later than June 30, 2026.

(a) Upon the petition of one or more electric distribution utilities, and after notice and hearing, the public utilities commission may authorize such utility or utilities to enter into multi-year agreements with new or incremental electric energy sources up to a total of 2 million megawatt hours statewide, on an annual basis, if it finds such agreements to be just and reasonable and in the public interest.

(b) The public utilities commission shall review and render a decision on any proposed agreement no later than nine months after submission of the agreement with the commission.

III. In reviewing agreements under this section, the public utilities commission shall consider whether each agreement is, on balance, substantially consistent with the following factors:



- (a) Cost-effective to electric ratepayers in New Hampshire over the term of the agreement.
- (b) Supports electric energy sources that are expected to be available during long duration winter cold event.
- (c) Fosters price stability and helps reduces exposure to market volatility.
- (d) Supports the diversification of New Hampshire's electric energy sources.
- (e) Any other factors necessary to determine whether the agreement is just and reasonable and in the public interest.

IV. Upon receiving public utilities commission approval of an agreement to purchase electric energy, in conjunction with or independent of any attendant environmental attributes, an investor-owned electric distribution utility may sell such purchased energy and any environmental attributes into the wholesale market in the manner to minimize costs and maximize benefits to ratepayers. If the electric distribution utility elects to sell into the wholesale market, it shall:

- (a) Calculate the net cost of payments made under the agreements against the proceeds obtained from the sale of the energy and any environmental attributes.
- (b) Credit or charge all distribution ratepayers the difference between the agreement payments and proceeds through a uniform, fully-reconciling annual factor in rates.

V. Any rural electric cooperative for which a certificate of deregulation is on file with the department of energy may participate in competitive solicitations for energy or environmental attributes on its own or in conjunction with an investor-owned utility or utilities, but shall not be required to develop or issue requests for proposals or seek authorization for multi-year purchased power agreements under this section. Investor-owned electric distribution utilities, shall, however, be required to consult with the department of energy on any jointly-issued request for proposals and to obtain approval of any contract entered into jointly with a rural electric cooperative.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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#### AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows electric distribution utilities to issue requests for proposals for multi-year agreements for energy, in conjunction with or independent of any attendant environmental attributes from electric energy sources.

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#### Amendment to SB 104-FN-A

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 New Subparagraph; Online Gambling. Amend RSA 647:2, V by inserting after subparagraph (f) the following new subparagraph:

(g) Gambling done over an Internet connection on a website on the Internet.

2 New Subdivision; Community College Scholarship Program and Fund. Amend RSA 188-F by inserting after section 69 the following new subdivision:

#### Community College Scholarship Program and Fund

188-F:70 Definitions. In this subdivision:

I. "Eligible institution" means a postsecondary educational institution within the community college system of New Hampshire as defined in RSA 188-F.

II. "Eligible student" means student who enrolls in a course or program of study determined by the community college system of New Hampshire to be eligible for funding under this section and who meets the following requirements:

(a) A person eligible for scholarship funds under this section must be a New Hampshire resident as defined by the board of trustees.

(b) A person shall meet the qualifications for academic performance or work experience as established by the board of trustees.

(c) A person shall have an annual household income at the time the student applies for the program of less than or equal to \$100,000.

III. "Eligible costs" may include tuition, registration fees, books, lab and other mandatory fees that are determined by the community college system of New Hampshire to be part of the cost to successfully complete a course or program, and may include the costs of credit and non-credit offerings.

IV. "Program" means the community college scholarship program and fund established in this subdivision

V. "Board" means the board of trustees of the community college system of New Hampshire, established in RSA 188-F:2.

#### 188-F:71 Scholarship Program and Fund Established.

I. It is the intent of the general court to provide financial support for New Hampshire residents to further their education through the community college system of New Hampshire.

II. It is further the intent of the general court to provide financial support for New Hampshire residents who choose to transfer community college credit, including credit earned through the dual and concurrent enrollment program, to the university system of New Hampshire.

III. There is hereby established the community college scholarship program and the community college scholarship fund. Proceeds allocated to the fund according to RSA 287-J:6 shall be non-lapsing and continually appropriated to the board for the purposes of this subdivision. The state treasurer shall credit to the fund any appropriation relating to the community college scholarship fund made in each fiscal year to the board. The state treasurer shall invest the fund in accordance with RSA 6:8. Any earnings shall be added to the fund. The fund shall be kept distinct and separate from all other funds and shall be used for the purposes of this subdivision.

IV. The funds shall be distributed to the community college system of New Hampshire for scholarship awards to eligible students who incur eligible expenses that are not already offset by funds drawn from other federal, state, institutional, or philanthropic sources.

V. The trustees of the community college system shall establish policies relative to awarding and disbursing scholarship funds to eligible students, and shall administer the program and fund.

VI. The eligible institution shall not reduce any merit or need-based grant aid that would have otherwise been provided to the eligible student.

VII. The trustees of the community college system shall work collaboratively with the trustees of the university system of New Hampshire to annually allocate a portion of the fund to support community college students who have earned an associate degree and who choose to transfer community college system credit to the university system of New Hampshire, and for students who have earned dual and concurrent enrollment credit through the community college system of New Hampshire.

VIII. Funds awarded under this section shall be made on a first come first served basis and the community college system of New Hampshire shall not be obligated to pay or waive costs in excess of the funds available.

IX. Beginning in 2024, the board of trustees shall submit a report by November 1 of each year detailing expenditures from the fund, including the number and amount of scholarships awarded, the program areas for which such awards were made, and the use of funds to support transfer of credit to the university system to the chairs of the house and senate education committees, the governor, and the commissioner of the New Hampshire department of education. Such report shall not include personally identifiable information of any student.

3 New Chapter; Online Gaming. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 287-I the following new chapter:

#### CHAPTER 287-J ONLINE GAMING

287-J:1 Definitions. In this chapter:

I. “Agent” means a party who is authorized by contract or agreement with the commission to conduct online gaming.

II. “Authorized online gaming bettor” means an individual 18 years of age or older who is physically present in the state of New Hampshire, or otherwise permitted to place a wager by law, when placing an online gaming wager with the commission or an authorized agent of the commission and is not a prohibited online gaming bettor.

III. “Commission” means the lottery commission.

IV. “Director” means the executive director of the lottery commission or designee.

V. “Online gaming wagering platform” means the combination of hardware, software, and data networks used to manage, administer, record, and/or control online gaming wagers.

VI. “Online gaming wager” means cash or cash equivalent paid by an individual to participate in online gaming wagering.

VII. “Online gaming” means games of chance as defined by RSA 287-D:1, III as may be approved by the director, including but not limited to poker, blackjack, cards, roulette, craps, baccarat or other style games in which an individual wagers money or something of monetary value for the opportunity to win money or something of monetary value, and which is offered on an online gaming platform including by electronic communication through Internet websites accessed via a mobile device or computer and mobile device applications. The term does not include sports wagering conducted under RSA 287-I or paid fantasy sports games conducted under RSA 287-H, games of chance conducted under RSA 287-D, Internet lottery conducted under RSA 284:21-h, or historic horse racing as defined under RSA 284:22-b.

VIII. “Permissible jurisdiction” means another jurisdiction from which wagers may be accepted under an interstate gaming reciprocal agreement.

IX. “Prohibited online gaming bettor” means:

(a) Any member or employee of the commission and any spouse, child, sibling, or parent residing in the same household as a member or employee of the commission.

(b) Any principal or employee of any agent.

(c) Any contractor of the commission or its agents when such contract relates to the conduct of online gaming wagering.

(d) Any contractor or employee of an entity that conducts online gaming wagering in another jurisdiction when the bettor possesses confidential nonpublic information as a result of his or her contract or employment relating to the wager being placed.

(e) Any individual placing a wager as an agent of or proxy for a prohibited online gaming bettor.

(f) Any person under the age of 18

287-J:2 Online Gaming Authorized; Commission. The commission is authorized to operate online gaming for the purposes of accepting and paying wagers by authorized online gaming bettors within the state or other authorized jurisdiction as authorized under RSA 287-J:8 in conformance with the requirements of this chapter.

287-J:3 Commission Agents. The commission shall conduct online gaming through agents selected through a competitive bid process and approved by the governor and executive council. Any such contract shall be based on the state receiving a percentage of revenue from online gaming activities within the state. The commission shall ensure that an agent demonstrates financial stability, responsibility, good character, honesty, and integrity. In selecting an agent, the commission shall consider, at a minimum, the experience and background of the agent, the agent’s mobile and Internet capabilities, the agent’s contribution to economic development within the state, the agent’s commitment to prevention of problem gambling, to responsible gaming, and to integrity in Internet gaming. The commission shall select one or more bidders who best meet the criteria set forth in this paragraph and select from that group the agents whose bids provide the state with the highest percentage of revenue from the Internet gaming activities covered by the bids, provided that the commission determines that the bidder’s commitment to return said revenue percentage to the state is consistent with the bidder’s commitment to meet all other criteria specified in the bid request and in applicable law. All agents shall be subject to criminal and financial background checks as prescribed by the commission.

287-J:4 Online Gaming Wagering Authorized. The commission and its agents are authorized to operate online gaming through an online gaming wagering platform by mobile devices or over the Internet. With respect to online gaming wagers, the commission, either independently, or through its agent, shall provide:

I. Age verification measures to be undertaken to block access to and prevent online gaming wagers by persons under the age of 18 years.

II. Identity verification through secure online databases or by examination of photo identification.

III. Geographic restrictions to ensure that online gaming wagers must be initiated and received within the geographic borders of the state of New Hampshire or a permissible jurisdiction, and are not intentionally routed outside of the state. The incidental intermediate routing of a mobile online gaming wager shall not determine the location or locations in which such a wager is initiated, received, or otherwise made.

IV. Wager limits for daily, weekly, and monthly amounts consistent with the best practices in addressing problem gambling.

V. A voluntary self-exclusion program for players to self-exclude themselves from online gaming wagering for set periods of time.

VI. Security mechanisms to ensure the confidentiality of wagering and personal and financial information except as otherwise authorized by this chapter.

287-J:5 Online Gaming Wagering Supervision. The commission shall create a division of online gaming wagering which shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with the requirements of this chapter and any rules adopted by the commission in accordance with the authorities granted under this chapter. In addition, the division, under the direction of the director and commission, shall ensure that the commission's agents and vendors comply with the following obligations:

I. Each agent engaged in online gaming wagering shall submit a security and internal control report for the division's review and approval prior to conducting any online gaming wagering within the state and every year thereafter. This report shall address all aspects of security and controls including physical security, personnel security, and computer systems security including:

(a) Employment background checks and policies.

(b) Automated and manual risk management procedures.

(c) Procedures for identifying and reporting fraud and suspicious conduct.

(d) Any and all monitoring systems utilized by the agents to report and receive information on suspicious betting conduct.

(e) Systems and procedures to prevent prohibited online gaming bettors from placing wagers.

(f) Description of anti-money laundering compliance standards.

(g) Descriptions of all integrated third-party systems or components and the security procedures relating to those systems.

II. For each wagering computer system used to conduct online gaming wagering, including all mobile online gaming wagering platforms within the state, the agent providing such system shall provide a detailed computer system security report to be approved by the commission prior to the acceptance of wagers and each year thereafter. The report shall address the issues set forth in the security and internal control report along with the following:

(a) Documented system security testing performed by a licensed third-party contractor approved by the commission.

(b) A description of all software applications that comprise the system.

(c) A procedure for third-party auditing of financial transactions received by the system.

(d) A description of all types of wagers supported by the system.

(e) Unique identification and verification systems for wagers.

(f) A list of data recorded relating to each wager.

(g) System redundancy to ensure recording of wagers during a system outage.

(h) A mechanism to provide read only access to the commission to the back office system for the purposes of reviewing and auditing wagering activities.

(i) Integration with an independent control system to ensure integrity of system wagering information.

(j) Capabilities for freezing or suspending wagering across the platform.

(k) Any other issue identified by the division upon review of the proposed gaming system.

III. Each agent engaged in online gaming wagering shall submit rules for each online game for the division's review and approval prior to conducting any online gaming within the state and every year thereafter. These rules for each online game shall include at a minimum:

(a) The method for calculation and payment of winning wagers.

(b) Treatment of errors.

(c) Method of contacting the agents for questions or complaints.

(d) The policies and procedures in place for limiting or banning a player from the online gaming wagering platform.

(e) The method and location for posting and publishing the rules for each online game.

IV. Each agent engaged in online gaming wagering shall submit accounting controls for the division's review and approval prior to conducting any online gaming wagering within the state and every year thereafter. These accounting controls shall include at a minimum:

(a) A process for documenting and verifying beginning of day cash balance.

(b) The establishment of a segregated account related to New Hampshire online gaming wagering activities.

V. The commission's agents shall submit a responsible gaming plan for the division's review and approval prior to conducting any online gaming wagering within the state and every year thereafter. This plan should include identification of posting and materials related to problem gaming, resources to be made available to bettors expressing concerns about problem gaming, house imposed player limits, and self-exclusion programs.

VI. The commission's agents shall maintain a cash reserve available to pay wagers as determined by the commission.

VII. The commission's agents shall not accept any wager on an online game unless it has received approval from the commission to conduct that type of online game.

VIII. Wagers made under this section shall be made with:

(a) Cash.

(b) Cash equivalent.

(c) PayPal.

(d) Debit card.

(e) ACH.

(f) Promotional funds.

(g) Any other means approved by the executive director.

287-J:6 Proceeds to Community College Scholarship Fund. The proceeds received by the commission from online gaming wagering, less the administrative costs of the commission, prizes paid, and payments for problem gambling services, shall be deposited in the scholarship fund established in RSA 188-F:71.

287-J:7 Limitations on Online Gaming Wagers. The commission and its agents are prohibited from the following activities:

I. Accepting or making payment relating to online gaming wagers made by prohibited online gaming bettors.



II. Accepting online gaming wagers from persons who are physically outside of the state of New Hampshire at the time of the online gaming wager.

III. Accepting online gaming wagers from persons outside of the state of New Hampshire not in compliance with RSA 287-J:8.

287-J:8 Acceptance of Out-of-State Wagers. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, wagers may be accepted pursuant to this chapter from persons who are not physically present in the state of New Hampshire if the commission has determined that:

(a) Accepting the wagers is not inconsistent with federal law or the laws of New Hampshire; or

(b) The wagering is conducted pursuant to a reciprocal agreement to which the state of New Hampshire is a party that is not inconsistent with federal law.

287-J:9 Financial Reports. The commission may seek financial and compliance reports from its agents periodically and may conduct audits of these reports to ensure that the state receives the agreed upon revenue sharing proceeds.

287-J:10 Compliance Reviews. The commission shall retain oversight of its agents to ensure that all online gaming wagering activities are conducted in accordance with this chapter and any rules adopted by the commission.

287-J:11 Rulemaking. The commission shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to the operation, conduct, location, and oversight of online gaming wagering. The commission may enact emergency rules, which will take effect upon approval.

287-J:12 Prohibition on Authorization of Online Gaming Agents Operating in Terror States and Illegal Markets.

I. Prior to the authorization of an agent under this section, the commission shall conduct a comprehensive investigation of the prospective agent to determine whether the agent or any of its affiliates, including entities under common control, is knowingly:

(a) Accepting revenue, directly or indirectly, derived from any jurisdiction sanctioned by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) of the United States Treasury; or

(b) Accepting or assisting, directly or indirectly, in the acceptance of online wagers or consideration related to online wagering from any country in which such online gaming is prohibited or illegal.

II. The commission shall not authorize an agent under this section if the commission determines that the agent or any of its affiliates, including entities under common control, is knowingly:

(a) Accepting revenue, directly or indirectly, derived from any jurisdiction sanctioned by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) of the United States Treasury Department; or

(b) Accepting or assisting, directly or indirectly, in the acceptance of online wagers or other consideration related to online wagering from any country in which such online gaming is prohibited or illegal.

III. If at any time during authorization the commission determines that the agent or any of its affiliates, including entities under common control, is knowingly:

(a) Accepting revenue, directly or indirectly, derived from any jurisdiction sanctioned by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) of the United States Treasury Department; or

(b) Accepting or assisting, directly or indirectly, in the acceptance of online wagers or other consideration related to online wagering from any country in which such online gaming is prohibited or illegal, the commission shall impose discipline up to and including revocation of the license held by the agent.

4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2024.

Election Law and Municipal Affairs  
March 7, 2023  
2023-0801s  
06/05

Amendment to SB 133-FN

Amend the bill by deleting section 8 and renumbering the original section 9 to read as 8.

Energy and Natural Resources  
 March 21, 2023  
 2023-1138s  
 10/05

#### Amendment to SB 165

Amend the bill by replacing sections 1 and 2 with the following:

1 Public Utilities; Online Energy Data Platform. RSA 378:51, IV is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

IV. Prior to undertaking the construction of the platform, the utilities subject to this section shall jointly file with the department, the office of the consumer advocate, and the commission a detailed plan for the platform including a capital and operating budget. Within 60 days of its receipt of this filing, the department or the consumer advocate may request that the commission defer the implementation of the statewide, multi use, online energy data platform for reasons of cost. Upon such a request, the commission shall conduct an adjudicative proceeding and shall thereafter either approve such plan for implementation of the platform by the utilities, or defer the implementation of the platform if it determines that the cost of the platform to be recovered from customers is unreasonable and not in the public interest. In the absence of such a request by the department or the consumer advocate, the utilities shall be authorized to implement the platform and recover any expenses or capital expenditures incurred, as proposed in the filing.

2 New Paragraph; Online Energy Data Platform; Application. Amend RSA 378:51 by inserting after paragraph IV the following new paragraph:

V. Nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing the commission to manage, direct, or supervise the development of the statewide, multi-use, online energy data platform. By virtue of Order No. 26,589, issued by the commission on March 2, 2022, the commission shall be deemed to have discharged its responsibilities to conduct an adjudicative proceeding as set forth in paragraph II. The commission may review any costs incurred by utilities under this section in the same manner it reviews other costs that utilities intend to recover from customers. The utilities shall recover all costs incurred consistent with the plan submitted and on file with the department, office of the consumer advocate, and the commission.

Commerce  
 March 21, 2023  
 2023-1135s  
 07/08

#### Amendment to SB 201

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Statement of Findings.

I. The general court recognizes that independent live-performance venues are important entertainment centers and essential to the growth and success of New Hampshire's local economies. They serve as critical tax bases, as employers, as tourism destinations and as revenue generators for neighboring businesses such as restaurants, hotels, and retailers.

II. The general court further finds that the "secondary ticket marketplace" purports to be a resale marketplace between ticket purchasers and ticket resellers who have purchased tickets for admission to events that were originally sold or issued by the sponsors or promoters of the events. Problems arise when these sites resell tickets at a significantly higher cost than the venue when tickets are, in fact, available at face-value from the venue; when they "resell" tickets that they do not own; when they give fake confirmation numbers to the patron with no intention of providing the tickets; and when they engage in a host of deceptive or unethical behaviors.

III. The general court further finds that what was once a small offline industry of ticket resellers has grown into a multi billion dollar online industry, and is an enormous and expensive problem for venues, patrons and artists. These websites are not connected to venues and are often designed to make purchasers believe they are buying tickets directly from the venue.

IV. The general court further finds, that these practices result in understaffed venues exhausting valuable employee hours chasing box office issues, comforting and compensating upset patrons, filing paperwork against credit card back charges, and generally doing whatever they can to salvage their goodwill with the patron who often blames the venue for their situation.

V. In conclusion, the general court finds that to address these problems and mitigate the affects of deceptive practices, the following change to law is necessary.

2 New Paragraphs; Regulation of Business Practices for Consumer Protection; Definitions. Amend RSA 358-A:1 by inserting after paragraph V the following new paragraph:

VI. "Venue" shall mean any motion picture house, theater, concert hall, sports arena, stadium or other place of exhibition or entertainment at which tickets are sold.

3 New Paragraph; Regulation of Business Practices for Consumer Protection; Acts Unlawful; Unauthorized Resellers. Amend RSA 358-A:2 by inserting after paragraph XVIII the following new paragraph:

XIX. Reselling tickets to an event without prominent display, in bold in no smaller than 14 point font size, of identity being different than the venue at which the event is taking place or an authorized agent of such venue, if the seller does not actually own the ticket, or if the ticket being resold is in a block, zone, or other specific grouping of tickets, unless the seller gets express acknowledgment via signature attestation from the purchaser of notice of these conditions at the time of purchase.

4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

2023-1135s

#### AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill makes the resale of event tickets by a person who is not the venue or an authorized agent of the venue without prominent display and acknowledgment of that condition an unlawful act under the consumer protection regulations.

Health and Human Services  
February 16, 2023  
2023-0588s  
05/07

#### Amendment to SB 238-FN

Amend the bill by replacing section 3 with the following:

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Senate Finance  
March 21, 2023  
2023-1148s  
05/07

#### Amendment to SB 241-FN

Amend section 2 of the bill by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

IV. The sum of \$200,000 is hereby appropriated to the department for the purpose of conducting a continued review and economic analysis of the cliff effect as set forth in this section. The funds shall be nonlapsing until June 30, 2025. The department may accept and expend matching federal funds without prior approval of the fiscal committee. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

2023-1148s

#### AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill directs the department of health and human services, the housing finance authority, New Hampshire employment security, and the department of energy to study the creation, funding, and implementation of graduated public assistance programs to complement existing programs within the state. The bill appropriates funds to the department of health and human services for the purpose of studying mitigation of the cliff effect in administration public assistance programs.

Senate Finance  
 March 21, 2023  
 2023-1144s  
 08/10

#### Amendment to SB 242-FN

Amend the bill by replacing section 2 with the following:

2 New Paragraphs; School Boards, Superintendents, Teachers; and Truant Officers; Food and Nutrition Programs. Amend RSA 189:11-a by inserting after paragraph VIII the following new paragraphs:

IX. The department of education shall seek participation in the Demonstration Projects for states to evaluate the impact of using Medicaid eligibility data to directly certify students for free and reduced price school meals administered by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The department of health and human services shall assist the department of education as needed in pursuing and implementing Medicaid direct certification.

X. The department of education and department of health and human services shall submit an application for participation in the Demonstration Projects for states to evaluate the impact of using Medicaid eligibility data to directly certify students for free and reduced price school meals administered by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) no later than September 1, 2023.

XI. Within 30 days of acceptance into the Demonstration Projects for states to evaluate the impact of using Medicaid eligibility data to directly certify students for free and reduced price school meals administered by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the department of education and department of health and human services shall implement the program.

XII. School districts shall provide notice to parents of children who are identified as eligible for free or reduced meals through Medicaid Direct Certification that they can choose to opt out of the free and reduced school lunch program.

Election Law and Municipal Affairs  
 March 21, 2023  
 2023-1137s  
 02/07

#### Amendment to HB 72

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Public Librarian; Qualification and Tenure. Amend RSA 202-A:15 to read as follows:

202-A:15 Public Librarian; Qualification and Tenure. The librarian shall have education of sufficient breadth and depth to give leadership in the use of books and related materials. The librarian shall be appointed by the board of library trustees for a term of office agreed to at the time of employment and *may serve* until a successor is appointed and qualified.

2023-1137s

#### AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes a municipality's board of library trustees to appoint librarians for a set term, or allow them to serve until a successor is appointed.

Election Law and Municipal Affairs  
 March 21, 2023  
 2023-1136s  
 02/07

#### Amendment to HB 83

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 County Conventions; Powers. Amend RSA 24:13, I to read as follows:

I. The [power] *following powers shall be vested in the county convention:*

(a) To raise county taxes[;];

(b) To make appropriations for the use of the county; ~~and~~

(c) To authorize the purchase of real estate for its use, the sale and conveyance of its real estate[;];

(d) **To authorize** the erection, enlargement or repair of its buildings exceeding an expense of ~~[\$5,000]~~ **\$25,000**[;]; and ~~[the issuing of]~~

(e) **To issue** bonds for its debts~~[- shall be vested in the county convention].~~

2 Counties; County Buildings. Amend RSA 28:5 to read as follows:

28:5 County Buildings. The county commissioners may repair, enlarge, or erect county buildings at an expense not exceeding ~~[\$5,000]~~ **\$25,000**.

3 Counties; Real Estate. Amend RSA 28:7 to read as follows:

28:7 Real Estate. When so authorized by the county convention they may purchase such real estate as may be required for county correctional facilities, including county farms, or other county uses, and may repair, enlarge or erect county buildings at a cost exceeding ~~[\$5,000]~~ **\$25,000**; and, with like authority, they may sell any of the county's real estate.

4 County Commissioners; Competitive Bidding on Sales of Personal Property. Amend RSA 28:8-a to read as follows:

28:8-a Competitive Bidding on Sales of Personal Property. Any sale of personal property made by a county where the estimated value thereof is in excess of ~~[\$300]~~ **\$3,000** shall be by competitive bidding, provided that the county commissioners by unanimous vote may waive the provisions for such bidding. In case the commissioners so vote a copy of such action shall be recorded in their offices with a statement of the reasons therefor and such record shall be open to public inspection.

5 Repeal. RSA 30-B:2, relative to county corrections real estate and buildings, is repealed.

6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

2023-1136s

#### AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill does the following:

1. It increases the expense thresholds for county commissioners' authority to purchase real estate and repair, enlarge, or erect county buildings.

2. It raises the monetary cap on the value of enlargements or repairs to county buildings vested in the county convention.

3. It increases the minimum value threshold of county personal property subject to competitive bidding.

Energy and Natural Resources

March 21, 2023

2023-1141s

07/05

#### Amendment to HB 152

Amend the bill by replacing section 4 with the following:

4 Soil and Plant Additives; Deficiencies. Amend RSA 431:8, IV to read as follows:

IV. Penalty payments received from the registrant shall be refunded to the consumer of the fertilizer which has been analyzed and found deficient, provided that the purchase is of ~~[one]~~ **one-half** ton or more. Penalty payments on lots of fertilizer which have been analyzed and found deficient and whose purchaser cannot be found shall be deposited in the general fund as unrestricted revenue.



# HEARINGS

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## ***TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023***

### **EDUCATION**, Room 101, LOB

Sen. Ward (C), Sen. Gendreau (VC), Sen. Lang, Sen. Prentiss, Sen. Fenton

- 9:00 a.m. **HB 71**, repealing a department of education report on chartered public school funding.
- 9:15 a.m. **HB 170**, requiring the teaching of cursive handwriting and multiplication tables.
- 9:30 a.m. **HB 377-FN**, relative to screening and intervention in public schools and public charter schools for dyslexia and related disorders, and establishing an addition to adequate education grants for certain pupils screened for dyslexia and related disorders.
- 9:45 a.m. **HB 435**, relative to relief aid calculation in determining grants for adequate education.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 536**, relative to the chartered public school joint legislative oversight committee.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

### **ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS**, Room 103, LOB

Sen. Gray (C), Sen. Murphy (VC), Sen. Abbas, Sen. Soucy, Sen. Perkins Kwoka

- 9:30 a.m. **HB 36**, relative to fees of sheriffs and deputy sheriffs.
- 9:35 a.m. **HB 286**, relative to the removal of political advertising.
- 9:45 a.m. **HB 296**, relative to local authority for granting driveway permits.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 335**, relative to notice of tax lien on real estate subject to a lien for old age assistance.
- 10:15 a.m. **HB 336**, relative to the format of election ballots.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

### **ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**, Room 103, SH

Sen. Avarad (C), Sen. Pearl (VC), Sen. Birdsell, Sen. Watters, Sen. Altschiller

- 9:00 a.m. **HB 233-FN**, relative to useful thermal energy under the renewable portfolio standards.
- 9:15 a.m. **HB 247-FN**, relative to protective well radii.
- 9:30 a.m. **HB 231-FN**, prohibiting the removal of claws from cats.
- 9:45 a.m. **HB 119-FN**, relative to homestead food operation licensure.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

### **JUDICIARY**, Room 100, SH

Sen. Carson (C), Sen. Gannon (VC), Sen. Abbas, Sen. Whitley, Sen. Chandley

- 1:00 p.m. **HB 31-FN**, repealing the prohibition on the possession or sale of blackjacks, slung shots, and metallic knuckles.
- 1:15 p.m. **HB 97-FN**, establishing an additional penalty for a violation of privacy.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 201-FN**, relative to changing the penalties for driving without a license.

1:45 p.m. **HB 307-FN**, relative to attorney's fees in actions under the right to know law.  
 2:00 p.m. **HB 321-FN-L**, relative to minutes from nonpublic sessions under the right to know law.  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

**TRANSPORTATION**, Room 101, LOB

Sen. Ricciardi (C), Sen. Watters (VC), Sen. Ward, Sen. Gendreau, Sen. Fenton

1:00 p.m. **HB 20**, naming a bridge in the town of Merrimack for the Honorable Richard "Dick" Hinch.  
 1:10 p.m. **HB 52**, naming a bridge in Hinsdale as the General John Stark Memorial Bridge.  
 1:20 p.m. **HB 111**, establishing a committee to study electrical vehicle charging for residential renters.  
 1:30 p.m. **HB 153**, relative to roadway pedestrian control signals.  
 1:40 p.m. **HB 163-FN**, relative to authorized license plate decals.  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

***WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023***

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION**, Room 100, SH

Sen. Pearl (C), Sen. Carson (VC), Sen. Gendreau, Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Sen. Altschiller

9:00 a.m. **HB 655-FN**, relative to the office of professional licensure and certification.  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

**WAYS AND MEANS**, Room 103, SH

Sen. Lang (C), Sen. D'Allesandro (VC), Sen. Murphy, Sen. Innis, Sen. Rosenwald

9:20 a.m. **HB 285**, authorizing the department of revenue administration to incorporate the New Hampshire equalization manual into the administrative rules and relative to the development of forms or returns by the department.  
 9:30 a.m. **HB 297**, relative to the state's dedicated funds review.  
 9:40 a.m. **HB 440-FN**, relative to the uses of education trust fund.  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

**MEETINGS**

***FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2023***

**HOUSE LEGISLATIVE FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE (RSA 17-E:5)**

9:00 a.m. Room 100, SH Subcommittee Meeting

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FACILITIES (RSA 17-E:1)**

9:05 a.m. Room 100, SH Regular Meeting  
 (Or immediately following House Legislative Facilities Meeting.)

**ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a)**

9:30 a.m. Department of Revenue Administration Subcommittee Meeting  
 Conference Room 334  
 109 Pleasant Street  
 Concord, NH

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 126-A:13)**

10:00 a.m. Rooms 305-307, LOB Regular Meeting

**FISCAL COMMITTEE (RSA 14:30-a)**

1:00 p.m. Rooms 210-211, LOB Regular Business  
 The You Tube link to view the meeting livestream is;  
<https://youtube.com/live/D1mjTF8CaEc>

***MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023*****EDUCATION FREEDOM SAVINGS ACCOUNT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 194-F:12)**

9:00 a.m. Room 101, LOB Organizational Meeting

**OIL FUND DISBURSEMENT BOARD (RSA 146-D:4)**

9:00 a.m. NH DES, Rooms 111-113 Regular Meeting  
 29 Hazen Drive  
 Concord, NH 03301

**LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR THE EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT AND ASSESSMENT PROGRAM. (RSA 193-C:8-a)**

10:00 a.m. Rooms 205-207, LOB Regular Meeting

**PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE (RSA 187-A:28-a)**

1:00 p.m. Rooms 205-207, LOB Regular Meeting

**NH LAND AND COMMUNITY HERITAGE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS (RSA 227-M:4)**

2:00 p.m. Mathey Center at Burley Farms Regular Meeting  
 247 North River Road  
 Epping, NH

***THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023*****CURRENT USE BOARD (RSA 79-A:3)**

9:30 a.m. Dept. of Revenue Administration, Subcommittee Meeting - Agricultural  
 Training Room Land Assessment Model  
 109 Pleasant Street  
 Concord, NH

***FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2023*****ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a)**

9:30 a.m. Dept. of Revenue Administration, Regular Meeting  
 Training Room  
 109 Pleasant Street  
 Concord, NH

**SOLID WASTE WORKING GROUP (RSA 149-M:61)**

9:30 a.m. NH DES Offices, Room 208C Regular Meeting  
 29 Hazen Drive  
 Concord, NH 03301  
 Remote attendance: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3435858814888164108>

**COMMISSION TO STUDY THE USE OF OHRVS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 215-A:44-a)**

11:00 a.m. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources Regular Meeting  
 Main Conference Room  
 172 Pembroke Road  
 Concord, NH  
 Remote access: Microsoft Teams  
 Meeting ID: 286 025 372 956  
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**PUBLIC SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION (RSA 198:15-z)**

11:00 a.m. Granite State College, Conference Room Regular Meeting  
25 Hall Street  
Concord, NH 03301

***MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023***

**NEW HAMPSHIRE PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD (RSA 126-BB:2)**

10:00 a.m. Brown Building Auditorium Regular Meeting  
129 Pleasant Street  
Concord, NH 03301

***TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023***

**STATE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 115-A:2)**

5:00 p.m. Edward Cross Training Center Facility Regular Meeting  
722 Riverwood Drive  
Pembroke, NH

***FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023***

**COMMISSION TO STUDY THE INCIDENCE OF POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER IN FIRST RESPONDERS (RSA 281-A:17-e)**

10:00 a.m. NH Fire Academy, Classroom 2 Regular Meeting  
98 Smokey Bear Boulevard  
Concord, NH 03301

**COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEXT GENERATION NUCLEAR REACTOR TECHNOLOGY IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 125-O:30 )**

10:30 a.m. NH Department of Environmental Services Regular Meeting  
Room 208C  
29 Hazen Drive  
Concord, NH 03301  
Zoom link for members of the public:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83155390078>

**NEW HAMPSHIRE CANADIAN TRADE COUNCIL (RSA 12-O:22)**

2:00 p.m. Room 100, SH Regular Meeting

***MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023***

**NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 485-F:4)**

10:00 a.m. NH DES Regular Meeting  
Rooms 110-114  
29 Hazen Drive  
Concord, NH

**NEW HAMPSHIRE OPIOID ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 126-A:85)**

1:00 p.m. Department of Justice, Room 302 Regular Meeting  
33 Capitol Street  
Concord, NH  
WebEx Meeting number 2315 018 6202  
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## ***FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2023***

### **COMMITTEE TO STUDY NEW HAMPSHIRE TEACHER SHORTAGES AND RECRUITMENT INCENTIVES (SB 236, Chapter 150:1, Laws of 2022)**

1:00 p.m.

Room 101, LOB

Regular Meeting

## ***MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023***

### **NEW HAMPSHIRE LOW-GRADE TIMBER AND WOOD EMERGING MARKET COMMISSION (RSA 227-1)**

10:00 a.m.

Conservation Center  
54 Portsmouth Street  
Concord, NH 03301

Regular Meeting

## ***FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023***

### **ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2)**

9:00 a.m.

Rooms 306-308, LOB

Regular Meeting

### **NEW HAMPSHIRE TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL (RSA 238-A:2)**

9:00 a.m.

NH DOT  
7 Hazen Drive  
Concord, NH 03301

Regular Meeting

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## ***TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023***

### **STATE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 115-A:2)**

5:00 p.m.

Edward Cross Training Center Facility  
722 Riverwood Drive  
Pembroke, NH

Regular Meeting

## ***MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023***

### **NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 485-F:4)**

10:00 a.m.

NH DES  
Rooms 110-114  
29 Hazen Drive  
Concord, NH

Regular Meeting



## ***FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2023***

### **ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2)**

9:00 a.m.

Rooms 306-308, LOB

Regular Meeting

## ***FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2023***

### **CAPITAL BUDGET OVERVIEW COMMITTEE (RSA 17-J:2)**

9:00 a.m.

Rooms 201-203, LOB

Regular Meeting

The You Tube link to view the meeting livestream is:

<https://youtube.com/live/-wg2w6KgXJI>

### **LONG RANGE CAPITAL PLANNING AND UTILIZATION COMMITTEE (RSA 17-M:1)**

9:30 a.m.

Rooms 201-203, LOB

Regular Meeting

The You Tube link to view the meeting livestream is:

<https://youtube.com/live/bxKdXfWY>

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**FISCAL NOTE ADDITIONS AND UPDATES HAVE BEEN AMENDED TO THE BILLS ON THE WEB SITE AND ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SENATE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR THE FOLLOWING 2023 BILLS:**

**SENATE BILLS: 1, 32, 34, 36, 38, 39, 44, 49, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 61, 68, 69, 70, 73, 75, 76, 80, 85, 92, 97, 98, 104, 105, 108, 112, 113, 115, 120, 122, 123, 126, 127, 128, 129, 132, 133, 134, 137, 152, 154, 156, 157, 159, 160, 164, 167, 173, 186, 187, 188, 189, 191, 192, 195, 197, 204, 205, 211, 212, 215, 218, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 238, 239, 241, 244, 248, 249, 255, 256, 257, 259, 260, 261, 263, 264, 265**

**HOUSE BILLS: 193, 219, 233, 268, 278, 367, 392, 409, 467, 588, 624**

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## **NOTICES**

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023**

Please join the Community College System of New Hampshire for a meet and greet in the State House cafeteria Tuesday, March 28th from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Legislators are invited to join college and system leaders and discuss education and workforce development issues of importance to your region and the state. Refreshments, provided by culinary students from Lakes Region and White Mountains Community Colleges, will be served. The committee that leaves us the most business cards will win a gorgeously decorated and delicious cake made by pastry arts students.

Senator Jeb Bradley, Senate President

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### **THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023**

All legislators and staff are cordially invited to join the New Hampshire Automobile Dealers Association (NHADA) for our annual Legislative Crossover Reception on Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. (or following the end of the session day) at the Holiday Inn, 172 North Main Street, Concord. NHADA has historically hosted this event which offers legislators a wonderful opportunity to unwind and enjoy the company of fellow legislators and staff in a fun, social gathering.

Senator Jeb Bradley, Senate President

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**THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023**

The New Hampshire Beverage Association is hosting a legislative luncheon on Thursday, April 6, 2023 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in the State House cafeteria. New Hampshire Beverage Association members are companies licensed to manufacture and distribute soft drinks, juices, teas, and bottled water. They provide over 760 jobs and create a direct economic impact of \$544.5 million in New Hampshire. Please stop by to learn more about their efforts to increase sustainability and sample various new products.

Senator Jeb Bradley, Senate President  
Senator Donna M. Soucy, Senate Democratic Leader

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**THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023**

Please join Secure Democracy USA and Vet the Vote for a legislative luncheon honoring the military veterans of the NH House and Senate. The luncheon will be held in the State House Cafeteria on Thursday, April 20th from 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Legislators and staff are welcome to come and celebrate our military veterans.

Senator James P. Gray  
Senator Donna M. Soucy, Senate Democratic Leader

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**THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2023**

The NH Oral Health Coalition's 2023 Legislative Breakfast is live at St. Paul's Church, Ordway Hall. We invite all legislators to join us for, "Many Hands for NH Smiles," on Thursday, June 8th from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. A HOT breakfast will be served. Your local community oral health providers will be there with displays and information. RSVP to: [jnicholson@nhoralhealth.org](mailto:jnicholson@nhoralhealth.org) or call the Breakfast Hotline 603-415-5550.

Senator Cindy Rosenwald  
Senator William M. Gannon

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**SENATE SCHEDULE**

Thursday, March 30, 2023

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Monday, May 29, 2023

Thursday, June 08, 2023

Thursday, June 15, 2023

Thursday, June 22, 2023

Thursday, June 29, 2023

Tuesday, July 04, 2023

Monday, September 04, 2023

Friday, November 10, 2023

Thursday, November 23, 2023

Friday, November 24, 2023

Monday, December 25, 2023

CROSSOVER – Deadline to ACT on all Senate bills.

Deadline for Policy Committees to ACT on all House bills with a fiscal impact, except bills exempted pursuant to Senate Rule 4-5.

Memorial Day (State Holiday)

Deadline to ACT on all House bills.

Deadline to FORM Committees of Conference.

Deadline to SIGN Committee of Conference Reports.

Deadline to ACT on Committee of Conference Reports.

Independence Day (State Holiday)

Labor Day (State Holiday)

Veterans' Day (Observed) (State Holiday)

Thanksgiving Day (State Holiday)

Day after Thanksgiving (State Holiday)

Christmas Day (State Holiday)