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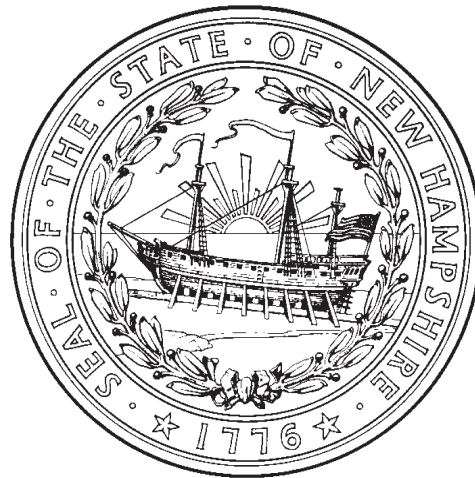
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**First Year of the 168th Session of the
New Hampshire General Court**

SENATE CALENDAR ADDENDUM

**THE SENATE WILL MEET IN SESSION ON THURSDAY,
APRIL 13, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE SENATE CHAMBER**

**The Senate Session on Thursday, April 13, 2023, in the Senate Chamber
will be live streamed at the following link:**

<https://youtube.com/live/yK2aFi0xY3o?feature=share>

**Please note, this link will not be live until the Senate Session on
Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.**

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CONSENT CALENDAR REPORTS

EDUCATION

HB 550-FN, relative to chartered public school dissolution.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Fenton for the committee.

HB 550 would establish a study committee to determine the steps necessary to ensure the orderly closure of a chartered public school. HB 550 requires that the study committee be composed of members from both chambers of the legislature, for the purposes of analyzing risk management, disposal of property, dissolution of assets, and current practices as they related to the dissolution process of chartered schools, among other liabilities.

HB 604, relative to reading specialists.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Prentiss for the committee.

HB 604 would require the Commissioner for the Department of Education to request the contracting of, or employment of a reading specialist within the Department. The Department reading specialist would be responsible for assisting the Department in the provision of supportive resources for students with dyslexia and/or related disorders.

HB 654, relative to the one-year certificate of teaching eligibility.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Lang for the committee.

HB 654 would permit school boards to renew a teacher's one-year certificate of teaching eligibility for a second, consecutive year. Recipients for certificate extension would be held to the professional code of ethics and conduct which traditionally apply to all educators, and further the educators in question would be required to possess a bachelor's degree at minimum, in addition to being subject to criminal background checks pursuant to RSA 189:13-a.

TRANSPORTATION

HB 198-FN, modifying the new resident drivers' license transfer requirement.

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 5-0.

Senator Ward for the committee.

This bill would have required nonresident drivers who establish residency in New Hampshire to notify the department of safety if they then cease to become residents within 60 days, or if their out of state driver's license expires or is relinquished. The committee felt the bill needed some additional work prior to being ready to vote on.

HB 268-FN, relative to the furnishing of special number plates to the liquor commission, division of enforcement and licensing, and official cover plates to the house clerk.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Gendreau for the committee.

This bill would require the state to pay number plate fees for plates furnished to the liquor commission, division of enforcement and licensing. It also would authorize the issuance of official cover license plates for the house clerk. The amendment also adds the senate clerk to obtain plates.

REGULAR CALENDAR REPORTS

JUDICIARY

HB 88, relative to reproductive rights.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2.

Senator Carson for the committee.

HB 224-FN, repealing the criminal and civil penalties from the fetal life protection act.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

AMENDMENTS

Senate Transportation

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Amendment to HB 268-FN

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT relative to the furnishing of special number plates to the liquor commission, division of enforcement and licensing, and official cover plates for the house and senate clerks.

Amend the bill by replacing section 2 with the following:

2 Official Cover Plates. Amend RSA 261:90 to read as follows:

261:90 Official Cover Plates. Upon payment of a fee, the director may issue and shall designate official cover plates with the reproduction of the state seal thereon to be affixed to a vehicle of United States senators from this state, representatives to congress from this state, the governor, members of the governor's council, the president of the senate, members of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, *the clerk of the house of representatives, the clerk of the senate*, members of the house of representatives, the attorney general, the secretary of state, the state treasurer, the President of the United States and members of his or her executive staff, and any ambassador or member of the foreign diplomatic corps. The fee for official cover plates shall be \$1 in addition to any other number plate manufacturing fee otherwise required. The official cover plates, exclusive of the seal, shall be white with green lettering, which shall alternate with red lettering every other biennium. Official cover plates shall have the title of the person requesting the plates, except for members of the governor's council whose plates shall have their council district numbers embossed on them, and members of the general court, whose plates shall have their house seat numbers or their senate district numbers embossed on them unless the president of the senate, for members of the senate, or the speaker of the house of representatives, for members of the house of representatives, shall designate a title for their plates. The president of the senate, or a designee, and the speaker of the house of representatives, or a designee, shall provide the director with input as needed on the cover plate design for members of the general court. The director shall not issue more than 2 sets of official cover plates to any person. Official cover plates may be attached only to vehicles registered in the name of the person issued the plates or the name of the spouse of a member of the general court, or any vehicle being operated by a member of the general court. Nothing herein shall be construed as affecting the issuance of regular motor vehicle plates and the payment of the registration fee therefor. Official cover plates shall be manufactured at the state prison and the prison shall provide the plates to the department at the prison's cost.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill would require the state to pay number plate fees for plates furnished to the liquor commission, division of enforcement and licensing. It also would authorize the issuance of official cover license plates for the house and senate clerks.

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Amendment to HB 550-FN

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

1 Committee Established; Chartered Public School Dissolution. There is established a committee to study the current chartered public school dissolution process and identify ways to ensure an orderly school closure that will support students, avoid insolvency, and reduce liability to the school and the state.

I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

(a) Four members of the house of representatives, at least 2 of whom are from the education committee, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

II.(a) The committee shall seek the expertise and advice from:

(1) A financial administrator (employee or contractor), preferably a CPA, for a charter school, nominated by the commissioner of education.

(2) The administrator of the department of education's chartered public school office.

(3) A representative of the charitable trust unit of the department of justice.

(4) The commissioner of the department of administrative services, or designee.

(5) Any other person or entity relevant to the duty of the committee.

(b) Legislative members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the committee.

III. The committee shall study the following issues related to the operation of chartered public schools, which are recognized by the state as both private non-profit organizations and public schools:

(a) Existing federal and state statutes and rules related to financial and risk management, and dissolution including the disposal of property, inventory and monetary assets.

(b) Identification of all state agencies that do, or should, have responsibilities related to the monitoring of financial status and practices, maintenance of fiscal solvency, and the dissolution process.

(c) Financial liability of the state, school districts, and the employees, boards, parents and volunteers of chartered schools.

(d) Current practices and best practices for schools and state agencies, related to maintenance of financial stability, risk management, and the dissolution process of chartered schools.

(e) Non-financial issues related to dissolution including, but not limited to, notification of closure, placement of students and retention of academic records.

IV. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

V. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the chairs of the education committees in both the house of representatives and senate, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before December 15, 2023.

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

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

The bill establishes a committee to study the chartered public school dissolution process.