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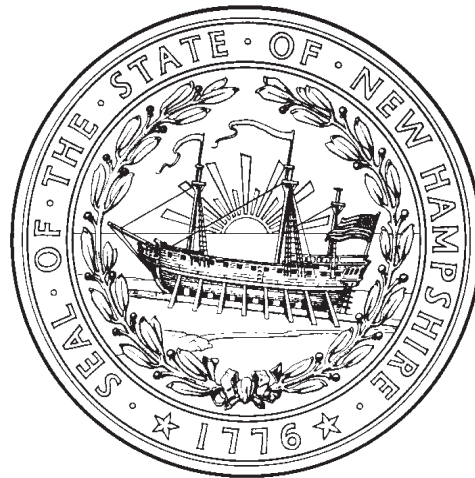
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**Second Year of the 168th Session of the
New Hampshire General Court**

SENATE CALENDAR

**THE SENATE WILL MEET IN SESSION ON
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024 AT 10:00 A.M.**

**THE SENATE WILL MEET IN JOINT CONVENTION WITH THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE GOVERNOR'S STATE OF THE STATE
ADDRESS ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024 AT 1:00 P.M.**

The Senate Session on Thursday, February 15, 2024, in the Senate Chamber
will be live streamed at the following link:

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Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

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LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 63, enabling municipalities to adopt a tax credit for qualified private community property owners.01/03/2024, Pending Motion Ought to Pass, Election Law and Municipal Affairs, SJ 1

SB 173-FN, relative to surprise medical bills.01/03/2024, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Health and Human Services, SJ 1

SB 305-FN, relative to allowing wholesalers of cigarettes to retain tax revenue collected for each package of cigarettes with tax stamps sold.02/08/2024, Pending Motion Ought to Pass, Ways and Means, SJ 3

SB 343, relative to school based health services.01/18/2024, Pending Motion Interim Study, Education, SJ 2

SB 372-FN, relative to plumbing apprenticeships.02/08/2024, Pending Motion Interim Study, Executive Departments and Administration, SJ 3

HB 572-FN, relative to eligibility for free school meals.01/03/2024, Pending Motion Refer to Finance Rule 4-5, Education, SJ 1

CONSENT CALENDAR REPORTS

CAPITAL BUDGET

SB 475-FN, relative to design of a climate-controlled storage facility for the New Hampshire state library. Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Innis for the committee.

This bill makes a capital appropriation to the department of natural and cultural resources toward the design of a climate-controlled storage facility to properly preserve precious state materials stored within the New Hampshire state library. Specifically, it allocates up to \$1,000,000 for the design phase, with the funds obtained through state borrowing and deposited in the state historic sites fund. Any unspent design funds will be redirected to the construction of the facility. Given the crucial need to safeguard the state's cultural resources, we recommend SB 475-FN ought to pass for its strategic investment in preserving and protecting valuable materials at the state library.

COMMERCE

SB 334, relative to providing for the issuance of bonds and other obligations by the business finance authority of the state of New Hampshire to finance student loans.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Innis for the committee.

Currently, student loans are bonded through the New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation and the New Hampshire Health and Education Facilities Authority. This bill would permit the New Hampshire Business Finance Authority (BFA) to issue bonds for student loans as well. The BFA has the authority to offer bonds with no fees to non-profit borrowers. As a result, students could pay lower interest rates at no cost to the state.

SB 515, relative to consumer guarantee contracts.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Chandley for the committee.

At the request of the New Hampshire Insurance Department, this bill would modify and update the statute for consumer guarantee contracts. Throughout the state, there has been an increase in unbranded mailers and high-pressure sales tactics. This bill would require entities to register with the Department, specify who the seller is, and indicate with whom they are working. It further enumerates prohibited activities including deception, misrepresentation and fraud. This bill would help consumers, especially members of vulnerable populations, identify those obligors seeking their business and hold those business entities accountable. The Committee Amendment addressed concerns raised by stakeholders within the industry.

SB 518-FN, relative to incentivizing landlords to accept housing choice vouchers.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Ricciardi for the committee.

This bill and the Committee Amendment would establish a state fund to incentivize landlords and property owners to accept housing choice vouchers. Individuals can wait for years to receive a voucher. Once they have received a voucher, however, they are unable to find a landlord willing to accept it. Often, landlords do not participate in the program due to costs. This bill would offer incentives to attract landlords into the program, which could help to ease the housing affordability and vacancy crisis.

EDUCATION

SB 378, relative to the performance-based school accountability system task force.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Gendreau for the committee.

SB 378 would re-establish a task force to assess the Performance-Based Accountability System, to ensure schools offered an adequate education. The law came at the request of the Department of Education and would further remove the legislator position from the task force, given that the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee will be recipient to the task force's findings and recommendations.

SB 443-FN, relative to school building aid for eligible projects and the definition of school transportation vehicle.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Prentiss for the committee.

As amended, Senate Bill 443 would enable school transportation vehicles to transit students. A school transportation vehicle is distinct from a bus and resembles a standard passenger vehicle. In addition, Senate Bill 443 imposed Department of Safety regulations upon student transportation providers, their fleets, and their operators, identical to the regime imposed upon school bus transportation operations.

SB 521-FN, relative to the educational credentials for master teacher.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Fenton for the committee.

Senate Bill 521 would redefine the criteria for credentialing a master teacher in accordance with recommendations from the Educational Professional Standards Board. The master teacher credential, established in 1998, was unviable and unutilized. SB 521 would enable educators without master's degrees to obtain the credential and would replace the standard classroom observation process with a portfolio review.

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

SB 391, relative to electric grid interconnection for certain customer generators.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Avar for the committee.

This bill sought to alleviate the challenges encountered by businesses in the interconnection of new solar arrays with the distribution system. This intricate process, vital for distributed generation resources like solar panels, requires extensive efforts to guarantee secure and efficient connectivity to the electric distribution grid. Feedback from constituents underscores the unjustifiable delays businesses experience throughout this process, a sentiment resonating across various districts. The amended bill mandates the Department of Energy to formulate new rules, offering explicit guidelines for the interconnection process. The establishment of these rules acts as a guiding framework for developers, businesses, and utilities, promising a more expeditious resolution to interconnection challenges.

SB 540, requiring the department of energy to investigate behind the meter and utility scale energy storage. Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.
Senator Watters for the committee.

The bill incorporates an added storage requirement, proposing to leverage energy storage during peak energy usage. This innovative approach seeks to reduce reliance on transmission lines and mitigate associated costs. This bill as amended seeks to integrate energy storage into a comprehensive net metering plan, preventing cost shifting to ratepayers and bolstering the resilience of the New Hampshire grid. The bill reflects a collaborative effort between legislators and the Department of Energy, demonstrating a commitment to responsible and reasonable solutions for lifting the net metering cap for commercial and manufacturing businesses in the state.

SB 548-FN, removing gray squirrels from the definition of game animals. Interim Study, Vote 5-0.
Senator Avaré for the committee.

This bill aimed to address concerns related to the management of gray squirrels by proposing their removal from the definition of game animals. The bill asserted the perceived lack of necessity for their management, emphasizing the species' self-sustaining population. However, the NH Fish and Game testified in opposition, expressing concerns over diminished rulemaking authority for effective species management. In light of these concerns, the bill was referred to interim study, indicating a pause in its progression for further consideration and evaluation.

SB 549-FN, relative to procedures for inspection and transfer of dams and establishing a committee to study alternatives for the funding, operation, maintenance, and repair of state-owned dams. Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.
Senator Watters for the committee.

This bill sought to address the complex challenges faced by the Dam Bureau responsible for overseeing 273 state-owned dams, a critical aspect of New Hampshire's infrastructure. The bill responds to the increasing capital needs and operational costs surpassing current financial resources, aiming to diversify funding sources for the Dam Bureau. With a focus on maintaining service levels for stakeholders dependent on state-owned dams, the legislation clarifies revenue options, including funds from dam sales. Recognizing historical funding reliance on hydropower dam leases, which has decreased, the bill evaluates and potentially broadens funding sources, ensuring the financial viability of the Dam Bureau. Additionally, the proposed legislation establishes a study committee to comprehensively assess the issues at hand, fostering responsible and strategic solutions.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SB 355-FN, relative to newborn screening for cytomegalovirus. Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.
Senator Birdsell for the committee.

SB 355-FN as introduced requires newborn screening for cytomegalovirus (CMV) and directs the pregnant woman's health care provider to perform an amniocentesis to confirm a congenital CMV infection under certain circumstances. CMV is a potentially serious virus that few women know about. The Committee Amendment removes all requirements on women and providers and instead directs the Department of Health and Human Services to spread information on CMV and report to the Health and Human Services Oversight Committee on those efforts. This will achieve the goal of increasing awareness about CMV without being overly burdensome.

SB 404-FN, relative to expanding child care professionals' eligibility for the child care scholarship program. Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.
Senator Whitley for the committee.

SB 404-FN establishes eligibility criteria for child care professionals to receive child care scholarships. In order to grow a modern, vibrant economy, New Hampshire must ensure that our workforce is supported. A critical aspect of workforce support is child care, especially for those workers who provide child care themselves; lacking an adequate child care workforce has expansive ripples across economic sectors. The Committee Amendment establishes a pilot program to ensure that a future legislature has the hard data to expand and fully implement a permanent program.

SB 410-FN, establishing a mental health community and transitional housing fund.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.
Senator Whitley for the committee.

SB 410-FN establishes a mental health community and transitional housing fund to support community and transitional housing through grants to the community mental health programs. The bill also makes appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services for deposit in the fund and to increase provider rates for community mental health center supported housing. The Committee has heard for years about the crisis in mental health boarding in emergency departments. SB 410-FN will make strides towards increasing the intermediary services between outpatient and institutional inpatient services that can keep people out of emergency departments. The Committee Amendment makes appropriations to existing programs, in order to better support the most efficient distribution of critical funds.

SB 499-FN, relative to reduction of hunger for children, older adults, and people with disabilities.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.
Senator Whitley for the committee.

SB 499-FN directs the Department of Education to expand options for free and reduced priced meals to students and directs the Department of Health and Human Services to implement a summer EBT program to provide assistance to families with children eligible for free and reduced price meals over the summer. The bill also directs DHHS to participate in the elderly simplified application project within the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to provide food assistance to eligible older adults and people with disabilities. No child in New Hampshire should be hungry, especially when there are a plethora of resources available to get food into their stomachs through their schools. The Committee Amendment represents a compromise between the Departments, stakeholders, and legislators which provides a reasonable starting point in the statewide effort to end childhood hunger in a non-budget year.

SB 561-FN, relative to prior authorizations for health care.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.
Senator Birdsell for the committee.

SB 561-FN establishes criteria for prior authorization required by insurers offering managed care health benefit plans. The Committee heard extensive testimony about the brokenness of the prior authorization system and the negative impacts this system is having on patient care. SB 561-FN is not a panacea, but it is the first step in the process of reforming and improving prior authorizations and managed care. The Committee Amendment reflects important compromises reached by all stakeholders to ensure that SB 561-FN is workable and reasonable to all parties.

JUDICIARY

SB 421-FN, relative to felony criminal threatening.
Interim Study, Vote 5-0.
Senator Carson for the committee.

Senate Bill 421-FN would elevate the use of an item that reasonably appears to a victim to be a deadly weapon in certain criminal threatening situations to a Class B felony. Upon further reflection, the Committee felt this bill was not ready to come forward in its current form, as this bill would not address the problem it seeks to fix.

REGULAR CALENDAR REPORTS

JUDICIARY

CACR 24, relating to reproductive freedom. Providing that all persons have the right to make their own reproductive decisions.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2.
Senator Gannon for the committee.

SB 322, relative to licenses to carry.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2.
Senator Abbas for the committee.

SB 360-FN, relative to extreme risk protection orders.
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2.
Senator Carson for the committee.

SB 567-FN, relative to protecting and expanding access to abortion medications.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2.

Senator Carson for the committee.

SB 571-FN, relative to requiring a background check prior to any commercial firearm sale.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

SB 575-FN, relative to legal protection for legal New Hampshire abortion and contraception care.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

SB 577-FN, relative to imposing a waiting period between the purchase and delivery of a firearm.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

CAPITAL BUDGET

SB 476-FN, making a capital appropriation to the department of corrections toward the replacement of the New Hampshire state prison for men.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-1.

Senator Gray for the committee.

COMMERCE

SB 330-FN, relative to allowing the ability to work from home to count toward unemployment benefits eligibility.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Soucy for the committee.

EDUCATION

SB 339, relative to repealing the graduation requirement regarding Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) applications.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2.

Senator Gendreau for the committee.

ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

SB 527, relative to student housing.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

SB 531, relative to background checks of municipal health officers.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

SB 303-FN, relative to the use of renewable energy funds by the department of energy.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Avarð for the committee.

SB 320-FN, requiring the public utilities commission to establish a gas and electric performance incentive mechanism.

Interim Study, Vote 4-0.

Senator Watters for the committee.

SB 329-FN, relative to background checks of certain persons associated with solid waste management.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

SB 346-FN, prohibiting the use of dogs while hunting coyotes.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-1.

Senator Avarð for the committee.

SB 450, relative to the duties of the grid modernization advisory group.

Interim Study, Vote 4-0.

Senator Watters for the committee.

SB 492, relative to wastewater engineering.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Watters for the committee.

SB 541-FN, relative to retail pet stores.

Interim Study, Vote 4-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

FINANCE

SB 134-FN, relative to disability pensions for public safety employees who are victims of violence.
Ought to Pass, Vote 6-0.

Senator D'Allesandro for the committee.

SB 219-FN-L, requiring mandatory reporting by school districts of school expenses.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-2.

Senator Innis for the committee.

SB 248-FN, relative to bail for a defendant.

Ought to Pass, Vote 6-0.

Senator D'Allesandro for the committee.

HB 307-FN, relative to attorney's fees in actions under the right to know law.

Interim Study, Vote 4-2.

Senator Gray for the committee.

HB 596-FN, prohibiting the use of racial profiling in law enforcement activities and in sentencing.

Ought to Pass, Vote 6-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SB 559-FN, relative to the definition of vaccine for purposes of the New Hampshire vaccine association.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-1.

Senator Prentiss for the committee.

AMENDMENTS

Senate Finance
February 6, 2024
2024-0533s
02/06

Amendment to SB 219-FN-LOCAL

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

1 Legislative Findings. The general court finds that:

I. The United States spends far more on education per student than any other nation in the world except Luxembourg. At the same time, the United States lags behind other developed nations in teacher salaries, paying its teachers 75 percent of the salary of German teachers.

II. The United States allocates a greater share of its education spending to non-teaching staff than any other country in the world—nearly double the average among developed nations of 15 percent. In New Hampshire, this problem is particularly severe. While New Hampshire's average cost-per-pupil is 94 percent of Massachusetts', our average teacher salary is 77 percent of Massachusetts'. In Massachusetts, a teacher is paid 4 times the cost of one pupil, while in New Hampshire a teacher is paid only 3.4 times the cost of one pupil.

III. The size and wealth of New Hampshire's education bureaucracy has skyrocketed. Over two decades, New Hampshire's cost-per-pupil has increased by 77 percent, adjusted for inflation, while our teacher salaries have increased by only 1 percent. In the same period, New Hampshire has increased its non-teaching staff by 80 percent while increasing the number of teachers by only 23 percent. Administrative bloat has had dire implications for teacher pay and quality. In 2021, one New Hampshire high school teacher was hired at a salary of \$37,714, less than a starting salary at a nearby Walmart. Meanwhile, New Hampshire superintendents are paid salaries of up to \$178,133, while assistant superintendents are paid salaries of up to \$136,500. At least 8 school administrative units in New Hampshire employ 2 or more assistant superintendents. Diversity professionals, now employed by both school districts and administrative units, are paid salaries of up to \$153,380.

IV. These findings demonstrate that New Hampshire's education spending is being unnecessarily, systematically, and progressively absorbed by an ever-expanding and privileged bureaucratic class. Unless this is addressed, the statewide problem and continued increases in education spending will fail to affect meaningful improvements in teacher pay and quality. The general court places the interests of students first, it hereby enacts the following rebalancing of teacher and administrator pay in New Hampshire.

2 New Subdivision; Students First Act. Amend RSA 189 by inserting after section 74 the following new subdivision:

Students First Act

189:75 Definitions. In this subdivision:

I. "Cost-per-pupil" refers to the cost-per-pupil within a school district and shall mean the lowest of:

(a) The total expenditures associated with the daily operation of schools divided by the average daily membership in attendance;

(b) Any reasonable and good faith estimate of I(a); or

(c) An amount determined in good faith by the department of education to correspond to I(a).

II. "Administrator" shall include superintendents, assistant superintendents, directors or coordinators of diversity, equity, and inclusion, or functionally equivalent officials whether or not their salaries are listed by the department of education, and business managers or administrators.

III. "Corresponding school administrative unit" shall mean the school administrative unit which includes a given school district.

189:76 Mandatory Report to Voters.

I. Before any meeting at which any school district adopts a school budget, whether or not the district has adopted the provisions of RSA 194-C:9-b, a mandatory report to voters must be posted in at least 3 appropriate places, 2 of which must be places of business or other public locations, and one of which shall be the local newspaper or, if a local newspaper is not available, the district's website. The report must be posted at least 24 hours, excluding Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the meeting.

II. The report shall display the name of the school district, be prominently titled "Mandatory Report to Voters on School Expenses," and shall contain three line graphs and one table. When posted in public locations, the report shall be displayed on two pages which are each eighteen inches wide and twenty-four inches tall.

III. The first line graph shall be titled "Average Cost Per Pupil" and shall display the district's annual cost-per-pupil over the previous 10 years. The second line graph shall be titled "Average Teacher Salary" and shall display the district's yearly average teacher salary over the previous 10 years. A good faith effort shall be made to adjust each annual statistic for inflation using the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Inflation Calculator or an equivalent resource. Each yearly statistic shall be clearly labeled. In each graph, the upper and lower boundaries of the y-axis must be capped at the nearest thousand dollars.

IV. The third line graph shall be titled "Administrator Salaries" and shall display annual totals of all salaries paid to administrators employed by the district and corresponding school administrative unit over the previous 10 years. A good faith effort shall be made to adjust each annual statistic for inflation using the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Inflation Calculator or an equivalent resource. Each yearly total shall be clearly labeled. The upper and lower boundaries of the y-axis must be capped at the nearest hundred thousand dollars.

V. The table shall be titled "Top Administrator Salaries" and shall list the titles and current salaries of the 4 highest-paid administrators employed by the district or corresponding school administrative unit. If less than 4 administrators are so employed, all administrators shall be so listed.

VI. Other than the name and logo of the district and corresponding school administrative unit, the mandatory report to voters shall not contain additional commentary or other text not described in this subdivision. Additional information may be posted on separate pages together with or alongside the mandatory report to voters.

189:77 Severability. If any provision of this subdivision or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the subdivision which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this subdivision are declared to be severable.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2025.

2024-0533s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires school districts to post mandatory reports of school expenses, including average cost per pupil, average teacher salaries, and top administrator salaries.

Energy and Natural Resources

February 7, 2024

2024-0554s

06/08

Amendment to SB 303-FN

Amend the bill by deleting section 1 and renumbering the original sections 2 through 6 to read as 1 through 5, respectively.

Amend RSA 362-F:10, XI as inserted by section 3 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

XI. The department of energy shall issue requests for proposals that provide renewable projects in the nonresidential sector, which include commercial and industrial sited renewable energy projects, existing generators, and developers of new commercial-scale renewable generation in New Hampshire, with opportunities to receive funds from the renewable energy fund established under RSA 362-F:10. The requests for proposals shall provide such opportunities to those renewable energy projects that are not eligible to participate in incentive and rebate programs developed by the department of energy under RSA 362-F:10, V and RSA 362-F:10, VIII. The department of energy shall issue a request for proposals ~~[no later than March 1, 2011 and]~~ annually ~~[thereafter,]~~ and select winning projects in a timely manner.

Amend the bill by replacing section 5 with the following:

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

2024-0554s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill deletes a required renewable generation incentive program, and authorizes a political subdivision incentive, rebate, or grant program using the fund. The bill also modifies the reporting date by the department of energy concerning the renewable energy fund.

Senate Judiciary

February 7, 2024

2024-0542s

09/08

Amendment to SB 322

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

AN ACT relative to licenses to carry and immunity for law enforcement officers issuing certain firearms licenses.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following and renumbering the original section 2 to read as 3:

2 New Section; Public Safety and Welfare; Pistols and Revolvers; Immunity for Law Enforcement Officers.

Amend RSA 159 by inserting after section 6-f the following new section:

159:6-g Immunity for Law Enforcement Officers.

A law enforcement officer who issues a license in good faith under RSA 159:6 or 159:8 shall be immune from liability resulting or arising from any action or misconduct with a firearm committed by any individual to whom a license to carry a firearm has been issued.

2024-0542s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires a license authorizing an individual to carry a loaded pistol or revolver in this state to include the name, title, and signature of the person issuing the license. This bill further provides immunity to law enforcement officers who in good faith issue licenses under RSA 159:6 or 159:8 from any liability arising from certain actions by the firearm licensee.

Senate Education
 February 6, 2024
 2024-0514s
 05/02

Amendment to SB 339

Amend section 1 of the bill by deleting paragraphs III and IV.

2024-0514s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill removes the requirement that students file a free application for federal student aid form (FAFSA) or a waiver for such form prior to graduation.

Health and Human Services
 February 7, 2024
 2024-0565s
 05/02

Amendment to SB 355-FN

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

1 Department of Health and Human Services; Early Detection of Cytomegalovirus. The department of health and human services shall provide information on the importance of early detection of cytomegalovirus (CMV) through the New Hampshire newborn screening program, established in RSA 132:10-a, and include an update on targeted newborn CMV screening in New Hampshire to the oversight committee on health and human services, established in RSA 126-A:13, for inclusion in the department's annual report, pursuant to RSA 132:10-a, IV, on or before March 1, 2025.

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

2024-0565s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill directs the department of health and human services to provide information on the importance of early detection of cytomegalovirus (CMV) through the New Hampshire newborn screening program, established in RSA 132:10-a and to provide an update on targeted newborn CMV screening to the oversight committee on health and human services.

Energy and Natural Resources
 February 6, 2024
 2024-0536s
 06/

Amendment to SB 391

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

1 Department of Energy; Draft Rules; Distributed Energy Resources. In order to set cost effective, timely, and predictable processes for customer generators wishing to interconnect to the state's electric grid, within 60 days of the effective date of this section, the department of energy shall open a proceeding to examine and assess draft rules to be adopted for the purposes of setting uniform procedures for distributed energy resources that are proposed for interconnection to the electrical infrastructure of New Hampshire's investor owned utilities and are not subject to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission jurisdiction. The draft rules shall include detailed applicability and eligibility requirements and provisions related to engineering standards, review processes, time lines, cost responsibilities, information sharing and transparency, and dispute resolution that are aligned with national best practices, including the Interstate Renewable Energy Council's 2023 model interconnection procedures. The draft rules shall utilize the comments the department of energy received as part of its investigatory proceeding in IP 2022-01. The PUC rule 900 shall remain in effect until any rules adopted pursuant to this section become effective. Any new employee positions required to implement this chapter shall be approved by the fiscal committee of the general court.

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

2024-0536s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires the department of energy to begin rulemaking for the purposes of setting uniform procedures for distributed energy resources that are proposed for interconnection to the electrical infrastructure.

Health and Human Services

February 7, 2024

2024-0566s

05/06

Amendment to SB 404-FN

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 1 with the following:

2 Department of Health and Human Services; Child Care Workforce Child Care Assistance Pilot Program.

I. The department of health and human services, division of economic stability, shall develop and implement a child care workforce child care assistance pilot program for a period beginning January 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2027 in order to determine the financial impact of categorical eligibility, and collect relevant data regarding the success of intended outcomes. The department may adopt rules under RSA 541-A relative to implementation and administration of the pilot program.

II. For purposes of the pilot program, child care programs who have participating, eligible staff shall, with the consent of the individual staff person, provide information to the department as requested regarding recruitment and retention impacts of the program.

III. The department shall use the information provided in accordance with paragraph II to make the determination as to whether the child care assistance program delivers the intended value as a recruitment and retention strategy for child care providers. This requirement shall not be construed as authorization to report personally identifiable information of the program participants.

IV. Households with at least one verified New Hampshire child care professional employed at a qualified child care center, may automatically be eligible for a child care workforce child care assistance pilot, provided the following provisions are met:

(a) Each child in the household meets the same eligibility requirements of the current federal Child Care Scholarship program, specifically that each child shall be:

- (1) A resident of New Hampshire;
- (2) A U.S. citizen or qualified immigrant; and
- (3) Thirteen years of age or under at the time of application or recertification; or through 17 years of age for children with disabilities who are enrolled before the age of 13.

(4) Any other federal eligibility criteria.

(b) Each eligible child resides with a verified New Hampshire child care professional. A verified New Hampshire child care professional means an individual who:

- (1) Is a resident of New Hampshire;
- (2) Is employed by a certified child care center and works a minimum of 25 hours per week; and
- (3) Whose employment and eligibility is verified by the certified child care center at which the child care professional is employed.

(c) A certified child care center is a New Hampshire based, licensed child care center, licensed home child care center, or licensed-exempt center, that is registered and enrolled to accept child care scholarships with the state of New Hampshire.

(1) A family shall not be eligible if care is provided by a provider not licensed according to child-care center licensure rules; or registered and enrolled according to requirements for registered child care providers in the child care assistance program.

(2) A family shall not be eligible if care is provided in a home child care by: a parent or stepparent; a legal guardian; or a person living in the same residence as the child in need of care.

(d) A household that meets the requirements outlined in paragraph IV shall have eligibility determined for the federally-funded child care scholarship program under existing eligibility rules and be denied for being over income as a pre-requisite to consideration for the pilot program. If the household does not meet the eligibility income level requirements, it shall be deemed eligible for the pilot program and shall have all earned and unearned income excluded from the eligibility determination.

(e) Households eligible for the pilot program qualify for the child care scholarship benefit available according to the most current market rate survey for family size, child age, type of program and service level subject to the same cost share as families eligible for the child care scholarship program.

(f) Upon implementation, the department of health and human services shall develop and engage child care providers and/or staff on verification process for pilot program eligibility and develop a public awareness campaign to support broad access.

V. On or before March 1, 2025, the department shall provide a detailed report of the pilot program plan to the house health and human services oversight committee and senate health and human services committee of the general court. The report shall include data on utilization, including the number of individuals seeking services of paragraph I, the number of individuals provided services as part of the pilot program, the total cost of the services provided, and other relevant information necessary to assess the pilot program for statewide expansion as part of the state budget for the biennium ending June 30, 2027.

3 Appropriation. The sum of \$250,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services for the purpose of information system enhancements to implement this pilot program. The sum of \$2,300,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services for the administration, management, and benefit issuance of the child care worker child care assistance program for the one year pilot of this program. Funds appropriated shall be nonlapsing and the department shall have the authority to transfer any remainder amounts in the child care workforce fund.

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

2024-0566s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill directs the department of health and human services to establish a child care workforce child care assistance pilot program for one year and makes an appropriation to the department for this purpose.

Health and Human Services

February 7, 2024

2024-0564s

02/05

Amendment to SB 410-FN

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

AN ACT making appropriations to the department of health and human services to support community and transitional housing through community mental health centers.

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

1 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services; Housing Grants.

I. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the sum of \$1,500,000 is appropriated to the department of health and human services for the purpose of housing grants. The general fund appropriation under this section shall be nonlapsing and continually appropriated to the department to support the stabilization and growth of community and transitional housing through the state's community mental health centers designated under administrative rule He-M 425.03. Of this amount, the governor shall determine if any remaining discretionary funds appropriated in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, or any other federal funds can be used for this purpose and any remainder shall be general funds. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

II. The department of health and human services shall issue a request for grant applications for the purpose of awarding housing grants to community mental health centers to retain and create new housing in the community. Grants may be disbursed for up to \$25,000 per bed. The department shall initiate the request for grant applications and grant disbursement by December 1, 2024.

2 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services; Community Mental Health Center Supported Housing Programs. There is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services the sum of \$1,500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 for community mental health center supported housing programs operated by community mental health centers designated under administrative rule He-M 425.03. The general fund appropriation shall be nonlapsing and continually appropriated to the department to support for the purpose of covering non-billable services for supported community housing. Of this amount, the governor shall determine if any remaining discretionary funds appropriated in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, or any other federal funds can be used for this purpose and any remainder shall be general funds. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

2024-0564s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill makes appropriations to the department of health and human services to support community and transitional housing through community mental health centers.

Senate Education
February 6, 2024
2024-0515s
06/02

Amendment to SB 443-FN

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

AN ACT relative to the definition of school transportation vehicle.

Amend the bill by deleting sections 1 and 2 and renumbering the original sections 3 through 9 to read as 1 through 7, respectively.

Amend the bill by replacing section 7 with the following:

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

2024-0515s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill defines school transportation vehicle and implements licensing and inspection requirements for drivers of such vehicles.

Energy and Natural Resources
February 7, 2024
2024-0557s
08/06

Amendment to SB 492

Amend RSA 485-A:7-c, III as inserted by section 5 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

III. Certificates may be issued, upon payment of the ~~[\$50]~~ **\$100** fee, without examination, for a comparable classification to any person actively seeking employment in New Hampshire who holds a certificate issued by the appropriate certification agency of any federal, state, interstate, territorial, or other jurisdiction if, in the judgment of the ~~[Energy and Natural Resources]~~ **certification committee**, the certification requirements of the jurisdiction granting such certification do not conflict with the department's rules and are not less stringent than rules adopted under this subdivision. The fee shall be deposited pursuant to RSA 485-A:7-a, II.

Health and Human Services
February 7, 2024
2024-0563s
05/06

Amendment to SB 499-FN

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

1 Schools; Food and Nutrition Programs. Amend RSA 189:11-a, I to read as follows:

I.(a) Each school board shall make ~~[at least one meal]~~ **breakfast and lunch** available during school hours to every pupil under its jurisdiction, ***unless otherwise provided by law***. Such meals shall be served without cost or at a reduced cost to any child who meets federal income eligibility guidelines. The state board of education shall ensure compliance with this section and shall establish minimum nutritional standards for such meals as well as income guidelines set for the family size used in determining eligibility for free and reduced price meals. ~~[Nothing in this section shall prohibit the operation of both a breakfast and lunch program in the same school.]~~

(b) The department of education shall reimburse school districts for the initial costs for equipment necessary to implement an alternative breakfast delivery service that provides breakfast after the start of the school day, such as, but not limited to carts, mobile refrigeration, and storage.

(c) An “alternative breakfast delivery service” shall be defined as, but not limited to, a service that provides breakfast after the start of the school day and before any lunch period begins for students at that public school.

(d) Reimbursement for the breakfast after the bell program described in this paragraph shall be available to school districts in which 40 percent or more of the student body are eligible for free or reduced price meals.

2 Schools; Food and Nutrition Programs. Amend RSA 189:11-a, VII to read as follows:

VII.(a) Each school district ~~[which participates]~~ ***shall participate*** in the National School Breakfast Program ***unless the school district implements its own breakfast program or less than 10 percent of enrolled pupils are eligible for free or reduced price lunch in the last academic year, according to the department of education’s statistics.*** Each school district shall maintain annual statistics on the number of breakfast meals served to pupils.

(b) Each school district that participates in the National School Lunch Program shall maintain annual statistics on the number of lunch meals served to pupils.

(c) Such school which demonstrates to the department of education that an approved school wellness policy, as required under the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, Public Law 111-296, and the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. section 1758b is in effect, and that such school is providing breakfast meals to pupils that meet or exceed the United States Department of Agriculture’s child nutrition criteria may apply for and receive a 3 cent reimbursement for each breakfast meal served to a pupil and an additional 27 cent reimbursement for each meal served to students eligible for a reduced price meal. The department of education shall request biennial appropriations in an amount sufficient to meet projected school breakfast reimbursements to ensure students eligible for reduced price meals are offered breakfast at no cost. The department of education shall prescribe forms as necessary under this paragraph.

(d) Such school which demonstrates to the department of education that an approved school wellness policy, as required under the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, Public Law 111-296, and the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. section 1758b is in effect, and that such school is providing lunch meals to pupils that meet or exceed the United States Department of Agriculture’s child nutrition criteria may apply for and receive a reimbursement for each lunch meal served to a pupil and an additional reimbursement for each meal served to students eligible for a reduced price meal. The department of education shall request biennial appropriations in an amount sufficient to meet projected school lunch reimbursements to ensure students eligible for reduced price meals are offered lunch at no cost. The department of education shall prescribe forms as necessary under this paragraph.

3 New Paragraphs; Schools; Food and Nutrition Programs. Amend RSA 189:11-a by inserting after paragraph VIII the following new paragraphs:

IX. The department of education shall adopt rules under RSA 541-A requiring school districts to offer online and physical free or reduced price school meals applications. The rules shall not prevent school districts from offering other innovative ways to distribute or collect free or reduced price meal applications, in addition to offering online and physical free or reduced price school meals applications.

(a) The department of education shall provide administrative or technical assistance to school districts establishing an online application for free or reduced price school meals and shall include in its biennial budget request under RSA 9:4, funding for costs associated with providing such assistance.

(b) For the biennium ending June 30, 2027, the department of education shall include in its biennial budget request under RSA 9:4, funding for school districts to purchase software to create an online application for free or reduced price school meals.

X. Notwithstanding any provision of law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, there is established a pilot program for school districts with an identified student population above 35 percent. Beginning with the 2024 - 2025 school year and each school year thereafter, for each breakfast and lunch meal that is served at a school participating in the federal community eligibility provision program that is reimbursed at the federal reimbursement rate for a paid meal, the department shall reimburse the school food authority the difference between (a) the combined state and federal reimbursement rate for a paid meal for the current school year and (b) the combined state and federal reimbursement rate for a free meal for the current school year, provided that the total reimbursement rate for each meal served shall equal the combined state and federal reimbursement rate for a free meal for the current school year.

4 New Paragraphs; Human Service; Summer EBT and Elderly Simplified Application. Amend RSA 161:2 by inserting after paragraph XIII-b the following new paragraphs:

XIII-c. Summer EBT. The department shall apply for and meet all deadlines to participate in the federal Summer EBT program so that families whose children are eligible for free and reduced price meals can receive benefits on an EBT card in the summer. The department shall include in its biennial budget request under RSA 9:4 funding for any administrative costs related to administering the federal Summer EBT program.

XIII-d. Elderly Simplified Application. The department shall apply for and participate in the elderly simplified application project within the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. The department shall include in its biennial budget request under RSA 9:4 funding for any administrative costs related to administering Summer EBT and the SNAP Elderly Simplified Application.

5 Appropriations.

I. For the purpose of funding RSA 189:11-a, I, as inserted by section 1 of this act, relative to the breakfast after the bell program, the sum necessary to fund the program is appropriated to the department of education for the biennium ending June 30, 2024, for distribution to eligible school districts. Of this amount, the governor shall determine if any remaining discretionary funds appropriated in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2 or any other federal funds can be used for this purpose and any remainder, not to exceed \$1, shall be general funds. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for the general fund share of said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

II. For the purpose of funding RSA 189:11-a, VII(a), (b), and (c) as inserted by section 2 of this act, the sum of \$1 is appropriated to the department of education for the biennium ending June 30, 2025. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

III. For the purpose of funding RSA 189:11-a, VII(d) as inserted by section 2 of this act, the sum necessary to provide school reimbursement for the free and reduced priced meal program is appropriated to the department of education for the biennium ending June 30, 2025. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

IV. For the purpose of funding RSA 189:11-a, IX as inserted by section 3 of this act, the sum of \$1 is appropriated to the department of education for the biennium ending June 30, 2025. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

V. For the purpose of funding RSA 161:2, XIII-c and XIII-d, as inserted by section 4 of this act, relative to participation in the summer EBT program and the elderly simplified application for SNAP, the sum necessary to fund the programs is appropriated to the department of health and human services for the biennium ending June 30, 2025. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

6 Effective Date.

I. Section 5, paragraph I of this act shall take effect June 30, 2024.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

Commerce
 February 6, 2024
 2024-0521s
 05/06

Amendment to SB 515

Amend the bill by replacing sections 3-6 with the following:

3 New Section; Contract Forms. Amend RSA 415-C by inserting after section 3 the following new section:

415-C:3-a Contract Forms. The obligor shall file all contract forms and other contract language covered by this chapter, and any substantive changes to the terms and conditions thereof, for informational and auditing purposes only and shall be filed within 30 days after the contract form or other contract language is first offered to a consumer in this state. All contract forms and other contract language shall be submitted through the System for Electronic Rate and Form Filing (SERFF) that is supported by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. The commissioner may require the obligor to change forms and provisions if they do not comply with the requirements of law, are not in the public interest, are contrary to public policy, are inequitable, misleading, deceptive, or encourage misrepresentation of such contract. Filed forms and any supporting information that is not exempt from disclosure by law or rule shall be open to public inspection upon filing. Every consumer guaranty contract issued that is not filed in compliance with this section shall constitute a separate violation against the obligor under RSA 415-C:11.

4 Prohibited Acts and Terms. RSA 415-C:7 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

415-C:7 Prohibited Acts and Terms.

I. No obligor, its designee, or any other representative of an obligor, including a seller or administrator, shall, in connection with the sale, or offer to sell, or any advertisement or in connection with any benefits, advantages, conditions, terms, or services available under a consumer guaranty contract:

(a) Make, publish, print, distribute, issue, circulate, advertise, or place before the public, any statement or representation that is false or misleading.

(b) Mislead by permitting or causing the omission of a material statement that under the circumstances should have been made in order to make the statements that were made not misleading.

(c) Employ “pressure tactics”, which for purposes of this section mean any method of marketing having the effect of or tending to induce the purchase of insurance through force, fright, threat, whether explicit or implied, or undue pressure to purchase a consumer guaranty contract. Such tactics include, but are not limited to, fake checks, false final notices, false indications that a consumer has failed to activate something they already possess, and false notices of price increases.

(d) Engage in unbranded consumer-specific direct marketing that does not include the name, address, and phone number of the seller and the name of the obligor as filed with the insurance department.

(e) Engage in any business practice that is designed to financially exploit senior citizens. For purposes of this section, “senior citizens” include any individual who is eligible for social security benefits.

(f) Require the purchase of a consumer guaranty contract or represent that the purchase is mandatory.

(g) Create or maintain a fraud.

(h) Use in its name the words insurance, casualty, guaranty, surety, mutual, or any other words descriptive of the insurance, casualty, guaranty, or surety business; or a name deceptively similar to the name or description of any insurance or surety corporation, or any other obligor. This section shall not apply to a company that was using any of the prohibited language in its name prior to the effective date of this section. However, a company using the prohibited language in its name shall conspicuously disclose in its consumer guaranty contracts a statement substantially as follows: “This agreement is not an insurance contract.”

(i) Knowingly misrepresent to a contract holder the pertinent facts or contract provisions relating to coverages at issue.

(j) Unfairly discriminate based solely on age, place, or area of residence, race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, marital or civil union status, lawful occupation including military service, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, or blindness or other disability.

II. No obligor, its designee, or any other representative of an obligor, shall in connection with any benefits, advantages, conditions, terms, or services available under a consumer guaranty contract:

(a) Fail to acknowledge and act reasonably and promptly upon communications with respect to claims arising under a consumer guaranty contract;

(b) Fail to adopt and implement standards for the prompt and reasonable investigation of claims arising under consumer guaranty contracts;

(c) Not attempting in good faith to effectuate prompt, fair and equitable settlements, or compromises of claims;

(d) Adopt or make known to contract holders a policy of appealing from arbitration awards in favor of contract holders for the purpose of compelling them to accept settlements or compromises less than the amount awarded in arbitration;

(e) Knowingly underestimate the value of any claim by an obligor.

(f) Fail to refund unearned contract fees with respect to any cancellation of a consumer guaranty contract with a duration of 12 months or more. Contract fees for contracts with a duration of 12 months or more are earned pro-rata over the length of the contract. Obligor shall not charge a cancellation administrative fee of more than 10 percent of the contract price or \$75, whichever is less, for a contract of any duration. All cancellation administrative fees shall be disclosed in the contract, regardless of the contract's duration.

III. An obligor shall not make, permit, or cause any practice that:

(a) Fails to perform the services promised under the contract in a timely, competent, or workmanlike manner; or

(b) Has the effect of creating or maintaining a fraud.

IV. No consumer guaranty contract issued, sold, or covering property located in this state shall provide that:

(a) The consumer is not a party to the contract;

(b) The obligor has no liability to the consumer;

(c) The consumer does not have the right to bring an action to enforce the terms of the contract or otherwise challenge the denial of a claim which the consumer believes is wrongful. Consumer guaranty contracts may include provisions requiring the parties to submit to alternative dispute resolution, including a provision requiring binding arbitration that would expressly limit the right of the consumer to bring an action in a court of law, if such provision complies with and does not impede the rights of the consumer as provided under RSA 542. All arbitration provisions shall state that they are subject to RSA 542; or

(d) Any civil action or alternative dispute resolution procedure brought in connection with the consumer guaranty contract shall be brought in the courts of a jurisdiction other than New Hampshire.

V. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to impair or in any way affect any rule or law applicable to or governing consumer guaranty contracts.

5 Repeal. RSA 415-C:2, I, relative to exemption of manufacturers' service contracts, is repealed.

6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2025.

Commerce
February 6, 2024
2024-0518s
06/10

Amendment to SB 518-FN

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

1 New Subdivision; Landlord Housing Incentive Program. Amend RSA 204-C by inserting after section 92 the following new subdivision:

Landlord Housing Incentive Program

204-C:93 Definitions. In this subdivision:

I. "Housing choice voucher" means the same as described in Title 24 C.F.R. part 982.

II. "Voucher recipient" means a household that has been awarded a housing choice voucher by the New Hampshire housing finance authority or by a public housing authority, as well as households that may benefit from other rental assistance programs determined by the authority to be similar to the housing choice voucher program.

III. "Housing unit" means a unit that meets the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) housing quality standards for housing choice vouchers, or successor system, and that meets voucher payment standards, subject to New Hampshire housing finance authority or public housing authority exceptions, as well as units that meet the standards of other rental assistance programs determined by the authority to be similar to the housing choice voucher program.

204-C:94 Program Established; Landlord Housing Incentive Fund Established. There is hereby established within the authority a program to encourage more landlords to lease housing units to voucher recipients and to assist voucher recipients with costs associated with securing a lease for a housing unit, including but not limited to security deposits. The program is to be known as the landlord housing incentive program. Public housing authorities, including non-profit organizations that demonstrate a commitment to housing, may elect to participate in the program at their discretion, and the authority may make grants to them for the purposes of establishing their own landlord incentive programs.

I. There is hereby established within the authority a fund to be used for the landlord housing incentive program providing financial incentives to residential landlords to rent housing units to voucher recipients and to provide training and support to voucher recipients. The landlord housing incentive fund shall be composed of appropriations, gifts, grants, donations, bequests, or other moneys from any public or private source, but such revenues shall not be deemed to be money received from the state, and nothing in this subdivision shall be construed as pledging the faith and credit of the state.

II. The authority may use the landlord incentive fund to make grants to landlords who agree to lease housing units to voucher recipients and to assist voucher recipients with costs associated with securing a lease for a housing unit, including but not limited to security deposits. The authority may use the fund to provide training and support to voucher recipients. The authority shall establish a program for administration of the landlord incentive fund.

III. The authority may annually use up to 10 percent of any funds in the landlord housing incentive fund for program administration, which may include reimbursements to public housing authorities and non-profit organizations for their administrative costs.

204-C:95 Eligibility. For a landlord to be eligible to receive a grant from the landlord housing incentive fund, the housing unit to be leased to a voucher recipient must not have been leased to any recipient of a housing choice voucher within the preceding three years, unless the property has changed ownership during that time and the current owner does not have any financial connection to the prior owner. The authority may further limit landlord eligibility to those landlords who have not previously rented a housing unit to a voucher recipient.

204-C:96 Rulemaking. Pursuant to RSA 204-C:53, the authority shall adopt rules governing the distribution of the landlord incentive fund. Such rules may include, but shall not be limited to, grant maximums and limits on landlord eligibility, standards for program participation by public housing authorities and non-profit organizations, and other rules deemed appropriate by the authority.

2 Appropriation; Landlord Housing Incentive Fund. The sum of \$1,000,000 for the fiscal year 2025 is hereby appropriated to the housing finance authority for deposit in the landlord incentive fund established in RSA 204-C:94. The appropriations shall be in addition to any other funds appropriated to the housing finance authority. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

Election Law and Municipal Affairs

February 6, 2024

2024-0511s

12/06

Amendment to SB 527

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

1 New Paragraph; Planning and Zoning; Purpose; Student Housing Accommodated. Amend RSA 672:1 by inserting after paragraph III-f the following new paragraph:

III-g. The state receives many economic and social benefits from its post-secondary educational institutions.

2 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study options for student housing.

I. Membership and Compensation.

(a) The members of the committee shall be as follows:

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

(2) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

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

II. Duties. The committee shall study student housing options. The committee's study shall include, but shall not be limited to:

(a) What definitions and references already exist in state statute and local zoning, planning;

(b) The risks and benefits of creating and adopting a universal definition in NH of student housing; and,

(c) The current and future impacts of not defining student housing on workforce and other forms of housing community by community.

III. Chairperson; Quorum. 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 senate 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.

3 Effective Date.

I. Section 1 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

II. Section 2 of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

Energy and Natural Resources

February 7, 2024

2024-0556s

06/08

Amendment to SB 540

Amend RSA 374-H:3, II(a) through (b) as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(a) How public policy can best establish accurate and efficient price signals for energy storage projects that avoid actual transmission and distribution costs or reduce wholesale electricity market prices.

(b) How best to encourage both utility and non-utility investments in energy storage projects.

Amend RSA 374-H:3, IV and V as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

IV. The department shall report its findings and recommendations to the standing committees of the house of representatives and senate with jurisdiction over energy and utility matters no later than December 30, 2025, for the duties outlined in RSA 374-H:3, II, and no later than December 30, 2026, for the duties outlined in RSA 374-H:3, III. The reports shall identify ways any recommended statutory changes can minimize any potential conflict with the restructuring policy principles of RSA 374-F, V. The department shall engage any consultants necessary to complete its work by December 30, 2026, and assess electric distribution utilities for the cost thereof in conformance with RSA 365:37.

Amend the bill by replacing section 3 with the following:

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

Energy and Natural Resources
 February 7, 2024
 2024-0567s
 12/06

Amendment to SB 549-FN

Amend the bill by replacing section 3 with the following:

3 Study Committee Established; Repair of State-Owned Dams. There is established a committee to study alternatives for funding the operation, maintenance, and repair of state-owned dams.

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

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

(b) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house, one of whom shall be a member of the finance committee, one of whom shall be a member of the fish and game committee, and one of whom shall be a member of the resources, recreation, and development committee.

II. 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 need for the operation, maintenance and repair of state-owned dams, the existing funding sources for the operation, maintenance and repair of state-owned dams including capital appropriations, the state's hydro-lease program, established under RSA 481:32, the state dam maintenance fund, established under RSA 482, and water user contracts, established under RSA 481. The committee shall develop recommendations for the continued operation, maintenance and repair of state-owned dams and options for funding the state dam maintenance fund.

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 senate member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Four members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

V. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the senate president, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2024.

Health and Human Services
 February 7, 2024
 2024-0560s
 05/08

Amendment to SB 561-FN

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

1 Clinical Review Criteria. Amend RSA 420-J:3, VII to read as follows:

VII. "Clinical review criteria" means the written *policies*, screening procedures, decision abstracts, clinical protocols, [and] practice guidelines, *medical protocols, and any other written decision-making standards* used by [the] *a health carrier or utilization review entity* to determine the *medical* necessity and appropriateness of health care services.

2 Definitions of Prior Authorization and Prior Authorization Determination Added. Amend RSA 420-J:3, XXVIII-b to read as follows:

XXVIII-b. [~~"Pre-service claim" means any claim for a benefit under a health plan with respect to which the terms of the plan condition receipt of the benefit, in whole or in part, on approval of the benefit in advance of obtaining medical care. "Pre-service claim" shall not include a request for reimbursement made by a provider pursuant to the terms of an agreement between the provider and the health carrier.~~] ***"Prior authorization" means the approval from a health carrier or utilization review entity that may be required before a particular health care service, item, or prescription drug is received by the covered person in order for that service, item or prescription drug to be covered under the covered person's plan.***

XXVIII-c. “Prior authorization determination” means a determination by a health carrier or a utilization review entity that a health care service, item or prescription drug has been reviewed pursuant to a request for prior authorization and, based on the information provided, satisfies or does not satisfy the health carrier’s or the utilization review entity’s requirements for coverage.

3 New Paragraph; Definition of Urgent Care. Amend RSA 420-J:3 by inserting after paragraph XXXIV the following new paragraph:

XXXIV-a. “Urgent care” means a medical or behavioral health care service available to a covered person which, if delayed:

(a) Could seriously jeopardize the life or health of the covered person or the ability of the covered person to regain maximum function; or

(b) In the opinion of a provider with knowledge of the covered person’s medical condition, would subject the covered person to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without the available health care service.

4 Definitions of Utilization Review and Utilization Review Entity. RSA 420-J:3, XXXIV and XXXV are amended to read as follows:

XXXIV. “Utilization review” means a set of formal techniques designed to monitor the use of or evaluate the clinical necessity, appropriateness, efficacy, or efficiency of health care services procedures, providers, or facilities. Techniques and methods may include, **but are not limited to** ambulatory care review, case management, concurrent hospital review, discharge planning, pre-hospital admission certification, pre-inpatient service eligibility certification, prospective review, **prior authorization**, second opinion, or retrospective review.

XXXV. “Utilization review entity” means an entity[~~, subject to licensure pursuant to RSA 420-E, that conducts utilization review, other than a health carrier performing review for its own health plans]~~ **described in RSA 420-E:2 as being subject to licensure pursuant to RSA 420-E.**

5 Managed Care Law; Utilization Review; Prior Authorization. RSA 420-J:6 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

420-J:6 Utilization Review.

I. Written standards and procedures.

(a) Each health carrier conducting utilization review directly or indirectly through a contracted utilization review entity shall have written procedures for carrying out its utilization review processes and shall file such procedures with the commissioner on or before April 1 of each year. Health carriers shall conform to the standards of either the Utilization Review Accreditation Commission or the National Committee for Quality Assurances and are subject to all applicable rules issued pursuant to RSA 420-E:7.

(b) The written procedures shall describe the categories of health care personnel that perform utilization review activities and whether or not such individuals are licensed in this state, and shall address at a minimum, prior authorization requirements, second opinion programs; pre-hospital admission certification; pre-inpatient service eligibility certification; and concurrent hospital review to determine appropriate length of stay; as well as the process used by the health carrier to preserve confidentiality of medical information.

(c) The clinical review criteria used by a health carrier or its contracted utilization review entity shall be in writing and:

(1) Developed with input from appropriate actively practicing practitioners in the health carrier’s service area;

(2) Updated at least biennially and as new treatments, applications, and technologies emerge;

(3) Developed in accordance with the standards of national accreditation entities;

(4) Based on current, nationally accepted standards of medical practice; and

(5) If practicable, evidence-based.

(d) All contracts that health carriers make with a utilization review entity shall be available to the commissioner upon request.

II. Disclosure of prior authorization requirements and publication of prior authorization performance indicators.

(a) A health carrier conducting utilization review directly, or indirectly through a contracted utilization review entity, shall make any current prior authorization requirements and restrictions readily accessible on its website to enrollees, health care professionals, and the general public. This includes the written clinical criteria. Requirements shall be described in detail, but also in easily understandable language.

(b) If a health carrier or its contracted utilization review entity intends either to implement a new prior authorization requirement or restriction, or amend an existing requirement or restriction, the health carrier shall:

(1) Ensure that the new or amended requirement is not implemented unless the health carrier's website has been updated to reflect the new or amended requirement or restriction.

(2) Provide contracted health care providers of enrollees written notice of the new or amended requirement or amendment no less than 60 days before the requirement or restriction is implemented.

(c) Effective March 31, 2026, health carriers conducting utilization review directly, or indirectly through a contracted utilization review entity, shall make prior authorization metrics as specified in 45 C.F.R section 156.223 available to the commissioner, and the commissioner shall display relevant corresponding data, in a carrier specific format, on a website maintained by the insurance department in a readily accessible format.

III. Qualifications of reviewers making medical necessity determinations. A health carrier conducting utilization review directly, or indirectly through a contracted utilization review entity, shall ensure that all medical necessity determinations are made by a qualified health care provider. A reviewing provider shall:

(a) Have appropriate medical and professional expertise and credentials to competently apply the health carrier's clinical review criteria.

(b) Make the medical necessity determination under the clinical direction of one of the health carrier's own medical directors or one of the contracted utilization review entity's medical directors who is responsible for the review of health care services provided to covered persons who are residents of New Hampshire.

IV. Medical directors. Each health carrier that conducts utilization review shall employ one or more medical directors who shall have responsibility for all utilization review techniques and methods and their administration and implementation and who shall be licensed in New Hampshire under RSA 329. Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude a medical director from consulting with or relying on the advice of a physician licensed in this state or any other state. Nothing in this section shall be construed as creating any civil liability to the medical director for the medical director's alleged negligent performance of the aforementioned responsibilities for utilization review.

V. Timeliness standards for processing prior authorization requests submitted electronically. Health carriers conducting utilization review directly, or indirectly through a contracted utilization review entity, shall meet the following time frames for prior authorization determinations requested by participating providers or facilities that submit the prior authorization request through an electronic prior authorization process as designated by the health carrier:

(a) In non-urgent circumstances, health carriers requiring prior authorization of a health care service shall approve or deny authorization and notify the covered person and the covered person's health care provider of the determination within 7 calendar days of obtaining all information necessary to make the determination. Any request that the health carrier makes for additional information necessary to make the determination shall be made within 7 calendar days of the prior authorization request date.

(b) In urgent circumstances, health carriers requiring prior authorization of a health care service shall approve or deny authorization and notify the covered person and the covered person's health care provider of the determination as expeditiously as the covered person's medical condition requires, and not later than 72 hours after obtaining all information necessary to make the determination. Any request that the health carrier makes for additional information necessary to make the determination shall be made as expeditiously as required to meet the 72 hour timeline, assuming a timely response from the treating provider.

VI. Timeliness standards for processing prior authorization requests submitted non-electronically. Health carriers conducting utilization review directly, or indirectly through a contracted utilization review entity, shall meet the following time frames for prior authorization determinations requested by participating providers or facilities that submit the prior authorization request through a non-electronic prior authorization process:

(a) In non-urgent circumstances, health carriers requiring prior authorization of a health care service shall approve or deny authorization and notify the covered person and the covered person's health care provider of the determination within 14 calendar days of obtaining all information necessary to make the determination. Any request that the health carrier makes for additional information necessary to make the determination shall be made within 7 calendar days of the prior authorization request date.

(b) In urgent circumstances, health carriers requiring prior authorization of a health care service shall approve or deny authorization and notify the covered person and the covered person's health care provider of the determination as expeditiously as the covered person's medical condition requires, and not later than 72 hours after obtaining all information necessary to make the determination. Any request that the health carrier makes for additional information necessary to make the determination shall be made as expeditiously as required to meet the 72 hour timeline, assuming a timely response from the treating provider.

VII. In paragraphs V and VI, "all information necessary to make the determination" shall include any information that may have been provided through a peer-to-peer review.

VIII. A prior authorization request shall be considered approved if the health carrier fails to notify the covered person and the covered person's health care provider of the prior authorization determination within the timeliness standards for making a determination after obtaining all necessary information.

IX. Duration of an approval of a prior authorization request.

(a) Health carriers conducting utilization review directly, or indirectly through a contracted utilization review entity, shall not revoke, limit, condition, or restrict a prior authorization if care is provided within 60 business days from the date the health care provider received approval of the prior authorization request.

(b) A health carrier conducting utilization review directly, or indirectly through a contracted utilization review entity, shall pay a participating health care provider at the contracted payment rate for a health care service provided by the health care provider pursuant to a prior authorization determination that coverage is available unless:

(1) The health care provider materially misrepresented the health care service in the prior authorization request;

(2) The health care service was no longer a covered benefit on the day it was provided;

(3) The health care provider was no longer contracted with the covered person's health carrier on the date the care was provided;

(4) The health care provider failed to meet the health carrier's timely filing requirements;

(5) The patient was no longer eligible for health care coverage on the day the care was provided; or

(6) The health carrier does not have liability for the claim or for a part of the claim for any reason under the covered person's coverage policy, the provider contract between the health carrier and the participating provider, or any other reason applicable at law or in equity.

X. Option to request a peer-to-peer review. When a health carrier requires prior authorization for an item or service, the carrier shall offer the provider the opportunity to request a peer-to-peer review of a prior authorization request in which the provider is able to have a direct conversational exchange with a medical director or a designated provider who is a clinical peer about the basis for the prior authorization request. A "clinical peer" in this context shall be a health care professional who has demonstrable expertise to review a case, whether or not the reviewing professional is in the same or a similar specialty as the provider. The peer-to-peer review may be requested before the carrier's prior authorization determination or after a prior authorization denial and before a formal grievance request has been made. The peer-to-peer review shall be made available by the health carrier within 2 business days of the request. If the peer-to-peer review is requested after a prior authorization denial, the health carrier shall treat the review request as a request for reconsideration that is external to the grievance process and shall provide the provider and the covered person a written determination containing a statement of the specific reasons for the reconsideration determination with reference to the information provided in the peer-to-peer review. The written reconsideration determination shall be provided within 7 business days of the peer-to-peer review.

XI. Nothing in this section shall be construed to contravene a covered person's right to external review under RSA 420-J:5-a. Unless otherwise required by law, the prior authorization requirements set out in this chapter shall apply to all medical services and items.

6 Managed Care Law; Grievance Procedures. RSA 420-J:5, I(b) is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

(b) For medical necessity appeals, the health carrier conducting utilization review directly, or indirectly through a contracted utilization review entity, shall ensure that all reviews are conducted by or in consultation with a health care professional. The health care professional shall:

(1) Be a practitioner in the same or similar specialty who typically treats the medical condition, performs the procedure, or provides the treatment at issue in the appeal. A practitioner is considered of the same specialty if he or she has similar credentials and licensure as those who typically treat the condition or health problem in question in the appeal. A practitioner is considered of a similar specialty if he or she has experience treating the same problems as those in question in the appeal, in addition to expertise treating similar complications of those problems; and

(2) Consider all known clinical aspects of the health care service under review, including, but not limited to, a review of all pertinent medical records and medical literature provided to the health carrier or the contracted utilization review entity by the covered person's health care provider and any relevant records provided to the health carrier or the contracted utilization review entity by a health care facility.

7 Managed Care Law; Grievance Procedures. Amend RSA 420-J:5, IV(a) to read as follows:

(a) In the case of nonexpedited appeal of a ~~[pre-service claim]~~ **prior authorization determination** or post-service claim, the determination on appeal shall be made within a reasonable time appropriate to the medical circumstances, but in no event more than 30 days after receipt by the carrier or other licensed entity of the claimant's appeal.

8 New Paragraph; Licensure of Medical Utilization Review Entities; Definitions. Amend RSA 420-E:1 by inserting after paragraph I-a the following new paragraph:

I-b. "Clinical review criteria" means the written policies, screening procedures, decision abstracts, clinical or medical protocols, practice guidelines, and any other written decision-making standards used by a utilization review entity to determine the medical necessity and appropriateness of health care services.

9 Licensure of Medical Utilization Review Entities; Definitions. RSA 420-E:1, III-a and IV are repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

IV. "Medical necessity" means health care services or products provided to an enrollee for the purpose of preventing, stabilizing, diagnosing, or treating an illness, injury, or disease or the symptoms of an illness, injury, or disease in a manner that is:

- (a) Consistent with generally accepted standards of medical practice;
- (b) Clinically appropriate in terms of type, frequency, extent, site, and duration;
- (c) Demonstrated through scientific evidence to be effective in improving health outcomes;
- (d) Representative of "best practices" in the medical profession; and
- (e) Not primarily for the convenience of the enrollee or physician or other health care provider.

V. "Pre-service claim" means a request for prior authorization.

VI. "Prior authorization" means the approval from a health carrier or utilization review entity that may be required before a particular health care service, item, or prescription drug is received by the covered person in order for that service, item, or prescription drug to be covered under the covered person's plan.

VII. "Prior authorization determination" means a determination by a health carrier or utilization review entity that a health care service, item or prescription drug has been reviewed pursuant to a pre-service request for prior authorization and, based on the information provided, satisfies or does not satisfy the health carrier's or utilization review entity's requirements for coverage.

VIII. "Utilization review" means a set of formal techniques designed to monitor the use of or evaluate the clinical necessity, appropriateness, efficacy, or efficiency of health care services procedures, providers, or facilities, for the purpose of recommending or determining whether such services should be covered or provided by an insurer, nonprofit service organization, health maintenance organization, third-party administrator, or employer. Techniques and methods may include, but are not limited to, ambulatory care review, case management, concurrent hospital review, discharge planning, pre-hospital admission certification, pre-inpatient service eligibility certification, prospective review, prior authorization, second opinion, or retrospective review.

10 Licensure of Medical Utilization Review Entities; Medical Director. Amend RSA 420-E:2-a to read as follows:

420-E:2-a Medical Director. Every medical utilization review entity licensed by the department under this chapter shall employ ~~[a medical director]~~ **one or more medical directors** licensed under RSA 329 or, in the case of a dental utilization review entity, a dentist licensed under RSA 317-A.

11 New Section; Licensure of Medical Utilization Review Entities; Minimum Standards; Prior Authorization. Amend RSA 420-E by inserting after section 4-a the following new section:

420-E:4-b Prior Authorization Standards for Managed Care Plans. The following prior authorization requirements apply to utilization review entities conducting prior authorization review determinations for managed care plans operating subject to RSA 420-J.

I. Timeliness standards for processing prior authorization requests submitted electronically. Utilization review entities administering fully insured coverage for managed care plans subject to RSA 420-J shall meet the following time frames for prior authorization determinations requested by participating providers or facilities that submit the prior authorization request through an electronic prior authorization process as designated by the utilization review entity:

(a) In non-urgent circumstances, utilization review entities requiring prior authorization of a health care service shall approve or deny authorization and notify the covered person and the covered person's health care provider of the determination within 7 calendar days of obtaining all information necessary to make the determination. Any request that the utilization review entity makes for additional information necessary to make the determination shall be made within 7 calendar days of the prior authorization request date.

(b) In urgent circumstances, utilization review entities requiring prior authorization of a health care service shall approve or deny authorization and notify the covered person and the covered person's health care provider of the determination as expeditiously as the covered person's medical condition requires, and not later than 72 hours after obtaining all information necessary to make the determination. Any request that the utilization review entity makes for additional information necessary to make the determination shall be made as expeditiously as required to meet the 72 hour timeline, assuming a timely response from the treating provider.

II. Timeliness standards for processing prior authorization requests submitted non-electronically. Utilization review entities shall meet the following time frames for prior authorization determinations requested by participating providers or facilities that submit the prior authorization request through a non-electronic prior authorization process as designated by the utilization review entity:

(a) In non-urgent circumstances, utilization review entities requiring prior authorization of a health care service shall approve or deny authorization and notify the covered person and the covered person's health care provider of the determination within 14 calendar days of obtaining all information necessary to make the determination. Any request that the utilization review entity makes for additional information necessary to make the determination shall be made within 7 calendar days of the prior authorization request date.

(b) In urgent circumstances, utilization review entities requiring prior authorization of a health care service shall approve or deny authorization and notify the covered person and the covered person's health care provider of the determination as expeditiously as the covered person's medical condition requires, and not later than 72 hours after obtaining all information necessary to make the determination. Any request that the utilization review entity makes for additional information necessary to make the determination shall be made as expeditiously as required to meet the 72 hour timeline, assuming a timely response from the treating provider.

III. In paragraphs I and II, "all information necessary to make the determination" shall include the information provided through a peer-to-peer review.

IV. A prior authorization request shall be considered approved if the utilization review entity fails to notify the covered person and the covered person's health care provider of the prior authorization determination within the timeliness standards for making a determination after obtaining all necessary information.

V. Duration of an approval of a prior authorization request. Utilization review entities shall not revoke, limit, condition, or restrict a prior authorization if care is provided within 60 business days from the date the health care provider received approval of the prior authorization request.

VI. A utilization review entity conducting utilization review directly, or indirectly through a contracted utilization review entity, shall pay a participating health care provider at the contracted payment rate for a health care service provided by the health care provider pursuant to a prior authorization determination that coverage is available unless:

- (a) The health care provider materially misrepresented the health care service in the prior authorization request;
- (b) The health care service was no longer a covered benefit on the day it was provided;
- (c) The health care provider was no longer contracted with the covered person's utilization review entity on the date the care was provided;
- (d) The health care provider failed to meet the utilization review entity's timely filing requirements;
- (e) The patient was no longer eligible for health care coverage on the day the care was provided; or
- (f) The utilization review entity does not have liability for the claim or for a part of the claim for any reason under the covered person's coverage policy, the provider contract between the utilization review entity and the participating provider, or any other reason applicable at law or in equity.

VII. Option to request a peer-to-peer review. When a utilization review entity requires prior authorization for an item or service, the utilization review entity shall offer the provider the opportunity to request a peer-to-peer review of a prior authorization request in which the provider is able to have a direct conversational exchange with a medical director or a designated provider who is a clinical peer about the basis for the prior authorization request. A "clinical peer" in this context shall be a health care professional who has demonstrable expertise to review a case, whether or not the reviewing professional is in the same or a similar specialty as the provider. The peer-to-peer review may be requested before the utilization review entity's prior authorization determination or after a prior authorization denial and before a formal grievance request has been made. The peer-to-peer review shall be made available by the utilization review entity within 2 business days of the request. If the peer-to-peer review is requested after a prior authorization denial, the utilization review entity shall treat the review request as a request for reconsideration that is external to the grievance process and shall provide the provider and the covered person a written determination containing a statement of the specific reasons for the reconsideration determination with reference to the information provided in the peer-to-peer review. The written reconsideration determination shall be provided within 7 business days of the peer-to-peer review.

VIII. Nothing in this section shall be construed to contravene a covered person's right to external review under RSA 420-J:5-a. Unless otherwise required by law, the prior authorization requirements set out in this chapter shall apply to all medical services and items.

12 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2025.

Senate Judiciary
February 7, 2024
2024-0541s
05/06

Amendment to SB 567-FN

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

AN ACT establishing a committee to study the availability in New Hampshire of substances used to induce the termination of pregnancy.

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

1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study the availability in New Hampshire of substances used to induce the termination of pregnancy, including but not limited to, mifepristone and misoprostol.

2 Membership and Compensation.

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

(a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

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

II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the committee.

3 Duties. The committee shall study the availability in New Hampshire of substances used to induce the termination of pregnancy, including but not limited to, mifepristone and misoprostol.

4 Chairperson; Quorum. 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.

5 Report. 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 house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2024.

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

2024-0541s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study the availability in New Hampshire of substances used to induce the termination of pregnancy, including but not limited to, mifepristone and misoprostol.

HEARINGS

All Standing Committee hearings will be live streamed on the NH Senate's YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/NewHampshireSenatelivestream>

Links are also available on the Senate Meeting Schedule.



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024

EDUCATION, Room 101, LOB

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

9:00 a.m. **SB 596-FN**, relative to the definition of disability or special needs under the child care scholarship program.

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

9:15 a.m. **SB 383-FN**, relative to local tax caps.

9:30 a.m. **SB 536-FN**, enabling no-excuse absentee registration and voting.

9:45 a.m. **SB 537-FN**, allowing the processing of absentee ballots.

10:00 a.m. **SB 538-L**, relative to zoning procedures concerning residential housing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES, Room 103, SH

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

- 9:00 a.m. **SB 389**, relative to extending trout season for catch and release to December 31.
- 9:15 a.m. **SB 545-FN**, relative to reestablishing the large animal veterinarians incentive.
- 9:30 a.m. **SB 390**, relative to defining “critical habitat”.
- 9:45 a.m. **SB 310**, relative to bear registration.
- 10:00 a.m. **SB 542**, relative to appointments to the fish and game commission.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

FINANCE, Room 103, SH

Sen. Gray (C), Sen. Innis (VC), Sen. Bradley, Sen. Birdsell, Sen. Pearl, Sen. D’Allesandro, Sen. Rosenwald

- 1:30 p.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION**
- 2:00 p.m. **SB 602-FN-A**, making an appropriation to the university system of New Hampshire and the community college system of New Hampshire for marketing of hospitality management programs.
- 2:15 p.m. **SB 590-FN-A**, making an appropriation to address damage done to the seacoast during January storms.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

JUDICIARY, Room 100, SH

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

- 1:00 p.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION**, Room 103, SH

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

- 9:00 a.m. **SB 599**, relative to the state fire code.
- 9:15 a.m. **SB 604-FN-A**, providing a death benefit for a New Hampshire hospital security officer killed in the line of duty.
- 9:30 a.m. **SB 600**, relative to the board of pharmacy.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, Room 101, LOB

Sen. Birdsell (C), Sen. Avarð (VC), Sen. Bradley, Sen. Whitley, Sen. Prentiss

- 9:00 a.m. **SB 458**, relative to the dispensing of certain medications.
- 9:15 a.m. **SB 555-FN**, relative to receipt of pharmaceutical rebates by insurers and pharmacy benefits managers.
- 9:30 a.m. **SB 312**, relative to third party liability in Medicaid.
- 9:45 a.m. **SB 400**, relative to patient access to medical records.
- 10:00 a.m. **SB 402**, relative to allowing pharmacists to administer FDA approved vaccines without explicit approval from the general court.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024**COMMERCE**, Room 100, SH

Sen. Gannon (C), Sen. Ricciardi (VC), Sen. Innis, Sen. Soucy, Sen. Chandley

- 10:00 a.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION**

ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, Room 103, LOB

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

9:15 a.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION**

9:30 a.m. Hearing on proposed Amendment #2024-0527s, to SB 448-FN, relative to the Woodsville fire district.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**TRANSPORTATION**, Room 101, LOB

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

1:00 p.m. **SB 592-FN**, renaming Route 127 from Central Street in Franklin to the town line of Sanbornton as Officer Bradley Haas Memorial Highway.1:15 p.m. **SB 598-FN**, requiring funeral procession lead vehicles to obey yield signs.**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW*****WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024*****WAYS AND MEANS**, Room 100, SH

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

10:00 a.m. **SB 597**, relative to lucky 7 ticket dispenser devices.**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW****MEETINGS*****FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024*****ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a)**9:30 a.m. NH Department of Revenue
Administration Training Room
109 Pleasant Street
Concord, NHSubcommittee Work Session Meeting -
Low-Income Housing Tax Credit
Subcommittee**ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a)**10:30 a.m. NH Department of Revenue
Administration Training Room
109 Pleasant Street
Concord, NHSubcommittee Work Session Meeting -
Subcommittee to Review RSA 72:8-c
Telecommunication Poles & Conduit
Right-of-Ways**ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a)**11:30 a.m. NH Department of Revenue
Administration Training Room
109 Pleasant Street
Concord, NHSubcommittee Work Session Meeting -
Subcommittee to Review Payments in
Lieu of Taxes**STATE HEALTH ASSESSMENT AND STATE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 126-A:88)**12:30 p.m. UNH Law, Room 103
2 White Street
Concord, NH

Regular Meeting

<https://unh.zoom.us/j/98011299433?pwd=Q0pzeXJwREcxMXE5YWE2WkM0SFRBZz09>

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE DELIVERY OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES THROUGH REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH NETWORKS (RSA 127:12)

1:00 p.m. NH Fire Academy Regular Meeting
 98 Smokey Bear Boulevard
 Concord, NH
 Join Zoom Meeting
 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82731252212?pwd=Q3pvYncvcW55Zkg0ZVVNQW5USGlsZz09>
 Meeting ID: 827 3125 2212
 Passcode: 392939

COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS OF PERFLUORINATED CHEMICALS (RSA 126-A:79-a)

2:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

Please register for the Commission on the Environmental and Public Health Impacts of Perfluorinated Chemicals meeting on February 9, 2024 2:00 PM EST at:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2347194978943920726>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. You also may join the meeting by phone:
 Call in Number: 1 (415) 655-0060
 Access Code: 813-528-334
 Webinar ID: 315-791-163

The following email address will be monitored throughout the meeting by someone who can assist with and alert the committee to any technical issues: Amy.E.Rousseau@des.nh.gov. You may also call Amy Rousseau at 603-848-1372.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (RSA 188-E:10-b)

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

COMMITTEE TO STUDY EXOTIC AQUATIC WEEDS AND EXOTIC AQUATIC SPECIES OF WILDLIFE IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 487:30)

9:00 a.m. Conservation Center French Wing Regular Meeting
 Williams Room
 54 Portsmouth Street
 Concord, NH

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

9:00 a.m. NH DES Rooms 110-112 Subcommittee Work Session Meeting -
 29 Hazen Drive Construction Project
 Concord, NH

NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL ON SUICIDE PREVENTION (RSA 126-R:2)

10:00 a.m. National Guard Edward Regular Meeting
 Cross Training Center
 722 Riverwood Drive
 Pembroke, NH

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

10:00 a.m. NH Department of Safety Regular Meeting
 2nd Floor Conference Room
 33 Hazen Drive
 Concord, NH

STATE COMMISSION ON AGING (RSA 19-P:1)

10:00 a.m.

NH Hospital Association
125 Airport Road
Concord, NH

Regular Meeting

Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87430173115?pwd=bUFR3I5emt3NGVueDBYYW9SZThLUt09>

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

12:00 p.m.

NH Department of Safety
33 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH

Subcommittee Work Session Meeting -
Source Water Protection Subcommittee

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

1:00 p.m.

NH Department of Justice
1 Granite Place South
Concord, NH

Regular Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://nhdhhs.zoom.us/j/7629646757?pwd=dUJnaTVCOEk1bnZMTepDZEkrOGk4QT09&omn=83760052265>

Meeting ID: 762 964 6757

Passcode: 782701

AMERICAN REVOLUTION SESTERCENTENNIAL COMMISSION (RSA 17-S:1)

1:30 p.m.

Historical Society
29 School Street
Concord, NH 03301

Regular Meeting

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

2:00 p.m.

Room 103, SH

Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2024**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 Department of Transportation
Rooms 112-113
7 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH

Regular Meeting

Via Zoom:

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

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OVERSIGHT COMMISSION ON CHILDREN'S SERVICES (RSA 21-V:10)

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

STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (SIEC) (RSA 21-P:48, IV)

9:00 a.m. NH Fire Academy Regular Meeting
Classrooms 5 & 6
98 Smokey Bear Boulevard
Concord, NH 03301

FISCAL COMMITTEE (RSA 14:30-a)

10:00 a.m. Rooms 210-211, LOB Regular Meeting
The You Tube link to view the meeting livestream is;
<https://youtube.com/live/zevddebIAi8?feature=share>

LONG-TERM SEACOAST COMMISSION ON DRINKING WATER (RSA 485-F:6)

2:00 p.m. NH DES Portsmouth Regional Office Regular Meeting
Room A, Suite 175
Pease International Tradeport
222 International Drive
Portsmouth, NH 03801

COMMISSION TO STUDY ENVIRONMENTALLY-TRIGGERED CHRONIC ILLNESS (RSA 126-A:73-a)

3:00 p.m. NH DES Building Regular Meeting
29 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86117818803?pwd=cWRXdlgwQnQvc2ZRbkNOBhGhGc3M0dz09>
Meeting ID: 861 1781 8803
Passcode: 669915

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND OTHER RELATED DEMENTIA (RSA 126-A:15-a)

3:00 p.m. Room 103, SH Regular Meeting

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024

COMMISSION ON THE INTERDISCIPLINARY PRIMARY CARE WORKFORCE (RSA 126-T)

2:00 p.m.

NH Hospital Association
Conference Room #1
125 Airport Road
Concord, NH

Regular Meeting

People may also attend using the following:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://nh-dhhs.zoom.us/j/87051453763?pwd=K1Zud0wzL2t4R0Rsa0lyckl3SzdJQT09>

Meeting ID: 870 5145 3763

Passcode: 838525

The following email address will be monitored throughout the meeting, should participants have technical difficulties: Danielle.Hernandez@dhhs.nh.gov

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024

PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (EXECUTIVE ORDER 2023-06)

9:00 a.m.

25 Hall Street
Concord, NH 03301

Regular Meeting

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

9:30 a.m.

NRRA Offices
2101 Dover Road
Epsom, NH

Regular Meeting

Remote attendance option:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3435858814888164108>

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

10:00 a.m.

Room 203, LOB

Regular Meeting

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024

NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS HOME BOARD OF MANAGERS (RSA 119:3-a)

9:00 a.m.

NH Veterans Home
Town Hall
139 Winter Street
Tilton, NH

Regular Meeting

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

9:30 a.m.

Brown Building Auditorium
129 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH

Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024

WELLNESS AND PRIMARY PREVENTION COUNCIL (RSA 126-M:3)

9:00 a.m.

Regular Meeting

Via Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87193477508?pwd=a2JKQVlSeTBwQjduKzVueTJNLT2pJZz09>

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024

PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (EXECUTIVE ORDER 2023-06)

9:00 a.m. 25 Hall Street Regular Meeting
Concord, NH 03301

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFECT OF RECENT CHANGES MADE TO CHARITABLE GAMING LAWS, INCLUDING THE NEWLY AUTHORIZED HISTORICAL HORSE RACES (RSA 284:6-c)

10:00 a.m. Room 100, SH Regular Meeting

COMMISSION TO STUDY OFFSHORE WIND AND PORT DEVELOPMENT (RSA 374-F:10)

4:30 p.m. NH DES Pease Office, Suite 175 Regular Meeting
222 International Drive
Portsmouth, NH

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024

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, MARCH 8, 2024

PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (EXECUTIVE ORDER 2023-06)

12:30 p.m. 25 Hall Street Regular Meeting
Concord, NH 03301

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE DELIVERY OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES THROUGH REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH NETWORKS (RSA 127:12)

1:00 p.m. NH Fire Academy Regular Meeting
98 Smokey Bear Boulevard
Concord, NH
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82731252212?pwd=Q3pvYncvcW55Zkg0ZVVNQW5USGlsZz09>
Meeting ID: 827 3125 2212
Passcode: 392939

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024

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

10:00 a.m. NH Department of Safety Regular Meeting
2nd Floor Conference Room
33 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH

NH COLLEGE TUITION SAVINGS PLAN ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 195-H:2)

10:00 a.m. University System of NH Suite 301 Regular Meeting
5 Chenell Drive
Concord, NH 03301

COMMISSION ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS SERVICES (RSA 135-C:68)

1:00 p.m. Room 103, SH Organizational Meeting

COMMISSION TO STUDY COMMUNITY IMPACTS OF THE SECURED YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER (RSA 169-B:48)

1:00 p.m. Room 100, SH Regular Meeting

NH BRAIN AND SPINAL CORD INJURY ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 137-K:2)

2:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
 Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84327646605?pwd=R0lwOWFVK0w2U2FKYTVybXM1MjNhZ09>
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FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024**PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (EXECUTIVE ORDER 2023-06)**

9:00 a.m. 25 Hall Street Regular Meeting
 Concord, NH 03301

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024**STATE COMMISSION ON AGING (RSA 19-P:1)**

10:00 a.m. NH Hospital Association Regular Meeting
 125 Airport Road
 Concord, NH
 Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87430173115?pwd=bUFR3I5emt3NGVueDBYYW9SZThLUT09>

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024**PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (EXECUTIVE ORDER 2023-06)**

9:00 a.m. 25 Hall Street Regular Meeting
 Concord, NH 03301

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024**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 5, 2024**CAPITAL PROJECT OVERVIEW COMMITTEE (RSA 17-J:2)**

9:00 a.m. Room 201, LOB Regular Meeting
 The You Tube link to view the meeting livestream is:
<https://youtube.com/live/FI00XtOvotw?feature=share>

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

10:00 a.m. Room 201, LOB Regular Meeting
 The You Tube link to view the meeting livestream is;
<https://youtube.com/live/-mRpei3S3no?feature=share>

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024**NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 485-F:4)**

10:00 a.m. NH Fish and Game Regular Meeting
 11 Hazen Drive
 Concord, NH

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024**COMMISSION TO STUDY THE DELIVERY OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES THROUGH REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH NETWORKS (RSA 127:12)**

1:00 p.m. 98 Smokey Bear Boulevard Regular Meeting
 Concord, NH
 Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82731252212?pwd=Q3pvYncvcW55Zkg0ZVVNQW5USGlsZz09>
 Meeting ID: 827 3125 2212
 Passcode: 392939

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024**STATE COMMISSION ON AGING (RSA 19-P:1)**

10:00 a.m. NH Hospital Association Regular Meeting
 125 Airport Road
 Concord, NH
 Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87430173115?pwd=bUFR3I5emt3NGVueDBYYW9SZThLUT09>

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024**NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL ON SUICIDE PREVENTION (RSA 126-R:2)**

10:00 a.m. National Guard Edward Regular Meeting
 Cross Training Center
 722 Riverwood Drive
 Pembroke, NH

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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 - 2024 BILLS:

SENATE BILLS: 75, 80, 97, 106, 112, 128, 133, 134, 137, 151, 156, 173, 176, 177, 178, 180, 191, 210, 218, 229, 235, 239, 248, 249, 252, 255, 259, 263, 267, 303, 304, 306, 307, 308, 309, 311, 315, 317, 319, 320, 326, 329, 330, 335, 337, 342, 345, 347, 350, 351, 355, 361, 364, 368, 369, 377, 383, 384, 388, 393, 397, 399, 401, 403, 404, 405, 406, 409, 410, 412, 413, 417, 419, 427, 436, 438, 439, 442, 443, 445, 453, 455, 456, 457, 459, 463, 465, 466, 467, 470, 473, 478, 480, 484, 485, 486, 487, 489, 493, 495, 497, 498, 499, 500, 511, 518, 520, 522, 523, 525, 534, 536, 545, 549, 550, 554, 555, 556, 558, 559, 561, 562, 563, 567, 569, 575, 578, 579, 580, 583, 588, 595, 603

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ENROLLED BILL AMENDMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SENATE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR 2024 BILLS:

HOUSE BILLS: 68, 397

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SENATE BILLS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

SENATE BILLS: 84, 112, 236, 249, 266

HOUSE BILLS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

HOUSE BILLS: 135, 154, 261

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NOTICES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024

Delta Dental Plan of New Hampshire cordially invites all House and Senate members to their Twenty-third Annual Northeast Delta Dental Legislative Reception on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at their corporate headquarters at One Delta Drive in Concord, New Hampshire. Please RSVP to Siobhan Hutchison at 603-223-1244 or email legreception@nedelta.com.

Senator Sharon M. Carson, Senate Majority Leader
Senator Donna M. Soucy, Senate Democratic Leader

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024

NAMI NH cordially invites all legislators to a hot breakfast on February 15th, 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. (doors open at 7:00 a.m.) at St. Paul's Church – located directly across Park Street from the State House. To ensure an accurate catering count, please RSVP by February 12th to advocacy@NAMINH.org. There will be a short program outlining NAMI NH's legislative priorities on mental health and suicide prevention.

Senator Rebecca Whitley

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024

The New Hampshire City and Town Clerk Association invites House and Senate members to a meet and greet luncheon on Thursday, February 15, 2024, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the State House Cafeteria.

Senator Sharon M. Carson, Senate Majority Leader
Senator Donna M. Soucy, Senate Democratic Leader

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024

Legislative Breakfast – The annual Water’s Worth It! legislative breakfast is set for Wednesday March 6, 2024 at the Holiday Inn on Main Street in Concord. Check in for the event begins at 7:00 a.m. with a breakfast buffet. Water quality professionals will present information on drinking water and wastewater treatment challenges in New Hampshire. This year Tilak Subrahmanian, Vice President, Energy Efficiency at Eversource and Sharon Nall, NHDES Water Energy Efficiency Program will be speaking to the importance of energy efficiency to the water community, and why Water’s Worth It. In addition, Water Division staff for NHDES will also address the audience. All legislators and staff are invited to enjoy a hearty breakfast and learn more about New Hampshire’s water infrastructure. This event is free.

Please RSVP to info.nhwpca@gmail.com by February 23rd to reserve your seat at this important breakfast. The breakfast is sponsored by the NH Water Pollution Control Association in conjunction with a wide-ranging coalition of other NH non-profit water organizations. There is no cost for enjoying breakfast with your legislative peers and attending this event.

Senator Denise Ricciardi

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SENATE SCHEDULE

Monday, February 19, 2024	President’s Day (State Holiday)
Monday, February 26, 2024 – Friday, March 01, 2024	Winter Recess
Thursday, March 28, 2024	Deadline for Policy Committees to ACT on all Senate bills with a fiscal impact, except bills exempted pursuant to Senate Rule 4-5.
Thursday, April 11, 2024	CROSSOVER – Deadline to ACT on all Senate bills.
Thursday, May 09, 2024	Deadline for Policy Committees to ACT on all House bills with a fiscal impact, except bills exempted pursuant to Senate Rule 4-5.
Thursday, May 23, 2024	Deadline to ACT on all House bills.
Monday, May 27, 2024	Memorial Day (State Holiday)
Thursday, May 30, 2024	Deadline to FORM Committees of Conference.
Thursday, June 06, 2024	Deadline to SIGN Committee of Conference Reports. (4:00 p.m.)
Thursday, June 13, 2024	Deadline to ACT on Committee of Conference Reports.
Thursday, July 04, 2024	Independence Day (State Holiday)
Monday, September 02, 2024	Labor Day (State Holiday)
Monday, November 11, 2024	Veterans’ Day (State Holiday)
Thursday, November 28, 2024	Thanksgiving Day (State Holiday)
Friday, November 29, 2024	Day after Thanksgiving (State Holiday)
Wednesday, December 25, 2024	Christmas Day (State Holiday)