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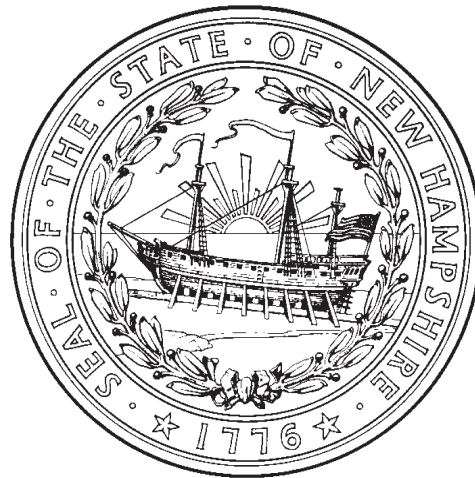
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**Second Year of the 168<sup>th</sup> Session of the  
New Hampshire General Court**

# SENATE CALENDAR

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**THE SENATE WILL MEET IN SESSION ON  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024 AT 11:00 A.M.**

**THE SENATE WILL MEET IN SESSION ON  
THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2024 AT 10:00 A.M.**

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live streamed at the following link:

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Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

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Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

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## **LAI D ON THE TABLE**

**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 307-FN**, relative to electric transmission service agreements.**04/05/2024, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 8**

**SB 309-FN**, relative to the vesting period for members of the state retirement system.**04/11/2024, Pending Motion Interim Study, Finance, SJ 9**

**SB 328-FN**, relative to deceptive ticket sale practices.**04/11/2024, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Commerce, SJ 9**

**SB 335-FN**, relative to alcohol packaging.**03/21/2024, Pending Motion Ought to Pass, Commerce, SJ 7**

**SB 342-FN**, relative to school building aid funding.**04/05/2024, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 8**

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

**SB 346-FN**, prohibiting the use of dogs while hunting coyotes.**02/15/2024, Pending Motion Inexpedient to Legislate, Energy and Natural Resources, SJ 4**

**SB 392-FN-A**, relative to lead paint hazard remediation.**04/11/2024, Pending Motion Ought to Pass, Finance, SJ 9**

**SB 394-FN-A**, relative to the cyanobacteria mitigation loan and grant fund.**04/11/2024, Pending Motion Ought to Pass, Finance, SJ 9**

**SB 397-FN-A**, making an appropriation for OHRV trails.**04/11/2024, Pending Motion Ought to Pass, Finance, SJ 9**

**SB 410-FN**, making appropriations to the department of health and human services to support community and transitional housing through community mental health centers.**04/11/2024, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 9**

**SB 452-FN-A**, relative to making an appropriation for the hiring and training of small business development counselors in rural areas of New Hampshire.**02/21/2024, Pending Motion Interim Study, Finance, SJ 5**

**SB 483-FN**, relative to establishing an office of regulatory efficiency and oversight.**02/21/2024, Pending Motion Interim Study, Executive Departments and Administration, SJ 5**

**SB 484-FN**, relative to completion of the birth worksheet for hospital or institutional birth.**02/21/2024, Pending Motion Ought to Pass, Executive Departments and Administration, SJ 5**

**SB 512-FN**, relative to the 10-year highway plan.**03/07/2024, Pending Motion Interim Study, Transportation, SJ 6**

**SB 516-FN**, relative to prohibiting collective bargaining agreements that require employees to join a labor union.**04/05/2024, Pending Motion Ought to Pass, Commerce, SJ 8**

**SB 519-FN**, relative to evictions based on the owner's intent to renovate the property.**04/05/2024, Pending Motion Ought to Pass, Commerce, SJ 8**

**SB 522-FN-A**, relative to establishing an early childhood education scholarship account and making an appropriation therefor.**04/05/2024, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 8**

**SB 551-FN-A**, relative to making an appropriation for rail trail project matching funds.**04/11/2024, Pending Motion Ought to Pass, Finance, SJ 9**

**SB 562-FN**, relative to state recognition of biological sex.**04/11/2024, Pending Motion Ought to Pass, Judiciary, SJ 9**

**SB 565-FN**, relative to discrimination in education and employment based on hairstyles historically associated with race.**03/07/2024, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Judiciary, SJ 6**

**SB 590-FN-A**, making an appropriation to address damage done to the seacoast during January storms.**04/11/2024, Pending Motion Interim Study, Finance, SJ 9**

**HB 307-FN**, relative to attorney's fees in actions under the right to know law.**02/15/2024, Pending Motion Interim Study, Finance, SJ 4**

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

**HB 1339-FN**, relative to background checks during motions to return firearms and ammunition.**05/16/2024, Pending Motion Committee Amendment # 2024-1874s, Judiciary, SJ 13**

**HB 1711-FN**, authorizing the state to report mental health data for firearms background check purposes and providing for processes for confiscation of firearms following certain mental health-related court proceedings and for relief from mental health-related firearms disabilities.**05/16/2024, Pending Motion Inexpedient to Legislate, Judiciary, SJ 13**

**HB 1713-FN**, relative to a defendant's presence during certain criminal proceedings.**05/16/2024, Pending Motion Ought to Pass, Judiciary, SJ 13**

## CONSENT CALENDAR REPORTS

### COMMERCE

**HB 1018**, relative to on-premise and off-premise liquor licenses.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Innis for the committee.

This bill would make changes to the laws relative to on-premise and off-premise liquor licenses, including the regulation of certain on-premises licensees which sell hookah products. Since hookah lounges operate under the cigar bar statute, this bill would require that 60 percent of their revenue come from selling hookah pipes and tobacco. Lounges would be required to comply with the same hourly restrictions as establishments that sell alcohol. By establishing a regulatory construct, the state would be enabled to take proper enforcement actions if necessary.

**HB 1082**, relative to professional limited liability company (PLLC) assistant manager status.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Soucy for the committee.

This bill would have amended the statute to permit a single-member professional limited liability company (PLLC) to designate an assistant manager, who is not a qualified person, to manage the company in the case of the death, incapacity, or disqualification of the manager. If a sole manager becomes unqualified, there could be no one who remains in the organization that can act on their behalf. The Committee believed this bill should be Referred to Interim Study to provide additional time to address concerns from the Bar Association.

**HB 1144**, relative to requirements for sewage disposal system information to be disclosed during real estate transactions.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Innis for the committee.

At the request of the Department of Environmental Services, this bill would require certain information to be disclosed about sewage disposal systems during real estate transactions of dwellings and food service establishments. Frequently, individuals have purchased a property with septic system limitations; however, it is not disclosed at the time of the real estate transaction. The current disclosure of septic systems is not applicable to commercial properties or restaurants; thus, no information is given on the number of seats that can be held or if it has been state approved. Reflecting a consensus reached by stakeholders, the Committee Amendment would be applicable only to the approved seating capacity for food service establishments.

**HB 1187**, relative to prohibiting lease agreements of equipment for building or facility improvements. Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

This bill would have specified that building or facility improvements that become fixtures related to the installation, purpose, or operation of leased equipment shall not be financed through lease agreements. The Committee heard municipalities have used leases to pay for expensive, yet necessary facility or building improvements. Depending on the scope of a project, leases can be cost neutral if they are tied to energy savings. Since the requirements would be too onerous, and they could have an adverse impact on businesses and large-scale projects, the Committee felt additional time was needed for stakeholders to reach a solution.

**HB 1201**, relative to payment of wages for deceased employees.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Chandley for the committee.

This bill would increase the amount of wages owed to an employee who died that can be paid directly to their descendants without triggering the probate process and provides gender neutral language. Since 1963, wages have been capped at \$300. To account for inflation, the amount was raised to \$3,000, which is equivalent to an average of 2.5 to 3 weeks of pay.

**HB 1241**, relative to the regulation of money transmitters and relative to license applications and renewals for certain consumer credit entities.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Chandley for the committee.

This bill would adopt the Model Money Transmission Modernization Act, and it would adjust renewal procedures for certain consumer credit entities to align with those in the Act. The standards and requirements set forth would protect consumers, while also establishing a regulatory baseline nationwide. As of 2024, 17 states have adopted the Act. The Committee Amendment would regulate secondary ticket exchanges, ticket issuers, and resellers. Specifically, actual costs would have to be disclosed upfront, and a resale website could not be substantially similar to the website of a ticket issuer. The Committee believed this would offer some protections to artists, consumers, and producing and presenting venues.

**HB 1243**, revising the laws relative to retail installment sales of motor vehicles.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Soucy for the committee.

At the request of the Banking Department, this bill would revise the statutory provisions on retail installment sales of motor vehicles. By modernizing and streamlining these provisions, RSA 361-A would be consistent with other statutes administered by the Department. These changes were supported by the industry because enhanced auditing would hold bad actors accountable.

**HB 1259**, relative to property and casualty insurance laws administered by the insurance department.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Innis for the committee.

This bill would clarify the distinction between personal and commercial lines in homeowners policies to allow for a smoother transition into the market; permit the use of electronic communication for auditable basis policies; require all insurers of personalized insurance to state the specific reason for cancellation or refusal to renew a policy; and provide an exemption to the insurance claims adjusters statute for persons who solely handle automobile glass claims. Standardizing the language for all property and casualty companies in the state would ensure the market remains competitive.

**HB 1320**, relative to real property and flood risk disclosure.  
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.  
Senator Innis for the committee.

This bill would require that flood risks be disclosed to a buyer prior to the execution of a purchase and sale agreement for real property. Since purchasing property is one of the largest financial investments an individual can make, prospective buyers should understand that properties in coastal areas and along waterways may be subject to an increased risk of flooding over time. The Committee Amendment mirrored the language from the property disclosure form about flood hazard zones in the purchase and sale agreement.

**HB 1321**, relative to repealing penalties for the sale of kegs of malt beverages without a receipt.  
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.  
Senator Ricciardi for the committee.

This bill would repeal the penalty for the sale of malt beverage kegs and define kegs for the purpose of scrap metal dealers. The Committee felt this would be an appropriate repeal for several reasons. First, keg books are time-consuming for businesses to fill out and for the Liquor Commission to audit. Second, keg tags are required for larger 15.5-gallon kegs, yet they are not required for 5.16-gallon kegs, which is the most popular size among customers. Finally, this was an ineffective and outdated investigative tool that has not been used by the Commission.

**HB 1334**, relative to the sale of beer in refillable containers.  
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.  
Senator Chandley for the committee.

This bill would allow for the sale of beer in a refillable container. These containers, often known as growlers, would enable breweries to serve well their customers, promote sustainability, reduce waste, and clarify that branded growlers from other breweries could be filled.

**HB 1358**, relative to tenant and contract manufacturers of beer, wine, and liquor.  
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.  
Senator Innis for the committee.

This bill would expand tenant brewing to include manufacturers of wine and liquor. This would permit individuals from another state to produce their product in New Hampshire. By combining tenant and contract brewing together, new opportunities will be able to occur.

**HB 1624**, relative to allowing the distillation of hobby liquors.  
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.  
Senator Innis for the committee.

This bill would allow the hobby distillation of liquors produced from beer or wine. Since 1978, individuals have been allowed to produce beer and wine under federal law. Each year, an individual would be limited to distilling 100 or 200 gallons of liquor that are produced from wine or beer. These products could not be sold; instead, they are for personal or family use.

## **EDUCATION**

**HB 1195**, relative to allowing school districts to approve different apportionment methods for school administrative unit costs.  
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.  
Senator Fenton for the committee.

House bill 1195 enables school administrative units to consider alternative apportionment methods. All member constituencies and municipalities must approve of changes to apportionment, and the metrics to be considered, unanimously.

**HB 1265**, relative to the penalty for failure to file school expenditure reports, and relative to certain adequacy grants.  
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.  
Senator Prentiss for the committee.

House bill 1265 removes penalties against private academies for failure to submit a DOE-25 report to the Department of Education. The bill also restores a preexisting statute inadvertently removed from law, providing that districts have their adequacy aid adjusted in the event all students were sent elsewhere for less than the cost of an adequate education.

**HB 1450**, requiring the university system of New Hampshire and the community college system of New Hampshire to further work toward implementing comprehensive higher education alignment strategies and findings identified in the governor's public higher education task force report.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Lang for the committee.

House bill 1450 instructs the University and Community College Systems of New Hampshire to collaborate in the realization of the recommendations made by the Public Higher Education Task Force. The Chancellors for each respective system shall submit quarterly reports on progress towards strategic alignments regarding affordability, transferability, and accessibility for Granite Staters.

### **ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS**

**HB 115**, relative to changing the date of the state primary election.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

This bill as amended changes the date of the state primary election to the third Tuesday in June of every even numbered year. All other dates related to the primary have been updated accordingly. This change provides more time for voters to get to know the candidates on the general election ballot in order to make informed decisions at the polls.

**HB 1091**, relative to the financing of political campaigns.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

This bill, as amended, makes various changes to the campaign finance laws. The Secretary of State's office, House Election Law and Senate Election Law worked cooperatively on HB 1091 to clarify Chapter 664 of the New Hampshire Statutes.

**HB 1124**, relative to limiting conflicts of interest for municipal board and committee members.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Murphy for the committee.

The intent of HB 1124 was to limit conflicts of interest and concentrations of power within municipal government. The committee determined that the restrictions on certain positions in the bill would have a negative financial and operational impact on communities. Prohibitions on serving in more than one office will exacerbate the already serious difficulty in finding qualified people to serve in local government.

**HB 1175**, relative to the official ballot referendum form of town meetings.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

This bill would amend the method of adopting official ballot referendum form of town meeting by putting the question on the official ballot. Adopting SB2, is a fundamental change to town government. The Committee agreed with testimony that discussion and debate at the traditional town meeting is how adopting the SB 2 form of meeting should be decided.

### **ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**HB 1121**, relative to creating certain wetlands permit exemptions after a natural disaster or flooding event.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

This bill aims to exempt certain landowners from requiring wetlands permits following natural disasters or flooding events. Supporters argue that property owners face bureaucratic hurdles and fees when clearing debris from streams, even in emergencies, and advocate for stream management reforms. This bill as amended addresses concerns raised by the Department of Environmental Services and Fish and Game and makes technical changes to the language to ensure the responsible protection of watercourses.

**HB 1221**, relative to including solid waste landfills in the definition of development of regional impact.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Watters for the committee.

This bill aims to include solid waste landfills in the definition of development of regional impact, subjecting them to review by local land use boards. Supporters argue that this inclusion addresses concerns about

public input and hearings raised by environmental groups and highlights the importance of addressing surface water and drainage issues in impacted watersheds. The Department of Environmental Services indicated that the bill addresses most concerns and provides clarity for compliance. This bill as amended makes technical changes to the procedure requirements for regional planning commissions.

**HB 1490**, relative to the solid waste management act.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Altschiller for the committee.

This bill proposes various changes to the Solid Waste Management Act. The Department of Environmental Services testified in support, highlighting the bill's provisions to clarify definitions, including "abutter" and "end of life motor vehicle," and granting the Department of Environmental Services authority to terminate permits. Overall, this bill addresses drafting omissions and ensures consistency in permit application review timelines.

**HB 1494**, relative to OHRVs.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

This bill seeks to modify the definition of OHRV clubs and vehicle registration requirements for off-road vehicles, alongside changes to distribution fees and grant-in-aid funds. Testimony in support emphasized clarifying responsibilities for vehicle use, streamlining permit administration, and supporting the OHRV community's marketing efforts. NH Fish and Game highlighted that the proposed changes will improve OHRV laws and ensure statewide consistency in regulations and enforcement.

**HB 1499**, establishing a committee to study the civilian clean energy, community resilience, and conservation corps.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

This bill establishes a study committee to examine clean energy, community resilience, and conservation corps initiatives in New Hampshire. Stakeholders emphasized the benefits of such a program, citing opportunities for workforce development, environmental conservation, and disaster response. Advocates expressed support for the bill, highlighting the potential to address workforce shortages in the clean energy industry and leverage public-private partnerships.

#### **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION**

**HB 518**, relative to the administration of occupations by the office of professional licensure and certification.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Perkins Kwoka for the committee.

HB 518 makes various changes to the administrative statutes of the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification including definitions, lapse and reinstatement of licenses, disciplinary proceedings, and sanctions. The bill strikes a requirement for a complete audit of continuing education credits annually because licenses are done biannually now. The bill removes a requirement that the Clerk of the Superior Court report insurance settlement filings including the Board of Medicine. The Committee Amendment lowers the statutory requirement that requires sanitary inspections of salons, barbershops, and schools to once per year, due to administrative burdens, and returns requirements for reporting by courts and malpractice insurers to OPLC.

**HB 1059**, relative to the state building code.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Gendreau for the committee.

HB 1059 updates the definition of the state building code to include more recent versions of certain international codes and amendments approved by the Building Code Review Board. The bill replaces the 2018 version of the state building code with the 2021 version, except for the state energy code. The Committee heard testimony that updating the energy code would increase the cost of housing in the state. The committee amendment changes the effective date from January 12, 2024, to May 10, 2024.

**HB 1078**, directing the division of emergency services and communications to examine gaps in radio and broadband communications coverage with a focus on the needs of first responders.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Carson for the committee.

HB 1078 directs the Division of Emergency Services and Communications to investigate how to close gaps in radio and broadband communications coverage, with a focus on the needs of first responders. The bill also directs the Department of Safety to establish a repository of maps showing radio systems, collect and update maps from various sources, and provide access and guidance to the repository. The Committee heard testimony that municipalities already have maps of their gaps in coverage and felt the state should compile these to address a real need in the state.

**HB 1079**, relative to critical incident stress management team members.  
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.  
Senator Gendreau for the committee.

HB 1079 revises membership of critical incident stress management (CISM) teams and terminology regarding critical incident intervention and management. This bill expands the number of people covered by the CISM Team, including retired first responders. The Committee heard testimony that the CISM team is effective, in part because first responders know that what they say remains confidential. The Committee felt this bill would help to protect the mental health of the state's first responders and reduce the stigma around mental health care.

**HB 1140**, relative to requirements for homeowner installations of septic systems.  
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.  
Senator Altschiller for the committee.

HB 1140 enables a homeowner to install a new or replacement waste disposal system in their own domicile without a permit. The Committee heard testimony that there are many in the rural portions of the state who have the capability to install their own waste disposal system. The Department of Environmental Services testified that homeowners are already allowed to install their own system, but the wording of the current statute has created confusion. The bill specifies that the two cases where homeowner installation can legitimately work on waste disposal systems: repair and replace, and construction.

**HB 1328**, relative to public safety providers defined as essential services.  
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.  
Senator Gendreau for the committee.

HB 1328 expands the definition of first responders and deems all first responders as providing essential services. The bill was requested by members of the emergency medical services (EMS) community. EMS workers were hindered during the pandemic because they were not classified as essential personnel. The committee amendment expands liability coverage for emergency management volunteers. The Department of Health and Human Services registered their support for both the bill and committee amendment.

**HB 1352**, relative to firefighting personal protective equipment.  
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.  
Senator Pearl for the committee.

HB 1352 increases protections for firefighters from PFAS chemicals in their uniforms and personal protective equipment (PPE). This bill prohibits fire departments from providing station wear that contains intentionally added PFAS. While firefighter PPE contains PFAS, due to their flame-retardant qualities, station wear is worn during non-life-threatening situations. The Committee felt this bill highlights that the health and safety of the state's firefighters is of the utmost importance.

**HB 1387**, relative to revisions to the state building code.  
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.  
Senator Perkins Kwoka for the committee.

HB 1387 updates the state building code and state Building Code Review Board (BCRB). The bill cleans up language of the state build codes revisions that have occurred in the past years. The bill adds a requirement that the required accessibility certification be issued to a government official. The bill allows for a fire protection engineer on the BRCB as an additional qualification for the mechanical engineer.

**HB 1388**, relative to recusal by members of the general court for conflicts of interest.  
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.  
Senator Carson for the committee.

HB 1388, as amended, defines "special interest" and "organization" for the purposes of determining the ethical duties of members of the general court and makes provisions for the recusal of members of the general court for conflicts of interest. The bill was drafted as a result of years of bipartisan work by the Legislative Administration Committee and Legislative Ethics Committee.



**HB 1474**, relative to the commission on Native American affairs.  
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.  
Senator Gendreau for the committee.

HB 1474, as amended, amends the quorum requirement of the Commission on Native American Affairs. The original version of the bill sought more expansive reforms to the Commission. However, the Committee determined that the Commission's quorum issues were the root of the problem. The Committee's hope is that with the quorum issues fixed, the Commission will be able to work its other problems out without legislation.

**HB 1585**, relative to the position of certified assisted living medication aide.  
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.  
Senator Perkins Kwoka for the committee.

HB 1585, as amended, creates the position of certified assisted living medication aide (CALMA) under the Nurse Practice Act, provides for certification as a CALMA through the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification, and authorizes a CALMA to administer medication to individuals in specified residential settings. The Committee heard testimony this would help address the staffing shortage in the assisted living facilities. Additional testimony was heard that the scope of medications administered by a CALMA would be limited to what an individual would be able to administer to a family member at home. The Committee Amendment clarified that this scope did not include injectable, auto filled medications.

#### **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**HB 1028**, relative to the definition of mental illness for purposes of the New Hampshire mental health services system.  
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.  
Senator Avard for the committee.

HB 1028 sparked important conversations in the Committee about the use of specific definitions in the statute governing mental health services and the siloing of services. Because there was significant disagreement on the impact of passing HB 1028 As Amended by the House, the Committee adopted an amendment creating a study commission to more thoroughly review this important issue and report back to the General Court on potential future legislation or regulatory changes that may be needed.

**HB 1056**, relative to child day care licensing.  
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.  
Senator Whitley for the committee.

HB 1056, as amended by the House, amends the definition of a child day care agency by establishing certain limited exceptions in which a child may remain in child care for more than 13 hours. The Committee heard compelling testimony about parents who work in industries that require 12-or-more hour shifts. If a child care center is not directly on their commute to-and-from work, the 13 hour limit on child care in current law becomes incredibly prohibitive. This bill will help reduce the burden on Granite State families who continue to face incredible challenges in finding and maintaining quality child care.

**HB 1081**, relative to insurance payments to ambulance providers.  
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.  
Senator Prentiss for the committee.

HB 1081 requires health insurance providers to directly reimburse ambulance service providers. This bill is the companion to SB 407-FN, which this body passed on the consent calendar in March. The other body has significantly amended SB 407-FN, so preserving the policy position of the Senate with regard to direct pay for ambulance providers with this bill is important.

**HB 1236**, relative to repealing the commission on the status of health coverage markets for individuals and small employers.  
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.  
Senator Birdsell for the committee.

HB 1236 repeals a statute that was repealed by HB 613-FN (2023). The Committee replaced the entire bill with an amendment that was requested by the Department of Health and Human Services to create a temporary authorization for recruitment and retention programs to ensure they can meet the staffing needs of the

Division for Children, Youth, and families, the Sununu Youth Services Center and its replacement facility, and the Hampstead Hospital Residential Treatment Facility. This is a budget-neutral proposal and will be funded through transfers of existing departmental appropriations, in consultation with the Fiscal Committee.

**HB 1280**, relative to informed consent and patient rights.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Whitley for the committee.

HB 1280 defines informed consent and patient rights in the context of a doctor-patient relationship. The Committee heard testimony that this bill would cause conflict and confusion with existing statute and the American Medical Association provider standards. This bill would also require the statutory codification of a living document, meaning the statute could become out of date quickly and require constant amendment. The Committee was also concerned about the statutory placement of the language in this bill; other informed consent and patient rights language is in the statutes governing facility licensing and public welfare.

**HB 1407**, relative to child care staffing ratios.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Avarad for the committee.

HB 1407, as amended by the House, creates a waiver for larger ratios in licensed child care facilities for infants and toddlers and prospectively repeals the waiver in 2026. This bill will change the maximum staffing ratio from four students to one teacher to nine students to two teachers. This represents a 12.5% increase in the number of students being served, while maintaining the safety standards Granite Staters expect, which will help expand access to high-quality child care. This program is an optional pilot program and the Department of Health and Human Services will be able to keep a facility at the 4:1 ratio if it is in the best interests of the children's health and safety. Facilities would still need to meet the square footage per child requirements and other licensing requirements that currently exist.

**HB 1604-FN**, relative to the use of electronic medical records.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Prentiss for the committee.

HB 1604-FN, as amended by the House, prohibits health carriers from requiring that providers use electronic medical records. The Committee heard testimony that no insurance carrier in the state does require the use of electronic medical records although they are encouraged for efficiency and ease of access. The Prime Sponsor asked the Committee to recommend this bill for Interim Study and, given the testimony received, agreed that such a motion was appropriate.

## **JUDICIARY**

**HB 1020**, establishing a committee to study restoration of competency.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Whitley for the committee.

House Bill 1020 establishes a committee to study restoration of competency, provides duties and requirements for the committee, and provides the committee's repeal. The committee will study ways to streamline and improve the system of care for individuals with severe mental illness who have been deemed not competent to stand trial as well as develop a plan for a comprehensive restoration program for those individuals deemed not competent but restorable. Currently, less than half of individuals who are found not competent have their competency restored, far below the national average, and family members of these individuals see this as a missed opportunity for their loved ones to receive treatment, which this committee will seek to remedy.

**HB 1069**, relative to material subject to disclosure under the right-to-know law.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Carson for the committee.

House Bill 1069 clarifies a public body or agency's ability to accept record requests by electronic means and to provide such records electronically and replaces the word "citizen" with "person" throughout the chapter. The Committee Amendment would align the language with the recently passed HB 1002, which dealt with fees under the Right-to-Know law. This bill clarifies the standard for allowing individuals to request information, and introduces 21<sup>st</sup> century business practices, like emailing records, into state law.

**HB 1127**, relative to the revocation and suspension of drivers' licenses.  
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.  
Senator Carson for the committee.

House Bill 1127 allows individuals with suspended licenses to mow their lawns without penalty and eliminates the requirement that drivers with suspended licenses surrender their licenses to the Department of Motor Vehicles. With the support of the DMV, this bill merely seeks to cleanup language, while also ensuring those with suspended or revoked licenses can operate a motor lawn vehicle on their own property.

**HB 1169-FN**, creating a private cause of action for discrimination based on hairstyles relative to a person's ethnicity.  
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.  
Senator Chandley for the committee.

House Bill 1169-FN creates a private cause of action for discrimination based on hairstyles relative to a person's ethnicity. This bill also exempts such causes of action from the jurisdiction of the Human Rights Commission. This bill will put protections in place against such discrimination and allow the victim a direct path to seek legal recourse, either through the court system or the Department of Labor.

**HB 1197**, relative to criminal background checks.  
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.  
Senator Chandley for the committee.

House Bill 1197 amends various statutes to authorize additional personnel to take fingerprints of those undergoing non-criminal related background checks. This bill further establishes a multi-agency task force designed to review the need for Federal Bureau of Investigation Criminal History Record Information checks across employment and volunteer positions in the state, and requires reports related to their findings and recommendations. This bill seeks to expedite the process for employers who are required by state law to obtain background checks, while also setting up a task force to review if prints should still be collected for certain jobs and if there are other jobs that should have fingerprints collected.

**HB 1204**, relative to government agent entries into secured premises.  
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.  
Senator Carson for the committee.

House Bill 1204 would have established requirements for when a government agent may enter a secured premises without a warrant. The Committee heard testimony from a vast majority of state agencies who were all concerned with the overly broad definitions in the bill and that it would have prohibited them from completing regulatory and compliance work.

**HB 1245**, relative to release of confidential records of a person appointed a guardian.  
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.  
Senator Whitley for the committee.

House Bill 1245 provides that a person appointed a guardian shall retain the right to access and consent to the release of his or her confidential records unless the terms of the appointment provide otherwise. This bill allows for individualized guardianship plans as well as allowing the ward to be as self-sufficient as possible.

## **WAYS AND MEANS**

**HB 1525**, relative to historic horse racing game operator employer licensing.  
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.  
Senator Lang for the committee.

HB1525 was re-purposed since the underlying, original issue was dealt with in SB472. This replace-all amendment extends out the date by four years whereby DRA must issue automatic refunds for business credit carryovers for those businesses who have credit carryovers greater than 250% of their tax liability. The reason for the extension is to deal with the flattening business revenues. Nothing in the amendment would stop a business from requesting a refund on its own; this just extends out the mandate to the state that a refund must be issued.

## **REGULAR CALENDAR REPORTS**

### **COMMERCE**

**HB 1559-FN**, repealing the chapter relative to cash dispensing machines.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Soucy for the committee.

### **ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**HB 194-FN**, requiring the director of the division of historical resources to compile and maintain a list of public monuments.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

### **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION**

**HB 1292-FN**, relative to coverage of children under the state retiree insurance plan.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Perkins Kwoka for the committee.

### **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**HB 1413**, relative to mental health supervision agreements.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Avard for the committee.

**HB 1660-FN**, relative to coverage of certain procedures for minor children under the state's Medicaid program.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

### **CAPITAL BUDGET**

**HB 1043**, relative to the capital appropriations for the legislative parking garage design and police standards and training council facility improvements.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

### **COMMERCE**

**HB 1227**, relative to extending the hours of alcoholic beverage sales for on-premises licensees.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 4-1.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

**HB 1291**, relative to accessory dwelling unit uses allowed by right.

Interim Study, Vote 3-1.

Senator Ricciardi for the committee.

**HB 1400**, relative to residential parking spaces.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

### **EDUCATION**

**HB 1014**, relative to instruction in government and civics, including information on election laws and voting.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-1.

Senator Gendreau for the committee.

**HB 1298-FN**, relative to the definition of part-time teachers.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-1.

Senator Gendreau for the committee.

**HB 1311**, relative to school district collection development and reconsideration policies.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2.

Senator Lang for the committee.

**HB 1665-FN**, relative to student eligibility for the education freedom accounts program.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-1.

Senator Lang for the committee.

### **ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS**

**HB 202**, relative to property tax abatements.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-1.

Senator Perkins Kwoka for the committee.

**HB 1119**, relative to absentee ballots.

Interim Study, Vote 3-2.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

**HB 1215**, relative to development approvals and appeals.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2.

Senator Perkins Kwoka for the committee.

**HB 1348**, governing the application for a ballot recount in a state general election.

Interim Study, Vote 4-1.

Senator Gray for the committee.

**HB 1369**, relative to the verification of voter rolls every 4 years.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2.

Senator Gray for the committee.

**HB 1521**, relative to recovery houses.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2.

Senator Murphy for the committee.

### **ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**HB 1114**, extending the commission to investigate and analyze the environmental and public health impacts relating to releases of perfluorinated chemicals in the air, soil, and groundwater in Merrimack, Bedford, Londonderry, Hudson and Litchfield.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

### **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION**

**HB 1065**, relative to fire sprinkler requirements in residential buildings.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-1.

Senator Perkins Kwoka for the committee.

**HB 1080**, relative to the legislative youth advisory council.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

### **FINANCE**

**HB 450-FN**, relative to removing the net operating loss deduction limit on taxable income under the business profits tax.

Interim Study, Vote 6-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

**HB 546-FN-L**, relative to the school building aid program.

Interim Study, Vote 6-1.

Senator Gray for the committee.

**HB 1191-FN**, relative to the establishment of an exemption to the meals and rooms tax for participants in the restaurant voucher program.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-1.

Senator Innis for the committee.

**HB 1533-FN**, relative to the safe harbor compensation amount under the business profits tax.

Interim Study, Vote 7-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

**HB 1536-FN**, relative to increasing the amount of the expense deduction allowed against the business profits tax.

Interim Study, Vote 7-0.

Senator D'Allesandro for the committee.

**HB 1647-FN-A**, relative to the calculation of group II retirement benefits in the retirement system.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 7-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

**HB 1678-FN**, establishing a New Hampshire farm to school local food incentive pilot program.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

**HB 1696**, relative to local records retention.

Interim Study, Vote 7-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**HB 1093**, prohibiting mandatory mask policies in schools.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

**HB 1222**, relative to physician assistant scope of practice.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

**HB 1278-FN**, relative to qualifying medical conditions for purposes of therapeutic cannabis.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Prentiss for the committee.

**HB 1349-FN**, relative to generalized anxiety disorder as a qualifying condition for the therapeutic cannabis program.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2.

Senator Whitley for the committee.

**HB 1365**, relative to substitution of biological products by pharmacies.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

**HB 1581**, relative to cultivation locations for alternative treatment centers.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Whitley for the committee.

**HB 1584**, relative to home day care licensing requirements.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2.

Senator Avard for the committee.

**JUDICIARY**

**HB 185-FN**, relative to the determination of parental rights and responsibilities based on shared parenting.

Interim Study, Vote 4-1.

Senator Carson for the committee.

**HB 378**, expanding the information provided to survivors of sexual assault regarding their existing rights.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Carson for the committee.

**HB 396**, permitting classification of individuals based on biological sex under certain limited circumstances.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

**HB 1013**, relative to amending the definition of temporary alimony.

Interim Study, Vote 4-1.

Senator Carson for the committee.

**HB 1118**, relative to the issuance of drivers' licenses for aliens temporarily residing in New Hampshire.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

**HB 1189**, relative to criteria for reporting child support delinquencies to federal agencies.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

**HB 1336**, relative to employees' firearms in locked vehicles.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

**HB 1415**, relative to PFAS facility liability.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Carson for the committee.

**HB 1432-FN**, relative to prohibiting certain uses of deepfakes and creating a private claim of action.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

**HB 1607**, relative to expanded safe haven protections.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

**TRANSPORTATION**

**HB 2024**, relative to the state 10-year transportation improvement plan.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Ricciardi for the committee.

# AMENDMENTS

Election Law and Municipal Affairs  
May 14, 2024  
2024-1944s  
06/02

## Amendment to HB 115

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

1 Election of Officers and Delegates; Election Dates; State Primary Election. Amend RSA 653:8 to read as follows:

653:8 State Primary Election. The state primary election shall be held on the [~~second~~] **third** Tuesday in [~~September~~] **June** of every even-numbered year.

2 Voters and Checklists; Hearings on Alterations to Party Registration. Amend RSA 654:32 to read as follows:

654:32 Hearings on Alterations to Party Registration. Before each state or presidential primary election, the supervisors of the checklist shall be in session before each primary for the change of registration of legal voters as provided in RSA 654:34 or 654:34-a or both. Before the presidential primary, the session shall be on the Friday preceding the first day of the filing period, between 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and at the discretion of the supervisors for extended hours. Before the state primary election, the session shall be on Tuesday before the [~~first~~] **second** Wednesday in [~~June~~] **March** between 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and at the discretion of the supervisors for extended hours.

3 Voters and Checklists; Change of Registration. Amend RSA 654:34, IV to read as follows:

IV. No person, who is already registered to vote, whether his **or her** party membership has been previously registered or not, shall affiliate with a party or disaffiliate from a party between the [~~first~~] **second** Wednesday in [~~June~~] **March** and the day before the state primary election.

4 Elections; Nominations by Primary; Filing: General Provisions. Amend RSA 655:14 to read as follows:

655:14 Filing; General Provisions. The name of any person shall not be printed upon the ballot of any party for a primary unless he or she is a registered member of that party, he or she shall have met the age and domicile qualifications for the office he or she seeks at the time of the general election, he or she meets all the other qualifications at the time of filing, and he or she shall file with the appropriate official between the [~~first~~] **second** Wednesday in [~~June~~] **March** and the Friday of the following week a declaration of candidacy as provided in RSA 655:17.

5 Elections; Nominations by Primary. Amend RSA 655:21 to read as follows:

655:21 Form. Primary petitions shall be made in the following form:

State of New Hampshire

County of \_\_\_\_\_ ss.

City (Town) of \_\_\_\_\_

I do hereby join in a petition for the printing on the primary ballot of the name of \_\_\_\_\_ whose domicile is in the city (town) of \_\_\_\_\_ (ward, street, and number, if in a city), in the county of \_\_\_\_\_, for the office of \_\_\_\_\_ to be voted for on Tuesday, the \_\_\_\_ day of [~~September~~] **June**, \_\_\_\_ (year), and certify that I am qualified to vote for a candidate for said office, that I am a registered member of the \_\_\_\_\_ party, and am not at this time a signer of any other similar petition for any other candidate for the above office; that my domicile is in the city (town) of \_\_\_\_\_ (ward, street, and number, if in a city), in the county of \_\_\_\_\_. I certify that to my knowledge the above-named candidate is not a candidate for incompatible offices as defined in RSA 655:10, and that he or she is not a federal employee which makes him or her ineligible to file as a candidate for this office. I further certify that I believe the above-named person is especially qualified to fill said office.

I hereby swear, under the penalties for voting fraud set forth below, that the information above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Voter's name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Voter's Signature

In accordance with RSA 659:34, the penalty for knowingly or purposefully providing false information when registering to vote or voting is a class A misdemeanor with a maximum sentence of imprisonment not to exceed one year and a fine not to exceed \$2,000. Fraudulently registering to vote or voting is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000.

6 Elections; Nomination by Primary; Examination and Rejection. Amend RSA 655:26 to read as follows:

655:26 Examination and Rejection. The officer with whom primary petitions are filed shall immediately upon receipt thereof examine the same and ascertain whether they conform to the law. If found not to conform thereto or to be conflicting as provided in RSA 655:23, ~~he~~ **they** shall then endorse thereon the reason why such petition cannot be accepted and shall, within 24 hours, return the same to the candidate in whose behalf it was filed. In such case, the candidate may file supplementary petitions with the official, but not later than the ~~third~~ **fourth** Wednesday in ~~June~~ **March**.

7 Ballot Law Commission; Hearing Date. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 665:5, I to read as follows:

I. If necessary, the ballot law commission shall meet on the ~~third~~ **fourth** Thursday of ~~September~~ **June** in each general election year and the third Friday following the presidential primary election in order to hear and decide:

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

2024-1944s

#### AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill changes the date of the state primary election to June.

Energy and Natural Resources

May 7, 2024

2024-1822s

12/08

#### Amendment to HB 194-FN

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

AN ACT requiring the director of the division of historical resources to compile and maintain a list of public monuments and requiring legislative approval of the amendment or removal of historical markers.

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

2 Historical Markers; Amendment and Removal. Amend RSA 236:41 to read as follows:

236:41 Historic Preservation Office.

The state historic preservation office established under RSA 227-C shall consult with the commissioner of transportation on the marker program. Before placing any marker, the commissioner shall secure the state historic preservation office's approval of the marker, its location and its wording. The state historic preservation office shall make any investigation needed to obtain information on the event to be commemorated and on the appropriate location for the marker, including consulting historians and holding public hearings. ***Before amending or removing any marker, the commissioner of transportation shall secure the approval of the general court through legislation passed by both the house of representatives and the senate.***

2024-1822s

#### AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires the director of the division of historical resources to compile and maintain a list of public monuments.

This bill also requires the approval of the legislature in order to amend or remove a historical marker.

Election Law and Municipal Affairs

May 14, 2024

2024-1952s

05/02

#### Amendment to HB 202

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



2 Property Taxes; Valuation of Telecommunications Poles and Conduits; Annual Equalization Ratio Excluded. Amend RSA 72:8-c, I to read as follows:

I. The value of wooden poles or conduits employed in the transmission of telecommunications owned in whole or in part by telephone utilities, as described in RSA 362:7, or providers of Voice over Internet Protocol (“VoIP”) service or IP-enabled service, each as defined in RSA 362:7, or commercial mobile radio services, for purposes of tax assessment against said entity, shall be determined by the following formula: the Replacement Cost New (RCN) of the telecommunications pole or conduit, less depreciation calculated on a straight-line basis for a period of 40 years with a residual value of 20 percent *without applying the annual equalization ratio*.

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

2024-1952s

#### AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a method to equalize market value for purposes of calculating property tax abatements. The bill also provides that the annual equalization ratio shall not apply to valuation of telecommunications poles and conduits.

Senate Judiciary  
May 14, 2024  
2024-1967s  
12/05

#### Amendment to HB 378

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

1 Department of Justice; Notification of Sexual Assault Survivors’ Rights. Amend RSA 21-M:19 to read as follows:

21-M:19 Notification of Sexual Assault Survivors’ Rights.

I. The attorney general shall provide written notice regarding sexual assault survivors’ rights in RSA 21-M:18 to medical centers, hospitals, forensic examiners, sexual assault service providers, state and local law enforcement agencies, and any other state agency or department reasonably likely to serve sexual assault survivors; and shall make the information set forth in *paragraph II and* RSA 21-M:18 publicly available on the attorney general’s Internet website.

II. In addition to the rights set forth in RSA 21-M:18, the attorney general shall provide written notice of the following rights to those entities listed in paragraph I:

(a) The right not to be charged fees for or otherwise prevented from pursuing a sexual assault evidence collection kit.

(b) The right to have a medical examination regardless of whether the survivor reports to or cooperates with law enforcement, and the right to have such examination at no cost pursuant to RSA 21-M:8-c.

(c) The availability of assistance from [~~the office of victim/witness assistance pursuant to RSA 21-M:8-b~~] *rape crisis center as defined in RSA 173-C:1*.

(d) The availability of protective orders and policies related to their enforcement.

(e) Policies regarding the storage, preservation, and disposal of sexual assault evidence collection kits.

(f) The process, if any, to request preservation of sexual assault evidence collection kits or the probative evidence from such kits.

(g) The availability of victim’s compensation and restitution pursuant to RSA 21-M:8-k.

*III. A health care provider, law enforcement officer, or other employee of an entity listed in paragraph I, shall make a reasonable effort to provide information to a sexual assault survivor pursuant to paragraph II.*

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

2024-1967s

## AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill directs the attorney general to make certain additional information regarding sexual assault survivors' rights available on the attorney general's website and directs certain professionals to provide such information to sexual assault survivors.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration  
 May 16, 2024  
 2024-2017s  
 11/08

## Amendment to HB 518

Amend RSA 310:2, I(c) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(c) "Investigation" shall mean [~~procedures for~~] investigation of allegations and complaints of misconduct in accordance with RSA 310:9.

Amend RSA 310:8, II as inserted by section 3 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. Licenses shall be valid for 2 years from the date of issuance except for those apprentices licensed for one year in accordance with rules adopted pursuant to 541-A, provided that timely and complete application for license renewal by eligible applicants shall continue the validity of the licenses being renewed until the office has acted on the renewal application, **or, in matters appealed pursuant to RSA 310:14, until the office has issued a final decision.**

Amend RSA 310:10, V as inserted by section 4 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

V. [~~The presiding officer~~] In disciplinary and non-disciplinary remedial proceedings, **including those held pursuant to this section, RSA 310:12, IV, and RSA 310:13, the presiding officer** may issue subpoenas for persons, relevant documents, and relevant materials in accordance with the following conditions:

(a) Subpoenas for persons shall not require compliance in less than 48 hours after receipt of service.

(b) Subpoenas for documents and materials shall not require compliance in fewer than 15 days after receipt of service.

(c) Service shall be made on licensees [~~and certified individuals~~] by certified mail to the address on file with the office or by hand and shall not entitle them to witness or mileage fees.

(d) Service shall be made on persons who are not licensees [~~or certified individuals~~] in accordance with the procedures and fee schedules of the superior court, and the subpoenas served on them shall be annotated "Fees Guaranteed by the New Hampshire Office of Professional Licensure and Certification."

Amend RSA 310:10, X as inserted by section 4 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

X. Except as otherwise provided by RSA 541-A:30, the [~~board~~] **office** shall furnish the respondent at least 15 days' written notice [~~of the date, time and place~~] of a hearing **in accordance with RSA 541-A:31, III**. Such notice shall include an itemization of the issues to be heard, and, in the case of a disciplinary hearing, a statement as to whether the action has been initiated by a written complaint or upon the board's own motion, or both. If a written complaint is involved, the notice shall provide the complainant with a reasonable opportunity to intervene as a party.

Amend RSA 310:10, XV as inserted by section 4 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

**XV. In instances where a board lacks sufficient members to meet quorum, the executive director, or designee, may initiate proceedings held pursuant to RSA 310 or RSA 541-A and direct that evidence be received solely by the presiding officer who, in addition to exercising the authority given to the presiding officer under RSA 310 and RSA 541-A, shall be charged with making findings of fact, determining appropriate sanctions or action, or denying or accepting settlement agreements.**

Amend the bill by replacing section 10 with the following:

10 Physicians and Surgeons; Continuing Medical Education Requirement. Amend RSA 329:16-g as follows:

329:16-g Continuing Medical Education Requirement. [~~As a condition of renewal of license,~~] The board shall require each licensee to show proof at least at every biennial license renewal that the licensee has completed

100 hours of approved continuing medical education program within the preceding 2 years. For the purposes of this section, an approved continuing medical education program is a program designed to continue the education of the licensee in current developments, skills, procedures, or treatment in the licensee's field of practice, which has been certified by a national, state, or county medical society or college or university. ~~[There shall be a complete audit of all continuing education credits annually by the New Hampshire Medical Society.]~~ Each licensee shall submit a continuing medical education report with copies of continuing medical education course certificates earned by the licensee and other documents which establish that continuing medical education course requirements have been met, using a form approved by the board. ~~[The complete audit shall include the collection, review, verification, and preservation of the continuing medical education documentation of each licensed physician and a report which records the credits awarded to each licensee during the 2-year period applicable to each licensee. The fee charged to licensees for continuing medical education verification shall not exceed 125 percent of the actual cost of providing the service. The New Hampshire Medical Society is prohibited from using any information from this program for promotional purposes or any other purpose not necessary for continuing education verification.]~~

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 10 with the following:

11 Disciplinary Action; Remedial Proceedings. Amend RSA 329:17 to read as follows:

329:17 Disciplinary Action; Remedial Proceedings.

I. ~~[Repealed].~~

I-a. ~~[Repealed].~~

~~H.]~~ Every clerk of the superior court shall report to the board the filing and final disposition of any action for medical injury as defined in paragraph III within 30 days after such filing and within 30 days after such final disposition.

~~[HH.]~~ **II.** Every insurer, including self-insurers, providing professional liability insurance to a licensee of the board shall send a complete report to the board as to all reservable claims coincident with medical injury that take place in this state or in any other state within 30 days after establishing the reserve. For the purpose of this paragraph, medical injury means any adverse, untoward or undesired consequences arising out of or sustained in the course of professional services rendered by a medical care provider, whether resulting from negligence, error or omission in the performance of such services; from rendition of such services without informed consent or in breach of warranty or in violation of contract; from failure to diagnose; from premature abandonment of a patient or of a course of treatment; from failure properly to maintain equipment or appliances necessary to the rendition of such services; or otherwise arising out of or sustained in the course of such services.

~~HH-a.~~ The board shall instruct the medical review subcommittee to conduct an investigation of any person licensed by the board who has had ~~3~~ reservable claims, written complaints, or actions for medical injury, as defined by paragraph I, H, or HH, or any combination thereof, which pertain to ~~3~~ different acts or events within any consecutive 5-year period.

~~HH-b.]~~ **III.**(a) *The office shall investigate* any referral by the insurance commissioner under RSA 420-J:5-e, VIII or any complaint alleging that a medical director has committed misconduct as set forth in paragraph ~~[VI]~~ **VII** of this section shall be received and reviewed by the board in accordance with the provisions of this section for potential disciplinary action. For the purposes of this paragraph, "medical director" means a physician licensed under this chapter who is employed by a health carrier or medical utilization review entity and is responsible for the utilization review techniques and methods of the health carrier or medical utilization review entity and their administration and implementation.

(b) Any complaint received by the ~~[board]~~ **office** regarding an insurance coverage decision by a medical director shall be forwarded ~~[by the board]~~ to the insurance commissioner for review.

IV. Every facility administrator, or designee, for any licensed hospital, health clinic, ambulatory surgical center, or other health care facility within the state shall report to the ~~[board]~~ **office** any disciplinary or adverse action, within 30 days after such action is taken, including situations in which allegations of misconduct are settled by voluntary resignation without adverse action, against a ~~[person]~~ licensed ~~[by the board]~~ **individual**. Disciplinary or adverse action shall include the requirement that a licensee undergo counseling or be subject to any policy with regard to disruptive behavior.

V. Every professional society within the state comprised primarily of ~~[persons licensed by the board]~~ **licensees** shall report to the ~~[board]~~ **office** any disciplinary action against a member relating to professional ethics, medical incompetence, ~~[moral turpitude,]~~ or drug or alcohol abuse within 30 days after such disciplinary action is taken.

~~[V-a. A medical review subcommittee of 13 members shall be nominated by the board of medicine and appointed by the governor and council. The subcommittee shall consist of 13 persons, 9 of whom shall be physicians, one of whom shall be a physician assistant, and 3 of whom shall be public members. One of the physician members shall practice in the area of pain medicine and anesthesiology. No public member of the subcommittee shall be or ever have been a member of the medical profession or the spouse of a member of the medical profession. No public member shall have or ever have had a material financial interest in either the provision of medical services or an activity directly related to medicine, including the representation of the board or profession for a fee. The terms of the public members shall be staggered so that no 2 public members' terms expire in the same year. The subcommittee members shall be appointed for 3-year terms, and shall serve no more than 2 terms. Upon referral by the board, the subcommittee shall review disciplinary actions reported to the board under paragraphs II-V of this section, except that matters concerning a medical director involved in a current internal or external grievance pursuant to RSA 420-J shall not be reviewed until the grievance process has been completed. Following review of each case, the subcommittee shall make recommendations to the board. The state of New Hampshire, by the board and the office of professional licensure and certification, and with the approval of governor and council, shall contract with a qualified physician to serve as a medical review subcommittee investigator.]~~

~~[V-b]~~ **VI.** When a threat to public health, safety, or welfare may exist, the ~~[board of medicine]~~ **office** shall notify the facility, a practice's managing physician or administrator, or the hospital chief executive officer of any pending disciplinary proceedings, non-disciplinary remedial proceedings, recommended corrective actions, or concerns for informational purposes or referral to the facility, practice, or hospital's credentials and quality assurance committees or their equivalent. The entity receiving notification shall report back to the board of medicine with a progress or final report within 45 days.

~~[VI.]~~ **VII.** The board, after hearing, may take disciplinary action against any person licensed by it upon finding that the person:

(a) Has knowingly provided false information during any application for professional licensure or hospital privileges, whether by making any affirmative statement which was false at the time it was made or by failing to disclose any fact material to the application.

(b) Is a habitual user of drugs or intoxicants.

(c) Has displayed medical practice which is incompatible with the basic knowledge and competence expected of persons licensed to practice medicine or any particular aspect or specialty thereof.

(d) Has engaged in dishonest or unprofessional conduct or has been grossly or repeatedly negligent in practicing medicine or in performing activities ancillary to the practice of medicine or any particular aspect or specialty thereof, or has intentionally injured a patient while practicing medicine or performing such ancillary activities.

(e) Has employed or allowed an unlicensed person to practice in the licensee's office.

(f) Has failed to provide adequate safeguards in regard to aseptic techniques or radiation techniques.

(g) Has included in advertising any statement of a character tending to deceive or mislead the public or any statement claiming professional superiority.

(h) Has advertised the use of any drug or medicine of an unknown formula or any system of anesthetic that is unnamed, misnamed, misrepresented, or not in reality used.

(i) Has willfully or repeatedly violated any provision of this chapter or any substantive rule of the board.

(j) Has been convicted of a felony under the laws of the United States or any state.

(k) Has failed to maintain adequate medical record documentation on diagnostic and therapeutic treatment provided or has unreasonably delayed medical record transfer, or violated RSA 332-I.

(l) Has knowingly obtained, attempted to obtain or assisted a person in obtaining or attempting to obtain a prescription for a controlled substance without having formed a valid physician-patient relationship pursuant to RSA 329:1-c.

[VI-a.] **VIII.** The board may take non-disciplinary remedial action against any person licensed by it upon finding that the person is afflicted with physical or mental disability, disease, disorder, or condition deemed dangerous to the public health. Upon making an affirmative finding, the board, may take non-disciplinary remedial action:

(a) By suspension, limitation, or restriction of a license for a period of time as determined reasonable by the board.

(b) By revocation of license.

(c) By requiring the person to submit to the care, treatment, or observation of a physician, counseling service, health care facility, professional assistance program, or any combination thereof which is acceptable to the board.

(d) By requiring the person to practice under the direction of a physician in a public institution, public or private health care program, or private practice for a period of time specified by the board.

[VI-b] **IX.** The state of New Hampshire confirms its strong support for shared decision making between health care professionals and their patients. A licensee may lawfully prescribe an FDA approved drug product for an off-label indication and be held to the same standard of care as when prescribing for on-label indication when:

(a) Off-label use of the drug product for this indication has longstanding common use;

(b) There is medical evidence to support this use and no known evidence contraindicating such use, including but not limited to, peer reviewed studies and practice guidelines from relevant medical societies; or

(c) The licensee has provided and the patient, or if the patient is a minor, the patient's parent or guardian, has signed an informed consent form that includes the known potential benefits, known potential risks, alternative treatment options, expected prognosis without treatment, and a disclosure that a prescription is for an off-label indication. The signed informed consent form shall remain part of the patient's medical record.

[VII. ~~Repealed.~~]

VII-a. ~~Repealed.~~]

VIII. ~~Repealed.~~]

[IX] **X.** No civil action shall be maintained against the board or any member of the board or its agents or employees with regard to any action or activity taken in the performance of any duty or authority established by this chapter. No civil action shall be maintained against any organization or its members or against any other person for or by reason of any good faith statement, report, communication, or testimony to the board or determination by the board in relation to proceedings under this chapter.

[IX-a.] **XI.** Any persons who have had their licenses to practice medicine revoked or suspended shall be barred from practicing any other human health care activities, including psychotherapy, whether or not such other activity is licensed or certified by another licensing agency.

[X, XI. ~~Repealed.~~]

XII. ~~Repealed.~~]

XIII. ~~Repealed.~~]

12 Inspectors. Amend RSA 313-A:21, III to read as follows:

III. Sanitary inspections of all salons, barbershops, and schools shall be made at least ~~twice~~ **once** each year.

13 Directors; Appointments and Salaries. Amend RSA 310:3, IV-V to read as follows:

IV. The executive director shall nominate for appointment by the governor and council the unclassified positions of ~~agency~~ chief legal officer and ~~board~~ chief ~~legal officer~~ **of staff**. Each officer shall be qualified for the position by reason of education, competence, and experience and shall serve at the pleasure of the executive director.

V. The salaries of the executive director, each division director, ~~each~~ **chief** legal officer, **chief of staff**, the chief pharmacy investigator, and each pharmacy investigator shall be as specified in RSA 94:1-a.

14 Executive Director Responsibilities. Amend RSA 310:4, II(a) to read as follows:

(a) Supervision of the division directors, [and] chief legal [officers] ***officer, and chief of staff.***

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

Health and Human Services

May 15, 2024

2024-1992s

05/06

Amendment to HB 1028

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

AN ACT establishing a commission to study the delivery of behavioral crisis services to individuals with mental illness with an impairment primarily caused by intellectual disability.

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

1 New Section; Commission Established; Commission to Study the Delivery of Behavioral Crisis Services to Individuals with Mental Illness with an Impairment Primarily Caused by Intellectual Disability. Amend RSA 135-C by inserting after section 68 the following new section:

135-C:69 Commission Established. There is established a commission to study the delivery of behavioral crisis services to individuals with mental illness whose impairment is primarily due to intellectual disability.

I. Notwithstanding RSA 14:49, the members of the commission shall be as follows:

(a) Four 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.

(c) Three members of the department of health and human services, one of whom is from the division of behavioral health, one whom is from the division of long term supports and services, and one of whom is from New Hampshire hospital or a similar department facility, appointed by the commissioner.

(d) One member from a community mental health center, appointed by the governor.

(e) One member from a disability care area agency, appointed by the governor.

(f) One member from a disability rights organization, appointed by the governor.

(g) One member from a family caring for an individual with mental illness primarily caused by an intellectual disability who has experienced a behavioral crisis, appointed by the governor.

II. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the commission.

III. The commission shall:

(a) Study the gap in service delivery to individuals in behavioral crisis with mental illness whose impairment is primarily due to intellectual disability, created by the definition of mental illness in RSA 135-C:2, X.

(b) Create a plan consisting of necessary legislation and changes in regulatory policies and procedures to address the identified service deficiency. It shall address acute crisis care needs through termination and post-discharge services and expected costs.

IV. The members of the study commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 30 days of the effective date of this section. Six members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

V. The commission shall report its findings, including its assessment of the need to establish an acute crisis center in New Hampshire and any recommendations for proposed legislation and policy and procedures, in a report on or before November 1, 2024.

2 Repeal. RSA 135-C:69, relative to the commission to study the delivery of behavioral crisis services to individuals with mental illness whose impairment is primarily due to intellectual disability, is repealed.

### 3 Effective Date.

- I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2024.
- II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

2024-1992s

#### AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a commission to study the delivery of behavioral crisis services to individuals with mental illness whose impairment primarily due to intellectual disability.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration

May 15, 2024

2024-2008s

12/05

#### Amendment to HB 1059

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Definition of State Building Code. Amend RSA 155-A:1, IV to read as follows:

IV. “New Hampshire building code” or “state building code” means the adoption by reference of the International Building Code [2018] **2021**, the International Existing Building Code [2018] **2021**, the International Plumbing Code [2018] **2021**, the International Mechanical Code [2018] **2021**, the International Energy Conservation Code 2018, the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code [2018] **2021** and the International Residential Code [2018] **2021**, as published by the International Code Council Inc., and the National Electrical Code 2020, as published by the National Fire Protection Association, Inc., as reviewed and recommended by the state building code review board, including all amendments reviewed and approved by the board as of [November 30, 2021] **May 10, 2024**, and ratified by the legislature in accordance with RSA 155-A:10. [The provisions of any other national code or model code referred to within a code listed in this definition shall not be included in the state building code unless specifically included in the codes listed in this definition.]

Senate Executive Departments and Administration

May 15, 2024

2024-2006s

12/02

#### Amendment to HB 1065

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

1 State Fire Code and Rules; Fire suppression or Sprinkler Systems. Amend RSA 153:5, IV to read as follows:

IV. The state fire marshal may exempt a building, structure, or equipment from such rules if he or she finds that such exemption does not constitute a hazard to the public welfare and safety. A reasonable time, as determined by the state fire marshal, shall be allowed to make necessary alterations. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent municipalities from adopting bylaws or ordinances relative to a subject area of rules adopted by the state fire marshal in accordance with this section if such bylaws or ordinances are no less restrictive than rules adopted by the state fire marshal. ***However, counties, towns, cities, and village districts shall not adopt rules, regulations, or ordinances that are more stringent than the state fire code relative to residential sprinkler systems.***

2 Local Land Use Planning and Regulatory Powers; Amending and Establishing Building Code and Enforcement Procedures; Fire Suppression Sprinklers. Amend RSA 674:51, V to read as follows:

V. No municipality or local land use board as defined in RSA 672:7 shall adopt any ordinance, regulation, code, or administrative practice requiring the installation of automatic fire suppression sprinklers in any new or existing detached single family or 2-family dwelling unit in a structure used only for residential purposes, ***or in existing buildings that contain, or will contain, no more than 4 dwelling units, unless fire sprinklers are existing or are required by a nonresidential occupancy.*** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no municipality or local land use board shall enforce any existing ordinance, regulation, code, or administrative practice requiring the installation or use of automatic fire suppression sprinklers in any manufactured housing unit as defined in RSA 674:31 situated in a manufactured housing

park as defined in RSA 205-A:1, II. Nothing in this paragraph shall affect the ability of an applicant for a local land use permit to include the installation of fire suppression sprinklers pursuant to RSA 674:36, IV, or affect the validity or enforceability of such inclusion.

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

2024-2006s

#### AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill adds an exception to the state fire code for fire suppression or sprinkler system requirements for certain existing residential buildings with no more than 4 dwelling units and prohibits municipalities from adopting certain fire suppression device ordinances and regulations.

Senate Judiciary

May 14, 2024

2024-1966s

05/02

#### Amendment to HB 1069

Amend the bill by replacing section 2 with the following:

2 Minutes and Records Available for Public Inspection; Electronic Record Requests. Amend RSA 91-A:4, I to read as follows:

I. ~~Every citizen~~ **Any person** during the regular or business hours of all public bodies or agencies, and on the regular business premises of such public bodies or agencies, has the right to inspect all governmental records in the possession, custody, or control of such public bodies or agencies, including minutes of meetings of the public bodies, and to copy and make memoranda or abstracts of the records or minutes so inspected, except as otherwise prohibited by statute or RSA 91-A:5. In this section, “to copy” means the reproduction of original records by whatever method, including, but not limited to photography, photostatic copy, printing, or electronic or tape recording.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following and renumbering the original sections 4-5 to read as 5-6, respectively:

4 New Paragraph; Access to Governmental Records and Meetings; Minutes and Records Available for Public Inspection. Amend RSA 91-A:4 by inserting after paragraph V the following new paragraph:

V-a.(a) Any person may request governmental records electronically or by mail without physically appearing at the regular business premises of public bodies or agencies to request governmental records.

(b) At the election of the person requesting the records, the public body or agency shall provide such records electronically or by mail without requiring the person’s physical appearance at its business premises to receive delivery of the records. If the person requests that the records be provided by mail, the public body or agency may charge the person the cost of postage. No charge shall be made for records delivered electronically.

(c) The public body or agency shall not be required to provide records electronically in a format other than the format under which the public body or agency regularly maintains such records, unless the application, program, or format in which the records are stored or accessed is capable of producing the records into a standard or common file format, in which case the public body or agency shall provide the records in the standard or common file format requested.

(d) The public body or agency shall not be required to provide records electronically if it lacks the technological capability to do so, if doing so would be unduly burdensome, or if doing so would compromise the security of its record-keeping system.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration

May 15, 2024

2024-1993s

06/05

#### Amendment to HB 1078

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



AN ACT relative to directing the division of emergency services and communications to examine gaps in radio and broadband communications coverage, and the department of safety establishing a repository of maps showing radio systems within the state.

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

2 New Section; Department of Safety; Radio System Repository. Amend RSA 21-P by inserting after section 15-c the following new section:

21-P:15-d Radio System Repository. The department of safety, through its officials, shall:

I. Establish and maintain a comprehensive catalog of maps showing tower and site locations of all municipal, county, and state government radio systems throughout the state.

II. Collect maps from every municipality, county, and state agency, detailing the locations of their radio systems.

III. Receive regular updates from municipalities, counties, and state agencies to ensure the repository remains current and accurate.

IV. Collaborate with the municipalities, counties, and state agencies to efficiently gather information and updates.

V. Provide access and to the repository for all municipalities, counties, state agencies and relevant stakeholders involved in emergency services and public safety communication.

VI. Permit municipalities and counties may utilize the repository to enhance their own radio capabilities and to identify areas with gaps in radio coverage.

VII. Provide guidance on usage of the repository when requested.

2024-1993s

#### AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Directs the division of emergency services and communications to investigate how to close gaps in radio and broadband communications coverage, with a focus on the needs of first responders.

II. Directs the department of safety to establish a repository of maps showing radio systems, collect and update maps from various sources, and provide access and guidance to the repository.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration

May 16, 2024

2024-2013s

11/08

#### Amendment to HB 1080

Amend RSA 19-K:1 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

19-K:1 Legislative Youth Advisory Council Established.

A legislative youth advisory council is established to enable young people the ability to review legislation and make recommendations on legislation as viewed from the perspective of youth. Three elected members of the house of representatives will be appointed to assist the youth council to review current legislative service requests in each year of a legislative term. The primary focus shall be to identify legislation that affects youth in the areas of education, science and technology, transportation, labor, and substance misuse. Once legislation is identified, the council should discuss the legislation with the legislation's primary and co-sponsors to seek their views in order to advise the legislative committees. The council shall submit an annual report with recommendations for future legislation as outlined in RSA 19-K:3, VI.

Amend RSA 19-K:2, II(c) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(c) Three members of the house of representatives, one of whom shall be the youngest member of the majority party, or designee, one of whom shall be the youngest member of the minority party, or designee, and one of whom shall be a member from either party serving in an overall advisory position.

Election Law and Municipal Affairs  
 May 14, 2024  
 2024-1943s  
 08/05

Amendment to HB 1091

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

1 Definitions; Political Expenditures and Contributions. RSA 664:2 and 664:3 are repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

664:2 Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

I. "Election" means any general biennial or special election, political party primary, or presidential preference primary as provided in RSA 664:1.

II. "Candidate" means an individual who seeks election to any public office or party position to be voted at a primary, general, or special election, whether or not the public office or party position has been specifically identified at such time and whether or not such individual is nominated or elected. An individual shall be considered a candidate seeking election, or re-election, if the individual has:

(a) Taken the action necessary to qualify for election, such as filing as a candidate;

(b) Taken the action or authorized any other person to obtain, nominating petitions to qualify for election, or election to office; or

(c) Received contributions or made expenditures, or given consent to any other person to receive contributions or make expenditures, with the purpose to bring about the individual's nomination for election, or election, to office at any time during the election cycle.

III.(a) "Political committee" means: Any organization of 2 or more persons that promotes the success or defeat of a candidate or candidates or measure or measures. Types of political committees:

(1) Candidate committee created by a candidate running for office;

(2) Political advocacy organization to promote issues and ideas that may influence voters' choices on the ballot as further defined in RSA 664:2, XXII;

(3) Political committee of a political party as further defined in RSA 664:2, V to support candidates of the party running for office;

(4) The committee of a segregated fund established by any organization with a separate legal existence the purpose of which is to promote the success or defeat of a candidate or candidates or measure or measures; or

(5) Committee not created by a candidate and does not fall within RSA 664:2, III, (b) through (d)

(b) As used in this paragraph, "organization" includes, but is not limited to, 2 or more natural persons; entities formed under state law, except those entities qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986; committees formed by a candidate exploratory campaign, or political party; and any other association of natural persons or entities formed under state law that is not registered as a business entity.

IV. "Political party" or "party" means any political organization or number of persons which can nominate candidates in any manner prescribed by law and has done so for the current election. The definition of the word "party" contained in RSA 652:11 shall not apply to this chapter.

V. "Political committee of a political party" means a state, county, regional, city, ward, or town committee of a political party. A regional committee shall be composed only of members who are residents of towns or cities that form a contiguous land area, and shall have been created and approved by the state committee of the political party. To establish regional committees, a party shall amend its by-laws to authorize them in principle; a copy of the by-law authorization and evidence of the approval for each regional committee by the state committee shall be filed by the political party with the secretary of state before the first Wednesday in June immediately following the amendment.

VI. “Political advertising” means any communication by any medium or in any format, including buttons or printed material attached to motor vehicles, which expressly advocates or is the functional equivalent of express advocacy for the success or defeat of any party, measure, candidate, or person at any election.

VII. “Communication” means imparting, exchanging, or sending, of information by any medium or in any format, including, but not be limited to, publication in any newspaper or other periodical or on any Internet Site on social media, or other digital method, broadcasting on radio, television, or over any public address system, transmission by telephone or facsimile or text message or email, placement on any billboards, outdoor facilities, window displays, posters, cards, pamphlets, leaflets, flyers, or other circulars, or in any direct mailing.

VIII. “Contribution” means anything of value made for the purpose of promoting the success or defeat of a candidate, candidates, measure, measures, or political party, including, but not limited to a payment, gift, subscription, assessment, contract, payment for services, dues advance, forbearance, loan to a candidate or political committee, or personal or professional services for less than full consideration.

IX. “Expenditure” means the disbursement of money or thing of value or the making of a legally binding commitment to make such a disbursement in the future; or the transfer of funds by a political committee to another political committee or to a candidate for the purposes of promoting the success or defeat of a candidate or candidates or measure or measures or political party. “Expenditure” includes disbursements constituting independent expenditures, as defined in paragraph XI, and expenses incurred by a candidate for child care. Travel and subsistence expenditures related to constituent service or to an office sought or held are permissible. “Expenditure” does not include:

- (a) The candidate’s expenses for non-campaign travel and subsistence;
- (b) Activity designed to encourage individuals to register to vote or to vote, if that activity or communication is non-partisan;
- (c) Any communication by any membership organization or corporation to its members or stockholders, if the primary purpose of that membership organization or corporation is not for the purpose of promoting the success or defeat of a candidate or candidates and measure or measures; or
- (d) Any communication by any political committee member that is not made for the purpose of promoting the success or defeat of a candidate or candidates or measure or measures or political party.
- (e) Payment for incidental items, such as auto expenses and child care that the candidate chooses to pay for with personal funds.

X. “Measure” shall mean any constitutional amendment or question that is submitted or intended to be submitted to a popular vote at an election.

XI. “Independent expenditures” means expenditures that pay for the development and distribution of a communication that expressly advocates the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate or candidates or the success or defeat of a measure or measures, which are made without cooperation or consultation with any candidate, or any authorized committee or agent of such candidate, and which are not made in concert with, or at the request or suggestion of any candidate, or any authorized committee or agent of such candidate.

XII. “Full name” means an individual’s full first name, middle name or initial, if any, and full legal last name, making the identity of the contributor apparent by unambiguous reference.

XIII. “Person’s post office address” means:

- (a) If an individual, the address used by the individual for voter registration purposes; and
- (b) If a person that is not an individual, the primary business location of the person, which shall include a street and post office box, if any, city, state, and zip code.
- (c) “Person’s post office address” shall not mean:
  - (1) An individual’s business address.
  - (2) An individual’s vacation home address or rental property address when the home or rental property is owned, but not occupied by the contributor.
  - (3) Any address not that of the contributor.

XIV. "Occupation" means an individual's official job title resulting from employment at or ownership of any agency or organization or other entity.

XV. "Principal place of business" means the primary organization or employer from which an individual's principal income is derived and shall include the employer's official name and the employer's post office address.

XVI. "Business organization" means any enterprise, whether corporation, partnership, limited liability company, proprietorship, association, business trust, real estate trust, or other form of organization, organized for gain or profit, and includes any enterprise which is expressly made exempt from income taxation under the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986. It does not include a political committee of a political party as defined in RSA 664:2, III.

XVII. "Push-polling" means:

(a) Communications with voters on behalf of, in support of, or in opposition to, any candidate or candidates for public office or measure or measures by any means, including, but not limited to telephone, text, via the Internet, through social media or digitally; and

(b) Asking questions related to opposing candidates for public office which state, imply, or convey information about the candidate's character, status, or political stance or record; and

(c) Conducting such communication in a manner which is likely to be construed by the voter to be a survey or poll to gather statistical data for entities or organizations which are acting independent of any particular political party, candidate, measure, or interest group as part of a series of like communication that consist of more than 2,000 connected communications that last less than 2 minutes in presidential, gubernatorial, United States senatorial, or United States congressional elections; or conducting such communications as part of a series of like communications that consist of more than 500 communications that last less than 2 minutes in executive council, state senate, city, town, school district, or village district elections; or conducting such communications as part of a series of like communications that consist of more than 200 communications that last less than 2 minutes in state representative elections; and

(d) Conducting such communication for purposes other than bona fide survey and opinion research.

XVIII. "Bona fide survey and opinion research" means the collection and analysis of data regarding opinions, needs, awareness, knowledge, views, experiences, and behaviors of a population, through the development and administration of surveys, interviews, focus groups, polls, observation, or other research methodologies, in which no sales, promotional, or marketing efforts are involved, and through which there is no attempt to influence a participant's attitudes or behavior. Bona fide survey and opinion research includes message testing, which is the study for research purposes of how randomly-selected individuals react to positive or negative information on a candidate, elected public official, or ballot question.

XIX. "Receipts" shall mean the receipt of money or anything of value or the receipt of a legally binding commitment to receive money or thing of value in the future for the purpose of promoting the success or defeat of a candidate or candidates or a measure or measures or political party. Receipts shall not include amounts received by a political committee in commercial transactions in the ordinary course of any trade or business conducted by the political committee or in the form of investments in the political committee or amounts received by the political committee from payors who, at the time of payment, prohibited, in writing, the use of the payment as an expenditure.

XX. "Segregated fund" shall mean a segregated account of money that consists of funds that were paid directly to such account by persons other than the covered political committee that controls the account from which only expenditures defined in paragraph IX are made.

XXI. "Clearly identified candidate" means that the name of the candidate involved appears; a photograph or drawing of the candidate appears; or the identity of the candidate is otherwise apparent.

XXII. "Political advocacy organization" means any entity that makes expenditures of \$1000 or more an election cycle for communication that is functionally equivalent to express advocacy such that, when taken as a whole, such communication is likely to be interpreted, all or in part, by a reasonable person as promoting the success or defeat of a candidate or candidates, of a measure or measures or a political party, taking into account whether the communication involved mentions a candidacy, a political party, or takes a position on a candidate's character, qualifications, or fitness for office. For the purposes of this chapter, a contribution from a political advocacy organization to a candidate or other political committee is communication that is functionally equivalent to express advocacy.

XXIII. "Election cycle" means the period of time beginning on the twenty-second day after a state general election through 21 days after the next state general election. For special elections, the election cycle shall be the period of time from when a vacancy is created through 21 days after the special election.

XXIV. "Success or defeat" means the support, praise, opposition, promotion, or attack of a candidate or candidates or a measure or measures.

XXV. "Person" means an individual, collection of individuals, business organization, club, or any other entity created under the law.

XXVI. "Individual" means a human being.

#### 664:3 Registration of Political Committees.

I.(a) Any political committee, except the political committee of a political party, shall register with the secretary of state as provided in this section. Registration shall be made through the secretary of state's online campaign finance system. A political committee may register at any time during the election cycle, but the committee's registration shall be received by the secretary of state not later than 48 hours after the committee meets at least one of the criteria under RSA 664:2, III. The registration shall be accompanied by an itemized statement of the receipts and expenditures, if any, made by the political committee in the current election cycle prior to registration. Such itemization shall be made pursuant to the manner set forth in RSA 664:6. The registration shall also be accompanied by an administration fee of \$50, unless exempt pursuant to subparagraph (c), which shall be deposited by the secretary of state into the general fund.

(b) Each political committee shall designate a treasurer who is a citizen of this state and who is authorized to receive all process and other legal documents on behalf of the political committee, and through whom may be obtained access to all books and records of the political committee. The political committee shall file with the secretary of state a statement of the purpose of the committee and shall indicate whether the committee will be making independent expenditures. The registration shall also include a statement of the name, address, occupation, and principal place of business of its chairperson and treasurer and the names and address of other officers. The committee shall file an amendment to its registration within 14 days of any change in the officers or purpose of the committee.

(c) The political committee of a candidate or a political committee of a political party that registers under this chapter shall not be required to pay the \$50 administration fee provided in subparagraph (a).

II. No member of a political committee which is required to register under RSA 664:3, I, shall do any act directly or indirectly on behalf of the committee to promote the success or defeat of a political party, a measure, or a candidate, unless the requirements of RSA 664:3, I are met.

III. All political committees' registrations under this chapter shall be valid from the date of registration through 21 days after the primary or general election, whichever is appropriate, unless terminated sooner, in writing, by the chairperson and the treasurer of the political committee. However, any political committee which has a continuing obligation to report as required under RSA 664:6 shall have its registration automatically renewed according to RSA 664:6, V.

IV. Any political committee that is exempt from taxation under sections 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 may disclose, but shall not be required to disclose in its itemized statement of receipts, the identity of its donors. Any political committee affected by this section who chooses not to disclose the identity of its donors shall place the following disclosure on all communications to voters: "This organization has an exemption under federal law and is not required, and chooses not, to disclose its donors."

V. For purposes of filing campaign finance reports pursuant to RSA 664:6 and RSA 664:7, a candidate for office may choose to file as a candidate or, if such candidate creates a candidate committee, as a political committee.

2 Prohibited Political Contributions. RSA 664:4 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

#### 664:4 Prohibited Political Contributions.

No contribution, whether tangible or intangible, shall be made to a candidate, a political committee, or political party, or on behalf of a candidate or political committee or political party, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of promoting the success or defeat of any candidate or political party during any state election cycle:

I. By any partnership as such or by any partner acting on behalf of such partnership.

II. By any labor union or group of labor unions, or by any officer, director, executive, agent, or employee acting on behalf of such union or group of unions, or by any organization representing or affiliated with any such union or group of unions, or by any officer, director, executive, agent, or employee acting on behalf of such organization.

III. By any person:

- (a) If made anonymously or under a name not that of the donor.
- (b) If made in the guise of a loan.
- (c) If any other manner concealed.
- (d) In excess of the limits established in paragraph IV or V.

IV. By an individual or corporation in excess of the following amounts per election cycle:

Contributed to:	Maximum amount of contributions:
Candidate or candidate committee	\$15,000
Any other political committee or political party	\$30,000
Political advocacy organization	Unlimited

V. By any candidate or political committee in excess of the following amounts:

Contributed to:	Maximum amount of contributions:
Candidate or candidate committee	Unlimited
Any other political committee or political party	Unlimited
Political advocacy organization	Unlimited

VI. A partnership or labor organization may establish its own political committee, which may make contributions to a candidate, political committee, or political party, so long as the funds used by the political committee are separate from the other partnership or labor organization funds.

3 Prohibited Coercion of Political Contributions. Amend RSA 664:4-a, I to read as follows:

I. No person shall knowingly coerce, or attempt to coerce, any classified state employee to give or withhold a contribution to any political campaign or political committee, or to any candidate, **or** party or cause, for the purpose of ***promoting the success or defeat*** of any candidate or political party.

4 Surplus Campaign Contributions and Deficits. Amend RSA 664:4-b to read as follows:

664:4-b Surplus Campaign Contributions ***and Deficits***.

Surplus campaign contributions ***and deficits at the end of an election cycle shall be reported as the opening balance in the next election cycle's first statement. Surplus contributions*** may be used [after a general or special election] for fund raising activities and any other politically related activity sponsored by the candidate, or for donations to charitable organizations. Such surplus campaign contributions, however, shall not be used for personal purposes ***or other prohibited expenditures under RSA 664:5. All expenditures shall be reported according to RSA 664:6 through RSA 664:9. Special election cycle surpluses and deficits shall continue to be reported according to RSA 664:6 until a zero balance is reported.***

5 Prohibited Political Expenditures. Amend RSA 664:5 to read as follows:

664:5 Prohibited Political Expenditures.

No expenditure or use of a contribution, tangible or intangible, shall be made for the purpose of promoting the success or defeat of any political party, measure, or candidate:

I. By a political committee[~~, except the political committee of a political party,~~] unless the political committee meets the requirements of RSA 664:3, I.

II. [~~By a political committee which is organized to support a candidate in any election, or to such candidate or the candidate's fiscal agent unless the committee secures and files the written consent of the candidate or the candidate's fiscal agent with the secretary of state in accordance with RSA 664:3, III.~~]

HH:] By any person, candidate, or political committee, for political advertising in **any format, including, but not limited to** newspaper, periodical, or on a radio or television broadcast, or on a billboard, if at a rate more or less than the applicable rates to be filed with the secretary of state.

~~[IV, V. [Repealed.]]~~

~~[VI:] III. By any foreign national, as defined in 52 U.S.C. section 30121(b) and 11 C.F.R. section 110.20(a) (3)], for any purpose, including for the use of telephones, facsimile machines, vehicles, and computers, for electioneering. For the purposes of this paragraph, “electioneering” means to act in any way specifically designed to influence the vote of a voter on any question or office].~~

6 Reporting by Political Committee. RSA 664:6 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

664:6 Reporting by Political Committees.

I. Any political committee whose receipts or expenditures exceed \$1,000 in an election cycle, shall file with the secretary of state an itemized statement, in the form prescribed by the secretary of state, signed by its chairman and treasurer. The \$1,000 threshold shall not apply to political committees renewed under RSA 664:6, V; these political committees shall continue to file until a zero balance is reported. The statement shall detail the full name and postal address of each contributor in alphabetical order, the amount of the contribution, the date it was received, and the aggregate total for each election cycle. For contributors who, in the aggregate, donate \$50 or less in an election cycle, their personal identifying information shall not be publicly available in the secretary of state’s campaign finance system, and their personal identifying information shall be exempt from disclosure under RSA 91-A. Any receipts from a contributor with aggregate receipts of \$50 or under shall appear on the statements as unitemized receipts. Any receipt that exceeds a contributor’s aggregate total of \$200 for each election cycle shall be reported with the contributor’s occupation, the name of the contributor’s employer, and the city or town of the contributor’s principal place of business, if any. The statement shall also show each expenditure with the full name and postal address of the payee or promisee of payment, the date paid or obligated, whichever occurred first, and the specific nature and amount of each expenditure. Statements shall cover the period beginning the day after the last day covered in the prior statement period up to and including the Sunday before the statement is due. **For a candidate or candidate political committee, as defined in RSA 664, where the candidate has not filed a declaration of candidacy or intent, as defined in RSA 655, for the current election cycle, only subparagraphs (a), (b), (c), and (i) apply.** Statements shall be filed not later than 5 PM according to the following schedule:

- (a) First Wednesday in June after the state general election;
- (b) First Wednesday in December one year after the state general election;
- (c) Wednesday 12 weeks before primary election;
- (d) Wednesday 3 weeks before primary election;
- (e) Wednesday before primary election;
- (f) Second Wednesday after the primary election;
- (g) Wednesday 3 weeks before general election;
- (h) Wednesday before general election;
- (i) Fourth Wednesday after the general election.

II. Any political committee whose receipts or expenditures do not exceed \$1,000 for an election cycle need not file. However, when a committee’s accumulated receipts or expenditures for an election cycle exceed \$1,000 the committee shall file a statement, inclusive of all receipts and expenditures for the election cycle, at the next reporting deadline, and shall continue to file at each reporting deadline.

III. Any political committee whose independent expenditures, in aggregate, exceed \$1,000 shall file an itemized statement with the secretary of state which shall be received by the secretary of state not later than 48 hours after such expenditures are made, and thereafter each time a further \$1,000 is expended. Such itemized statements shall cover the period during which independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 were made. Each statement shall include a certification by the chairman of the political committee that the independent expenditure meets the definition in RSA 664:2, XI. Each statement shall contain the date of each independent expenditure; the name and address of the person to whom the expenditure was made; the name of the

candidate on whose behalf or against whom each independent expenditure was made; the amount of each expenditure; the purpose of each expenditure, and the aggregate amount of all previous independent expenditures. If the independent expenditure is made in support of or in opposition to more than one candidate, the statement made under this paragraph shall allocate the way in which the expenditure was made among the candidates on a reasonable basis. For the purposes of this paragraph, “reasonable basis” means a statement that reflects the benefit, or the burden reasonably expected to be derived or suffered by each candidate. The filing requirements of this paragraph shall be in addition to all other filing requirements under this section, and shall not be limited to the filing periods during which expenditures must otherwise be reported.

IV. Any political committee not subject to a registration fee under RSA 664:3 which has any outstanding debt, obligation, or surplus following the election cycle shall have its registration automatically renewed for the next election cycle. All other registered political committees will be conditionally renewed pending receipt by the secretary of state of the registration fee required under RSA 664:3. Political committees that report a zero balance and notify the secretary of state that they are filing their final statement will expire. Statements shall continue to be filed according to RSA 664:6, I until a zero balance is reported.

V. Any national political party committee of a party as defined in RSA 652:11 may make contributions or expenditures on behalf of state candidates without complying with the requirements of paragraphs I through IV, provided that the total contribution or expenditure made on behalf of a candidate or political committee in this state whether directly or indirectly does not exceed the limit for personal contributions in RSA 664:4.

VI. The provisions of this section shall apply to a political committee for an individual candidate who is seeking a federal office whose holder is chosen by the voters of this state only. Such a committee which is required by federal law to file with the federal government reports relative to receipts and expenditures in support of such one candidate may choose to voluntarily file with the secretary of state copies of reports made to the federal government in accordance with the timetable established by federal laws for such reports.

VII. Any political committee that is exempt from taxation under sections 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 may disclose, but shall not be required to disclose in its itemized statement of receipts, the identity of its donors. Any political committee affected by this section who chooses not to disclose the identity of its donors shall place the following disclosure on all communications to voters: “This organization has an exemption under the federal law and is not required, and chooses not, to disclose its donors.”

7 Registering and Reporting by Candidates. Amend RSA 664:7 to read as follows:

**664:7 Registering and Reporting by Candidates. *Prior to filing any campaign finance statements, each* [Each] candidate at the primary or general election for governor, councilor, state senator, *state* representative [to general court], or county officer ***shall register with the secretary of state through the secretary of state’s online campaign finance system. Additionally, any candidate***, who has receipts or expenditures exceeding \$1,000 ***in an election cycle***, shall file statements ***as required in RSA 664:9-a through 664:9-c*** before and after an election in like manner and detail as prescribed in RSA 664:6, ***I-VI*** [H, H-a, HH, IV, and V, excepting, however, the expenditures of political committees of the party to which the candidate belongs in elections other than primaries].**

8 Statement Retention. Amend RSA 664:7-a to read as follows:

664:7-a Statement Retention. Statements or reports required to be filed under RSA 664:6 and 664:7 shall be held in original form for 6 years from the election for which they are filed, after which time they may be destroyed. ***The secretary of state shall be responsible for the retention of the original form of statements filed using the campaign finance system.***

9 Reporting by Candidates for Speaker of the House of Representatives. Amend RSA 664:7-b to read as follows:

664:7-b Reporting by Candidates for Speaker of the House of Representatives.

I. Each candidate seeking election to the office of speaker of the house of representatives shall:

(a) File statements before and after such election in like manner and detail prescribed in RSA 664:6, [H, H-a, and HH] ***I-III***, except that the date of the respective election, rather than the date of the primary or general election, shall determine the dates of such statements; and



(b) Register as a political committee, pursuant to RSA 664:3, on the date that such [person] *individual* becomes a candidate for speaker of the house of representatives, notwithstanding the definition of the term “political committee” in RSA 664:2, III.

II. In this section, and notwithstanding RSA 664:2, II, the term “candidate” means[~~a person~~] *an individual* who seeks nomination for election, or election, to the office of the speaker of the house of representatives, and for purposes of this section, [~~a person~~] *an individual* shall be deemed to seek nomination for election, or election if such person:

(a) Has received gifts or contributions for such purposes; or

(b) Has given [~~his or her~~] consent to another [person] *individual* to receive gifts or contributions or make expenditures on behalf of such [person] *individual* and if such other person has received such gifts or contributions for such purposes.

III. No candidate shall be entitled to the office of speaker of the house of representatives until the sworn itemized statements, [~~required to be filed by the candidate or on the candidate’s behalf~~] *except for the final statement required to be filed after the election*, have been filed as required by this section.

10 Political Expenditures and Contributions; Reports of Receipts and Expenditures. RSA 664:9-a and RSA 664:9-b are repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

664:9-a Reports of Receipts and Expenditures Filed Electronically. A political committee or a candidate may file such candidate’s report of receipts and expenditures, pursuant to RSA 664:6, RSA 664:7, and RSA 664:7-b, electronically online by using the New Hampshire campaign finance system, which may also be used to register and search information filed by candidates and political committees.

664:9-b Reports of Receipts and Expenditures Filed by Other Methods. A political committee or a candidate may file such candidate’s required reports as an email, elections@sos.nh.gov, attachment provided that:

I. The font size of the reports as printed is not less than an 8 point font.

II. Email attachments are to be in portable document format archive (PDF/A) or other acceptable format as determined by the secretary of state.

III. The report is received by the secretary of state on or before the date and time that the report is due.

IV. Reports filed June 24, 2026 and thereafter must be in a format that meets web content accessibility guidelines.

11 New Section; Reports; Legibility Required. Amend RSA 664 by inserting after section 9-b the following new section:

664:9-c Reports; Legibility Required. A political committee or a candidate who files a report pursuant to RSA 664:9-b shall be responsible for ensuring the report is legible. The political committee or a candidate shall file an amended copy of such candidate’s report within one week after being notified by the secretary of state or attorney general’s office that such report is non-compliant. Non-compliant reports shall not be accepted by the secretary of state as filed and shall not be published to the online campaign finance system, pursuant to 664:11, until a legible amendment is received.

12 Public Inspection, Treasurers. Amend RSA 664:11-13 to read as follows:

664:11 Public Inspection. All statements[~~assents~~] and registrations filed by [~~state committees~~] candidates[~~and~~] and political committees shall be open to public inspection. *Such statements and registrations shall be published on [The] the website of the* secretary of state[ ~~shall publish on the Internet information on all contributions reported under this chapter, including the name of the contributor, the contributor’s home state, and the date of the contribution~~].

664:12 [~~Fiscal Agent~~] *Treasurer*.

As part of the declaration of candidacies filed by candidates for governor, councilor, state senator, *state representative*, and county officer [~~and other primary candidacies~~], every such candidate shall designate some [person] *individual*, who may be the *individual* candidate [~~himself~~], as [~~his financial agent~~] *the treasurer* for the purpose of the primary and general election campaign. If [~~his~~] candidacy for such office is established by a primary petition or nomination petitions, there shall be filed together with such petitions

the name of the ~~[fiscal agent]~~ **treasurer** for such candidate. A candidate who is nominated by write-in vote at the primary shall, prior to making any campaign expenditures, file with the secretary of state the name of ~~[his fiscal agent]~~ **the treasurer**. ~~[All]~~ **The treasurer shall approve all** sums expended or contracted for payment in the ~~[primary or general election campaign in behalf of such candidate shall be reported by the candidate or his political committee or both to his fiscal agent, and the candidate or his fiscal agent shall make or approve all disbursements in behalf of his candidate subsequent to his designation as fiscal agent]~~ **election cycle** and join with the candidate in making and filing the statements required by this chapter.

664:13 Committee Treasurer.

~~If [a political committee has no treasurer, or if]~~ the treasurer fails to make a report, it shall be the duty of each member of said **political** committee who received or pays out any money on behalf of said **political** committee to make such a report or to cause the same to be made. No member of such **political** committee shall make or permit any unlawful expenditure or act by said **political** committee, in whole or in part, or consent thereto, or aid, abet or conspire to make or permit the same.

13 Signature, Identification, and Lack of Authorization. RSA 664:14 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

664:14 Signature, Identification and Lack of Authorization.

I. All political advertising shall comply with the provisions of this section

II. All political advertising shall be signed at the beginning or the end. The signature shall state, "Paid for by (name of the candidate or political committee), (address of the candidate or political committee), (name of the treasurer) treasurer or (name of chairman) chairman". Political advertising in the form of signs or placards may contain an Internet address in lieu of the signature requirements of this section, if the Internet address is printed or written in a size of type or lettering large enough to be clearly legible and the website immediately and prominently displays all of the information required by this section through the election cycle. In the case of political advertising or communication made on behalf of a political committee registered with the secretary of state pursuant to RSA 664:3, the name and address on the advertisement shall match the name and address registered with the secretary of state.

III. Political advertising to promote the success or defeat of a measure by a business organization, labor union, or other enterprise or organization shall be signed. The name of the enterprise or organization shall be indicated, and the chairman or treasurer of the enterprise or organization shall sign his or her name and the address of the signer. Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit contributions which are prohibited under RSA 664:4.

IV. For the purposes of RSA 664:14, political advertising shall include any communication, including, but not limited to, yard signs, leaflets, and mailed or e-mailed messages, which expressly advocate the success or defeat of a warrant article to be voted on at a town, school district, or village district election. Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to communications at a town, school, or village district meeting, at which communications shall be governed by the moderator.

V. Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to a lone individual who independently authors, produces, and distributes political advertising

VI. In the case of printed or written matter, including material distributed by email, social media, or through other digital formats, the signature, position, and address of the signer shall be printed or written in a size or lettering large enough to be clearly legible.

VII.(a) In the case of political advertising broadcast on radio, television, the Internet, or any public address system, the name and address of the signer shall be clearly identified.

(b) All political advertising broadcast on television or the Internet shall identify the name of the candidate who pays for the advertisement or whose advertisement is paid for by a political committee. Such identification shall be made both aurally and visually. The visual presentation shall be clearly legible and shall use letters equal to or greater than 12 percent of the vertical picture height and shall air for not less than 4 seconds at the conclusion of the broadcast.

VIII. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, buttons or any printed or written political advertising which is attached to or displayed on any clothing or motor vehicle need not be signed if equal to or smaller than 72 square inches.

IX. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, any advertising in support of or in opposition to a candidate by a political committee shall comply with this paragraph. If the advertising is not authorized by the candidate or candidate committee, the advertising shall so state and shall identify the sponsor of the advertisement. All such political advertising shall include the statement: “This advertisement has been paid for by (name of sponsor) and has not been authorized by any candidate.” Such statement shall be made both aurally and visually if broadcast on television. The visual presentation on television shall be clearly legible and shall use letters equal to or greater than 12 percent of the vertical picture height and shall be broadcast for not less than 4 seconds at the conclusion of the advertisement.

X. Any advertising which is not political advertising because it does not advocate the success or defeat of a party, measure, or candidate, but which mentions or depicts a candidate shall include the statement: “This advertisement has been paid for by (name of sponsor) and has not been authorized by any candidate.”

XI. Physical political advertisements purchased prior to January 1, 2025 may use the term fiscal agent in place of treasurer as required in this chapter.

14 Prerecorded Political Messages. Amend RSA 664:14-a, I-II to read as follows:

I. In this section, “prerecorded political message” means a prerecorded audio message delivered by ~~[telephone by]~~:

(a) A candidate, or political committee~~;~~, or **any other person**;

(b) ~~[Any person]~~ When the content of the message expressly ~~[or implicitly]~~ advocates **or is the functional equivalent of express advocacy promoting** the success or defeat of any party, **candidate**, measure, or person at any election, or contains information about any candidate, **measure**, or party.

II. No person shall deliver or knowingly cause to be delivered a prerecorded political message unless the message contains, or a live operator provides, within the first 30 seconds of the message, the following information:

(a) The name of the candidate, **measure**, or of any organization or organizations the person is calling on behalf of.

(b) The name of the person or organization paying for the delivery of the message and the name of the ~~[fiscal agent]~~ **treasurer**, if applicable.

15 Approval of Candidate or Treasurer. Amend RSA 664:15 to read as follows:

664:15 Approval of Candidate or ~~[Fiscal Agent]~~ **Treasurer**.

A person or business organization publishing a newspaper or periodical or selling billboard space or operating a radio or television station or public address system shall not publish, print, or broadcast any political advertising by or on behalf of a candidate in an election unless the same shall be signed by or authorized in writing by the candidate or ~~[his fiscal agent]~~ **treasurer**.

16 Complaints. Amend RSA 664:18, II to read as follows:

II. Following **an investigation and determination by the attorney general that a provision of this chapter has been violated**, the attorney general is empowered~~;~~ ~~[if he determines that a provision of this chapter has been violated];~~ to:

(a) Issue an order requiring the violator to cease and desist from ~~[his or her]~~ **the** violation. If the attorney general’s order is not obeyed, the attorney general or designee may petition the superior court of the county in which the violation occurred for an order of enforcement.

(b) Prosecute to final judgment through ~~[his]~~ **a** designee if sufficient cause for such prosecution is found.

17 Subpoena Power. Amend RSA 664:20 to read as follows:

664:20 Subpoena Power.

In the exercise of ~~[his]~~ **the** powers and duties **of the attorney general** under this chapter, the attorney general is authorized to require the appearance of individuals and to secure testimony and evidence by use of a subpoena duces tecum.

18 Penalty; Cross Reference Removed. Amend RSA 664:21, IX to read as follows:

IX. Any individual, **political** committee, or organization responsible for reporting under RSA 664:6~~;~~ ~~664:6-a;~~ and 664:7 that files a report with illegible material content shall receive a written warning for a first offense and shall be charged a civil penalty of \$1,000 per offense for any subsequent offenses.

19 Repeal. The following are repealed:

- I. RSA 664:3-a, relative to registration of political advocacy organizations.
- II. RSA 664:6-a, relative to reporting by political advocacy organizations.
- III. RSA 664:10, relative to social activities.

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

Energy and Natural Resources  
May 14, 2024  
2024-1947s  
08/06

#### Amendment to HB 1121

Amend RSA 482-A:3, IV(d) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(d) Removal of woody debris and blockages after a natural disaster or flooding event from the channels of watercourses, or from culverts or bridges by the owners of said structure, by the property owner, provided mechanized equipment does not enter the watercourse, is allowed without a permit provided sediment disturbance is minimized and the work results in no new permanent impacts to the bed of the watercourse.

Commerce  
May 14, 2024  
2024-1941s  
08/06

#### Amendment to HB 1144

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Subparagraph; Disclosure Required; Water Supply; Sewage Disposal. Amend RSA 477:4-c, I by inserting after subparagraph (b) the following new subparagraph:

(c) Information relative to approved seating capacity based on the sewage disposal system, if the property is a food service establishment.

2024-1941s

#### AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires certain information be disclosed about sewage disposal systems during real estate transactions of food service establishments.

Senate Judiciary  
May 15, 2024  
2024-1972s  
05/02

#### Amendment to HB 1189

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Duties of the Department of Health and Human Services; Child Support; Compliance with Title IV-D of the Social Security Act. Amend RSA 161:2, XIV to read as follows:

XIV. Child Support Program. Establish, direct, and maintain a program of child support based upon Title IV-D of the Social Security Act as amended. The commissioner is authorized to enter into agreements with any individual, state or local agency or governmental body and may employ such assistants, including, but not limited to, persons with legal training who are not licensed attorneys, as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this paragraph. ***The department shall maintain an automated system of reporting child support arrearages that complies with the federal guidelines on child support delinquency and shall not report as delinquent any arrearage that does not meet the applicable federal threshold. The system also shall report to the requesting agency the dollar amount of the arrearage if the account is delinquent.***

Senate Education  
 May 14, 2024  
 2024-1949s  
 06/08

Amendment to HB 1195

Amend RSA 194-C:9 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

IV. In addition to the method of apportionment set forth in paragraph I, the school administrative unit board may consider other methods. Any method of apportionment to be used shall have been approved by the constituent school districts pursuant to RSA 194-C:9 and RSA 194-C:9-a.

Election Law and Municipal Affairs  
 May 14, 2024  
 2024-1961s  
 05/08

Amendment to HB 1215

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

AN ACT relative to development approvals and appeals, and allowing the town of Hampton to discontinue a particular highway in order to lease that property.

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 4 with the following:

5 Housing Appeals Board; Authority and Duties; Appeals of Decisions by the Building Code Review Board. Amend RSA 679:5, IV to read as follows:

IV. After local remedies have been exhausted, appeals may be brought before the board by an applicant to the municipal board, committee, or commission, or by any other aggrieved or injured party who can demonstrate legal standing to appeal pursuant to RSA 677:4 or RSA 677:15. The municipality shall be a party to the action. If the applicant is not the party initiating the action before the board, then the applicant shall automatically be an intervenor. The board shall grant intervenor status to abutters and to any other aggrieved or injured party who can demonstrate legal standing to appeal pursuant to RSA 677:4 or RSA 677:15. ***Decisions of the state fire marshal that may be appealed under RSA 155-A:11, I and final decisions of a local building code board of appeals that may be appealed under RSA 155-A:11-b shall first be appealed to the building code review board pursuant to those sections. Decisions of the building code review board on such appeals may then be appealed either to superior court pursuant to RSA 155-A:12 or the board under this chapter.***

6 Power to Discontinue; Town of Hampton.

I. Notwithstanding RSA 231:43, I-III, prior to the next town meeting, the town of Hampton's select board may vote to discontinue the portion of D Street in the town of Hampton from the intersection of D Street and Ocean Boulevard (NH Rt. 1A) to the intersection of D Street and Ashworth Avenue for the purpose of entering into a long-term lease on such property. Prior to any vote to discontinue such highway, the select board shall:

(a) For the purpose of obtaining input regarding the discontinuance of the aforementioned portion of D Street for long-term leasing, hold at least one public meeting in accordance with RSA 91-A with:

- (1) The commissioners of the Hampton Beach Village District;
- (2) The commissioners of the Hampton Beach Area Commission; and
- (3) The Town of Hampton Planning Board.

(b) After holding the meetings in subparagraph (a), hold 2 public hearings on the proposed discontinuance in accordance with RSA 91-A at least 10, but not more than 14 days apart. Any vote on the discontinuance shall happen no sooner than 7 days nor later than 14 days after the second public hearing. A majority vote by the board is required to authorize discontinuance;

(c) Notify each abutter to the portion of D Street in the town of Hampton from the intersection of D Street and Ocean Boulevard (NH Rt. 1A) to the intersection of D Street and Ashworth Avenue of the date, time, place, and purpose of each hearing not less than 14 days prior to each hearing by verified mail as defined in RSA 21:53.

#### 7 Authority to Rent Discontinued Highway; Town of Hampton

Notwithstanding RSA 41-11-a, the legislative body of the town of Hampton may, upon a majority vote of the select board to discontinue the portion of D Street in the town of Hampton from the intersection of D Street and Ocean Boulevard (NH Rt. 1A) to the intersection of D Street and Ashworth Avenue, authorize the board to lease the discontinued portion of the highway for up to 99 years without further vote or ratification. Such authority shall remain in place for the duration of the lease and shall not be subject to rescission.

8 Prospective Repeal; 2025. Sections 6 and 7 of this act are hereby repealed.

9 Effective Date.

I. Sections 1-5 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

II. Section 8 of this act shall take effect March 10, 2025.

III. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

2024-1961s

#### AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Extends the existing 5-year exemption for subdivision plats to 10 years and increases the preliminary step from 2 years to 5 years.

II. Changes the building code and fire code appeals process, limiting the jurisdiction of the local building code board of appeals to hearing decisions made under local amendments to those codes.

III. Provides that decisions of the building code review board regarding decisions of the fire marshal and local building code board of appeals may be appealed to superior court or the housing appeals board.

IV. Allows the town of Hampton to discontinue a particular highway in order to lease that property.

Energy and Natural Resources

May 14, 2024

2024-1942s

08/06

#### Amendment to HB 1221

Amend the bill by deleting section 3 and renumbering the original sections 4-5 to read as 3-4, respectively.

Health and Human Services

May 15, 2024

2024-1996s

05/08

#### Amendment to HB 1236

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

AN ACT establishing a pilot recruitment and retention program within the department of health and human services.

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

1 Department of Health and Human Services; Recruitment and Retention Program; Pilot.

I. The general court finds that the recruitment and retention of employees within the department of health and human services is necessary to maintaining a strong and vital workforce within the array of critical service deliveries within its jurisdiction including those administered through the department's division for children, youth and families and Hampstead hospital residential treatment facility (HHRTF). The intent of this act is to proactively address vacancy rates, fluctuations experienced in census populations, acuity of care and reliance on contracted staff at the current Sununu youth services center (SYSC) and at the secured treatment facility to replace SYSC and at HHRTF.

II. The department shall establish a pilot recruitment and retention program. The program may include:

(a) Any recruitment or retention incentives received by a department employee pursuant to this paragraph shall not be considered gifts under RSA 15-B.

(b) Any expenditures made for recruitment or retention incentives pursuant to this paragraph shall be considered a matter of legislatively enacted public policy that is designed to benefit certain department employees and the state, and that is confined exclusively to the public employer by statute as provided in RSA 273-A:1, XI, and which shall not be subject to collective bargaining. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to invalidate any portion of a collective bargaining agreement entered into by the state.

III. On or before December 31, 2024, the department shall provide a report on the effectiveness of the pilot established in paragraph II for possible inclusion in the state operating budget for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, to the senate health and human services committee, the house health, human services and elderly affairs committee, the senate and house finance committees, the senate president, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the governor.

2 Repeal. Section 1 of this act, relative to a pilot recruitment and retention program within the department of health and human services, is repealed.

### 3 Effective Date.

I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect September 15, 2025.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

2024-1996s

## AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a pilot recruitment and retention program in the department of health and human services.

Commerce  
May 14, 2024  
2024-1932s  
06/08

### Amendment to HB 1241

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

AN ACT relative to the regulation of money transmitters, license applications and renewals for certain consumer credit entities, and to deceptive ticket sale practices.

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 5 with the following:

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

XIX.(a) In this paragraph:

(1) “Clear and conspicuous” or “clearly and conspicuously” means that a required disclosure is difficult to miss (i.e., easily noticeable) and easily understandable by ordinary consumers.

(2) “Resale” means the second or subsequent sale of a ticket. “Resale” includes a sale by any means, including in person, by telephone, by mail, by e-mail, by facsimile, or through a website or other electronic means.

(3) “Reseller” means a person engaged in the resale of tickets.

(4) “Secondary ticket exchange” means an electronic marketplace that enables consumers to sell, purchase, and resell tickets.

(5) “Ticket” means physical, electronic, or other evidence, that grants the possessor of the evidence license to enter a place of entertainment for one or more events at a specified date and time.

(6) “Ticket Issuer” means a person that, directly or indirectly, issues initial tickets for an entertainment event. “Ticket issuer” includes a musician or musical group, an operator of a venue, a sponsor or a promoter of an entertainment event, a sports team participating in an entertainment event, a sports league whose teams are participating in an entertainment event, a theater company, a marketplace or service operated for consumers to make an initial purchase of tickets, or an agent of any of the persons listed in this subparagraph.

(7) "URL" means the Uniform Resource Locator associated with an online website.

(b) This subparagraph applies only to secondary ticket exchanges, ticket issuers, resellers, and any person selling or reselling a ticket. The listing for a ticket shall:

(1) Clearly and conspicuously disclose the total price of the ticket, including all fees and surcharges required to be paid in order to purchase the ticket, from the first time a price is displayed and anytime thereafter;

(2) Not increase the total price of the ticket from the first time a price is displayed, excluding the addition of reasonable postage or carrier charges incurred to ship non-electronic tickets based on the location or delivery method selected by the purchaser, which shall be disclosed and added to the total cost prior to purchase; and

(3) Identify the row number and zone or section of the ticket, to the extent applicable to the seat and venue.

(c) This subparagraph shall not apply to a person who is acting on behalf of a ticket issuer. A person who owns, operates, or controls a website to sell, resell, or facilitate the sale or resale of a ticket may not use or display:

(1) Any trademarked or copyrighted URL, title, designation, image, mark, or any other symbol of a ticket issuer; or

(2) Any combination of text, images, website, graphics, website display, or website addresses that is substantially similar to the website of a ticket issuer in a manner that could reasonably be expected to mislead a potential purchaser.

(3) This subparagraph does not prohibit a reseller or secondary ticketing exchange from using text or images containing the name of a ticket issuer, a place of entertainment, or an event in order to:

(A) Describe an event;

(B) Identify the location at which the event will occur; or

(C) Identify the space within the venue that the event ticket would or has entitled the bearer to occupy for an entertainment event.

#### 7 Effective Date.

I. Sections 1 through 5 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect January 1, 2025.

2024-1932s

#### AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Adopts the model money transmission modernization act.

II. Adjusts renewal procedures for certain consumer credit entities to align with those in the model money transmission.

III. Regulates secondary ticket exchanges, ticket issuers, and resellers.

Senate Education

May 7, 2024

2024-1808s

02/02

#### Amendment to HB 1298-FN

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

1 New Section; Part-Time Teacher; Defined. Amend RSA 189 by inserting after section 39-b the following new section:

189:39-c Part-Time Teacher; Defined. A part-time teacher is not required to hold a state board of education credential provided that:



I. They work less than 30 hours per week.

II. They seek a criminal history record check clearance authorization from the department of education as outlined in RSA 189:13-a prior to receiving a final offer of employment.

III. They are subject to the code of conduct and code of ethics.

IV. Any person who has had an educator credential, educator license, or other educator certification revoked under RSA 189:14-c or RSA 189:14-d, or who has been rendered ineligible to be employed as an educator under another provision of law, shall not be eligible to teach under this section.

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

2024-1808s

#### AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill defines “part-time teacher.”

Senate Education

May 14, 2024

2024-1945s

02/08

#### Amendment to HB 1311

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

1 New Paragraphs; Duties of State Board of Education. Amend RSA 186:11 by inserting after paragraph IX-d the following new paragraphs:

IX-e. Require school districts to adopt a policy governing collection development for the district’s library media centers. The policy shall be posted on the district website. This paragraph shall not prohibit a school district from adopting procedures required under paragraph IX-c of this section. The collection development policy shall, at minimum:

(a) Govern collection development for the district’s library media centers. Such policy shall outline criteria for the selection and deaccession of library materials and shall be written in substantial compliance with the aims and goals of RSA 354-A:27, including prohibitions on proscribing or including materials primarily on the basis of authors’ or subjects’ age, sex, gender identity, race, creed, color, marital status, familial status, physical or mental disability, national origin or sexual orientation. Such policy shall further state that material shall not be proscribed or selected primarily on the basis of viewpoint.

(b) Govern the reconsideration of library materials by school staff. Such policy shall be written in substantial compliance with the aims and goals of RSA 354-A:27, including prohibitions on removing materials primarily on the basis of authors’ or subjects’ age, sex, gender identity, race, creed, color, marital status, familial status, physical or mental disability, national origin or sexual orientation. Such policy shall further state that material shall not be removed primarily on the basis of viewpoint. Such policy shall establish a process by which parents and permanent guardians may submit a request for reconsideration to the school superintendent or principal where the student is enrolled alleging that certain library material is unsuitable on the basis of those selection criteria outlined in the district’s collection development policy. Such reconsideration policy shall define a process for review of the material that is the subject of the request and a timeline for resolution of the request. Such policy shall stipulate that access to the material that is subject to the request shall not be removed or restricted while review is pending.

IX-f. Require school districts to adopt a policy governing complaints submitted by parents or guardians of students who allege that material is harmful to minors, age-inappropriate, or otherwise offensive or inappropriate for use in the child’s school. The policy shall be posted on the district website. The complaint resolution process shall, at a minimum, provide that:

(a) Complaints be submitted in writing to the principal of the school where the student is enrolled, contain a reasonably detailed description of the material that is alleged to be harmful to minors, age-inappropriate, or otherwise offensive or inappropriate for use in the child’s school, and propose an action to be taken by the school district relative to the material.

(b) The school principal or designee take reasonable steps to investigate the allegations in the complaint, including but not limited to, reviewing the material complained of, meeting with the parent or guardian who submitted the complaint in person, or communicating with the parent or guardian by email or telephone, within 20 days of receipt of the complaint.

(c) The school principal or designee determine whether the material that is the subject of the complaint is harmful to minors, age-inappropriate, or otherwise offensive or inappropriate for use in the child's school or for use in the context in which the material is being used.

(d) The school principal or designee, within 30 days of receipt of the complaint, determine whether student access to, or use of, the material that is the subject of the complaint will remain in place without change, be removed, be restricted, be modified, or have other action taken with respect to the material.

(e) The school principal or designee, within 5 calendar days of making the determination required in subparagraph (d), provide a written response to the complainant explaining his or her decision, which includes:

- (1) Whether the material has been determined to be harmful to minors, age-inappropriate, or otherwise offensive or inappropriate for use in the child's school;
- (2) A description of why the principal or designee reached his or her conclusions; and
- (3) An explanation of the value the principal or designee finds the material provides, if any.

(f) The complainant may appeal the determination of the principal or designee to the school board in writing within 30 calendar days of receipt of the determination of the principal or designee, or at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the school board.

(g) The local school board shall place the appeal on its agenda no more than 60 days after receiving notice of the appeal. The school board shall permit the parent or guardian to be heard as part of the agenda at a regularly scheduled board meeting.

(h) The school board shall make the challenged material available to the public upon its receipt of notice of the appeal through the time of its final determination by placing a copy of the work and instructions describing how to access the work at the front reception desk of the school building where the work was found.

(i) The school board shall, within 30 calendar days of the meeting at which the appeal is heard, take a recorded roll call vote on the appeal and issue a written decision that:

- (1) Reflects the vote of each of the members; and
- (2) Describes the reason(s) for the school board's decision with reference to:
  - (A) Whether the material has been determined to be harmful to minors, age-inappropriate, or otherwise offensive or inappropriate for use in the child's school;
  - (B) A description of why the school board reached its conclusions; and
  - (C) An explanation of the value the school board finds the material provides.

(j) Any of the time limitations identified in this paragraph may be extended by agreement of the parties.

IX-g. When used in this chapter, "library materials" shall mean books, videos, databases, newspapers, magazines and other such periodicals, charts, graphs, movies, games, maps, interactive applications and software, and other such enrichment or entertainment materials made available in a school or classroom library in any printed or electronic format, inclusive of fiction and non-fiction.

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

Commerce  
May 14, 2024  
2024-1954s  
12/08

#### Amendment to HB 1320

Amend the bill by replacing section 2 with the following:

2 New Subparagraph; Conveyances of Realty; Notification Required. Amend RSA 477:4-d, I by inserting after subparagraph (c) the following new subparagraph:

***(d) Information relative to the property being located in a federally designated flood hazard zone.***

Senate Executive Departments and Administration  
 May 15, 2024  
 2024-2009s  
 12/06

Amendment to HB 1328

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Homeland Security and Emergency Management; First Responders; Defined as Essential Services. Amend RSA 21-P:35, IX to read as follows:

IX. "First responders" means state, county, and local governmental and nongovernmental emergency public safety fire, law enforcement, public safety telecommunications or dispatcher, emergency response, emergency medical services providers including hospital emergency facilities, emergency management, public health, clinical care, public works, and other skilled **and essential** support personnel **and volunteers**, such as equipment operators, **and individuals serving on state and community emergency response teams, medical reserve corps, disaster animal and health professional response teams** that provide immediate support services necessary to perform emergency management functions. **First responders are essential services providers.**

2024-2009s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill expands the definition of first responders and deems all first responders as providing essential services.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration  
 May 15, 2024  
 2024-2001s  
 12/06

Amendment to HB 1352

Amend RSA 154:8-c, VI as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

**VI. Beginning January 1, 2025, fire departments shall not provide as an option the purchasing of firefighting station wear that contains intentionally added PFAS or non-polymeric fire-resistive chemicals, and beginning July 1, 2025, fire departments shall not provide as an option the wearing of the same. Manufacturers of firefighting station wear shall provide fire departments with safer alternatives should they exist.**

Election Law and Municipal Affairs  
 May 14, 2024  
 2024-1964s  
 08/06

Amendment to HB 1369

Amend RSA 654:39 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

654:39 Verification Every [10] **4** Years.

I. In addition to any verification carried out under the provisions of RSA 654:38, the supervisors shall verify the checklist in [1981] **2025** and once every [10] **4** years thereafter.

II. Between April 1 and August 1 of [1981] **2025** and **every 4 years** thereafter [in each year ending with a one], the supervisors shall post notice of their sessions in 2 appropriate places one of which shall be the town or city's Internet website, if such exists, and published at least twice in a newspaper of general circulation and hold sufficient sessions for verification of the checklist as in their opinion will enable all eligible voters in said town or ward to appear before them and register or reregister as the case may be. Whenever a person is reregistered, his or her party designation, if any, on the checklist undergoing revision shall not be changed except as provided in RSA 654:34.

III. Beginning June 1 of such year, the supervisors shall review the checklist and shall strike therefrom the names of all persons who have not registered or reregistered under paragraphs I and IV; provided, that

there shall not be stricken from said checklist the name of any person duly qualified to vote unless such person, not less than 30 days prior to such action, shall have been sent notice by the supervisors at his last known address of his failure to reregister stating the procedure to be followed in order to reregister and have his name retained on said checklist nor unless such person shall have been given a reasonable opportunity to follow said procedure.

IV. For the purpose of this section, a person shall be deemed reregistered and need not appear before the supervisors if:

(a) The person voted in any election within the [4] **6** years immediately preceding a [~~10-year~~] **4-year** verification; or

(b) The person has been added to the checklist since the last state general election.

V. Upon completion of verification of the checklist, but in no event later than September 1, the supervisors shall file with the secretary of state the following certificate: We, the supervisors of the checklist (or registrars of voters) of the town (or ward \_\_\_\_\_) of \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby certify that we have verified the checklist of registered voters in the town (or ward \_\_\_\_\_ of the city) of \_\_\_\_\_, pursuant to the provisions of RSA 654:39.

VI. In verifying the checklist in accordance with this section, the provisions of RSA 654:38, IV and V shall apply.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration  
May 16, 2024  
2024-2022s  
08/05

#### Amendment to HB 1388

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

AN ACT relative to ethical standards for members of the general court.

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

1 Findings; Purpose. The general court hereby finds:

I. That part II, article 7 of the New Hampshire constitution states: “No member of the general court shall take fees, be of counsel, or act as advocate, in any cause before either branch of the Legislature; and upon due proof thereof, such member shall forfeit his seat in the Legislature.”

II. That the general court has adopted principles of public service including the principle requiring “independent, objective judgment in performing a legislator’s duties and deciding all matters on the merits free from conflicts of interest and both real and apparent improper influences.”

III. That the New Hampshire general court, consistent with RSA 14-B:3, has adopted guidelines prohibiting legislators from engaging in certain activities.

IV. That in order to comply with New Hampshire’s constitutional requirements, to satisfy statutory requirements, and to maintain the confidence of the New Hampshire citizenry in official legislative activities, recusal from voting on any legislation when there is a conflict of interest is sometimes required.

2 Conflicts of Interest. Amend the chapter title of RSA 14-C to read as follows:

**GIFTS, HONORARIUMS, AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS REQUIREMENTS  
FOR LEGISLATORS AND LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEES  
AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST FOR LEGISLATORS**

3 New Sections; Recusal for Conflicts of Interest. Amend RSA 14-C by inserting after section 4 the following new sections:

14-C:4-a Recusal for Conflicts of Interest.

I. A legislator shall recuse themselves from participation in any official legislative activity pertaining to legislation when:

(a) The legislator has a conflict of interest with the subject of the legislation as defined in RSA 14-B:1, I; and

(b) The legislator or a member of the legislator's household could reasonably be expected to incur a direct and substantial financial benefit or detriment as a result of the outcome of the legislative activity.

II. A legislator shall recuse themselves from participation in any official legislative activity pertaining to the specific legislation that causes a conflict when the legislator or a member of the legislator's household satisfies all of the following:

(a) Receives financial remuneration from an organization;

(b) Holds a position to exercise substantial influence over the affairs of the organization; and

(c) The organization has lobbied, testified, or otherwise attempted to influence the outcome of the official legislative activity.

14-C:4-b Exceptions to Recusal for Conflicts of Interest. A legislator shall not be required to recuse themselves from participation in any official legislative activity regarding preparation, review, or approval or disapproval of the state budget or general revenue bills.

14-C:4-c Persons Having Substantial Influence. Those persons who hold any of the following powers, responsibilities, or interest having substantial influence over the affairs of the organization may include, but are not limited to, the following:

I. Voting members of the governing body;

II. Presidents, chief executive officers, or chief operating officers; and

III. Treasurers and chief financial officers.

14-C:4-d Facts and Circumstances Tending to Show Substantial Influence. Whether a person holds a position to exercise substantial influence over the affairs of the organization shall be determined based on the totality of the circumstances. Facts and circumstances tending to show that a person has substantial influence over the affairs of an organization include, but are not limited to, the following:

I. The person founded the organization;

II. The person is a substantial contributor to the organization;

III. The person's compensation is primarily based on revenues derived from activities of the organization, or of a particular department or function of the organization, that the person controls;

IV. The person has or shares authority to control or determine a substantial portion of the organization's capital expenditures, operating budget, or compensation for employees;

V. The person manages a discrete segment or activity of the organization that represents a substantial portion of the activities, assets, income, or expenses of the organization, as compared to the organization as a whole;

VI. The person owns a controlling interest (measured by either vote or value) in a corporation, partnership, or trust or other entity.

14-C:4-e Facts and Circumstances Tending to Show No Substantial Influence. Facts and circumstances tending to show that a person does not have substantial influence over the affairs of an organization include, but are not limited to, the following:

I. The person has taken a bona fide vow of poverty as an employee, agent, or on behalf, of a religious organization;

II. The person is a contractor (such as an attorney, accountant, or investment manager or advisor) whose sole relationship to the organization is providing professional advice (without having decision-making authority or a title of authority within the organization) with respect to transactions from which the contractor will not economically benefit either directly or indirectly (aside from customary fees received for the professional advice rendered);

III. The direct supervisor of the individual does not hold a position to exercise substantial influence over the affairs of the non-governmental organization, business, or person;

IV. The person does not engage in any management decisions affecting the organization as a whole or a discrete segment or activity of the organization that represents a substantial portion of the activities, assets, income, or expenses of the non-governmental organization, business, or person, as compared to the organization as a whole; or

V. Any preferential treatment a person receives based on the size of that person's contribution is also offered to all other donors making a comparable contribution as part of a solicitation intended to attract a substantial number of contributions.

4 New Paragraph; Legislative Ethics; Definition; Organization. Amend RSA 14-B:1 by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

III-a. "Organization" shall be construed broadly to mean any business, corporation, whether for profit, non-profit, not-for-profit, social welfare organization, or natural person. "Organization" shall not include the United States of America, the state of New Hampshire, a county within the state of New Hampshire, or any political subdivision within the state of New Hampshire.

5 Legislative Ethics; Definition; Special of Interest. Amend RSA 14-B:1, V to read as follows:

V. "Special interest" means any financial or non-financial personal interest in the outcome of a matter that is the subject of official activity, distinct from and greater than the interests of the public at large.

(a) A financial interest exists where a legislator or household member, ***or a person or organization, whether nonprofit or for profit, by which the legislator is employed, or from which the legislator receives compensation, to act as the person's or organization's agent or advocate,*** could stand to gain or lose anything of material value as a result of the official activity.

(b) A non-financial personal interest exists where a legislator or household member has a responsibility for the welfare of an organization, ***whether nonprofit or for profit,*** by virtue of holding a position with a fiduciary responsibility, such as a board member, trustee, or director.

***(c) A legislator's or household member's ownership of securities of a publicly traded corporation shall not be construed to constitute a "special interest" in matters that may affect the corporation unless the legislator or household member serves as an officer, board member, trustee or director of the corporation or owns more than one percent of the outstanding securities of the corporation.***

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

2024-2022s

#### AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill defines "special interest" and "organization" for the purposes of determining the ethical duties of members of the general court and makes provisions for the recusal of members of the general court for conflicts of interest.

Commerce  
May 14, 2024  
2024-1962s  
06/08

#### Amendment to HB 1400

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

AN ACT relative to residential parking spaces, landlord-tenant law, and unauthorized occupant evictions.

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

1 New Paragraph; Zoning and Planning; Grant of Power; Parking. Amend RSA 674:16 by inserting after paragraph V the following new paragraph:

VI. In its exercise of the powers granted under this subdivision, the local legislative body of a city, town, or county in which there are located unincorporated towns or unorganized places may regulate accessory parking for vehicles, but shall not require more than 2 residential parking spaces per unit.

2 Definition. Amend RSA 540-A:1, II to read as follows:

II. "Tenant" means a person to whom a landlord rents or leases residential premises, including manufactured housing or a space in a manufactured housing park.

**(a) "Subtenant" means a person to whom a tenant rents or leases residential premises, including manufactured housing or a space in a manufactured housing park, if the tenant has authorization from the landlord to sublet.**

**(b) "Implied tenant" means a person who occupies a dwelling unit:**

**(1) With the knowledge and consent of the lawful tenant; and**

**(2) The knowledge and consent of the landlord but without a signed lease or rental agreement.**

3 New Paragraph; Definition. Amend RSA 540-A:1 by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

IV. "Non-rental owner" means an owner or owner's agent who does not rent or lease their property to others.

4 Certain Specific Acts Prohibited. Amend RSA 540-A:3, VII to read as follows:

VII. Other than residential real estate under **RSA 540-A:4, VII(c) or** RSA 540-B, a landlord shall maintain and exercise reasonable care in the storage of the personal property of a tenant who has vacated the premises, either voluntarily or by eviction, for a period of 7 days after the date upon which such tenant has vacated. During this period, the tenant shall be allowed to recover personal property without payment of rent or storage fees. After the 7-day limit has expired, such personal property may be disposed of by the landlord without notice to the tenant.

**VIII. No person or legal entity, that is not a tenant, subtenant, or implied tenant, as defined in RSA 540-A:1, II, shall occupy residential real estate without permission of the owner, landlord, or their agent.**

5 Remedies. Amend RSA 540-A:4, II to read as follows:

II. Any tenant or landlord **or non-rental owner** may seek relief from a violation of RSA 540-A:2 or RSA 540-A:3 by filing a petition in the district or county where the rental premises are located.

6 Remedies. Amend RSA 540-A:4, VI - VII to read as follows:

VI. The court shall hold a hearing within 30 days of the filing of a petition under paragraph II or within 10 days of service of process upon the defendant, whichever occurs later. ***In cases in which a landlord or non-rental owner alleges a violation of RSA 540:3, VIII, a hearing shall be held within 48 hours, provided that service of the petition was made at the abode or in hand on the day the court entered the petition. If the return of service does not show same day service, the hearing shall be held within 48 hours from the date of service. The court may continue the hearing at the request of the plaintiff, or for compelling necessity established by the defendant. If the property is the personal residence of a non-rental owner, and the defendant requests a continuance, upon granting such a continuance, the court shall issue temporary orders requiring the defendant to vacate or be removed from the real estate pending the hearing on the merits. The court shall make its best efforts to render a decision on the matter the same day as of the hearing on the merits.***

VII. Upon a showing of a violation of RSA 540-A:2 or RSA 540-A:3, I, II, or III, the court shall grant such relief as is necessary to protect the rights of the parties. Such relief may include:

(a) An order prohibiting the defendant from continuing the activity or activities which violate RSA 540-A:2 or RSA 540-A:3; and

(b) An award of damages to the plaintiff for the violations of RSA 540-A, breach of warranty of habitability, breach of the covenant of quiet enjoyment or any other claim arising out of the facts alleged in the plaintiff's petition.

**(c) For purposes of RSA 540-A:3, VIII:**

**(1) When the defendant claims to be a subtenant or an implied tenant, the defendant shall bear the burden of proof to establish such status. Evidence to prove tenancy may include, but is not limited to:**

**(A) An unexpired written lease signed and dated by the tenant and landlord or the tenant and landlord's agent;**

**(B) A copy of canceled checks or money orders dated within one month of date-of-offer of such proof, indicating it was paid to the landlord or landlord's agent and which was made by, or on behalf of, the tenant;**

**(C) A copy of cash rent receipts dated within one month of date-of-offer of such proof, that was signed and dated by the landlord or landlord's agent;**

**(D) Written proof of rent payment made within one month of date-of-offer of such proof from Venmo, ACH payment, EFT payment, or other electronic direct payment methods to the account of the landlord or landlord's agent;**

**(F) Copy of emails, texts, or other electronic messages which when taken together establish an agreement between the landlord or landlord's agent that the occupant may reside at the premises.**

**(2) This subparagraph shall not be construed to prevent an occupant claiming to be an implied tenant from presenting evidence in support of their claim that based on the totality of the circumstances the landlord, landlord's agent, or non-rental owner impliedly agreed to allow the occupant to reside at the premises.**

**(3) By itself, evidence of utilities, other services, IDs, or documents showing the address of the residence shall not be sufficient evidence without authorizing documentation from the lessor or the non-rental owner.**

**(4) In all cases if the court rules in favor of the plaintiff, the court shall order the immediate removal of the unauthorized occupants by law enforcement and the plaintiff shall be awarded actual damages or \$1000, whichever is greater.**

**(5) If the court finds that the occupant sublet from the tenant but the lease between the landlord and the tenant prohibits subletting, and the occupant failed to establish being an implied tenant, the plaintiff may dispose of any remaining personal property as they see fit after 48-hours notice to the occupants. Notwithstanding RSA 540-A:4, VII(c)(4), in such cases damages shall not be awarded to the plaintiff.**

**(6) In all other cases of non-rental property and rental property, plaintiff may dispose of any remaining personal property as they see fit and without notice to the occupants and occupants may be arrested for trespass.**

**(7) If the court rules in favor of the occupants, then the occupants shall not be removed from the premises. Such ruling shall be without prejudice to any subsequent possessory action filed pursuant to RSA 540.**

7 New Subparagraph; Remedies. Amend RSA 540-A:4, IX by inserting after subparagraph (e) the following new subparagraph:

(f) If the court finds that the plaintiff's allegation of a violation of RSA 540-A:3, VIII was not made in good faith, the defendant shall be awarded actual damages or \$1000 whichever is greater.

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

2024-1962s

#### AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Provides that zoning and planning regulations shall not require more than 2 residential parking space per unit.

II. Defines the terms "tenant," "subtenant," "implied tenant," and "non-rental owner," and specifies the rights and obligations of each party in cases of evictions of unauthorized occupants.

III. Provides remedies for violations of landlord-tenant law and unauthorized occupancy evictions.



Senate Judiciary  
 May 9, 2024  
 2024-1871s  
 09/02

Amendment to HB 1432-FN

Amend RSA 638:26-a, IV(a) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(a) An interactive computer service as defined in 47 U.S.C. section 230.

Amend RSA 507:8-j, III(a) as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(a) An interactive computer service as defined in 47 U.S.C. section 230.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration  
 May 16, 2024  
 2024-2015s  
 12/08

Amendment to HB 1474

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

1 Commission on Native American Affairs; Quorum, Voting and Duties. Amend RSA 12-A:14-a, IV to read as follows:

IV. For voting purposes a quorum shall be [~~9 members.~~] **50 percent of the appointed members plus one additional member.**

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

Election Law and Municipal Affairs  
 May 13, 2024  
 2024-1968s  
 06/02

Amendment to HB 1521

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

1 Recovery House; Definition. Amend RSA 153:10-d, II to read as follows:

II. In this section, “recovery house” means a [~~residence~~] **primarily non-transient dwelling or dwelling unit** that provides a safe, healthy, [~~family-like,~~] substance-free living environment that supports individuals in recovery from addiction **living as a single household** and is centered on peer support and a connection to services that promote long-term recovery; provided that “recovery housing” shall not include **a boarding house, a rooming house,** a halfway house, or any other facility requiring a license pursuant to RSA 151.

2 New Paragraph; Purposes of Zoning Ordinances; Recovery Houses. Amend RSA 674:17 by inserting after paragraph IV the following new paragraph:

V. A recovery house, as defined in RSA 153:10-d, II, that is located within a single-family, 2-family, or multi-family structure shall be treated in every zoning ordinance as a single-family, 2-family, or multi-family use, respectively, and shall not be subject to permitting or approval processes that a zoning ordinance or other land use regulation adopted under this title does not similarly require of other such uses. Use of an existing multi-family structure as a recovery house under this paragraph shall not require site plan review. A recovery house shall also be allowed in any zone that allows any form of inn or hotel, as defined by RSA 353:7, III, and shall be subject to the same regulations the municipality applies to multi-family residences. For purposes of this paragraph, a recovery house shall be certified pursuant to RSA 172-B:2, V(a)(2) or shall be actively pursuing certification and achieve certification within one year after beginning operations. For a recovery house to be included under this paragraph, its operator shall first provide written notification to the local governing body at least 30 days prior beginning operations, and the local governing body may seek to ensure that the recovery house is either certified or seeking certification, as well as to ensure that the requirements of RSA 153 and RSA 155-A are met. For any recovery house seeking to operate in a municipality which already has recovery houses containing at least 40 beds or a number of beds equal to or greater than the population of that municipality as

estimated by the department of business and economic affairs, office of planning and development, multiplied by 0.004, whichever is greater, operation may not begin until an affirmative vote by the legislative body of the municipality, such vote to be held within 60 days of the filing of the application and a record of which shall be provided to the department at the beginning of the certification process. The number of recovery house beds per municipality shall be compiled and maintained by the department.

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

Senate Ways and Means  
May 15, 2024  
2024-1982s  
02/06

#### Amendment to HB 1525

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

AN ACT relative to credits for the business profits tax and business enterprise tax.

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

1 Business Profits Tax; Payments Due with Returns and Estimates. Amend RSA 77-A:7, I(b)(2)-(3) to read as follows:

(2) For taxable periods ending on or after December 31, [2025] **2029** a credit shall only be allowed in an amount up to 250 percent of the total tax liability for the taxable period and the remainder of the overpayment shall be refunded; and

(3) For taxable periods ending on or after December 31, [2027] **2031** a credit shall only be allowed in an amount up to 100 percent of the total tax liability for the taxable period and the remainder of the overpayment shall be refunded.

2 Business Enterprise Tax; Payments Due with Returns. Amend RSA 77-E:6, II(b)-(c) to read as follows:

(b) For taxable periods ending on or after December 31, [2025] **2029** a credit shall only be allowed in an amount up to 250 percent of the total tax liability for the taxable period and the remainder of the overpayment shall be refunded; and

(c) For taxable periods ending on or after December 31, [2027] **2031** a credit shall only be allowed in an amount up to 100 percent of the total tax liability for the taxable period and the remainder of the overpayment shall be refunded.

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

2024-1982s

#### AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill extends tax credits for the business profits tax and business enterprise tax.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration  
May 15, 2024  
2024-2005s  
05/06

#### Amendment to HB 1585

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

AN ACT relative to the position of certified assisted living medication aide.

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

1 New Paragraph; Nurse Practice Act; Definition of Administrator Added. Amend RSA 326-B:2 by inserting after paragraph I-a the following new paragraph:

I-b. "Administrator" means the licensee or individual appointed by the licensee of the facility to be responsible for all aspects of the daily operation of the licensed premise.

2 New Paragraphs; Nurse Practice Act; Definitions Added. Amend RSA 326-B:2 by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraphs:

II-a. “Certified assisted living medication aide” or “CALMA” means an individual who is certified by the office of professional licensure and certification to administer specific classes of and routes of medication, as described in rule, in a residential setting as defined in RSA 151:9, VII(a)(1) and RSA 151:9, VII(a)(2) under the direction of the facility administrator with access to clinical consultation 24 hours a day.

II-b. “Clinical consultant” means an APRN, RN, LPN, PA, or physician available electronically or in person 24 hours a day to provide clinical consultation.

3 New Section; Nurse Practice Act; Scope of Practice; Certified Assisted Living Medication Aide. Amend RSA 326-B by inserting after section 14 the following new section:

326-B:14-a Scope of Practice; Certified Assisted Living Medication Aide.

I. A certified assisted living medication aide (CALMA) shall practice under the supervision of the administrator of the licensed facility and have access to clinical consultation 24 hours a day appropriate for the setting in accordance with regulations established pursuant to RSA 326-B:4, I.

II. A CALMA is responsible for competency in the CALMA education program curriculum approved by the board.

III. A CALMA is authorized to administer medication if:

(a) The individual holds a currently valid certificate of completion from a board-approved CALMA education program; and

(b) The persons served are in a residential setting as defined in RSA 151:9, VII(a)(1) and (2).

IV. After successful completion of the CALMA education program, a CALMA shall be able to:

(a) Apply knowledge and techniques in the practice of medication administration;

(b) Communicate effectively with the administrator and other health care professionals concerning the administration of medication;

(c) Maintain safe and effective methods of medication administration; and

(d) Maintain records as directed by the administrator of the facility.

V. Any expansion of the scope of practice shall be adopted by legislation in accordance with RSA 332-G:6.

4 New Section; Nurse Practice Act; Certified Assisted Living Medication Aide. Amend RSA 326-B by inserting after section 27 the following new section:

326-B:27-a Certified Assisted Living Medication Aide (CALMA).

I. Applicants for an initial certification for CALMA shall:

(a) Have participated in and completed a board-approved CALMA education program which offers a minimum of 40 hours of classroom and clinical setting education as defined by the board.

(b) Have passed an examination approved by the board.

(c) Have paid the certification fee.

(d) Be an employee of a residential care facility or supported residential care facility.

(e) Be at least 18 years of age.

II. Certification shall be renewed as required by RSA 310:8.

5 New Paragraph; Nurse Practice Act; Continuing Education; CALMA. Amend RSA 326-B:31 by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

IV. A CALMA shall complete 8 hours of continuing education relative to medication administration in programs approved by the board every 2 years.

6 New Paragraph; Nurse Practice Act; Rulemaking; Medication Administration. Amend RSA 326-B:9 by inserting after paragraph XIV the following new paragraph:

XV. Criteria for the administration of medications and the process of approving a registered nurse to conduct a medication administration educational program. Such rules shall include CALMA continuing education regarding medication administration under RSA 326-B:31, IV.

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

2024-2005s

## AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill defines the position of certified assisted living medication aide (CALMA) under the nurse practice act, provides for certification as a CALMA through the office of professional licensure and certification, and authorizes a CALMA to administer medication to individuals in specified residential settings.

Senate Judiciary  
May 14, 2024  
2024-1965s  
05/08

## Amendment to HB 1607

Amend the bill by inserting after section 4 the following and renumbering the original section 5 to read as 6:

5 Temporary Care and Control of Children at a Hospital or Safe Haven; Liability. Amend RSA 132-A:4 to read as follows:

132-A:4 Liability.

*I.* No person or entity subject to the provisions of this chapter shall be liable for any claim at law or in equity as a result of action taken pursuant to the requirements of this chapter.

*II. Notwithstanding any rule of evidence or law to the contrary, evidence of a parent's crime or wrongdoing obtained as a proximate result of the parent acting in accordance with this chapter shall be inadmissible in a criminal or civil trial against the parent.*

Senate Finance  
May 15, 2024  
2024-1977s  
06/02

## Amendment to HB 1647-FN-A

Amend RSA 100-A:5, II(b)(2) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(2) For members who are in vested status before January 1, 2012, a state annuity which, together with his or her member annuity, shall be equal to 2-1/2 percent of his or her average final compensation multiplied by the number of years of his or her creditable service not in excess of 40 years, or for members who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011, a state annuity which, together with his or her member annuity, shall be equal to 2 percent of his or her average final compensation multiplied by the number of years of his or her creditable service not in excess of 42.5 years, and group II members who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2012 shall be as provided in the transition provisions in RSA 100-A:5, II(d) with the maximum number of years of creditable service not in excess of ~~[40.5 years]~~ ***the limits under RSA 100-A:6-a, but only for group II members in service who have attained age 60 regardless of the number of years of creditable service, or who work up to their full age and service requirements and retire under service retirement. If a member retires prior to reaching full age and service requirements, then their annuity multiplier remains the same as their first 15 years of creditable service.***

Amend RSA 100-A:5, II(d) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(d) Active group II members who commenced service prior to July 1, 2011 and who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2012 shall be subject to the following transition provisions for years of service required for regular service retirement, the minimum age for regular service retirement, and ***for the first 15 years of creditable service***, the multiplier used to calculate the retirement annuity, which shall be applicable on, or after January 1, 2012 according to the following table:

Creditable service on January 1, 2012	Minimum years of service	Minimum age attained	Annuity multiplier
(1) Less than 4 years	24	age 49	2.1 % *
(2) At least 4 years but less than 6 years	23	age 48	2.2% *

(3) At least 6 years but less than 8 years	22	age 47	2.3% *
(4) At least 8 years but less than 10 years	21	age 46	2.4% *

**\* The annuity multiplier applied to creditable service earned beyond 15 years of creditable service, shall be 2.5 percent, but only for group II members in service who have attained age 60 regardless of the number of years of creditable service, or who work up to their full age and service requirements and retire under service retirement. If a member retires prior to reaching full age and service requirements, then their annuity multiplier remains the same as their first 15 years of creditable service.**

Amend RSA 100-A:6, II(b) as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(b) Upon ordinary disability retirement, the group II member shall receive an ordinary disability retirement allowance which shall consist of: a member annuity which shall be the actuarial equivalent of his or her accumulated contributions at the time of his or her ordinary disability retirement; and a state annuity which, together with his or her member annuity, for members who are in vested status before January 1, 2012, shall be equal to 2 1/2 percent of his or her average final compensation at the time of ordinary disability retirement multiplied by the number of years of his or her creditable service not in excess of 40 at the time of ordinary disability retirement, or for members who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011, shall be equal to 2 percent of his or her average final compensation at the time of ordinary disability retirement multiplied by the number of years of his or her creditable service not in excess of 42.5 at the time of ordinary disability retirement, and group II members who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2012, shall be as provided in the transition provisions in RSA 100-A:5, II(d) with the maximum number of years of creditable service not in excess of ~~[40.5 years]~~ **the limits under RSA 100-A:6-a** provided, however, that such allowance shall not be less than 25 percent of the member's final compensation at the time of his or her disability retirement. **Members who retire upon ordinary disability or qualify for accidental death benefits as outlined in RSA 100-A:8 shall not be subject to the full age and service requirements listed under RSA 100-A:5, II(d).**

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 2 with the following:

3 Appropriation; Retirement System; Group II Change. The sum of \$26,000,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, is hereby appropriated to the retirement system for deposit in the state annuity accumulation fund for payment against the cost of the amendment to the group II calculation of service and disability retirement benefits by this act. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect June 30, 2024.

Senate Education  
May 7, 2024  
2024-1809s  
02/02

#### Amendment to HB 1665-FN

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

AN ACT relative to student eligibility for education freedom accounts and the scholarship organization's costs of administering the program, extending phase-out grants for education freedom accounts, and revising the definitions of average daily membership in attendance and average daily membership in residence.

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

1 Education Freedom Accounts; Definitions. Amend RSA 194-F:1, VI to read as follows:

VI. "Eligible student" means a resident of this state who is eligible to enroll in a public elementary or secondary school and whose annual household income at the time the student applies for the program is less than or equal to ~~[350]~~ **400** percent of the federal poverty guidelines as updated annually in the Federal Register

by the United States Department of Health and Human Services under 42 U.S.C. section 9902(2). No income threshold need be met in subsequent years, provided the student otherwise qualifies. Students in the special school district within the department of corrections established in RSA 194:60 shall not be eligible students.

2 Education Freedom Accounts; Authority and Responsibilities of the Scholarship Organization. Amend RSA 194-F:4, V to read as follows:

V. The scholarship organization may withhold from deposits or deduct from EFAs an amount to cover the costs of administering the EFA program, up to a maximum of ~~[10]~~ 8 percent annually.

3 Extension of Phase-Out of Grants to 2029. Amend RSA 194-F:10, II to read as follows:

II. The phase-out grants will terminate for new EFA students receiving an EFA effective July 1, ~~[2026]~~ 2029.

4 New Section; Education Freedom Accounts; Reporting Requirement. Amend RSA 194-F by inserting after section 12 the following new section:

194-F:12-a Department Reporting Requirement. On or before November 1, 2024, and each November 1 thereafter, the department shall submit a report to the governor and council and the legislative oversight commission established in RSA 194-F:12 regarding:

I. The amount of education adequacy aid provided to each school district attributed to students in the first year of the education freedom account program; and

II. Phase-out grants provided to each school district attributed to students in the second and third year of the education freedom account program.

5 School Funding; ADMA and ADMR; Home Educated Pupils and Pupils Participating in the EFA program. Amend RSA 198:38, I and I-a to read as follows:

I.(a) "Average daily membership in attendance" or "ADMA" means the average daily membership in attendance, as defined in RSA 189:1-d, III, of pupils in kindergarten through grade 12, in the determination year. ADMA shall only include pupils who are legal residents of New Hampshire pursuant to RSA 193:12 and educated at school district expense which may include public academies or out-of-district placements. For the purpose of calculating funding for municipalities, the ADMA shall not include pupils attending chartered public schools, but shall include pupils attending a charter conversion school approved by the school district in which the pupil resides.

(b) For the purpose of calculating ADMA, each pupil who is home educated in compliance with RSA 193-A, **or who is participating in an education freedom account in compliance with RSA 194-F**, and who is enrolled in a school board approved public [high] school academic course **in grades 7 through 12** shall count as an additional 0.15 pupil for each such academic course taken in a public [high] school. ~~[The department of education shall only make grant payments for such pupils to the extent of available appropriations.]~~ In this subparagraph, "public [high] school" shall have the same meaning as "[high] **standard** school" as defined in RSA ~~[194:23]~~ **189:24**.

I-a.(a) "Average daily membership in residence" or "ADMR" means the average daily membership in residence, as defined in RSA 189:1-d, IV, of pupils in kindergarten through grade 12, in the determination year. ADMR shall only include pupils who are legal residents of New Hampshire pursuant to RSA 193:12 and educated at school district expense which may include public academies or out-of-district placements. For the purpose of calculating funding for municipalities, the ADMR shall not include pupils attending chartered public schools, but shall include pupils attending a charter conversion school approved by the school district in which the pupil resides.

(b) For the purpose of calculating ADMR, each pupil who is home educated in compliance with RSA 193-A, **or who is participating in an education freedom account in compliance with RSA 194-F**, and who is enrolled in a school board approved public [high] school academic course **in grades 7 through 12** shall count as an additional 0.15 pupil for each such academic course taken in a public [high] school. ~~[The department of education shall only make grant payments for such pupils to the extent of available appropriations.]~~ In this subparagraph, "public [high] school" shall have the same meaning as "[high] **standard** school" as defined in RSA ~~[194:23]~~ **189:24**.

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

2024-1809s

## AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Raises the annual household income threshold for eligible students and reduces the amount that the scholarship organization may retain to cover administrative costs.

II. Extends the phase-out grants provided under the education freedom account (EFA) program and directs the department of education to submit an annual report regarding EFA funding and costs.

III. Revises the definitions of average daily membership in attendance (ADMA) and average daily membership in residence (ADMR) for school funding from the education trust fund for the purpose of home educated pupils and pupils participating in the EFA program.

Senate Transportation

May 15, 2024

2024-2002s

11/05

## Amendment to HB 2024

Amend the bill by inserting after section 6 the following and renumbering the original sections 7-11 to read as 11-15, respectively:

7 Charlestown; Project Added. The project named Charlestown, project number 41478, construction on Cheshire Bridge carrying NH 11 over the Connecticut River between Charlestown, NH and Springfield, VT, provided that public access to the bridge is not closed until January 1, 2027, at the earliest, with the department and town to consider various project options, shall be included in the 2025-2034 10-year transportation improvement plan.

8 Milford; Project Added. Preliminary engineering for a median barrier project along the Milford Bypass if deemed feasible; such project shall be included in the 2025-2034 10-year transportation improvement plan with funding of \$2,000,000 in 2033.

9 Hampton; Turnpike System; Project Added. Comprehensive capital needs evaluation on the turnpike system, including all electronic tolling (AET) in Hampton. The project shall be included in the 2025-2034 10-year transportation improvement plan with \$2,000,000 for design and engineering for AET in Hampton in 2028.

10 University of New Hampshire; Project Added. Two compressed natural gas (CNG) buses. The project shall be included in the 2025-2034 10-year transportation improvement plan with \$1,800,000 in 2025 and 2027, funded with FTA funds. The programmatic project named FTA 5307 is reduced by \$1,800,000 in 2025 and 2027.

Amend section 11 of the bill by inserting after paragraph VIII the following new paragraph:

IX. The project named Hudson, project number 42108, said project being withdrawn from the 2025-2034 10-year transportation improvement plan by the town of Hudson.

Amend section 12 of the bill by inserting after paragraph XIII the following new paragraph:

XIV The project named Statewide Programmatic Corridor Study is amended to increase the funding for the corridor studies in 2025 by \$700,000 for a total of \$1,400,000.

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 13 with the following:

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

2024-2002s

## AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Adopts the 2025-2034 10-year transportation plan.

II. Adds certain projects to the 2025-2034 10-year transportation improvement plan.

III. Removes certain projects from the 2025-2034 10-year transportation improvement plan.

IV. Increases funding for certain projects in the 2025-2034 10-year transportation.

V. Requires that all rail removed from a portion of the Conway Branch rail line be used to offset construction costs of the portion's rail bed.

# HEARINGS

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

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## *TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024*

**FINANCE**, Room 103, SH

Sen. Gray (C), Sen. Innis (VC), Sen. Bradley, Sen. Birdsell, Sen. Pearl, Sen. D'Allesandro, Sen. Rosenwald  
11:00 a.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION**

# MEETINGS

## *MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024*

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

9:00 a.m. NH Veterans Home Regular Meeting  
NHVH Town Hall  
139 Winter Street  
Tilton, NH

**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=bUFER3I5emt3NGVueDBYYW9SZThLUT09>

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

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

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

1:30 p.m. Room 103, SH Regular Meeting

**THE DIVISION FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY BOARD** (RSA 170-G:6-a)

2:00 p.m. Doloff Building 3rd Floor Classroom Regular Meeting  
1 State Office Park West  
Concord, NH

## *TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024*

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATION** (RSA 14:14-C)

9:00 a.m. Room 203, LOB Regular Meeting



## ***THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2024***

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

2:00 p.m.                      NH Hospital Association                      Regular Meeting  
 Conference Room #1  
 125 Airport Road  
 Concord, NH  
 Meeting ID: 233 524 382 245  
 Passcode: YmG3kE  
 Dial-in by phone +1 603-931-4944,,834829352# United States, Concord  
 Find a local number  
 Phone conference ID: 834 829 352#  
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 Tenant key: [nhgov@m.webex.com](mailto:nhgov@m.webex.com)  
 Video ID: 114 981 109 0

## ***FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2024***

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

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

## ***MONDAY, JUNE 3, 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.                      NH Lottery Commission                      Regular Meeting  
 Large Conference Room  
 14 Integra Drive  
 Concord, NH

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

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

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

6:00 p.m.                      Journey Church                      Public Hearing  
 15 Hutchins Drive  
 Conway, NH

## ***TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 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

## ***WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2024***

### **WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 281-A:62)**

9:00 a.m.                      Department of Labor                      Regular Meeting  
 95 Pleasant Street  
 Concord NH

## ***FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2024***

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

1:00 p.m.                      NH Department of Revenue Administration      Subcommittee Work Session Meeting  
 Training Room  
 109 Pleasant Street  
 Concord, NH

## ***MONDAY, JUNE 10, 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/FCh9GIdZljw?feature=share>

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

1:00 p.m.                      Department of Justice                                      Regular Meeting  
 1 Granite Place South  
 Concord, NH  
 Microsoft Teams  
 Meeting ID: 279 737 604 573  
 Passcode: zKPHQY  
 Dial in by phone  
 +1 603-931-4944,,211153182#

### **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=R0lwOWFVK0w2U2FKYTVybXM1MjNhdz09>  
 Meeting ID: 843 2764 6605  
 Passcode: 731679

## ***FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2024***

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

10:00 a.m.                      Walker Building, Room 274                                      Regular Meeting  
 21 South Fruit Street  
 Concord, NH  
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 Meeting ID: 277 642 215 512  
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**COMMISSION TO STUDY THE DELIVERY OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES THROUGH REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH NETWORKS (RSA 127:12)**

1:00 p.m. 501 South Street Regular Meeting  
2nd Floor  
Bow, NH  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82731252212?pwd=Q3pvYncvcW55Zkg0ZVVNQW5USGlsZz09>  
Meeting ID: 827 3125 2212  
Passcode: 392939

***MONDAY, JUNE 17, 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=bUFER3I5emt3NGVueDBYyW9SZThLUT09>

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

2:00 p.m. Department of Agriculture Markets & Food Regular Meeting  
1 Granite Place South Suite 211  
Concord, NH

***FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2024***

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

9:30 a.m. NH Department of Revenue Administration Subcommittee Work Session Meeting  
Training Room  
109 Pleasant Street  
Concord, NH

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

10:00 a.m. NH Department of Revenue Administration Regular Meeting  
Training Room  
109 Pleasant Street  
Concord, NH

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

3:00 p.m. Merrimack Town Hall Regular Meeting  
6 Baboosick Lane  
Merrimack, NH  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86117818803?pwd=cWRXdGwQnQvc2ZRbkNOBhGc3M0dz09>  
Meeting ID: 861 1781 8803  
Passcode: 669915  
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***MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2024***

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

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

***FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2024***

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

9:30 a.m.                      NH Department of Revenue Administration                      Subcommittee Work Session Meeting  
    Training Room  
    109 Pleasant Street  
    Concord, NH

***MONDAY, JULY 8, 2024***

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

10:00 a.m.                      NH DES    Regular Meeting  
    29 Hazen Drive  
    Concord, NH

***FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2024***

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

10:00 a.m.                      North Country Resource Center                      Regular Meeting  
    629 Main Street  
    Lancaster, NH

***MONDAY, JULY 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=bUFER3I5emt3NGVueDBYYW9SZThLUT09>

***MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 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=bUFER3I5emt3NGVueDBYYW9SZThLUT09>

***MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2024***

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

10:00 a.m.                      National Guard Edward Cross                      Regular Meeting  
    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, 217, 218, 229, 235, 239, 248, 249, 252, 255, 259, 263, 267, 303, 304, 306, 307, 308, 309, 311, 314, 315, 317, 319, 320, 321, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 335, 337, 342, 345, 347, 350, 351, 352, 354, 355, 361, 362, 363, 364, 368, 369, 372, 377, 379, 383, 384, 387, 388, 393, 396, 397, 399, 401, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 417, 419, 426, 427, 432, 436, 438, 439, 442, 443, 445, 447, 448, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 459, 460, 462, 463, 465, 466, 467, 470, 472, 473, 478, 480, 484, 485, 486, 487, 489, 490, 492, 493, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 504, 506, 507, 511, 514, 518, 520, 521, 522, 523, 525, 532, 534, 536, 537, 539, 540, 545, 549, 550, 553, 554, 555, 556, 558, 559, 561, 562, 563, 567, 569, 575, 578, 579, 580, 583, 584, 588, 590, 591, 592, 595, 596, 601, 603**

**HOUSE BILLS: 68, 82, 107, 135, 182, 185, 229, 243, 250, 257, 279, 307, 314, 318, 322, 354, 370, 379, 397, 400, 436, 447, 450, 463, 468, 470, 476, 535, 558, 572, 593, 596, 602, 609, 618, 622, 637, 644, 645, 653, 1002, 1003, 1006, 1012, 1038, 1076, 1104, 1105, 1122, 1145, 1178, 1186, 1188, 1192, 1202, 1213, 1220, 1223, 1237, 1260, 1263, 1264, 1270, 1279, 1282, 1294, 1296, 1298, 1303, 1313, 1319, 1323, 1380, 1382, 1385, 1386, 1394, 1412, 1432, 1433, 1451, 1504, 1540, 1542, 1569, 1570, 1573, 1579, 1588, 1591, 1593, 1596, 1598, 1600, 1613, 1620, 1622, 1623, 1647, 1649, 1656, 1659, 1669, 1687, 1688, 1696, 1697, 1698, 1713**

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

**SENATE BILLS: 255**

**HOUSE BILLS: 68, 154, 397**

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## **SENATE BILLS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE**

**SENATE BILLS: 84, 112, 236, 249, 266, 306, 324, 327, 331, 338, 349, 357, 372, 379, 383, 388, 391, 413, 435, 441, 449, 451, 459, 460, 473, 497, 508, 513, 521, 528, 532, 539, 545, 572, 574, 592, 603, 605**

## **HOUSE BILLS AMENDED BY THE SENATE**

**HOUSE BILLS: 135, 243, 279, 458, 468, 476, 494, 593, 596, 609, 653, 1006, 1030, 1055, 1107, 1122, 1129, 1165, 1168, 1220, 1303, 1305, 1386, 1431, 1456, 1549, 1550, 1609, 1613, 1655, 1695, 1697**

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## **NOTICES**

**TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024**

The New Hampshire Women’s Foundation cordially invites all legislators to join them for lunch on Tuesday, May 21st at 12:00 p.m. at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 21 Centre Street, Concord. The Women’s Foundation invests in equality and opportunity for women and girls and provides grants to nonprofit organizations in all regions of New Hampshire. This lunch is an opportunity to meet some of the Foundation’s grantees and learn more about the work they do serving women and girls in your community. There will also be an update from the Women’s Foundation. RSVP is not required, but your response to Devan Quinn at [Devan@nhwomensfoundation.org](mailto:Devan@nhwomensfoundation.org) is appreciated.

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

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**THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2024**

AARP New Hampshire has rescheduled its Legislative Lunch for Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the State House Cafeteria. Lunch will feature a variety of sandwiches, salad, chips, cookies, and beverages along with vegetarian options to choose from.

Lawmakers will have an opportunity to meet AARP NH volunteers who are advocates for supporting family caregivers, protecting consumers against fraud, battling rising prescription drug costs, and more. AARP NH is excited to talk with lawmakers about these issues and understand how we can work together moving forward. Please RSVP or note any dietary restrictions to Mike Padmore at [mpadmore@aarp.org](mailto:mpadmore@aarp.org).

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

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**THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2024**

Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) is a national construction industry trade association representing more than 23,000 members. Founded on the merit shop philosophy, ABC and its 68 Chapters help members develop people, win work, and deliver that work safely, ethically and profitably for the betterment of the communities in which ABC and its members work.

Please join local contractors on the State House Plaza on Thursday, May 23, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for hands on demonstrations of the trades, craft training, safety equipment and technology used every day to literally build New Hampshire. Lunch will be served!

Senator Jeb Bradley, Senate President

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**SENATE SCHEDULE**

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)