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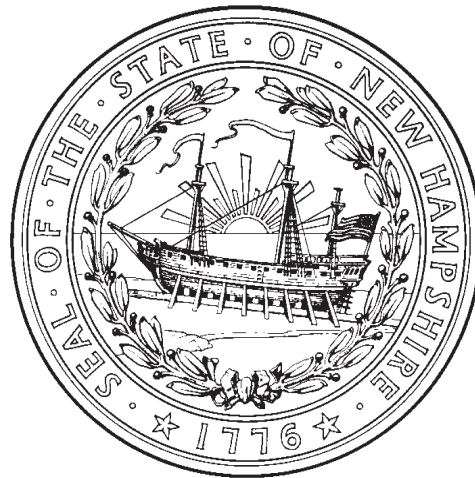
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**Second Year of the 168th Session of the
New Hampshire General Court**

SENATE CALENDAR

**THE SENATE WILL MEET IN SESSION ON
THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024 AT 10:00 A.M.**

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Thursday, April 4, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

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

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 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 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**

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**

CONSENT CALENDAR REPORTS

EDUCATION

SB 596-FN, relative to the definition of disability or special needs under the child care scholarship program. Interim Study, Vote 5-0.
Senator Lang for the committee.

Senate Bill 596 sought to redefine the definition of disability or special needs as they relate to the Child-care Scholarship Program. The amendment provided to the Committee included a \$375,000 appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Services for the purposes of mitigating gaps in the Childcare Development Block Grant provided by the federal government. Due to several newfound concerns stemming from the amendment, and given the important nature of the bill, the Senate Education Committee determined SB 596-FN ought to be referred to interim study.

ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

SB 382, relative to election recounts and audits.
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.
Senator Perkins Kwoka for the committee.

This bill would require the Secretary of State to publish all recount and audit procedures and establish separate times to hold any recounts or audits that may take place. The committee incorporated the language of SB 382 into SB 489, thus rendering SB 382 unnecessary.

SB 448-FN, relative to the Woodsville fire district.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

This bill as amended establishes Woodsville Fire District as a village district governed by RSA 52. Additionally, due to continued division over finances between Woodsville and Haverhill, a contingency formula has been created. This formula will be used to calculate reimbursement of Woodsville, for taxes collected by Haverhill. The passage of this legislation will provide improved clarity of procedures for both the village district and the town.

SB 534-FN, relative to campaign finance.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

This bill makes various changes to the RSAs that deal with campaign finance. These changes will simplify the process for users and make it more transparent for the public. Currently there is a lot of confusion surrounding when reports have to be filed, who can file them and how they are filed. SB 534 adds clear definitions and time frames to the process.

SB 537-FN, allowing the processing of absentee ballots.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Soucy for the committee.

SB 537, as amended, will allow election officials to preprocess absentee ballots at times set by the town or city clerk. In order to maintain complete transparency, this process will be done in a public place, after public notice has been given. Permitting the preprocessing of absentee ballots will give voters a chance to cure any errors before election day ensuring that their vote will be counted. Additionally, it will reduce the workload for election workers on election day.

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

SB 542, relative to appointments to the fish and game commission.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Watters for the committee.

This bill originally sought to enable the Native American Affairs Commission to nominate individuals for consideration by the Fish and Game Commission, aiming to broaden consensus and representation in the department's decision-making process. This bill as amended has shifted to creating a committee tasked with studying Fish and Game Department funding and partnerships. The proposed committee will examine various aspects, including current funding sources, sustainability, and potential revisions to enhance partnerships in outdoor recreation, conservation, and land management. The committee is expected to report its findings and recommendations by November 1, 2024.

SB 543, establishing the state environmental adaptation, resilience, and innovation council.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Watters for the committee.

This bill will establish the State Environmental Adaptation, Resilience, and Innovation Council, fostering proactive planning and risk management strategies across state agencies to navigate environmental changes effectively. The proposed council's composition includes representatives from various sectors to ensure comprehensive planning and informed decision-making. Additionally, the bill promotes collaboration and cost-savings to protect New Hampshire taxpayers' investment in infrastructure. It will work to address challenges to public health and to the tourism and recreation economies. The amendment reaffirms that the council recognizes the exclusive role of the legislature in enacting policy through legislation and mandates approval by legislators and the Governor and Council on the solicitation and use of grant funds. It provides a mechanism for collaboration with non-profits on funding and staffing and establishes a fund for the receipt of federal grants.

SB 546, removing the requirement that an executory interest be conveyed to the state of New Hampshire in all easements acquired through the use of LCHIP program funds.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Altschiller for the committee.

This bill removes the requirement for an executory interest to be conveyed to the state in easements acquired through the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP). After lengthy consultation with the Attorney General's office, LCHIP has learned the public's investment is well protected by three other primary requirements. This bill will reduce the administrative burden placed on LCHIP, the State, and the Grant Recipients, while retaining the State's ability to defend the public's trust and investment, ensuring the state's authority to intervene when necessary.

SB 547, relative to certain requirements relative to the LCHIP programs.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Altschiller for the committee.

This bill aims to clarify the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) program requirements, ensuring responsible stewardship of grant-funded programs. SB 547 makes numerous changes to refine the definitions of various terms or define previously undefined but important terms within the statute. For instance, SB 547 distinguishes the difference between a "property" and a "resource asset". The current statute does not define the term "property", leading to confusion about whether property includes all real estate interests, such as conservation easements, or the underlying land, or both. As defined in SB 547, property no longer includes easements – only physical assets like land and buildings, which is common understanding. "Resource asset" remains as originally defined – and inclusive of both land, buildings, or easements that are an eligible resource. Additionally, the bill also proposes a clarification regarding the recapture provision, exempting transfers to state agencies from triggering the repayment provision. There is a clarification of when an applicant must produce a stewardship plan document.

SB 594-FN, defining state approved processing facility and regulating on farm slaughter of amenable animals.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

This bill aimed to define state-approved processing facilities for slaughtering and processing amenable animals, while also establishing regulations regarding on-farm slaughter of such animals. The bill emerged from collaborative efforts aimed at assisting small farmers in bringing meat products to market. Testimony presented both in support and opposition underscored the importance of balancing the bill's objectives with federal regulations and practical considerations. Given the diverse perspectives and the need for further examination, the bill was referred to interim study.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

SB 373, relative to the state building code.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Carson for the committee.

SB 373 updates the state building code definition. The amendment replaces the language of the bill to amend the International Energy Conservation Code 2018. The bill, as amended, requires buildings or dwelling units to be tested for air leakage and sets a maximum air leakage rate.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SB 354-FN, relative to insurance cost-sharing calculations.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Avard for the committee.

SB 354-FN, as introduced, provides that, when calculating an enrollee's contribution to cost-sharing requirements, the insurer or pharmacy benefits manager shall include any amount paid by the enrollee or paid on their behalf, and includes a limited exception for health savings account-qualified high deductible health plans if application of the requirement would result in account ineligibility under the Internal Revenue Code. The cost of prescription drugs is simply too high for many Granite Staters, forcing some people to choose between their medications and putting food on the table. Counting financial assistance towards co-

pays will help people meet their deductibles and, therefore, reduce their out-of-pocket costs. The Committee Amendment will limit the application of coupons and other forms of financial assistance to situations where generic medications are not available. The Committee hopes that the bill will go to the Finance Committee so that further work can be done on it by the stakeholders to find a more comprehensive compromise.

SB 411-FN, relative to emergency mental health services for persons 21 years of age and younger.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Whitley for the committee.

SB 411-FN, as introduced, requires insurers to provide certain emergency behavioral and mental health services for enrollees 21 years of age and younger. The Committee heard extensive testimony about the challenges faced by young Granite Staters seeking mental health services and their families. Although many stakeholders met in good faith to try to find a lasting solution, that work could not be accomplished in the time period allowed by the legislative deadlines. The Committee Amendment creates a study committee to continue the meaningful collaboration that this issue requires.

SB 558-FN, relative to insurance coverage for infertility treatments, protection from discrimination during IVF treatments, parental leave, and adoption.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Whitley for the committee.

SB 558-FN, as introduced, provides insurance coverage for infertility treatments, and protection from discrimination during IVF treatments, parental leave, and adoption. This is an incredibly important policy direction for New Hampshire to move forward with in order to attract and retain a modern workforce. There remain extensive, in-depth conversations taking place on this bill with a plethora of stakeholders. The Committee Amendment is a place holder study committee, to give the stakeholders more time to propose a substantive amendment before the bill crosses over.

JUDICIARY

SB 304-FN, creating a cause of action for medical injuries resulting from the administration or prescription of gender transition surgery, cross-sex hormones, or puberty-blocking drugs and providing protections for individuals who receive medical detransitioning.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

Senate Bill 304-FN would have created a cause of action for medical injuries relating to the administration or prescription of gender transition surgery, cross-sex hormones, or puberty-blocking drugs and would have protected those who are medically detransitioning from discrimination. The Committee felt this bill should be further studied before making a final determination.

SB 413-FN, relative to civil actions for PFAS contamination.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Chandley for the committee.

Senate Bill 413-FN creates a civil action for certain PFAS contamination. The Committee Amendment addressed a variety of concerns related to the bill as introduced including clarification that local businesses who do not produce PFAS would not be held liable, but the companies from which the contamination originated would be strictly liable for remediation and cleanup. In consultation with the Attorney General's Office and the Department of Environmental Services, the bill was drafted to hold the individuals running PFAS facilities personally responsible for remediation efforts.

SB 463-FN, expanding access to court-appointed counsel for children in dependency proceedings.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Carson for the committee.

Senate Bill 463-FN makes various changes regarding the appointment of counsel for children, including providing a right to an attorney in certain situations. This bill would amend the Child Protection Act to give family division judges the discretion to appoint counsel for children at any time in abuse and neglect cases. Children deserve to have their voices heard and respected, especially in matters that have significantly affected their daily lives.

REGULAR CALENDAR REPORTS

COMMERCE

SB 328-FN, relative to deceptive ticket sale practices.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Chandley for the committee.

SB 436-FN, relative to maximum benefits payable in unemployment compensation.

No Recommendation, Vote 2-2.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

SB 516-FN, relative to prohibiting collective bargaining agreements that require employees to join a labor union.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

SB 519-FN, relative to evictions based on the owner's intent to renovate the property.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Soucy for the committee.

SB 588-FN, relative to employer notice of veterans' benefits and services.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Soucy for the committee.

EDUCATION

SB 341, relative to mandatory disclosure by school district employees to parents.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-1.

Senator Lang for the committee.

SB 375, relative to biological sex in student athletics.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2.

Senator Ward for the committee.

SB 523-FN, relative to the regulation of public school library materials.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2.

Senator Lang for the committee.

SB 524, relative to women's sports.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Lang for the committee.

SB 525-FN, relative to administration of the education freedom accounts program.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-1.

Senator Ward for the committee.

ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

SB 538-L, relative to zoning procedures concerning residential housing.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-1.

Senator Perkins Kwoka for the committee.

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

SB 539-FN-A-L, establishing a procedure for the department of environmental services to transfer ownership of dams to municipalities or others, including making loans.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

HB 458, reestablishing the commission to study the assessing of power generation.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

FINANCE

SB 342-FN, relative to school building aid funding.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-2.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

SB 350-FN, relative to gap health insurance coverage for prima facie presumptive conditions for emergency response/public safety workers.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 7-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

SB 358-FN, relative to invalidating out-of-state driver's licenses issued to undocumented immigrants.
Ought to Pass, Vote 4-2.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

SB 362-FN, relative to body-worn cameras.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0.

Senator Innis for the committee.

SB 366-FN, relative to restricting the purchase of real property on or around military installations.

Ought to Pass, Vote 6-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

SB 404-FN, relative to expanding child care professionals' eligibility for the child care scholarship program.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 6-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

SB 432-FN, relative to advanced deposit account wagering and establishing a charitable third party financial intermediary program.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0.

Senator Rosenwald for the committee.

SB 455-FN, relative to Medicaid reimbursement rates for prosthetic and orthotic devices.

Ought to Pass, Vote 6-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

SB 487-FN, relative to the division of personnel in the department of administrative services.

Ought to Pass, Vote 6-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

SB 508-FN, relative to the duties of the superintendent of the county department of corrections concerning mental health and substance use disorder screening of inmates and coordination for services upon reentry into the community.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

SB 511-FN, relative to salt reduction in Merrimack.

Interim Study, Vote 7-0.

Senator Innis for the committee.

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

Interim Study, Vote 7-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

SB 522-FN-A, relative to establishing an early childhood education scholarship account and making an appropriation therefor.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-2.

Senator Gray for the committee.

SB 583-FN, relative to including active duty military status on drivers licenses.

Interim Study, Vote 7-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SB 400, relative to patient access to medical records.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

SB 406-FN-A, relative to emergency housing assistance and making an appropriation therefor.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

SB 556-FN, relative to insurance reimbursement for health services provided by advanced practice registered nurses.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-1.

Senator Prentiss for the committee.

JUDICIARY

SB 423, relative to mandatory disclosure of insurance policy limits.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

SB 459-FN, relative to the presumption of harm under the child protection act.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-1.

Senator Carson for the committee.

SB 462, relative to removing the cap on damages for wrongful death loss of consortium claims.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-1.

Senator Carson for the committee.

SB 562-FN, relative to state recognition of biological sex.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

SB 593, relative to possession of firearms in safe school zones.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

WAYS AND MEANS

SB 586, relative to tax exempt status for the International Order of Odd Fellows.

Interim Study, Vote 4-0.

Senator Rosenwald for the committee.

HB 1203, relative to prohibiting the charging of rent to charities by charitable gaming facilities.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-0.

Senator Lang for the committee.

AMENDMENTS

Commerce

February 20, 2024

2024-0792s

08/02

Amendment to SB 328-FN

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

1 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) “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.

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

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

(4) “Speculative ticket” means a ticket that is not in the actual or constructive possession of a reseller at the time of sale. “Speculative ticket” includes a ticket sold by a reseller that, at the time of resale:

(A) Is not in the physical possession of the reseller;

(B) Is not owned by the reseller; or

(C) Is not under contract to be transferred to the reseller.

(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 operated for consumers to make an initial purchase of tickets, or an agent of any of the persons listed in this subparagraph.

(b) This paragraph applies only to secondary ticket exchanges, ticket issuers, and resellers. The listing for a ticket and each step of a transaction to purchase a ticket shall:

- (1) Clearly and conspicuously disclose the total price of the ticket, including all fees and taxes;
- (2) Provide an itemized listing of all charges that comprise the total price of the ticket, including all fees and taxes; and
- (3) Identify the seat number and zone or section of the ticket, to the extent applicable to the seat and venue.

(c) A reseller shall provide the ticket issuer with the contact information of the resale ticket purchaser to enable the ticket issuer to notify the resale ticket purchaser of any change in the event circumstances, such as an event cancellation or rescheduling.

(d) This paragraph shall not apply to a fee that a secondary ticket exchange may charge for the service of providing a marketplace for the resale of a ticket. Except as provided in this paragraph, the total price at which a reseller may sell or offer to sell a ticket shall not exceed the total price of the initial ticket, including all fees and taxes in connection with the initial ticket. If initial tickets were purchased for a series of events, such as season tickets for a sports team, the total resale price of a ticket for a single event shall not exceed the total price of a comparable ticket, including all fees and taxes. The fee that a secondary ticket exchange may charge for the service of providing a marketplace for the resale of a ticket shall not exceed 10 percent of the total price of the initial ticket. Subject to reasonable restrictions imposed by a ticket issuer, a person shall not prohibit or restrict the transfer or resale of a ticket that was made available to the general public for purchase.

(e) A reseller shall not sell or offer to sell speculative tickets

(f) A secondary ticket exchange shall not provide a marketplace for the resale of a ticket that violates this section.

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

2024-0792s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill regulates secondary ticket exchanges, ticket issuers, and resellers and prohibits speculative ticket sales.

Senate Education
February 20, 2024
2024-0786s
02/05

Amendment to SB 341

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

1 Short Title. This act shall be known as the Honesty and Transparency in Education Act.

2 New Section; Communications Between Teachers and Parents. Amend RSA 189 by inserting after section 13-c the following new section:

189:13-d Communications Between Teachers and Parents.

I. Educators credentialed by the New Hampshire department of education shall have a duty to respond to written inquiries by parents regarding material information relating to their child enrolled in that educator's school. Such response to a written request shall be sent within 10 business days of its receipt and be answered completely and honestly to the extent permitted by state or federal law.

II. If, in the good faith determination of the credential holder, such complete and honest response to a request would put the student at imminent risk of physical harm, abuse, or neglect, such credential holder shall file a report with the department of health and human services within 48 hours of such determination in accordance with RSA 169-C:30, and may withhold only the information that creates the risk.

III. On or before June 30, 2025, the state board of education shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, amending the code of ethics and the code of conduct for New Hampshire educators relative to this section.

IV. Violation of this section shall be considered a violation of the code of conduct for New Hampshire educators and subject to investigation, in accordance with administrative rules, against that credential holder.

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

Senate Finance
March 20, 2024
2024-1270s
05/08

Amendment to SB 350-FN

Amend RSA 281-A:17-f, I as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. The employer shall maintain any health insurance benefit at the value of a single employee insurance premium until such time that the commissioner makes a final determination, including any appeal.

Health and Human Services
March 20, 2024
2024-1266s
05/02

Amendment to SB 354-FN

Amend RSA 415:28, II as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. When calculating an enrollee's overall contribution to any cost-sharing requirements under an individual or group policy, plan, or contract of accident or health insurance providing benefits for medical or hospital expenses, the insurer or pharmacy benefit manager shall include any amounts paid by the enrollee or paid on behalf of the enrollee. This requirement shall not apply in the case of a prescription drug for which there is a generic alternative, unless the insured has obtained prior authorization, a step therapy protocol, or the insurer's exceptions and appeals process. If under federal law, application of this requirement would result in health savings account ineligibility with section 223 of the federal Internal Revenue Code, this requirement shall apply for health savings account-qualified high deductible health plans with respect to the deductible of such a plan after the enrollee has satisfied the minimum deductible under section 223, except for with respect to items or services that are preventive care pursuant to section 223(c)(2)(C) of the federal Internal Revenue Code, in which case the requirements of this paragraph shall apply regardless of whether the minimum deductible under section 223 has been satisfied.

Amend RSA 420-A:33, II as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. Every health service corporation and every similar corporation licensed under the laws of another state that issues or renews any policy, plan, or contract of individual or group accident or health insurance providing benefits for medical or hospital expenses, or pharmacy benefit manager when calculating an enrollee's overall contribution to any cost-sharing requirements shall include any amounts paid by the enrollee or paid on behalf of the enrollee. This requirement shall not apply in the case of a prescription drug for which there is a generic alternative, unless the insured has obtained prior authorization, a step therapy protocol, or the insurer's exceptions and appeals process. If under federal law, application of this requirement would result in health savings account ineligibility with section 223 of the federal Internal Revenue Code, this requirement shall apply for health savings account-qualified high deductible health plans with respect to the deductible of such a plan after the enrollee has satisfied the minimum deductible under section 223, except for with respect to items or services that are preventive care pursuant to section 223(c)(2)(C) of the federal Internal Revenue Code, in which case the requirements of this paragraph shall apply regardless of whether the minimum deductible under section 223 has been satisfied.

Amend the bill by replacing section 3 with the following:

3 New Section; Health Maintenance Organizations; Fairness in Cost-Sharing Calculations. Amend RSA 420-B by inserting after section 26 the following new section:

420-B:27 Fairness in Cost-Sharing Calculations.

I. "Cost-sharing requirements" has the same meaning as in RSA 415:28.

II. Every health maintenance organization and every similar corporation licensed under the laws of another state that issues or renews any policy, plan, or contract of individual or group health insurance providing benefits for medical or hospital expenses, or pharmacy benefit manager when calculating an enrollee's overall contribution to any cost-sharing requirements shall include any amounts paid by the enrollee or paid on behalf of the enrollee. This requirement shall not apply in the case of a prescription drug for which there is a generic alternative, unless the insured has obtained prior authorization, a step therapy protocol, or the insurer's exceptions and appeals process. If under federal law, application of this requirement would result in health savings account ineligibility with section 223 of the federal Internal Revenue Code, this requirement shall apply for health savings account-qualified high deductible health plans with respect to the deductible of such a plan after the enrollee has satisfied the minimum deductible under section 223, except for with respect to items or services that are preventive care pursuant to section 223(c)(2)(C) of the federal Internal Revenue Code, in which case the requirements of this paragraph shall apply regardless of whether the minimum deductible under section 223 has been satisfied.

III. When applying paragraph II to the calculation of an enrollee or insured's contribution to the annual limitation on cost-sharing set forth in 42 U.S.C. sections 18022(c) and 300gg-6(b), an individual or group policy, plan, or contract of accident or health insurance, or pharmacy benefit manager shall include expenditures for any item or service covered by such insurer or pharmacy benefit manager and included within a category of essential health benefits as described in 42 U.S.C. section 18022(b)(1).

Senate Executive Departments and Administration
 March 27, 2024
 2024-1364s
 11/05

Amendment to SB 373

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

1 State Building Code Amendment. The state building code review board shall amend the International Energy Conservation Code 2018, R402.4.1.2 to read as follows:

The building or dwelling unit shall be tested for air leakage. The maximum air leakage rate for any building or dwelling unit under any compliance path shall not exceed 5.0 air changes per hour or 0.28 cubic feet per minute (CFM) per square foot [0.0079 m³/(s × m²)] of dwelling unit enclosure area. Testing shall be conducted in accordance with ANSI/RESNET/ICC 380, ASTM E779 or ASTM E1827 and reported at a pressure of 0.2 inch w.g. (50 Pascals). Notwithstanding any other building code requirements, the air exchange rate shall be set to no more than 5.

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

Senate Education
 March 26, 2024
 2024-1335s
 02/08

Amendment to SB 375

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

1 Short Title. This act shall be known as the Protection of Women's Sports Act.

2 New Chapter; School Athletics. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 193-J the following new chapter:

CHAPTER 193-K SCHOOL ATHLETICS

193-K:1 School Athletics Designated by Biological Sex.

I. Any interscholastic, intercollegiate, athletic team, sport, or athletic event that is sponsored or sanctioned by a school, school district, or organization under the control of the state board of education, or an institution of higher education under either the university system or the community college system shall be designated as one of the following, based on the biological sex at birth of the participating athletes:

- (a) Females, women, or girls;
- (b) Males, men, or boys; or
- (c) Coeducational, mixed, or unified.

II. This chapter shall not apply to grades K-5.

III. This chapter shall not apply to intramural or club sports.

IV. For purposes of this section, biological sex is either female or male as described by the sex listed on the athlete's official birth certificate issued at or near the time of the athlete's birth.

V. Any team, sport, or athletic event designated for females, women, or girls shall only be open to students of the female sex.

VI. Any team, sport, or athletic event designated for males, men, or boys shall be open to students of either sex.

VII. Any school, school district, activities association, or organization under the control of the state board of education, or an institution of higher education under either the university system or the community college system that provides locker room facilities in connection with an athletic event shall provide separate facilities for male and female participants based on the biological sex.

193-K:2 Cause of Action for Affected Athlete.

I. Any athlete who suffers direct or indirect harm as a result of a violation of RSA 193-K:1, shall have a private cause of action for injunctive relief and any other equitable relief available under law, against the school, school district, activities association or organization, or institution of higher education that caused the harm.

II. Any athlete who is subjected to retaliation or other adverse action by a school, school district, activities association or organization, or institution of higher education as a result of reporting a violation of RSA 193-K:1 to an employee or representative of the school, school district, activities association or organization, institution of higher education, or to a state or federal governmental entity having oversight authority, shall have a private cause of action for injunctive relief and any other equitable relief available under law, against the school, school district, activities association or organization, or institution of higher education.

III. Any party prevailing on a claim brought under this section shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

193-K:3 Limitations Upon Actions; Attorney's Fees.

No governmental entity, school, school district, or institution of higher education shall be liable to any athlete for its compliance with RSA 193-K:1.

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

2024-1335s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires school sports teams to be expressly designated as male, female, or coed, prohibits biologically male students from participating in female designated sports or entering female locker rooms, and creates a cause of action for athletes harmed as a result of violations of these requirements.

Health and Human Services

March 20, 2024

2024-1265s

05/08

Amendment to SB 400

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

1 Medical Records. RSA 332-I:1, I is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

I. All medical information contained in the medical records in the possession of any health care provider, or in the possession of any third-party vendor with whom a health care provider contracts to store, handle,

and issue copies of such medical records, shall be deemed to be the property of the patient. The patient or the patient's requestor shall be entitled to a copy of such records upon request, as regulated by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as amended ("HIPAA").

(a) For purposes of this section, a "requestor" means the patient, the patient's personal representative, an individual authorized to access the patient's medical record through a valid power of attorney, or the patient's attorney.

(b) For any request made by a requestor, the cost for electronic copies of the patient's medical records, and all related services, shall not exceed \$6.50, and the cost for paper copies of the patient's medical records, and all related services, shall not exceed \$5 for the first page, \$.41 per page for pages 2 through 50, and \$.30 per page for pages 51 and higher, not to exceed a total cost of \$50.

(c) If a patient's medical records are stored and available in an electronic format, they shall be provided in that format to the requestor. Records which are stored and available in an electronic format shall not be printed and provided in paper format unless specifically requested in paper format by the requestor.

(d) All records being provided pursuant to requests by a requestor shall be provided to the requestor within 30 days of the receipt of the request, and any records not provided within 30 days shall be provided at no cost, absent an independent intervening force majeure which renders the requested records inaccessible, irretrievable, or undeliverable within this 30-day timeframe.

(e) If an incomplete copy of the requested medical records is provided, and additional requests are required to obtain a complete copy of the originally requested medical records, any records provided pursuant to those additional requests shall be provided at no cost.

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

Senate Finance
March 26, 2024
2024-1344s
05/06

Amendment to SB 404-FN

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

AN ACT directing the department of health and human services to submit a report regarding the establishment of a child care workforce child care assistance pilot program.

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

1 Child Care Assistance Pilot Program; Reporting Requirement. The department of health and human services shall provide a report relative to the establishment of a child care workforce child care assistance pilot program to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the chairpersons of the senate and house committees with jurisdiction over health and human services, the senate clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library. This report shall contain a budget proposal for the establishment of a child care workforce child care assistance pilot program within the department of health and human services, and shall be submitted on or before November 1, 2024.

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

2024-1344s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill directs the department of health and human services to submit a report and budget proposal regarding the establishment of a child care workforce child care assistance pilot program.

Health and Human Services
March 20, 2024
2024-1268s
05/06

Amendment to SB 406-FN-A

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

AN ACT making an appropriation to the department of health and human services to increase rates for shelter programs.

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

1 Department of Health and Human Services; Appropriation; Shelter Programs.

I. The sum of \$2,500,000 is hereby appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, to the department of health and human services for the purpose of increasing rates paid to shelter programs. Said sum shall not lapse until June 30, 2025. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

II. Programs receiving funding under paragraph I shall, to the greatest extent practicable, prioritize veterans in the distribution of services and shall not knowingly provide services to any person not legally present in the United States.

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

2024-1268s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill makes an appropriation to the department of health and human services to increase rates for shelter programs.

Health and Human Services

March 20, 2024

2024-1267s

05/08

Amendment to SB 411-FN

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

AN ACT establishing a committee to study emergency mental health services for persons 21 years of age and younger in New Hampshire.

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

1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study emergency mental health services for persons 21 years of age and younger in New Hampshire.

2 Membership and Compensation.

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

(a) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

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

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

3 Duties. The committee shall:

I. Review current New Hampshire behavioral health laws as they relate to persons 21 years of age or younger;

II. Review insurance coverage and policies related to insurance coverage for all aspects of behavioral health for persons 21 years of age or younger in New Hampshire, including network adequacy;

III. Review insurance claims data for all aspects behavioral health for persons 21 years of age or younger in New Hampshire;

IV. Assess whether a lack of coverage exists for any aspects of behavioral health for persons 21 years of age or younger in New Hampshire;

V. Assess whether issues of parity compliance may exist for any aspects of behavioral health coverage for persons 21 years of age or younger in New Hampshire;

VI. Solicit testimony from any person or organization with relevant information or expertise; and

VII. Assess and recommend legislation to address behavioral health gaps in insurance coverage for behavioral health for persons 21 years of age or younger.

4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named senate member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Four members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

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

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

2024-1267s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study emergency mental health services for persons 21 years of age and younger in New Hampshire.

Senate Judiciary
March 27, 2024
2024-1357s
11/08

Amendment to SB 413-FN

Amend the bill by replacing section 2 with the following:

2 New Paragraphs; Hazardous Waste Fund Cleanup. Amend RSA 147-B:2 by inserting after paragraph VIII-i the following new paragraphs:

VIII-j. "PFAS" means all perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

VIII-k. "Perfluoroalkyl substance" means a chemical of which all of the alkyl carbon atoms are fully fluorinated carbon atoms.

VIII-l. "Polyfluoroalkyl substance" means a chemical containing at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom and at least one carbon atom that is not a fully fluorinated carbon atom.

VIII-m. "PFAS facility" means any site, area, or location where PFAS is or has been used in a manufacturing process.

VIII-n. "Manufacturing process" means a process that turns raw materials into a finished product.

Amend the bill by replacing section 3 with the following:

3 Strict Liability; Civil Action. Amend RSA 147-B:10, I(d) to read as follows:

(d) Accepts or accepted any hazardous waste or hazardous material for transport to disposal or treatment facilities or sites selected by such person, shall be strictly liable for all costs incurred by the state in responding to a release or threatened release of hazardous waste or hazardous material at or from the facility as specified in paragraph II **and shall be strictly liable for containment, cleanup, restoration, or other remediation related to the release or threatened release of hazardous waste or hazardous material in accordance with applicable law and departmental rules.**

Amend the bill by replacing section 5 with the following:

5 New Paragraph; Strict Liability; Civil Action; PFAS Facilities. Amend RSA 147-B:10 by inserting after paragraph VII the following new paragraph:

VIII. Any person who owns or operates a PFAS facility where a release or releases of PFAS at or from such PFAS facility have resulted in total combined concentrations in groundwater or surface water of 10,000 ng/l (parts per trillion) or greater of PFAS compounds for which ambient groundwater quality standards have been established pursuant to RSA 485-C, or who owned or operated a PFAS facility at the time of such

a release or releases, shall be subject to the provisions of RSA 147-B:10 and RSA 147-B:10-a. However, any public water system as defined by RSA 485:1-a, XV, wastewater treatment plant as defined by RSA 485-A:2, XVI-a, or facility permitted pursuant to RSA 149-M:9 shall be exempt from the provisions of this paragraph. Nothing herein shall be interpreted to limit the applicability of RSA 147-B:10 or RSA 147-B:10-a to releases of PFAS otherwise subject to such sections.

Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 485:58, VIII as inserted by section 7 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

VIII. Notwithstanding RSA 507:7-e, I-III, and in addition to any other available remedies, where a property owner demonstrates by a preponderance of the evidence that contamination emanating from a PFAS facility subject to RSA 147-B:10, VIII caused contamination of the property owner's drinking water at a level at or above state or federal maximum contaminant levels, the owner or operator of such PFAS facility shall be jointly and severally liable for:

Amend the bill by deleting paragraph IX as inserted by section 7 and renumbering the original paragraph X to read as IX.

Senate Judiciary

March 13, 2024

2024-1119s

02/06

Amendment to SB 423

Amend RSA 402:85, I as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. Upon written request by a claimant or the claimant's attorney, an insurer doing business in this state shall provide the claimant or the claimant's attorney with the liability coverage limits of that insurer's insured. The insurer shall provide the liability coverage limits within 60 days of receipt of the written request. The claimant or claimant's attorney receiving the liability coverage limits shall utilize the liability coverage limits only in connection with the claim or lawsuit which pertains to the insured.

Election Law and Municipal Affairs

March 28, 2024

2024-1369s

11/05

Amendment to SB 448-FN

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

1 Town of Haverhill; Woodsville Fire District. 1887, 204:1 - 204:4, as amended by 1899, 196:1 - 196:4; 1913, 313:1; 1990, 37:1; 2009, 147:1; and 2021, 124:1, is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 1. The Woodsville fire district is hereby established as a village district governed by RSA chapter 52 and shall have all the rights, duties, and obligations of a village district pursuant to such chapter. The district shall be a body corporate and politic pursuant to such chapter. Woodsville is established for the purposes set forth in RSA 52:1, I(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (k), (m) and (n).

Section 2. The board of commissioners, and all other officers and officials of the Woodsville fire district, shall have and hold their offices of the village district as though duly elected or appointed pursuant to RSA chapter 52, until the next duly called annual meeting.

Section 3. The boundaries of the district shall be co-extensive with the boundaries of the existing fire district established by the town of Haverhill board of selectmen on or about December 1, 1990.

Section 4. All obligations and liabilities of the fire district shall be the obligations and liabilities of the village district. All legal or equitable interests in property of any kind, wherever located and by whomever held belonging to the existing fire district shall vest, subject to all liens, claims and encumbrances, in the village district.

2 Repeal. 1887, 204:5 – 204:13, as amended by 1899, 196:5-196:13, relative to the Woodsville fire district, is repealed.

3 New Section; Town and Village District Expenses. Amend RSA 52 by inserting after section 52:1-a the following new section:

52:1-b Town and Village District Expenses. Any village district organized under the provisions of this chapter may at a regular or special village district meeting vote to cooperate or act jointly with other village districts or with towns to defray expenses and take other appropriate action necessary to protect its interest in connection with purposes stated in RSA 52:1, I(a)-(n) for state and local issues. Such village districts may enter into such agreements pursuant to RSA 53-A.

4 Highway Maintenance and Fire Protection Responsibilities; Woodsville Fire District.

I. Each year, the Woodsville fire district and not the town of Haverhill is responsible for maintenance of class IV and V highways within its limits:

(a) The town shall compensate the district an amount determined by the following formula:

(1) For each mile of class IV and V highway in the district, the district shall receive 50 percent of the average cost for Haverhill to maintain the class IV and class V highways in the previous year, as determined by Haverhill's per mile expenditures for highway operations as reported to the department of revenue administration; and

(2) The district shall receive 50 percent of the amount determined by a fraction of the cost, calculated with reference to subparagraph (b), to maintain class IV and V highways, the numerator of which shall be the assessed valuation of the properties in the district, and the denominator of which shall be the assessed valuation of the properties in the entire town of Haverhill as determined annually from the town's prior year MS-1 form.

(b) The calculation of the cost to maintain class IV and V highways set forth in subparagraphs (a)(1) and (2) shall include items, including but not limited to, the cost of labor (including benefits), road maintenance contracts, insurance, first line supervision, materials, maintenance of equipment, and depreciation of equipment. The calculation of cost shall not include any amount for highway capital projects.

(c) The district shall also receive a share of the state highway block grant funds received by the town in the previous year, calculated according to the formulas in RSA 235:23, but based on population and road mileage of the district compared to the population and road mileage of the entire town of Haverhill.

(d) If district residents vote at an annual district meeting or special meeting to relinquish to the town of Haverhill the district's responsibility respecting highways within its limits, such vote shall take effect at the start of the next fiscal year, provided such date is at least 3 months from the vote.

II. Each year the Woodsville fire district and not the town of Haverhill is responsible for fire protection within its limits.

(a) The town shall compensate the district as follows:

(1) For every square mile of area covered by the district, one half of the average cost for Haverhill to provide fire protection per square mile, in the previous year, for the area covered by the town fire department; and

(2) For every resident covered by the district fire department, one half of the average cost per capita to provide fire protection, in the previous year, to the residents covered by the town fire department.

The cost to provide fire protection in subparagraphs (a)(1) and (2) shall be the total gross fire budget of the town from the previous year.

(b) If district residents vote at an annual district meeting or special meeting to relinquish to the town of Haverhill the district's responsibility respecting fire protection within its limits, such vote shall take effect at the start of the next fiscal year, provided such date is at least 3 months from the vote.

5 Applicability. Section 4 of this act shall apply to the town of Haverhill and the Woodsville fire district and is suspended if agreements pursuant to RSA 52:1-b and RSA 53-A covering the issues in section 4 are in effect.

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

2024-1369s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes the Woodsville Fire District as a village district, with all rights, duties, and obligations of such a district. The bill also allocates responsibility for highway maintenance and fire protection between the district and town of Haverhill.

Senate Judiciary
 March 13, 2024
 2024-1112s
 09/08

Amendment to SB 462

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

AN ACT relative to raising the cap on damages for wrongful death loss of consortium claims.

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Probate Courts and Decedents' Estates; Suits by and Against Administrators; Damages for Wrongful Death, Elements. Amend RSA 556:12 to read as follows:

556:12 Damages for Wrongful Death, Elements.

I. If the administrator of the deceased party is plaintiff, and the death of such party was caused by the injury complained of in the action, the mental and physical pain suffered by the deceased in consequence of the injury, the reasonable expenses occasioned to the estate by the injury, the probable duration of life but for the injury, and the capacity to earn money during the deceased party's probable working life, may be considered as elements of damage in connection with other elements allowed by law, in the same manner as if the deceased had survived.

II. In addition, the trier of fact may award damages to a surviving spouse of the decedent for the loss of the comfort, society, and companionship of the deceased; however, where fault on the part of the decedent or the surviving spouse is found to have caused, in whole or in part, the loss complained of, damages recoverable shall be subject to diminution to the extent and in the manner provided for in RSA 507:7-d. In no event shall damages awarded under this paragraph exceed [~~\$150,000~~] **\$500,000**.

III. In addition, where the decedent is a parent of a minor child or children, the trier of fact may award damages to such child or children for the loss of familial relationship, whether caused intentionally or by negligent interference; where the decedent is a minor child with a surviving parent or parents, the trier of fact may award damages to such parent or parents for the loss of familial relationship, whether caused intentionally or by negligent interference. However, where fault on the part of the decedent or the claimant is found to have caused, in whole or in part, the loss complained of, damages recoverable shall be subject to diminution to the extent and in the manner provided for in RSA 507:7-d. For purposes of this paragraph, loss of familial relationship shall include the loss of the comfort, society, affection, guidance, and companionship of the deceased. In no event shall damages awarded under this paragraph exceed [~~\$50,000~~] **\$300,000** per individual claimant.

2024-1112s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill raises the cap on damages for wrongful death loss of consortium claims.

Senate Education
 March 26, 2024
 2024-1337s
 02/06

Amendment to SB 523-FN

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

AN ACT relative to the regulation of public school materials.

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

1 New Section; Prohibition of Materials Harmful to Minors in Schools. Amend RSA 189 by inserting after section 74 the following new section:

189:75 Prohibition of Materials Harmful to Minors in Schools.

I. For purposes of this section, “material” shall mean any printed matter, visual presentation, web-based content, live performance, or sound recording, including, but not limited to, books, magazines, motion picture films or videos, pamphlets, phonographic records, pictures, drawings, photographs, figures, statues, plays, dances, or other representations that are provided by the school district or by school employees, volunteers, guests, or speakers.

II. No later than November 1, 2025, each local school board shall adopt a policy describing the materials that are authorized to be used by, circulated to, and/or accessed by, students in the local school district. The policy shall be posted on the district website.

III. No later than November 1, 2025, each local school board shall adopt a procedure to be used to address complaints submitted by parents or guardians alleging that material that 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, 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 10 school 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 15 school 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 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.

(f) The complainant may appeal the determination of the principal or designee to the school board within 20 calendar days of receipt of the determination of the principal or designee, or at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the school board, whichever comes first.

(g) The local 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 by placing a copy of the work, instructions describing how to access the work, at the front reception desk of the school building where the work was found.

(i) Within 15 calendar days of the meeting at which the appeal is heard, the local school board issue a written decision that: (1) is signed by all school board members voting in the majority to affirm, reverse or modify the decision of the principal; (2) contains a certification signed by each school board member affirming that before voting on the matter, the school board member has personally familiarized himself or herself with the material in question; and (3) describes the reason(s) for the school board’s decision with reference to: (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 school board reached its conclusions; and (3) an explanation of the value the school board finds the material provides.

IV. All decisions of the principal or designee and the school board, and any communications relating thereto, shall be considered public records pursuant to RSA 91-A.

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

2024-1337s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires local school districts to adopt and publicly post policies describing materials authorized for use by students in the district and outlining procedures to address complaints alleging that material is harmful or age-inappropriate for use in the district's schools.

Election Law and Municipal Affairs

March 19, 2024

2024-1217s

08/05

Amendment to SB 534-FN

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

1 Applicability of Chapter; Political Expenditures and Contributions. Amend RSA 664:1 to read as follows:

664:1 Applicability of Chapter.

The provisions of this chapter shall apply to all state primary, general, and special elections, but shall only apply to presidential preference primaries as provided in this section. The provisions relating to political advertising, push polling, and enforcement, RSA 664:14 through RSA 664:22, shall additionally apply to presidential primary, city, town, school district~~[-and]~~ **or** village district **meetings or** elections.

2 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 any person publicly declared as such and for whom votes are sought in an election.

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 the success or defeat of any party, measure, candidate, or person at any election.

VII. "Communication" shall include, but not be limited to, publication in any newspaper or other periodical or on any Internet Site, broadcasting on radio, television, or over any public address system, transmission by telephone or facsimile, placement on any billboards, outdoor facilities, window displays, posters, cards, pamphlets, leaflets, flyers, or other circulars, or in any direct mailing.

VIII. "Contribution" means a payment, gift, subscription, assessment, contract, payment for services, dues advance, forbearance, or loan to a candidate or political committee made for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of any candidate. "Contributions" shall include the use of any thing of value, but shall not include the services of volunteers who receive no pay therefor or the use of personal resources by a candidate on behalf of his or her candidacy. Contributions may be used by candidates for expenses incurred by a candidate for child care.

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. "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 does not mention a clearly identified candidate;
- (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.
- (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. "Individual's post office address" means an individual or contributor's street address of their domicile or their post office box, if any, city, state, and zip code. "Individual's post office address" shall not mean:

- (a) An individual's business address.

(b) An individual's vacation home address or rental property address when the home or rental property is owned, but not occupied by the contributor.

(c) 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 promoting the success or defeat of any candidate for public office or measure by any means, including 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 calls that last less than 2 minutes in presidential, gubernatorial, United States senatorial, or United States congressional elections; or conducting such calling as part of a series of like telephone calls that consist of more than 500 connected calls that last less than 2 minutes in executive council, state senate, city, town, school district, or village district elections; or conducting such calling as part of a series of like telephone calls that consist of more than 200 connected calls 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 thing 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. 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, 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.

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 candidate committee.

3 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 in 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 in 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.

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.

4 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, party or cause, for the purpose of ***promoting the success or defeat*** of any candidate or political party.

5 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.***

6 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 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.

7 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 in 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.”

8 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-b*** before and after an election in like manner and detail as prescribed in RSA 664:6, ***I-VI*** [~~H, H-a, H, IV, and V~~, excepting, however, the expenditures of political committees of the party to which the candidate belongs in elections other than primaries].**

9 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.***

10 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 H~~] ***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 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 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 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 to receive gifts or contributions or make expenditures on behalf of such person 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.

11 Statements of Receipts and Expenditures Filed Electronically. RSA 664:9-b is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

664:9-b Statements of Receipts and Expenditures Filed Electronically.

A political committee or a candidate shall electronically file their statements of receipts and expenditures, as required by RSA 664:6, 664:7, and 664:7-b, by uploading the statement to the secretary of state’s campaign finance system through its website. The committee or candidate may publicly release receipt and expenditure information under this section more frequently than is required by RSA 664:6, 664:7, and 664:7-b provided the receipt and expenditure report is up to date when due. Statements of receipts and expenditures, as required by RSA 664:6, 664:7, and 664:7-b, may also be filed by **delivering the report to the secretary of state’s office, by U.S. Mail**, or [~~means of~~] electronic mail to elections@sos.nh.gov through the end of the 2024 election cycle. Statements filed via the campaign finance system shall be publicly available on the secretary of state’s website. Statements filed via electronic mail shall be publicly available on the secretary of state’s website within 7 days after the statement is filed.

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 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, 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**. [~~AH] 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 committee who received or pays out any money in behalf of said committee to make such a report or to cause the same to be made. No member of such committee shall make or permit any unlawful expenditure or act by said 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 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.

II. 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.

III. 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 meeting or election.

IV. Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to a lone individual who independently authors, produces, and distributes political advertising in the form of a leaflet, pamphlet, and handbill.

V. In the case of printed or written matter, the signature and address of the signer shall be printed or written in a size of type or lettering large enough to be clearly legible.

VI.(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.

VII. 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.

VIII. 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.

IX. Any advertising 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."

X. 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] **to a** telephone by:

(a) A candidate or political committee; or

(b) Any person when the content of the message expressly or implicitly advocates the success or defeat of any party, measure, or person at any election, or contains information about any candidate 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 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 in 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 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.

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

IX. Any individual, 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.

18 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 664:9-a, relative to itemized statements filed by facsimile transmission.

IV. RSA 664:10, relative to social activities.

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

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Amendment to SB 537-FN

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

1 Absentee Voting; Procedure by Clerk. Amend RSA 657:18 to read as follows:

657:18 Procedure by Clerk. Upon receipt of an outer envelope purporting to contain an official absentee voting ballot, the clerk of the city or town shall, subject to RSA 657:16, attach thereto the application for an absentee ballot submitted by said voter and record the information pursuant to RSA 657:15. All such envelopes shall be preserved unopened until election day **except as provided by RSA 659:49-b**.

2 Opening Absentee Ballot Outer Envelopes. RSA 659:49-b is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

659:49-b Opening Absentee Ballot Outer Envelopes.

The outer Envelopes of absentee ballots may be opened by:

I. The town or city clerk or their designee on dates specified by the clerk. The clerk shall schedule at least 2 dates to open absentee ballot outer envelopes in the 3 weeks prior to the election. Clerk shall post, at least 5 days prior to the dates in an appropriate public place a notice of the time and place of the opening of the outer envelopes. After the outer envelope has been opened, the affidavit envelope shall be examined for errors that could cause the absentee ballot to be rejected. If errors are found, the clerk shall use information such as phone number or email address to contact the voter and notify them of the error and possible corrective actions. Affidavit envelopes shall be secured until it is processed pursuant to RSA 659:50 or RSA 659:55-a.

II. The moderator or the moderator's designee during partial processing of absentee ballots prior to an election as authorized in RSA 659:55-a. After the outer envelope has been opened, the affidavit on the inner envelope shall be examined, the voter's name shall be announced, an opportunity for a challenge of the ballot shall be given. Information on the checklist for the absentee voter may be highlighted to help facilitate processing of the ballot on election day. If correctable affidavit errors are found, the clerk shall use information such as phone number or email address to contact the voter and notify them of the error and possible corrective actions. Affidavit envelopes shall be secured until it is processed pursuant to RSA 659:50.

III. The moderator or the moderator's designee may open absentee ballot outer envelopes on election day at any time after the opening of the polls. Affidavit envelopes shall be secured until it is processed pursuant to RSA 659:50.

3 New Section; Partial Processing of Absentee Ballots Prior to an Election. Amend RSA 659 by inserting after section 55-a the following new section:

659:55-a Partial Processing of Absentee Ballots Prior to an Election.

I. The moderator, or his or her designee, may begin the processing of absentee ballots prior to the opening of the polls, in accordance with RSA 659:49-b, provided that the clerk shall post, at least 5 days prior to processing, in an appropriate public place and prior to election day, notice of the time and place of the processing. If the moderator chooses to do so it shall be posted in 2 appropriate public places, one of which shall be the public body's Internet website, if such exists, or shall be printed in a newspaper of general circulation in the city or town at least 48 hours, excluding Sundays and legal holidays, prior to such meeting. A copy of the notice shall be provided to the secretary of state. The partial processing of absentee ballots prior to an election shall occur on the Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Monday prior to the date of the election after the posting of the checklist. The moderator shall be assisted by at least 3 other election officers as defined under RSA 652:14. Members of the general public may observe this process. Under no circumstances shall absentee ballots be counted prior to the closing of the polls.

II. Once notice of the processing has been posted, all absentee ballots received shall be partially processed. Only one session for the partial processing of absentee ballots may be scheduled prior to an election.

III. Except as otherwise provided, the moderator, or his or her designee, shall adhere to the procedures detailed in RSA 659:49-b, RSA 659:50, RSA 659:51, RSA 659:52, RSA 659:53, RSA 659:54, RSA 659:54-a, RSA 666:4, and RSA 666:5.

4 Absentee Ballots and Related Materials; Outer Envelopes. Amend RSA 657:7, II and III to read as follows:

II. Affidavit envelopes of sufficient size to contain the ballots on which shall be printed the following:

YOUR COMPLETED ABSENTEE BALLOT MUST BE SEALED IN THIS ENVELOPE

I do hereby certify under the penalties for voting fraud set forth below that:

I am a voter in the city or town of _____, New Hampshire.

One of the following applies to me:

1) I will be absent on election day. Absence includes:

a) I will be out-of-town on election day.

b) I will be unable to vote in person because I will be working.

c) I will be unable to vote in person because I will be caring for children or infirm adults, with or without compensation.

d) I am voting absentee on the Monday immediately before the election, the National Weather Service has issued a winter storm warning, blizzard warning, or ice storm warning that applies to my town/ward, and I have concerns for traveling in the storm.

2) I am unable to vote in person due to disability.

3) I am unable to vote in person due to observance of a religious commitment, which prevents me from voting in person.

4) I am confined to a penal institution for a misdemeanor or while awaiting trial.

I have carefully read or had read to me the absentee voting instructions. I personally marked the absentee ballot enclosed in this envelope or, due to a disability, I had assistance in marking the absentee ballot.

Voter Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Voter Address _____

A person assisting a voter with a disability shall sign this statement on this envelope acknowledging the assistance.

I attest that I assisted (print voter name) _____ because the voter is a person with a disability. I marked the ballot and/or this form as instructed by the voter.

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.

III. Return envelopes of size sufficient to contain the preceding envelope addressed to the town and city clerks of the state in which absentee voters shall return their ballots, ***if such ballots are returned by mail***. On the envelopes shall be printed "Enclosed is the ballot of an absentee voter" and, at the top thereof, 4 blank spaces with the words "Name, Voting Address, Ward, Town or City" appropriately printed thereon. ***Absentee ballots returned to town or city clerks in person shall not be required to be placed in such outer envelopes.***

5 Absentee Voting; Refusal to Certify; Procedure. Amend RSA 657:16 to read as follows:

657:16 Refusal to Certify; Procedure. If he or she refuses to certify the application, the town or city clerk shall notify the applicant in writing within 7 days to that effect. The town or city clerk shall provide the applicant with an absentee ballot and a notice that the ballot will not be counted unless the applicant submits the documents necessary to complete an absentee registration. The applicant shall be advised in writing what documents, if any, have been received in proper form and which the applicant must submit. ***If the applicant submits such documents via mail, he or she shall do so by enclosing them*** in the outer envelope that contains the absentee ballot envelope. ***An applicant hand delivering such documents need not enclose them in the outer envelope.*** The town or city clerk shall mark the absentee ballot application, the absentee ballot affidavit, and the outer envelope, ***if applicable***, with the words "Not Registered." Upon receipt of [an] ***a mailed*** outer envelope marked "Not Registered," the clerk shall open the outer envelope. If the applicant returns the required documents with the absentee ballot by the date set for correcting the checklist under RSA 654:27 and RSA 654:28, the town or city clerk shall forward the registration forms to the supervisors of the checklist and, if the applicant is found to be qualified, the applicant shall be registered and his or her absentee ballot shall be processed in the same manner as the absentee ballot of a previously registered voter. All documents received after the deadline for correcting the checklist under RSA 654:27 and RSA 654:28 shall be processed as election day registrations under RSA 654:7-a. If the ballot is returned without the required documents in proper form, the ballot shall be marked in the manner set forth by law for successfully challenged absentee ballots and preserved in accordance with RSA 33-A:3-a. The clerk shall preserve the application of any applicant who is not registered as a voter until the time set by law for the destruction of the ballots after the election at which time the application shall be destroyed. Any justice of the superior court has jurisdiction in equity upon such notice as he or she may order to require that the name of the person making application for an absentee ballot be placed upon the checklist or registered as a member of any party and be sent an absentee ballot.

6 Absentee Voting; Procedure by Voter. Amend RSA 657:17, I to read as follows:

I. After marking the ballot, the voter or the person assisting a blind voter or voter with a disability who is unable to mark his or her ballot shall enclose and seal the same in an inner envelope. The voter shall execute the affidavit on the envelope. A person assisting a blind voter or voter with a disability who needs assistance executing the affidavit shall sign a statement on the affidavit envelope acknowledging the assistance. **If the voter or the person assisting the blind voter or voter with a disability who needs assistance is mailing the absentee ballot to the town or city clerk, the voter or the person assisting the blind voter or voter with a disability** shall enclose and seal the inner envelope with the affidavit in an outer envelope. The voter or the person assisting a blind voter or voter with a disability shall then endorse on the outer envelope the voter's name, address, and voting place. The absentee ballot shall be delivered to the city or town clerk from whom it was received in one of the following ways:

(a) The voter or the voter's delivery agent may personally deliver the envelope, **in which case the voter or the voter's delivery agent need not enclose the affidavit envelope in the outer envelope**; or

(b) The voter or the person assisting the blind voter or voter with a disability may mail the **ballot and affidavit envelope within the outer** envelope to the city or town clerk, with postage affixed.

7 Processing Absentee Ballots. Amend the introductory paragraph in RSA 659:50, I to read as follows:

I. The moderator shall begin processing absentee ballots by clearly announcing that he or she is about to ~~[open the envelopes]~~ **process the absentee ballots** which were delivered to him or her. The moderator shall then ~~[remove the envelope containing the ballots of each absentee voter and]~~, for those absentee ballots where the absentee voter has not been verified by the clerk as provided in RSA 657:17-a, ~~[shall]~~ compare the signature on the affidavit with the signature on the application for the ballot. If:

8 Effective Date.

I. Sections 1-3 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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

2024-1238s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Allows for the preprocessing of absentee ballots.

II. Removes the requirement that absentee ballots be placed in outer envelopes unless such ballots are mailed to town or city clerks. The bill also allows clerks to open outer envelopes to allow applicants time to cure defects.

Election Law and Municipal Affairs

March 19, 2024

2024-1216s

08/06

Amendment to SB 538-LOCAL

Amend the bill by replacing section 2 with the following:

2 Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive; Tax Relief. Amend RSA 79-E:2, VI(a) to read as follows:

(a) For a qualifying structure, that for a period of time determined by a local governing body in accordance with this chapter, the property tax on a qualifying structure shall not increase as a result of the substantial rehabilitation thereof **or conversion from office, industrial, or commercial use to residential use**.

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 6 with the following:

7 New Section; Local Land Use and Regulatory Powers; On-site Parking Requirements. Amend RSA 674 by inserting after section 16 the following new section:

674:16-a On-site Parking Requirements.

I. In this section:

(a) “Residential use” means lands, buildings or structures or portions thereof used, designed, or intended for non-transient occupancy.

(b) “On-site parking requirements” means the required number of on-site parking spaces, the maximum distance of the parking spaces from the proposed use, the dimensions of the parking spaces, the angle of the parking spaces, and the hours of the day the parking spaces must be available as required by a zoning ordinance, site plan review regulation, subdivision regulation, or innovative land use control.

(c) “Alternative parking solution” means a proposal by an applicant to meet the parking demand created by a proposed residential use which is a substitute for meeting the on site parking requirements prescribed by a zoning ordinance, site plan review regulation, subdivision regulation, or innovative land use control. Alternative parking solutions shall include, but not be limited to: (1) an agreement for the provision of off site parking spaces with another owner of real property during hours which the off site parking spaces are not in use within a quarter of a mile of the proposed residential use, (2) agreement with a rideshare company to provide transportation to the occupants of the proposed residential use, (3) availability of public transportation including fixed-route bus service within a quarter of a mile of the proposed residential use, or (4) location in a district officially designated in a municipality’s master plan, or by zoning ordinance, as a downtown, town center, central business district, or village center in which there is adequate walkability infrastructure.

(d) “Adequate walkability infrastructure” means sidewalks, density of development, bus stops, bike lanes, mixed use neighborhoods, and other infrastructure that supports walkability.

II. If a proposed residential proposes to meet the on-site parking requirements prescribed by a zoning ordinance adopted pursuant to RSA 674:16, prescribed by a site plan review regulation adopted pursuant to RSA 674:44, prescribed by a subdivision regulation adopted pursuant to RSA 674:36, or other innovative land use control adopted pursuant to RSA 674:21, with an alternative parking solution, in any of the above cases due to economic considerations, the planning board shall be required to consider such alternative parking solution.

III. If the applicant can demonstrate that the alternative parking solution will meet the parking demand created by the proposed residential use, a planning board shall be required to approve the alternative parking solution proposed by the applicant as a substitute for the proposed residential use meeting the on-site parking requirements.

IV. If a planning board during the review process of a subdivision plat, site plan, or other land use application for the proposed residential use doesn’t agree with the applicant’s determination that the alternative parking solution will meet the parking demand created by the proposed residential use, the planning board can request third-party review under RSA 676:4-b, I.

8 Innovative Land Use Controls; Inclusionary Zoning. Amend RSA 674:21, IV(a) to read as follows:

(a) “Inclusionary zoning” means land use control regulations which provide a [voluntary] incentive or benefit to a property owner in order to induce the property owner to produce housing units which are affordable to persons or families of low and moderate income. Inclusionary zoning includes, but is not limited to, density bonuses, growth control exemptions, and a streamlined application process. ***Inclusionary zoning ordinances may be utilized in conjunction with housing opportunities zones pursuant to RSA 79-E:4-c.***

(1) An inclusionary zoning ordinance may require, unless the property owner voluntarily agrees to a higher percentage, that no more than 15 percent of the total number of housing units be deed-restricted workforce housing, provided that the property owner shall receive a minimum density allowance at least 25 percent higher than the base density permitted in the zoning district or an allowance to build an extra story of housing above the height permitted in such zoning district.

(2) Such ordinances shall also enable the planning board to waive or modify in individual cases standards that are demonstrated by an applicant to affect the economic viability of a development, including, but not limited to, project cost factors.”

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

Energy and Natural Resources
March 20, 2024
2024-1258s
05/06

Amendment to SB 539-FN-A-LOCAL

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Section; Department of Environmental Services; Dams; Transfer Procedures. Amend RSA 482 by inserting after section 51 the following new section:

482:51-a Dams; Transfer to Municipality or Association.

I. In this section “state-owned dam” means any dam owned exclusively by the department.

II. At least one year prior to removing any state-owned dam, the department shall offer to transfer ownership of the dam and associated property to the municipality in which the dam and impoundment created by it are located. Upon notice by the department, the governing body shall cause the legislative body to answer the question of whether the legislative body wants to accept the transfer of ownership of the dam. At the same meeting, the legislative body shall consider the issuance of any long term debt necessary to effectuate the transfer and address any deficiencies. If the legislative body votes to accept the transfer, but denies issuance of the debt, the department shall consider that to be a rejection of the offer. Upon rejection of the offer by the municipality, the department shall offer to transfer ownership of the dam and impoundment created by it to any association of landowners or any interested parties, registered as a public entity in good standing and capable of assessing local property taxes or issuing debt which have an interest in perpetuating the dam and its impoundment. Those interested parties shall have 90 days to consider whether to accept the transfer of ownership. After those 90 days have elapsed with no accepted offers for a transfer of ownership, the department may proceed with removal of the dam.

III. The procedure in paragraph II shall not apply if, upon receipt of information reasonably believed to be valid, the commissioner of environmental services believes the dam to be in imminent danger of failure and a threat to the lives and property downstream, or unless there is a compelling environmental interest in removal.

IV. When offering a transfer of a dam under paragraph II, the department shall provide to the offerees any existing documentation regarding the dams condition, a good faith estimate of costs of necessary repairs, a list of ongoing maintenance, inspection, or licensing needed, and all other relevant information regarding the costs of taking ownership of the dam with associated property.

V. The department shall develop by administrative rules under RSA 541-A a process by which municipalities, or other interested parties who are capable of assessing local property taxes or issuing debt, may apply for a loan necessary for the maintenance, repair, removal, or improvement of their non-state-owned dams. Loans shall be funded by moneys in the dam maintenance revolving loan fund established in RSA 482:55-b.

Amend RSA 482:55-b, I as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. There is established a dam maintenance revolving loan fund to provide loans to fund the maintenance, repair, removal, or improvement of any municipally owned dam or dam owned by other interested parties who are capable of assessing local property taxes or issuing debt, when such maintenance, repair, removal, or improvement is required under this chapter. This fund shall be nonlapsing and shall be continually appropriated to the department for the purposes of RSA 482:51-a. No loans shall be made from this fund until the fund has accrued a balance of at least \$2,500,000.

Energy and Natural Resources

March 26, 2024

2024-1343s

08/05

Amendment to SB 542

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

AN ACT creating a committee to study fish and game department funding and partnerships.

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

1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study fish and game department funding and partnerships.

2 Membership and Compensation.

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

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

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

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

3 Duties. The committee shall:

I. Consult with the commission and the executive director on current funding sources and budgets, including capital budget needs, and their sustainability.

II. Consider proposals for general fund needs for department operations, particularly to sustain personnel costs at current and increased staffing levels needed to fulfill the mission of the department.

III. Consider proposals for general funding needs to sustain other programs and operations of the department not provided by federal funding.

IV. Consider land use and conservation, agricultural, timber, and recreational use managed by other state departments and private entities that connect with the mission of the fish and game department, and whether potential reorganization of responsibilities and new partnerships would be advantageous to the department.

V. Consider revisions to RSA 206:2-a such as membership or other forms of representation on or consultation with the fish and game commission for entities with interests in conservation, outdoor recreation, agriculture, forestry, that currently or may in the future contribute resources to the mission of the department.

VI. Consider revisions to RSA 206:33-c to enhance funding partnerships, particularly in the area of outdoor recreation, land conservation and easements, and environmental adaptation.

4 Chairperson. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the senate member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section.

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

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

2024-1343s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill creates a committee to study fish and game department funding and partnerships.

Energy and Natural Resources

March 18, 2024

2024-1236s

08/05

Amendment to SB 543

Amend RSA 4-I:3-5 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

4-I: 3 Council Created.

I. The state environmental adaptation, resilience, and innovation advisory council is established.

II. Notwithstanding RSA 14:49, membership of the council shall be as follows:

(a) The commissioner of the department of environmental services, or designee.

(b) A representative of the governor, appointed by the governor.

(c) The commissioner of the department of transportation, or designee.

(d) The director of the division of homeland security and emergency management, or designee.

(e) The commissioner of the department of health and human services, or designee.

(f) The director of the New Hampshire agricultural experiment station at the university of New Hampshire, or designee.

(g) The commissioner of the department of natural and cultural resources, or designee.

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

(i) The commissioner of the department of education, or designee.

(j) The executive director of the department of fish and game, or designee.

(k) A representative of the office of planning and development in the department of business and economic affairs, appointed by that office.

(l) A representative of the New Hampshire Municipal Association, appointed by the association.

(m) A representative of the New Hampshire Association of Regional Planning Commissions, appointed by the president of that association.

(n) Two members to represent environmental nonprofit organizations, appointed by the commissioner of the department of environmental services.

(o) One member with expertise in environment or climate science, appointed by the president of the university of New Hampshire.

(p) A representative of the Business and Industry Association, appointed by such association.

III. The commissioner of the department of environmental services shall convene the council within 30 days of passage. The council shall be facilitated by members of the body who have the resources to assist and any other entities, as determined by the council. The council may develop procedures necessary for its work. It shall meet at least 2 times annually. Ten members, or their designees, shall constitute a quorum. The chair or co-chairs shall be chosen by the council members, and shall serve in a coordinating capacity for meetings, and if resources are available, direct and support other coordinating activities.

IV. The work of the council shall be guided by principles of seeking innovation in government operations, promoting effective approaches that build resilience against environmental changes to protect public health and foster business and workforce development, while protecting public investments and taxpayers, safety, and the responsible stewardship of the state's natural resources. The council shall recognize in its work the exclusive role of the legislature to enact policy through legislation, and it shall consult with legislators on any policy matters as deemed necessary by the council during its work. The council shall seek to leverage partnerships with New Hampshire communities, business and environmental organizations, health organizations, educational institutions, and other groups with expertise useful to the council and related to advancing the state's resilience in the face of natural disasters and environmental change.

V. Subject to the availability of resources, the council may consider, but shall not be limited to, undertaking the following activities:

(a) In cooperation with appropriate state agencies, consider the availability of and need for maps and data that indicate the areas of the state that may be most negatively impacted by environmental changes, and make any such maps publicly available on a website maintained by the state of New Hampshire or by a public institution of higher education.

(b) Review existing activities, identify gaps, and consider strategies to include environmental adaptation, resilience, and innovation planning in agency budget development, state planning activities, including the ten-year highway plan, the wildlife action plan, the homeland security hazard mitigation planning, the state health improvement plan, and other relevant plans, and in relevant state contracting.

(c) Consider the findings of the 2021 New Hampshire Climate Assessment Coastal Risks and Hazards Commission and the Coastal Adaptation Working Group, including needs for building coastal defenses and to protect infrastructure, state port facilities, water and wastewater infrastructure, and economic and cultural resources from storm surge and rising seas.

(d) Consider the impact of environmental change on public health, including most at-risk populations, and on the public health system as a whole, from health effects such as from heat-related illness, allergies, asthmas, lower air quality, reduced water quality, environmentally-related infectious diseases, and injuries and other health impacts induced by extreme weather events.

(e) Consider strategies and costs of prudent adaptation efforts related to extreme heat, including, but not limited to upgrades in public facilities, planning for expansion of cooling centers, mitigation of urban heat islands, and other methods to address the health impacts related to the increase in days of extreme heat.

(f) Consider strategies and costs to adapt and make more resilient state transportation infrastructure and consider future funding needs and sources for enhancements to storm drainage, roads, bridges, and other infrastructure to better handle extreme precipitation.

(g) Consider adaptation and resilience strategies and funding needs for state, and state funded municipal facilities, for increased storm drainage capacity, wastewater treatment, water supply, and water treatment facilities.

(h) Consider projected needs for building coastal defenses, adaptation, resilience, and coastal retreat to protect infrastructure, state port facilities, water and wastewater infrastructure, and economic and cultural resources from storm surge and rising seas.

(i) Consider adaptation and resilience through planning, hazard mitigation, emergency preparedness, and other efforts, including an increase in the severity and frequency of extreme weather events, sea level rise, a rise in vector-borne diseases, more frequent cyanobacteria blooms, ocean acidification, adverse impacts to forests and agriculture, flooding and droughts, and uncertain and lower snowfall.

(j) Consider adaptation and resilience policies and strategies for forests, parks, agriculture, natural and cultural resources, land use planning, tourism, and others to increase resilience, improve air and water quality, and preserve economic vitality, ecosystem functions, local food systems, and create more environmentally resilient communities and landscapes.

(k) Review existing and with available resources undertake or request necessary economic studies related to revenue impacts, credit ratings, insurance costs, health outcome burdens, impacts on tourism and recreation economy revenues; costs of transportation and other public infrastructure failures and disruptions; costs and potential losses to agricultural products and businesses; and cost impacts on municipal and public utility water supply and wastewater treatment infrastructure

(l) Make recommendations on potential funding to protect New Hampshire taxpayers from bearing the full burden of costs, and to explore innovative financing opportunities such as the creation of a state infrastructure financing authority, in consultation with entities including the community development finance authority and the business finance authority.

VI. The council shall establish an environmental advisory working group to provide summaries of environmental change scenarios, drawing on existing national and regional reports, state plans and analysis related to temperature and precipitation, and the science and technical advisory panel reports on projected environmental change useful for planning purposes. The working group shall review and consider existing research on issues related to the council's duties. It shall include the New Hampshire state climatologist, and other experts who can provide scientific information to assist with the duties of the council.

VII. The council may establish working groups composed of council members and non-members to assist in the work on the duties of the council.

VIII. The council and its working groups established in paragraph VI and VII may solicit financial support, including funding from state government agencies, nonprofit organizations, federal grants, and foundations, to fulfill their responsibilities in accordance with RSA 4-I:4 and RSA 4-I:5. The reception of such funds shall require the approval of the joint fiscal committee. The council may encourage cooperative agreements with entities including the university system of New Hampshire to fulfill its duties.

4-I:4 Funding. The council shall determine the scope of its activities based on the availability of funds, from state funds not otherwise appropriated, from existing agency budgets, federal and other grant funding, and donations. It may prepare a budget projection for consideration in the state operating budget.

4-I:5 The New Hampshire Environmental Adaptation, Resilience, and Innovation Fund Created. There is hereby established in the state treasury the New Hampshire adaptation, resilience, and innovation fund supporting the work of the state environmental adaptation, resilience, and innovation advisory council. Such fund shall be non-lapsing and continually appropriated. Such fund may be the depository of any federal and other grants, and state appropriations, upon approval of the joint fiscal committee and, when required by the

statute, the governor and executive council, for the purposes of supporting the work of the state environmental adaptation, resilience, and innovation advisory council. Funds may be expended upon recommendation of the council, with approval of the joint fiscal committee or, when required by statute, the executive council.

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

3 Repeal. RSA 4-I, relative to the state environmental adaptation, resilience, and innovation advisory council, is repealed.

4 Effective Date.

I. Section 3 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2027.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect 30 days after its passage.

Energy and Natural Resources

March 19, 2024

2024-1235s

08/

Amendment to SB 547

Amend RSA 227-M:2, IV as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

IV. "Easement interests" means conservation, historic preservation, [or] scenic **and other types of** easements, development rights, or any other similar protective interest in real property **that is** held in perpetuity, or [~~a term easement~~] that is held for a specific period of time and not in perpetuity as part of **a historic preservation project or** a farm viability program. **All easement interests shall be consistent with RSA 477:45.**

Health and Human Services

March 20, 2024

2024-1264s

09/05

Amendment to SB 556-FN

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

AN ACT relative to coverage of services provided by advanced practice registered nurses.

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

1 New Section; Nurse Practice Act; Coverage of Services Provided by Advanced Practice Registered Nurses. Amend RSA 326-B by inserting after section 11 the following new section:

326-B:11-a Coverage of Services Provided by Advanced Practice Registered Nurses.

I. Health insurers and, to the extent permitted under federal law, Medicaid and Medicare, shall reimburse a participating provider who is an advanced practice registered nurse for covered primary care services including behavioral health at the same rate as a physician. In-network advanced practice registered nurses are authorized to bill for and receive direct payment for the medically necessary covered services they deliver.

II. To provide accountability and transparency for patients, payers, and health care systems, the advanced practice registered nurse, when appropriate, shall be identified as the treating provider in the billing and claims processes when the advanced practice registered nurse delivered the medical services to the patient.

III. A health insurer shall not impose any practice, education, or collaboration requirement for an advanced practice registered nurse that is inconsistent with or more restrictive than the provisions of this chapter.

IV. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to preclude a health carrier from exercising its rights and responsibilities set forth in RSA 420-J:4.

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

2024-1264s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides certain requirements for coverage of services provided by advanced practice registered nurses.

Health and Human Services
 March 27, 2024
 2024-1359s
 12/02

Amendment to SB 558-FN

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

AN ACT establishing a committee to study commercial insurance coverage of fertility treatments and employee protections while receiving fertility treatments.

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

1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study commercial insurance coverage of fertility treatments and employee protections while receiving fertility treatments.

2 Membership and Compensation.

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

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

(b) Two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, one of whom shall serve on the health, human services, and elderly affairs committee and one of whom shall serve on the labor, industrial, and rehabilitative services committee.

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

3 Duties. The committee shall study commercial insurance coverage of fertility treatments, including for same-sex couples, and employee protections while receiving fertility treatments.

4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the senate member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Two members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

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

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

2024-1359s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study commercial insurance coverage of fertility treatments and employee protections while receiving fertility treatments.

HEARINGS

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

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TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024

COMMERCE, Room 100, SH

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

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 173**, relative to toilet facilities provided by restaurants.
- 10:10 a.m. **HB 1047**, relative to the effectiveness of state outreach to residents without computer, tablet, smartphone, or other electronic device access.
- 10:20 a.m. **HB 82-FN**, relative to employment protection for participants in the therapeutic cannabis program.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 283**, relative to rental application fees charged to prospective tenants.
- 10:40 a.m. **HB 398**, relative to notice of PFAS contamination prior to the sale of real property.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

EDUCATION, Room 101, LOB

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

- 9:00 a.m. **HB 1109**, relative to requiring student identification cards to include the helpline for the National Alliance for Eating Disorders and the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.
- 9:10 a.m. **HB 1235**, relative to high school students serving as school board members.
- 9:20 a.m. **HB 1469**, relative to the retention of individualized education program records.
- 9:30 a.m. **HB 1524**, relative to authorizing parents of special education children to observe in the classroom setting.
- 9:40 a.m. **HB 1695**, relative to the release of student personally identifiable information.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, Room 103, LOB

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

- 9:30 a.m. **HB 447-FN**, relative to the purchase of election equipment.
- 9:40 a.m. **HB 1125**, relative to requiring public notice and comment at all county commissioner and delegation meetings.
- 9:50 a.m. **HB 1302**, relative to elected conservation commissions in towns.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1626-FN-A**, relative to the repeal of certain designated funds and relative to the apportionment of dog license fees.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES, Room 103, SH

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

- 9:00 a.m. **HB 602-FN**, relative to landfill siting.
- 9:15 a.m. **HB 1386-FN**, relative to prohibiting the disposal of lithium-ion batteries in solid waste landfill facilities, composting facilities, or incinerators.
- 9:30 a.m. **HB 1687-FN**, relative to disposal of construction and demolition debris from state construction projects.
- 9:45 a.m. **HB 1620-FN**, relative to suspending the issuance of new landfill permits until 2031.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

FINANCE, Room 103, SH

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

- 1:30 p.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION**
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 1054-A**, relative to the Northern Border Alliance Program fund.
- 2:10 p.m. **HB 1528**, relative to reporting by the northern border alliance program.
- 2:20 p.m. **HB 1303-FN**, relative to the estate of Tekeste Berhanu.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

JUDICIARY, Room 100, SH

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

- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1659-FN**, relative to interference with child custody and shared parenting.
- 1:15 p.m. **HB 1432-FN**, relative to prohibiting certain uses of deepfakes and creating a private claim of action.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 1319-FN**, relative to prohibiting the nonconsensual dissemination of synthetic sexual images.
- 1:45 p.m. **HB 1276-FN**, relative to repealing the prohibition on the possession or sale of blackjacks, slung shots, and metallic knuckles except by or to minors.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 1270-FN**, relative to protective custody statutes.
- 2:15 p.m. **HB 1192-FN**, relative to contempt actions in domestic relations matters.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

TRANSPORTATION, Room 101, LOB

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

- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1158**, relative to establishing an exception to vessel registration.
- 1:10 p.m. **HB 1354**, relative to special number plates for surviving spouses of veterans.
- 1:20 p.m. **HB 1457-FN**, establishing penalties for driving over covered wooden bridges in vehicles that exceed posted limits and for vehicular damage to covered wooden bridges.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 1329-FN**, relative to creating special number plates for fire departments.
- 1:40 p.m. **HB 1403**, relative to temporary waivers for vehicle emission control equipment.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2024**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION**, Room 103, SH

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

- 9:00 a.m. **HB 1080**, relative to the legislative youth advisory council.
- 9:15 a.m. **HB 1252**, relative to establishing a committee to study the needs of Native Americans in New Hampshire.
- 9:30 a.m. **HB 1328**, relative to public safety providers defined as essential services.
- 9:45 a.m. **HB 1387**, relative to revisions to the state building code.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**
- 11:00 a.m. The Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee will tour NH State Archives located at 9 Ratification Way, Concord, NH following the conclusion of hearings.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, Room 101, LOB

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

- 9:00 a.m. Hearing on proposed non-germane Amendment #2024-1371s, relative to establishing a committee to study the New Hampshire board of medicine and making an appropriation to the department of health and human services, to HB 322, relative to establishing a committee to study the New Hampshire board of medicine.
- 9:10 a.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION**
- 9:15 a.m. **HB 1028**, relative to the definition of mental illness for purposes of the New Hampshire mental health services system.
- 9:30 a.m. **HB 1609-FN**, relative to the commission on the primary care workforce and the state office of rural health.
- 9:45 a.m. **HB 1615-FN**, relative to the autism registry.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1056**, relative to child day care licensing.
- 10:15 a.m. **HB 1407**, relative to child care staffing ratios.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 100, SH

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

- 9:30 a.m. **HB 1191-FN**, relative to the establishment of an exemption to the meals and rooms tax for participants in the restaurant voucher program.
- 9:45 a.m. **HB 450-FN**, relative to removing the net operating loss deduction limit on taxable income under the business profits tax.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1533-FN**, relative to the safe harbor compensation amount under the business profits tax.
- 10:15 a.m. **HB 1536-FN**, relative to increasing the amount of the expense deduction allowed against the business profits tax.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1613-FN**, establishing a trust fund for money from soil and water environmental contamination court settlements.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

MEETINGS

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024

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

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| 10:00 a.m. | NH DES Room 208C
29 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH | Subcommittee Work Session
Meeting - Finance |
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TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024

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

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| 5:00 p.m. | Edward Cross Training Center Facility
722 Riverwood Drive
Pembroke, NH | Regular Meeting |
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FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024

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

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| 10:00 a.m. | Room 201, LOB
The You Tube link to view the meeting livestream is;
https://youtube.com/live/-mRpei3S3no?feature=share | Regular Meeting |
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MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024

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

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| 9:00 a.m. | CRTC
170 Warren Street
Concord, NH 03301 | Regular Meeting |
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NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 485-F:4)

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| 10:00 a.m. | NH Fish and Game
11 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH | Regular Meeting |
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THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024

CHILD CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 126-A:17)

1:00 p.m. 2 Delta Drive Regular Meeting
 Concord, NH

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024

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

10:00 a.m. Walker Building Regular Meeting
 21 South Fruit Street
 Concord, NH
 Microsoft Teams
 [Join the meeting now](#)
 Meeting ID: 277 642 215 512
 Passcode: BYj4w2
 Dial-in by phone
 [+1 603-931-4944,,982442082#](tel:+16039314944982442082) United States, Concord
 [Find a local number](#)
 Phone conference ID: 982 442 082#

STATE HEALTH ASSESSMENT AND STATE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 126-A:88)

12:30 p.m. UNH Law, Room 103 Regular Meeting
 2 White Street
 Concord, NH
 <https://unh.zoom.us/j/98011299433?pwd=Q0pzeXJwREcxMXE5YWE2WkM0SFRBZz09>

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

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

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024

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

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

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

10:00 a.m. NH DES in the Cafeteria Regular Meeting
 29 Hazen Drive
 Concord, 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>

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

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024**ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2)**

9:00 a.m. Rooms 306-308, LOB Regular Meeting

FISCAL COMMITTEE (RSA 14:30-a)

10:00 a.m. Rooms 210-211, LOB Regular Meeting

The You Tube link to view the meeting livestream is;

https://youtube.com/live/3F_XiNO_rXs?feature=share

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

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

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

1:10 p.m. Room 100, SH Regular Meeting

(Or Immediately Following House Meeting)

SENATE LEGISLATIVE FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE (RSA 17-E:5)

1:30 p.m. Room 100, SH Regular Meeting

(Or Immediately Following Joint Meeting)

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

3:00 p.m. Lane Memorial Library Regular Meeting

2 Academy Drive
Hampton, NH

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86117818803?pwd=cWRXdGwQnQvc2ZRbkNOBhGhGc3M0dz09>

Meeting ID: 861 1781 8803

Passcode: 669915

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024**NEW HAMPSHIRE PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD (RSA 126-BB:2)**

9:30 a.m. Brown Building Auditorium Regular Meeting

129 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH

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

10:00 a.m. National Guard Edward Regular Meeting

Cross Training Center
722 Riverwood Drive
Pembroke, NH

LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE (RSA 14-B:2)

1:00 p.m. Room 212, LOB Regular Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024**SUBCOMMITTEE ON ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND OTHER RELATED DEMENTIA (RSA 126-A:15-a)**

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

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2024

JOINT LEGISLATIVE PERFORMANCE AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 17-N:1)

9:00 a.m. Room 212, LOB Regular Meeting
 The You Tube link to view the meeting livestream is;
<https://youtube.com/live/cd9-ggX0PFY?feature=share>

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024

NEW HAMPSHIRE DRUG OVERDOSE FATALITY REVIEW COMMISSION (RSA 126-DD:1)

3:00 p.m. Executive Council Chamber Room 207, SH Regular Meeting
 107 North Main Street
 Concord, NH

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

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

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024

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

9:00 a.m. Marine Patrol Bureau Regular Meeting
 31 Dock Road
 Gilford, NH

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

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

MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024

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

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

MONDAY, MAY 20, 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=bUFR3I5emt3NGVucDBYYW9SztHlUT09>

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

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>

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2024

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

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

MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2024

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

10:00 a.m. NH Hospital Association Regular Meeting
25 Airport Road
Concord, NH
Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87430173115?pwd=bUFER3I5emt3NGVueDBYYYW9SZThLUT09>

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

FISCAL NOTE ADDITIONS AND UPDATES HAVE BEEN AMENDED TO THE BILLS ON THE WEB SITE AND ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SENATE CLERK’S OFFICE FOR THE FOLLOWING 2023 - 2024 BILLS:

SENATE BILLS: 75, 80, 97, 106, 112, 128, 133, 134, 137, 151, 156, 173, 176, 177, 178, 180, 191, 210, 218, 229, 235, 239, 248, 249, 252, 255, 259, 263, 267, 303, 304, 306, 307, 308, 309, 311, 314, 315, 317, 319, 320,

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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

SENATE BILLS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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

HOUSE BILLS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

HOUSE BILLS: 135, 261, 596

NOTICES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2024

AARP New Hampshire has scheduled a legislative lunch for Wednesday, April 3rd from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the State House Cafeteria and would love to extend an invitation for you to join us. You will have an opportunity to meet our volunteers from across the state who are dedicated to advocating on behalf of supporting family caregivers, protecting consumers against fraud, battling rising prescription drug costs, and more.

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024

The NH Office of the Child Advocate and New Hampshire Children’s Trust invite legislators and staff to join us at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Concord on Wednesday, April 10 from 8:00-9:30am for a legislative breakfast. Explore ways to protect the best interests of children and help to strengthen families here in the Granite State through a primary prevention lens. Please RSVP to Melanie.B.Wallis@childadvocate.nh.gov.

Senator Rebecca Whitley, Assistant Democratic Leader

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024

Legislators & staff are cordially invited to the annual Walmart lunch and health screening in the State House cafeteria on Thursday, April 11th starting at 11:30 a.m.

Senator William M. Gannon

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THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024

All legislators and staff are cordially invited to join the New Hampshire Automobile Dealers Association (NHADA) for our annual Legislative Crossover Reception on Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. (or following the end of the session day) at the Holiday Inn, 172 North Main Street, Concord. NHADA has historically hosted this event which offers legislators a wonderful opportunity to unwind and enjoy the company of fellow legislators and staff in a fun, social gathering.

Senator Jeb Bradley, Senate President

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024

U.S.-Canada Economic Forum
Finance, Investment, AI & You
April 24, 2024
Federal Reserve Bank of Boston
12:00 PM - 3:30 PM

The New England-Canada Business Council (NECBC) invites you to join us at this year’s U.S./Canada Economic Forum at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. The forum provides a one-stop unparalleled opportunity to learn from and network with an influential community of Canadian and American industry executives, thought leaders, government officials, consulting and legal experts from the U.S./Canada financial, business, economic, and technology ecosystem - the world’s largest bilateral trade and investment relationship at U.S. \$1.7 Trillion.

11:15 a.m. Forum Registration and Networking

12:00 p.m. Forum Welcome with Light Lunch

12:20 p.m. Keynote Fireside Chat

Beata Caranci, Chief Economist & Senior VP, TD Bank Group

1:10 p.m. Session 1 Roundtable

Different Sources of Capital for Your Businesses – Options Available from the U.S. and Canada

2:20 p.m. Session 2 Roundtable

Artificial Intelligence (AI) – Growth in Usage and Impacts on Economic Sector

3:30 p.m. Closing of Forum

Registration Information

NHCTC Discount: 2024EFGOVTACADDISCOUNT

necbc.org/event/2024FinInv

NECBC Event Contact

David Ehrlich, NECBC Executive Director

info@necbc.org

Senator Donna M. Soucy, Senate Democratic Leader
Senator Howard Pearl

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TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024

We are pleased to extend an invitation to the biennial Health Screening Day presented by Health Services. This event aims to promote wellness and provide valuable health resources to all participants. During the event, you will have the opportunity to have your blood pressure checked, assess your balance, learn hands-only CPR, AED operation, and Stop the Bleed Techniques. In addition, receive Stress Reduction tips, obtain Nutritional Counseling, enjoy Chair Massages, and information on Yoga, Meditation, and Reiki. We encourage you to take advantage of this valuable opportunity to prioritize your health and well-being. Should you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact Nurse Michele (603) 271-2757.

Date: Tuesday, April 30th, 2024, Time: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Location: Rooms 210-211, Legislative Office Building.

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

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SENATE SCHEDULE

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