

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

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

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3 1 Department of Information Technology; Divisions Established. Amend RSA 21-R:5 to read as  
4 follows:

5 21-R:5 Divisions Established. The commissioner shall establish 4 divisions, **business**  
6 **relationship management, user experience, infrastructure and operations, and user**  
7 **services**, which shall be in alignment with the department's statewide strategic plan. Each division  
8 shall be under the supervision of a division director appointed pursuant to RSA 21-R:3.

9 2 Department of Information Technology; Unfunded Positions; Authorization. Notwithstanding  
10 any other provision of law to the contrary, the department of information technology may fill  
11 unfunded positions during the biennium ending June 30, 2025, provided that the total expenditure  
12 for such positions shall not exceed the amount appropriated for personnel services.

13 3 Career and Technical Education; Dual and Concurrent Enrollment Program. Amend RSA  
14 188-E:26 to read as follows:

15 188-E:26 Program Established. There is established a dual and concurrent enrollment program  
16 in CCSNH. Participation in the program shall be offered to high school and career technical  
17 education center students in grades 10 through 12. The program shall provide opportunities for  
18 qualified New Hampshire high school students to gain access and support for dual and concurrent  
19 enrollment [~~in career and technical education courses, STEM (science, technology, engineering, and~~  
20 ~~mathematics) and STEM-related~~] courses that are fundamental and necessary for success in  
21 postsecondary education, career path opportunities, and to meet New Hampshire's emerging  
22 workforce needs.

23 4 Regional Career and Technical Education; Dual and Concurrent Enrollment Program. Amend  
24 RSA 188-E:27, II to read as follows:

25 II. A student in the program shall be provided funding for enrollment in no more than [2] 5  
26 dual or concurrent enrollment courses taken in grade 10, no more than [2] 5 dual or concurrent  
27 enrollment courses taken in grade 11, and no more than [2] 5 dual or concurrent enrollment courses  
28 taken in grade 12. A student may take more than [2] 5 dual or concurrent enrollment courses per  
29 year at his or her own expense.

30 5 Dual and Concurrent Enrollment Program; Appropriation. The sums of \$3,250,000 for the  
31 fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and \$3,250,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, are hereby  
32 appropriated to community college system of New Hampshire for the purpose of providing

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1 scholarships and program support for the dual and concurrent enrollment program under RSA 188-  
2 E:26. This appropriation shall be in addition to any other funds appropriated to the community  
3 college system of New Hampshire. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out  
4 of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. Said appropriation shall not lapse.

5 6 Community College System of New Hampshire; Employment; Benefits; Retirement System  
6 Status. Amend RSA 188-F:7 to read as follows:

7 188-F:7 Employment; Benefits; Retirement System Status.

8 I. Any changes to the conditions of employment, compensation, and benefits of community  
9 college system of New Hampshire employees covered by collective bargaining agreements shall be  
10 negotiated through the collective bargaining process.

11 II. The community college system of New Hampshire shall ~~as of the effective date of this~~  
12 ~~section,~~ be considered an employer for the purposes of RSA 100-A:1, IV **and V for full-time**  
13 **employees participating in the New Hampshire retirement system prior to January 1, 2024.**  
14 ~~[Full-time employees of the community college system of New Hampshire as of the effective date of~~  
15 ~~this section shall be considered employees for the purposes of RSA 100-A:1, V.]~~

16 III. Service as an employee of the community college system of New Hampshire **that**  
17 **commences prior to January 1, 2024** shall be creditable service for purposes of RSA 100-A, RSA  
18 21-I:29, RSA 21-I:30, RSA 21-I:30-a, RSA 21-I:30-b, and RSA 21-I:30-c. Any community college  
19 system of New Hampshire employee who transfers, without a break in service, to a state classified,  
20 unclassified, or nonclassified service position shall retain and transfer all leave accruals and  
21 seniority and be entitled to all the rights and benefits of a permanent employee in the classified or  
22 unclassified service of the state based on the years of creditable state service. At the time of such a  
23 transfer, the employee shall immediately begin to accrue annual and sick leave as granted at the  
24 time of the transfer by the receiving agency according to the employee's continuous years worked.  
25 Any state employee in a classified, unclassified, or nonclassified service position who transfers,  
26 without a break in service, to the community college system of New Hampshire shall retain and  
27 transfer all leave accruals and seniority and be entitled to all the rights and benefits of a permanent  
28 employee in the classified or unclassified service of the state based on the years of creditable state  
29 service. At the time of such a transfer, the employee shall immediately begin to accrue annual and  
30 sick leave as granted at the time of the transfer by the receiving agency according to the employee's  
31 continuous years worked.

32 IV. ~~[Membership in the retirement system shall be optional for positions within the~~  
33 ~~community college system of New Hampshire for which participation was optional as of June 30,~~  
34 ~~2007, and for such other positions within the community college system of New Hampshire as may~~  
35 ~~be designated by the board of trustees.~~

36 V.] The community college system of New Hampshire shall remit to the state on a monthly  
37 basis the cost of retiree health care benefits for employees who have retired on or after July 1, 2011.

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1 The amount due shall be based on current enrollment for that month and the working rate for the  
2 calendar year. Invoices from the department of administrative services shall contain retiree  
3 enrollment detail in regards to the amount due. The department shall provide the community  
4 college system an anticipated budget each biennium as part of the retiree health budget process.

5 7 New Hampshire Retirement System; Definitions; Employer and Employee. Amend RSA 100-  
6 A:1, IV and V to read as follows:

7 IV. "Employer" shall mean (a) the state or any department, commission, institution, or  
8 agency of the state government by which an employee is paid through the office of the state  
9 treasurer with respect to their employees, (b) the state, the local school district, or other employers of  
10 teachers eligible for membership in the system with respect to the teachers in their employ, (c) any  
11 police department or police force of the state, or of any county, city, town, village, or precinct in the  
12 state with respect to the permanent policemen in their employ, (d) any fire department of the state,  
13 or of any county, city, town, village, or precinct in the state with respect to the permanent firemen in  
14 their employ, (e) any political subdivision that has elected to participate under RSA 100-A:20, and (f)  
15 the community college system of New Hampshire *for those full-time employees whose*  
16 *participation in the New Hampshire retirement system commences prior to January 1,*  
17 *2024*; provided, however, that in no instance shall any employer contribute or participate in the  
18 retirement system unless by a reasonable determination of the board of trustees such employer  
19 qualifies as a governmental entity, political subdivision, agency, or instrumentality eligible to  
20 participate in the retirement system as a governmental plan within the meaning of section 414(d) of  
21 the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. When 2 or more employers share or  
22 merge payroll functions, each employer shall continue to be considered a separate employer for the  
23 purposes of RSA 100-A.

24 V. "Employee" shall mean any regular classified, nonclassified, or unclassified officer or  
25 employee of the state or any department, commission, institution or agency of the state government  
26 by which an employee is paid through the office of the state treasurer, or employees of the general  
27 court who work on a full-time basis and are eligible for other state benefits, but whose salary is  
28 calculated on a per diem basis, or any employee of the retirement system, or any full-time employee  
29 of the community college system of New Hampshire *who began service prior to January 1, 2024,*  
30 or of any of the groups authorized to participate under this chapter but excluding any person who is  
31 a teacher, permanent policeman, or permanent fireman as defined in this section, or who is a  
32 member or attache of the general court or member of the executive council.

33 8 Appropriation; University System of New Hampshire; Blockchain. There is hereby  
34 appropriated to the University of New Hampshire's Interoperability Lab the sum of \$1,500,000 for  
35 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 which shall be nonlapsing and shall be expended for the purpose  
36 of establishing a program at the University of New Hampshire Interoperability lab to analyze the

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1 interoperability of blockchain technology. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum  
2 out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

3 9 Effective Date. Section 8 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2023.

4 10 Appropriation; University System of New Hampshire; Whittemore Center Arena There is  
5 hereby appropriated to the University of New Hampshire the sum of \$6,000,000 for the fiscal year  
6 ending June 30, 2023 which shall be nonlapsing and shall be expending for the purpose of renovating  
7 and expanding the Whittemore Center Arena. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said  
8 sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

9 11 Effective Date. Section 10 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2023.

10 12 New Paragraph; The Liquor Commission; Funds; Authority for Employee Incentive Program.  
11 Amend RSA 176:16 by inserting after paragraph V the following new paragraph:

12 VI. The commission is authorized to transfer funds for its employee incentive program from  
13 the liquor commission fund to such accounts as required to compensate qualifying employees as  
14 provided in the liquor commission rules, Liq 800.

15 13 Department of Corrections; Transfer Authority. The following classes within the department  
16 of corrections shall be exempt from the transfer restrictions in RSA 9:17-a and 9:17-c; classes: 10-  
17 personal services-perm classified, 11-personal services unclassified, 12-personal services  
18 unclassified, 18-overtime, 19-holiday pay, 50-personal service-temp/appointed, and 60-benefits. The  
19 department is authorized to transfer funding in these classes within and amongst all accounting  
20 units provided that any transfer of \$100,000 or more shall require prior approval of the fiscal  
21 committee of the general court and governor and council. The provisions in this paragraph shall  
22 remain in effect for the biennium ending June 30, 2025.

23 14 Department of Corrections; Unclassified Positions Established.

24 I. The unclassified positions of deputy director of health services, deputy director of  
25 rehabilitative services, and deputy warden are hereby established in the department of corrections  
26 and shall be qualified for that position by reason of education and experience and shall be appointed  
27 by the commissioner of the department of corrections and who shall serve at the pleasure of the  
28 commissioner. The positions shall be as follows:

29 (a) The deputy director of health services shall oversee the uniform integration of allied  
30 healthcare, dental services, health information management and contractual healthcare services into  
31 the comprehensive medical and behavioral health system operated by the department of corrections  
32 as well as ensuring adherence of licensed clinical staff to their respective practice laws, rules,  
33 standards, and policies. In addition, the deputy director of health services will oversee the  
34 departments business agreements to ensure compliance with the health insurance portability and  
35 accountability act and its application within a correctional environment. This position shall also  
36 establish an organizational reporting structure to ensure that all licensed clinical staff receive  
37 adequate and appropriate supervision. Direct reports shall include the facility classified and

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1 contracted health administrators and all allied healthcare and health information management  
2 staff.

3 (b) The deputy director of rehabilitative services shall oversee the uniform integration of  
4 institutional rehabilitative programs, reentry services, faith-based services, educational and  
5 vocational offerings and family-based services operated by the department of corrections at all  
6 locations for those incarcerated, as well as ensuring adherence of certified professionals to their  
7 respective standards, rules and policies. In addition, this position will oversee and ensure  
8 compliance with applicable grants and contractual agreements with external partners and seek  
9 further resources to integrate into the correctional setting to improve programmatic resources for  
10 the incarcerated population. The deputy director of rehabilitative services will also establish an  
11 organizational reporting structure to ensure all staff, including certified educational professionals  
12 receive adequate and appropriate supervision. Direct reports shall include but not limited to the  
13 facilities classified administrators of program services, the education director, and institutional  
14 program management staff.

15 (c) The deputy warden of the New Hampshire state prison for men will work in close and  
16 immediate contact with prisoners on a daily basis, having responsibility for security. This position  
17 will administer and direct facility objectives by assessing needs and operational effectiveness,  
18 establishes controls, and monitors key performance measures and other quality improvement  
19 protocols related to the identified organizational goals of the department and the New Hampshire  
20 state prison for men. This position will assist the warden in management of the New Hampshire  
21 state prison for men and its security force. This position will conduct post-incident reviews to  
22 determine the scope of actions taken and whether those actions comply with applicable state law,  
23 administrative rules, policies and procedures, training, and proper use of force. This position will  
24 meet with those incarcerated and staff as necessary to determine the validity of requests and report  
25 outcomes and areas of improvement to the warden. This position will oversee supervision of prison  
26 security operations, bureau of classifications and client records, hobby craft/recreation staff, and  
27 related program activities, and will work with the warden on facility budget planning and  
28 development as it relates to equipment and operational costs. This position maintains its group II  
29 law enforcement classification in the retirement system due to its being in close and immediate  
30 contact with those incarcerated on a daily basis.

31 II. The commissioner shall appoint a person to each position established pursuant to  
32 subparagraph. Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

33 III. The salary of these positions shall be determined after assessment and review of the  
34 appropriate temporary letter grade allocation in RSA 94:1-a, I(b) for the positions which shall be  
35 conducted pursuant to RSA 94:1-d and RSA 14:14-c.

36 IV. Upon completion of the appointment of the positions identified in paragraph I, the  
37 following positions shall be abolished to allow for the transition of these classified positions with

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1 their available appropriations into the unclassified positions. Funding shall be transferred into  
2 expenditure class 011, within accounting unit 02-46-46-465010-8234, 02-46-46-469010-8232 and 02-  
3 46-46-463510-3372. The incumbents in the abolished classified positions shall be offered the  
4 opportunity to seek the commissioner's appointment of the unclassified positions:

5 (a) Administrator IV (Deputy Director of Health Services) #12849.

6 (b) Administrator IV (Deputy Director of Rehabilitative Services) #19953.

7 (c) Administrator IV (Deputy Warden) #16320.

8 15 Department of Corrections; Authorization to Transfer to Group II of the New Hampshire  
9 Retirement System. Pursuant to the provision of RSA 100-A:3, IX, the following positions in the  
10 department of corrections classified as group I positions are deemed to have met the requirement of  
11 RSA 100-A:1, VII(b) and shall be transferred to group II status in the New Hampshire retirement  
12 system:

13 I. Licensed Nursing Assistant III, #44273.

14 II. Licensed Nursing Assistant I, #44291.

15 III. Administrator -Secure Psychiatric Unit, #16849.

16 16 Department of Corrections; Qualifications and Compensation of Certain Officials. Amend  
17 RSA 21-H:7 to read as follows:

18 21-H:7 Qualifications and Compensation of Certain Officials.

19 I. The commissioner, assistant commissioner, [~~professional standards director,~~] director of  
20 personnel and information, director of rehabilitative services, and the division directors of the  
21 department shall be qualified to hold such positions by reason of education and experience.

22 II. The salaries of the commissioner, assistant commissioner, [~~professional standards~~  
23 ~~director,~~] director of personnel and information, director of rehabilitative services, and the division  
24 directors of the department shall be as specified in RSA 94:1-a.

25 17 Department of Corrections; Position Reallocation; Appropriation.

26 I. The department of administrative services is hereby authorized to conduct a reallocation  
27 of all the certified corrections officer and internal affairs investigators from the rank of corrections  
28 officer trainee through the rank of major at the NH department of corrections. The department of  
29 administrative services shall conduct an assessment review of the reallocation request pursuant to  
30 personnel rule Per 303.

31 II. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums in this section out of any  
32 money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated to fund the outcome of the reallocation. Such  
33 funds shall not lapse until June 30, 2025.

34 18 Department of Environmental Services; Commissioner; Assistant Commissioner; Directors;  
35 Chief Operations Officer; Compensation. Amend RSA 21-O:2, III-a and IV to read as follows:

36 III-a. The commissioner shall nominate for appointment by the governor and council a chief  
37 operations officer of the commissioner's office who shall serve for a term of 4 years. The chief

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1 operations officer shall oversee and coordinate the activities of the administrative services **unit** [  
2 ~~geology, public information and permitting, and laboratory services units,~~] and shall be responsible  
3 for the following functions:

4 (a) Preparing agency budget requests.

5 (b) ~~[Developing and implementing procedures for assuring smooth operation of the~~  
6 ~~various units within the commissioner's office.~~

7 (c) ~~Ensuring compliance with directives and procedures by the governor and general~~  
8 ~~court.~~

9 (d) ~~Implementing audit recommendations concerning the commissioner's office units.~~

10 (e)] Carrying out the directives of the commissioner and assistant commissioner.

11 IV. *The commissioner, or assistant commissioner, as designated by the*  
12 *commissioner, shall be responsible for the following functions:*

13 (a) *Developing and implementing procedures for assuring smooth operation of*  
14 *the various units within the commissioner's office;*

15 (b) *Ensuring compliance with directives and procedures by the governor and*  
16 *general court; and*

17 (c) *Implementing audit recommendations concerning the commissioner's office*  
18 *units.*

19 V. The salaries of the commissioner, the assistant commissioner, the chief operations officer  
20 and each division director shall be as specified in RSA 94:1-a.

21 19 Department of Environmental Services; Office of the Commissioner. Amend RSA 21-O:12 to  
22 read as follows:

23 21-O:12 Office of the Commissioner. The commissioner of environmental services shall  
24 establish units within [his] **the** office to be responsible for: administrative services, [~~geology~~]  
25 **geological survey, human resources**, planning, public information and permitting, risk analysis  
26 and management, and [~~laboratory services~~] **legal**, which shall include the following functions and  
27 such other functions as may be assigned by the commissioner:

28 I. Administrative services shall include the following services to all divisions, to the greatest  
29 extent possible:

30 (a) Accounting, purchasing, and budget control.

31 (b) Personnel management.

32 (c) Property, contracts, and grants management.

33 [~~(d) Data processing.~~

34 (e) ~~Compiling, indexing, and managing data collected by all divisions, which shall be~~  
35 ~~used to establish a departmental data base for use by all divisions of the department, and which~~  
36 ~~shall be a public record.]~~

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1           II. Geology shall be under the direction of the state geologist, who shall be the director of the  
2 New Hampshire geological survey. The geological survey shall collect data and perform research on  
3 the land, mineral, and water resources of the state, and disseminate the findings of such research to  
4 the public through maps, reports, and other publications. The state geologist shall: consult with the  
5 commissioner of the department of natural and cultural resources relative to the issuance of mining  
6 permits under RSA 12-E; assist the directors of the divisions of water and waste management as  
7 necessary; and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the commissioner. The state  
8 geologist and all members of the New Hampshire geological survey shall be staff members of the  
9 commissioner's office. The state geologist shall advise the department, and all other branches of  
10 state and local government, concerning the geologic character of the state and its implications for  
11 both economic and scientific needs in conjunction with all existing and future environmental factors  
12 relating to the geology of the state. The state geologist shall maintain liaison with federal and other  
13 state geologic agencies and with the state university. The state geologist shall also serve as a voting  
14 member of the board of professional geologists.

15           III. Planning shall be under the direct supervision of the assistant commissioner and shall  
16 include all department-level short and long-range planning activities and the coordination and  
17 compilation of all division-level planning activities.

18           IV. Public information and permitting shall assist members of the general public, whenever  
19 possible by directing them to the appropriate person within the relevant division of the department;  
20 and generally providing members of the general public with all of the information necessary for  
21 meeting permit requirements.

22           V. The risk analysis and management function shall be the direct responsibility of the  
23 assistant commissioner, in accordance with RSA 125-H:7. The commissioner may call on any  
24 personnel from any division or any other state department to assist the assistant commissioner in  
25 the event of a crisis, disaster, or other occurrence or condition requiring analysis and management of  
26 an actual or suspected risk of damage to the environment. The unit, once assembled by the  
27 commissioner in the event of a crisis, disaster, occurrence, or condition, shall work closely with the  
28 risk assessment bureau in the department of health and human services under the direction of the  
29 assistant commissioner to:

30               (a) Make assessments of potential or actual risk of harm to the environment or, in  
31 cooperation with the risk assessment bureau of the department of health and human services, to  
32 persons.

33               (b) Manage environmental risk hazards using the results of the assessment described  
34 above or any other available information to develop and evaluate regulatory options, within a  
35 statutory framework, to reduce or eliminate the risk of harm to the environment.

36           ~~[VI. Laboratory services shall include such expert assistants and such facilities as are~~  
37 ~~necessary to support the investigatory, analytical, and enforcement functions of the department of~~

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~~environmental services. The commissioner shall provide the commissioner of the department of health and human services with direct access to all raw data, test results, and other information and samples received or generated by the laboratories in the department deemed necessary by the commissioner of the department of health and human services in order to carry out his or her responsibilities to protect the public health.]~~

20 Department of Justice; Attorney General; Deputy; Associates; Assistants. Amend RSA 21-M:3, VIII-IX to read as follows:

VIII. The attorney general shall appoint qualified applicants to serve as a hearing officer for appeals to any of the councils established under RSA 21-O. The attorney general and the commissioner of the department of environmental services may enter into a memorandum of understanding to transfer funds sufficient to fund the hearing officer position, ***clerical and support personnel and services***, and related expenses. Such individual or individuals shall:

(a) Be qualified by education and experience in the conduct of administrative adjudicative hearings and the application of law to facts; and

(b) Be fully screened by the attorney general from the outset of any such appeal from any attorney representing the department.

***VIII-a. Upon request by the commissioner of the department of environmental services, the attorney general shall appoint qualified applicants to serve as a hearing officer for all administrative enforcement matters authorized under any provision of law including, but not limited to, administrative fines and license actions. The attorney general and the commissioner of the department of environmental services may enter into a memorandum of understanding to fund the hearing officer position, clerical and support personnel and services, and related expenses. Such individual or individuals shall:***

***(a) Be qualified by education and experience in the conduct of administrative adjudicative hearings and the application of law to facts;***

***(b) Be fully screened by the attorney general from the outset of any such appeal from any attorney representing the department;***

***(c) Regulate all procedural aspects of a proceeding, including presiding over the hearing and any prehearing conferences; and***

***(d) Provide the commissioner with a proposed written decision on the merits within 45 days of the conclusion of the final hearing.***

IX. When designated as the hearing officer for a particular appeal ***to any of the councils established under RSA 21-0***, the hearing officer shall:

(a) Regulate all procedural aspects of a proceeding, including presiding over the hearing and any prehearing conferences;

(b) Subject to RSA 21-O:14, at the first prehearing conference order the parties and any persons who have been allowed to intervene to participate in mediation if the hearing officer

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concludes that it is reasonably possible that mediation will result in the resolution of the issues in dispute in the proceeding. No order to mediate shall stay the appeal proceeding;

~~(c) [Adopt all findings of fact made by the council except to the extent any such finding is without evidentiary support in the record;~~

~~(d) [Deliberate with] **Receive advice from an advisory quorum of** the council [before reaching conclusions on mixed questions of law and fact] **as described in RSA 21-O:14;**~~

~~[(e)]~~ **(d)** Decide ***all issues in the appeal including*** all questions of ***fact and*** law presented during the pendency of the appeal; and

~~[(f)]~~ **(e)** Prepare and issue written decisions on all motions and on the merits of the appeal within 100 days of the conclusion of the hearing on the merits. ~~[The hearing officer shall provide the council with a proposed written decision on the merits within 45 days of the conclusion of the hearing on the merits. If requested to do so by the members of the council participating in the discussion, the hearing officer shall meet with those members within the 100 day period to discuss the decision.]~~

21 Department of Environmental Services; Duties of Commissioner. Amend RSA 21-O:3, VIII-X to read as follows:

VIII. Provide all necessary clerical and technical support to any council established by this chapter. At a minimum, the commissioner shall:

~~(a) [For any appeal from a department decision before any such council provide all necessary clerical and support personnel and services in order to:~~

~~(1) Prepare notices and other documents required under RSA 541-A and distribute such notices and documents as directed by the hearing officer appointed under RSA 21-M:3, VIII;~~

~~(2) Schedule the conduct of all council administrative appeal proceedings, as directed by the hearing officer appointed under RSA 21-M:3, VIII so as to ensure timely and efficient conduct of such proceedings;~~

~~(3) Prepare and maintain the record, required by RSA 541-A, of all such appeals, which shall include the decisions issued in such proceedings.~~

~~(b)]~~ Provide comfortable and adequate space for the use of all councils in performing their official duties; and

~~[(e)]~~ **(b)** Provide all necessary clerical and support personnel and services in order to:

(1) Prepare and distribute notices and other documents required under RSA 91-A for council meetings; and

(2) Prepare and maintain as public records the official minutes of the meetings of all councils supported by the department.

**VIII-a. Have the authority to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the attorney general pursuant to RSA 21-M:3, VIII and VIII-a, to fund the hearing officer position, clerical and support personnel and services, and related expenses.**

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IX. [Repealed.]

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22 Department of Environmental Services; Wetlands Council. Amend RSA 21-O:5-a, V-VII to read as follows:

V. ***A quorum of at least 3 members of the wetlands council shall ~~hear all~~ serve in an advisory role to the hearing officer assigned pursuant to RSA 21-M:3, VIII, at any hearing for*** administrative appeals from department decisions made under RSA 482-A relative to wetlands, or under RSA 483-B relative to shoreland protection ~~[and shall decide all disputed issues of fact in such appeals,]~~ in accordance with RSA 21-O:14. ***Such a quorum shall be appointed by the chairperson; however, any member of the wetlands council not appointed to the quorum may voluntarily attend any hearing and participate to the same degree as a member appointed by the chairperson.***

VI. The commissioner of the department of environmental services shall present all proposed rules relative to wetlands and protected shorelands to the wetlands council for consideration prior to filing a notice of proposed rule under RSA 541-A:6. The council shall present any objections to proposed rules to the commissioner in writing within 15 days. The commissioner may adopt a rule to which the council has objected only after presenting a written reply to the council detailing the reasons for adopting the rule over the objections of the council.

VII. ~~[The council shall adopt rules in accordance with the rulemaking provisions of RSA 541-A to govern its proceedings.]~~ ***During an appeal,*** the council shall be subject to the requirements of RSA 541-A:36~~[-notwithstanding RSA 21-O:14].~~

23 Department of Environmental Services; Water Council. Amend RSA 21-O:7, IV to read as follows:

IV. ***A quorum of at least 3 members of the water council shall ~~hear all~~ serve in an advisory role to the hearing officer assigned pursuant to RSA 21-M:3, VIII, at any hearing for*** administrative appeals from department decisions relative to the functions and responsibilities of the division of water other than department decisions made under RSA 482-A relative to wetlands and RSA 483-B relative to shoreland protection~~[-and shall decide all disputed issues of fact in such appeals,]~~ in accordance with RSA 21-O:14. ***Such quorum shall be appointed by the chairperson; however, any member of the water council not appointed to the quorum may voluntarily attend any hearing and participate to the same degree as a member appointed by the chairperson.***

24 Department of Environmental Services; Waste Management Council. Amend RSA 21-O:9, V to read as follows:

V. ***A quorum of at least 3 members of the waste management council shall ~~hear all~~ serve in an advisory role to the hearing officer assigned pursuant to RSA 21-M:3, VIII, at any hearing for*** administrative appeals from department decisions relative to the functions and

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responsibilities of the division of waste management~~], and shall decide all disputed issues of fact in such appeals,~~ in accordance with RSA 21-O:14. ***Such quorum shall be appointed by the chairperson; however, any member of the waste management council not appointed to the quorum may voluntarily attend any hearing and participate to the same degree as a member appointed by the chairperson.***

25 Department of Environmental Services; Air Resources Council. Amend RSA 21-O:11, IV to read as follows:

IV. ***A quorum of at least 3 members of the air resources council shall ~~hear all~~ serve in an advisory role to the hearing officer assigned pursuant to RSA 21-M:3, VIII, at any hearing for*** administrative appeals from department decisions relative to the functions and responsibilities of the division of air resources ~~[and shall decide all disputed issues of fact in such appeals,]~~ in accordance with RSA 21-O:14. ***Such quorum shall be appointed by the chairperson; however, any member of the air resources council not appointed to the quorum may voluntarily attend any hearing and participate to the same degree as a member appointed by the chairperson.***

26 Department of Environmental Services; Administrative Appeals. Amend RSA 21-O:14, I-a and I-b to read as follows:

I-a.(a) Any person aggrieved by a department decision may, in addition to any other remedy provided by law, appeal ***such decision by submitting a notice of appeal*** to the council having ***advisory*** jurisdiction over the subject matter of the appeal within 30 days of the date of the decision and shall set forth fully in a notice of appeal every ground upon which it is claimed that the decision complained of is unlawful or unreasonable. ***The appeal shall be heard by a hearing officer designated pursuant to RSA 21-M:3, VIII, with the advice of a quorum of the council.*** Only those grounds set forth in the notice of appeal shall be considered by the ***hearing officer and the quorum of the*** council. On any such appeal, the ~~[council]~~ ***hearing officer*** shall determine whether the department decision was unlawful or unreasonable by reviewing the administrative record together with any evidence and testimony the parties to the appeal may present.

(b) On appeal, the ~~[council]~~ ***hearing officer*** may affirm the department decision or may remand the matter to the commissioner with a determination that the decision complained of is unlawful or unreasonable. The ~~[council]~~ ***hearing officer*** shall specify the factual and legal basis for its determination and shall identify the evidence in the record created before the council that supports its decision.

(c) In the case of a remand to the commissioner ~~[by the council]~~, the commissioner shall:

(1) Accept the ~~[council's]~~ ***hearing officer's*** determination and take action consistent with the determination, imposing such conditions as are necessary and consistent with the purposes of the chapter under which the department decision was issued; or

(2) Appeal as provided in paragraph III.

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1 (d) If the commissioner issues a revised decision, the department may at any time, and  
2 the appellant may within 30 days of issuance, request the council to confirm that the revised  
3 decision is consistent with the council's remand order.

4 I-b. As an alternative to filing an appeal under paragraph I-a and in addition to any other  
5 remedy provided by law, any person aggrieved by a department permitting decision may, within 30  
6 days of the date of the decision, file with the council having jurisdiction over the subject matter of  
7 the appeal a preliminary notice of appeal and an offer to enter into settlement discussions. Filings  
8 made under this paragraph shall be made on forms maintained by the department and shall be  
9 governed by the following:

10 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law prescribing the contents of a notice of  
11 appeal, a preliminary notice of appeal shall contain only information identifying the appellant, the  
12 decision being appealed, and a list of every ground on which the appellant claims that the decision is  
13 unlawful or unreasonable.

14 (b) The preliminary notice of appeal and offer to enter into settlement discussions shall  
15 be served on the commissioner and, if not filed by the applicant, on the applicant on the same day as  
16 they are filed with the council.

17 (c) The offer to enter into settlement discussions shall propose mediated settlement  
18 discussions, unmediated settlement discussions, or both.

19 (d) The department and, if applicable, the applicant shall notify the appellant in writing  
20 within 7 days whether they accept the offer to enter into settlement discussions. Any such  
21 notification accepting the offer shall propose dates within the ensuing 30 days on which to hold the  
22 settlement discussions, and if the appellant's offer proposed both mediated and unmediated  
23 settlement discussions the notification shall elect one or the other.

24 (e) A notice of appeal that complies fully with the ~~council's~~ **procedural** rules  
25 **established pursuant to RSA 21-O:14, IV**, shall be filed no later than 45 days after the  
26 preliminary notice of appeal was filed by the appellant under this paragraph. No notice of appeal  
27 shall raise grounds for appeal beyond those contained in the preliminary notice of appeal.

28 (f) If the department and, if applicable, the applicant accept the offer to enter into  
29 settlement discussions the appeal shall be stayed until a notice of appeal is filed under subparagraph  
30 (e).

31 (g) If the parties enter into mediated settlement discussions under this paragraph, the  
32 provisions of paragraph I-c(a), (b), and (d) shall apply.

33 27 Department of Environmental Services; Administrative Appeals. Amend RSA 21-O:14, III  
34 and IV to read as follows:

35 III. Any party aggrieved by the disposition of an administrative appeal ~~[before any council~~  
36 ~~established by]~~ **under** this chapter may appeal such results in accordance with RSA 541.

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1           IV. The ~~[councils established under this chapter]~~ **attorney general** shall adopt **procedural**  
2 rules under RSA 541-A to govern the conduct of administrative appeals under this section. ~~[To the~~  
3 ~~extent possible, the rules of the councils shall be consistent with each other.]~~

4           28 Water Management and Protection; Water Pollution and Waste Disposal; Sewage Disposal  
5 Systems; Fees. Amend RSA 485-A:30, I-b to read as follows:

6           I-b. ~~[There is hereby established the subsurface systems fund into which]~~ The fees collected  
7 under paragraph I shall be deposited **in the water resources fund established in RSA 482-A:3,**  
8 **III** ~~[- The fund shall be a separate, nonlapsing fund, continually appropriated to the department]~~ for  
9 the purpose of paying all costs and salaries associated with the subsurface systems program **and**  
10 **other land resources management programs.**

11           29 Repeal. RSA 6:12, I(b)(281), relative to the subsurface systems fund, is repealed.

12           30 Water Management and Protection; Fill and Dredge in Wetlands; Excavating and Dredging  
13 Permit; Certain Exemptions. Amend RSA 482-A:3, III to read as follows:

14           III. The filing fees collected pursuant to paragraphs I, V(c), XI(h), XII(c), and X are  
15 continually appropriated to and shall be expended by the department for paying per diem and  
16 expenses of the public members of the council, hiring additional staff, reviewing applications and  
17 activities relative to wetlands under RSA 482-A, protected shorelands under RSA 483-B, alteration  
18 of terrain under RSA 485-A:17, conducting field investigations, **individual sewage disposal**  
19 **systems and subdivisions under RSA 485-A:30**, and holding public hearings. Such fees and any  
20 monetary grants, gifts, donations, or interest generated by these funds shall be deposited with and  
21 held by the treasurer in a nonlapsing **and continuously appropriated** fund identified as the water  
22 resources fund.

23           31 Water Management and Protection; Water Pollution and Waste Disposal; Wastewater  
24 Operator Certification; Application; Special Fund. Amend RSA 485-A:7-a, II to read as follows:

25           II. All applications shall be accompanied by a \$50 fee to cover department expenses for  
26 conducting the certification program. All fees shall be deposited ~~[with the state treasurer and~~  
27 ~~deposited]~~ in a special nonlapsing **and continuously appropriated** wastewater plant operator  
28 certification fund to be used by the department for the administration of this subdivision and for the  
29 operation of the department-owned Wastewater Plant Operator Training Center.

30           32 Water Management and Protection; Aid to Municipalities for Water Pollution Control;  
31 Application for Funding. Amend RSA 486:7 to read as follows:

32           486:7 Application for Funding. Application for payments under the provisions of this chapter  
33 shall be made in accordance with rules adopted by the department under RSA 541-A, and shall be  
34 based upon reports filed with the department prior to January 31 in the calendar year for which  
35 payment is being requested. **Final applications must be received within one year of final**  
36 **completion of project to be eligible for funding.**

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33 Appropriation; Department of Environmental Services; Municipal Water Pollution Control. There is hereby appropriated to the department of environmental services the sum of \$27,900,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 for the purpose of administering payments pursuant to RSA 486:1 - RSA 486:8. The sum appropriated shall be nonlapsing for the biennium concluding June 30, 2025. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

34 Effective Date. Section 33 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2023.

35 Water Management and Protection; Water Pollution and Waste Disposal; Enforcement; Terrain Alteration. Amend RSA 485-A:17, II(b) to read as follows:

(b) The department shall charge a non-refundable fee of \$500 plus a \$.10 per square foot *of disturbance associated with the amendment request* fee for each request to amend a permit that requires plans to be reviewed.

36 Water Management and Protection; Water Pollution and Waste Disposal; Winnepesaukee River Basin Control; Expenditures. Amend RSA 485-A:49, II to read as follows:

II. To provide funds for the municipal share of the costs involved pursuant to this subdivision, the state treasurer is authorized to borrow upon the credit of the state not exceeding the sum of [~~\$3,000,000~~] **\$30,000,000** and for said purposes may issue bonds and notes in the name and on behalf of the state of New Hampshire in accordance with the provisions of RSA 6-A.

37 Water Management and Protection; Water Pollution and Waste Disposal; Winnepesaukee River Basin Control; Municipal Assessments. Amend RSA 485-A:50, III to read as follows:

III. The respective share of the assessments made in paragraphs I and II shall be paid to the department by each municipality quarterly [~~on July fifteenth, October fifteenth, January fifteenth, and April fifteenth of that fiscal year~~], except for capital cost recovery assessments which shall be paid annually [~~on July fifteenth~~]. After the close of each fiscal year, the department shall ascertain its actual total expenses in accordance with the foregoing provisions, and then shall adjust the assessment for the second quarterly payment of the new fiscal year for each such municipality served for any under-payment or over-payment by each such municipality served for the prior fiscal year.

38 New Chapter; PCB Assistance. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 483-E the following new chapter:

CHAPTER 483-F

PCB ASSISTANCE

483-F:1 Purpose Statement. The general court recognizes that polychlorinated bi-phenyl (PCB) contamination is widespread in New Hampshire and impacts both land and water. As a result of PCB laden products used both as intended and inappropriately dumped from 1929-1977, over 100 waterways have become impaired for fish consumption. In addition, waterfowl have been found to have high levels of PCBs in their blood and in their eggs. The general court hereby declares that the

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purpose of this chapter is to better understand the impact of PCBs on aquatic life and to ameliorate those impacts to the greatest extent possible.

483-F:2 Definitions. In this chapter:

I. "Department" means the department of environmental services.

II. "Fund" means the PCB assistance fund established in this chapter.

483-F:3 PCB Assistance Fund.

I. There is hereby established in the department the PCB assistance fund which shall be maintained in distinct and separate custody from all other funds, notwithstanding RSA 6:12. All moneys in the fund shall be nonlapsing and continually appropriated to the department of environmental services for the purposes of this chapter.

II. The commissioner may apply for and accept, from any source, gifts; donations of money; grants; federal, local, private, and other matching funds and incentives; and interests in land for the purposes of this chapter. The moneys collected under this paragraph shall be deposited in the fund established under paragraph I of this section.

III. The commissioner shall adopt rules relative to the distribution of money from the fund, taking into consideration ability to pay, natural disaster conditions and locations, requirements for repair, replacement and treatment, and other factors as determined by the department.

39 Appropriation; Department of Environmental Services; PCB Contamination. The sum of \$1,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 is hereby appropriated to the commissioner of the department of environmental services for the purpose of assisting to fund studies, investigations and remediation of PCB contamination. Such funds shall be nonlapsing to the commissioner of the department of environmental services. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

40 Effective Date. Section 39 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2023.

41 New Subdivision; InvestNH Program. Amend RSA 12-O by inserting the following new subdivision after section 68:

**InvestNH Fund and Program**

12-O:69 Fund established. There is hereby established in the office of the state treasurer a fund to be known as the InvestNH fund. The fund shall be composed of appropriations, gifts, grants, donations, bequests, or other moneys from any public or private source. The fund may be expended by the commissioner to accomplish the purposes of RSA 12-O:70. The moneys in this fund shall be non-lapsing.

12-O:70 InvestNH Program. The department shall establish a program to make grants for the purpose of accelerating the approval and construction of workforce housing, as defined in RSA 674:58, IV, and other types of housing determined by the department to be important for the economic development of the state. Grants may be made by the department to municipalities. The

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1 program shall be known as the InvestNH program. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to  
2 RSA 541-A to implement the provisions of this subdivision no later than July 1, 2024.

3 42 New Subparagraph; Application of Receipts; InvestNH Program. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by  
4 inserting after subparagraph (387) the following new subparagraph:

5 (388) Moneys deposited in the InvestNH fund as established in RSA 12-O:69.

6 43 Appropriation; InvestNH. The sum of \$15,000,000 for the for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
7 2023 is hereby appropriated to the InvestNH fund established in RSA 12-O:69 for the purposes set  
8 forth in RSA 12-O:70. The sum appropriated shall be nonlapsing. The governor is authorized to  
9 draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

10 44 Effective Date. Section 43 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2023.

11 45 Appropriation; Affordable Housing Fund. The sum of \$15,000,000 for the fiscal year ending  
12 June 30, 2023, is hereby appropriated to the housing finance authority for deposit in the affordable  
13 housing fund established in RSA 204-C:57, for the purpose of providing financing or state matching  
14 funds for affordable housing. The appropriation shall be in addition to any other funds appropriated  
15 to the housing finance authority and shall be nonlapsing. The governor is authorized to draw a  
16 warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

17 46 Effective Date. Section 45 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2023.

18 47 Repeals; Advanced Manufacturing Education. The following are repealed:

19 I. RSA 188-E:21, relative to the advanced manufacturing education advisory council.

20 II. RSA 188-E:22, relative to the advanced manufacturing education advisory council  
21 membership and terms.

22 III. RSA 188-E:23, relative to the advanced manufacturing education advisory council  
23 duties.

24 IV. RSA 188-E:23-a, relative to the advanced manufacturing education fund.

25 48 New Section; Department of Education. Amend RSA 21-N by inserting after section 12 the  
26 following new section:

27 21-N:13 Computer Science and STEM; Administrator. There is established a position within  
28 the department of education who shall be a classified employee at no less than the level of  
29 administrator II. The computer science and STEM position shall be qualified to hold such position  
30 by reason of education and experience. The position shall be subject to any other employment  
31 requirements as determined by the department. The computer science and STEM position shall  
32 coordinate and provide assistance to oversee the computer science educator program established in  
33 RSA 200-O. The computer science and STEM position shall:

34 I. Coordinate and provide technical assistance to all public schools in the state that  
35 participate in the computer science educator program.

36 II. Assist educators in the state that pursue eligible industry recognized credentials and  
37 utilize the computer science professional development fund.

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1           III. Assist with administering the computer science professional development fund and  
2 computer science educator incentive fund.

3           IV. Coordinate and provide technical assistance with those school and educators that  
4 partake in the experiential robotics platform.

5           V. Serve as a resource for administrators and educators regarding computer science and  
6 STEM.

7           49 New Chapter; Computer Science Educator Program. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter  
8 200-N the following new chapter:

9   CHAPTER 200-O

10                                   COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATOR PROGRAM

11           200-O:1 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to promote broader computer science education  
12 in New Hampshire with the goal of preparing more students for employment opportunities in this  
13 field and to establish the administrator of computer science education and STEM within the  
14 department of education.

15           200-O:2 Definitions. In this chapter:

16           I. "Computer Science Administrator" refers to the computer science and STEM  
17 administrator established in RSA 21-N:13.

18           II. "Eligible Industry Recognized Credential" or "IRC" refers to those industry recognized  
19 credentials in computer science or related fields that are approved by the computer science  
20 administrator to expand computer science education for participation in the below funds.

21           III. "Full time or equivalent" refers to the amount of time an individual engages in  
22 instruction in a New Hampshire education program, which shall be considered full-time or  
23 equivalent if it includes instruction of not less than 4 one-credit classes per semester or instruction  
24 of no less than 80 students over the course of a semester.

25           200-O:3 Computer Science Professional Development.

26           I. The department shall determine, in coordination with the computer science administrator  
27 to expand computer science education, industry recognized credentials eligible for reimbursement  
28 and the amount of reimbursement. Any such reimbursements shall be based on the successful  
29 attainment of an eligible IRC.

30           II. The department of education shall create an application process, which it shall publish on  
31 or before 6 months from the effective date of this act, for New Hampshire certified educators to seek  
32 reimbursement for all or a portion of the cost of obtaining an eligible industry recognized credentials  
33 in the field of computer science. The process shall include a list of eligible industry recognized  
34 credentials and the amount of reimbursement for successful attainment.

35           200-O:4 Computer Science Educator Credential.

36           I. The department of education shall adopt through rulemaking pursuant to RSA 541-A, a  
37 computer science educator credential that permits individuals holding eligible industry recognized

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1 credentials to receive a New Hampshire certified educator credential in the area of computer science.  
2 Such individuals shall be qualified to teach in approved New Hampshire education programs.

3 II. Individuals teaching full time, or the equivalent, in an approved New Hampshire  
4 computer science education program shall be eligible for a \$5,000 bonus for the first year of teaching,  
5 and \$2,500 each year for the next 2 years of teaching. Only completed years of teaching shall be  
6 eligible and there shall be no proration for partial years.

7 200-O:5 Experiential Robotics Platform (XRP). As part of the STEM initiative for New  
8 Hampshire schools, experiential robotics platform, 5,500 robotics kits shall be made available for all  
9 New Hampshire classrooms for grades 6-12 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. The program  
10 shall consist of standards-based curriculum and hands-on resources, designed to facilitate  
11 competency-based learning in the classroom.

12 50 Appropriations; Department of Education; Computer Science Professional Development.

13 I. There is hereby appropriated to the department of education the sum of \$500,000 for the  
14 fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 for the purpose of encouraging New Hampshire certified educators  
15 to pursue eligible industry recognized credentials in the field of computer science. This  
16 appropriation shall not lapse. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any  
17 money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

18 II. There is hereby appropriated to the department of education the sum of \$3,696,871 for  
19 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 for the purpose of encouraging individuals holding an eligible  
20 industry recognized credentials to teach computer science or related courses of study in New  
21 Hampshire approved education programs. This appropriation shall not lapse. The governor is  
22 authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise  
23 appropriated.

24 III. There is hereby appropriated to the department of education the sum of \$455,000 for the  
25 fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 for the purpose of implementing the experiential robotics platform  
26 in all New Hampshire classrooms for grades 6-12 including, but not limited to the purchase of  
27 robotics kits from First New Hampshire Robotics, Experiential Robotics Platform, career and  
28 technical education of community college fabrication sites, and professional development delivery  
29 and support. The sum appropriated shall not lapse. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant  
30 for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

31 IV. The sum of \$303,129 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, is hereby appropriated to  
32 the department of education to be expended in biennium ending June 30, 2025, for the computer  
33 science and STEM position established in this act. This appropriation shall not lapse until June 30,  
34 2025. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury  
35 not otherwise appropriated.

36 51 Effective Date. Section 50 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2023.

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1       52 New Subdivision; Bridges House Special Account. Amend RSA 4:9 by inserting after section  
2 4:9-r the following new subdivision:

Bridges House Special Account

4       4:9-s Establishing the Bridges House Special Account Fund. There is hereby established in the  
5 state treasury the Bridges house special account fund. The funds may be comprised of public funds,  
6 gifts, grants or donations or any other source of funds, and shall be used for the purposes of the care,  
7 maintenance, and repair of, and additions to, the Bridges house, or for any other relevant purpose  
8 deemed appropriate by the bridges house advisory board. The fund shall be non-lapsing and shall be  
9 continually appropriated to the department.

10       53 New Subparagraph; Application of Receipts; Bridges House Special Account. Amend RSA  
11 6:12, I(b) by inserting after subparagraph (387) the following new subparagraph:

(388) Moneys deposited in the bridges house special account fund under RSA 4:9-s.

13       54 New Section; Department of Corrections; New Hampshire State Prison Fund Established.  
14 Amend RSA 21-H by inserting after section 16 the following new section:

15       21-H:17 Department of Corrections; New Hampshire State Prison Fund Established. There is  
16 hereby established in the state treasury a state prison fund, which shall be a fund administered by  
17 the department of corrections. The fund shall not lapse. The fund is established for the purpose of  
18 design and construction of a new New Hampshire state prison.

19       55 New Subparagraph; Application of Receipts; New Hampshire State Prison Fund 2023.  
20 Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by inserting after subparagraph (387) the following new subparagraph:

21       (388) Moneys deposited in the New Hampshire state prison fund under RSA 21-  
22 H:17.

23       56 Appropriation; Department of Corrections; New Hampshire State Prison; 2023. There is  
24 hereby appropriated to the department of corrections the sum of \$10,000,000 for the fiscal year  
25 ending June 30, 2023 for deposit in the state prison fund under RSA 21-H:17, for the purpose of  
26 preliminary design and complete site survey for a new state prison. The sum appropriated shall not  
27 lapse. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury  
28 not otherwise appropriated.

29       57 Effective Date. Sections 54-56 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2023.

30       58 Appropriation; Department of Corrections; IT Infrastructure. There is hereby appropriated  
31 to the department of corrections the sum of \$1,340,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023  
32 which shall be nonlapsing until June 30, 2025 for the purpose of replacing certain computers and  
33 information technology infrastructure. The sum appropriated shall not lapse. The governor is  
34 authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

35       59 Effective Date. Section 58 of this act shall take effect on June 30, 2023.

36       60 Appropriation; Department of Administrative Services. There is hereby appropriated to the  
37 department of administrative services the sum of \$21,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30,

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2023 for the purpose of purchasing 2 Granite Place, Concord, New Hampshire in order to provide office space for the department of justice and other state agencies, or for any other purpose the commissioner of the department of administrative services determines is necessary, provided that any unexpected amount following the purchase shall lapse to the general fund. The sum appropriated shall not lapse. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

61 Effective Date. Section 60 of this act shall take effect on June 30, 2023.

62 Appropriation; Body-Worn and Dashboard Camera Fund. There is hereby appropriated to the department of Safety for deposit in the body-worn and dashboard camera fund established in RSA 105-D:3 the sum of \$1,005,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. The sum appropriated shall not lapse. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

63 Effective Date. Section 62 of this act shall take effect on June 30, 2023.

64 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources; Christa McAuliffe Memorial.

I. The department of natural and cultural resources shall design, construct, and maintain a permanent memorial to Christa McAuliffe on state house grounds, specifically, at the front facing area of the state house.

II. The governor is authorized to accept for the department of natural and cultural resources, in the name of the state, any gifts of money, which are donated to construct and maintain the Christa McAuliffe memorial. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the department may accept donated in-kind services, goods, and materials for the construction and maintenance of the memorial without governor and council approval.

III. Any gifts of money, which are donated to contract, construct, and maintain the memorial, shall be placed in the special nonlapsing account in the state treasury, to be expended for the purposes of the Christa McAuliffe memorial. Any money remaining in the special account after construction of the memorial is completed shall be used for the care, maintenance, repair, and additions to the memorial, or for any other purpose deemed appropriate.

IV. The memorial shall be permanently affixed to state house grounds, on the front facing portion of the state house, upon completion.

65 Appropriation; Christa McAuliffe Memorial. There is hereby appropriated to the department of natural and cultural resources which shall be placed in a special nonlapsing account in the state treasury, the sum of \$100,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 for the purpose of designing, constructing, and maintaining a permanent memorial to Christa McAuliffe on state house grounds, specifically the front facing area of the state house. The sum appropriated shall not lapse. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

66 Effective Date. Sections 64 and 65 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2023.

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1       67 New Section; Department of Education; The Commission on New Hampshire Civics;  
2 Commission Established. Amend RSA 21-N by inserting after section 8-b the following new section:

3       21-N:8-c Commission Established; Department of Education; New Hampshire Schools Civics  
4 Program. The commission on New Hampshire civics is hereby established to develop educational  
5 materials to teach the state constitution in New Hampshire schools.

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

7           (a) Three public members appointed by the governor, of which at least one shall be a  
8 parent of a student in a qualified New Hampshire education program.

9           (b) The chair of NH Civics, or designee.

10          (c) The chief justice of the New Hampshire supreme court, or designee.

11          (d) The secretary of state, or designee.

12          (e) The chief administrative judge of the New Hampshire superior court, or designee.

13          (f) The chief administrative judge of the New Hampshire circuit court or designee.

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

15          (h) Two New Hampshire civics teachers appointed by the commissioner of education.

16          (i) Two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house  
17 of representatives.

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

19          (k) One member of the governor's office, appointed by the governor.

20       II. The commission shall create a textbook and related curriculum specifically designed for  
21 New Hampshire students and teachers to help them explore the history, heritage and principles of  
22 the New Hampshire Constitution and the government it established.

23           (a) A paper copy of the published textbook shall be available for each New Hampshire  
24 civics classroom and an interactive electronic version shall be made available on the department of  
25 education's website or in another form to all New Hampshire citizens at no charge.

26           (b) The commission shall meet as often as the chair determines and shall publish the  
27 book on or before August 1, 2025.

28       III. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson among the members. The first  
29 meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named governor appointee. The first meeting  
30 of the commission shall be held within 30 days of the effective date of this section. A majority of the  
31 members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

32       68 Appropriation; Department of Education. There is hereby appropriated to the department of  
33 education the sum of \$250,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 which shall not lapse until  
34 June 30, 2025 for the purpose of expanding the Teacher of the Year program by providing  
35 promotional, training, professional development, and collaboration with other stakeholder's  
36 opportunities.

37       69 Effective Date. Section 68 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2023.

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1       70 New Sections; Northern Border Alliance Program. Amend RSA 21-P by inserting after  
2 section 68 the following new sections:

3       21-P:69 Northern Border Alliance Program.

4           I. The commissioner of safety shall establish a northern border alliance program which shall  
5 make grants available to other state, county, and local law enforcement agencies, and also provide  
6 funding for the division of state police for the following purposes:

7               (a) Overtime costs for officers performing law enforcement activities under this program.

8               (b) Equipment for use in performing law enforcement activities under this program.

9               (c) Training costs, including overtime backfill, for officers participating in this program.

10          II. The commissioner shall establish protocols and conditions for increased state police  
11 patrols and conditions for eligibility for grants to other state, county, and local law enforcement  
12 agencies. The protocols and conditions shall focus on reducing the instance of crimes and illicit  
13 activity occurring within 25 air miles from the Canadian border. The protocols and conditions shall:

14               (a) Establish state police as the lead agency for scheduling patrol and coordination with  
15 participating agencies.

16               (b) Ensure that officers assigned to patrols are relieved of taking calls for service absent  
17 an emergency.

18               (c) Ensure that the officers assigned to such patrol units have been trained on state and,  
19 if applicable, federal policies, laws and constitutional provisions.

20          III. The program shall include the following prohibitions on allowable uses of funds:

21               (a) No funds shall be granted for "purchase of evidence" or for "confidential funds."

22               (b) No funds shall be used for supplanting locally budgeted and approved funds for  
23 routine law enforcement.

24          IV. The program shall include semi-annual reporting, to the governor, senate president, and  
25 speaker of the house of representatives, which includes measurable program results and a detailed  
26 accounting of program funding and uses. The first report shall be submitted on or before December  
27 31, 2023.

28       21-P:70 Northern Border Alliance Fund.

29           I. There is hereby established the northern border alliance fund within the department of  
30 safety for the purpose of make grants available to other state, county, and local law enforcement  
31 agencies, and also provide funding for the division of state police to reduce the instance of crimes and  
32 illicit activity in close proximity to the Canadian border. All moneys in the fund shall be nonlapsing  
33 and continually appropriated to the department of safety

34           II. The fund shall be overseen by the commissioner of the department of safety who shall,  
35 within 180 days of the effective date of this section, establish a process for the application for grants  
36 from the fund. Such process shall be established in rules adopted in accordance with RSA 541-A.

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1           III. The commissioner of the department of safety may charge administrative costs related  
2 to this section to the fund.

3           71 Appropriation; Department of Safety; Northern Border Alliance Program.

4           I. The sum of \$1,435,384 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 is hereby appropriated to  
5 the department of safety and shall be nonlapsing. This sum shall be expended as follows:

6           (a) \$619,641 shall be expended by state police for the purpose of funding overtime  
7 patrols, related training activities and purchase equipment in support of the northern border  
8 alliance program.

9           (b) The sum of \$815,743 is hereby appropriated to the department of safety to disburse  
10 grants to other state, county, and local law enforcement agencies for the purpose of funding overtime  
11 costs for county and local law enforcement officers performing law enforcement activities  
12 attributable to the northern border alliance program established in RSA 21-P:69.

13           II. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the  
14 treasury not otherwise appropriated.

15           72 Effective Date. Section 71 of this act shall take effect on June 30, 2023.

16           73 Authority and Duties of Police Employees. Amend RSA 106-B:12 to read as follows:

17           106-B:12 Authority and Duties of Police Employees. Police employees shall be ex-officiis  
18 constables throughout the state. They shall have statewide authority to enforce all provisions of  
19 RSA title XXI relative to motor vehicle laws and the regulations relative to the transportation of  
20 hazardous materials, pursuant to RSA 106-A:18 and RSA 106-B:15. The director, division of state  
21 police, shall report to the director, division of motor vehicles, all violations of and prosecutions under  
22 the motor vehicle laws. Police employees shall have general power to enforce all criminal laws of the  
23 state and to serve criminal processes and make arrests, under proper warrants, in all counties. They  
24 shall not serve civil processes. No police employee shall act, be used or called upon for service within  
25 any town in any industrial dispute unless actual violence has occurred therein, and then only upon  
26 order of the governor. When any police employee shall apprehend any person who has committed or  
27 attempted to commit a felony the director shall immediately make a report to the attorney and the  
28 sheriff of the county and the chief of police of the municipality in which the offense was, or was  
29 suspected of being, committed and such cases shall be investigated and prosecuted by said county  
30 officials with the cooperation of said police employees. ***Further, police employees acting within***  
31 ***25 air miles of the international border with Canada, shall have the same authority and***  
32 ***powers granted to forest rangers and officials of the division of forests and lands pursuant***  
33 ***to RSA 227-G:7 and RSA 227-G:8.***

34           74 Appropriation; Department of Natural and Cultural Resources; State Library. There is  
35 hereby appropriated to the department of natural and cultural resources the sum of \$1,000,000 for  
36 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 to begin executing a process to assess the books and material  
37 currently in the state library and begin the removal and safe storage of the books and materials.

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1 The sum appropriated shall be nonlapsing. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said  
2 sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

3 75 Effective Date. Section 74 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2023.

4 76 Board of Tax and Land Appeals. Amend RSA 71-B:1 to read as follows:

5 71-B:1 Board Established. There is hereby established a board of tax and land appeals,  
6 hereinafter referred to as the board, which shall be composed of 3 members who shall be learned and  
7 experienced in questions of taxation or of real estate valuation and appraisal or of both. ***At least***  
8 ***one member of the board shall be an attorney admitted to practice in New Hampshire.*** The  
9 members of the board shall be full-time employees and shall not engage in any other employment  
10 during their terms that is in conflict with their duties as members of the board.

11 77 New Paragraph; Definition; Vested. Amend RSA 100-A:1 by inserting after paragraph  
12 XXXVII the following new paragraph:

13 XXXVIII. "Vested" means that a member is qualified for a benefit upon 10 years of service.  
14 The calculations of earnable compensation under RSA 100-A:1, XVII and average final compensation  
15 under RSA 100-A:1, XVIII cannot be reduced after 3 years of service.

16 78 Definition of Earnable Compensation; Group II. Amend RSA 100-A:1, XVII to read as  
17 follows:

18 XVII. "Earnable compensation" shall mean:

19 (a) For ***group I*** members who have attained vested status prior to January 1, 2012 the  
20 full base rate of compensation paid, as determined by the employer, plus any overtime pay, holiday  
21 and vacation pay, sick pay, longevity or severance pay, cost of living bonus, annual attendance  
22 stipend or bonus, additional pay for extracurricular and instructional activities for full-time teachers  
23 and full-time employees who are employed in paraprofessional or support position, additional pay for  
24 instructional activities of full-time faculty of the community college system, and any military  
25 differential pay, plus the fair market value of non-cash compensation paid to, or on behalf of, the  
26 member for meals or living quarters if subject to federal income tax, but excluding other  
27 compensation except cash incentives paid by an employer to encourage members to retire,  
28 supplemental pay paid by the employer while the member is receiving workers' compensation, and  
29 teacher development pay that is not part of the contracted annual salary. ~~[Compensation for extra~~  
30 ~~and special duty, as reported by the employer, shall be included but limited during the highest 3~~  
31 ~~years of creditable service as provided in paragraph XVIII].~~ However, earnable compensation in the  
32 final 12 months of creditable service prior to termination of employment shall be limited to 1-1/2  
33 times the higher of the earnable compensation in the 12-month period preceding the final 12 months  
34 or the highest compensation year as determined for the purpose of calculating average final  
35 compensation, but excluding the final 12 months. Any compensation received in the final 12 months  
36 of employment in excess of such limit shall not be subject to member or employer contributions to  
37 the retirement system and shall not be considered in the computation of average final compensation.

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1 Provided that, the annual compensation limit for members of governmental defined benefit pension  
2 plans under section 401(a)(17) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended,  
3 shall apply to earnable compensation for all employees[~~;~~ **and** teachers~~;~~ ~~permanent firemen, and~~  
4 ~~permanent policemen~~] who first become eligible for membership in the system on or after July 1,  
5 1996. Earnable compensation shall not include compensation in any form paid later than 120 days  
6 after the member's termination of employment from a retirement eligible position, with the limited  
7 exceptions of disability related severance pay paid to a member or retiree no later than 120 days  
8 after a decision by the board of trustees granting the member or retiree disability retirement  
9 benefits pursuant to RSA 100-A:6 and of severance pay which a member was entitled to be paid  
10 within 120 days after termination but which, without the consent of the member and not through  
11 any fault of the member, was paid more than 120 days after the member's termination. The member  
12 shall have the burden of proving to the board of trustees that any severance payment paid later than  
13 120 days after the member's termination of employment is earnable compensation and meets the  
14 requirements of an asserted exception to the 120-day post-termination payment requirement.

15 (b)(1) For **group I** members who have not attained vested status prior to January 1,  
16 2012, the full base rate of compensation paid, as determined by the employer, plus compensation  
17 over base pay. Compensation over base pay shall include as applicable, subject to subparagraphs  
18 (2)~~;~~ ~~(3), and (4)~~ **and (3)**, any overtime pay, cost of living bonus, annual attendance stipend or  
19 bonus, annual longevity pay, additional pay for extracurricular and instructional activities for full-  
20 time teachers and full-time employees who are employed in paraprofessional or support position,  
21 additional pay for instructional activities of full-time faculty of the community college system[,  
22 ~~compensation for extra and special duty,~~] and any military differential pay, plus the fair market  
23 value of non-cash compensation paid to, or on behalf of, the member for meals or living quarters if  
24 subject to federal income tax, but excluding other compensation except supplemental pay paid by the  
25 employer while the member is receiving workers' compensation and teacher development pay that is  
26 not part of the contracted annual salary.

27 (2) ~~[Compensation over base pay shall be limited during the highest 5 years of~~  
28 ~~creditable service as provided in paragraph XVIII.~~

29 (3) Earnable compensation shall not include compensation for extra and special  
30 duty for members who commence service on and after July 1, 2011.

31 (4) **(3)** Earnable compensation shall not include incentives to encourage members  
32 to retire, severance pay or end-of-career additional longevity payments, and pay for unused sick or  
33 vacation time. Earnable compensation in the final 12 months of creditable service prior to  
34 termination of employment shall be limited to 1 1/2 times the higher of the earnable compensation in  
35 the 12-month period preceding the final 12 months or the highest compensation year as determined  
36 for the purpose of calculating average final compensation, but excluding the final 12 months. Any  
37 compensation received in the final 12 months of employment in excess of such limit shall not be

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1 subject to member or employer contributions to the retirement system and shall not be considered in  
2 the computation of average final compensation. Provided that, the annual compensation limit for  
3 members of governmental defined benefit pension plans under section 401(a)(17) of the United  
4 States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, shall apply to earnable compensation for all  
5 employees[;] **and** teachers[; ~~permanent firemen, and permanent policemen~~] who first become eligible  
6 for membership in the system on or after July 1, 1996. Earnable compensation shall not include  
7 compensation in any form paid later than 120 days after the member's termination of employment  
8 from a retirement eligible position.

9 ***(c) For group II members who have attained vested status prior to January 1,***  
10 ***2013, the full base rate of compensation paid, as determined by the employer, plus any***  
11 ***overtime pay, holiday and vacation pay, sick pay, longevity or severance pay, cost of living***  
12 ***bonus, annual attendance stipend or bonus, additional pay for instructional activities,***  
13 ***and any military differential pay, plus the fair market value of non-cash compensation***  
14 ***paid to, or on behalf of, the member for meals or living quarters if subject to federal income***  
15 ***tax, but excluding other compensation except cash incentives paid by an employer to***  
16 ***encourage members to retire, supplemental pay paid by the employer while the member is***  
17 ***receiving workers' compensation. Compensation for extra and special duty, as reported by***  
18 ***the employer, shall be included but limited during the highest 3 years of creditable service***  
19 ***as provided in paragraph XVIII. However, earnable compensation in the final 12 months***  
20 ***of creditable service prior to termination of employment shall be limited to 1-1/2 times the***  
21 ***higher of the earnable compensation in the 12-month period preceding the final 12 months***  
22 ***or the highest compensation year as determined for the purpose of calculating average***  
23 ***final compensation, but excluding the final 12 months. Any compensation received in the***  
24 ***final 12 months of employment in excess of such limit shall not be subject to member or***  
25 ***employer contributions to the retirement system and shall not be considered in the***  
26 ***computation of average final compensation. Provided that, the annual compensation limit***  
27 ***for members of governmental defined benefit pension plans under section 401(a)(17) of the***  
28 ***United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, shall apply to earnable***  
29 ***compensation for all permanent firemen and permanent policemen who first become***  
30 ***eligible for membership in the system on or after July 1, 1996. Earnable compensation***  
31 ***shall not include compensation in any form paid later than 120 days after the member's***  
32 ***termination of employment from a retirement eligible position, with the limited exceptions***  
33 ***of disability related severance pay paid to a member or retiree no later than 120 days after***  
34 ***a decision by the board of trustees granting the member or retiree disability retirement***  
35 ***benefits pursuant to RSA 100-A:6 and of severance pay which a member was entitled to be***  
36 ***paid within 120 days after termination but which, without the consent of the member and***  
37 ***not through any fault of the member, was paid more than 120 days after the member's***

1 *termination. The member shall have the burden of proving to the board of trustees that*  
2 *any severance payment paid later than 120 days after the member's termination of*  
3 *employment is earnable compensation and meets the requirements of an asserted exception*  
4 *to the 120-day post-termination payment requirement.*

5 *(d)(1) For group II members who have not attained vested status prior to*  
6 *January 1, 2013, the full base rate of compensation paid, as determined by the employer,*  
7 *plus compensation over base pay. Compensation over base pay shall include as applicable,*  
8 *subject to subparagraphs (2), and (3), any overtime pay, cost of living bonus, annual*  
9 *attendance stipend or bonus, annual longevity pay, compensation for extra and special*  
10 *duty, and any military differential pay, plus the fair market value of non-cash*  
11 *compensation paid to, or on behalf of, the member for meals or living quarters if subject to*  
12 *federal income tax, but excluding other compensation except supplemental pay paid by the*  
13 *employer while the member is receiving workers' compensation that is not part of the*  
14 *contracted annual salary.*

15 *(2) Earnable compensation shall not include compensation for extra and*  
16 *special duty for members who commence service on and after July 1, 2011.*

17 *(3) Earnable compensation shall not include incentives to encourage*  
18 *members to retire, severance pay or end-of-career additional longevity payments, and pay*  
19 *for unused sick or vacation time. Earnable compensation in the final 12 months of*  
20 *creditable service prior to termination of employment shall be limited to 1 1/2 times the*  
21 *higher of the earnable compensation in the 12-month period preceding the final 12 months*  
22 *or the highest compensation year as determined for the purpose of calculating average*  
23 *final compensation, but excluding the final 12 months. Any compensation received in the*  
24 *final 12 months of employment in excess of such limit shall not be subject to member or*  
25 *employer contributions to the retirement system and shall not be considered in the*  
26 *computation of average final compensation. Provided that, the annual compensation limit*  
27 *for members of governmental defined benefit pension plans under section 401(a)(17) of the*  
28 *United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, shall apply to earnable*  
29 *compensation for all permanent firemen and permanent policemen who first become*  
30 *eligible for membership in the system on or after July 1, 1996. Earnable compensation*  
31 *shall not include compensation in any form paid later than 120 days after the member's*  
32 *termination of employment from a retirement eligible position.*

33 *79 Definition of Average Final Compensation; Group II. Amend RSA 100-A:1, XVIII to read as*  
34 *follows:*

35 *XVIII. "Average final compensation" shall mean:*

36 *(a) For **group I** members who have attained vested status prior to January 1, 2012, the*  
37 *average annual earnable compensation of a member during his or her highest 3 years of creditable*

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1 service, or during all of the years in his or her creditable service if less than 3 years. ~~[For purposes~~  
2 ~~of this calculation, the inclusion of the average annual compensation for extra and special duty in~~  
3 ~~the 3 years shall not exceed the average annual amount of compensation for extra and special duty~~  
4 ~~paid to the member over the member's last 7 years of creditable service on or after July 1, 2009, as~~  
5 ~~reported by the employer in accordance with RSA 100-A:16, VI, or over all of the years in his or her~~  
6 ~~creditable service on or after July 1, 2009 if less than 7 years.]~~

7           (b) *For group II members who have attained vested status prior to January 1,*  
8 *2013, the average annual earnable compensation of a member during his or her highest 3*  
9 *years of creditable service, or during all of the years in his or her creditable service if less*  
10 *than 3 years. For purposes of this calculation, the inclusion of the average annual*  
11 *compensation for extra and special duty in the 3 years shall not exceed the average annual*  
12 *amount of compensation for extra and special duty paid to the member over the member's*  
13 *last 7 years of creditable service on or after July 1, 2009, as reported by the employer in*  
14 *accordance with RSA 100-A:16, VI, or over all of the years in his or her creditable service on*  
15 *or after July 1, 2009 if less than 7 years.*

16           ~~[(b)]~~ (c) For group I members who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011 or who  
17 have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2012, the average annual earnable compensation  
18 of a member during his or her highest 5 years of creditable service, or during all of the years in his or  
19 her creditable service if less than 5 years. For purposes of inclusion in this calculation, the average  
20 percentage of compensation paid in excess of the full base rate of compensation in the highest 5  
21 years shall not exceed the average percentage of compensation paid in excess of the full base rate of  
22 compensation over all the member's years of service on or after January 1, 2012, but excluding the  
23 highest 5 years.

24           ~~[(c)(1)]~~ (d)(1) For group II members who commenced service prior to July 1, 2011 and  
25 who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, ~~[2012]~~ **2013**, the average annual earnable  
26 compensation of a member during his or her highest 5 years of creditable service, or during all of the  
27 years in his or her creditable service if less than 5 years. For purposes of inclusion in this  
28 calculation, the average percentage of compensation paid in excess of the full base rate of  
29 compensation in the highest 5 years shall not exceed the average percentage of compensation paid in  
30 excess of the full base rate of compensation over all the member's years of service on or after  
31 January 1, **2013**.

32           (2) For group II members who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011 ~~[and who~~  
33 ~~have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2012]~~, the average annual earnable  
34 compensation of a member during his or her highest 5 years of creditable service, or during all of the  
35 years in his or her creditable service if less than 5 years. For purposes of inclusion in this  
36 calculation, the average percentage of compensation paid in excess of the full base rate of  
37 compensation in the highest 5 years shall not exceed the average percentage of compensation paid in

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1 excess of the full base rate of compensation over all the member's years of service on or after  
2 January 1, 2012, but excluding the highest 5 years.

3 80 Group II Service Retirement Benefits. Amend RSA 100-A:5, II to read as follows:

4 II. Group II Members.

5 (a) Any group II member in service, who is in vested status before January 1, ~~2012~~  
6 **2013**, who has attained age 45 and completed 20 years of creditable service, and any group II  
7 member who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011 who has attained age 50 and completed 25  
8 years of creditable service, and group II members who have not attained vested status prior to  
9 January 1, ~~2012~~ **2013** as provided in the transition provisions in RSA 100-A:5, II(d), or any group II  
10 member in service who has attained age 60 regardless of the number of years of creditable service,  
11 may retire on a service retirement allowance upon written application to the board of trustees  
12 setting forth at what time not less than 30 days nor more than 90 days subsequent to the filing  
13 thereof the member desires to be retired, notwithstanding that during such period of notification the  
14 member may have separated from service. Provided, however, that a group II member who  
15 commenced service on or after July 1, 2011 shall not receive a service retirement allowance until  
16 attaining the age of 52.5; but may receive a reduced allowance after age 50 if the member has at  
17 least 25 years of creditable service where the allowance shall be reduced, for each month by which  
18 the date on which benefits commence precedes the month after which the member attains 52.5 years  
19 of age, by 1/4 of one percent.

20 (b) Upon service retirement, a group II member shall receive a service retirement  
21 allowance which shall consist of:

22 (1) A member annuity which shall be the actuarial equivalent of his or her  
23 accumulated contributions at the time of retirement; and

24 (2) For members who are in vested status before January 1, ~~2012~~ **2013**, a state  
25 annuity which, together with his or her member annuity, shall be equal to 2- 1/2 percent of his or her  
26 average final compensation multiplied by the number of years of his or her creditable service not in  
27 excess of 40 years, or for members who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011, a state annuity  
28 which, together with his or her member annuity, shall be equal to 2 percent of his or her average  
29 final compensation multiplied by the number of years of his or her creditable service not in excess of  
30 42.5 years, and group II members who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, ~~2012~~  
31 **2013** shall be as provided in the transition provisions in RSA 100-A:5, II(d) with the maximum  
32 number of years of creditable service not in excess of 40.5 years.

33 (3) Provided, however, that a group II member who commenced service on or after  
34 July 1, 2011 shall not receive a service retirement allowance until attaining the age of 52.5; but may  
35 receive a reduced allowance after age 50 if the member has at least 25 years of creditable service  
36 where the allowance shall be reduced, for each month by which the date on which benefits commence  
37 precedes the month after which the member attains 52.5 years of age, by 1/4 of one percent.

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(c)(1) Notwithstanding any provision of RSA 100-A to the contrary, any group II member who is in vested status before January 1, ~~2012~~ **2013** and has retired on or after the effective date of this subparagraph after attaining the age of 45 with at least 20 years of creditable service, and any group II member who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011 and retires after the effective date of this subparagraph after attaining the age of 50 with at least 25 years of creditable service, and group II members who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, ~~2012~~ **2013** who qualify as provided in the transition provisions in RSA 100-A:5, II(d), shall receive a minimum annual service retirement allowance of \$10,000. If such group II member has elected to convert the retirement allowance into an optional allowance for the surviving spouse under RSA 100-A:13, the surviving spouse shall be entitled to a proportional share of the \$10,000.

(2) [Repealed.]

(3) [Repealed.]

(d) Active group II members who commenced service prior to July 1, 2011 and who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, ~~2012~~ **2013** shall be subject to the following transition provisions for years of service required for regular service retirement, the minimum age for regular service retirement, and the multiplier used to calculate the retirement annuity~~[, which shall be applicable on or after January 1, 2012]~~ according to the following table:

Creditable service on	Minimum years	Minimum	Annuity
January 1, 2012	of service	age attained	multiplier
<del>(1) Less than 4 years</del>	<del>24</del>	<del>age 49</del>	<del>2.1%</del>
<del>(2) At least 4 years</del>	<del>23</del>	<del>age 48</del>	<del>2.2%</del>
<del>but less than 6 years</del>			
<del>(3) At least 6 years but</del>	<del>22</del>	<del>age 47</del>	<del>2.3%</del>
<del>less than 8 years</del>			
<del>(4) At least 8 years but</del>	<del>21</del>	<del>age 46</del>	<del>2.4%</del>
<del>less than 10 years]</del>			
<b>(1) Less than 1 year</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>age 49</b>	<b>2.1%</b>
<b>(2) At least 1 years</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>age 49</b>	<b>2.1%</b>
<b>but less than 2 years</b>			
<b>(3) At least 2 years but</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>age 49</b>	<b>2.1%</b>
<b>less than 3 years</b>			
<b>(4) At least 3 years but</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>age 49</b>	<b>2.1%</b>
<b>less than 4 years</b>			
<b>(5) At least 4 years</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>age 48</b>	<b>2.2%</b>
<b>but less than 5 years</b>			
<b>(6) At least 5 years</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>age 48</b>	<b>2.2%</b>
<b>but less than 6 years</b>			

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<b>(7) At least 6 years but</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>age 47</b>	<b>2.3%</b>
<b>less than 7 years</b>			
<b>(8) At least 7 years but</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>age 47</b>	<b>2.3%</b>
<b>less than 8 years</b>			
<b>(9) At least 8 years but</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>age 46</b>	<b>2.4%</b>
<b>less than 9 years</b>			

(e) Notwithstanding the transition provisions of subparagraph (d), the member may replace the additional years of service required for minimum retirement age with the years of service that are purchased under RSA 100-A:4, IX. Therefore, allowing the member to retire between the age of 45 and 49 depending upon the years of service purchased. The purchased years under RSA 100-A:4, IX shall have an annual multiplier of 2.5 percent regardless of the percentage listed in subparagraph (d).

81 Retirement; Maximum Retirement Benefit. Amend RSA 100-A:6-a to read as follows:  
100-A:6-a Maximum Retirement Benefit.

**(a)** Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, for members who commenced service before ~~[July 1, 2009]~~ **July 1, 2001**, ~~[or have attained vested status prior to January 1, 2012,]~~ a member's initial calculation of the retirement benefit granted under the provisions of RSA 100-A:5 or RSA 100-A:6 shall not exceed 100 percent of the member's highest year of earnable compensation.

**(b)** For members who commenced service on or after ~~[July 1, 2009 and have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2012,]~~ **July 1, 2001 and before July 1, 2011**, a member's maximum retirement benefit granted under the provisions of RSA 100-A:5 or RSA 100-A:6 shall not exceed the lesser of ~~[85]~~ **100** percent of the member's average final compensation or ~~[\$120,000]~~ **\$125,000**.

**(c)** *For members who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011, a member's maximum retirement benefit granted under the provisions of RSA 100-A:5 or RSA 100-A:6 shall not exceed the lesser of 85 percent of the member's average final compensation or \$125,000.*

**(d)** Nothing in this section shall affect the ability of a member to receive disability benefits pursuant to RSA 100-A:6, II(b) and (c). This provision shall not limit the application of supplemental allowances.

82 Retirement System; Group II; Date Change for Application of Retirement Provisions Adopted in 2011 to Members in Vested Status. Amend the following RSA provisions by replacing the term "January 1, 2012" with the term "January 1, 2013": 21-I:30, VIII; 100-A:1, XVII(c); 100-A:1, XVII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XVIII(b); 100-A:1, XVIII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XXXVII (b)(1) and (3); 100-A:5, II(a); 100-A:5, II(b)(2); 100-A:5, II(c)(1); 100-A:5, II(d)-(except table heading); 100-A:6, II(b); 100-A:6, II(d)(1) and (3); 100-A:10, II(b); 100-A:16, I(aa); 100-A:19-b, II(a) and (c); 100-A:19-d.

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83 Subsequent Changes Effective January 1, 2025; Retirement System; Group II; Date Change for Application of Retirement Provisions Adopted in 2011 to Members in Vested Status. Amend the following RSA provisions by replacing the term "January 1, 2013" with the term "January 1, 2014": 21-I:30, VIII; 100-A:1, XVII(c); 100-A:1, XVII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XVIII(b); 100-A:1, XVIII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XXXVII (b)(1) and (3); 100-A:5, II(a); 100-A:5, II(b)(2); 100-A:5, II(c)(1); 100-A:5, II(d)-(except table heading); 100-A:6, II(b); 100-A:6, II(d)(1) and (3); 100-A:10, II(b); 100-A:16, I(aa); 100-A:19-b, II(a) and (c); 100-A:19-d; 100-A:5, II (d); and delete subparagraph (9) from the table in RSA 100-A:5, II(d).

84 Subsequent Changes Effective January 1, 2026; Retirement System; Group II; Date Change for Application of Retirement Provisions Adopted in 2011 to Members in Vested Status. Amend the following RSA provisions by replacing the term "January 1, 2014" with the term "January 1, 2015": 21-I:30, VIII; 100-A:1, XVII(c); 100-A:1, XVII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XVIII(b); 100-A:1, XVIII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XXXVII (b)(1) and (3); 100-A:5, II(a); 100-A:5, II(b)(2); 100-A:5, II(c)(1); 100-A:5, II(d)-(except table heading); 100-A:6, II(b); 100-A:6, II(d)(1) and (3); 100-A:10, II(b); 100-A:16, I(aa); 100-A:19-b, II(a) and (c); 100-A:19-d; 100-A:5, II (d); and delete subparagraph (8) from the table in RSA 100-A:5, II(d).

85 Subsequent Changes Effective January 1, 2027; Retirement System; Group II; Date Change for Application of Retirement Provisions Adopted in 2011 to Members in Vested Status. Amend the following RSA provisions by replacing the term "January 1, 2015" with the term "January 1, 2016": 21-I:30, VIII; 100-A:1, XVII(c); 100-A:1, XVII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XVIII(b); 100-A:1, XVIII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XXXVII (b)(1) and (3); 100-A:5, II(a); 100-A:5, II(b)(2); 100-A:5, II(c)(1); 100-A:5, II(d)-(except table heading); 100-A:6, II(b); 100-A:6, II(d)(1) and (3); 100-A:10, II(b); 100-A:16, I(aa); 100-A:19-b, II(a) and (c); 100-A:19-d; 100-A:5, II (d); and delete subparagraph (7) from the table in RSA 100-A:5, II(d).

86 Subsequent Changes Effective January 1, 2028; Retirement System; Group II; Date Change for Application of Retirement Provisions Adopted in 2011 to Members in Vested Status. Amend the following RSA provisions by replacing the term "January 1, 2016" with the term "January 1, 2017": 21-I:30, VIII; 100-A:1, XVII(c); 100-A:1, XVII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XVIII(b); 100-A:1, XVIII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XXXVII (b)(1) and (3); 100-A:5, II(a); 100-A:5, II(b)(2); 100-A:5, II(c)(1); 100-A:5, II(d)-(except table heading); 100-A:6, II(b); 100-A:6, II(d)(1) and (3); 100-A:10, II(b); 100-A:16, I(aa); 100-A:19-b, II(a) and (c); 100-A:19-d; 100-A:5, II (d); and delete subparagraph (6) from the table in RSA 100-A:5, II(d).

87 Subsequent Changes Effective January 1, 2029; Retirement System; Group II; Date Change for Application of Retirement Provisions Adopted in 2011 to Members in Vested Status. Amend the following RSA provisions by replacing the term "January 1, 2017" with the term "January 1, 2018": 21-I:30, VIII; 100-A:1, XVII(c); 100-A:1, XVII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XVIII(b); 100-A:1, XVIII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XXXVII (b)(1) and (3); 100-A:5, II(a); 100-A:5, II(b)(2); 100-A:5, II(c)(1); 100-A:5, II(d)-(except table heading); 100-A:6, II(b); 100-A:6, II(d)(1) and (3); 100-A:10, II(b); 100-A:16, I(aa); 100-A:19-b, II(a) and (c); 100-A:19-d; 100-A:5, II (d); and delete subparagraph (5) from the table in RSA 100-A:5, II(d).

88 Subsequent Changes Effective January 1, 2030; Retirement System; Group II; Date Change for Application of Retirement Provisions Adopted in 2011 to Members in Vested Status. Amend the

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following RSA provisions by replacing the term "January 1, 2018" with the term "January 1, 2019":  
21-I:30, VIII; 100-A:1, XVII(c); 100-A:1, XVII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XVIII(b); 100-A:1, XVIII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XXXVII (b)(1) and (3); 100-A:5, II(a); 100-A:5, II(b)(2); 100-A:5, II(c)(1); 100-A:5, II(d) -(except table heading); 100-A:6, II(b); 100-A:6, II(d)(1) and (3); 100-A:10, II(b); 100-A:16, I(aa); 100-A:19-b, II(a) and (c); 100-A:19-d; 100-A:5, II (d); and delete subparagraph (4) from the table in RSA 100-A:5, II(d).

89 Subsequent Changes Effective January 1, 2031; Retirement System; Group II; Date Change for Application of Retirement Provisions Adopted in 2011 to Members in Vested Status. Amend the following RSA provisions by replacing the term "January 1, 2019" with the term "January 1, 2020":  
21-I:30, VIII; 100-A:1, XVII(c); 100-A:1, XVII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XVIII(b); 100-A:1, XVIII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XXXVII (b)(1) and (3); 100-A:5, II(a); 100-A:5, II(b)(2); 100-A:5, II(c)(1); 100-A:5, II(d) -(except table heading); 100-A:6, II(b); 100-A:6, II(d)(1) and (3); 100-A:10, II(b); 100-A:16, I(aa); 100-A:19-b, II(a) and (c); 100-A:19-d; 100-A:5, II (d); and delete subparagraph (3) from the table in RSA 100-A:5, II(d).

90 Subsequent Changes Effective January 1, 2032; Retirement System; Group II; Date Change for Application of Retirement Provisions Adopted in 2011 to Members in Vested Status. Amend the following RSA provisions by replacing the term "January 1, 2020" with the term "January 1, 2021":  
21-I:30, VIII; 100-A:1, XVII(c); 100-A:1, XVII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XVIII(b); 100-A:1, XVIII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XXXVII (b)(1) and (3); 100-A:5, II(a); 100-A:5, II(b)(2); 100-A:5, II(c)(1); 100-A:5, II(d)-(except table heading); 100-A:6, II(b); 100-A:6, II(d)(1) and (3); 100-A:10, II(b); 100-A:16, I(aa); 100-A:19-b, II(a) and (c); 100-A:19-d; 100-A:5, II (d); and delete subparagraph (2) from the table in RSA 100-A:5, II(d).

91 Subsequent Changes Effective January 1, 2033; Retirement System; Group II; Date Change for Application of Retirement Provisions Adopted in 2011 to Members in Vested Status. Amend the following RSA provisions as follows:

I. 21-I:30, VIII; remove "and group II members who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2021 shall be as provided in the transition provisions in RSA 100-A:5, II(d)".

II. 100-A:1, XVII(c); replace "who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2021" with "who commenced service prior to July 1, 2011".

III. 100-A:1, XVII(d)(1); replace "who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2021" with "who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011".

IV. 100-A:1, XVIII(b); replace "who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2021" with "who commenced service prior to July 1, 2011".

V. 100-A:1, XVIII(d)(1); delete subparagraph (1).

VI. 100-A:1, XXXVII (b)(1) and (3); in (1), replace "in vested status before January 1, 2021" with "who commenced service before July 1, 2011", and delete subparagraph (3).

VII. 100-A:5, II(a); replace "who is in vested status before January 1, 2021" with "who commenced service prior to July 1, 2011"; delete "and group II members who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2012 as provided in the transition provisions in RSA 100-A:5, II(d)".

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VIII. 100-A:5, II(b)(2); replace “who is in vested status before January 1, 2021” with “who commenced service prior to July 1, 2011”; delete “, and group II members who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2012 as provided in the transition provisions in RSA 100-A:5, II(d) with maximum number of years of credible service not in excess of 40.5 years”.

IX. 100-A:5, II(c)(1); replace “who is in vested status before January 1, 2021 and” with “who commenced service prior to July 1, 2011”; delete “and group II members who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2012 as provided in the transition provisions in RSA 100-A:5, II(d),”.

X. 100-A:5, II(d), delete the subparagraph.

XI. 100-A:6, II(b); replace “in vested status before January 1, 2021” with “who commenced service before July 1, 2011”; delete “and group II members who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2021 as provided in the transition provisions in RSA 100-A:5, II(d) with the maximum number of years of credible service not in excess of 40.5 years”.

XII. 100-A:6, II(d)(1) and (3); in (1) replace “who are in vested status before January 1, 2021” with “who commenced service before July 1, 2011”, and delete subparagraph (3).

XIII. 100-A:10, II(b); replace “who are in vested status before January 1, 2021” with “who commenced service before July 1, 2011”. Delete “and group II members who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2021 shall be as provided in the transition provisions in RSA 100-A:5, II(d)”.

XIV. 100-A:16, I(aa); replace “who is in vested status before January 1, 2021” with “who commenced service prior to July 1, 2011”.

XV. 100-A:19-b, II(a) and (c); in (a) replace “who is in vested status before January 1, 2021” with “who commenced service prior to July 1, 2011”, and delete subparagraph (c).

XVI. 100-A:19-d; replace “for members who are in vested status with Group II service before January 1, 2012” with “for members who commenced service before July 1, 2011”.

92 Retirement System; Group II; Funding; Appropriations.

I. The sum of \$25,000,000 per state fiscal year is hereby appropriated to the retirement system to fund the cost of benefits under this act. Such sums shall be transferred on July 1 each year, with the first payment starting July 1, 2023 and the last payment occurring on July 1, 2032.

II. In addition, the sum necessary for the biennium ending FY 2025 for the state to cover any costs incurred by political subdivisions in the implementation of the group II changes in this act is hereby appropriated.

III. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

93 Effective Date.

I. Section 83 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2025.

II. Section 84 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

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III. Section 85 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

IV. Section 86 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2028.

V. Section 87 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2029.

VI. Section 88 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2030.

VII. Section 89 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2031.

VIII. Section 90 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2032.

IX. Section 91 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2033.

X. Sections 77-82 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2024.

94 Taxation of Incomes; Rate. Amend RSA 77:1 to read as follows:

77:1 Rate.

I. The annual tax upon incomes shall be levied at the rate of 5 percent for all taxable periods ending before December 31, 2023.

II. The annual tax upon incomes shall be levied at the rate of 4 percent for all taxable periods ending on or after December 31, 2023.

III. The annual tax upon incomes shall be levied at the rate of 3 percent for all taxable periods ending on or after December 31, 2024.

~~IV. The annual tax upon incomes shall be levied at the rate of 2 percent for all taxable periods ending on or after December 31, 2025.~~

~~V. The annual tax upon incomes shall be levied at the rate of 1 percent for all taxable periods ending on or after December 31, 2026.]~~

95 Returns for Interest and Dividends Taxes; 2027. Amend 2021, 91:100 to read as follows:

91:100 Returns for Interest and Dividends Taxes; ~~[2027]~~ **2025**. All persons who are liable for a tax under RSA 77 as of December 31, ~~[2026]~~ **2024**, who thereafter are no longer liable for a tax under RSA 77 because of the passage of this act shall make a return of such taxes due the commissioner of revenue administration in such manner and on such forms as the commissioner shall prescribe in rules adopted under RSA 541-A. The administrative provisions of RSA 77 shall remain in effect to permit the audit and collection of taxes upon income taxable under RSA 77 which is received by persons subject to taxation under that chapter through December 31, ~~[2026]~~ **2024**, and to permit the distribution of that revenue. Persons who are liable for a tax under RSA 77 who do not report the payment of federal income taxes on a calendar year basis are entitled to such proportion of the exemptions allowed in RSA 77 as the reporting period bears to their taxable year.

96 Application; Repeal of RSA 77. Amend 2021, 91:101 to read as follows:

91:101 Application; Repeal of RSA 77. Paragraph II of section 99 shall apply to taxable periods beginning after December 31, ~~[2026]~~ **2024**.

97 Amend Effective Date; Amend Repeal of Interest and Dividends Tax from 2027 to 2025. Amend 2021, 91:102, II to read as follows:

II. Sections 90-100 of this act shall take effect January 1, ~~[2027]~~ **2025**.

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98 Labor Commissioner; Civil Penalties. Amend RSA 273:11-a, I to read as follows:

I. In addition to any criminal penalty provided under this title, the commissioner may, after hearing, impose a civil penalty not to exceed \$2,500, as determined by the commissioner, for any violation of the provisions of, or any rule adopted pursuant to, this title, except RSA 273-A, RSA 273-C, and RSA 282-A. All moneys collected under this section shall be deposited ~~[in the general fund]~~ **into the department of labor restricted fund established in RSA 273:1-b.**

99 Workers' Compensation; Liability of Employer Failing to Comply. Amend RSA 281-A:7, I(b) to read as follows:

(b) An insurance carrier which insures an employer and fails to file with the commissioner a notice of coverage within a reasonable period of time as prescribed by rule shall be assessed a civil penalty of up to \$50 for each day of noncompliance. The commissioner shall deposit all moneys collected under this subparagraph ~~[with the state treasurer for deposit into the general fund]~~ **into the department of labor restricted fund established in RSA 273:1-b.**

100 Occupational Health and Safety Administration Certification. Amend RSA 277:5-a, III to read as follows:

III. The labor commissioner shall adopt rules under RSA 541-A relative to implementation and enforcement of this section. The commissioner may also assess a civil penalty of up to \$2,500; in addition, such an employer shall be assessed a civil penalty of \$100 per employee for each day of noncompliance. All funds collected under this section shall be deposited into the ~~[general fund]~~ **department of labor restricted fund established in RSA 273:1-b.** The labor commissioner shall appoint as many individuals as necessary to carry out the department's responsibilities under this section.

101 Penalty Appeal Board. Amend RSA 273:11-b to read as follows:

273:11-b Penalty Appeal Board.

I. There is hereby created a penalty appeal board which shall hear appeals from penalties imposed by the commissioner.

II. The board shall be composed of 3 members, as follows:

(a) One person representing the interests of management, to be appointed by the governor and council;

(b) One person representing the interests of labor, to be appointed by the governor and council; and

(c) One person to serve as chairman, who shall be an attorney and who shall be familiar with the labor laws of this state. The chairman shall be ~~[chosen and]~~ appointed ~~[jointly]~~ by **the governor and council** ~~[the other 2 members of the board; provided, however, that, if such members are unable to agree on the appointment of the chairman within 30 days after the later of their appointments, the governor and council shall appoint the chairman].~~

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1           III. At the time of making appointments pursuant to paragraph II, the governor and council  
2 ~~[or 2 appointing members of the board, as applicable,]~~ shall also appoint an alternate member  
3 representing the interests of management, an alternate member representing the interests of labor  
4 and an alternate chairman, who shall serve whenever the corresponding member of the board is  
5 unable, because of a conflict of interest or otherwise, to participate in the determination of a matter  
6 before the board.

7           IV. Members and alternate members shall be appointed for terms of 3 years and shall serve  
8 until their successors are appointed and qualified. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired terms.  
9 ~~[Members and alternate members shall serve without compensation but shall receive mileage at the~~  
10 ~~same rate paid to state employees.]~~

11           ***V. The attorney member of the board shall receive \$400 per diem and all other***  
12 ***members of the board shall each receive \$250 per diem for each day devoted to the work of***  
13 ***the board and shall be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses. Said per diems shall be***  
14 ***prorated to an hourly basis using 7.5 hours per day for other related work performed by***  
15 ***board members.***

16           102 Family and Medical Leave Insurance. Amend RSA 275:37-d to read as follows:

17           275:37-d Family and Medical Leave Insurance. If an employer has 50 or more employees and  
18 sponsors family and medical leave insurance pursuant to RSA 21-I:99, then any employee of that  
19 employer who takes family or medical leave and accesses wage replacement benefits under such  
20 family and medical leave insurance coverage shall be restored to the position she or he held prior to  
21 such leave or to an equivalent position by her or his employer consistent with the job restoration  
22 provisions of the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, Public Law 103-3, 29 U.S.C. section  
23 2601 et seq. Such employers shall continue to provide health insurance to employees during the  
24 leave. However, employees shall remain responsible for any employee-shared costs associated with  
25 the health insurance benefits. Such employers shall not discriminate or retaliate against any  
26 employee for accessing family or medical leave wage replacement benefits. Employers of employees  
27 participating in the granite state paid family leave plan may require that paid leave taken under  
28 this program be taken concurrently or otherwise coordinated with leave allowed under the terms of a  
29 collective bargaining agreement or other established employer policy or the Family and Medical  
30 Leave Act, as applicable. ***In addition, the commissioner may adopt rules under RSA 541-A to***  
31 ***facilitate administration and enforcement of this section.***

32           103 Boiler and Pressure Vessels; Exceptions. Amend RSA 157-A:6, III(e) to read as follows:

33           (e) Pressure vessels that do not exceed (1) 5 cubic feet in volume ~~[or]~~ ***and*** 250 psig, (2) 1  
34 1/2 cubic feet in volume or an inside diameter of 6 inches, and 3,000 psig.

35           104 Workers' Compensation; Appeals Board. Amend RSA 281-A:42-a, I to read as follows:

36           I. There is established a compensation appeals board. ***Until January 1, 2024,*** the board  
37 shall consist of a pool of 33 members, of which 11 members shall represent labor, 11 members shall

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1 represent employers or workers' compensation insurers and 11 members shall be attorneys who  
2 shall be neutral. ***On January 1, 2024, the commissioner shall identify 2 seats from each of***  
3 ***the 3 sectors that are vacant or of an expired term, and eliminate those seats, reducing the***  
4 ***entire pool to 27 members in total.*** Members of the board shall be appointed by the governor and  
5 council from a list of nominees submitted by the commissioner. The commissioner shall submit at  
6 least 2 nominees for each vacancy to be filled. Any person appointed by the governor and council  
7 who is not qualified or who ceases to be qualified in the capacity in which such person is serving on  
8 the appeals board shall be replaced by the governor and council. Terms of board members shall be 3  
9 years, except the initial appointments shall be staggered so that no more than 1/3 of the members'  
10 terms shall expire in the same year. Members of the board shall have at least 5 years' experience in  
11 the area of workers' compensation or human resources or administrative law. As a condition to  
12 maintaining eligibility to hear appeals, board members shall have at least 10 hours annually of  
13 training and briefing in the area of workers' compensation and relevant disciplines. The  
14 commissioner, or designee, with the assistance of the attorney general's staff shall supervise and  
15 approve the training. The commissioner shall have the authority to suspend the eligibility of any  
16 member of the board who is not in compliance with such annual training requirements, and to  
17 reinstate such member's eligibility upon compliance. The commissioner may suspend from active  
18 participation any board member who fails to render a decision or order within 30 days of the hearing  
19 as required by RSA 281-A:43, I(b). The commissioner may rescind the suspension once the board  
20 member is in compliance with RSA 281-A:43, I(b). Appeals from a decision of the commissioner or  
21 the commissioner's representative shall be heard de novo by a 3-member panel, composed of an  
22 attorney who shall serve as chair, one member representing labor and one member representing  
23 employers or workers' compensation insurers. At least 2 like votes shall be necessary for a decision  
24 by the panel. The board shall hear appeals, in accordance with RSA 281-A:43, I(b), from the  
25 decisions of the commissioner made pursuant to RSA 281-A:43. No person who is an interested  
26 party or an employee of an interested party shall participate as a member of the panel. The board  
27 shall conduct its proceedings in such a manner as to ensure a fair and impartial hearing.

28 105 Department of Transportation; Appeals Board. Amend RSA 21-L:14, I to read as follows:

29 I. There is established an appeals board consisting of 3 members. One member shall be a  
30 registered professional engineer, one member shall be a person admitted to the practice of law in  
31 this state, and one member shall be a person skilled in the field of public works and construction  
32 who shall represent the general public. There shall be 2 alternate board members, who shall meet at  
33 least one of the qualification categories set forth for board members. Each board member and  
34 alternate board member shall be appointed by the governor with the consent of the council to a term  
35 of 3 years, ~~provided that of the initial members appointed under this section one member shall be~~  
36 ~~appointed to a term of one year, one member to a term of 2 years, and one member to a term of 3~~  
37 ~~years. Vacancies shall be filled in a like manner for the unexpired term] or until a successor is~~

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1 ***appointed and qualified, whichever is later.*** The governor shall designate one member to serve  
2 as board chairman, and the board shall elect one member to serve as vice-chairman. In the event of  
3 illness or disqualification of a member as set forth in RSA 673:14, the chairman shall designate an  
4 alternate member to act in his place.

5 106 Appeals Board; Powers and Duties. Amend RSA 21-L:15, I to read as follows:

6 I. The board shall hear and decide appeals from decisions of the commissioner relative to  
7 contract interpretation or other decisions affecting persons not employed by the department,  
8 municipalities, or private property, except condemnations of property for public uses, and the  
9 assessment of damages therefor. Decisions of division directors shall be appealed to the  
10 commissioner. Decisions of the commissioner may be appealed to the appeals board, except decisions  
11 relative to aeronautical matters, which may be appealed to the aviation users advisory board  
12 established under RSA 21-L:8[~~and decisions relative to common carriers by rail, which may be~~  
13 ~~appealed to the railroad appeals board established under RSA 21-L:16].~~

14 107 Repeal. RSA 21-L:16, relative to the railroad appeals board, is repealed.

15 108 New Paragraph; Weight; Permit Fees. Amend RSA 266:22 by inserting after paragraph V  
16 the following new paragraph:

17 VI. There is hereby established an over-length, over-width, over-height, and over-weight  
18 revolving fund from revenue received under this section. All revenue received by the department of  
19 transportation for permit fees shall be credited to the fund and are hereby appropriated to the  
20 department of transportation. Funds shall be nonlapsing and continually appropriated for the  
21 operation and administration of the permit section at the department.

22 109 New Subparagraph; Application of Receipts; Over-length, Over-width, Over-height, and  
23 Over-weight Revolving Fund. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by inserting after subparagraph (387) the  
24 following new subparagraph:

25 (388) Moneys deposited in the over-length, over-width, over-height, and over-weight  
26 revolving fund under RSA 266:22.

27 110 Highway Surveillance Prohibited. Amend RSA 236:130, III(f) to read as follows:

28 (f) Is undertaken for the security of the following bridges and approach structures: I-95  
29 Piscataqua River Bridge, Sarah Mildred Long Bridge, and the Memorial Bridge, all in Portsmouth,  
30 ***as well as the Little Bay Bridges in Dover and Newington.***

31 111 Local Option; Prime Wetlands. Amend RSA 482-A:15, I-b to read as follows:

32 I-b. ***For the purposes of this chapter, existing state highway rights-of-way, including***  
33 ***associated permanent easements, shall not include prime wetlands or their adjacent***  
34 ***buffers.***

35 I-c. The commissioner shall adopt rules under RSA 541-A relative to the form, criteria, and  
36 methods that shall be used to designate, map, and document prime wetlands, determine boundaries

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1 in the field, and amend maps and designations once filed and accepted by the department under  
2 paragraph II.

3 112 Agreements for Telecommunications-Related Uses of the State Highway System and State-  
4 Owned Railroad Rights-of-Way. Amend RSA 228:31-a to read as follows:

5 228:31-a Agreements for Telecommunications-Related Uses of the State Highway System and  
6 State-Owned Railroad Rights-of-Way. The commissioner may, with the approval of the governor and  
7 council, execute contracts, leases, licenses, and other agreements relating to the use or occupation of  
8 state-owned rights-of-way, whether easement or fee-owned, for purposes of allowing the installation  
9 and maintenance of commercial mobile radio service devices. Such agreements, which shall be for  
10 commercially reasonable value, shall not extend for a period of more than 10 years. Any leases  
11 executed pursuant to this section shall be subject to the requirements of RSA 72:23 with regard to  
12 properly assessed real estate taxes and subject to local zoning and planning requirements. Said  
13 devices shall take into consideration the scenic beauty of the landscape. There shall be no  
14 advertising signs on these devices. The provisions of ***RSA 4:39-c and*** RSA 4:40 shall not apply to  
15 this section.

16 113 State Highways; Notice of Finding. Amend RSA 230:55 to read as follows:

17 230:55 Notice of Finding. Whenever the commissioner of transportation shall alter or relocate  
18 any portion of any class I or class II highway, and finds that there is no further occasion to use such  
19 portion for class I or class II highway purposes for property acquired by the state in 1945 or earlier,  
20 the commissioner shall post notice of such finding in 2 public places in the town in which land is  
21 situate and give notice in writing to the selectmen of such town. Notwithstanding any provision of  
22 law to the contrary, the commissioner may discontinue ***any right-of-way, or portion thereof, that***  
23 ***was laid out by the state*** and declare property acquired after 1945 as surplus and dispose of it in  
24 accordance with RSA [4:39] ***4:39-c***.

25 114 New Paragraph; New Hampshire Aeronautics Act; Revenue; Fees. Amend RSA 422:31 by  
26 inserting after paragraph IX the following new paragraph:

27 X. A credit card use convenience fee may be charged in addition to the required aircraft  
28 operating fee for each transaction, which the department is authorized to use towards the credit card  
29 fees incurred.

30 115 Turnpike System; Toll Criteria. Amend RSA 237:11, V to read as follows:

31 V. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the discount on the  
32 established tolls on any of the New Hampshire turnpikes in the system for vehicles listed on a  
33 ***funded*** New Hampshire E-Z Pass account and using the regional electronic toll collection system  
34 with a ***working and properly mounted*** New Hampshire E-Z Pass transponder shall be 30 percent  
35 for passenger vehicles, including motorcycles, and 10 percent for commercial vehicles.

36 116 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. Amend RSA 228:99 to read as follows:

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1       228:99 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The governor shall develop a  
2 statewide transportation improvement program as required by 23 U.S.C. sections 134 and 135, as  
3 amended. The governor shall revise and update the program every 2 years. Adoption of the STIP  
4 and revised STIP shall be as follows:

5           I. Each metropolitan planning organization and rural regional planning commission shall  
6 reach agreement with the department of transportation relative to funding unified planning work  
7 programs consistent with 23 U.S.C. sections 134 and 135 no later than December 1 of each even-  
8 numbered year. Each metropolitan planning organization and rural regional planning commission  
9 shall provide a regional transportation improvement program (TIP) **priorities** to the department of  
10 transportation no later than April 1 of each odd-numbered year. Such plans shall include [a] public  
11 involvement [~~plan~~] and education [~~initiative~~] to ensure early and adequate input from residents,  
12 municipalities and any other interested parties in New Hampshire.

13           II. The commissioner shall submit the tentative STIP in accordance with the state planning  
14 process as required in 23 U.S.C. section 135 to the governor's advisory commission on intermodal  
15 transportation no later than [~~July~~] **September** 1 of each odd-numbered year.

16           III. The governor's advisory commission on intermodal transportation shall conduct at least  
17 one public hearing in each executive council district to present the tentative STIP to the public and  
18 to receive the public's comments and recommendations regarding the program. The governor's  
19 advisory commission on intermodal transportation shall submit such program along with the  
20 commission's recommendations to the governor no later than December 1 of each odd-numbered  
21 year. Each metropolitan planning organization and rural regional planning commission should  
22 conduct an informational meeting after the commission submits its recommendations to receive the  
23 public's final comments and recommendations regarding the proposed programs before adoption by  
24 the governor.

25           IV. The governor shall submit the STIP to the general court to be acted on no later than  
26 January 15 of each even-numbered year. [~~After an enactment~~] **The STIP shall be enacted** by the  
27 general court [~~of the STIP or~~] by June 1 of each even-numbered year[~~, whichever is earlier, each~~  
28 ~~metropolitan planning organization and rural regional planning commission should continue its~~  
29 ~~public involvement program by conducting at least one informational meeting concerning the STIP~~].

30           **V. Each metropolitan planning organization and the department of transportation**  
31 **shall continue its public involvement program by conducting public comment periods and**  
32 **public hearings as required by 23 U.S.C. sections 134 and 135, as amended for the regional**  
33 **TIP and statewide STIP.**

34           **VI. Each metropolitan planning organization shall approve the regional TIP and**  
35 **the department of transportation shall incorporate the TIPs into the STIP in whole, and**  
36 **submit the STIP for federal approval as required by 23 U.S.C. sections 134 and 135, as**  
37 **amended.**

*VII. Three times per year, the STIP and TIPs shall be amended to make adjustments to projects whose scopes, schedules or budgets need to be adjusted. The department of transportation will prepare and release STIP/TIP amendments to the metropolitan planning organizations and rural regional planning commissions.*

*VIII. The metropolitan planning organizations shall have 60 days from the receipt of each amendment to prepare, receive public comments, approve and transmit the updated TIPs to the department of transportation. The department of transportation shall incorporate the TIP amendments into the STIP in whole, and submit the STIP for federal approval as required by 23 U.S.C. sections 134 and 135, as amended.*

117 Unclaimed and Abandoned Property; Subsequent Claims. Amend RSA 471-C:31-a to read as follows:

471-C:31-a Subsequent Claims. For periods after January 1, 1985, any owner who comes forward to make a claim for assets which have escheated to the state **or counties** may petition ~~the governor and council~~ for payment of those assets. Upon ~~providing~~ **receiving** sufficient proof of the validity of such owner claim ~~[and receiving the approval of governor and council]~~, the administrator shall pay such claim to the owner in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. ***In the event subsequent claims exceed amounts appropriated in the operating budget, the administrator shall request, with prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court, that the governor and council authorize additional funding. For funds requested and approved, the governor is authorized to draw a warrant from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.***

118 Revenue Sharing; Suspension. RSA 31-A, relative to revenue sharing with cities and towns shall be suspended for the biennium ending June 30, 2025.

119 Electric Utility Restructuring; Implementation. Amend RSA 374-F:4, VIII(f) to read as follows:

(f) The ~~[department of environmental services and the]~~ department of energy shall submit a report to the house science, technology, and energy committee, and the senate energy and natural resources committee by October 1 of each year. The report shall concern the results and effectiveness of the system benefits charge.

120 Disclosure of Electric Service Energy Sources and Environmental Characteristics. Amend RSA 378:49, II(c) to read as follows:

(c) Provide such information to electric customers at least annually in conjunction with billing, whether distributed through the mail or online, or other mailed or online communication to customers, as approved by the ~~[commission]~~ **department**, including the ~~[commission's]~~ **department's** estimated cost on a per kilowatt-hour basis for compliance with the electric renewable portfolio standard under RSA 362-F for the prior compliance year. The estimated cost for the compliance year shall be calculated once per year and provided in the customer's December bill,

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whether distributed through the mail or online. Each customer's bill shall identify the cost as an estimate and provide a link to information about the electric renewable portfolio standard, including its benefits, at the ~~[public utilities commission's]~~ **department's** website. The costs for a utility to provide this information shall be recovered from electric customers through the distribution rates of the respective electric distribution utility.

121 Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard; Renewable Energy Fund. Amend RSA 362-F:10, I to read as follows:

I. There is hereby established a renewable energy fund. This nonlapsing special fund shall be continually appropriated to the department of energy to be expended in accordance with this section; provided that at the start of the period in which there is no adopted state operating budget, the department of energy shall in a timely manner seek the approval of the fiscal committee of the general court to continue using moneys from the renewable energy fund to support renewable energy rebate and grant programs in order to ensure there are no interruptions to the programs. The state treasurer shall invest the moneys deposited therein as provided by law. Income received on investments made by the state treasurer shall also be credited to the fund. All payments to be made under this section shall be deposited in the fund. Any remaining moneys paid into the fund under paragraph II of this section, excluding class II moneys, shall be used by the department of energy to support thermal and electrical renewable energy initiatives **and offshore wind initiatives, including the office of offshore wind industry development**. Class II moneys shall primarily be used to support solar energy technologies in New Hampshire. All initiatives supported out of these funds shall be subject to audit by the department of energy as deemed necessary. All fund moneys including those from class II may be used to administer this chapter, but all new employee positions shall be approved by the fiscal committee of the general court. No new employees shall be hired by the department of energy due to the inclusion of useful thermal energy in class I production.

122 Information Collection. Amend RSA 362-F:8, I to read as follows:

I. ~~[By July 1]~~ **No earlier than July 1 and no later than July 15** of each year, each provider of electricity shall submit a report to the department of energy, in a form approved by the department of energy, documenting its compliance with the requirements of this chapter for the prior year. The department of energy may investigate compliance and collect any information necessary to verify and audit the information provided to the department of energy by providers of electricity.

123 Phase-In for Existing Supply Contract Load. Amend RSA 362-F:14 to read as follows:

362-F:14 Phase-In for Existing Supply Contract Load. The increases in the annual purchase percentages in RSA 362-F:3 as compared to those in effect as of January 1, 2012 shall apply to the electrical load under any electrical power supply contracts for a term of years entered into by providers of electricity prior to or on July 1, 2012, upon the expiration of the term of any such contract. Providers of electricity shall inform the department of energy ~~[by July 1]~~ **no earlier than**

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1 ***July 1 and no later than July 15*** of each year of all such contracts and their terms, including but  
2 not limited to the execution date and expiration date of the contract and the annual volume of  
3 electrical energy supplied.

4 124 Duties of Commissioner; Department of Energy. Amend RSA 12-P:5, VI to read as follows:

5 VI. Collect and account for all fees, funds, taxes, or assessments levied upon any person  
6 subject to the jurisdiction of the department of energy and the public utilities commission.  
7 ***Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if the expenditure of additional funds over***  
8 ***budget estimates is necessary for the proper functioning of the department of energy, the***  
9 ***governor and council, with the prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court,***  
10 ***upon request from the department of energy, may authorize an additional assessment***  
11 ***pursuant to RSA 363-A for such purpose.***

12 125 Public Utilities Commission; Office of the Consumer Advocate. Amend RSA 363:28, I(d) to  
13 read as follows:

14 (d) ~~[Two]~~ ***Three*** additional staff people appointed by the consumer advocate. When  
15 filling these positions, the consumer advocate should consider appointing rate analysts or  
16 economists.

17 126 New Paragraph; Public Utilities Commission; Office of the Consumer Advocate. Amend  
18 RSA 363:28 by inserting after paragraph VI the following new paragraph:

19 VII. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if the expenditure of additional funds over  
20 budget estimates is necessary for the proper functioning of the office of the consumer advocate, the  
21 governor and council, with the prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court, upon  
22 request from the consumer advocate, may authorize an additional assessment pursuant to RSA 363-  
23 A for such purpose.

24 127 Office of the Consumer Advocate; Transfer Authority. The following expenditure classes  
25 within the Office of the Consumer Advocates shall be exempt from the transfer restrictions in RSA  
26 9:17-a and 9:17-c; and class 10- personal services-perm classified and class 60-benefits. The Office of  
27 the Consumer Advocate is authorized to transfer funding attributable to vacant positions from these  
28 classes into class 046 consultants and class 233 litigation provided that any such transfers shall be  
29 limited to \$75,000 in each fiscal year. The provisions in this paragraph shall remain in effect for the  
30 biennium ending June 30, 2025.

31 128 Public Utilities; Assessment. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 363-A:2, I to read  
32 as follows:

33 I. The expenses thus ascertained shall be assessed against the public utilities and other  
34 entities described in this section in the manner provided in this chapter. The assessment shall be  
35 calculated by using the following revenue percentages, ***based on the prior calendar year:***

36 129 Public Utilities; Certification of Assessment. Amend RSA 363-A:3 to read as follows:

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363-A:3 Certification of Assessment. It shall be the duty of the department of energy to calculate the amount to be assessed against each such public utility and each other entity subject to assessment in accordance with RSA 363-A:1 and RSA 363-A:2. At the beginning of each fiscal year, the department of energy shall estimate the total expenses for the fiscal year, and then, based on such estimate, shall calculate the amount to be assessed quarterly on ~~[August 10, October 15, January 15]~~ **September 15, November 15, February 15**, and April 15 of that fiscal year~~[- against each such public utility and other assessed entity in accordance with RSA 363-A:1 and RSA 363-A:2].~~

**For entities with assessments less than \$10,000, the department may bill those entities the entire amount on September 15 of that fiscal year.** The department of energy shall then make a list showing the amount ~~[due on August 10, October 15, January 15]~~ **assessed September 15, November 15, February 15**, and April 15 of that fiscal year ~~[from]~~ **to** each of the several public utilities and other entities assessed under the provisions hereof, and, together with a statement of the full name and mailing address of each such public utility and other assessed entity, shall certify the same. After the close of each fiscal year, the department of energy shall ascertain the actual total expenses in accordance with RSA 363-A:1 and RSA 363-A:2, and then shall adjust the assessment for the first ~~[quarterly]~~ **or only** payment of the new fiscal year for each such public utility or other assessed entity for any underpayment or overpayment by each such public utility or other assessed entity for the prior fiscal year.

130 Expenses of Public Utilities Commission; Collections. Amend RSA 363-A:4 to read as follows:

363-A:4 Collection. Upon the completion of each such list, ~~[on or before August 10, October 10, January 10, and April 10]~~ **within 10 business days of September 15, November 15, February 15, and April 15** of each fiscal year, the department of energy shall bill each public utility and each other entity subject to assessment ~~[for the quarterly amount assessed against it within 10 working days].~~ Such bill shall be sent ~~[registered]~~ **first-class or electronic** mail, and shall constitute notice of assessment and demand for payment. Payment shall be made to the department of energy ~~[within 30 days after the receipt of the bill. After the expiration of 30 days from the receipt of an original bill,]~~ **by the due date stated on the bill, which shall be set no sooner than 30 days after the date the bill is sent. If payment is not made by the due date,** the department of energy may add to the assessment a late penalty fee and may commence an action at law for the recovery of the assessment. Within 30 days of the **date that the bill** assessment for the first ~~[quarterly]~~ **or only** payment **is sent**, each public utility or other assessed entity which has any objection to the amount assessed against it for the prior fiscal year shall file with the department its objection in writing, setting out in detail the grounds upon which it is claimed that said assessment is excessive, erroneous, unlawful, or invalid. If such objections are filed, the department, after reasonable notice to the objecting public utility or other assessed entity, shall hold a hearing on such objections, and if the department finds that said assessment or any part thereof is excessive, erroneous, unlawful, or

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1 invalid, the department shall reassess the amount to be paid by such public utility or other assessed  
2 entity, and shall order that an amended bill be sent to such public utility or other assessed entity in  
3 accordance with such reassessment. The department of energy shall not commence an action at law  
4 for recovery of any assessment for the first [~~quarterly~~] **or only** payment until any such objection has  
5 been resolved.

6 131 Expenses of Public Utilities Commission; Exemption from Assessment. Amend RSA 363-  
7 A:5 to read as follows:

8 363-A:5 Exemption From Assessment. Any public utility or other assessed entity that is not an  
9 entity to which RSA 363-A:2, I(c) or (d) applies, and that earned less than \$10,000 in gross revenue  
10 during the preceding [~~fiscal~~] **calendar** year shall not be liable for any assessment pursuant to this  
11 chapter.

12 132 Appropriation; Department of Energy; Establishment of the Regional Energy Advocacy  
13 Fund. There is hereby appropriated to the department of energy the sum of \$250,000 for the fiscal  
14 year ending June 30, 2023 to be placed in a regional energy advocacy fund. This fund shall be  
15 nonlapsing and continually appropriated to the department to be expended to hire consultants and  
16 attorneys and related expenses to support the regional advocacy issues specified in RSA 374-F:8.  
17 The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not  
18 otherwise appropriated.

19 133 Effective Date. Section 132 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2023.

20 134 Department of Energy; Commissioner; Deputy Commissioner; Directors; General Counsel.  
21 Amend RSA 12-P:4 to read as follows:

22 12-P:4 Commissioner; Deputy Commissioner; Directors; **General Counsel**.

23 I. The commissioner of the department of energy shall be appointed by the governor, with  
24 the consent of the council, and shall serve for a term of 4 years. The commissioner shall be qualified  
25 to hold that position by reason of education and experience. Directors of departmental divisions **and**  
26 **the general counsel** shall be subject to the supervisory authority of the commissioner, which  
27 authority shall include power to establish department and divisional policy as well as to control the  
28 actual operations of the department and all divisions therein. The commissioner is authorized to  
29 establish any advisory committees and programs which the commissioner may deem necessary to  
30 carry out the mission and operations of the department.

31 II. The commissioner of energy shall nominate a deputy commissioner of energy for  
32 appointment by the governor and council. The deputy commissioner shall hold office for 4 years and  
33 until a successor has been appointed and qualified. The deputy commissioner shall be qualified to  
34 hold that position by reason of education and experience. The deputy commissioner shall perform  
35 such duties as the commissioner may assign. The deputy commissioner shall perform the duties of  
36 the commissioner if for any reason the commissioner is unable to do so.

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1           III. Division directors shall be appointed to initial terms as stated below, and then  
2 subsequently to terms of 4 years. Terms notwithstanding, each division director shall serve until a  
3 successor has been appointed and qualified.

4           ***III-a. The commissioner shall appoint a general counsel, who shall serve at the***  
5 ***pleasure of the commissioner. The general counsel shall perform such duties and exercise***  
6 ***such powers as the commission may authorize.***

7           (a) The commissioner shall nominate for appointment by the governor and council a  
8 director of the division of policy and programs for an initial term of one year. All subsequent terms  
9 shall be 4 years. The director of the division of policy and programs shall be qualified to hold that  
10 position by reason of education and experience.

11           (b) The commissioner shall nominate for appointment by the governor and council a  
12 director of the division of administration for an initial term of 2 years. All subsequent terms shall be  
13 4 years. The director of the division of administration shall be qualified to hold that position by  
14 reason of education and experience.

15           (c) The commissioner shall nominate for appointment by the governor and council a  
16 director of the division of enforcement for an initial term of 3 years. All subsequent terms shall be 4  
17 years. The director of the division of enforcement shall be qualified to hold that position by reason of  
18 education and experience.

19           (d) The commissioner shall nominate for appointment by the governor and council a  
20 director of the division of regulatory support for an initial term of 3 years. All subsequent terms  
21 shall be 4 years. The director of the division of regulatory support shall be qualified to hold that  
22 position by reason of education and experience.

23           IV. The salaries of the commissioner, the deputy commissioner, and each division director  
24 shall be as specified in RSA 94:1-a.

25           135 Auxiliary State Police. Amend RSA 106-B:19 to read as follows:

26           106-B:19 Auxiliary State Police. The director is authorized to recruit, train, and organize an  
27 auxiliary state police force [~~of not more than 16 persons~~] for the purpose of providing emergency  
28 services throughout the state for peacetime or wartime emergencies or threatened emergencies and  
29 for augmenting the state police force in such manner as the director may deem appropriate.  
30 Notwithstanding other provisions the director may recruit such auxiliary force from retired state or  
31 local police. Such auxiliary force shall at all times be under the direction and control of the said  
32 director and shall be subject to rules adopted by the director under RSA 541-A and shall be limited  
33 to specific hours in any given calendar year for part-time police officers adopted in rules under RSA  
34 541-A by the police standards and training council, pursuant to RSA 106-L:6, III.

35           136 Motor Vehicles; Copies of Certificates and Motor Vehicle Records. Amend RSA 260:15 to  
36 read as follows:

37           260:15 Copies of Certificates and Motor Vehicle Records.

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I. The department may issue a certified copy of any certificate of registration, or of any license to drive motor vehicles which may have been lost or mutilated, upon the written request of the person entitled thereto and the payment of the prescribed fee, and such certified copy shall have the same force and effect as the original.

II. The department may issue a copy of any motor vehicle record upon the request of an insurance company or any other authorized agent, and notwithstanding RSA 91-A shall require payment by the insurance company or authorized agent of a fee ~~[of \$13 for email or other computer-generated requests where payment is debited against an account established with the department, or \$15]~~ for all ~~[other]~~ requests, which shall be deposited in the fire standards and training and emergency medical services fund established in RSA 21-P:12-d.

***III. The commissioner of the department of safety shall adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A to establish fees and to implement this section.***

137 New Paragraph; Motor Vehicles; Provision for Federal Identification Database Prohibited. Amend RSA 260:14-a by inserting after paragraph VII the following new paragraph:

VIII. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the department may provide driver history records to a federal entity for uses authorized in RSA 260:14, IV, RSA 260:14, IV-a, and RSA 260:14, V.

138 Department of Safety; Appropriation; Position Created. There is hereby established in the department of safety, division of fire safety, one full-time classified program assistant II position. The sum of \$72,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and \$74,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 is hereby appropriated to the division of fire safety. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

139 Department of Safety; Unfunded Positions; Authorization. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the department of safety may fill unfunded positions during the biennium ending June 30, 2025, provided that the total expenditure for such positions shall not exceed the amount appropriated for personal services.

140 Department of Safety; Transfer Funds and Establish Positions; Authorization. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the department of safety may create full-time temporary positions for any positions on military deployment and transfer funds from class 010 into class 059 with approval from the department of administrative services.

141 Department of Safety; Substance Abuse Enforcement Program; Appropriations.

I. The sum of \$408,297 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 is hereby appropriated to the department of safety. This sum shall be expended as follows:

(a) \$119,217 shall be expended for the purpose of funding overtime at the state forensic laboratory as a result of increased caseloads attributable to narcotics related enforcement and investigations, with no more than 50 percent of the appropriation expended in each fiscal year of the biennium ending June 30, 2025.

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(b) \$289,080 shall be expended for the purpose of funding overtime at the state police for narcotics related enforcement and investigations, with no more than 50 percent of the appropriation expended in each fiscal year of the biennium ending June 30, 2025.

II. The sum of \$833,684 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and \$833,684 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 is hereby appropriated to the department of safety to disburse grants to county and local law enforcement agencies for the purpose of funding overtime costs for county and local law enforcement officers performing law enforcement activities attributable to the substance abuse enforcement program established in RSA 21-P:66.

III. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

IV. No appropriation made in this section shall lapse until June 30, 2025.

142 Public Safety and Welfare; Definitions; Emergency Medical Care Provider. Amend RSA 153-A:2, V to read as follows:

V. "Emergency medical care provider" means an employee or volunteer member of a public or private organization having responsibility for the delivery of health services to individuals experiencing illness or injury at a location other than a hospital or other medical facility. The term shall not include lifeguards at swimming facilities or members of ski patrols, or New Hampshire fish and game department conservation officers, *or those individuals administering Naloxone* unless said individuals are performing invasive patient care procedures.

143 Public Safety and Welfare; Licensure of Emergency Medical Care Providers. Amend RSA 153-A:11, I to read as follows:

I. Except for automated external defibrillation pursuant to RSA 153-A:28-31, *or the administration of Naloxone*, a person shall not provide emergency medical services as a paid or volunteer member of a public or private emergency medical services unit in this state, or as a paid or volunteer member of any police or fire department who, as a condition of employment, may be expected to routinely provide emergency medical services in the line of duty, without being licensed by the commissioner.

144 Public Safety and Welfare; Critical Incident Intervention and Management. Amend RSA 153-A:17-a, to read as follows:

153-A:17-a Critical Incident Intervention and Management.

I. In this section:

(a) "Critical incident" means an event or events that result in acute or cumulative psychological stress or trauma to an emergency service provider as a result of response to the incident.

(b) "Critical incident stress" means an unusually strong emotional, cognitive, or physical reaction that has the potential to interfere with normal functioning and that results from the response to a critical incident or long-term occupational exposure to a series of critical incident

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1 responses over a period of time that are believed to be causing debilitating stress that is affecting an  
2 emergency service provider and his or her work performance or family situation. This may include,  
3 but is not limited to, physical and emotional illness, failure of usual coping mechanisms, loss of  
4 interest in the job, personality changes, or loss of ability to function.

5 (c) "Critical incident stress management" means a process of crisis intervention designed  
6 to assist emergency service providers in coping with the psychological trauma resulting from  
7 response to a critical incident.

8 (d) "Critical incident stress management and crisis intervention services" means  
9 consultation, counseling, debriefing, defusing, intervention services, management, prevention, and  
10 referral provided by a critical incident stress management team member.

11 (e) "Critical incident stress management team" or "team" means the group of one or  
12 more trained volunteers, including members of peer support groups organized by a unit of state,  
13 local, or county government, **or employee organization** who offer critical incident stress  
14 management, ~~and~~ crisis intervention, **or peer support** services following a critical incident or long  
15 term or continued, debilitating stress being experienced by emergency services providers and  
16 affecting them or their family situation.

17 (f)(1) "Critical incident stress management team member" or "team member" means an  
18 emergency services provider, including any law enforcement officer, sheriff or deputy sheriff, state  
19 police officer, civilian law enforcement employee, firefighter, civilian fire department employee,  
20 emergency medical personnel, telecommunicators, and local dispatchers specially trained to provide  
21 critical incident stress management and crisis intervention **or peer support** services as a member of  
22 an organized and registered team.

23 (2) In this subparagraph:

24 (A) "Telecommunicator" means an employee of the department of safety, division  
25 of emergency services and communications who is responsible for receiving at the public safety  
26 answering point telephone calls made to E911 and transferring or relaying such calls to public or  
27 private safety agencies.

28 (B) "Local dispatcher" means a person who determines the location, status, and  
29 assistance required by callers and walk-in customers for public safety services and dispatches the  
30 appropriate police, fire, ambulance, or other units to provide needed emergency services at the state,  
31 city, town, or private emergency services level.

32 (g) **"Peer support group" means the group of one or more trained volunteers,**  
33 **organized by a unit of state, local, county government or employee organization that can**  
34 **recognize common behavioral health issues, provide support services, and serve as a bridge**  
35 **to community resources or behavioral health treatment when indicated.**

36 II.(a) Team members shall undergo and sustain certification standards set forth in  
37 guidelines established by the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF) approved by

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1 the commissioner of the department of safety, or a similar organization for which the commissioner  
2 shall not unreasonably withhold approval. The team shall be registered with ICISF, or a similar  
3 organization, and maintain training standards to date as required.

4 (b) All critical incident stress management team members **or peer support group**  
5 **members**, sworn or civilian, shall be designated by the police chief, sheriff, director of the division of  
6 state police, fire chief, or director of the division of emergency services and communications, **or head**  
7 **of an employee organization**.

8 III.(a) Any information divulged to the team, ~~[or]~~ a team member, **or peer support group**  
9 **member**, during the provision of critical incident stress management, ~~[and]~~ crisis intervention  
10 services, **or peer support services** shall be kept confidential and shall not be disclosed to a third  
11 party or in a criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding. Records kept by critical incident stress  
12 management team members **or peer support group** are not subject to subpoena, discovery, or  
13 introduction into evidence in a criminal, civil, or administrative action. Except as provided in  
14 subparagraph (c), no person, whether critical incident stress management team member, ~~[or]~~ team  
15 leader, **or peer support group member** providing or receiving critical incident stress management,  
16 ~~[and]~~ crisis intervention, **or peer support** services, shall be required to testify or divulge any  
17 information obtained solely through such crisis intervention.

18 (b) The purpose of this section is to provide a consistent framework for the operation of  
19 critical incident stress management teams, ~~[and]~~ **peer support groups and** their members. In any  
20 civil action against any individual, agency, or government entity, including the state of New  
21 Hampshire, arising out of the conduct of a member of such team, this section is not intended and  
22 shall not be admissible to establish negligence in any instance where requirements herein are higher  
23 than the standard of care that would otherwise have been applicable in such action under state law.

24 (c) A communication shall not be deemed confidential pursuant to this section if:

25 (1) The communication indicates the existence of a danger to the individual who  
26 receives critical incident stress management and crisis intervention services or to any other person  
27 or persons.

28 (2) The communication indicates the existence of past child abuse or neglect of the  
29 individual, abuse of an adult as defined by law, or family violence as defined by law.

30 (3) The communication indicates the existence of past or present acts constituting an  
31 intentional tort or crime, provided the applicable statute of limitation has not expired on the act  
32 indicated.

33 145 Department of Safety; Appropriation; State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program. The  
34 sum of \$1,255,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and the sum of \$1,614,215 for the fiscal  
35 year ending June 30, 2025 are hereby appropriated to the commissioner of the department of safety  
36 for the state and local cybersecurity grant program. Such funds shall be nonlapsing and continually

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1 appropriated to the commissioner of the department. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant  
2 for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

3 146 Department of Safety; Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated to the department of  
4 safety the sum of \$3,510,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 for the purpose of purchasing  
5 52 state police cruisers. This appropriation shall not lapse until June 30, 2025, provided that any  
6 unexpended amount following the purchases shall lapse to the general fund. The governor is  
7 authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise  
8 appropriated.

9 147 Effective Date. Section 146 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2023.

10 148 Education Freedom Account Program; Eligible Students. RSA 194-F:1, VI is repealed and  
11 reenacted to read as follows:

12 VI. "Eligible student" means a resident of this state who is eligible to enroll in a public  
13 elementary or secondary school and meets one or more of the following conditions:

14 (a) Whose annual household income at the time the student applies for the program is  
15 less than or equal to 350 percent of the federal poverty guidelines as updated annually in the  
16 Federal Register by the United States Department of Health and Human Services under 42 U.S.C.  
17 section 9902(2). No income threshold need be met in subsequent years, provided the student  
18 otherwise qualifies. Students in the special school district within the department of corrections  
19 established in RSA 194:60 shall not be eligible students.

20 (b) Who is a child in foster care. "Foster care" means 24-hour substitute care for  
21 children placed away from their parents and for whom the agency under Title IV-E of the Social  
22 Security Act has placement and care responsibility. This includes, but is not limited to, placements  
23 in foster family homes, foster homes of relatives, group homes, emergency shelters, residential  
24 facilities, child care institutions, and preadoptive homes. A child is in foster care in accordance with  
25 this subparagraph regardless of whether the foster care facility is licensed and payments are made  
26 by the state, tribal, or local agency for the care of the child, whether adoption subsidy payments are  
27 being made prior to the finalization of an adoption, or whether there is federal matching of any  
28 payments that are made.

29 (c) Whose status is as a migratory child. "Migratory child" means a child or youth who  
30 made a qualifying move in the preceding 36 months as a migratory agricultural worker or a  
31 migratory fisher; or with, or to join, a parent or spouse who is a migratory agricultural worker or a  
32 migratory fisher as defined by the federal Department of Education in 34 C.F.R 200.81.

33 (d) Whose status is as a homeless child or youth. "Homeless child or youth" as defined in  
34 section 725(2) of title VII, subtitle B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

35 (e) Whose status is as a student with a parent who (1) is a member of the armed forces  
36 on full-time duty in the active military service of the United States, including full-time training  
37 duty, annual training duty, and attendance, while in the active military service, at a school

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designated as a service school by law or by the Secretary of the military department concerned; or (2) serves on full-time National Guard duty, in training or other duty, other than inactive duty, performed by a member of the Army National Guard of the United States or the Air National Guard of the United States in the member's status as a member of the National Guard of a State or territory, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or the District of Columbia under 32 U.S.C. sections 316, 502, 503, 504, or 505 for which the member is entitled to pay from the United States or for which the member has waived pay from the United States.

(f) Who is an English language learner. "English language learner" means a pupil who has a predominant language other than English or who is educationally disadvantaged by a limited English proficiency, and who participated in the annual assessment of English language proficiency required of such pupils by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, 20 U.S.C. section 6311 (b)(7).

(g) Who is a persistently bullied student. "Persistently bullied student" means a pupil that has been a victim of 3 or more bullying incidences as defined by RSA 193-F:3.

(h) Who is a child with a disability. "Child with a disability" means as defined in RSA 186-C:2, I.

(i) Who is a student with a documented approved manifest educational hardship as defined by RSA 193:3, II (a).

(j) Who is a student who lives within the geographic boundaries of a school which has been identified as a comprehensive support and improvement school using the state methodology as defined in RSA 193-H:1, III(a)(2), which includes the lowest performing 5 percent of all schools in the state, and RSA 193-H:1, III(a)(3), which includes any high school that has a graduation rate less than 69 percent over 2 consecutive years.

(k) Any student who lives within the geographical jurisdiction of a school which has been designated as being a persistently dangerous school, as defined by RSA 193-G:1.

(l) Any student who is eligible for a free or reduced price meal.

149 Education Trust Fund. The introductory paragraph of RSA 198:39, I is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

I. The state treasurer shall establish an education trust fund in the treasury. Moneys in such fund shall not be used for any purpose other than:

(a) To distribute adequate education grants to municipalities' school districts pursuant to RSA 198:42.

(b) To distribute grants to municipalities' school districts and to approved chartered public schools pursuant to RSA 194-B:11.

(c) To distribute kindergarten grants to municipalities' and school districts pursuant to RSA 198:48-c.

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1           (d) To provide low and moderate income homeowners property tax relief under RSA  
2 198:56-198:61.

3           (e) To distribute funds to scholarship organizations approved under RSA 77-G, that  
4 administer and implement RSA 194-F.

5           (f) To distribute phase-out grants to school districts under RSA 194-F:10.

6           (g) To fund costs necessary to provide the statewide assessment program required under  
7 RSA 193-C.

8           (h) To fund department of education operating costs for a state student data collection  
9 and reporting system, within budgeted appropriations.

10          (i) To fund department of education costs for administering programs funded by the  
11 education trust fund, within budgeted appropriations, plus any additional funding authorized  
12 pursuant to paragraph III.

13          II. The state treasurer shall deposit into the education trust fund immediately upon receipt:

14           (a) Funds certified to the state treasurer by the commissioner of revenue administration  
15 pursuant to RSA 77-A:20-a, relative to business profits taxes.

16           (b) Funds certified to the state treasurer by the commissioner of revenue administration  
17 pursuant to RSA 77-E:14, relative to business enterprise tax.

18           (c) Funds collected and paid over to the state treasurer by the commissioner of revenue  
19 administration pursuant to RSA 78-A:26, II, relative to the tax on motor vehicle rentals.

20           (d) Funds collected and paid over to the state treasurer by the department of revenue  
21 administration pursuant to RSA 78:24, relative to tobacco taxes.

22           (e) Funds certified to the state treasurer by the commissioner of revenue administration  
23 pursuant to RSA 78-B:13, relative to real estate transfer taxes.

24           (f) Funds collected and paid over to the state treasurer by the department of revenue  
25 administration pursuant to RSA 83-F:7, I, relative to the utility property tax.

26           (g) All moneys due the fund in accordance with RSA 284:21-j, relative to sweepstakes  
27 and the lottery.

28           (h) Tobacco settlement funds in the amount of \$40,000,000 or, for any year in which the  
29 total tobacco settlement funds received by the state is less than \$40,000,000, the total amount of  
30 tobacco settlement funds received by the state.

31           (i) The school portion of any revenue sharing funds distributed pursuant to RSA 31-A:4  
32 which were apportioned to school districts in the property tax rate calculations in 1998.

33           (j) Funds collected and paid over to the state treasurer by the lottery commission  
34 pursuant to RSA 284:44, RSA 284:47, and RSA 287-I.

35           (k) Any other moneys appropriated from the general fund.

36          III. If required expenditures to administer programs funded by the education trust fund,  
37 pursuant to paragraph I, exceed amounts appropriated, the commissioner of education may request

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1 the fiscal committee of the general court authorize additional funding. Amounts requested under  
2 this paragraph shall be a charge to the education trust fund. For funds requested and approved, the  
3 governor is authorized to draw a warrant from any money in the treasury not otherwise  
4 appropriated.

5 IV. The education trust fund shall be nonlapsing. The state treasurer shall invest that part  
6 of the fund which is not needed for immediate distribution in short-term interest-bearing  
7 investments. The income from these investments shall be returned to the fund.

8 150 New Paragraph; Education of Children Placed in Homes for Children, Health Care  
9 Facilities, or State Institutions; Episode of Treatment. Amend RSA 193:27 by inserting after  
10 paragraph VI the following new paragraph:

11 VII. "Episode of treatment" means when a child needs to be placed by the department of  
12 health and human services (DHHS) in a DHHS-contracted and/or certified program to receive more  
13 intensive treatment and supports and has the objective of helping children in crisis avoid or reduce  
14 the use of psychiatric hospitals or emergency rooms.

15 151 Court Ordered Placements; Purpose and Application of Chapter. Amend RSA 169-F:1 to  
16 read as follows:

17 169-F:1 Purpose and Application of Chapter. This chapter shall apply to any court ordered  
18 placement ***or placement for an episode of treatment as defined in RSA 193:27, VII***, of any  
19 minor pursuant to RSA 169-B or any child pursuant to RSA 169-C or RSA 169-D, for the purposes of  
20 the effective implementation of any such placement.

21 152 Special Education; State Aid. Amend RSA 186-C:18, III(a) to read as follows:

22 III.(a) The state board of education through the commissioner, department of education,  
23 shall distribute aid available under this paragraph as entitlement to such school districts as have a  
24 special education pupil for whose costs they are responsible, for whom the costs of special education  
25 in the fiscal year exceed 3 1/2 times the estimated state average expenditure per pupil for the school  
26 year preceding the year of distribution. If in any year, the amount appropriated for distribution as  
27 special education aid in accordance with this section is insufficient therefor, the appropriation shall  
28 be prorated proportionally based on entitlement among the districts entitled to a grant. If there are  
29 unexpended funds appropriated under this paragraph at the end of any fiscal year, such funds shall  
30 be distributed for court-ordered placements ***and episodes of treatment*** under RSA 186-C:19-b.  
31 The state may designate up to \$250,000 of the funds which are appropriated as required by this  
32 paragraph, for each fiscal year, to assist those school districts which, under guidelines established by  
33 rules of the state board of education, may qualify for emergency assistance to mitigate the impact of  
34 special education costs. The state may designate up to an additional \$250,000 of the funds which are  
35 appropriated under this paragraph for each fiscal year for any community of 1,000 or fewer residents  
36 to mitigate the impact of special education costs when emergency assistance is necessary to prevent  
37 significant financial harm to such district or community. Upon application to the commissioner of

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1 education, and approval by the commissioner, such funds may be accepted and expended by school  
2 districts in accordance with this chapter; provided, however, that if a school district has received  
3 emergency assistance funds for certain children with disabilities, it shall not receive special  
4 education aid for those same children with disabilities. If any of the funds designated for emergency  
5 assistance under this paragraph are not used for such emergency assistance purposes, the funds  
6 shall be used to assist school districts in meeting special education cost increases in their special  
7 education programs as provided by this paragraph.

8 153 New Paragraph; Special Education; State Aid; Rulemaking by State Board of Education.  
9 Amend RSA 186-C:18,V by inserting after subparagraph (f) the following new subparagraph:

10 (g) Administering and distributing payment for episode of treatment costs as defined in  
11 RSA 193:27, VII.

12 154 Liability for Children with Disabilities in Certain Court Ordered Placements. Amend RSA  
13 186-C:19-b to read as follows:

14 186-C:19-b Liability for Children With Disabilities in Certain Court Ordered Placements.

15 I.(a) As used in this section "children in placement for which the department of health and  
16 human services has financial responsibility" means all children receiving special education or special  
17 education and related services whose placements were made pursuant to RSA 169-B, 169-C, or 169-  
18 D, except children at the youth development center and children placed at the youth services center  
19 maintained by the department of health and human services while awaiting disposition of the court  
20 following arraignment pursuant to RSA 169-B:13.

21 (b) In the case of an out-of-district placement ***or placement for an episode of***  
22 ***treatment***, the appropriate court shall notify the department of education on the date that the court  
23 order is signed, ***or the need for an episode of treatment is determined***, stating the initial length  
24 of time for which such placement is made. This subparagraph shall apply to the original order ***or***  
25 ***determination*** and all subsequent modifications of that order ***or determination***.

26 II. The school district liability for expenses for special education or for special education and  
27 related services for a child with a disability in placement for which the department of health and  
28 human services has financial responsibility shall be limited to 3 times the estimated state average  
29 expenditure per pupil, for the school year preceding the year of distribution. The liability of a school  
30 district under this section shall be prorated if the placement is for less than a full school year and  
31 the district shall be liable for only the prorated amount. This section shall not limit a school  
32 district's financial liability for children who receive special education or special education and  
33 related services in a public school or program identified in RSA 186-C:10.

34 (a) Any costs of special education or special education and related services in excess of 3  
35 times the estimated state average expenditure per pupil for the school year preceding the year of  
36 distribution shall be the liability of the department of education. Costs for which the department of  
37 education is liable under this section shall be paid to education service providers by the department

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1 of education. The department of education shall develop a mechanism for allocating the funds  
2 appropriated for the purposes of this section. ***Any costs of special education or special***  
3 ***education and related services related to an episode of treatment and the determination of***  
4 ***placement by the department of health and human services shall be covered in full for***  
5 ***students with disabilities by the department of education.***

6 (b) The department of health and human services shall be liable for all court-ordered  
7 ***and episode of treatment*** costs pursuant to RSA 169-B:40, 169-C:27, and 169-D:29 other than for  
8 special education or special education and related services.

9 (c) The department of education shall distribute special education payments under  
10 subparagraph II(a) within 60 days of receipt of invoice from the school district. School districts shall  
11 submit education service providers costs to the department within 30 days of receipt of such costs.  
12 The department shall then verify the cost and distribute the appropriate amounts to the education  
13 service provider.

14 III. The department of education shall by rules adopted under RSA 541-A establish the rates  
15 charged by education service providers to the department of education or to school districts for  
16 children with disabilities in placement for which the department of health and human services has  
17 financial responsibility.

18 IV. The department of education is authorized to receive and take appropriate action on  
19 complaints regarding the failure to provide necessary special education or special education and  
20 related services to children with disabilities in placement for which the department of health and  
21 human services has financial responsibility.

22 V. ~~[All appropriations made for the purposes of funding court-ordered placements shall be~~  
23 ~~nonlapsing.]~~ ***If the total amount required for court ordered placements or placements for an***  
24 ***episode of treatment exceeds the amount appropriated to the department for such***  
25 ***payments, the governor is authorized to draw a warrant from the general fund for such***  
26 ***sum to satisfy the state's obligation under this section.***

27 155 Education; Funding for Renovation and Expansion; CTE. Amend RSA 188-E:10 to read as  
28 follows:

29 188-E:10 Funding for Renovation and Expansion.

30 I. The department of education is responsible for maintaining a statewide system of regional  
31 career and technical education centers to provide and allow for a variety of career and technical  
32 education programs funded within state budget appropriations. The treasurer of the state of New  
33 Hampshire is hereby authorized to make funds available to the department of education for the  
34 construction, renovation, expansion, or replacement of qualified regional career and technical  
35 education centers or regional career and technical education programs authorized in the ~~[capital]~~  
36 budget, provided that:

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1 (a) The commissioner of the department of education shall ensure that all requests  
2 submitted are both educationally and financially appropriate within the state ~~[capital project]~~  
3 authorization process;

4 (b) The commissioner of the department of education submits on a biennial basis in a  
5 ~~[capital]~~ budget request a priority list of facilities and programs eligible for construction, renovation,  
6 expansion, or replacement provided that priority shall be given to programs that have been certified  
7 by an approved standard or that need additional funds to become certified by an approved standard;

8 (c) Each request for funding follows the ~~[capital]~~ budget procedure ~~[pursuant to RSA 9:3-~~  
9 ~~a]~~, provided that no qualified project funded in a state capital budget as required in this section shall  
10 have additional funds for the same project included in a subsequent proposal for ~~[capital]~~  
11 appropriation ~~[under RSA 9:3-a]~~ unless directed by the priority list of the department of education;

12 (d) Each school district requesting funds from the department of education establishes  
13 and funds a construction, renovation, expansion, and replacement reserve fund, which shall be used  
14 by the school district to pay construction, renovation, expansion, and replacement costs not funded  
15 by the state, and which may include funding for the replacement of equipment; and

16 (e) The state shall fund not less than 50 percent nor more than 75 percent of the cost of a  
17 qualified project approved pursuant to this section.

18 (f) In this section, "qualified" means the project:

19 (1) Demonstrates need connected to the labor market.

20 (2) Demonstrates adequate numbers of students through enrollment figures based  
21 on 3-year averages.

22 (3) Demonstrates alignment with program competencies and academic competencies  
23 required by the department of education.

24 (4) Allows for matriculation into a postsecondary venue.

25 (5) Meets all industry and building standards.

26 (6) Meets the procedural requirements for requests under this section and any other  
27 requirements in rules of the department of education.

28 (7) Is a regional career and technical education center within a public school, or a  
29 public academy as defined in RSA 194:23, II, in the state of New Hampshire.

30 (8) Has the capacity to provide academic courses for students from the sending  
31 districts who are approved for full-time attendance at the center.

32 II. The renovation and expansion reserve funding required by subparagraph I(d) may be  
33 funded through local community funds, career and technical education tuition payments, gifts,  
34 contributions, and bequests of unrestricted funds from individuals, foundations, corporations,  
35 organizations, or institutions. School districts shall consider priority funding for programs certified  
36 or needing additional funds to become certified as set forth in subparagraph I(b).

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III. Public academies receiving funds through the [capital] budget process shall comply with all contracts or agreements required by department of education rules adopted pursuant to RSA 541-A.

156 Department of Education; Appropriation; CTE Renovation Projects. The department of education is appropriated \$12,514,533 from the general fund for career and technical education renovation projects for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. Such funding shall be nonlapsing. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. Any unexpended funds after the completion of the project shall be returned to the general fund. Such funds shall be expended to renovate the Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center in Newport.

157 Cost of an Opportunity for an Adequate Education. Amend RSA 198:40-a to read as follows:  
198:40-a Cost of an Opportunity for an Adequate Education.

I. For the biennium beginning July 1, [2015] **2023**, the annual cost of providing the opportunity for an adequate education as defined in RSA 193-E:2-a shall be as specified in paragraph II. The department shall adjust the rates specified in this paragraph in accordance with RSA 198:40-d.

II.(a) A cost of [~~\$3,561.27~~] **\$4,700** per pupil in the ADMR, plus differentiated aid as follows:

(b) An additional [~~\$1,780.63~~] **\$2,500** for each pupil in the ADMR who is eligible for a free or reduced price meal anytime during the determination year; plus

(c) An additional [~~\$697.77~~] **\$800** for each pupil in the ADMR who is an English language learner anytime during the determination year; plus

(d) An additional [~~\$1,915.86~~] **\$2,100** for each pupil in the ADMR who is receiving special education services anytime during the determination year[; plus

~~(e) An additional \$697.77 for each third grade pupil in the ADMR with a score below the proficient level on the reading component of the state assessment administered pursuant to RSA 193-C:6 or the authorized, locally-administered assessment as provided in RSA 193-C:3, IV(i), provided the pupil is not eligible to receive differentiated aid pursuant to subparagraphs (b)-(d). A school district receiving aid under this subparagraph shall annually provide to the department of education documentation demonstrating that the district has implemented an instructional program to improve non-proficient pupil reading].~~

III. The sum total calculated under paragraph II shall be the cost of an adequate education. The department shall determine the cost of an adequate education for each municipality based on the ADMR of pupils who reside in that municipality.

158 Annual Adjustment. RSA 198:40-d is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

198:40-d Annual Adjustment. Beginning July 1, 2024 and every year thereafter, the department of education shall adjust the following with an increase of 2 percent annually:

I. Per pupil costs in RSA 198:40-a, II;

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II. Extraordinary need grant “grant floor” and “grant ceiling”, as defined in RSA 198:40-f, I-a, (a) and (b); and

III. Chartered public school additional grants under RSA 194-B:11, I(b)(1)(A) and (B).

159 Repeal; Relief Funding. RSA 198:40-e, relative to relief funding, is repealed.

160 Extraordinary Need Grants. Amend RSA 198:40-f to read as follows:

198:40-f Extraordinary Need Grants.

I. In addition to aid for the cost of the opportunity for an adequate education provided under RSA 198:40-a, each year the commissioner shall calculate an extraordinary need grant for schools and provide that amount of aid to a municipality's school districts as follows:

(a) A municipality with an equalized valuation per pupil eligible to receive a free or reduced-priced meal of \$1,000,000 or less shall receive [~~\$650~~] **\$3,750** per pupil eligible to receive a free or reduced-price meal in the municipality's ADMR.

(b) A municipality with an equalized valuation per pupil eligible to receive a free or reduced-price meal between \$1,000,001 and \$5,999,999 shall receive a grant equal to [~~\$0.00013~~] **\$0.00075** for each dollar of difference between its equalized valuation per pupil eligible to receive a free or reduced-price meal and \$6,000,000, per pupil eligible to receive a free or reduced-price meal in the municipality's ADMR.

(c) A municipality with an equalized valuation per pupil eligible to receive a free or reduced-price meal of \$6,000,000 or more shall not receive an extraordinary need grant.

***I-a. In this section:***

***(a) The \$1,000,000 in equalized valuation per free or reduced-price meal pupil referenced in RSA 198:40-f, I(a) shall be called the “grant floor.”***

***(b) The \$6,000,000 in equalized valuation per free or reduced-price meal pupil referenced in RSA 198:40-f, I(b) and RSA 198:40-f, I(c) shall be called the “grant ceiling.”***

***(c) The \$0.00075 for each dollar difference between equalized valuation per pupil eligible to receive a free or reduced-price meal referenced in RSA 198:40-f, I(b) shall be called the “factor.”***

***(d) The \$3,750 per pupil eligible to receive a free or reduced-price meal referenced in RSA 198:40-f, I(a) shall be called the “max grant.”***

***II. The extraordinary needs grants shall be calculated using the formula described in paragraph I with the following adjustments:***

***(a) Starting in fiscal year 2026, the max grant shall be increased by 5 percent. The factor shall be readjusted by taking the newly adjusted max grant and dividing by the difference between the grant floor and grant ceiling.***

***(b) Starting in fiscal year 2028, the max grant shall be increased by 5 percent. The factor shall be readjusted by taking the newly adjusted max grant and dividing by the difference between the grant floor and grant ceiling.***

1           (c) *Starting in fiscal year 2030, the max grant shall be increased by 5 percent.*  
2           *The factor shall be readjusted by taking the newly adjusted max grant and dividing by the*  
3           *difference between the grant floor and grant ceiling.*

4           (d) *Starting in fiscal year 2032, the max grant shall be increased by 5 percent.*  
5           *The factor shall be readjusted by taking the newly adjusted max grant and dividing by the*  
6           *difference between the grant floor and grant ceiling.*

7           (e) *Starting in fiscal year 2034, the max grant shall be increased by 5 percent.*  
8           *The factor shall be readjusted by taking the newly adjusted max grant and dividing by the*  
9           *difference between the grant floor and grant ceiling.*

10          ~~[II. In order to receive an extraordinary need grant, the eligible school district shall provide~~  
11          ~~a plan to the department of education outlining how the district intends to use grant award funds to~~  
12          ~~improve the educational achievement and growth of students. The extraordinary need grant plan~~  
13          ~~shall include an accountability component designed to generate data that measures student~~  
14          ~~academic achievement and growth of knowledge and skills in reading and language arts and/or~~  
15          ~~mathematics at what grade levels funds will be used. The school district shall develop and~~  
16          ~~administer its own grant accountability assessment that identifies a pupil's range of learning and~~  
17          ~~yields objective data to use in improving instruction and learning, or use the statewide assessment.~~  
18          ~~The school district shall submit to the department an annual grant accountability progress report~~  
19          ~~that includes evidence of satisfactory program implementation and progress toward grant~~  
20          ~~accountability improvement targets. The primary goal of this grant is to improve student~~  
21          ~~achievement and growth and to help the school district to have funding for successful, best practice~~  
22          ~~student learning approaches.]~~

23          III. Extraordinary need grants shall be distributed pursuant to RSA 198:42.

24          IV. In this section, "equalized valuation per pupil eligible to receive a free or reduced-price  
25          meal" means a municipality's equalized valuation~~[- excluding properties subject to taxation under~~  
26          ~~RSA 82 and equalized payments in lieu of taxes,]~~ as determined by the department of revenue  
27          administration, that was the basis for the local tax assessment in the determination year, divided by  
28          the school district's kindergarten through grade 12 ADMR in the determination year eligible to  
29          receive a free or reduced-price meal.

30          161 Determination of Education Grants. Amend RSA 198:41 to read as follows:

31          198:41 Determination of Education Grants.

32          I. Except for municipalities where all school districts therein provide education to all of their  
33          pupils by paying tuition to other institutions, the department of education shall determine the total  
34          education grant for the municipality as follows:

35               (a) Add the per pupil cost of providing the opportunity for an adequate education for  
36          which each pupil is eligible pursuant to RSA 198:40-a, I-III, and from such amount;

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(b) Subtract the amount of the education tax warrant to be issued by the commissioner of revenue administration for such municipality reported pursuant to RSA 76:8 for the next tax year; and

(c) [Repealed.]

(d) ~~[Add the municipality's additional aid for relief funding pursuant to RSA 198:40-e.~~

(e)] Add the municipality's extraordinary need grant pursuant to RSA 198:40-f.

II. For municipalities where all school districts therein provide education to all of their pupils by paying tuition to other institutions, the department of education shall determine the total education grant for each municipality as the lesser of the 2 following calculations:

(a) The amount calculated in accordance with paragraph I of this section; or

(b) The total amount paid for items of current education expense as determined by the department of education minus the amount of the education tax warrant to be issued by the commissioner of revenue administration for such municipality reported pursuant to RSA 76:8 for the next tax year.

III.(a) For the biennium ending June 30, 2013, the department of education shall not distribute a total education grant on behalf of all pupils who reside in a municipality that exceeds that municipality's total education grant in the second year of the previous biennium.

(b) [Repealed.]

IV.(a) For fiscal year ~~[2012]~~ **2024 through fiscal year 2033**, the department of education shall ***distribute a hold harmless grant if the adequacy grant is*** ~~[identify all municipalities in which the fiscal year 2012 total education grant will be]~~ less than the fiscal year ~~[2011]~~ **2024** ~~[total education]~~ ***adequacy grant as estimated by the department on November 15, 2022 pursuant to RSA 198:41, V. The hold harmless grant shall equal 100 percent of the decrease when comparing the eligible grant award year to the fiscal 2024 estimate. The department shall distribute the grant in addition to the total education grant.*** ~~[The department shall distribute a stabilization grant to each of those municipalities equal to 100 percent of the decrease.]~~ ***No municipality with a current adequacy grant amount that exceeds the fiscal year 2024 November 15, 2022 estimate shall receive a hold harmless grant.***

~~[(b) For fiscal year 2013, the department of education shall identify all municipalities in which the fiscal year 2013 total education grant, including any stabilization grant distributed pursuant to subparagraph (a), will be less than the fiscal year 2011 total education grant. The department shall distribute funds to each of those municipalities equal to 100 percent of the decrease.~~

~~(c) For fiscal year 2014 through fiscal year 2016, the department of education shall distribute a total education grant to each municipality in an amount equal to the total education grant for the fiscal year in which the grant is calculated plus the amount of the fiscal year 2012 stabilization grant, if any, distributed to the municipality.~~

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~~(d) For fiscal year 2017 and each fiscal year thereafter, the department of education shall distribute a total education grant to each municipality in an amount equal to the total education grant for the fiscal year in which the grant is calculated plus a percentage of the municipality's fiscal year 2012 stabilization grant, if any, distributed to the municipality; the percentage shall be 96 percent for fiscal year 2017, 92 percent for fiscal year 2018, 88 percent for fiscal year 2019, and 100 percent for fiscal year 2020 and each fiscal year thereafter.]~~

**(b) No *hold harmless* [stabilization] grant *as described in RSA 198:41, IV(a)* shall be distributed to any municipality for any fiscal year in which the municipality's education property tax warrant pursuant to RSA 76:8 exceeds the total cost of an adequate education or to any municipality for any fiscal year in which the municipality's ADMR is zero.**

**(c) *Beginning in fiscal year 2026, the hold harmless grant calculated under RSA 198:41, IV shall decrease as a percent of the amount awarded under the following schedule:***

***(1) 80 percent of the calculated hold harmless grant shall be awarded for fiscal year 2026 and 80 percent for fiscal year 2027.***

***(2) 60 percent of the calculated hold harmless grant shall be awarded for fiscal year 2028 and 60 percent for fiscal year 2029.***

***(3) 40 percent of the calculated hold harmless grant shall be awarded for fiscal year 2030 and 40 percent for fiscal year 2031.***

***(4) 20 percent of the calculated hold harmless grant shall be awarded for fiscal year 2032 and 20 percent for fiscal year 2033.***

***(5) Zero percent of the calculated hold harmless grant shall be awarded for fiscal year 2034 and each year thereafter.***

V. The department shall use the best available data and methods to estimate ADMR and education grants by November 15 of the year preceding the school year for which aid is determined.

VI. The department shall produce a revised estimate of grants using actual determination year data for the purpose of settling municipal tax rates. A municipality's grant estimate shall not be less than 95 percent of the estimate reported pursuant to paragraph V. The commissioner of the department of education shall provide the estimate for the current fiscal year to the commissioner of the department of revenue administration no later than October 1 of each year.

VII. When final determination year data is available, but not later than April 1, the department shall make a final determination of grant amounts. A municipality's grant estimate shall not be less than 95 percent of the estimate reported pursuant to paragraph V. The department shall adjust the April grant disbursement required pursuant to RSA 198:42 so that the total amount disbursed for the fiscal year shall match the final grant determination.

VIII. Reports of grant determinations for municipalities required pursuant to paragraphs V-VII shall be available to the public by the date specified in paragraphs V-VII, and the department shall make available a report for multi-town school districts and municipalities with multiple school

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1 districts. The department of education shall provide the department of revenue administration the  
2 information needed to set tax rates.

3 162 Chartered Public Schools; Funding. Amend RSA 194-B:11, I(b)(1) to read as follows:

4 (b)(1)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (2), for a chartered public school  
5 authorized by the state board of education pursuant to RSA 194-B:3-a, the state shall pay tuition  
6 amounts pursuant to RSA 198:40-a, II(a)-(c) and (e) plus an additional grant of ~~[\$3,286 to all~~  
7 ~~chartered public schools for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and \$3,411 to all chartered public~~  
8 ~~schools for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019]~~ **\$4,300 to all chartered public schools for the**  
9 **fiscal year ending June 30, 2024** and each fiscal year thereafter, except for the Virtual Learning  
10 Academy Charter School, directly to the chartered public school for each pupil who is a resident of  
11 this state in the chartered public school's ADMA. Beginning July 1, ~~[2017]~~ **2024** and every  
12 ~~[biennium]~~ **fiscal year** thereafter, the department of education shall adjust the per pupil amount of  
13 the additional grant ~~[based on the average annual change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban~~  
14 ~~Consumers, Northeast Region, using the "services less medical care services" special aggregate~~  
15 ~~index, as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, United States Department of Labor]~~  
16 **pursuant to RSA 198:40-d.** The state shall pay amounts required pursuant to RSA 198:40-a, II(d)  
17 directly to the resident district.

18 (B) For the Virtual Learning Academy Charter School authorized pursuant to  
19 RSA 194-B:3-a, the state shall pay tuition amounts pursuant to RSA 198:40-a, II(a)-(c) and (e), plus  
20 an additional grant of \$2,036 directly to the Virtual Learning Academy Charter School for each  
21 eligible full-time enrolled pupil in the chartered public school's ADMA. The state shall pay amounts  
22 required pursuant to RSA 198:40-a, II(d) directly to the resident district. The state shall also pay  
23 tuition amounts pursuant to RSA 198:40-a, II(a) plus an additional grant of \$2,036 directly to the  
24 Virtual Learning Academy Charter School for each full-time equivalent pupil. Beginning July 1,  
25 2017 and every July 1 thereafter, the department of education shall adjust the per pupil amount of  
26 the additional grant ~~[based on the average annual change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban~~  
27 ~~Consumers, Northeast Region, using the "services less medical care services" special aggregate~~  
28 ~~index, as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, United States Department of Labor. The~~  
29 ~~average change shall be calculated using the 3 calendar years ending 18 months before the~~  
30 ~~beginning of the fiscal year for which the calculation is to be performed]~~ **pursuant to RSA 198:40-d.**

31 163 Repeal; Third Grade Reading Accountability. RSA 193-C:3, IV(i), relative to grade 3  
32 statewide education improvement and assessment program data, is repealed.

33 164 State Maintenance of Equity; Biennium Ending June 30, 2023. Amend 2001, 91:58, III to  
34 read as follows:

35 III. Any state aid distributed under this section shall be an education grant in addition to  
36 the state grant calculated under RSA 198:41 **and RSA 194-B:11** and shall be distributed to school  
37 districts **and chartered public schools** accordingly. Depending on how the United States

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1 Department of Education allows states to define "pupil" as it relates to determining state aid per  
2 pupil under Section 2004(b) of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the department of education  
3 may experience delays in accurately collecting pupil data to meet the definition as defined by the  
4 United States Department of Education, thereby delaying the calculation of the grant award. If such  
5 delay occurs, the department of education may issue the grants described in this section up to 120  
6 days after the end of the applicable fiscal year being assessed for compliance with federal law.

7 165 Budget and Appropriations; Transfers Authorized. Amend RSA 9:16-a, II-a(c) to read as  
8 follows:

9 (c) The appropriations budgeted in class 027-transfers to DoIT, class 028-transfers to  
10 general services, **class 040-indirect costs**, class 041-audit funds set aside, class 042-additional  
11 fringe benefits, class 049-transfers, class 061-unemployment compensation, class 062-workers  
12 compensation, ~~and~~ class 064-retiree pension benefit-health insurance, **class 210-bond insurance,**  
13 **and class 211-property and casualty insurance**, shall not be transferred or expended for any  
14 other purpose, except that agencies may transfer any portion of funds in class 027 transfers to OIT  
15 not related to IT shared services upon consultation with and approval from the CIO.

16 166 New Paragraph; Budget and Appropriations. Amend RSA 9:16-a, II-a by inserting after  
17 subparagraph (d) the following new subparagraph:

18 (e) The following classes shall not lapse in the first year of the operating budget: class  
19 028-transfers to general services, class 040-indirect costs, class 041-audit funds set aside, class 042-  
20 additional fringe benefits, class 061-unemployment compensation, class 062-workers compensation,  
21 class 064-retiree pension benefit-health insurance, class-210 bond insurance, and class-211 property  
22 casualty insurance.

23 167 Medical and Surgical Benefits. Amend RSA 21-I:30, XV to read as follows:

24 XV. Funds appropriated for the purposes of this section shall not be transferred or used for  
25 any other purpose **and shall be nonlapsing**.

26 168 Salary Adjustment Fund. Amend RSA 99:4 to read as follows:

27 99:4 Salary Adjustment Fund. Whereas the appropriations for personal services in state  
28 departments and institutions include an annual increment for each position, and whereas upon  
29 occasion due to vacancies and personnel turnover, salaries, increment increases and longevity as  
30 provided by the appropriations are not needed for said positions, each quarter the department of  
31 administrative services shall **review accounts and** transfer said amount, **if needed**, from the  
32 departmental or institutional appropriation to a special account to be known as the salary  
33 adjustment fund. This fund shall lapse at the end of each fiscal year and revert to the appropriate  
34 fund. Under no circumstances will this fund be used for temporary positions or new positions. Upon  
35 the certification of the ~~[director of personnel]~~ **commissioner of the department of administrative**  
36 **services**, subject to the approval of governor and council, the salary adjustment fund shall be  
37 available for transfer to departments and institutions in amounts that are ~~[deemed necessary to~~

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~~comply with RSA 98]~~ ***necessary to pay any legally authorized salaries for employees in the classified system, followed by an annual informational report to the governor and council after fiscal year end.***

169 Employee Benefit Adjustment Account. Amend RSA 9:17-c to read as follows:

9:17-c Employee Benefit Adjustment Account. Whereas the appropriations for employee benefits in state departments and institutions may upon occasion not be totally needed for each position due to vacancies and personnel turnover, the department of administrative services shall ***review accounts and transfer said amount, if needed,*** quarterly from the departmental or institutional appropriation to a special account to be known as the employee benefit adjustment account. This fund shall lapse at the end of each fiscal year and revert to the appropriate fund. Upon the certification of the commissioner of administrative services, ~~[subject to the approval of governor and council]~~ the employee benefit account shall be available for transfer to departments and institutions in amounts that are deemed necessary to pay the state's required proportionate share of any legally authorized employee benefit, ***followed by an annual informational report to the governor and council after fiscal year end.*** Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 9:17, no transfer shall be made from any appropriation for employee benefits to any other appropriation for any other use or purpose except as provided in this section.

170 Department of Administrative Services; State Budget Office. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 21-I:6 to read as follows:

21-I:6 Budget Office. There is hereby established within the office of the commissioner of administrative services a state budget office under the supervision of an unclassified budget ~~[director]~~ ***officer*** who shall:

171 Department of Administrative Services; Planning and Design Costs. Amend RSA 21-I:85 to read as follows:

21-I:85 Planning and Design Costs. ~~[The division of public works design and construction shall not perform any design and planning work for any non-general fund state agency unless the division is reimbursed for such work by the agency.]~~ ***The department of administrative services shall bill state agencies for any design, planning, project management, and/or inspection work for all capital construction projects administered through the department, and for any operating projects that are funded in full or in part with federal funds, agency income, or funding sources other than general funds.***

172 Appropriation; Department of Administrative Services; Technology Upgrades. There is hereby appropriated to the department of administrative services the sum of \$7,800,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, for the purpose of technology upgrades to ensure the sustainability of the state's financial, payroll and budgeting system. The sum appropriated shall be nonlapsing, provided that any unexpended amount following completion of the project shall lapse to the general fund. The

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1 governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not  
2 otherwise appropriated.

3 173 Effective Date. Section 172 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2023.

4 174 New Paragraph; State Commission on Aging. Amend RSA 19-P:1 by inserting after  
5 paragraph III the following new paragraph:

6 III-a. The commission shall elect a chairperson, vice-chairperson, and a recorder.

7 175 State Commission on Aging. Amend RSA 19-P:1, IV to read as follows:

8 IV. The members appointed pursuant to subparagraph II(j) shall serve 2-year terms;  
9 provided that initially such members shall serve staggered terms and no such member shall serve  
10 more than 2 consecutive terms, ***with the exception of the chairperson, vice-chairperson, and***  
11 ***recorder, who may service an additional term for a total of 3 terms. A council member***  
12 ***whose term of office is expiring may continue beyond the end of the term until reappointed***  
13 ***or until a successor is nominated.*** Legislative members shall receive mileage at the legislative  
14 rate when attending to the duties of the commission. The first named member of the house of  
15 representatives shall convene the organizational meeting of the commission on or before 45 days of  
16 passage of this chapter for the purpose of electing officers serving on the commission. [Thirteen] ***A***  
17 ***majority of the*** members shall constitute a quorum. If any member is absent without previously  
18 being excused by the chairperson for 3 or more regular meetings, the member may be removed upon  
19 a majority vote of the commission.

20 176 State Commission on Aging. Amend RSA 19-P:1, V to read as follows:

21 V. The commission shall be authorized to select and hire select an executive director by a  
22 vote of a majority of the members. The executive director shall be in the classified service of the  
23 state and shall perform such duties as the commission may require. ~~[The governor is authorized to~~  
24 ~~draw a warrant for the amount necessary to pay for the executive director position and related office~~  
25 ~~expenditures authorized in this paragraph out of any money in the treasury not otherwise~~  
26 ~~appropriated.]~~ The commission shall hold no fewer than 9 regular meetings per year.

27 177 New Paragraph; State Commission on Aging. Amend RSA 19-P:1 by inserting after  
28 paragraph V the following new paragraph:

29 VI. The commission on aging shall be an independent agency, administratively attached to  
30 the department of administrative services pursuant to RSA 21-G:10.

31 178 New Paragraph; Duties of the State Commission on Aging. Amend RSA 19-P:2 by inserting  
32 after paragraph XIV the following new paragraph:

33 XV. Accepting and utilizing for its purposes, functions, and duties as set forth in this  
34 chapter public and private grants, gifts, donations, and contributions of money and other assets and  
35 properties, real and personal, of all types and kinds, without limitations.

36 179 Corrections Officers' Salaries.

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I. Effective July 14, 2023, part-time corrections officers and corrections officer corporals shall be compensated in accordance with the salary schedule applicable to full-time corrections officers and corrections officer corporals.

II. Effective July 14, 2023, corrections officer majors shall be compensated in accordance with the salary schedule applicable to corrections officer lieutenants, sergeants, and captains.

180 Parking; Concord. The department of administrative services is authorized to spend such funding as appropriated for additional parking for full-time and part-time employees who are assigned to the downtown Concord area and who are not provided a state-provided parking space for their personal vehicle.

181 Compensation for Certain State Officers; Unclassified State Employees; July 14, 2023. RSA 94:1-a, I (a) is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

I.(a) The following salary ranges shall apply to the following grades:

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>STEP 01</b>	<b>STEP 02</b>	<b>STEP 03</b>	<b>STEP 04</b>	<b>STEP 05</b>	<b>STEP 06</b>	<b>STEP 07</b>
AA	62,406	66,467	70,557	74,618	78,679	82,740	86,830
BB	64,894	69,127	73,359	77,592	81,825	86,058	90,291
CC	67,897	72,330	76,763	81,196	85,629	90,062	94,495
DD	71,500	76,162	80,824	85,514	90,176	94,838	99,500
EE	75,705	80,652	85,629	90,577	95,524	100,472	105,449
FF	80,938	86,258	91,549	96,869	102,160	107,451	112,770
GG	87,373	93,093	98,842	104,562	110,282	116,031	121,751
HH	95,153	101,387	107,622	113,886	120,120	126,384	132,619
II	100,587	107,193	113,800	120,406	127,042	133,648	140,255
JJ	106,049	112,999	119,977	126,956	133,934	140,913	147,891
KK	108,738	115,888	123,066	130,216	137,366	144,516	151,666
LL	0	0	0	0	0	0	156,500
MM	0	0	0	0	0	0	161,791
NN	0	0	0	0	0	0	167,997
OO	0	0	0	0	0	0	175,233
PP	0	0	0	0	0	0	183,927
QQ	0	0	0	0	0	0	194,366

182 Salary Wages for Councilors and Commissioners; July 14, 2023. RSA 94:1-a, II is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

II. The salary wages for the positions set forth below shall be as follows commencing July 14, 2023:

	Maximum
Governor's councilors	\$19,734
Racing and charitable gaming commissioners	\$15,301

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1 Sweepstakes commission, chairman \$22,251

2 Sweepstakes commission, members \$12,527

3 183 Compensation for Certain State Officers; Unclassified State Employees; July 12, 2024. RSA  
4 94:1-a, I (a) is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

5 I.(a) The following salary ranges shall apply to the following grades:

6	GRADE	STEP 01	STEP 02	STEP 03	STEP 04	STEP 05	STEP 06	STEP 07
7	AA	63,655	67,797	71,969	76,111	80,253	84,395	88,567
8	BB	66,192	70,510	74,827	79,144	83,462	87,780	92,097
9	CC	69,255	73,777	78,299	82,820	87,342	91,864	96,385
10	DD	72,930	77,686	82,441	87,225	91,980	96,735	101,490
11	EE	77,220	82,266	87,342	92,389	97,435	102,482	107,558
12	FF	82,557	87,984	93,380	98,807	104,204	109,601	115,026
13	GG	89,121	94,955	100,819	106,654	112,488	118,352	124,187
14	HH	97,057	103,415	109,775	116,164	122,523	128,912	135,272
15	II	102,599	109,337	116,076	122,815	129,583	136,321	143,061
16	JJ	108,170	115,259	122,377	129,496	136,613	143,732	150,849
17	KK	110,913	118,206	125,528	132,821	140,114	147,407	154,700
18	LL	0	0	0	0	0	0	159,630
19	MM	0	0	0	0	0	0	165,027
20	NN	0	0	0	0	0	0	171,357
21	OO	0	0	0	0	0	0	178,738
22	PP	0	0	0	0	0	0	187,606
23	QQ	0	0	0	0	0	0	198,254

24 184 Salary Wages for Councilors and Commissioners; July 12, 2024. RSA 94:1-a, II is repealed  
25 and reenacted to read as follows:

26 II. The salary wages for the positions set forth below shall be as follows commencing July  
27 12, 2024:

28		Maximum
29	Governor's councilors	\$20,129
30	Racing and charitable gaming commissioners	\$15,608
31	Sweepstakes commission, chairman	\$22,697
32	Sweepstakes commission, members	\$12,778

33 185 Department of Justice; Attorney Salaries; July 14, 2023. RSA 94:1-a, I(c) is repealed and  
34 reenacted to read as follows:

35 I.(c) For attorney positions in the department of justice, except for the attorney general and  
36 deputy attorney general, the following shall apply commencing on July 14, 2023:

37	Minimum	Market anchor	Maximum
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1		\$60,778	\$140,802
2	Attorney		\$73,264
3	Assistant attorney general		\$99,796
4	Senior assistant attorney general		\$123,208
5	Associate attorney general		\$135,695
6	186 Legislative Employees; July 14, 2023.	Legislative employees shall receive 10 percent salary	
7	increases effective July 14, 2023, if such increases are approved by the appointing authority.		
8	187 Legislative Employees; July 12, 2024.	Legislative employees shall receive 2 percent salary	
9	increases effective July 12, 2024 if such increases are approved by the appointing authority.		
10	188 Judicial Salaries; July 14, 2023.	RSA 491-A:1 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:	
11	491-A:1 Salaries Established. The salaries for the positions set forth below shall be as follows:		
12	Chief justice, supreme court		\$204,076
13	Associate justices, supreme court		\$197,937
14	Chief justice, superior court and administrative judges		
15	appointed pursuant to supreme court rule 54		\$197,937
16	Associate justices, superior court		\$185,638
17	District court justices prohibited from practice		
18	pursuant to RSA 502-A:21		\$185,638
19	Probate judges prohibited from practice		
20	pursuant to RSA 547:2-a		\$185,368
21	189 Judicial Salaries; July 12, 2024.	RSA 491-A:1 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:	
22	491-A:1 Salaries Established. The salaries for the positions set forth below shall be as follows:		
23	Chief justice, supreme court		\$208,157
24	Associate justices, supreme court		\$201,895
25	Chief justice, superior court and administrative judges		
26	appointed pursuant to supreme court rule 54		\$201,895
27	Associate justices, superior court		\$189,350
28	District court justices prohibited from practice		
29	pursuant to RSA 502-A:21		\$189,350
30	Probate judges prohibited from practice		
31	pursuant to RSA 547:2-a		\$189,350
32	190 Judicial Employees; July 14, 2023.	All unrepresented judicial employees shall receive 10	
33	percent salary increases effective July 14, 2023.		
34	191 Judicial Employees; July 12, 2024.	All unrepresented judicial employees shall receive 2	
35	percent salary increases effective July 12, 2024.		
36	192 Salary Adjustment for Recruitment or Retention. All employees listed in RSA 94:3-b II,		
37	shall receive a 10 percent salary increases effective July 14, 2023.		

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1       193 Salary Adjustment for Recruitment or Retention. All employees listed in RSA 94:3-b II,  
2 shall receive a 2 percent salary increases effective July 12, 2024.

3       194 Appropriations.

4       I. The following sums are appropriated from the following sources for the purposes of salary  
5 and compensation adjustments in this act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024:

**FY 2024**

	All	General	Liquor	Federal	Highway	Turnpike	Fish and Game	Other
9	\$101,554,000	\$44,900,000	\$3,394,000	\$16,702,000	\$9,262,000	\$1,826,000	\$875,000	\$24,595,000

10       II. The following sums are appropriated from the following sources for the purposes of  
11 salary and compensation adjustments in this act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025:

**FY 2025**

	All	General	Liquor	Federal	Highway	Turnpike	Fish and Game	Other
15	\$123,896,000	\$54,778,000	\$4,140,000	\$20,377,000	\$11,300,000	\$2,228,000	\$1,067,000	\$30,006,000

16       III. The department of administrative services is authorized to make any rounding  
17 adjustments of up to +\$.01 per hour as needed to properly process the employee's payroll within the  
18 currently designed human resources/payroll system (NH FIRST).

19       IV. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant to the general fund portion of said sums  
20 out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

21       195 Effective Date.

22       I. Sections 181, 182, 185, and 188 of this act shall take effect July 14, 2023.

23       II. Sections 183, 184, and 189 of this act shall take effect July 12, 2024.

24       196 Business Profits Tax; Distribution to Education Trust Fund. Amend RSA 77-A:20-a to read  
25 as follows:

26       77-A:20-a Distribution of Funds.

27       I. The commissioner shall determine [~~the additional amounts~~] **22.5 percent** of ~~the~~ revenue  
28 produced by [~~an increase of 1.5 percent in the rate of~~] **the** tax imposed by RSA 77-A:2 for each fiscal  
29 year and shall certify such amounts to the state treasurer by October 1 of that year for deposit in the  
30 education trust fund established by RSA 198:39.

31       II. The commissioner shall make quarterly estimates of the amount of [~~additional~~] revenues  
32 that will be produced [~~by the increase in tax rate~~] for the next fiscal year and shall certify such  
33 amounts to the state treasurer for deposit in the education trust fund established by RSA 198:39.  
34 Such estimates shall be certified on June 1, September 1, December 1, and March 1 of each year.

35       197 Business Enterprise Tax; Distribution to Education Trust Fund. Amend RSA 77-E:14 to  
36 read as follows:

37       77-E:14 Distribution of Funds.

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1           I. The commissioner shall determine [~~the additional amounts of~~] **22.5 percent of the**  
2 revenue produced by [~~an increase of .50 percent in the rate of~~] **the** tax imposed by RSA 77-E:2 for  
3 each fiscal year and shall certify such amounts to the state treasurer by October 1 of that year for  
4 deposit in the education trust fund established by RSA 198:39.

5           II. The commissioner shall make quarterly estimates of the amount of [~~additional~~] revenues  
6 that will be produced [~~by the increase in tax rate~~] for the next fiscal year and shall certify such  
7 amounts to the state treasurer for deposit in the education trust fund established by RSA 198:39.  
8 Such estimates shall be certified on June 1, September 1, December 1, and March 1 of each year.

9           198 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services, Choose  
10 Love Program. There is hereby appropriated to department of health and human services, division  
11 of public health services the sums of \$250,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and \$250,000  
12 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, for the purpose of operating the choose love program and  
13 funding 2 classified positions as determined by the director of public health services. The governor is  
14 authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise  
15 appropriated.

16           199 New Paragraph; Department of Health and Human Services; Authorization to Fill  
17 Unfunded Positions. Amend RSA 126-A:4 by inserting after paragraph VI the following new  
18 paragraph:

19           VII. The department of health and human services shall have the authority to fill unfunded  
20 positions, provided that the total expenditure for such positions shall not exceed the amount  
21 appropriated to the department for personal services.

22           200 Department of Health and Human Services; Foster Grandparent Program. The  
23 reimbursements to the foster grandparent program through the senior volunteer grant program,  
24 established in RSA 161-F:40, are hereby suspended for the biennium ending June 30, 2025.

25           201 Department of Health and Human Services; Bureau of Adult and Elderly Services;  
26 Congregate Housing and Services. Congregate housing provided for under the Medicaid waiver  
27 pursuant to RSA 151-E and congregate services provided for in RSA 161-F:37 are suspended for the  
28 biennium ending June 30, 2025.

29           202 Department of Health and Human Services; Social Services Block Grant Cost of Living  
30 Adjustment to Income Levels. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for the biennium ending  
31 June 30, 2025, the department of health and human services shall raise the income eligibility for  
32 elderly and adult clients under the social services block grant program each January, by the  
33 percentage amount of the cost of living increase in social security benefits on a yearly basis, provided  
34 such amount is consistent with federal law and regulations relative to the social services block grant  
35 income eligibility.

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1       203 Prospective Repeal Regarding Eligibility for Services Extended. Amend 2011, 209:6, I, as  
2 amended by 2013, 140:1, I, as amended by 2015, 276:41, I, as amended by 2017, 156:85, I, as  
3 amended by 2019, 346:61, I, as amended by 2021, 91:404 to read as follows:

4           I. Section 5 of this act shall take effect July 1, ~~2023~~ **2025**.

5       204 Graduate Medical Education Payments Suspended. The commissioner of the department of  
6 health and human services shall submit a Title XIX Medicaid state plan amendment to the federal  
7 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to suspend the provision of direct and indirect graduate  
8 medical education payments to hospitals as provided in 42 C.F.R. section 413.75 for the biennium  
9 ending June 30, 2025. Upon approval of the state plan amendment, and as of the effective date of  
10 the state plan amendment, any obligations for payment of direct and indirect graduate medical  
11 education shall be suspended for the biennium ending June 30, 2025.

12       205 Health and Human Services; Suspension of Catastrophic Aid Payment to Hospitals. The  
13 commissioner of the department of health and human services shall submit a Title XIX Medicaid  
14 state plan amendment to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to suspend all  
15 catastrophic aid payments to hospitals effective for the biennium ending June 30, 2025.

16       206 Medicaid to Schools Program; Fiscal Committee Approval of Supplemental Funding. For  
17 the biennium ending June 30, 2025, in the event funds appropriated in accounting unit 05-95-47-  
18 0010-7207 Medicaid to schools, are insufficient, the department of health and human services may  
19 accept and expend additional federal funds with the prior approval of the fiscal committee of the  
20 general court. Any request to the fiscal committee shall include a detailed explanation of the types  
21 of assistance the department is providing to school districts to ensure eligibility for reimbursement  
22 under the Medicaid to schools program.

23       207 Department of Health and Human Services; Division of Medicaid Services. Any funds  
24 appropriated to activity 05-95-47-470010, division of Medicaid services, for the biennium ending  
25 June 30, 2023 shall not lapse until June 30, 2025, and shall be treated as restricted revenue for the  
26 purpose of funding expenditures in account 05-95-47-470010-7948, Medicaid care management. The  
27 department of health and human services is authorized to accept and expend any matching federal  
28 funds for the purposes of this section without prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general  
29 court.

30       208 Department of Health and Human Services; Preventative Health Care Benefits; Medicaid  
31 Program. The commissioner of the department of health and human services shall, if necessary,  
32 submit a Title XIX Medicaid state plan amendment to the federal Centers for Medicare and  
33 Medicaid Services to establish and provide preventative health care benefits under the state  
34 Medicaid program, including but not limited to nicotine cessation, transitional care management,  
35 chronic care management, diabetes prevention program, and screening, brief intervention, and  
36 referral to treatment (SBIRT) services. In addition, the commissioner may adopt rules under RSA  
37 541-A, relative to the preventative health care benefits described in this section.

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209 Department of Health and Human Services; Transfer Between Certain Classes.  
Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the department of health and human services is hereby  
authorized to transfer funds between classes 072, 074, 102, and 103, and create new class lines for  
classes 072, 074, 102, and 103, in order to comply with federal Uniform Administrative  
Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (2 C.F.R. Part 200).

210 Health Facility Licensing; Inspection. Amend RSA RSA 151:6, II to read as follows:

II. The department of health and human services may require by rule that any licensee or  
prospective applicant desiring to make specified types of alterations or additions to its facilities or to  
construct new facilities shall, before commencing such alteration, addition or new construction,  
submit plans and specifications therefor to the ~~[department of health and human services]~~  
**department of safety, division of fire safety** for preliminary inspection and approval or  
recommendations.

211 Health Care Facility Workplace Violence Prevention Program and Commission; Suspension  
of State Participation for Biennium. The following aspects of state agency participation in the health  
care facility workplace violence prevention program, established in RSA 151:53, and the New  
Hampshire health care workplace safety commission, established in RSA 151-J, are hereby  
suspended for the biennium ending June 30, 2025:

I. RSA 151:53, IV, relative to incident reporting by the department of health and human  
services.

II. RSA 151:53, VII, relative to website database design and implementation.

III. RSA 151-J:1, II(a)(2), (4),(5), and (6), relative to participation of the chief executive  
officer of New Hampshire hospital, the commissioner of the department of health and human  
services, the commissioner of the department of labor, and the attorney general on the New  
Hampshire health care workplace safety commission; provided that nothing in this section shall  
prevent voluntary participation of such individuals or their designees.

212 Residential Care and Health Facility Licensing; Workplace Violence Prevention Program.  
Amend RSA 151:53, V to read as follows:

V. Each health facility shall prepare and submit to the health care workplace safety  
commission established in RSA 151-J an annual report containing all workplace violence and hostile  
words incidents reported to the health facility directed at an employee by a patient, coworker,  
supervisor, manager, or other individuals who have a personal relationship with a patient. The  
chair of the health and human services oversight committee, established in RSA 126-A:13, with the  
advice of the health care workplace safety commission, may recommend updates to New Hampshire  
statutes or recommend updates to the rules adopted for the implementation of this section. The  
commissioner of health and human services, in consultation with the health care workplace safety  
commission and the health and human services oversight committee, ~~[shall]~~ **may** adopt rules

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pursuant to RSA 541-A deemed necessary for the implementation of this section in coordination with the department of health and human services, including a common reporting form.

213 New Hampshire Health Care Workplace Safety Commission; Administration. Amend RSA 151-J:6 to read as follows:

151-J:6 Administration. The commission may ~~[delegate to]~~ **request that** the department of health and human services **assume** the functions of collecting, analyzing, and disseminating workplace violence information, organizing and convening meetings of the commission, and other substantive and administrative tasks as may be incident to these activities or directed by the commission. The activities of the department of health and human services and its employees or agents shall be subject to the same confidentiality provisions and data privacy as those that apply to the commission.

214 New Hampshire Health Care Workplace Safety Commission; Rulemaking. Amend RSA 151-J:8 to read as follows:

151-J:8 Rulemaking. The commissioner of the department of health and human services, with the advice of members of the commission, ~~[shall]~~ **may** adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A, to assure de-identification of all individuals and facilities involved in the incidents received.

215 Department of Health and Human Services; Prospective Repeal Regarding the Exemption from Certain Transfer Procedures Extended. Amend 2018, 163:11, IV, as amended by 2019, 346:64 and 2021, 91:27 to read as follows:

IV. Section 10 of this act shall take effect June 30, ~~[2023]~~ **2025**.

216 Effective Date. Section 215 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2023.

217 Department of Health and Human Services; Unclassified Positions Established.

I. The following unclassified positions are established in the department of health and human services:

(a) Medicaid pharmacy director.

(b) Pharmaceutical service specialist.

II. The salary of the unclassified positions established in paragraph I shall be determined after assessment and review of the appropriate letter grade allocation in RSA 94:1-a, I for positions which shall be conducted pursuant to RSA 94:1-d and RSA 14:14-c.

III. The following classified positions are abolished upon completion of the salary and letter appointment for the unclassified positions as required by paragraph II, or June 30, 2025, whichever is sooner: #30278; #12433 .

IV. The incumbents in the classified positions abolished in paragraph III shall be offered the opportunity to transfer into the unclassified positions established in paragraph I.

218 Department of Health and Human Services; Unclassified Positions Established; Appropriation.

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I. The following unclassified positions are established in the department of health and human services:

- (a) Twenty four staff attorney positions.
- (b) Five supervisory staff attorney positions.
- (c) Three supervising attorney positions.

II. The salary of the unclassified positions established in paragraph I shall be determined after assessment and review of the appropriate letter grade allocation in RSA 94:1-a, I, for positions which shall be conducted pursuant to RSA 94:1-d and RSA 14:14-c.

III. The following classified positions are abolished upon completion of the salary and letter appointment for the unclassified positions as required by paragraph II, or June 30, 2025, whichever is sooner:

(a) Attorney II:

#11677	#15803	#16212	#16248	#19145
#40083	#40084	#40085	#40086	#40087
#40088	#40089	#40090	#40091	#40092
#40093	#40095	#40096	#40396	#43485
#44216	#44217	#44355	#44380	#44539
#44560	#44561	#TMPPT5726	#TMPPT5779	

(b) Attorney III:

#15402	#19766	#44562
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IV. The incumbents in the classified positions abolished in paragraph III shall be offered the opportunity to transfer into the newly established unclassified positions.

V. There is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services the sums of \$141,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and \$140,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, for the purpose of compensating the newly established unclassified positions in this section. The sum appropriated shall be nonlapsing. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

219 Department of Health and Human Services; Developmental Services, Acquired Brain Disorder Services, and In-home Support Waiver. Pursuant to RSA 171-A:8-b, the department of health and human services shall be authorized to carry forward funds from state fiscal year 2023 in the developmental services fund, acquired brain disorder services fund, and in-home support waiver fund for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of RSA 171-A for the biennium ending June 30, 2025. Funds unexpended from the following accounts in the biennium ending June 30, 2023 shall be carried forward and treated as restricted revenue for the purpose of funding expenditures from those accounts in the biennium ending June 30, 2025: 05-95-93-930010-7100, Developmental Services; 05-95-93-930010-7016, Acquired Brain Disorder Services; and 05-95-93-930010-7110, Children's In-Home Support Services.

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220 County Reimbursement of Funds; Limitations on Payments. Amend RSA 167:18-a, II(a) to read as follows:

(a) The total billings to all counties made pursuant to this section shall not exceed the amounts set forth below for state fiscal years ~~[2022-2023]~~ **2024-2025**:

(1) State fiscal year ~~[2022]~~ **2024**, ~~[\$129,362,411]~~ **\$131,849,659**

(2) State fiscal year ~~[2023]~~ **2025**, ~~[\$131,849,659]~~ **\$131,849,659**;

221 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services; Choices for Independence. The sums of \$4,750,000 in the fiscal year 2024 and \$10,350,000 in the fiscal year 2025 are hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services for the purpose of funding Choices for Independence, a Medicaid-funded program that provides a wide range of service choices that enable eligible adults to stay in their own homes and communities. The funds shall be nonlapsing until June 30, 2025. The department may accept and expend matching federal funds without prior approval of the fiscal committee. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

222 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services; Medicaid Management Information System. Of funds appropriated to the department of health and human services for the biennium ending June 30, 2023, the sum of \$20,531,625 shall not lapse until June 30, 2025 and shall be treated as restricted revenue for the purpose of funding expenditures in account 05-95-47-470010-8009, Medicaid management information system.

223 Effective Date. Section 222 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2023.

224 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services. There is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services the sum of \$16,358,878 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, which shall be nonlapsing until June 30, 2025, for the purpose of funding the elevated enrollment unwinding related to the end of continuous enrollment in accordance with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services guidance. The department may accept and expend matching federal funds without prior approval of the fiscal committee. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

225 Effective Date. Section 224 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2023.

226 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services; Moving One District Office. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$533,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, which shall be nonlapsing until June 30, 2025, to the department of health and human services for the purpose of moving one district office. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

227 Effective Date. Section 226 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2023.

228 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services; Vehicles and Equipment at New Hampshire Hospital. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$200,000 to the department of health and human services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, which shall be nonlapsing until June

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30, 2025, for the purpose of replacing vehicles and clinical equipment at New Hampshire hospital. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

229 Effective Date. Section 228 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2023.

230 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services; IT Consultants; Analysis. The sum of \$1,500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, which shall be nonlapsing until June 30, 2025, is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services for the purpose of hiring IT consultants to manage projects and perform analysis to support IT building automated solutions to streamline business processes. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

231 Effective Date. Section 230 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2023.

232 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services; IT Consultants; Automated Solutions. The sum of \$1,950,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, which shall be nonlapsing until June 30, 2025, is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services for the purpose of hiring IT consultants to develop and implement automated solutions to streamline business processes. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

233 Effective Date. Section 232 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2023.

234 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services; Food Stamp Eligibility. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$125,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, which shall be nonlapsing until June 30, 2025, to the department of health and human services, for the purpose of replacing a legacy database used for pulling quality samples for food stamp eligibility reviews. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

235 Effective Date. Section 234 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2023.

236 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services; DHHS Offices. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$410,100 to the department of health and human services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, which shall be nonlapsing until June 30, 2025, for the purpose of replacing aging switches, routers, and wireless access point at DHHS offices. The department may accept and expend matching federal funds without prior approval of the fiscal committee. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

237 Effective Date. Section 236 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2023.

238 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services; Temporary Assistance For Needy Families; Maintenance of Effort. There is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services the sums of \$2,500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and \$2,500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, to ensure maintenance of effort funding is sufficient to meet

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1 the federal temporary assistance for needy families maintenance of effort levels. The governor is  
2 authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise  
3 appropriated.

4 239 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services; Nutrition and Transportation  
5 Services. There is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services the sums of  
6 \$3,404,991 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and \$3,404,991 for the fiscal year ending June  
7 30, 2025, for the purpose of funding Title XX service rates for nutrition and transportation service  
8 rates. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury  
9 not otherwise appropriated.

10 240 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services; Foster Care Rates. There is  
11 hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services the sums of \$870,481 for the  
12 fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and \$957,529 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, for the  
13 purpose of increasing foster care rates. The department may accept and expend matching federal  
14 funds without prior approval of the fiscal committee. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant  
15 for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

16 241 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services; Medicaid Provider Rate  
17 Increases. There is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services the sums  
18 of \$12,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and \$12,000,000 for the fiscal year ending  
19 June 30, 2025, for the purpose of increasing Medicaid provider rates, excluding rates for hospital  
20 inpatient and hospital outpatient services. The department shall utilize such funds to increase rates  
21 pursuant to section 1902 (a)(30)(A) of the Social Security Act, to promote efficiency, economy, and  
22 quality of care within New Hampshire's Medicaid program. The department may accept and expend  
23 any federal funds available for the purposes of this section without the prior approval of the fiscal  
24 committee of the general court. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of  
25 any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

26 242 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services; Targeted Medicaid Rate  
27 Increases. In addition to any other sums appropriated, there is hereby appropriated to the  
28 department of health and human services the following amounts for the purpose of increasing rates  
29 paid to service providers. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any  
30 money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. Said rate increases shall go into effect no later  
31 than January 1, 2024. If feasible, the department shall implement any of the rate increases prior to  
32 that date, with priority given to those the commissioner has deemed most critical. For all  
33 appropriations below, the department may accept and expend matching federal funds without prior  
34 approval of the fiscal committee of the general court. For each appropriation, the department shall  
35 report to the fiscal committee of the general court, by October 1, 2023, the accounting units in the  
36 state operating budget to which funds will be or have been allocated, along with the rate increases  
37 that will be provided from the funds appropriated:

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I. \$2,674,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and \$5,294,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 for the purpose of increasing rates paid to nursing homes.

II. \$1,219,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and \$2,438,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 for the purpose of increasing rates for all Choices for Independence providers not provided rate increases elsewhere in this section.

III. \$401,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and \$802,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 for the purpose of increasing rates paid to assisted living facilities.

IV. \$483,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and \$966,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 for the purpose of increasing rates paid to home health aides.

V. \$40,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and \$80,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 for the purpose of increasing rates for home delivered meals paid to Meals on Wheels providers.

VI. \$417,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and \$834,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 for the purpose of increasing rates for private duty nursing providers.

VII. \$96,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and \$192,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 for the purpose of increasing rates paid for section 1915(c) waiver case management services.

VIII. \$2,246,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and \$4,492,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 for the purpose of increasing rates and/or wages paid to providers of community mental health services.

IX. \$353,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and \$706,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 for the purpose of increasing housing reimbursement rates for those receiving community mental health services.

X. \$3,000,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and \$6,000,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 for the purpose of rebasing rates for community health centers to ensure that Medicaid rates are sufficient to cover the cost of service provision.

XI. \$641,500 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and \$1,283,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 for the purpose of bringing Medicaid rates for community health centers up to the levels of Medicare reimbursement.

XII. \$4,652,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and \$9,304,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 for the purpose of increasing rates paid to providers of early supports and services, developmental services, acquired brain disorder services, and children's in-home support services.

XIII. \$778,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and \$1,556,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 for the purpose of increasing rates paid to providers of opioid treatment programs. Said amounts are intended to cover the cost of rate increases for both the traditional Medicaid population and granite advantage program population.

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XIV. \$64,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and \$128,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 for the purpose of increasing rates paid to residential treatment providers serving those experiencing substance use disorders.

XV. \$96,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and \$192,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 for the purpose of increasing rates paid to providers of medication assisted treatment for those experiencing substance use disorders.

XVI. \$144,500 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and \$289,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 for the purpose of increasing rates paid to providers of outpatient services for those experiencing substance use disorders.

XVII. \$50,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and \$100,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 for the purpose of increasing rates paid to midwives providing Medicaid births in non-hospital environments.

XVIII. \$125,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and \$250,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 for the purpose of increasing rates paid to birthing centers.

XIX. \$1,100,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and \$2,200,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 for the purpose of increasing rates paid for providers of ambulance/EMT services. Notwithstanding any other provisions, the rates for the following ambulance codes shall be as follows:

Ambulance Codes	Rate
A0425	13.00
A0427	700
A0428	325
A0429	450

If the department determines that the appropriations contained in this paragraph are insufficient to set rates at the specified levels, it may delay implementation until such time as the rate increases can be provided.

XX. \$1,500,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and \$3,000,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 for the purpose of increasing rates for state plan personal care assistant services.

XXI. \$10,026,500 in fiscal year 2024 for the purpose of increasing any of the rates in this section prior to January 1, 2024, if feasible, where the department has given priority to those increases the commissioner has deemed most critical.

243 Department of Health and Human Services; Adult Medical Day Services. The department of health and human services shall reimburse all adult medical day services at the same payment rate irrespective of whether the service is covered under the Choices for Independence waiver or the Medicaid state plan.

244 Repeals; Department of Business and Economic Affairs. The following are hereby repealed:

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1           I. RSA 12-O:46 through 12-O:50, relative to the New Hampshire college graduate retention  
2 incentive partnership (NH GRIP).

3           II. RSA 12-O:64, relative to the COVID-19 micro enterprise relief fund.

4           III. RSA 6:12,I(b)(365), relative to the COVID-19 micro enterprise relief fund.

5           IV. RSA 12-O:19, relative to the package plan program.

6           245 Department of Business and Economic Affairs; Bureaus. Amend RSA 12-O:2, I to read as  
7 follows:

8           I. There shall be a department of business and economic affairs under the executive  
9 direction of a commissioner of business and economic affairs, consisting of but not limited to a  
10 division of economic development [~~which shall include but not be limited to a bureau of workforce~~  
11 ~~development~~] and a division of travel and tourism [~~development which shall include but not be~~  
12 ~~limited to a bureau of visitor service~~]. The department's purpose shall be to ensure the efficient  
13 coordinated function of the department, economic development policies of the state of New  
14 Hampshire and the collaborative participation of all related state departments, agencies, and  
15 authorities.

16           246 Workforce Development. Amend RSA 12-O:42 to read as follows:

17           12-O:42 Workforce Development. The commissioner of business and economic affairs shall work  
18 with the [~~workforce development~~] director ***of the office of workforce opportunity*** to plan, develop,  
19 and administer workforce investment activities, programs, and grants under the federal ***Workforce***  
20 ***Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014*** [~~Workforce Investment Act of 1998, 29 U.S.C. section~~  
21 ~~2801 et seq.~~], as such may be amended, reauthorized, and in effect from time to time, and shall  
22 discharge the day-to-day operational responsibilities and obligations of the State Workforce  
23 Innovation Board established under RSA 12-O:44. The commissioner shall coordinate with the State  
24 Workforce Innovation Board to promote state and local investment systems that increase the  
25 employment, retention, and earnings of participants, and increase occupational skill attainment by  
26 participants, and, as a result, improve the quality of the workforce, reduce welfare dependency, and  
27 enhance the productivity and competitiveness of the nation.

28           247 Workforce Development Director. Amend RSA 12-O:43 to read as follows:

29           12-O:43 Workforce Development Director. There is established within the [~~bureau~~] ***office*** of  
30 workforce [~~development~~] ***opportunity*** the position of [~~workforce development coordinator~~] ***director***,  
31 which shall be an administrator [H] ***IV*** position, classified at labor grade [29] ***33***. The [~~workforce~~  
32 ~~development~~] director shall lead the ***office of workforce opportunity*** [~~workforce development~~  
33 ~~bureau~~]. The [~~workforce development~~] director shall perform all duties which the commissioner may  
34 assign.

35           248 State Workforce Innovation Board; Duties Removed. RSA 12-O:44 is repealed and  
36 reenacted to read as follows:

37           12-O:44 State Workforce Innovation Board.

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I. There is established a State Workforce Innovation Board within the *Office of Workforce Opportunity*.

II. Membership of the *board* shall be as set forth in *the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014* as such may be amended, reauthorized, and in effect from time to time. Members of the board shall be appointed by the governor and shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. The governor shall select a chairperson for the board from among the members of the board.

III. The board shall meet no less frequently than semi-annually, shall have the powers and responsibilities of the state workforce investment board under the *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014*.

249 Broadband Infrastructure Bonds. Amend RSA 33:3-g, IV to read as follows:

IV. The ~~[office of planning and development]~~ *department of business and economic affairs* shall maintain a list by town of all providers interested in receiving requests for information. The list shall include physical and electronic address information for interested providers and shall be updated as needed, but at least annually. For purposes of issuing requests for information pursuant to paragraph III, a municipality, county, or communications district shall reference the interested provider list maintained by the ~~[office of planning and development]~~ *department* and shall issue requests for information to all interested providers in that municipality, county, or communications district, both electronically and by United States mail.

250 Tax on Meals and Rooms; Population Figures. Amend RSA 78-A:25, III to read as follows:

III. On or before April 30 of each year, the office of planning and development shall notify the chief administrative officer in each community of all the data components which will be used as the basis for the estimate of population. Municipalities believing that such data components are incorrect shall file their specific objections and evidence in support thereof with the office of planning and development on or before May 30 of the same year. After due consideration of such evidence, the director of ~~[energy and planning]~~ *the office of planning and development* shall determine the final components and resulting estimates.

251 Reference Deleted. Amend RSA 126-A:4, V(b)(1) to read as follows:

(1) May request and shall receive the assistance of all other state agencies, including ~~[the office of planning and development, and]~~ the departments of transportation, administrative services, and business and economic affairs.

252 Agricultural Advisory Board. Amend RSA 425:23 to read as follows:

425:23 Advisory Board; Duties. The board shall consult with and advise the commissioner of agriculture, markets, and food with respect to the policies, programs, and operations of the department on a continuing basis and for such purposes shall meet with the commissioner not less than semi-annually at the call of the chairperson or 3 board members. ~~[The board shall designate and advertise at least one meeting annually as a public hearing]~~ *At each semi-annual meeting*

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1 ***the board shall allow for public comment*** at which interested persons may appear and be heard  
2 regarding matters affecting agriculture, markets, and food and related laws. The board shall review  
3 and make biennial recommendations relative to administrative, legal, and regulatory factors  
4 affecting the viability of the agricultural economy. The board shall promote close coordination of the  
5 activities of the department with activities of the United States Department of Agriculture,  
6 Environmental Protection Agency and other federal agencies; the University of New Hampshire,  
7 including cooperative extension work; other state agencies; and farm organizations of the state.  
8 Upon expiration of the term of office of the commissioner of agriculture, markets, and food, or upon  
9 the occurrence of a vacancy in such office, it shall be the duty of the board to submit advisory  
10 recommendations to the governor and council concerning such new appointment or the filling of such  
11 vacancy.

12 253 Assistant Deputy Medical Examiners. Amend RSA 611-B:5 to read as follows:

13 611-B:5 Assistant Deputy Medical Examiners. The chief medical examiner shall [~~appoint~~]  
14 ***employ*** assistant deputy medical examiners to perform the duties of medical examiner under this  
15 chapter. Assistant deputy medical examiners shall serve without geographic restriction. An  
16 assistant deputy medical examiner shall be a person educated in the science of medicine and shall  
17 serve under the direction and supervision of the chief medical examiner. An assistant deputy  
18 medical examiner shall possess all the powers granted to medical examiners under this chapter and  
19 be sworn in the same manner. Assistant deputy medical examiners shall ***be appointed by the***  
20 ***attorney general pursuant to RSA 21-M:3, XIV and shall*** serve at the pleasure of the chief  
21 medical examiner.

22 254 Department of Justice; Assistant Deputy Medical Examiners Established. There is  
23 established within the department of justice unclassified positions of assistant deputy medical  
24 examiners. The assistant deputy medical examiners shall be qualified to hold the position by reason  
25 of education and experience and shall be appointed to serve at the pleasure of the chief medical  
26 examiner pursuant to RSA 611-B:5. The salary of the assistant deputy medical examiners shall be  
27 determined after assessment and review of the appropriate letter grade allocation in RSA 94:1-a, I  
28 for positions which shall be conducted pursuant to RSA 94:1-d and RSA 14:14-c. Funding shall be  
29 appropriated from expenditure class 014 within accounting unit 02-20-20-202010-1037.

30 255 New Paragraphs; Department of Justice; Permanent Assistant Deputy Medical Examiners;  
31 Deputy Chief Forensic Investigator. Amend RSA 21-M:3 by inserting, after paragraph XIII, the  
32 following new paragraphs:

33 XIV. The attorney general, subject to the approval of the governor and council, may appoint  
34 permanent assistant deputy medical examiners within the limits of the appropriation made for the  
35 appointment, each of whom shall serve at the pleasure of the chief medical examiner pursuant to  
36 RSA 611-B:5.

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XV. The attorney general, subject to the approval of the governor and council, may appoint a permanent chief forensic investigator and/or a deputy chief forensic investigator, within the limits of the appropriation made for the appointment, who shall hold office for a term of 5 years. Any vacancy in such position may be filled for the unexpired term. The chief forensic investigator and deputy chief forensic investigator may be removed only as provided by RSA 4:1.

256 Department of Justice; Planning Analyst/Data Systems; Reclassified and Established; Deputy Chief Forensic Investigator. The planning analyst/data systems position number 9T3175, within the department of justice shall be designated as an unclassified position. There is established within the department of justice an unclassified position of deputy chief forensic investigator. The deputy chief forensic investigator shall be qualified to hold the position by reason of education and experience and shall be appointed to serve for a term of 5 years. The salary of the deputy chief forensic investigator shall be determined after assessment and review of the appropriate letter grade allocation in RSA 94:1-a, I for positions which shall be conducted pursuant to RSA 94:1-d and RSA 14:14-c. Funding shall be appropriated from expenditure class 014 within accounting unit 02-20-20-202010-1033. Upon completion of this action and appointments to the unclassified position, classified position number 9T3175 shall be abolished to allow for the transition of the available appropriations to the unclassified position. Funding shall be transferred into the proper unclassified expenditure class in the chief medical examiner general accounting unit. The incumbent in the abolished classified position shall be offered the opportunity to seek the attorney general's nomination for the unclassified deputy chief forensic investigator position.

257 Chief Medical Examiner; Reference Deleted. Amend RSA 611-B:10 to read as follows:

611-B:10 Administrative and Technical Assistance. The chief medical examiner may employ adequate administrative, clerical, and technical assistants to carry out the purposes of this chapter[~~all of whom shall be in the classified service of the state~~].

258 Office of the Solicitor General. Amend RSA 21-M:12-a, I to read as follows:

I. There is established [~~in~~] ***within*** the [~~division of legal counsel~~] ***department*** an office of the solicitor general. The office shall be supervised by the solicitor general who shall be a senior assistant attorney general appointed by the attorney general in accordance with the provisions of RSA 21-M:3, and who shall carry out the duties imposed by the section under the supervision of the attorney general and perform such other work as the attorney general may assign. The attorney general shall appoint such other assistant attorneys general pursuant to the provisions of RSA 21-M:3 and such support staff as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section within the limits of the appropriations made for the [~~office~~] ***department***.

259 Division of Legal Counsel. Amend RSA 21-M:7, II to read as follows:

II. The division of legal counsel shall consist of the following units:

(a) A bureau of civil law.

(b) A [~~transportation and construction~~] ***public safety and infrastructure*** bureau.

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1           ~~[(c) An office of the solicitor general.]~~

2           260 Department of Justice; Name Change; Public Safety and Infrastructure Bureau. Amend the  
3 section heading of RSA 21-M:12 and RSA 21-M:12, I to read as follows:

4           21-M:12 ~~[Transportation and Construction]~~ ***Public Safety and Infrastructure Bureau.***

5           I. There is established in the division of legal counsel a bureau of ~~[transportation and~~  
6 ~~construction]~~ ***public safety and infrastructure.*** The bureau shall be supervised by a senior  
7 assistant attorney general who shall be appointed by the attorney general in accordance with the  
8 provisions of RSA 21-M:3 and who shall carry out the duties imposed by this section under the  
9 supervision of the attorney general and do such other work as the attorney general may assign. The  
10 attorney general shall appoint such other assistant attorneys general pursuant to the provisions of  
11 RSA 21-M:3 and such additional clerical, stenographic, and other staff as may be necessary to carry  
12 out the provisions of this section within the limits of the appropriations made for the bureau.

13           261 Department of Justice; Positions Transferred. The attorney general shall transfer national  
14 violent death reporting system positions 9T2789 and 9T2644 to the department of health and human  
15 services effective July 1, 2023. The department of justice appropriation 02-20-20-20-201510-  
16 59390000, national violent death reporting system, shall be repealed effective September 30, 2023.

17           262 New Section; Charitable Trusts. Amend RSA 7 by inserting after section 28-f the following  
18 new section:

19           7-28-g Handling Charges. If the attorney general collects a fee electronically for any  
20 registration, any annual report, any notice, any document, or any other purpose related to the duties  
21 of the director of charitable trusts, the attorney general shall collect a handling charge for each fee  
22 paid electronically. The amount of the handling charge shall be equal to the amount charged to the  
23 attorney general for processing the fee by credit card, electronic check, or other electronic means.

24           263 Charitable Trusts; Investigations. Amend RSA 7:24 to read as follows:

25           7:24 Investigation. The attorney general may investigate at any time charitable trusts,  
26 charitable solicitations, and charitable sales promotions for the purpose of determining and  
27 ascertaining whether they are administered in accordance with law and with the terms and  
28 purposes thereof. For the purposes of such investigation the attorney general may require any  
29 person, agent, trustee, fiduciary, beneficiary, institution, association, corporation, or political agency  
30 administering a trust, charitable solicitation, or charitable sales promotion or having an interest  
31 therein, or knowledge thereof, to appear ~~[at the state house]~~ at such time and place as the attorney  
32 general may designate then and there under oath to produce for the use of the attorney general any  
33 and all books, memoranda, papers of whatever kind, documents of title or other evidence of assets or  
34 liabilities which may be in the ownership or possession or control of such person, agent, trustee,  
35 fiduciary, beneficiary, institution, association, corporation, or political agency and to furnish such  
36 other available information relating to said trust, charitable solicitation, or charitable sales  
37 promotion as the attorney general may require.

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1       264 Victim Assistance Programs. Amend RSA 21-M:8-i, IV to read as follows:

2           IV. No more than ~~[15]~~ **30** percent of the money in the victims' assistance fund shall be used  
3 by the attorney general for the costs of administration of the victims' assistance fund and the  
4 administrative costs of the victims' assistance commission.

5       265 New Hampshire Retirement System. Administration of Benefit Payments to Existing  
6 Beneficiaries; Appropriation.

7           I. For each person receiving an annual allowance under the former RSA 100-A:19 as of the  
8 effective date of this section, the retirement system shall continue to pay the annual allowance to  
9 each such person as had been provided under RSA 100-A:19 prior to its repeal in 2014.

10          II. There hereby is appropriated the amount of \$40,000 to fund the benefit for the remaining  
11 surviving beneficiaries. The governor is hereby authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any  
12 money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. Such amount shall be transferred from the  
13 state's general fund to the New Hampshire retirement system, which shall maintain such funds in a  
14 segregated account exclusively for payment of the call firefighter benefits.

15          III. The New Hampshire retirement system shall be reimbursed from available funds a  
16 reasonable annual fee for administration of the benefit until payments under paragraph I have  
17 terminated.

18          IV. Funds shall be nonlapsing until termination of all benefit payments under paragraph I  
19 and any remaining funds held by the New Hampshire retirement system in this segregated account  
20 at that time, shall be returned to the state's general fund.

21       266 Business Finance Authority; Unified Contingent Credit Limit Increased. Amend RSA 162-  
22 A:22 to read as follows:

23       162-A:22 Unified Contingent Credit Limit. The total amount of state guarantees in force under  
24 RSA 162-A:7-a, RSA 162-A:8, RSA 162-A:10, III, RSA 162-A:13, RSA 162-A:13-a, RSA 162-A:17, and  
25 RSA 162-I:9-b shall not exceed in the aggregate at any time \$50,000,000 plus interest, provided that  
26 such amount shall be increased to \$80,000,000 plus interest on January 1, 1993, to \$95,000,000 plus  
27 interest on January 1, 1994, and to \$115,000,000 plus interest on May 1, 2015, **and to \$200,000,000**  
28 ***plus interest on June 1, 2023.***

29       267 Assessing Certification Board; Rulemaking and Implementation. To reduce workforce  
30 barriers and provide state supervision over regulatory bodies comprised of active market  
31 participants, the responsibility for implementation of RSA 310-C, relative to assessing standards,  
32 shall be transferred to the executive director of the office of professional licensure and certification  
33 effective September 1, 2023. The executive director shall consult with the assessing certification  
34 advisory board when implementing RSA 310-C. Rules in effect upon the effective date of this section  
35 shall remain in effect until repealed by the executive director of the office of professional licensure  
36 and certification or until the rules expire, whichever occurs first.

37       268 Assessing Certification Board; Advisory Board Established. RSA 310-C:1 is repealed and

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reenacted to read as follows:

310-C:1 Assessing Certification Advisory Board.

I. There is established an assessing certification advisory board ("board") within the office of professional licensure and certification, that shall advise the executive director of the office of professional licensure and certification on the implementation of this chapter.

II. The board shall be composed of the following members:

(a) The commissioner of the department of revenue or designee;

(b) One certified assessor supervisor appointed by the executive director of the office of professional licensure and certification; and

(c) One member who shall be a municipal governing body official who shall not be an assessor, and who is appointed by the executive director of the office of professional licensure and certification.

III. The members shall be appointed for 3-year terms and shall not serve more than 2 full terms.

269 Assessing Certification Board; Rulemaking Authority. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 310-C:17, I to read as follows:

I. The *executive director in consultation with the advisory* board shall adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to:

270 Assessing Certification Board Repeal. The following are repealed:

I. RSA 310-C:9, relative to the term of certification.

II. RSA 310-C:12, I, relative to the assessing certificate.

III. RSA 310-C:13, relative to disciplinary proceedings.

IV. RSA 310-C:14, relative to hearings and investigations.

V. RSA 310-C:16, relative to summons and oaths.

271 Repeal. RSA 332-J, relative to athlete agents, is repealed.

272 Repeal. RSA 311-B:2, III and IV, relative to the members of the state board of auctioneers, is repealed.

273 Auctioneers; State Board of Auctioneers; Transfer. To promote efficiency and economy, eliminate redundancies in licensure requirements, reduce administrative costs, and facilitate customer service, the responsibility for administration of the state board of auctioneers shall be transferred to the office of professional licensure and certification effective September 1, 2023.

274 Auctioneers; Rulemaking Authority. RSA 311-B:3 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

311-B:3 Rulemaking Authority.

I. The board, with the approval of the executive director of the office of professional licensure and certification, shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to:

(a) The qualifications of applicants for initial, renewal, and reinstatement licensure in

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1 addition to those requirements set by statute, and the means to be used by applicants to  
2 demonstrate good professional character;

3 (b) Ethical and professional standards required to be met by each holder of a license  
4 under this chapter;

5 (c) How disciplinary actions by the board shall be implemented for violations of these  
6 standards and for misconduct by licensees; and

7 (d) Establishing eligibility for certificates of authorization issued under RSA 311-B:4,  
8 III.

9 II. The board may adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to:

10 (a) Required maintenance of competence including requirements for continuing  
11 education;

12 (b) Board approval of auctioneering educational programs; and

13 (c) Standards governing auctioneering apprenticeships.

14 275 Auctioneers; Qualifications; Application. Amend RSA 311-B:5 to read as follows:

15 311-B:5 Qualifications; Application. The ~~board~~ **executive director** shall grant licensure to  
16 any applicant who:

17 I. Shall have attained the age of 18 years by the date the board receives the application;

18 II. Submits professional references or recommendations that comply with other standards  
19 specified by rule, certifying that the applicant is trustworthy and competent to auction real,  
20 personal, and mixed property in such a manner as to safeguard the interests of the public. Each  
21 such recommendation shall set forth the writer's name, address, and occupation, the extent of the  
22 writer's acquaintanceship with the applicant, the writer's familiarity with the applicant's past  
23 business experience and dealings, and any additional knowledge of the applicant's background upon  
24 which the writer bases the recommendation;

25 III. Pays the initial licensure fee;

26 IV. ~~[Repealed.]~~

27 V. Has good professional character;

28 VI. Meets the eligibility standards established by the board through rulemaking;

29 VII. Pays the examination fee ~~[specified by the board through rulemaking]~~ if the  
30 examination is one developed or administered by the board; and

31 VIII. Passes an examination ~~[administered by the board or an examination]~~ administered by  
32 another entity and approved by the board through rulemaking.

33 276 Auctioneers; Repeals. The following are repealed:

34 I. RSA 311-B:4-a, relative to cease and desist orders for auctioneering without a license.

35 II. RSA 311-B:6, relative to nonresidents.

36 III. RSA 311-B:10, relative to renewals and reinstatement.

37 IV. RSA 311-B:11, relative to disciplinary action.

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1           V. RSA 311-B:11-a, relative to hearings.

2           277 Auctioneers; Disposition of Revenue. Amend RSA 311-B:14 to read as follows:

3           311-B:14 Disposition of Revenue. All moneys collected under this chapter shall be paid into the  
4 ~~[general fund and are appropriated therefrom to the secretary of state for the purpose of carrying out~~  
5 ~~the provisions of this chapter]~~ **office of professional licensure and certification fund.**

6           278 Allied Health Professionals; Governing Boards Established. Amend RSA 328-F:3 as follows:

7           328-F:3 Governing Boards Established~~[- Board of Directors; Office of Licensed Allied Health~~  
8 ~~Professionals].~~

9           ~~[I.]~~ There shall be established governing boards of athletic trainers, occupational therapists,  
10 physical therapists, speech-language pathologists and hearing care providers, and genetic  
11 counselors. ***In order to eliminate a redundant regulatory framework and promote efficiency***  
12 ***and economy, and as set forth in RSA 310, the responsibility for administration of the***  
13 ***governing boards shall be with the office of professional licensure and certification, and***  
14 ***the authority of the board of directors of allied health professionals is repealed.***

15           ~~[II. The governing boards' chairpersons or their appointees shall make up the board of~~  
16 ~~directors of the office of licensed allied health professionals. The board of directors shall have the~~  
17 ~~authority to delegate to the person in the supervisory position matters of administrative and~~  
18 ~~personnel management.~~

19           ~~III. There shall be an office of licensed allied health professionals established in Concord~~  
20 ~~within the office of professional licensure and certification.]~~

21           279 Allied Health Professionals; Completion of Survey; Rulemaking. Amend RSA 328-F:11-a as  
22 follows:

23           328-F:11-a Completion of Survey; Rulemaking. The ***governing*** board shall adopt rules,  
24 pursuant to RSA 541-A, requiring, as part of the license renewal process, completion by licensees of a  
25 survey or opt-out form provided by the office of rural health, department of health and human  
26 services, for the purpose of collecting data regarding the New Hampshire primary care workforce,  
27 pursuant to the commission established in RSA 126-T. Any rules adopted under this section shall  
28 provide the licensee with written notice of his or her opportunity to opt-out from participation in the  
29 survey.

30           280 Allied Health Professionals; Criminal History Record Checks. Amend RSA 328-F:18-a as  
31 follows:

32           328-F:18-a Criminal History Record Checks.

33           I. The ~~[board of directors]~~ ***governing boards*** shall require ~~[one of the following types of~~  
34 ~~criminal background checks]~~ from applicants for initial licensure or certification, reinstatement of  
35 licensure or certification, or conditional licensure or certification~~[-~~

36           ~~(a) An original criminal offender record report issued by each state where the applicant~~  
37 ~~has resided or been licensed within the past 6 years; or~~

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1           ~~(b)~~—A] **a** criminal history record release form, as provided by the New Hampshire  
2 division of state police which authorizes the release of his or her criminal history record, if any, to  
3 the office of ~~[licensed allied health professionals]~~ **professional licensure and certification**.

4           ~~[(1)]~~ **(a)** The applicant shall submit with the release form a complete set of  
5 fingerprints taken by a qualified law enforcement agency or an authorized employee of the  
6 department of safety. In the event that the first set of fingerprints is invalid due to insufficient  
7 pattern, a second set of fingerprints shall be necessary in order to complete the criminal history  
8 records check. If, after 2 attempts, a set of fingerprints is invalid due to insufficient pattern, the  
9 office of ~~[licensed allied health professionals]~~ **professional licensure and certification** may, in  
10 lieu of the criminal history records check, accept police clearances ~~[described in subparagraph (a)]~~.

11           ~~[(2)]~~ **(b)** The office of ~~[licensed allied health professionals]~~ **professional licensure**  
12 **and certification** shall submit the criminal history records release form and fingerprint form to the  
13 division of state police which shall conduct a criminal history records check through its records and  
14 through the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Upon completion of the records check, the division of  
15 state police shall release copies of the criminal history records to the office of ~~[licensed allied health~~  
16 ~~professionals]~~ **professional licensure and certification**.

17           II. The office of ~~[licensed allied health professionals]~~ **professional licensure and**  
18 **certification** shall review the criminal record information prior to the respective governing board  
19 making a decision on licensure or certification and shall maintain the confidentiality of all criminal  
20 history records received pursuant to this section.

21           III. The applicant shall bear the cost of all criminal history record checks.

22           IV. The ~~[board]~~ **office of professional licensure and certification** shall consider military  
23 security clearance for an individual actively serving in any component of the Department of Defense  
24 in lieu of criminal background checks.

25           V. Pending the results of a criminal history record check, an applicant for licensure may be  
26 employed in a profession of the allied health field on a conditional basis for up to 90 calendar days  
27 before the office of ~~[licensed allied health professionals]~~ **professional licensure and certification**  
28 receives the results of a criminal history record check required for licensure, if the conditional  
29 employee:

30           (a) Is under the direct supervision of a licensee;

31           (b) Has provided a written attestation to the employer and the ~~[board]~~ **office of**  
32 **professional licensure and certification** that no disqualifying criminal history exists; and

33           (c) The ~~[allied health]~~ governing board is not a member of an interstate licensure  
34 compact.

35           281 Recreational Therapists; Eligibility for Licensure. Amend RSA 326-J:5, II to read as  
36 follows:

37           II. The executive director may, upon notice and opportunity for a hearing, deny an

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1 application for reinstatement of a license or reinstate the license with conditions. Conditions  
2 imposed may include a requirement for continuing education, practice under the supervision of a  
3 licensed recreational therapist~~[, or any other conditions set forth in RSA 328-F:18, III].~~

4 282 Repeals; Allied Health. The following are repealed:

- 5 I. RSA 328-F:1, relative to allied health professionals purpose.
- 6 II. RSA 328-F:2, relative to allied health professionals definitions.
- 7 III. RSA 328-F:5, I-V, relative to allied health professionals governing board authority.
- 8 IV. RSA 328-F:7, relative to allied health professionals removal of members and vacancies.
- 9 V. RSA 328-F:8, relative to allied health professionals organization and meetings.
- 10 VI. RSA 328-F:9, relative to allied health professionals records of the boards.
- 11 VII. RSA 328-F:10, relative to allied health professionals records of disciplinary history.
- 12 VIII. RSA 328-F:11-b, relative to allied health professionals telemedicine.
- 13 IX. RSA 328-F:12, relative to allied health professionals the board of directors.
- 14 X. RSA 328-F:13, relative to allied health professionals board of directors' rulemaking  
15 authority.
- 16 XI. RSA 328-F:15, relative to allied health professionals fees.
- 17 XII. RSA 328-F:18, relative to allied health professionals issuance of licenses.
- 18 XIII. RSA 328-F:19, relative to allied health professionals renewal.
- 19 XIV. RSA 328-F:20, relative to allied health professionals reinstatement of lapsed licenses.
- 20 XV. RSA 328-F:21, II, relative to allied health professionals notification of stolen licenses.
- 21 XVI. RSA 328-F:23, relative to allied health professionals disciplinary action and hearings.
- 22 XVII. RSA 328-F:24, relative to allied health professionals investigations.
- 23 XVIII. RSA 328-F:25, relative to allied health professionals obligation to report.
- 24 XIX. RSA 328-F:26, relative to allied health professionals temporary suspension.
- 25 XX. RSA 328-F:27, relative to allied health professionals unauthorized practice.
- 26 XXI. RSA 328-F:29, relative to allied health professionals revocation of licensure.

27 283 Boxing and Wrestling Commission; Transfer. To promote efficiency and economy, reduce  
28 administrative costs, and facilitate customer service, the responsibility for administration of the  
29 boxing and wrestling commission shall be transferred to the office of professional licensure and  
30 certification effective September 1, 2023.

31 284 Boxing and Wrestling Commission; Members; Removal; Conflicts of Interest. Amend RSA  
32 285:3, I as follows:

- 33 I. The commission shall consist of [3] 5 members appointed by the governor and council.  
34 Members appointed by the governor and council shall have had some experience in the fighting  
35 sports and shall be residents of the state. Members shall have no financial interest, direct or  
36 indirect, in professional fighting sports regulated by the commission.

37 285 Boxing and Wrestling Commission; Establishment of Commission. Amend RSA 285:7 as

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1 follows:

2 285:7 Rulemaking. The commission shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to:

3 I. The conduct of amateur and professional fighting sports competitions;

4 II. Requirements and qualifications for licenses, permits and amateur cards for persons  
5 involved in fighting sports competitions;

6 III. The grounds for revocation or suspension of a license or permit, and the reinstatement of  
7 suspended licenses and permits;

8 ~~[IV. A fee schedule for permits and amateur cards and for the renewal of amateur cards;~~

9 ~~¶] IV.~~ Promoters' bonds; and

10 ~~[¶] V.~~ Insurance coverage required by the commission.

11 286 Office of Professional Licensure and Certification; Boxing and Wrestling Commission;  
12 Cooperation With Amateur Local Boxing Committee Required. Amend RSA 285:9-a, VI as follows:

13 VI. The ~~[commission]~~ **office of professional licensure and certification** shall collect 5  
14 percent of the gross receipts of paid admissions to all amateur bouts, as mandated by RSA 285:14.

15 287 Boxing and Wrestling Commission; Licenses Required. Amend RSA 285:11 as follows:

16 285:11 Licenses Required. No person shall participate in a professional fighting sports  
17 competition as a contestant, manager, referee, judge, second or timekeeper without a license from  
18 the commission. ~~[The fee for all licenses issued by the commission shall be \$20. Licenses granted by~~  
19 ~~the commission shall be valid for one year from the date of issue unless revoked or suspended by the~~  
20 ~~commission. The commission shall, upon application, renew any license unless good cause is shown~~  
21 ~~that the license should not be renewed. The fee for all license renewals issued by the commission~~  
22 ~~shall be \$20.]~~

23 288 Boxing and Wrestling Commission; Suspension or Revocation; Appeals. Amend RSA 285:12  
24 as follows:

25 285:12 Suspension or Revocation; Appeals.

26 ~~[I.]~~ The commission may revoke or suspend any permit or license for cause.

27 ~~[II. Rehearings and appeals from any decision of the commission shall be in accordance with~~  
28 ~~RSA 541.]~~

29 289 Office of Professional Licensure and Certification; Boxing and Wrestling Commission;  
30 Permit and License Fees; Amateur Cards. Amend RSA 285:14, II as follows:

31 II. The promoter also shall, at the same time, pay to the ~~[commission]~~ **office of**  
32 **professional licensure and certification** by certified check a tax of 5 percent of the gross receipts  
33 of paid admissions after deduction of any federal taxes. **Payments made pursuant to this section**  
34 **shall be deposited into a dedicated fund, which shall lapse annually at the close of each**  
35 **fiscal year to the general fund.**

36 290 Boxing and Wrestling Commission; Deputy Inspectors. Amend RSA 285:19 as follows:

37 285:19 Deputy Inspectors. A member of the commission is not required to be present at all

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1 fighting sports competitions. If a member of the commission is not present at a fighting sports  
2 competition held under this chapter, the commission shall appoint a deputy inspector who shall, for  
3 the duration of the contest, have the full duties and powers of a member of the commission. Deputy  
4 inspectors shall be entitled to compensation as the commission, ***with the approval of the***  
5 ***executive director***, may deem proper.

6 291 Repeals; Boxing and Wrestling Commission. The following are repealed:

7 I. RSA 285:5, relative to boxing and wrestling commission chairperson, treasurer, and  
8 quorum.

9 II. RSA 285:6, relative to boxing and wrestling commission compensation.

10 III. RSA 285:8, relative to boxing and wrestling commission report.

11 292 Electricians; Definitions. Amend RSA 319-C:2, IV as follows:

12 IV. "Journeyman electrician" means a person doing work of installing electrical wires,  
13 conduits, apparatus, fixtures and other electrical equipment. A journeyman electrician shall be  
14 employed by a master electrician[~~except as provided in RSA 319-C:10~~]. Each journeyman  
15 electrician shall work under the direction and supervision of a master electrician.

16 293 Electricians; Inspectors. Amend RSA 319-C:5, I as follows:

17 I. The ~~board~~ ***office of professional licensure and certification*** shall be empowered to  
18 appoint such inspectors as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter. Any person so  
19 employed shall be under the administration and supervisory direction of the ~~board~~ ***office of***  
20 ***professional licensure and certification***.

21 294 Electricians; Licensing Requirements. Amend RSA 319-C:7, II, as follows:

22 II. ~~[After June 30, 1976,]~~ The board shall issue a license as a master or journeyman  
23 electrician to any person who files an application and meets the following qualifications:

24 (a) Completion of 8,000 hours of service as an apprentice electrician. The board may  
25 give credit toward such service for the satisfactory completion of a course of instruction in the field  
26 at a school recognized by the board ***or experience in the field received in military service, in***  
27 ***accordance with rules adopted by RSA 541-A***; and

28 (b) Satisfactory passing of an examination ~~[conducted]~~ ***approved*** by said board as  
29 provided in RSA 319-C:8 to determine ~~[his]~~ ***the person's*** fitness to receive such license.

30 295 Repeals. The following are repealed:

31 I. RSA 319-C:6-a, VI, relative to electricians rulemaking for investigations.

32 II. RSA 319-C:6-a, VII, relative to electricians procedural rules for hearings.

33 III. RSA 319-C:6-b, relative to electricians fees.

34 IV. RSA 319-C:9, relative to electricians renewal of licenses.

35 V. RSA 319-C:10, relative to electricians corporations and partnerships.

36 VI. RSA 319-C:12, relative to electricians disciplinary action.

37 VII. RSA 319-C:12-a, relative to electricians hearings.

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VIII. RSA 319-C:12-b, relative to electricians appeals.

IX. RSA 319-C:14, relative to electrician nonresidents.

296 Genetic Counselors; Provisional License. Amend RSA 326-K:4 to read as follows:

326-K:4 Provisional License.

I. A provisional license may be issued by the ~~[board]~~ **office** to an applicant who meets all of the requirements for licensure except for the certification component and has been granted active candidate status by ABGC.

II. A provisional license shall be valid for the ABGC examination cycle for which active candidate status by the ABGC has been granted. Such provisional license shall expire automatically upon the earliest of the following:

(a) Issuance of a full license;

(b) Thirty days after the applicant fails to pass the certification examination; or

(c) Two years from the issuance of a provisional license.

III. A provisional license may only be extended upon approval of the ~~[board]~~ **office** for good cause shown.

IV. A provisional licensed genetic counselor shall work under the general supervision of a licensed genetic counselor or a licensed physician at all times during which the provisional licensed genetic counselor performs genetic counseling. An application for extension of the provisional license shall be signed by the supervising licensed genetic counselor or supervising licensed physician.

V. The ~~[board]~~ **office** is authorized to issue conditional provisional licenses in accordance with **governing board** rules adopted pursuant to RSA 541-A.

297 Genetic Counselors; Prohibition on Unlicensed Practice. Amend RSA 326-K:5, I to read as follows:

I. No person shall practice or represent himself or herself as a genetic counselor in this state without first applying for and receiving a license or provisional license from the ~~[board]~~ **office** to practice as a licensed genetic counselor.

298 Genetic Counselors; Privileged Communications. Amend RSA 326-K:8, II to read as follows:

II. Information and results may be made available to the board **or the office** for use in an investigation or disciplinary proceeding under RSA 328-F concerning a licensed genetic counselor only if the results are coded to maintain confidentiality of the client.

299 Repeal; Genetic Counselors. RSA 326-K:6, relative to reciprocity is repealed.

300 Hawkers and Peddlers; Repeal. RSA 320, relative to hawkers and peddlers, is repealed.

301 Itinerant Vendors; Repeal. RSA 321, relative to itinerant vendors, is repealed.

302 Board of Manufactured Housing; Repeals. The following are repealed:

I. RSA 205-A:25, relative to board establishment.

II. RSA 205-A:26, relative to quorum.

III. RSA 205-A:27, relative to jurisdiction.

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IV. RSA 205-A:28, relative to decisions.

V. RSA 205-A:29, relative to meetings and records.

VI. RSA 205-A:29-a, relative to administrative and business processing functions.

VII. RSA 205-A:30, relative to notification and cooperation.

VIII. RSA 205-A:31, relative to rulemaking.

303 State Board of Fire Control; Mechanical Licensing Board. Amend RSA 153:27-a to read as follows:

153:27-a Mechanical Licensing Board. There is hereby established as a unit within the office of professional licensure and certification. The term of office for the members appointed to the board shall be 3 years and until a successor is appointed. The initial appointed members of the board shall serve staggered terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner and for the unexpired terms. No member of the board shall be appointed to more than 2 consecutive terms. ~~[A member of the board shall serve as the board secretary.]~~

I.(a) No member of the board may be associated with the formal education for licensing, and/or be provider or an employee of a provider for continuing education for any profession or trade licensed under this subdivision.

(b) A public member of the board shall be a person who is not, and never was, a member of the fuel gas fitting or plumbing trade or the spouse of any such person, and who does not have, and never has had, a material financial interest in either the provision of plumbing and/or fuel gas services or an activity directly related to plumbing and/or fuel gas, including the representation of the board or trade for a fee at any time during the 5 years preceding appointment.

II. The board shall:

(a) Adopt rules as provided for in this subdivision.

(b) ~~[Implement the licensing program under this subdivision.]~~

~~(c)]~~ Review and approve educational programs and providers.

~~[(d)]~~ (c) Conduct hearings for disciplinary actions.

~~[(e)]~~ (d) Review and recommend adoptions, exceptions, or omissions to technical standards as adopted under RSA 153:28.

~~[(f)]~~ (e) Develop and recommend for the legislature future changes to this subdivision.

III. The members of the board shall be appointed by the governor and council as follows:

(a) Two licensed journeymen or master plumbers, who are actively working in the trade as plumbers.

(b) ~~[Two]~~ **One** licensed fuel gas ~~[fitters]~~ **fitter**, ~~[both of whom are]~~ actively working in the trade as fuel gas fitters~~[-, and one of whom shall represent the propane fuel industry].~~

(c) One certified heating equipment installer or heating equipment service person under RSA 153:16-b.

~~(d) [One licensed master plumber who is also a licensed fuel gas fitter and a certified~~

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1 ~~heating equipment installer or service, actively working in the trade.~~

2           (e)] One public member who is not, and never was, a member of the plumbing trade or  
3 the spouse of any such person, and who does not have, and never has had, a material financial  
4 interest in either the provision of plumbing services or an activity directly related to plumbing,  
5 including the representation of the board or trade for a fee at any time during the 5 years preceding  
6 appointment.

7           ~~[(f) One certified water treatment technician, who shall be a nonvoting member of the~~  
8 ~~board.]~~

9           IV. ~~[The board shall hold at least 8 regular meetings each year, and may hold special~~  
10 ~~meetings at such times as the business of the board may require. Notice of all meetings shall be~~  
11 ~~given in such a manner as rules adopted by the board may provide and in accordance with New~~  
12 ~~Hampshire state law. A quorum of the board shall consist of 4 members.~~

13           V.] The board shall annually elect a chairman ~~[and a vice chairman]~~ from among its  
14 members.

15           ~~[VI. The secretary of the board shall receive at least monthly an accounting from the~~  
16 ~~department of all moneys derived under the provisions of this subdivision.]~~

17           304 State Board of Fire Control; Mechanical Licensing Board; Repeals. The following are  
18 repealed:

19           I. RSA 153:28, II, relative to rulemaking regarding fees.

20           II. RSA 153:30, relative to expiration and renewal of licensure.

21           III. RSA 153:32, relative to disciplinary action.

22           IV. RSA 153:33, relative to appeals from board decisions.

23           V. RSA 153:37, relative to penalties.

24           VI. RSA 153:38, relative to voluntary certification of water treatment technicians.

25           305 Pharmacy; Board. Amend RSA 318:2 to read as follows:

26           318:2 Board. There shall be a pharmacy board consisting of [7] 5 members; including [6] 4  
27 practicing pharmacists, at least one of whom shall be a full-time hospital pharmacist, and one public  
28 member, each to be appointed by the governor, with the approval of the council, to a term of 5 years.  
29 No member shall be appointed to more than 2 consecutive terms and no member shall serve for more  
30 than 10 consecutive years. Only board members provided for in this section shall have the authority  
31 to vote in board determinations.

32           306 Pharmacy; Rulemaking Authority. Amend RSA 318:5-a, IX to read as follows:

33           IX. ~~[Procedures]~~ **Standards** for the inspection of licensees;

34           307 Repeal; Pharmacy Rulemaking. The following are repealed:

35           I. RSA 318:5-a, VIII, relative to procedures for the conduct of hearings consistent with the  
36 requirements of due process.

37           II. RSA 318:5-a, X(e), relative to the establishment of the effective period of registration or

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1 certification for pharmacy technicians.

2 III. RSA 318:5-a, XI-a(e), relative to the establishment of the effective period of registration  
3 or certification for pharmacy interns.

4 IV. RSA 318:5-a, XI-c(e), relative to the establishment of the effective period of registration  
5 or certification for advanced pharmacy technicians.

6 308 Pharmacy Inspectional Services. Amend RSA 318:9-a to read as follows:

7 318:9-a Inspectional Services. The ~~[pharmacy board through the]~~ office of professional licensure  
8 and certification shall provide inspectional services under this chapter and RSA 318-B:25 to the  
9 board of medicine, the board of veterinary medicine, the board of podiatry, the board of registration  
10 in optometry, the board of dental examiners, the board of nursing, and the naturopathic board of  
11 examiners. Pharmacy board inspections shall be provided by pharmacists or pharmacy technicians  
12 licensed by the New Hampshire board of pharmacy who have training and experience regarding  
13 pharmacy statutes and rules.

14 309 Pharmacy; Pharmacy Interns. Amend RSA 318:15-b to read as follows:

15 318:15-b Pharmacy Interns. No person shall perform the functions or duties of a pharmacy  
16 intern unless such person is registered by the ~~[board]~~ **office of professional licensure and**  
17 **certification** to perform certain functions, and does so under standards of supervision established  
18 by rules of the board adopted pursuant to RSA 541-A.

19 310 Pharmacy Examinations and Licenses; Pharmacists. Amend RSA 318:18, I(b)(3) to read as  
20 follows:

21 (3) File proof satisfactory to the ~~[board]~~ **office of professional licensure and**  
22 **certification**, substantiated by proper affidavits, of a minimum of one year (1,500 hours) internship  
23 activity in a community or institutional pharmacy in the United States or Canada or an equivalent  
24 program which has been approved by the board of pharmacy; and shall pass the national  
25 examination administered by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) to establish  
26 his or her fitness to practice the profession of pharmacy. The internship required in this section  
27 shall be service and experience in a community or institutional pharmacy under the supervision of a  
28 licensed pharmacist and shall be predominantly related to the selling of drugs and medical supplies;  
29 interpreting, compounding, preparing and dispensing of prescriptions; preparing of pharmaceutical  
30 products; keeping records and making reports required under federal and state statutes; and  
31 otherwise practicing pharmacy under the immediate supervision and direction of a licensed  
32 pharmacist.

33 311 Pharmacists; Examinations and Licenses; Pharmacists. Amend RSA 318:18, II to read as  
34 follows:

35 II. The ~~[board]~~ **office of professional licensure and certification** may deny licensure as  
36 a pharmacist for grounds which include, but which shall not be limited to, prior conviction of a  
37 felony; or of a misdemeanor resulting from a violation of a federal, state or local drug or pharmacy-

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1 related law, rule, or regulation.

2 312 Pharmacy; Change in Name, Employment, or Residence. Amend RSA 318:26-a to read as  
3 follows:

4 318:26-a Change in Name, Employment, or Residence. Any pharmacist, licensed advanced  
5 pharmacy technician, or pharmacy technician who changes his or her name, place or status of  
6 employment, or residence shall notify the ~~board~~ **office of professional licensure and**  
7 **certification** in writing within 15 days. For failure to report such a change within 15 days, the  
8 board may suspend the pharmacist's license, the advanced pharmacy technician's license, or the  
9 pharmacy technician's registration. Reinstatement shall be made only upon payment of a  
10 reasonable fee as established by the board.

11 313 Pharmacy; Impaired Pharmacist Program. Amend RSA 318:29-a to read as follows:

12 318:29-a Impaired Pharmacist Program.

13 I. Any pharmaceutical peer review committee may report relevant facts to the board **or**  
14 **office of professional licensure and certification** relating to the acts of any pharmacist in this  
15 state if they have knowledge relating to the pharmacist which, in the opinion of the peer review  
16 committee, might provide grounds for disciplinary action as specified in RSA 318:29, II.

17 II. Any committee of a professional society comprised primarily of pharmacists, its staff, or  
18 any district or local intervenor participating in a program established to aid pharmacists impaired  
19 by substance abuse or mental or physical illness may report in writing to the board **or office of**  
20 **professional licensure and certification** the name of the impaired pharmacist together with the  
21 pertinent information relating to his impairment. The board **or office of professional licensure**  
22 **and certification** may report to any committee of such professional society or the society's  
23 designated staff information which it may receive with regard to any pharmacist who may be  
24 impaired by substance abuse or mental or physical illness.

25 ~~III. [Upon a determination by the board that a report submitted by a peer review committee~~  
26 ~~or professional society committee is without merit, the report shall be expunged from the~~  
27 ~~pharmacist's individual record in the board's office. A pharmacist or his authorized representative~~  
28 ~~shall be entitled on request to examine the pharmacist's peer review or the pharmaceutical~~  
29 ~~organization committee report submitted to the board and to place into the record a statement of~~  
30 ~~reasonable length of the pharmacist's view with respect to any information existing in the report.~~

31 ~~IV.]~~ Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 91-A, the records and proceedings of the board,  
32 compiled in conjunction with an impaired pharmacist peer review committee, shall be confidential  
33 and are not to be considered open records unless the affected pharmacist so requests; provided,  
34 however, the board may disclose this confidential information only:

35 (a) In a disciplinary hearing before the board or in a subsequent trial or appeal of a  
36 board action or order;

37 (b) To the pharmacist licensing or disciplinary authorities of other jurisdictions; or

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(c) Pursuant to an order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

[V-] **IV.(a)** No employee or member of the board, peer review committee member, pharmaceutical organization committee member, pharmaceutical organization district or local intervenor furnishing in good faith information, data, reports, or records for the purpose of aiding the impaired pharmacist shall by reason of furnishing such information be liable for damages to any person.

(b) No employee or member of the board or such committee, staff, or intervenor program shall be liable for damages to any person for any action taken or recommendations made by such board, committee, or staff unless he is found to have acted recklessly or wantonly.

[VI-(a)] **V.** The [board] ***office of professional licensure and certification*** may contract with other organizations to operate the impaired pharmacist program for pharmacists who are impaired by drug or alcohol abuse or mental or physical illness. This program shall include, but is not limited to, education, intervention and post-treatment monitoring.

~~[(b) The board may allocate an amount determined by the board from each pharmacist biennial license renewal fee it collects to provide funding for the impaired pharmacist program as set forth in subparagraph VI(a).]~~

314 Pharmacy; Required; Compliance. Amend RSA 318:37 to read as follows:

318:37 Required; Compliance.

I. No person shall conduct or operate a pharmacy for the sale at retail of drugs and medicines unless such pharmacy is registered with and a permit therefor has been issued by the ***office of professional licensure and certification in accordance with rules adopted by the*** pharmacy board, except as provided in this chapter.

II.(a) No person shall conduct or operate a mail-order pharmacy located outside of this state by shipping, mailing, or delivering prescription drugs into this state unless such pharmacy is registered in New Hampshire and a permit has been issued by the New Hampshire pharmacy board.

(b) To obtain a permit, a mail-order pharmacy shall comply with each of the following:

(1) Maintain a license in good standing from the state in which the mail-order pharmacy is located;

(2) Submit to the New Hampshire [pharmacy board] ***office of professional licensure and certification*** an application for registration [as provided by the office of professional licensure and certification];

(3) Pay all appropriate registration fees;

(4) Submit to the New Hampshire [pharmacy board] ***office of professional licensure and certification*** a copy of the state pharmacy license from the state in which the mail-order pharmacy is located;

(5) Submit to the New Hampshire [pharmacy board] ***office of professional licensure and certification*** a copy of the state and federal controlled substance registrations from

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1 the state in which it is located, if controlled substances are to be shipped into this state.

2 (c) When requested to do so by the New Hampshire pharmacy board, each mail-order  
3 pharmacy shall supply the New Hampshire pharmacy board with any inspection reports, warning  
4 notices, disciplinary actions, notice of deficiency reports, or any other related reports from the state  
5 in which it is located concerning the operation of a mail-order pharmacy for review of compliance  
6 with state and federal drug laws.

7 (d) Except in emergencies that constitute an immediate threat to the public health and  
8 require expedited action by the board, the New Hampshire pharmacy board shall file a complaint  
9 with the licensing board of the state in which the mail-order pharmacy is located when known or  
10 suspected violations of the laws of the state in which the pharmacy is located are uncovered. If the  
11 licensing board in the state in which the mail-order pharmacy is located initiates disciplinary action,  
12 the New Hampshire pharmacy board may request the appropriate documents involved in the action  
13 for consideration of discipline against the pharmacy registration of the mail-order pharmacy. If no  
14 action is taken against the mail-order pharmacy by the licensing board of the state in which it is  
15 located, the New Hampshire pharmacy board may request copies of any investigation reports  
16 available from that state.

17 (e) The New Hampshire pharmacy board shall extend reciprocal cooperation to any state  
18 that licenses and regulates mail-order pharmacies for the purpose of investigating complaints  
19 against pharmacies located in New Hampshire or the sharing of information and investigative  
20 reports, as long as the other state shall extend the same reciprocal cooperation to the New  
21 Hampshire pharmacy board.

22 315 Pharmacy; Licensing of Limited Retail Drug Distributors Required. Amend RSA 318:51-b, I  
23 to read as follows:

24 I. No person shall operate as a limited retail drug distributor, as defined in RSA 318:1, VII-  
25 a, without first having obtained a license to do so from the [board. ~~Such license shall expire~~  
26 ~~biennially on June 30 of each odd-numbered year. An application together with a reasonable fee as~~  
27 ~~established by the board shall be filed biennially by midnight June 15 of every odd-numbered year.~~]  
28 ***office of professional licensure and certification according to the eligibility requirements***  
29 ***set forth in rule by the pharmacy board.***

30 316 Pharmacy; Licensing of Outsourcing Facilities Identified as Section 503B Facilities by the  
31 United States Food and Drug Administration. Amend RSA 318:51-c, I-II to read as follows:

32 I. No person shall compound legend drugs or controlled drugs, as defined in RSA 318-B:1,  
33 VI, and no person acting as or employed by an outsourcing facility shall supply such drugs, without  
34 first having obtained a license from the [board. ~~Such license shall expire biennially on June 30 of~~  
35 ~~each odd-numbered year. An application together with a fee established by the board shall be filed~~  
36 ~~biennially by June 15 of every odd-numbered year]~~ ***office of professional licensure and***  
37 ***certification according to the eligibility requirements set forth in rule by the pharmacy***

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1 **board.**

2 II. No license shall be issued under this section unless the applicant has furnished proof  
3 ~~[satisfactory to the pharmacy board]:~~

4 (a) That the applicant is of good moral character or, if that applicant is an association or  
5 corporation, that the managing officers are of good moral character.

6 (b) That the applicant has sufficient land, buildings, and security equipment as to  
7 properly carry on the business described in the application.

8 317 Pharmacy; Licensure of Research Organizations. Amend RSA 318:51-f, I-II to read as  
9 follows:

10 I. No research organization shall procure or conduct research operations with prescription  
11 drugs by researchers without first having obtained a license from the ~~[board. Such license shall~~  
12 ~~expire biennially on June 30 of each odd-numbered year. An application together with a reasonable~~  
13 ~~fee as established by the board shall be filed biennially by June 15 of every odd-numbered year]~~  
14 **office of professional licensure and certification according to the eligibility requirements**  
15 **set forth in rule by the pharmacy board.**

16 II. No license shall be issued under this section unless the applicant has furnished proof  
17 ~~[satisfactory to the board of pharmacy]:~~

18 (a) That the applicant is of good moral character or, if that applicant is an association or  
19 corporation, that the managing officers are of good moral character.

20 (b) That the applicant has sufficient space and security equipment as to properly carry  
21 on the research operations described in the application.

22 318 Pharmacy; Licensure of Drug or Device Distribution Agents. Amend RSA 318:51-g, I to  
23 read as follows:

24 I. No person shall act as a prescription drug or device distribution agent, which includes  
25 controlled drugs as the term is defined in RSA 318-B:1, VI, without first having obtained a license to  
26 do so from the **office of professional licensure and certification according to the eligibility**  
27 **requirements set forth in rule by the pharmacy board.**

28 319 Repeal; Pharmacists. The following are repealed:

29 I. RSA 318:5, relative to officers and duties.

30 II. RSA 318:6-a, relative to fees.

31 III. RSA 318:16-e, relative to telemedicine.

32 IV. RSA 318:21, relative to applicants from out of state.

33 V. RSA 318:23, relative to application fee.

34 VI. RSA 318:25, relative to renewal of license.

35 VII. RSA 318:26, relative to neglect to renew.

36 VIII. RSA 318:29, relative to disciplinary action.

37 IX. RSA 318:29-b, relative to denial of a license.

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- 1 X. RSA 318:29-c, relative to immunity.
- 2 XI. RSA 318:30, relative to investigatory powers of the board.
- 3 XII. RSA 318:30-a, relative to temporary suspension.
- 4 XIII. RSA 318:31, relative to hearings.
- 5 XIV. RSA 318:33, relative to attendance.
- 6 XV. RSA 318:35, relative to association.
- 7 XVI. RSA 318:36, relative to information.
- 8 XVII. RSA 318:38, relative to permits and fees.
- 9 XVIII. RSA 318:55, relative to fines.
- 10 XIX. RSA 318:56, relative to unused prescription program.
- 11 XX. RSA 318:57, relative to definitions.
- 12 XXI. RSA 318:58, relative to donating unused drugs.
- 13 XXII. RSA 318:59, relative to rulemaking.
- 14 XXIII. RSA 318:60, relative to limited immunity.

15 320 Physical Therapy; Powers and Duties. RSA 328-A:3 is repealed and reenacted to read as  
16 follows:

17 328-A:3 Powers and Duties of the Board. The board shall:

18 I. Provide for the examinations for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants and  
19 adopt passing scores for these examinations.

20 II. Regulate the practice of physical therapy by interpreting and enforcing this chapter.

21 III. Elect officers from its members necessary for the operations and obligations of the board.  
22 Terms of office shall be one year.

23 321 Physical Therapy; Rulemaking. Amend RSA 328-A:4, VIII to read as follows:

24 VIII. Regarding the establishment, criteria, [fees,] and renewal of, and disciplinary  
25 proceedings for certified animal physical therapists under RSA 328-A:15-b.

26 322 Physical Therapy; Examination. Amend RSA 328-A:7, I to read as follows:

27 I. The ~~board~~ **office** shall conduct, ***through a third party***, examinations within the state  
28 at least quarterly ~~[at a time and place prescribed by the board]~~. The passing score shall be  
29 determined by the board.

30 323 Repeals; Physical Therapy. The following are repealed:

31 I. RSA 328-A:15, II, relative to physical therapy, rights of consumers to privacy.

32 II. RSA 328-A:12, relative to unlawful practice of physical therapy.

33 III. RSA 328-A:13, relative to reporting violations.

34 324 State Licensed or Certified Real Estate Appraisers; Real Estate Appraiser Board. Amend  
35 RSA 310-B:4 as follows:

36 310-B:4 Real Estate Appraiser Board.

37 I. There is established ~~[an independent]~~ **a** real estate appraiser board ~~[which shall be~~

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1 ~~administratively attached to the office of state]~~ ***within the office of professional licensure and***  
2 ***certification.*** The board shall be composed of the following ~~[7]~~ **5** members, appointed by the  
3 governor with the consent of council:

4 (a) Three real estate appraisers with a minimum of 5 years' experience, consisting of one  
5 New Hampshire certified residential appraiser, one New Hampshire certified general appraiser, and  
6 one New Hampshire certified appraiser who is a broker licensed under RSA 331-A; provided that no  
7 2 appraiser members shall be members of the same private appraisal organization.

8 (b) One representative from a New Hampshire lending institution.

9 (c) ~~[The banking executive director or designee.~~

10 ~~(d) Two members]~~ ***One member*** of the general public not associated directly or  
11 indirectly with banking, brokerage, real estate appraisal, insurance, or any other affected industry.

12 II. All appointments shall be made within 90 days after the effective date of this chapter.

13 III. On or before July 1, 1991, each real estate appraiser member of the board shall be  
14 certified or licensed are a real estate appraiser under this chapter. One such member shall hold the  
15 residential license and one such member shall hold a general appraiser certificate.

16 IV. The term of each member shall be 3 years, except that, of the members first appointed, 3  
17 shall serve for 3 years, 2 shall serve for 2 years, and 2 shall serve for one year.

18 V. Upon expiration of their terms, members of the board shall continue to hold office until  
19 the appointment and qualification of their successors. No person~~[, except the executive director or~~  
20 ~~designee,]~~ shall serve as a member of the board for more than 2 consecutive terms. The appointing  
21 authority may remove a member for cause.

22 ~~[VI. The board shall meet at least once each calendar quarter to conduct its business and~~  
23 ~~more often on call of the chair, or when the chair is requested to do so by 4 or more members of the~~  
24 ~~board. The action of the majority of the members of the board present and voting shall be deemed~~  
25 ~~the action of the board, and at least 4 members shall be present and voting on every vote of the~~  
26 ~~board. Places of future meetings shall be decided by the vote of members at meetings or, in the~~  
27 ~~event of a special meeting, by the chair. Written notice shall be given by the chair to each member of~~  
28 ~~the time and place of each meeting of the board at least 10 days in advance.]~~

29 VII. The chairman of the board shall be elected from the board's members. ~~[Neither the~~  
30 ~~banking executive director nor his designee shall serve as chairman.~~

31 VIII. ~~No board member shall be entitled to a per diem allowance. Board members shall be~~  
32 ~~reimbursed for actual travel in the performance of official duties at the usual state employee rate.~~

33 IX. ~~The members of the board shall be immune from any civil action or criminal prosecution~~  
34 ~~for actions taken in their capacity as members of the board, provided that such action is taken in~~  
35 ~~good faith and in the reasonable belief that the action was taken pursuant to the powers and duties~~  
36 ~~of the board under this chapter.~~

37 X. ~~All administrative, clerical, and business processing functions of the board shall be~~

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~~transferred to the office of professional licensure and certification established in RSA 310-A:1 through RSA 310-A:1-e.]~~

325 State Licensed or Certified Real Estate Appraisers; Licensure or Certification Process. Amend RSA 310-B:5 as follows:

310-B:5 Licensure or Certification Process.

I. Applications for original license or certification, renewal license or certification and examinations shall be made in writing ~~[to the board on forms approved by the board]~~.

II. Appropriate fees, ~~[as fixed by the board under rules established pursuant to RSA 541-A]~~, shall accompany all applications for original license, certification, renewal license, renewal certification, reciprocal license, and reciprocal certification. An annual federal registration fee shall be collected by the ~~[board]~~ **office** for transmittal to the federal government under Title XI.

III. At the time of filing an application for certification or licensure, each applicant shall sign a pledge to comply with the standards set forth in this chapter and state that he understands the types of misconduct for which disciplinary proceedings may be initiated against a certified or licensed real estate appraiser, as set forth in this chapter.

326 State Licensed or Certified Real Estate Appraisers; Prohibited Conduct. Amend RSA 310-B:5-a as follows:

310-B:5-a Prohibited Conduct. A person licensed or certified ~~[by the board]~~ under this chapter, shall, after a hearing, be subject to disciplinary action as provided in RSA 310-B:18 for being convicted in a court of competent jurisdiction of this or any other state, or federal court, of forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money under false pretenses, bribery, larceny, extortion, conspiracy to defraud, sexual crimes, drug distribution, arson, physical violence, or any similar offense or offenses; provided that, for the purposes of this section being convicted shall include all instances in which a plea of guilty or nolo contendere is the basis for the conviction, and all proceedings in which the sentence has been deferred or suspended.

327 State Licensed or Certified Real Estate Appraisers; Criminal History Records Checks. Amend RSA 310-B:6-a as follows:

310-B:6-a Criminal History Record Checks.

I. Every applicant for initial licensure shall submit to the ~~[board]~~ **office** a criminal history record release form, as provided by the New Hampshire division of state police, office of safety, which authorizes the release of his or her criminal history record, if any, to the ~~[board]~~ **office**.

II. The applicant shall submit with the release form a complete set of fingerprints taken by a qualified law enforcement agency or an authorized employee of the office of safety. The ~~[board]~~ **office** shall submit the criminal history records release form and fingerprint form to the division of state police which shall conduct a criminal history records check through its records and through the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In the event that the first set of fingerprints is invalid due to insufficient pattern, a second set of fingerprints shall be necessary in order to complete the criminal

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1 history records check. If, after 2 attempts, a set of fingerprints is invalid due to insufficient pattern,  
2 the ~~[board]~~ **office** may, in lieu of the criminal history records check, conduct the national  
3 background check based on personal information.

4 III. Upon completion of the records check, the division of state police shall release copies of  
5 the criminal history records to the ~~[board]~~ **office**. The ~~[board]~~ **office** shall maintain the  
6 confidentiality of all criminal history records information received pursuant to this section.

7 IV. The applicant shall bear the cost of a criminal history record check.

8 328 State Licensed or Certified Real Estate Appraisers; Examination Prerequisites. Amend  
9 RSA 310-B:8 as follows:

10 310-B:8 Examination Prerequisites.

11 I. As prerequisites to taking the examination for certification as a certified general real  
12 estate appraiser, an applicant shall present evidence~~[-satisfactory to the board,]~~ of having completed  
13 the required classroom hours in subjects related to real estate appraisal, including instruction  
14 related to the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, from an educational source  
15 approved by the board, ***in accordance with rules adopted by the board pursuant to RSA 541-***  
16 ***A.***

17 II. As prerequisites to taking the examination for certification as a certified residential real  
18 estate appraiser, an applicant shall present evidence~~[-satisfactory to the board,]~~ of having completed  
19 the required classroom hours in subjects related to real estate appraisal, including instruction  
20 related to the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, from an educational source  
21 approved by the board, ***in accordance with rules adopted by the board pursuant to RSA 541-***  
22 ***A.***

23 III. As prerequisites to taking the examination for licensure as a licensed residential real  
24 estate appraiser, an applicant shall present evidence~~[-satisfactory to the board,]~~ of having completed  
25 the required classroom hours in subjects related to real estate appraisal, including instruction  
26 related to the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, from an educational source  
27 approved by the board, ***in accordance with rules adopted by the board pursuant to RSA 541-***  
28 ***A.***

29 329 State Licensed or Certified Real Estate Appraisers; Experience Requirements. Amend RSA  
30 310-B:9, II as follows:

31 II. Each applicant for license or certification shall furnish a signed, detailed listing of the  
32 real estate appraisal reports or file memoranda for each year for which experience is claimed by the  
33 applicant. Upon request, the applicant shall make available to the board ***or office*** for examination a  
34 sample of appraisal reports which the applicant has prepared in the course of his or her appraisal  
35 practice.

36 330 State Licensed or Certified Real Estate Appraisers; Registration of Appraisal Management  
37 Companies. Amend RSA 310-B:12-b, I as follows:

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1           I. It is unlawful for a person to directly or indirectly engage in or attempt to engage in  
2 business as an appraisal management company or to advertise or hold itself out as engaging in or  
3 conducting business as an appraisal management company in this state without first obtaining a  
4 registration issued by the ~~[board]~~ **office** under the provisions of this chapter.

5           (a) An applicant for registration as an appraisal management company in this state  
6 shall submit to the ~~[board]~~ **office** an application using the method prescribed and furnished by the  
7 office of professional licensure and certification.

8           (b) In the event a registration process is unavailable upon the effective date of this  
9 chapter, an appraisal management company already conducting business in this state may continue  
10 to conduct business in accordance with this chapter until the 120th day after a registration process  
11 becomes available.

12       331 State Licensed or Certified Real Estate Appraisers; Appraisal Management Company  
13 Appraiser Credentials. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 310-B:12-h, I to read as follows:

14           I. An appraisal management company that applies to the ~~[board]~~ **office** for a registration to  
15 do business in this state as an appraisal management company shall not:

16       332 State Licensed or Certified Real Estate Appraisers; Appraisal Management Company  
17 Appraiser Credentials. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 310-B:12-h, III to read as follows:

18           III. Each appraisal management company seeking to be registered in this state shall certify  
19 to the ~~[board]~~ **office** on an annual basis on a form prescribed by the ~~[board]~~ **office** that the appraisal  
20 management company has systems in place to verify that:

21       333 State Licensed or Certified Real Estate Appraisers; Appraisal Management Company;  
22 Appraisal Review. Amend RSA 310-B:12-i as follows:

23       310-B:12-i Appraisal Management Company; Appraisal Review. Any employee of, or  
24 independent contractor to, an appraisal management company that performs a USPAP Standard 3  
25 review of an appraisal report on property located in this state shall be an appraiser with the proper  
26 level of licensure issued by the ~~[board]~~ **office**. Quality control examinations are exempt from this  
27 requirement as they are not considered a Standard 3 review.

28       334 State Licensed or Certified Real Estate Appraisers; Appraisal Management Company;  
29 Registration Number. Amend RSA 310-B:12-m as follows:

30       310-B:12-m Appraisal Management Company; Registration Number.

31           I. The ~~[board]~~ **office** shall issue a unique registration number to each appraisal  
32 management company registered in this state pursuant to this chapter.

33           II. The ~~[board]~~ **office** shall maintain a list of the appraisal management companies  
34 registered in this state and the registration numbers assigned to such persons.

35           III. An appraisal management company registered in this state shall disclose the  
36 registration number provided to it by the ~~[board]~~ **office** on the engagement documents presented to  
37 an appraiser.

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1        335 State Licensed or Certified Real Estate Appraisers; License or Certificate. Amend RSA 310-  
2 B:16, I as follows:

3            I. A license or certificate issued under authority of this chapter shall bear a license or  
4 certificate number assigned by the ~~[board]~~ **office**.

5        336 State Licensed or Certified Real Estate Appraisers; Repeals. The following provisions of  
6 RSA chapter 310-B are hereby repealed:

7            I. RSA 310-B:3-a, relative to penalty.

8            II. RSA 310-B:10, relative to term of licensure.

9            III. RSA 310-B:12, relative to nonresident licensure.

10          IV. RSA 310-B:12-a, relative to temporary practice.

11          V. RSA 310-B:12-e, relative to appraisal management company fee.

12          VI. RSA 310-B:13, relative to renewal.

13          VII. RSA 310-B:13-a, relative to lapse.

14          VIII. RSA 310-B:14, I relative to continuing education.

15          IX. RSA 310-B:18, relative to disciplinary proceedings.

16          X. RSA 310-B:18-b, relative to reissuance of license.

17          XI. RSA 310-B:19, relative to hearings.

18          XII. RSA 310-B:20, relative to fees.

19          XIII. RSA 310-B:21, relative to receipts.

20          XIV. RSA 310-B:23-a, relative to summons.

21          XV. RSA 310-B:24, VII, relative to rulemaking authority.

22          XVI. RSA 310-B:24, IX, relative to the requirements for public information requests.

23        337 New Hampshire Real Estate Practice Act; Repeals. The following provisions of RSA chapter  
24 331-A are hereby repealed:

25            I. RSA 331-A:7, II relative to fees.

26            II. RSA 331-A:7, IV, relative to fees.

27            III. RSA 331-A:7, V, relative to orders.

28            IV. RSA 331-A:12-a, relative to inactive license status.

29            V. RSA 331-A:15, relative to issuance of licenses.

30            VI. RSA 331-A:17, relative to license amendments.

31            VII. RSA 331-A:18, relative to lapse of license.

32            VIII. RSA 331-A:19, relative to renewal of license.

33            IX. RSA 331-A:24, relative to fees.

34            X. RSA 331-A:25, IV, relative to rulemaking regarding fees.

35            XI. RSA 331-A:25, VII, relative to license certificates.

36            XII. RSA 331-A:25, X, relative to procedures.

37            XIII. RSA 331-A:25, XI, relative to conduct of hearings.

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XIV. RSA 331-A:25, XIII, relative to procedures for renewal licenses.

XV. RSA 331-A:28, relative to disciplinary actions.

XVI. RSA 331-A:29, relative to disciplinary procedures.

XVII. RSA 331-A:30, relative to hearing procedures.

XVIII. RSA 331-A:31, relative to payment by the state.

XIX. RSA 331-A:33, relative to immunity.

XX. RSA 331-A:34, relative to unlawful practice.

XXI. RSA 331-A:35, relative to prosecution.

338 Professional Bondsmen; Approval and Registration. Amend RSA 598-A:1, as follows:

598-A:1 Approval and Registration. *To promote efficiency and economy, eliminate redundancies in licensure requirements, reduce administrative costs, and facilitate customer service, the responsibility for registration of professional bondsmen shall be transferred to the office of professional licensure and certification effective July 1, 2023.*

No person proposing to become bail or surety in a criminal case for hire or reward, either received or to be received, shall be accepted as such unless ~~he~~ **the person** shall have been approved and registered as a professional bondsman by the ~~[secretary of state or his designee]~~ **executive director of the office of professional licensure and certification**; provided, however, no person proposing to become bail or surety in a criminal case in any calendar year after having become bail or surety in criminal cases on 5 separate occasions in said year shall be accepted thereafter during that year as bail or surety unless ~~he~~ **the person** shall have been approved and registered as a professional bondsman as provided in this section.

339 Professional Bondsmen; Fees. Amend RSA 598-A:1-a to read as follows:

598-A:1-a Fees.

~~[I.] A person proposing to become bail or surety and registered as a professional bondsman shall pay to the [secretary of state or his designee]~~ **executive director of the office of professional licensure and certification** an initial application fee. ~~[of \$400;]~~ The fee shall be deposited in the ~~[general fund by the state treasurer as unrestricted revenue]~~ **office of professional licensure and certification fund**.

~~[II. Thereafter, an annual renewal fee of \$100 for the registration in each county of the state where a professional bondsman seeks to post bail shall be due and payable to the secretary of state or his designee on December 30 for the ensuing year. The fee shall be deposited in the general fund by the state treasurer as unrestricted revenue.]~~

340 Professional Bondsmen; Revocation. Amend RSA 598-A:2 as follows:

598-A:2 Revocation. A person who has been accepted as bail or surety, contrary to the provisions of this chapter, shall nevertheless be liable on his obligation as such bail or surety. Approval and registration under this chapter may be revoked at any time by the ~~[secretary of state or his designee]~~ **executive director of the office of professional licensure and certification** and

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1 shall be revoked in case such a bondsman fails for 30 days after demand to satisfy in full a judgment  
2 recovered under RSA 597:33. The county attorney or prosecuting officer obtaining any such  
3 judgment which is not satisfied in full within 30 days after demand shall immediately notify the  
4 ~~[secretary of state or his designee]~~ **executive director of the office of professional licensure and**  
5 **certification** or ~~[his]~~ designee in writing.

6 341 Professional Bondsmen; List of Professional Bondsmen. Amend RSA 598-A:3, as follows:

7 598-A:3 List of Professional Bondsmen. The ~~[secretary of state or his designee]~~ **executive**  
8 **director of the office of professional licensure and certification** shall furnish all superior court  
9 clerks, all district courts having authority to accept bail, all jails, and all police stations with a list of  
10 the names of all persons registered as professional bondsmen and shall notify such clerks, courts,  
11 jails, and police stations of any change in a bondsman's status. The ~~[secretary of state or his~~  
12 ~~designee]~~ **executive director of the office of professional licensure and certification** shall  
13 update the list as necessary, but not less than once per year. The list shall include the following  
14 statement in bold type: "You are encouraged to contact more than one bail bondsman because not all  
15 bail bondsmen charge the same fees or provide the same services." The unaltered list shall be  
16 displayed prominently and visibly to defendants in all courts, jails, and police stations. No other list  
17 shall be displayed, furnished, or provided

18 342 Professional Bondsmen; Rules. Amend RSA 598-A:4 as follows:

19 598-A:4 Rules of the ~~[Secretary of State or His Designee]~~ **Executive Director**. All professional  
20 bondsmen shall be governed by rules which shall be adopted under RSA 541-A by the ~~[secretary of~~  
21 ~~state or his designee]~~ **executive director of the office of professional licensure and**  
22 **certification**.

23 343 Refund of Fees; Repealed License Requirements. Any holder of an active license for a  
24 profession whose license requirement is repealed by this act shall be refunded their license fee for  
25 their current active license.

26 344 Effective Date. Sections 267-342 of this act shall take effect September 1, 2023.

27 345 Appropriation; New Hampshire Retirement System; Unfunded Accrued Liability. The sum  
28 of \$50,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 is hereby appropriated to the New Hampshire  
29 retirement system. Said appropriation shall be used by the New Hampshire retirement system to  
30 pay down the unfunded accrued liability and shall not be used for any other purposes. The governor  
31 is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise  
32 appropriated.

33 346 New Section; Retirement System; Supplemental Allowance; Certain Group II Members.  
34 Amend RSA 100-A by inserting after section 41-e the following new section:

35 100-A:41-f Supplemental Allowance; Group II.

36 I.(a) Any retired group II member of the New Hampshire retirement system or any of its  
37 predecessor systems, who has been retired for at least 120 months, but not more than 239 months

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prior to or on July 1, 2023, or any beneficiary of such member who is receiving an allowance, shall be entitled to receive a supplemental allowance. The amount of such supplemental allowance shall be the result of the calculation of \$200 times the number of years since the member's retirement date minus \$900, provided that such supplemental allowance shall be reduced so that the total annual benefit of the member or beneficiary shall not exceed \$100,000. A member or beneficiary whose annual retirement benefit is \$100,000 or greater shall not receive any supplemental allowance.

(b) Any retired group II member of the New Hampshire retirement system or any of its predecessor systems, who has been retired for at least 240 months, prior to or on July 1, 2023 or any beneficiary of such member who is receiving an allowance, shall be entitled to receive a supplemental allowance. The amount of the supplemental allowance shall be \$3,000, provided that such supplemental allowance shall be reduced so that the total annual benefit of the member or beneficiary shall not exceed \$100,000. A member or beneficiary whose annual retirement benefit is \$100,000 or greater shall not receive any supplemental allowance.

II. The total cost of the supplemental allowances under paragraph I, as determined by the actuary and certified by the board of trustees of the retirement system, shall be funded from the state general fund. The sum necessary is hereby appropriated to the board of trustees. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 not otherwise appropriated.

III. The supplemental allowance shall not become a permanent addition to the beneficiary's base retirement allowance and shall be paid to the retired member, or to the member's beneficiary if the member is deceased and the beneficiary is receiving an allowance for group II under RSA 100-A:8, 100-A:9, 100-A:12, 100-A:13, or similar provisions of predecessor systems.

IV. The payment of the supplemental allowance under this section shall be made by the retirement system as soon as administratively practicable after the effective date of this section, but not later than November 1, 2023.

347 Effective Date. Section 346 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2023.

348 Budget Trailer Bill; Transmission to the Legislature; Changes to Statutory Law. Amend RSA 9:2-a to read as follows:

9:2-a Transmission to the Legislature; Changes to Statutory Law. Not later than February 15 of the first year of each biennial legislative session, the governor shall transmit to the legislature a document to be known as the trailer bill containing any changes to statutory law deemed necessary for the ensuing biennium. This document shall be separate from the document known as the budget as provided in RSA 9:2 and shall not be considered a budget bill as provided in part II, article 18-a of the New Hampshire constitution. This document shall be available in printed format and at least one electronic computer file format in common use at the time ***and shall be publicly posted on the department of administrative services' website on the date of the transmittal.***

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1       349 Department of Administrative Services; General Fund Appropriation Lapse; Report. For  
2 the biennium ending June 30, 2025, the department of administrative services shall provide a report  
3 to the fiscal committee of the general court on the current estimated general fund appropriation  
4 lapse for each fiscal year. Said reports shall be due on the 15th day of December, February, April,  
5 and June of each fiscal year.

6       350 Administrative Services; Public Works Design and Construction; Definition of Project.  
7 Amend RSA 21-I:78, IX to read as follows:

8       IX. "Project" means any construction, reconstruction, alteration, or maintenance in any  
9 building, plant, fixture, or facility.

10       (a) The term shall include those projects relating to buildings, plants, fixture, or  
11 facilities formerly administered through the department of transportation, division of public works.

12       (b) ***The term shall include projects relating to state trails, roads, bridges, and***  
13 ***related maintenance and use of facilities under fish and game provisions in title XVIII,***  
14 ***public recreation provisions in title XIX, and forestry provisions in title XIX-A. The***  
15 ***commissioner may waive requirements for approval by governor and council for short term***  
16 ***rentals of equipment contracted for or acquired for the purposes of projects under this***  
17 ***subparagraph, provided such projects are reported quarterly to the fiscal committee of the***  
18 ***general court.***

19       (c) The term shall not include construction, reconstruction, alteration, or maintenance  
20 of highways, bridges, or other items directly related to transportation, which matters shall be  
21 managed by the department of transportation.

22       351 Revenue Information Management System Account. Amend RSA 21-J:1-b, I to read as  
23 follows:

24       I. There is hereby established a nonlapsing revenue information management system  
25 account. The state treasurer shall credit the additional revenue from existing taxes collected by the  
26 department attributable to implementation of the department's revenue information management  
27 system (RIMS), as calculated by the commissioner of the department of revenue administration, to  
28 the revenue information management system account from which the treasurer shall pay principal  
29 and interest on bonds and notes issued to fund the RIMS project. ***If the revenue information***  
30 ***management systems account revenue is not sufficient to cover the principal and interest***  
31 ***on the bonds and notes to fund the RIMS project, the governor is authorized to draw a***  
32 ***warrant from funds not otherwise appropriated.*** Said funds shall not be used for any other  
33 purpose

34       352 New Section; Electronic Licensing, Certification, and Registration System; Department of  
35 Agriculture, Markets, and Food. Amend RSA 425 by inserting after section 12 the following new  
36 section:

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425:12-a Electronic Licensing, Certification, and Registration System. The department of agriculture, markets, and food shall design, establish, and contract with a third party for the implementation and operation of an electronic system to facilitate the handling of all departmental licensing, certification, and registration duties. Such system shall be capable of receiving electronically transmitted product registrations, license applications, certificate applications, and related materials. Authorized users shall be capable of working in offline mode when an Internet connection is not available. The commissioner shall adopt rules under RSA 541-A to govern methods of obtaining, compiling, and maintaining such information it deems necessary to manage such database. The commissioner shall also ensure that the database is secure from unauthorized access or use.

353 Appropriation; Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food; Electronic Licensing, Certification, and Registration System. For the purpose of developing an electronic licensing, certification, and registration system under RSA 425:12-a, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$360,000, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, to the commissioner of the department of agriculture, markets, and food. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

354 Refuse Reduction; Disposal Prohibited. Amend the section heading of RSA 149-M:27 to read as follows:

149-M:27 [~~Refuse Reduction~~] ***Disposal Prohibited.***

355 New Paragraph; Food Waste Disposal. Amend RSA 149-M:27 by inserting after paragraph IV the following new paragraph:

V.(a) Beginning February 1, 2025, any person generating one ton of food waste per week or greater shall not dispose of such waste in a landfill or incinerator provided that:

(1) An alternative facility authorized to manage food waste consistent with the provisions of subparagraph (b) is located within 20 miles of the point of generation; and

(2) The alternative facility has adequate capacity to accept the food waste.

(b) Food waste prohibited from disposal under subparagraph (a) shall be separated from other types of solid waste and managed in accordance with one or more of the following methods, in order of preference:

(1) Reduction of the amount generated at the source;

(2) Consumption by humans;

(3) Consumption by animals;

(4) Composting, digestion, or land application as appropriate; and

(5) Energy recovery not involving combustion.

356 Definitions; Food Waste. Amend RSA 149-M:4, IX-a to read as follows:

IX-a. ***"Food waste" means the organic residues generated by the handling, preparation, storage, sale, and serving of foods and beverages. "Food waste" includes pre-***

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*consumer and post-consumer organic residues, food scraps, and non-petroleum oil used for food preparation provided it does not contain sanitary wastewater.*

**IX-b.** "General permit" means a permit which contains terms and conditions applicable to a specific category of facility, which applies to any facility in that category which has submitted the required information and agreed to abide by the stated terms and conditions.

357 Solid Waste; Definitions; Source Reduction. RSA 149-M:4, XXIV is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

XXIV. "Source reduction" means the practice of reducing the quantity or toxicity of waste generated at the source, before recycling, processing, disposal or treatment, by changing the processes that first generated the waste. Source reduction includes waste reduction.

358 Department of Environmental Services; New Position; Waste Management Specialist III. There is established the position of Waste Management Specialist III to administer the provisions of RSA 149-M:27, V.

359 Appropriation; FY 2025; Department of Environmental Services. The sum of \$98,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 is hereby appropriated to the department of environmental services for the position established in this act. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

360 Effective Date. Sections 354 -359 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2024.

361 Definitions; PFAS Fund and Programs. Amend RSA 485-H:2, IV to read as follows:

IV. "PFAS ~~[loan]~~ **response** fund" means the PFAS ~~[remediation-loan]~~ **response** fund established in RSA 485-H:10.

362 Implementation of Drinking Water Protection Program; PFAS Response Fund. Amend RSA 485-H:3, III-IV to read as follows:

III. The department shall adopt rules, and include conditions in loan and grant documents, to ensure that the applicant has made and will make reasonable efforts to obtain and use funds from any liable or potentially liable third party prior to and after taking a loan from the PFAS ~~[loan]~~ **response** fund or receiving a grant, and that any money received from a liable or potentially liable third party after the loan is provided is applied to early repayment of such loan to the extent reasonable. In addition, the department shall adopt rules establishing criteria to ensure that an applicant shall not be eligible for loans or grants for any project or portion of a project to the extent the negligence of the applicant caused the contamination that resulted in the exceedance of a PFAS drinking water standard.

IV. If the department forgives any part of a loan or provides a grant related to costs for a project for which a third party might otherwise be liable, the right to recover payment from such third party shall be subrogated to the department to the extent of such forgiveness or grant. Any money recovered by the department from such third party shall be deposited in the PFAS ~~[loan]~~ **response** fund.

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1        363 Implementation of Groundwater, Surface Water and Aquatic Life Protection; PFAS  
2 Response Fund. Amend RSA 485-H:4, III-IV to read as follows:

3            III. The department shall adopt rules, and include conditions in loan and grant documents,  
4 to ensure that the applicant has made reasonable efforts to obtain and use funds from any liable or  
5 potentially liable third party prior to and after taking a loan from the PFAS ~~[loan]~~ **response** fund or  
6 receiving a grant, and that any money received from a liable or potentially liable third party at a  
7 later time is applied to early repayment of the loan from the PFAS ~~[loan]~~ **response** fund to the  
8 extent reasonable. In addition, the department shall adopt rules establishing criteria to ensure that  
9 an applicant shall not be eligible for loans or grants for any project or portion of a project to the  
10 extent the negligence of the applicant caused the contamination that resulted in the exceedance of  
11 an applicable PFAS standard.

12            IV. If the department forgives any part of a loan or provides a grant related to costs for a  
13 project for which a third party might otherwise be liable, the right to recover payment from such  
14 third party shall be subrogated to the department to the extent of such forgiveness. Any money  
15 recovered by the department from such third party shall be deposited in the PFAS ~~[loan]~~ **response**  
16 fund.

17        364 New Subparagraph; Duties of the Department; PFAS Response. Amend RSA 485-H:8, I by  
18 inserting after subparagraph (d) the following new subparagraphs:

19            (e) Investigating, testing, and monitoring PFAS in soil, groundwater, surface water,  
20 wastewater, air, biota, and other media.

21            (f) Conducting scientific investigation to support development of appropriate regulatory  
22 standards for PFAS, and development and implementation of treatment and remediation methods  
23 for PFAS in air, water, soil and other media.

24        365 PFAS Response Fund Established. Amend RSA 485-H:10 to read as follows:

25        485-H:10 PFAS ~~[Remediation Loan]~~ **Response** Fund Established. There is hereby established  
26 in the department the PFAS ~~[remediation loan]~~ **response** fund which shall be maintained ~~[by the~~  
27 ~~state treasurer in]~~ **as** distinct and separate ~~[custody]~~ from all other funds~~[-notwithstanding RSA~~  
28 ~~6:12]. The [state treasurer may invest the]~~ PFAS ~~[remediation loan]~~ **response** fund **shall be**  
29 **invested** in accordance with RSA 6:8. Any earnings on PFAS ~~[remediation loan]~~ **response** fund  
30 moneys shall be added to the PFAS ~~[remediation loan]~~ **response** fund. All moneys in the PFAS  
31 ~~[remediation loan]~~ **response** fund shall be non-lapsing and shall be continually appropriated to the  
32 department. The PFAS ~~[remediation loan]~~ **response** fund shall be used to fund **departmental**  
33 **duties as outlined in RSA 485-H:8, including** loans, **grants**, and reimbursements in accordance  
34 with this chapter. Funds from any bond proceeds, grants, loan repayments, legislative  
35 appropriations, donations, and other funds related to the PFAS ~~[remediation loan]~~ **response** fund  
36 shall be credited to the PFAS ~~[remediation loan]~~ **response** fund.

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1       366 Application of Receipts; PFAS Response Fund. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b)(361) to read as  
2 follows:

3               (361) Moneys deposited in the PFAS [~~remediation loan~~] **response** fund established  
4 in RSA 485-H:10.

5       367 PFAS Response fund. Amend 2022, 326:10 to read as follows:

6       326:10 Appropriation; PFAS [~~Remediation Loan~~] **Response** Fund. The sum of \$25,000,000 for  
7 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 is hereby appropriated to the PFAS [~~remediation loan~~]  
8 **response** fund established under RSA 485-H:10 to fund grants and reimbursements in accordance  
9 with RSA 485-H:11. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in  
10 the treasury not otherwise appropriated. ***Up to 10 percent of the moneys appropriated under***  
11 ***this section may be used to fund the duties of the department outlined in RSA 485-H:8, I.***

12       368 Effective Date. Sections 361 -367 of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

13       369 Purpose and Use; Solid Waste Management Fund. Amend RSA 149-R:4, III to read as  
14 follows:

15               III. The department is authorized to solicit funds from [~~the United States Environmental~~  
16 ~~Protection Agency or other agencies that are targeted for making grants consistent with this section~~]  
17 ***any source, including the United States Environmental Protection Agency and other***  
18 ***federal agencies, gifts, donations of money, grants, legislative appropriations, or any***  
19 ***matching funds and incentives.*** [~~Such funds, when received, may be deposited into the fund, and~~  
20 ~~shall be used for the purposes described in this chapter.~~] ***Notwithstanding RSA 4:8 and RSA***  
21 ***14:30, VI, the commissioner may accept and deposit such funds directly into the solid waste***  
22 ***management fund to be used for the purpose described in RSA 149-R:4.***

23       370 Appropriation; Solid Waste Management Fund. The sum of \$2,000,000 for the fiscal year  
24 ending June 30, 2023, is hereby appropriated to the solid waste management fund established under  
25 RSA 149-R:3. Of this appropriation, 50 percent shall be used to give priority to projects associated  
26 with the reduction and diversion of food, food waste, and other organic wastes until June 30, 2027.  
27 The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not  
28 otherwise appropriated.

29       371 Effective Date. Section 370 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2023.

30       372 State Liquor Stores; Closing of State Stores. Amend RSA 177:2 to read as follows:

31       177:2 Closing of State Stores.

32               I. The commission may close any state liquor store to improve profitability and efficiency. In  
33 determining net operating profit or loss, the commission shall adhere to generally accepted  
34 accounting principles for both revenues and expenses and shall include an allocation for indirect  
35 costs. All information regarding a decision to close any state liquor store shall be made available, by  
36 the commission, to the public upon request. The commission shall provide public notice 30 days

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1 prior to closing any state liquor store. The commission shall submit a report of state liquor store  
2 closings to the fiscal committee of the general court when store closings occur.

3 II. In order to properly reflect the operating expenses of each state store, the commission  
4 shall prepare annually an indirect cost allocation plan for all indirect operating expenses of the  
5 commission. All such expenses of the commission, with the exception of the enforcement and  
6 licensing division operating expenses, shall be included in the plan and allocated to all state stores  
7 on a consistent, rational basis. No later than ~~[30 days following]~~ **3 months prior to** the closure of  
8 any state liquor store, the commission shall submit a revised indirect cost allocation plan to the  
9 fiscal committee of the general court and the governor and council for approval.

10 373 New Section; Superior Court; Land Use Review Docket. Amend RSA 491 by inserting after  
11 section 7-a the following new section:

12 491:7-b Land Use Review Docket.

13 I. Without limiting the jurisdiction vested in any court in the state, and subject to the  
14 appointment of a presiding justice by the governor with the consent of the executive council as  
15 provided in this section, the supreme court may establish by court order not inconsistent with this  
16 section, a land use review docket in the superior court which shall have jurisdiction to hear appeals  
17 from decisions of local land use boards, including, but not limited to decisions of municipal planning  
18 boards, zoning boards, historic district commissions, and conservation commissions. The jurisdiction  
19 of this docket shall not include appeals of decisions by state agencies.

20 II. The governor with the consent of the executive council may appoint the first presiding  
21 justice of the land use review docket, who shall be qualified by reason of such person's knowledge  
22 and experience in land use and real property law. The first presiding justice of the land use review  
23 docket shall be an additional justice of the superior court, which shall increase by one the number of  
24 authorized justices of the superior court as provided in RSA 491:1. The chief justice of the superior  
25 court, following the appointment or designation of the initial presiding justice, may designate such  
26 additional justices to preside over cases assigned to the land use review docket, as necessary, based  
27 upon caseload, disqualification of the presiding justice, or efficient allocation of judicial resources.

28 III. The presiding justice of the land use review docket shall be an associate justice of the  
29 superior court and shall be entitled to the compensation and benefits provided to all such justices  
30 under applicable law, including, but not limited to, RSA 491-A:1 and RSA 100-C.

31 IV. The workload of the presiding justice of the land use review docket shall be the matters  
32 before that docket. The presiding justice may be assigned to any other matter within the jurisdiction  
33 of the superior court or sit by designation on any other court in the same manner as any other  
34 associate justice of the superior court, as determined to be necessary by the chief justices of the  
35 superior and supreme courts.

36 V. Subject to the provisions of this section, all appeals to superior court filed pursuant to  
37 RSA 677 and all proceedings for such appeals, shall be assigned to the land use review docket,

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1 including motion practice, discovery, injunctive relief, alternative dispute resolution, and hearing on  
2 the merits. Nothing in this section shall affect the concurrent jurisdiction of the housing appeals  
3 board to hear appeals within its jurisdiction brought pursuant to RSA 679.

4 VI. The court shall hold a structuring conference within 30 days of its receipt of the notice of  
5 appeal. At the structuring conference the court shall set a deadline for the filing with the court of  
6 the certified record and shall schedule a hearing on the merits to be held within 60 days of receipt of  
7 the certified record. The court shall issue a decision on the merits within 60 days of the hearing.  
8 The court may extend any of the deadlines established in this paragraph upon agreement of the  
9 parties or for other good cause shown, but if the extension is based upon good cause, the court shall  
10 articulate in its order granting the extension the specific facts and circumstances that warrant the  
11 extension.

12 374 Superior Court; Justices. Amend RSA 491:1 to read as follows:

13 491:1 Justices. The superior court shall consist of a chief justice, appointed by the governor and  
14 council to a 5-year term, and [24] **22** associate justices. Said justices shall be appointed and  
15 commissioned as prescribed by the constitution and shall exercise the powers of the court unless  
16 otherwise provided. The chief justice shall be appointed from among the associate justices. In the  
17 event that the chief justice resigns as chief justice or is not reappointed at the expiration of the 5-  
18 year term, he or she may return to the position of associate justice, whether or not an associate  
19 justice vacancy then exists.

20 375 Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services; Execution of Sentences. Amend RSA  
21 110-B:55, I to read as follows:

22 I. Fines may be paid to a military court or to an officer executing its process. The amount of  
23 any fine imposed may be noted upon any state roll or account for pay of the delinquent and deducted  
24 from any pay or allowance due or thereafter to become due them, until said fine is liquidated; or the  
25 same may be collected with lawful costs of collection, as in the case of executions issued in action  
26 founded upon torts. ***Fines collected shall be paid over to the state treasurer and credited to***  
27 ***the New Hampshire national guard enlistment incentive fund under RSA 110-B:60.***

28 376 Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services; New Hampshire National Guard  
29 Enlistment Incentive Program Established. Amend RSA 110-B:60 to read as follows:

30 110-B:60 New Hampshire National Guard Enlistment Incentive Program Established. For the  
31 purpose of encouraging enlistment in the national guard there is hereby established a New  
32 Hampshire national guard enlistment incentive program. This program authorizes a cash incentive  
33 up to [500] ***\$1,000*** to current members of the New Hampshire national guard in the pay grades of  
34 E-1 to O-3 or any former member of the New Hampshire national guard for each new or prior service  
35 recruit that they bring into the New Hampshire national guard.

36 377 Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services; Revenue for Enlistment Incentive  
37 Program. Amend RSA 110-B:61, I to read as follows:

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I. There is hereby established a fund to be known as national guard enlistment incentive program fund. Any appropriations received shall be deposited in the fund. Moneys in the fund and any interest earned on the fund shall be used for the purpose of encouraging enlistment in the national guard and shall not be used for any other purpose. The adjutant general shall oversee expenditures from the fund. The moneys in the fund shall be ***continually appropriated and*** nonlapsing.

378 Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services; National Guard Enlistment Incentive Program; Oversight and Administration. Amend RSA 110-B:62 to read as follows:

110-B:62 Oversight and Administration. The adjutant general shall ~~[adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A relative to]~~ ***establish procedures necessary for*** the administration of the enlistment incentive program and relative to its execution by the New Hampshire Army and Air National Guard recruiting offices in coordination with the department of military affairs and veterans services.

379 Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services; Postsecondary Educational Assistance; Eligibility Determinations. Amend RSA 110-B:63-d to read as follows:

110-B:63-d Eligibility Determinations. Eligibility for educational assistance provided by this subdivision shall be determined and monitored by the adjutant general, who shall ***establish*** ~~[adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, and]~~ procedures ~~[deemed by the adjutant general to be]~~ necessary to carry out and monitor the educational assistance provided by this subdivision.

380 Effective Date. Sections 375 - 379 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

381 Department of Corrections; Division of Personnel and Information; Personnel Management; Recruitment and Retention Program. RSA 21-H:4, V(a) is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

(a) Personnel management, recruitment, and retention. The department shall develop a program for the recruitment, selection, placement, and retention of qualified applicants for the New Hampshire department of corrections.

(1) The program may include expenditures for recruitment and retention activities and incentives, including but not limited to:

(A) National Corrections Professionals Week recognition activities at all departmental sites to support employee retention, which may include a paid meal for the site during the week, physical awards and gift cards with a value of less than \$25 as performance incentives based on departmental policies for employee recognition, and items issued to employees that are within the financial scope of the department's current expense appropriations in expenditure class 020.

(B) Referral fees or bonuses for active employees or newly hired applicants who have not been employed by the state through a policy approved by the commissioner.

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

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(3) Referral of applicants by current department employees for the purpose of receiving a referral fee pursuant to this subparagraph shall not be considered a misuse of position under RSA 21-G:23, provided that any rules adopted by the commissioner and any directives issued by the director regarding the referral program shall require that the benefits of the program shall be equally available to all department employees, except as specified in subparagraph (1)(B), and subject to uniform criteria established by the director.

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

382 New Paragraph; Department of Corrections; Powers and Duties of Commissioner. Amend RSA 21-H:8 by inserting after paragraph XII the following new paragraph:

XIII. The commissioner shall have discretionary authority to pay burial and wake expenses in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for an employee whose death occurs while on duty with the department of corrections and when the deceased employee's next of kin demonstrates an inability to afford the burial or wake expenses.

383 Appropriation; Department of Safety; Division of State Police. The sum of \$1,000,000 is hereby appropriated in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, to the department of safety, division of state police, to develop and implement a system to electronically share an individual's bail condition status with law enforcement. This appropriation shall not lapse. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

384 Effective Date. Section 383 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2023.

385 New Subdivision; Contact Person Notification Program. Amend RSA 106-B by inserting after section 34 the following new subdivision:

**Contact Person Notification Program**

106-B:35 Definitions. As used in this subdivision:

I. "Contact person notification program" or "program" means the program developed and operated pursuant to this subdivision.

II. "Law enforcement officer" means any state, county, or municipal law enforcement officer.

III. "Participating person" means a person:

(1) Who voluntarily provides to a law enforcement agency contact information for a person or persons to assist with communications and better assist the person with disabilities by providing law enforcement with vital information on the specific needs to aid the participating person; or

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1           (2) Who has a legal guardian under RSA 464-A and for whom the legal guardian  
2 provides to a law enforcement agency contact information to assist with communications, and better  
3 assist the person with disabilities by providing law enforcement with vital information on the  
4 specific needs to aid the participating person.

5           106-B:36 Contact Person Notification Program.

6           I. The division of state police shall develop and implement a contact person notification  
7 program to assist a law enforcement officer with communications with a participating person during  
8 an encounter between the participating person and the law enforcement officer. The program shall  
9 provide the law enforcement officer with access to contact information for a person that is  
10 voluntarily submitted by a participating person or the legal guardian of a participating person. The  
11 program shall be capable of interfacing with the state police online telecommunications system  
12 (SPOTS).

13          II. The division of state police shall develop and implement standards of procedure for the  
14 operation of the program for law enforcement agencies consistent with policies adopted by the  
15 department of safety. The standards shall address processing the application of a participating  
16 person or that person's legal guardian, determining the validity of identity and legal guardianship  
17 information, entering contact information into the state police online telecommunications system  
18 (SPOTS), procedures for a participating person or that person's legal guardian to withdraw from the  
19 program, and procedures for a law enforcement officer to access contact information.

20          386 Appropriation; Department of Safety; Contact Person Notification Program. The sum of  
21 \$50,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 is hereby appropriated to the department of safety,  
22 division of state police for establishment and administration of the contact person notification  
23 program established in RSA 106-B:36. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum  
24 out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

25          387 New Section; Department of Education; Division of Analytics and Resources; New Position;  
26 Academic Research and Improvement Performance Data Analyst I. Amend RSA 21-N by inserting  
27 after section 7-a the following new section:

28          21-N:7-b Academic Research and Improvement Performance Data Analyst I. There is  
29 established within the division of education analytics and resources the position of academic  
30 research and improvement performance data analyst who shall be a classified employee at no less  
31 than the level of administrator III. The academic research and improvement performance data  
32 analyst shall be qualified to hold such a position by reason of education and experience. The position  
33 shall be subject to any other employment requirements as determined by the department. The  
34 academic research and improvement performance data analyst shall collect and analyze assessment  
35 data to: measure student progress, evaluate program and instructional effectiveness, guide  
36 curriculum development and resource allocation, and promote accountability. The position shall also  
37 assist educators in the effective use of data to drive and improve education decision-making ensuring

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1 that all children learn. The analyst shall support the goal to improve statewide student proficiency  
2 and growth using data-driven decision-making: collecting data, analyzing data, reporting data, using  
3 data for school improvement, and communicating through data.

4 388 Appropriation; Department of Education. The sum of \$183,551 for the fiscal year ending  
5 June 30, 2024, and \$182,279 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, are appropriated to the  
6 commissioner of the department of education for the position established in RSA 21-N:7-b. The  
7 governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not  
8 otherwise appropriated.

9 389 The sum of \$150,000 is hereby appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, to the  
10 department of education for the purpose of contracting with the National Student Clearinghouse  
11 Student Tracker Program for each public school district in New Hampshire. This appropriation  
12 shall not lapse. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the  
13 treasury not otherwise appropriated.

14 390 Effective Date. Section 389 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2023.

15 391 Department of Education; Application for Medicaid Direct Certification Program; Public  
16 Kindergarten, Elementary, and Secondary Schools. The department of education shall seek  
17 participation in the Demonstration Projects to Evaluate Direct Certification with Medicaid  
18 administered by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The department of health  
19 and human services shall assist the department of education as needed in pursuing and  
20 implementing this new direct certification methodology.

21 392 New Paragraph; Math Learning Communities Program in Public Secondary Schools;  
22 Structure. Amend RSA 193-I:2 by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

23 IV. The community college system of New Hampshire shall annually submit a report listing  
24 the New Hampshire high schools that are partners in the math learning communities program to  
25 the department of education, the house education committee and the senate education committee no  
26 later than October 1. The submitted report shall contain, but not be limited to, the total number of  
27 students participating in the advanced mathematical foundation and quantitative reasoning courses;  
28 the number of summer institute participants; a summary of student achievement and growth using  
29 data based upon the Next-Generation Accuplacer (QAS) exam and the SAT math examination; and  
30 any other information as determined by the community college system of New Hampshire.

31 393 Community College System of New Hampshire; Appropriation. The sum of \$200,000 for the  
32 fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and the sum of \$200,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 are  
33 hereby appropriated to the community college system of New Hampshire for the purpose of  
34 continuing the math learning communities program in partnership with New Hampshire high  
35 schools. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the  
36 treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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1       394 Appropriation; Community College System of New Hampshire; Promise Program. The  
2 sums of \$3,000,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and \$3,000,000 in the fiscal year ending  
3 June 30, 2025, are hereby appropriated to the community college system of New Hampshire for the  
4 New Hampshire promise program for the purpose of supporting access and affordability of  
5 postsecondary education for New Hampshire residents. This appropriation shall not lapse. The  
6 governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not  
7 otherwise appropriated.

8       395 The sum of \$2,000,000 is hereby appropriated in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, to the  
9 community college system of New Hampshire to expand workforce credential programs. This  
10 appropriation shall not lapse. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any  
11 money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

12       396 Effective Date. Section 395 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2023.

13       397 Duties of the Department of Health and Human Services; Review of Rates for Child Day  
14 Care Services. For the biennium ending June 30, 2025, the department of health and human  
15 services shall review the rates established for the purchase of child day care services on behalf of  
16 eligible persons. This review shall consider the effects of the established rates on current costs,  
17 quality and availability of services. The commissioner shall adjust child care eligibility to 85 percent  
18 of the state median income as defined by the United States Census Bureau. If at any time the  
19 commissioner determines that funding is insufficient to provide services to those meeting the  
20 eligibility criteria, he or she shall, to the extent allowed by applicable federal regulations, utilize  
21 available federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) reserve funds to cover the  
22 amount of the shortfall.

23       398 Department of Health and Human Services; Child Care Services. The commissioner of the  
24 department of health and human services shall be responsible for determining, on an ongoing basis  
25 through June 30, 2025, whether there is sufficient funding in account 05-95-42-421110-2977, class  
26 536, to fund employment-related child care services to avoid a wait list and support greater  
27 utilization of employment related childcare. If at any time the commissioner determines that  
28 funding is insufficient, he or she shall, to the extent allowed by applicable federal regulations, utilize  
29 available federal Temporary Assistant to Needy Families (TANF) reserve funds to cover the amount  
30 of the shortfall. The department shall report quarterly to the fiscal committee of the general court  
31 on any funds expended on employment-related child care services, including funds budgeted in  
32 account 05-95-42-421110-2977 as well as federal TANF funds authorized by this section.

33       399 Duties of the Department of Health and Human Services; Child Care Services  
34 Reimbursement Rates. For the biennium ending June 30, 2025, the department of health and  
35 human services shall set child care services reimbursement rates across all child care programs to  
36 match the 75th percentile of market rate survey or allow for rates to be set through an alternative  
37 “true cost of care” mechanism to be defined by the department of health and human services. If at

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any time the commissioner determines that funding is insufficient to set service rates at the 75th percentile, the commissioner shall, to the extent allowed by applicable federal regulations, utilize available federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) reserve funds to cover the amount of the shortfall.

400 Prescription Drug Affordability Board; Funding; Fees Removed. RSA 126-BB:8 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

126-BB:8 Funding; General Funds and Voluntary Contributions.

I. The expenses and cost of operation of the board shall be funded by general funds or by voluntary contributions deposited in the board's dedicated fund.

II. There is established a nonlapsing fund to be known as the New Hampshire prescription drug affordability board administration fund, which shall be kept distinct and separate from all other funds. The fund shall be appropriated to and administered by the board. Voluntary contributions under this section shall be deposited in the fund. The board shall use the fund, consistent with the provisions of this chapter, to receive funds and to reimburse costs incurred by the board. The fund may be used to pay administrative, technical, legal support, or other costs incurred by the board under this chapter. The state treasurer may invest moneys in the fund as provided by law, and all interest received on such investment shall be credited to the fund. The dedicated fund shall be subject to the provisions of RSA 6:12-j.

401 Prescription Drug Affordability Board; Drug Price Notifications and Disclosures; Confidentiality; Registration; Suspension. RSA 126-BB:9, relative to drug price notifications and disclosures, confidentiality, and registration by the prescription drug affordability board shall be suspended for the biennium ending June 30, 2025.

402 Prescription Drug Affordability Board. Repeal. RSA 126-BB:10, relative to civil penalties, is repealed.

403 Prescription Drug Affordability Board; Employee Authorization. RSA 126-BB:2, VI is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

VI. The board shall be administratively attached to the department of health and human services. For a limited time, the board may employ an executive director, who shall be an unclassified employee. The executive director shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the board. Said position shall be effective for no more than 2 years following the date of hire of the individual first selected to fill the position. The board may also employ one contracted employee or more, dependent on the availability of funds.

404 New Sections; Prescription Drug Affordability Board; Competitive Bid and Financial Reporting Required. Amend RSA 126-BB by inserting after section 10 the following new sections:

126-BB:11 Competitive Bid Required. The contracts entered into by the board, including those for consulting services or personal contract services, shall be subject to the competitive bid process.

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1 Such contracts shall also be approved by the fiscal committee of the general court, the governor, and  
2 the executive council.

3 126-BB:12 Financial Report. The board shall annually report on any moneys spent by the  
4 board, the source of such funds, the purpose of spending such funds, and the progress of any project  
5 on which the funds were spent. Such report shall be submitted to the fiscal committee of the general  
6 court, the committees having jurisdiction over the board in both the house of representatives and the  
7 senate, the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate clerk, the  
8 house clerk, the governor, and the state library.

9 405 New Section; Insurance Department; Redundancy Elimination Report. Amend RSA 400-A  
10 by inserting after section 67 the following new section:

11 400-A:68 Redundancy Elimination Report. The department of insurance, in collaboration with  
12 the prescription drug affordability board established in RSA 126-BB, shall issue a report on the  
13 elimination of redundancies related to the collection, analysis, and reporting on prescription drug  
14 prices between the two organizations, including proposed legislation on such elimination, with the  
15 overarching goal of promoting efficiency and economy. This report shall be submitted to the health  
16 and human services oversight committee established in RSA 126-A:13, the speaker of the house of  
17 representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the  
18 state library on or before October 1, 2024.

19 406 Prospective Repeal. RSA 400-A:68, relative to the redundancy elimination report, is  
20 repealed.

21 407 Effective Date. Section 406 of this act shall take effect October 1, 2024.

22 408 Commission to Evaluate the Effectiveness and Future of the New Hampshire Granite  
23 Advantage Health Care Program. RSA 126-AA:4 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

24 126-AA:4 Commission to Evaluate the Effectiveness and Future of the New Hampshire Granite  
25 Advantage Health Care Program.

26 I. There is hereby established a commission to evaluate the effectiveness and future of the  
27 New Hampshire granite advantage health care program.

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

29 (1) Three members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate, one of  
30 whom shall be a member of the minority party.

31 (2) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the  
32 house of representatives, one of whom shall be a member of the minority party.

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

34 (4) The commissioner of the department of insurance, or designee.

35 (5) A representative of each managed care organization awarded contracts as  
36 vendors under the Medicaid managed care program, appointed by the governor.

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1                   (6) A representative of a hospital that operates in New Hampshire, appointed by the  
2 New Hampshire Hospital Association.

3                   (7) A public member, who has health care expertise, appointed by the senate  
4 president.

5                   (8) A public member, who currently receives coverage through the program,  
6 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

7                   (9) A public member representing the interests of small businesses in New  
8 Hampshire, appointed by the New Hampshire Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives.

9                   (10) A representative of the medical care advisory committee, department of health  
10 and human services, appointed by the commissioner of the department of health and human  
11 services.

12                   (11) A licensed physician, appointed by the New Hampshire Medical Society.

13                   (12) A licensed mental health professional, appointed by the National Alliance on  
14 Mental Illness New Hampshire.

15                   (13) A licensed substance use disorder professional, appointed by the New  
16 Hampshire Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors Association.

17                   (14) An advanced practice registered nurse (APRN), appointed by the New  
18 Hampshire Nurse Practitioner Association.

19                   (15) The chairperson of the governor's commission on alcohol and drug abuse  
20 prevention, treatment, and recovery, or designee.

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

23                   (c) The limitation on commission membership in RSA 14:49, II(c) shall not apply to this  
24 commission.

25                   II.(a) The commission shall evaluate the effectiveness and future of the program.  
26 Specifically the commission shall:

27                   (1) Review the program's financial metrics.

28                   (2) Review the program's product offerings.

29                   (3) Review the program's impact on insurance premiums for individuals and small  
30 businesses.

31                   (4) Make recommendations for future program modifications, including, but not  
32 limited to, whether the program is the most cost-effective model for the long term versus a return to  
33 private market managed care.

34                   (5) Review up-to-date information regarding changes in the level of uncompensated  
35 care through shared information from the department, the department of revenue administration,  
36 the insurance department, and provider organizations and the program's impact on insurance  
37 premium tax revenues and Medicaid enhancement tax revenue.

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(6) Evaluate reimbursement rates to determine if they are sufficient to ensure access to and provider capacity for all behavioral health services.

(7) Review the reasons beneficiaries are not re-enrolled in the program.

(8) Review the program's provider reimbursement rates and overall financing structure to ensure it is able to provide a stable provider network and sustainable funding mechanism that serves patients, communities, and the state of New Hampshire.

(b) The commission shall solicit information from any person or entity the commission deems relevant to its study.

(c) The commission shall meet at least annually.

III. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. Eight members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

IV. On or before November 1, the commission shall make annual recommendations for any proposed legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate clerk, the house clerk, and the governor, as appropriate.

409 Alcohol Abuse Prevention and Treatment Fund; Reference to Funds Transfer Removed. Amend RSA 176-A:1, III to read as follows:

III. Moneys received from all other sources other than the liquor commission pursuant to RSA 176:16, III, including any community benefit contribution made by New Hampshire's hospitals, shall be disbursed from the fund upon the authorization of the governor's commission on alcohol and drug abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery established pursuant to RSA 12-J:1 and shall not be diverted for any other purposes. Funds disbursed shall be used for alcohol and other drug abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery services, and other purposes related to the duties of the commission under RSA 12-J:3~~[- provided, however, that funds received from any source other than the liquor commission, pursuant to RSA 176:16, III, shall not be used to support the New Hampshire granite advantage health care program and shall not be deposited into the fund established in RSA 126-AA:3].~~

410 Individual Health Insurance Market; Plan of Operation for the High Risk Pool. Amend RSA 404-G:5-a, IV(d) to read as follows:

(d) An amount not to exceed the lesser of the remainder amount, as defined in RSA 126-AA:1, V, or the amount ~~[of revenue transferred from the alcohol abuse prevention and treatment fund pursuant to RSA 176-A:1, IV and]~~ ***specified in RSA 126-AA:1, V(a) plus*** taxes attributable to premiums written for medical and other medical-related services for the newly eligible Medicaid population. The association shall transfer all amounts collected pursuant to this subparagraph to the New Hampshire granite advantage health care trust fund established pursuant to RSA 126-AA:3.

411 New Hampshire Granite Advantage Health Care Program; Definition of Remainder Amount. Amend RSA 126-AA:1, V(a) to read as follows:

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1           (a) ***An amount equal to*** the amount of revenue transferred from the alcohol abuse  
2 prevention and treatment fund ~~[pursuant to RSA 176-A:1, IV]~~ ***in the state fiscal year ending***  
3 ***June 30, 2023, adjusted annually by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for***  
4 ***All Urban Consumers, Northeast Region as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics,***  
5 ***United States Department of Labor. The first such annual adjustment shall be made***  
6 ***during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. The annual adjustment shall not exceed 5***  
7 ***percent in any fiscal year;***

8           412 Repeal; Commission. RSA 126-AA:4, relative to reestablishing the commission to evaluate  
9 the effectiveness and future of the New Hampshire granite health care advantage program, is  
10 repealed.

11           413 Extension of the Prospective Repeal of the Granite Health Care Advantage Program.  
12 Amend 2018, 342:25, II to read as follows:

13           II. Paragraphs III and VII of section 24 of this act shall take effect December 31, ~~[2023]~~  
14 **2025.**

15           414 Repeal; Revenue from Alcohol Abuse Prevention and Treatment Fund. The following are  
16 repealed:

17           I. RSA 176-A:1, IV, relative to the transfer of funds from the alcohol abuse prevention and  
18 treatment fund to the New Hampshire granite advantage health care trust fund.

19           II. RSA 126-AA:3, I(a), relative to the transfer of funds from the alcohol abuse prevention  
20 and treatment fund to the New Hampshire granite advantage health care trust fund.

21           415 Department of Health and Human Services; New Hampshire Granite Advantage Health  
22 Care Program; The New Hampshire Granite Advantage Health Care Trust Fund. Amend the  
23 introductory paragraph of RSA 126-AA:3, I to read as follows:

24           I. There is hereby established the New Hampshire granite advantage health care trust fund  
25 which shall be accounted for distinctly and separately from all other funds and shall be non-interest  
26 bearing. ***The department shall include the cost of the program in its biennial budget***  
27 ***request under RSA 9:4.*** The fund shall be administered by the commissioner and shall be used  
28 solely to provide coverage for the newly eligible Medicaid population as provided for under RSA 126-  
29 AA:2, to pay for the administrative costs for the program, and reimburse the federal government for  
30 any over payments of federal funds. All moneys in the fund shall be nonlapsing and shall be  
31 continually appropriated to the commissioner for the purposes of the fund. The fund shall be  
32 authorized to pay and/or reimburse the cost of medical services and cost-effective related services,  
33 including without limitation, capitation payments to MCOs. No state general funds shall be  
34 deposited into the fund. Deposits into the fund shall be limited exclusively to the following:

35           416 Liquor Commission Fund; Transfers. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, transfers to  
36 the alcohol abuse prevention and treatment fund pursuant to RSA 176:16, III shall be reduced by the

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1 actual amount of the final agreed contribution from the Foundation for Healthy Communities,  
2 anticipated to take place by December 31, 2023.

3 417 Effective Date.

4 I. Sections 409 - 411 and 413- 415 of this act shall take effect December 31, 2023.

5 II. Section 412 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2027.

6 418 New Paragraph; Medicaid Enhancement for Children and Pregnant Women. Amend RSA  
7 167:68 by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

8 IV.(a) Pursuant to the state option under the section 5113 of the Consolidated  
9 Appropriations Act of 2023 to expand maternity care under Medicaid and section 1902(e)(16) of the  
10 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(e)), the commissioner of the department of health and human  
11 services shall submit, no later than August 15, 2023, a Medicaid state plan amendment to the  
12 federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to establish and implement 12 months of  
13 continuous coverage for the entire postpartum period. This benefit shall be available to anyone who  
14 received medical assistance under the state plan for all pregnancy-related and postpartum medical  
15 assistance available under the state plan through the last day of the month in which the 60-day  
16 period (beginning on the last day of her pregnancy) ends, remain eligible under the state plan for  
17 medical assistance for the period beginning on the first day occurring after the end of such 60-day  
18 period and ending on the last day of the month in which the 12-month period (beginning on the last  
19 day of her pregnancy) ends.

20 (b) The medical assistance provided for a pregnant or postpartum woman under this  
21 section shall, consistent with Section 1902(e)(16) include all items and services covered under the  
22 state plan that are not less in amount, duration, or scope, or are determined by the Secretary to be  
23 substantially equivalent, to the medical assistance available for an individual described in  
24 subsection (a)(10)(A)(i); and be provided for the individual while pregnant and during the 12-month  
25 period that begins on the last day of the individual's pregnancy and ends on the last day of the  
26 month in which such 12-month period ends.

27 (c) The purpose of the program shall be, through ensuring continuous coverage for a 12-  
28 month postpartum period, to increase identification and mitigation of preventable pregnancy related  
29 and pregnancy associated morbidity and mortality, including those related to substance use disorder  
30 and mental illness.

31 (d) On January 1, 2024, the commissioner shall begin submitting quarterly reports to  
32 the oversight committee on health and human services, the legislative committees with jurisdiction  
33 over health and human services, and the governor regarding the department's progress in obtaining  
34 and implementing the state plan amendment. The quarterly reports shall include the department's  
35 plans for reducing administrative burdens for enrollees and the department's efforts to expand  
36 access and participation to voluntary, evidence-based maternal home visiting programs, pursuant to

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1 subparagraph (a). Reports submitted under this subparagraph shall also be posted on the  
2 department's website.

3 419 Appropriation. The sum of \$200,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2025 is hereby  
4 appropriated to the department of health and human services for the purpose of expanding  
5 postpartum health care services under the state Medicaid plan as provided in this act. The governor  
6 shall determine if any discretionary funds appropriated in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021,  
7 Public Law 117-2, or any other federal funds, can be used for this purpose, and the commissioner  
8 shall expend such federal funds for this purpose. Any remainder shall be appropriated from the  
9 general fund. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for the general fund portion of such sum  
10 from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

11 420 New Section; Inclusion of Certain Children and Pregnant Women in Medicaid and the  
12 Children's Health Insurance Program. Amend RSA 126-A by inserting after section 4-h the  
13 following new section:

14 126-A:4-i Inclusion of Certain Children and Pregnant Women in Medicaid and the Children's  
15 Health Insurance Program. Pursuant to Section 214 of the Children's Health Insurance Program  
16 Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA), no later than January 1, 2024, the commissioner of the  
17 department of health and human services shall submit to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid  
18 Services (CMS) the state plan amendments required under Medicaid and the Children's Health  
19 Insurance Program (CHIP) to expand coverage to otherwise eligible pregnant women and children  
20 who are lawfully residing in the United States. The state plan amendments shall elect the option for  
21 children up to age 19 and shall elect the option for pregnant women through the postpartum period.  
22 The department of health and human services is authorized to accept and expend any matching  
23 federal funds for the purposes of this section without prior approval of the fiscal committee of the  
24 general court.

25 421 Appropriation: Inclusion of Certain Children and Pregnant Women in Medicaid and the  
26 Children's Health Insurance Program. The sum of \$336,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2025,  
27 is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services for the purpose of funding  
28 the state share of the expansion of Medicaid and CHIP to include certain children and pregnant  
29 women as provided in this act. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any  
30 money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

31 422 Department of Health and Human Services; Purchase of Scanner. Of the amount  
32 appropriated to the department of health and human services in account 05-95-42-421510-6643,  
33 Sununu Youth Services Center, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, an amount not to exceed  
34 \$325,000 shall be used for the purpose of purchasing a full body scanner.

35 423 Transfer Authority; Sununu Youth Services Center. Notwithstanding RSA 9:16-a or any  
36 other law to the contrary, for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, the department of health and

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human services shall have the authority to transfer between all class lines in account 05-95-42-421510-6643, Sununu Youth Services Center.

424 Declaration of Purpose. New Hampshire voters passed the Right of Privacy into the state constitution in November 2018 with an 81 percent approval. With that vote, state government culture and behavior needed to be shaped by the words, "An individual's right to live free from governmental intrusion in private or personal information is natural, essential, and inherent". The department of health and human services has been subject to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act since 1996 which drove initial efforts to develop a culture and infrastructure to protect personal data privacy. As a holder of personal information in state government, the department has a responsibility to demonstrate to the public the state's commitment to actively and overtly respect personal privacy, including privacy of personal information. Establishing and maturing a culture of privacy is core to successfully driving future efforts to implement and enhance privacy policies, procedures, and practices. Continuous improvement requires appropriate governance and policy leadership.

425 New Subdivision; Data Privacy and Information Technology Security Governance Board.  
Amend RSA 126-A by inserting after section 98 the following new subdivision:

Data Privacy and Information Technology Security Governance Board

126-A:99 Data Privacy and Information Technology Security Governance Board Established.  
There is hereby established a data privacy and information technology security governance board to oversee the department's use of data, data privacy, and information technology security that shall be maintained by the department of health and human services.

126-A:100 Membership; Quorum.

I. The data privacy and information technology security governance board shall consist of the following members:

(a) The commissioner of the department of health and human services, who shall serve as the governance board chair.

(b) The department's privacy officer.

(c) Three directors of the department who have responsibility for one of the following areas: medicaid services, public health, behavioral health, children, youth and families, or long-term support and services.

(d) The director of the department's bureau of human resource management.

(e) The director of the department's bureau of information services.

(f) The department's chief legal officer.

(g) The commissioner of the department of information technology.

(h) Up to 2 additional voting members appointed by the commissioner of the department of health and human services, if needed.

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1           II. A quorum of this board shall consist of the named positions being in attendance with  
2 greater than 50 percent present. Members may delegate authority to represent them for the  
3 purposes of maintaining a quorum. The chair of the board may also delegate authority to another  
4 appropriate member of the governance board to serve during a specified meeting.

5           126-A:101 Duties.

6           I. The data privacy and information technology security governance board shall:

7               (a) Meet at least 3 times a year and post public facing meeting minutes within 2 weeks  
8 of the completion of each meeting on the department's web page.

9               (b) Become educated in what data governance means, how it will work for the  
10 organization, and what it means to embrace data governance and activate enterprise data stewards.

11               (c) Actively promote improved data governance practices across the department.

12               (d) Identify and approve of pivotal data governance roles and responsibilities for the  
13 department including cross-enterprise domain stewards and coordinators.

14               (e) Advise, review, and approve the department's data control, governance, and privacy  
15 practices in compliance with federal and state law and federal and state information privacy and  
16 security policies, with the goal to meet or exceed private market benchmarks for governance, risk  
17 management, and compliance.

18               (f) Drive strategic and timely implementation of a department-wide privacy policy,  
19 related procedures and processes to operationalize policy-derived controls, and effective risk  
20 management methodologies, including industry standards such as privacy impact assessments and  
21 privacy by design.

22           II. The data privacy and information technology security governance board may solicit  
23 information from any person or entity the board deems relevant to its quest.

24           126-A:102 Risk Management.

25           I. The department shall conduct a written risk assessment and mitigation remediation plan  
26 in the form of a privacy impact assessment (PIA).

27           II. The assessment and plan shall:

28               (a) Assess risks to an individual's right to privacy within the department's information  
29 technology systems where the individual does not possess immediate control over their information.

30               (b) Recommend alternatives to both mitigate the risks and achieve the stated objectives  
31 of the department's systems.

32               (c) Identify those individuals and offices within the department who shall be directly  
33 accountable for the assessment and plan, the system at the time the assessment and plan are  
34 compiled, and any approved alternatives and mitigations as a result of the assessment and plan.

35           III. Unless otherwise required by law or applicable regulation, no personal information shall  
36 be collected prior to the completion of the assessment and plan and any subsequent measures as a

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1 result of the assessment and plan, as determined by the governance board for any systems  
2 implemented subsequent to March 31, 2024.

3 IV. The assessment and plan shall be approved and may be acted upon by the commissioner.  
4 All assessments and plans conducted before the date of the next data privacy and information  
5 technology security governance board meeting shall be submitted to the board for review.

6 426 Data Privacy and Information Technology Security Governance Board; Specialized  
7 Employees Authorized; Appropriation.

8 I. The department is hereby authorized to establish 2 full-time, permanent employees to  
9 support and conduct the required data privacy and information technology security assessments, as  
10 well as manage the implementation of mitigation efforts and other necessary updates.

11 II. The qualifications of the 2 employees shall include privacy certifications, information  
12 systems expertise, and project management and communications experience. Certifications may be  
13 deferred for up to 2 years post-hiring.

14 III. The 2 employees shall be classified, full time employees who shall work on assisting in  
15 implementing the objectives of the data privacy and information technology security governance  
16 board, conducting the privacy assessment and mitigation plan, and other, related data privacy and  
17 information technology security activities in the department of health and human services. The  
18 classification shall be information technology manager IV, labor grade 32, step 7.

19 IV. The sum of \$300,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2025 is hereby appropriated to  
20 the department of health and human services for the purpose of funding 2 information technology  
21 manager IV positions as required in paragraph III of this section. The governor is authorized to  
22 draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

23 V. The department is authorized to use contract support available from funds prior to July  
24 1, 2024.

25 427 Findings. The general court finds that given the statistically significant excess in the  
26 number of cases of kidney cancer in Merrimack, New Hampshire found by the department of health  
27 and human services, the known detection of environmental contaminants that have been associated  
28 with kidney cancer, and a trend of increasing incidence of kidney cancer over time, the department  
29 recommends that a feasibility study as determined by the New Hampshire Cancer Concern  
30 Investigation Protocol, Phase 3 be conducted. The general court further finds that a Phase 3  
31 feasibility study would determine if an epidemiological study (Phase 4) is warranted and would  
32 identify appropriate cancers and health outcomes for inclusion in such study.

33 428 Appropriation; Department of Health and Humans Services; Phase 3 Feasibility Study.

34 I. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$500,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2025,  
35 to the department of health and human services to enter into a contract with an academic or  
36 research organization to complete a New Hampshire Kidney Cancer Incidence Phase 3 Feasibility  
37 Study for the town of Merrimack to further understand potential exposures that may contribute to

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1 the excess of kidney cancer incidence in Merrimack and identify any next steps warranted. Such  
2 funds shall be nonlapsing and appropriated to the department for the purposes of this act. The  
3 governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not  
4 otherwise appropriated.

5 II. In order to provide funding for said appropriation, and subject to prior review by the joint  
6 legislative oversight committee on health and human services established in RSA 126-A:13, the  
7 department shall first use any available grant funding or any other non-state funds which may be  
8 used for this purpose.

9 429 General Fund Transfer to Highway Fund. The sum of \$10,000,000 for the fiscal year ending  
10 June 30, 2023, is hereby appropriated to the highway fund. This appropriation shall not lapse. The  
11 governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not  
12 otherwise appropriated.

13 430 Effective Date. Section 429 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2023.

14 431 Purpose Statement. The general court finds that people and animals accessing lakes and  
15 rivers across the state have been impacted by cyanobacteria blooms, which pose a threat of acute and  
16 chronic illnesses from the toxins they release. Many of these blooms have been triggered by  
17 phosphorus loading from direct run-off, poor culvert design, inefficient or failed septic systems,  
18 internal loading of phosphorus, among other causes. The cost of designing, installing and repairing  
19 mitigation systems or projects for many communities, watershed management associations, and lake  
20 associations, would result in dramatically higher property taxes or would take many years of  
21 fundraising and delay projects exacerbating the problem. The mitigation of contributors to  
22 cyanobacteria blooms requires a strategy to protect, preserve, and enhance the water quality that  
23 New Hampshire citizens and the natural environment depend upon.

24 432 New Subdivision; Cyanobacteria Mitigation Loan Program. Amend RSA 485-A by inserting  
25 after section 57 the following new subdivision:

Cyanobacteria Mitigation Loan Program

27 485-A:58 Establishment and Implementation of Cyanobacteria Mitigation Loan Program.

28 I. There is established in the department of environmental services the cyanobacteria  
29 mitigation loan program. The program shall provide low interest loans to:

30 (a) Municipalities, community water systems and non-profit lake and river watershed  
31 associations whose testing shows confirmed and chronic exceedances of the state health advisory for  
32 cyanobacteria, for remediation efforts begun after September 30, 2023.

33 (b) Publicly-owned and non-profit lake or river watershed associations that have a  
34 watershed management plan which specifies sources of phosphorus loading approved by the  
35 department of environmental services.

36 II. Projects shall only be financed after the applicant's proposed mitigation plan or  
37 watershed management plan demonstrates that the such plan is the most cost-effective solution, as

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1 reviewed and approved by the department of environmental services. The applicant shall provide  
2 evidence in the application for funding that there are no no-cost or low-cost efforts that would result  
3 in a substantial decrease in external phosphorus loading. The applicant shall also show that there is  
4 no responsible party identified by department of environmental services or that the responsible  
5 party, potentially including the applicant, has provided their appropriate share of the funding for the  
6 proposed project.

7 III. Loans or grants may be made for up to the total cost of the project, after any responsible  
8 party's contribution, addressing the contamination.

9 IV. The cyanobacteria mitigation program shall forgive up to 10 percent of the loan principal  
10 to community water systems, publicly owned or non-profit lake or river watershed associations using  
11 the same qualifying standards for forgiveness used in the drinking water state revolving loan  
12 program established under RSA 486:14.

13 V. Total loan forgiveness under this section shall not exceed \$1,000,000 in a fiscal year.  
14 485-A:59 Duties.

15 I. The department of environmental services shall:

16 (a) Administer the cyanobacteria mitigation loan and grant program to assist  
17 municipalities; community and non-profit, lake and river watershed association; with the cost of  
18 reducing the number of chronic and extended cyanobacteria bloom that the department considers to  
19 be a threat to long term health of water bodies. For purposes of this subparagraph, administration  
20 includes oversight of the grant or loan expenditures to ensure they are not misused.

21 (b) Administer a loan forgiveness program to assist municipalities, community, and non-  
22 profit, lake and river watershed association with loan repayment.

23 (c) Award loan or grant funds to projects that meet the following criteria:

24 (1) The project is or was necessary to reduce phosphorus loading identified in an  
25 accepted watershed management plan and the applicant for funding is a municipality, a community  
26 water system, or a non-profit, lake or river watershed association.

27 (2) The applicant has demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the department, that low  
28 or no-cost solutions are neither viable nor effective.

29 (d) Award reimbursements to projects from the fund in a manner consistent with this  
30 chapter.

31 II. Every year beginning December 1, 2024, the department of environmental services shall  
32 prepare and file a report with the general court evaluating the progress made relative to mitigating  
33 cyanobacteria blooms, the efficiency of the program established under this chapter, and whether it  
34 continues to provide the maximum benefit to New Hampshire citizens, and providing any  
35 recommendations on potential additional tasks for which the fund could be used to address  
36 cyanobacteria blooms.

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1       485-A:60 Rules. The department of environmental services shall adopt rules, under RSA 541-A,  
2 relative to administering cyanobacteria loan and grant programs for eligible projects.

3       485-A:61 Cyanobacteria Mitigation Loan and Grant Fund Established. There is hereby  
4 established in the department of environmental services the cyanobacteria mitigation loan and grant  
5 fund which shall be maintained by the state treasurer in distinct and separate custody from all other  
6 funds. The state treasurer may invest the fund in accordance with RSA 6:8. Any earnings on fund  
7 moneys shall be added to the fund. All moneys in the fund shall be nonlapsing and continually  
8 appropriated to the department of environmental services. The cyanobacteria mitigation loan and  
9 grant fund shall be used to fund loans, grants, and reimbursements in accordance with this  
10 subdivision. Funds from any bond proceeds, grants, loan repayments, legislative appropriations,  
11 donations, and other funds shall be credited to this fund.

12       433 New Subparagraph; Cyanobacteria Mitigation Loan and Grant Fund. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b)  
13 by inserting after subparagraph (387) the following new subparagraph:

14               (388) Moneys deposited in the cyanobacteria mitigation loan and grant fund  
15 established in RSA 485-A:61.

16       434 Appropriation; Department of Environmental Services. The sum of \$1 for the fiscal year  
17 ending June 30, 2024 is hereby appropriated to the department of environmental services for deposit  
18 into the mycobacteria mitigation loan and grant fund. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant  
19 for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

20       435 School Building Aid; Grants for School Construction; Chartered Public Schools;  
21 Requirements Added. Amend RSA 198:15-a, I and II to read as follows:

22               I. To aid local school districts ***and chartered public schools under RSA 194-B*** in meeting  
23 the costs of school buildings, the department of education shall, from funds appropriated by the  
24 general court to carry out the provisions of this subdivision, pay to the school districts ***and***  
25 ***chartered public schools*** of the state, sums in accordance with the provisions of this subdivision,  
26 ***RSA 198:15-b, I(a)(2)(C)*** or the alternative school building aid provisions under RSA 198:15-u  
27 through RSA 198:15-w.

28               II. Beginning with construction authorized by a local school district ***or chartered public***  
29 ***school*** on or after July 1, 2013, office facilities for school administrative units and the purchase or  
30 lease-purchase of temporary space for any purpose, including but not limited to modulars, trailers, or  
31 other similar structures to be used as classroom, office, or storage space shall not be eligible for  
32 school building aid grants.

33               ***II-a. Any chartered public school building to be improved or constructed using***  
34 ***school building aid shall be owned by the chartered public school and shall be subject to a***  
35 ***plan for the disposition of the chartered public school's assets, pursuant to RSA 194-B:3,***  
36 ***II(z), as approved by the state board of education.***

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1        436 Amount of Grant; Criteria for Chartered Public Schools. Amend RSA 198:15-b, I(a)(2)(A)-  
2 (C) to read as follows:

3                (2)(A) For construction authorized by a school district after July 1, 2013, school  
4 building aid grants for new construction shall not exceed the state appropriation for school building  
5 aid for the fiscal year, less any debt service payments due and owing in the fiscal year for  
6 construction or renovation projects approved in a prior fiscal year, less the amount owed for  
7 construction or renovation projects approved prior to July 1, 2013 in accordance with subparagraph  
8 (a)(1), unless otherwise provided by an act of the general court. School building aid grants approved  
9 pursuant to RSA 198:15-u through RSA 198:15-w **or pursuant to subparagraph (2)(C)**, shall be  
10 disbursed to school districts **and chartered public schools** pursuant to this subparagraph and no  
11 state bonds shall be authorized or issued for the purpose of funding school building aid grants. The  
12 amount of the grant to any school district duly organized, any city maintaining a school department  
13 within its corporate organization, any cooperative school district as defined in RSA 195:1, any  
14 receiving district operating an area school as defined in RSA 195-A:1, or any receiving district  
15 providing an education to pupils from one or more sending districts under a contract entered into  
16 pursuant to RSA 194:21-a or RSA 194:22, shall be calculated based on the criteria set forth in RSA  
17 198:15-v.

18                (B) The state board of education shall approve the disbursement of 80 percent of  
19 the eligible grant amount upon approval of the application for school building aid grants by the state  
20 board of education, and shall disburse the balance of the grant amount upon completion of the  
21 construction and verification of the final cost of construction by the department of education. **For**  
22 **chartered public school construction projects, the amount of the annual grant to any**  
23 **chartered public school shall be a sum equal to 5 percent of the eligible grant amount each**  
24 **year for 20 years upon approval of the application for school building aid grants by the**  
25 **state board of education. Not more than 10 percent of the eligible grant amount shall be**  
26 **disbursed until the construction and verification of the final cost of construction have been**  
27 **made by the department of education.**

28                (C) The amount of the grant to any chartered public school established in  
29 accordance with RSA 194-B:3-a shall be 30 percent of the eligible cost of construction.

30        437 Building Aid; Use of Land, Buildings, or Facilities. Amend RSA 198:15-b, I(b)(1) and (2) to  
31 read as follows:

32                (1) A school district, a city maintaining a school department within its corporate  
33 organization, a cooperative school district as defined in RSA 195:1, a receiving district operating an  
34 area school as defined in RSA 195-A:1, **a chartered public school**, or a receiving district providing  
35 an education to pupils from one or more sending districts under a contract entered into pursuant to  
36 RSA 194:21-a or RSA 194:22, shall have first priority in the use of such land, buildings, or facilities

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1 for 10 years or the life of any bond or note issued to provide funds for such land, buildings, or  
2 facilities, whichever is greater.

3 (2) A school district, a city maintaining a school department within its corporate  
4 organization, a cooperative school district as defined in RSA 195:1, a receiving district operating an  
5 area school as defined in RSA 195-A:1, **a chartered public school**, or a receiving district providing  
6 an education to pupils from one or more sending districts under a contract entered into pursuant to  
7 RSA 194:21-a or RSA 194:22, shall submit, when applying for aid under this chapter, the least costly  
8 building plan based on a 20-year life cycle cost analysis that meets minimum state building  
9 standards in this chapter along with any alternative plans that may be proposed.

10 438 Maintenance Plan. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 198:15-b, I-a(a) to read as  
11 follows:

12 I-a.(a) In addition to the requirements of paragraph I, each school district **or chartered**  
13 **public school**, prior to receipt of any grant moneys, shall submit for review and approval a written  
14 maintenance plan describing in detail how the school district intends to maintain the new facilities  
15 to be constructed with state aid grant moneys. The required maintenance plan shall include, but not  
16 be limited to, the following information:

17 439 Equipment Assurance. Amend RSA 198:15-b, I-a(k) to read as follows:

18 (k) A statement of assurance, signed by the chair of the school board **or the chair of the**  
19 **board of trustees of the chartered public school**, which indicates that the district **or chartered**  
20 **public school** intends to maintain and service all installed equipment according to the  
21 manufacturer's instructions.

22 440 Department of Education; Construction Proposal Criteria. Amend RSA 198:15-c, II(b)(5)  
23 and (6) to read as follows:

24 (5) Whether a school district **or chartered public school** has made a reasonable  
25 attempt to accommodate maintenance activities including scheduled and unscheduled repairs,  
26 upkeep, minor alterations, enhancements to buildings, and preventive maintenance necessary to  
27 achieve the design life expectancy of building systems and components. School districts **and**  
28 **chartered public schools** shall be required to provide maintenance records and other  
29 documentation, if necessary, concerning maintenance program activities for scheduled and  
30 unscheduled repairs, upkeep, minor alterations, and enhancements of district buildings.

31 (6) A school district's **or chartered public school's** fiscal capacity based on  
32 measurable criteria such as the percentage of pupils eligible for free and reduced price meals.

33 441 Project Resubmission. Amend RSA 198:15-c, II(c) to read as follows:

34 (c) A school district, a city maintaining a school department within its corporate  
35 organization, a cooperative school district as defined in RSA 195:1, a receiving district operating an  
36 area school as defined in RSA 195-A:1, **a chartered public school**, or a receiving district providing  
37 an education to pupils from one or more sending districts under a contract entered into pursuant to

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1 RSA 194:21-a or RSA 194:22, with projects for which there is insufficient state grant funding may  
2 resubmit those projects to the department pursuant to the provisions of this section.

3 442 Project Manager. Amend RSA 198:15-b, IV to read as follows:

4 IV. A school district ***or chartered public school*** that accepts school building aid for  
5 construction shall engage the services of a project manager for construction or reconstruction  
6 projects of \$1,000,000 or more, unless the commissioner waives such requirement as unnecessary.  
7 The school district's ***or chartered public school's*** project manager shall have his or her own  
8 comprehensive liability and auto insurance, worker's compensation coverage, and professional  
9 liability coverage. The state board of education shall adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A relative to  
10 the required services, responsibilities, and qualifications for the [school district's] project manager.

11 443 Time of Computation of Grant. Amend RSA 198:15-d to read as follows:

12 198:15-d Time of Computation of Grant. As of January 1 in each year, the department of  
13 education shall cause to be computed the amount of the annual grants for school building aid to be  
14 paid to eligible school districts ***and chartered public schools*** in the succeeding fiscal year. The  
15 computation shall be based upon the total of eligible costs of construction of school buildings  
16 approved by the ***chartered public school or the*** legislative body of the school district and the  
17 department of education for which loans are outstanding in each school district for the fiscal year in  
18 which the computations are made.

19 444 Repeal. RSA 194-B:11, VII, relative to the prohibition on chartered public schools receiving  
20 school building aid, is repealed.

21 445 Schools; Food and Nutrition Programs; School Lunch Eligibility. Amend RSA 189:11-a, I to  
22 read as follows:

23 I.(a) Each school board shall make at least one meal available during school hours to every  
24 pupil under its jurisdiction. Such meals shall be served without cost ~~for at a reduced cost to any~~  
25 ~~child who meets federal income eligibility guidelines]~~ ***to any child whose annual household***  
26 ***income is less than or equal to 300 percent of the federal poverty guidelines as updated***  
27 ***annually in the Federal Register by the United States Department of Health and Human***  
28 ***Services under 42 U.S.C. section 9902(2).*** The state board of education shall ensure compliance  
29 with this section and shall establish minimum nutritional standards for such meals as well as  
30 income guidelines set for the family size used in determining eligibility for free and reduced price  
31 meals. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the operation of both a breakfast and lunch program in  
32 the same school.

33 ***(b) All costs for the school meals program under subparagraph (a) in addition***  
34 ***to sums allocated under RSA 186:13, XI, shall be funded by disbursements from the***  
35 ***department of education to the school districts subject to the availability of funds***  
36 ***appropriated for such purpose in the state operating budget.***

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1        446 Contingency. If HB 572 of the 2023 regular legislative session becomes law, section 445 of  
2 this act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on September 1, 2023. If HB 572 of the 2023 regular  
3 legislative session does not become law, section 445 of this act shall not take effect.

4        447 Youth Detention Center; Construction Funds. Notwithstanding any other act of the  
5 legislature or law to the contrary, any secured treatment facility constructed to replace the current  
6 Sununu Youth Services Center shall be funded entirely with federal discretionary funds  
7 appropriated in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, including any funds which  
8 have previously been allocated by the governor but which have not been expended. No state general  
9 funds shall be appropriated for the purpose of constructing the replacement facility.

10       448 Effective Date. Unless otherwise specified, the remainder of this act shall take effect July 1,  
11 2023.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

1. Names the divisions of the department of information technology.
2. Authorizes the department of information technology to fill unfunded positions for the biennium ending June 30, 2025.
3. Broadens the community college system of New Hampshire's dual and concurrent enrollment program and makes an appropriation therefor.
4. Limits retirement system eligibility for full time community college system employees to only those participating prior to January 1, 2024.
5. Makes an appropriation to the university system of New Hampshire for the renovation of the Whittemore Center Arena.
6. Authorizes the liquor commission to transfer funds for its employee incentive program.
7. Establishes new unclassified positions within the department of corrections.
8. Authorizes the department of administrative services to conduct a reallocation of certified corrections officers and internal affairs investigators within the department of corrections and makes an appropriation therefor.
9. Moves positions within the department of corrections from group I to group II status in the New Hampshire retirement system, and removes the position of professional standards director from the department of corrections.
10. Makes certain organizational changes to the office of the commissioner of the department of environmental services.
11. Alters the hearings process within the department of environmental services, for the wetlands council, water council, and air resources council to be under the attorney general.
12. Removes the subsurface systems fund established in RSA 485-A:30, I-b and directs the revenues to the water resources fund.
13. Makes certain changes to, and continuously appropriates, the fees collected for excavating and dredging permits being deposited into the water resources fund.
14. Modifies the wastewater plant operator certification fund to be continuously appropriated.
15. Mandates that applications for aid to municipalities for water pollution control under RSA 486:7 be filed within one year of final completion of the eligible project and makes an appropriation to such program.
16. Clarifies the chargeable area for fees associated with terrain alteration disturbances.
17. Removes certain limitations to the Winnepesaukee River basin control program.
18. Establishes a new chapter regulating PCB assistance, a corresponding fund, and makes an appropriation therefor.

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19. Establishes the InvestNH Program.
20. Makes an appropriation for the Affordable Housing Fund.
21. Repeals statutes related to the advanced manufacturing education advisory council, membership and terms, duties, and the advanced manufacturing education fund.
22. Creates a computer science and STEM administrator for the department of education.
23. Creates a new chapter for a computer science educator program.
24. Creates the establishment of the bridges house special account.
25. Establishes a fund and appropriations for the New Hampshire state prison administered by the department of corrections.
26. Makes an appropriation for the department of corrections IT infrastructure.
27. Makes an appropriation for the department of administrative services to purchase 2 Granite Place, Concord, New Hampshire.
28. Makes an appropriation for the body-worn and dashboard camera fund.
29. Authorizes the Christa McAuliffe memorial.
30. Establishes a commission on New Hampshire civics.
31. Makes an appropriation for expanding the Teacher of the Year program.
32. Creates the northern border alliance program.
33. Modifies the authority and duties of police employees acting within 25 air miles of the border with Canada.
34. Requires the board of tax and land appeals to have at least one member of board be an attorney admitted to practice in New Hampshire.
35. Adjusts the transition provisions for group II service retirement adopted in 2011 over a 10 year period until 2033, and makes general fund appropriations each year to fund the cost of the benefits.
36. Moves the repeal of the interest and dividends tax from 2027 to 2025.
37. Redirects workers' compensation funds from the general fund to a department of labor restricted fund and makes changes to the employer insurance carrier reimbursement process.
38. Alters the nomination process to the labor commissioner penalty appeal board.
39. Authorizes the commissioner of labor to adopt administrative rules to facilitate administration and enforcement of family and medical leave insurance.
40. Alters the composition of the workers' compensation appeal board.
41. Changes the term of office, the process to fill vacancies, and scope of authority of the department of transportation appeals board.

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42. Creates an over-length, over-width, and over-height revolving fund credited to the department of transportation.
43. Authorizes highway surveillance for the security of the Little Bay Bridges in Dover and Newington.
44. Alters the definition of prime wetlands and adjacent buffers for state highway rights-of-way and authorizes the commissioner of transportation to discontinue rights-of-way.
45. Authorizes the department of transportation to charge a credit card use convenience fee for aircraft operating fee transactions.
46. Clarifies the requirements for eligibility for the E-Z Pass transponder road toll discount.
47. Alters the process of the development of the statewide transportation improvement program plan.
48. Alters the process to claim assets which have escheated to the state.
49. Suspends revenue sharing with cities and towns for the biennium ending June 30, 2025.
50. Transfers certain responsibilities of the department of environmental services and the public utilities commission to the department of energy.
51. Directs the department of energy to support offshore wind initiatives.
52. Changes the dates required to submit reports to the department of energy.
53. Increases staff and expenditures at the department of energy.
54. Changes the dates of the quarters for quarterly assessments by the public utilities commission.
55. Enables the commissioner of the department of energy to appoint a general counsel.
56. Removes the statutory fee for record requests from the division of motor vehicles.
57. Allows certain emergency medical care providers to administer Naloxone.
58. Enables the engagement of peer support services following a critical incident or other certain experiences by emergency services providers.
59. Defines what students are eligible for education freedom accounts.
60. Changes the distribution schedule from the education trust fund.
61. Defines episode of treatment in court-ordered placement of children and addresses department of education payment for placement for an episode of treatment.
62. Makes an appropriation to the department of education for the renovation of the Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center in Newport.
63. Revises the formula for calculating adequate education grants and increases the amount of such funding.

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64. Increases chartered public school funding.
65. Repeals the grade 3 statewide education improvement and assessment program data.
66. Provides that appropriations to state agencies for bond insurance and property and casualty insurance shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose.
67. Provides that funds appropriated for state employee medical and surgical benefits shall be nonlapsing.
68. Clarifies administration of the salary adjustment fund and employee benefit adjustment account.
69. Changes the name of the department of administrative services state budget director to the state budget officer.
70. Provides the department of administrative services authority to bill agencies for planning and design costs associated with capital construction projects.
71. Makes an appropriation to the department of administrative services for technology upgrades.
72. Revises the duties and authority of the state commission on aging.
73. Establishes the salary schedule applicable to certain corrections officers.
74. Authorizes the department of administrative services to expend funds appropriated for additional parking for state employees in downtown Concord.
75. Establishes salaries and salary schedules for certain state officers and unclassified employees.
76. Increases the distribution of business profits and business enterprise tax revenues to the education trust fund.
77. Makes an appropriation to the department of health and human services for the Choose Love Program.
78. Allows the department of health and human services to fill unfunded positions.
79. Suspends the foster grandparents program.
80. Suspends the congregate housing and services program.
81. Requires the department of health and human services to raise the income eligibility for elderly and adult clients under the social services block grant program.
82. Suspends the provision of direct and indirect graduate medical education payments to hospitals.
83. Suspends catastrophic aid payments to hospitals.
84. Allows for additional funding for Medicaid to schools.

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85. Requires submission of health facility plans to the division of fire safety.

86. Amends certain powers and responsibilities of the workplace violence prevention and health care workplace safety commission and suspends state participation in the workplace violence prevention and health care workplace safety commission for the biennium ending June 30, 2025.

87. Establishes unclassified positions in the department of health and human services.

88. Authorizes the carry forward of funds for certain services for the developmentally disabled.

89. Limitations on reimbursement of county funds.

90. Makes appropriations to the department of health and human services for programs and systems.

91. Makes appropriations to the department of health and human services for Medicaid provider rate increases.

92. Repeals the department of business and economic affairs programs for college graduate retention incentive partnership (NH GRIP), COVID-19 micro enterprise relief fund, and the package plan program.

93. Revises the workforce development program administration.

94. Provides for public comment at the semi-annual meetings of the agricultural advisory board.

95. Reclassifies and renames positions in the department of justice to unclassified.

96. Establishes a handling charge for the division of charitable trusts.

97. Makes certain changes to the administration of programs within the department of justice.

98. Provides for continued retirement system administration of certain benefit payments to existing beneficiaries.

99. Increases the business finance authority unified contingent credit limit.

100. Revises or removes the regulation by the office of professional licensure and certification (OPLC) of several of the state's occupational regulatory boards and commissions.

101. Makes an appropriation to the New Hampshire retirement system to pay down the unfunded accrued liability.

102. Grants a supplemental allowance in 2023 to be paid by the retirement system to retired group II members' or beneficiaries' allowances. The cost of this supplemental allowance is paid from the state general fund.

103. Requires that the governor publicly post the budget trailer bill on the department of administrative services' website.

104. Requires that the department of administrative services provide reports to the general court on the current estimated general fund appropriation lapse for each fiscal year for the biennium ending June 30, 2025.

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105. Modifies the state agency approval process for short term rentals of equipment for certain state trails, roads, bridges, and related maintenance and use of facilities.

106. Authorizes the governor to draw a warrant to supplement the department of revenue administration's revenue information management system's bond principal and interest payments.

107. Directs the department of agriculture, markets, and food to employ an electronic data processing system for all registrations under its purview and makes an appropriation therefor.

108. Prohibits the disposal of food waste into landfills under certain conditions, adds a new position of waste management specialist III to cover the new prohibited food waste disposal, and makes an appropriation for such position.

109. Changes the name of the PFAS loan fund to the PFAS response fund, and adds duties to the department of environmental services relative to investigating, testing, and monitoring for PFAS in soil, groundwater, surface water, wastewater, air, biota, and other media.

110. Makes an appropriation to the solid waste management fund and targets food waste reduction and diversion.

111. Requires the liquor commission to submit a revised indirect cost allocation plan to the fiscal committee of the general court and the governor and council prior to closing a liquor store.

112. Establishes the land use review docket in the superior court and increases the amount of associate justices of the superior court to 22.

113. Modifies the department of military affairs and veterans services administration of certain fines and programs.

114. Directs the department of corrections to establish and administer an employee recruitment and retention program.

115. Allows the department of corrections to pay certain burial expenses of employees.

116. Makes an appropriation to the department of safety to develop and implement a system to electronically share an individual's bail condition status with law enforcement.

117. Requires the state police to establish a contact person notification program to assist law enforcement personnel who have contact with a person with mental or physical disabilities and makes an appropriation therefor.

118. Adds a new position of academic research and improvement performance data analyst I to the department of education.

119. Makes an appropriation to the department of education for the National Student Clearinghouse Student Tracker Program.

120. Requires the department of education to seek participation in the Medicaid direct certification methodology for school meals program for free and reduced price meals for students in public kindergarten, elementary, and secondary schools.

121. Requires the community college system of New Hampshire to submit a report regarding the math learning communities program and makes an appropriation to support that program.

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122. Makes an appropriation to the community college system of New Hampshire for the implementation of the New Hampshire promise program.

123. Makes an appropriation to the community college system of New Hampshire to expand its workforce credential programs.

124. Modifies for the biennium the income eligibility for child care subsidies provided through programs administered by the department of health and human services.

125. Authorizes the commissioner of the department of health and human services to use TANF funds to avoid a wait list for employment-related child care services.

126. Requires the department of health and human services to set all child care services reimbursement rates for the biennium to match the 75th percentile of market rate survey.

127. Alters the duties and authority of the prescription drug affordability board, and mandates the department of insurance issue a report on the elimination of governmental redundancies related to the collection, analysis, and reporting on prescription drug prices between itself and the prescription drug affordability board by October 1, 2024.

128. Reestablishes and revises the membership and duties of the commission to evaluate the effectiveness and future of the New Hampshire granite advantage health care program. The commission is repealed November 1, 2028; extends the New Hampshire granite advantage health care program by changing the prospective repeal of the program to December 31, 2027; removes the transfer of funds from the alcohol abuse prevention and treatment fund to the granite advantage health care trust fund; and reduces transfers from the liquor commission to the alcohol abuse prevention and treatment fund for fiscal year 2024.

129. Expands Medicaid to include certain postpartum health care services and makes an appropriation to the department of health and human services for this purpose.

130. Directs the department of health and human services to submit state plan amendments under Medicaid and CHIP to provide coverage to children and pregnant women lawfully residing in the United States, and makes an appropriation to the department of health and human services for this purpose.

131. Directs the department of health and human services to purchase a full body scanner from existing appropriations to the youth services center and authorizes the department to transfer funds among class lines within the Sununu youth services account.

132. Establishes a data privacy and information technology security governance board within the department of health and human services to oversee data privacy risk calculation and risk mitigation efforts, and makes an appropriation to the department for 2 classified employees to accomplish these objectives.

133. Makes an appropriation to the department of health and human services to fund the Merrimack, New Hampshire Kidney Incidence Phase 3 Feasibility Study.

134. Transfers funds from the general fund to the highway fund for the 2023 fiscal year.

135. Establishes the cyanobacteria mitigation loan and grant program and the cyanobacteria mitigation fund and makes an appropriation for the fund.

136. Adds chartered public schools to the procedures for consideration, approval, plan requirements, and determination of grants for school building aid.

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137. Increases the eligibility for free school meals to household incomes up to 300 percent of federal poverty guidelines, and provides funding for the additional costs from department of education appropriations.

138. Requires the use of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to construct the youth detention center.