



**State of New Hampshire
Department of Safety
2024 - 2025
Governor's Budget Request
House Bill 2 Items**

**House Finance Division II
Wednesday, March 8, 2023**

BODY-WORN AND DASHBOARD CAMERA FUND - \$1,005,000 in Appropriations

RSA 105-D:3 established a Body-worn and Dashboard Camera fund to encourage local law enforcement agencies to equip officers with body-worn cameras and agency vehicles with dashboard cameras. The fund provides matching grants to local law enforcement agencies to assist with the purchase, maintenance, and replacement of body-worn and dashboard cameras and ongoing costs related to the maintenance and storage of recorded data. Grantees are reimbursed for 50% of the cost, up to a maximum of \$50,000 per entity.

NORTHERN BORDER ALLIANCE PROGRAM - \$1,435,384 in Appropriations

Establishes the Northern Border Alliance Program, administered by the Department of Safety, to make grants available to state, county, and local law enforcement agencies and provide funding for the division of state police, to reduce the instance of crimes and illicit activity in close proximity to the Canadian border. \$619,641 appropriated to NHSP for overtime patrols, training, and equipment and \$815,743 appropriated to fund overtime patrols for other state, county, and local law enforcement officers. Also amends RSA 106-B:12 to grant police operating within 25 miles of the Canadian border with the same powers granted to forest rangers and officials of the division of forest and lands pursuant to RSA 227-G:7 and RSA 227-G:8.

AUXILIARY STATE POLICE

Amends RSA 106-B:19 by eliminating the cap of 16 persons for the Auxiliary State Police Force. These part-time Troopers are utilized to augment full-time Troopers to ensure consistent and timely public safety service delivery.

COPIES OF CERTIFICATES AND MOTOR VEHICLE RECORDS FEE

Amends RSA 260:15 to authorize the Department of Safety to set fees for copies of motor vehicle records for insurance companies or any other authorized agent, through administrative rulemaking. Currently certain fees are defined in statute. Fee increases for all copies of motor vehicle records are required to fund the Division of Fire Safety in FY24/25 using Fire Fund appropriations. The Department intends to align these changes with passage of the FY24/25 Biennial Budget. Without these changes, an alternative source of funds would be required to fund the Division of Fire Safety.

DRIVER HISTORY RECORDS

Amends RSA 260:14-a to authorize the Department of Safety, in certain instances, to provide driver history records to a federal entity. Estimated revenues from this amendment are required to fund the Division of Fire Safety in FY24/25 using Fire Fund appropriations. Without this change, an alternative source of funds would be required to fund the Division of Fire Safety.

House Bill 2 – Summary of Items

RESIDENTIAL CARE AND HEALTH FACILITY INSPECTION

Amends RSA 151:9,II(a) to transfer the requirement to make at least one annual, unannounced inspection of all licensed facilities from the Department of Health and Human Services to the Fire Marshal. Per discussion with DHHS, this function is required to remain with DHHS and this amendment should be removed from HB2.

NEW DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY POSITION – Appropriates \$146K

Establishes and appropriates funds for a new Program Assistant II position within the Division of Fire Safety to manage the new building and fire code amendment process required by the passage of SB 443 during the FY22 legislative session. This position is required to meet this statutory requirement and was unintentionally omitted from the original legislation.

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AUTHORIZATIONS

Allows the Department of Safety to fill unfunded positions, provided total expenditures for such positions do not exceed amounts appropriated for personal services, and to create full-time temporary positions for any positions on military deployment and to transfer funds from Class 010 into Class 059 with approval from the Department of Administrative Services.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM - Appropriates \$2,075,665

RSA 21-P:66 establishes the Substance Abuse Enforcement program to make grants available to county and local law enforcement agencies and provide funding for state police to conduct substance abuse enforcement activities. Grant awards and related patrols are based on intelligence-driven, problem-oriented policing, using statistics and information to place additional police patrol and investigative presence at the locations, times, and places where there have been a significant convergence of motor vehicle crashes, crimes, and drug use, or in corridors known to be used by drug dealers for shipments of illegal drugs into the state. \$289,080 is appropriated to NHSP Narcotics Investigations Unit, \$119,217 is appropriated to NHSP Forensic Lab, and \$1,667,368 is appropriated for grants to local, and county law enforcement. \$103,783 (5%) of all appropriations will be transferred to the Judicial Council in accordance with RSA 604-A:1-c.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND TRAUMA SERVICES

Amends RSA 153-A:2 and RSA 153-A:11 to authorize the administration of Naloxone by individuals without requiring a license. Treats administration of Naloxone in the same manner as use of automated external defibrillation (AED) during emergency situations.

CRITICAL INCIDENT INTERVENTION & MANAGEMENT

Amends RSA 153-A:17-a to authorize employee organizations to establish peer support groups for emergency service providers to provide confidential behavioral health, support services, and serve as a bridge to community resources and formal behavioral health treatment after proper training. Individuals are more likely to participate in peer support when confidentiality can be guaranteed.

SUSPENSION OF RSA 9:9-B, II

For the biennium ending June 30, 2025, suspends statute limiting Department of Safety highway fund allocations to 26% of total gross road toll and motor vehicle fines.

STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (SLCGP) - Appropriates \$2,867,715

Appropriates general funds of \$1,255,500 in FY24 and \$1,612,215 in FY25 to the Department of Safety for the Homeland Security State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program. A total of \$2.4M in federal funding was recently accepted by the Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council to develop and establish appropriate governance structures and improve capabilities to respond to cybersecurity incidents and ensure continuity of operations in state and local governments. Funds are overseen by the NH Cybersecurity Planning Committee (CPC) chaired by the state's Chief Information Officer, Commissioner Denis Goulet and includes representatives from municipalities, counties, higher education, K-12 public education, public health, and public safety.

STATE POLICE CRUISERS - Appropriates \$3,510,000

Appropriates \$3,510,000 of FY23 general funds to the Department of Safety for purchasing 52 State Police cruisers. These purchases are required to resolve aging fleet concerns as a result of budgetary constraints and supply chain shortages that prevented planned vehicle replacements over the last several biennium. These one-time purchases will re-align the health of the State Police fleet and allow for more manageable maintenance and replacement costs over the several next biennium.

HEALTH FACILITY LICENSING INSPECTION

Amends RSA 151:6, II to transfer authority for new construction or facility alteration plans to be submitted to the Division of Fire Safety for preliminary inspection and approval. This function requires (2) new General Fund positions as noted in prioritized needs listing that were unintentionally excluded during the Governor's phase. DHHS has reduced their General Fund appropriations by the same amount making this a budget neutral request.



The Vision of the Department of Safety

To make New Hampshire the safest state in the Nation with the highest quality of life for all.

The Mission of the Department of Safety

The mission of the Department of Safety is to continually enhance the safety, security and quality of life in New Hampshire through professional, collaborative and innovative service to all.

State of New Hampshire
 Department of Safety
 FY24/25 Prioritized Needs Listing
 3/8/2023

Appropriate Funds and Establish Positions for Transfer of HealthCare Facility Inspections											
Division of Fire Safety											
Co	Activity	Acct Unit	Class	2024			2025				
				Budget Amount	Adjustment Amount	Adj Budget Amount	Budget Amount	Adjustment Amount	Adj Budget Amount		
1	0010	2380	50020000	Fire Safety Administration	10	-	113,763	113,763		118,638	118,638
	0010	2380	50020000	Fire Safety Administration	18		5,000	5,000		5,000	5,000
	0010	2380	50020000	Fire Safety Administration	20		1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000
	0010	2380	50020000	Fire Safety Administration	26		1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000
	0010	2380	50020000	Fire Safety Administration	30		500	500		500	500
	0010	2380	50020000	Fire Safety Administration	37		4,000	4,000		-	-
	0010	2380	50020000	Fire Safety Administration	38		1,500	1,500		1,500	1,500
	0010	2380	50020000	Fire Safety Administration	39		2,500	2,500		2,500	2,500
	0010	2380	50020000	Fire Safety Administration	60		64,956	64,956		68,822	68,822
	0010	2380	50020000	Fire Safety Administration	66		500	500		500	500
	0010	2380	50020000	Fire Safety Administration	70		9,000	9,000		9,000	9,000
						SFY 2024 Exp Total	203,719		SFY 2025 Exp Total	208,460	
						General Fund	203,719		General Fund	208,460	
						Highway Fund			Highway Fund		

(2) NEW FT Program Specialist III - HB2 transfers authority for HealthCare facility new construction and alteration plans for preliminary inspection and approval from DHHS to FSFTY. These GF positions are required to perform this function. DHHS abolished 2 positions and reduced their GF draws by this amount. Creation of these positions and costs was missed during the Governor's Phase.

Fund (4) Existing Vacant Positions at DMV											
Division of Motor Vehicle											
Co	Activity	Acct Unit	Class	2024			2025				
				Budget Amount	Adjustment Amount	Adj Budget Amount	Budget Amount	Adjustment Amount	Adj Budget Amount		
2	15	2330	2315000	Financial Responsibility	10	971,814	125,631	1,097,445	992,561	130,199	1,122,760
	15	2330	2315000	Financial Responsibility	60	678,251	91,478	769,729	712,647	96,887	809,534
						SFY 2024 Exp Total	217,109		SFY 2025 Exp Total	227,086	
				009	Agency Income	217,109	-	Agency Income	227,086	-	

(4) EXISTING Data Control Clerk III positions - required to prevent delays in processing driver history records. Essential to timely and accurate processing of accident reports, plea by mail tickets and working multiple online exception queues.

Fund (4) Existing Vacant Positions at HSEM											
Division of Homeland Security											
Co	Activity	Acct Unit	Class	2024			2025				
				Budget Amount	Adjustment Amount	Adj Budget Amount	Budget Amount	Adjustment Amount	Adj Budget Amount		
3	10	2360	27400000	Emergency Mgmt Admin	10	1,346,134	82,476	1,428,610	1,369,942	85,684	1,455,626
	10	2360	27400000	Emergency Mgmt Admin	60	963,460	73,798	1,037,258	1,008,063	78,327	1,086,390
						SFY 2024 Exp Total	156,274		SFY 2025 Exp Total	164,011	
				000	Federal Funds	54,696		Federal Funds	57,404		
				005	Private Local Funds	46,882		Private Local Funds	49,203		
					Agency Income	General Fund	54,696		General Fund	57,404	-

(1) EXISTING Program Specialist I and (1) existing Program Assistant II - positions required to conduct trainings and exercises, respond timely to Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) inquiries from communities within the EPZ, and process community reimbursements, federal draws, and federal reporting.

Fund (3) NEW Positions in State Police-Forensic lab												
Division of State Police												
2024												
2025												
Co	Activity	Acct Unit		Class	Budget Amount	Adjustment Amount	Adj Budget Amount	Budget Amount	Adjustment Amount	Adj Budget Amount		
4	0015	2340	56380000	Forensic Lab	10	3,386,166	156,188	3,542,354	3,448,198	162,247	3,610,445	(3) NEW Criminalist I - The turnaround time between receipt of a biology request in the lab to the issuance of a report, has more than tripled since 2012 due to lack of staffing. (2) NEW Criminalists are needed to Implementation new technologies to meet goal of turning cases around in 30 days. (1) NEW Criminalist is needed in the Tox Lab to address increased demand for services and testing of new drug substances.
	0015	2340	56380000	Forensic Lab	60	1,871,116	97,883	1,968,999	1,960,545	103,818	2,064,363	
						SFY 2024 Exp Total	254,071		SFY 2025 Exp Total	266,065		
						General Fund	165,146		General Fund	172,942		
						Highway Fund	88,925		Highway Fund	93,123		

Fund (1) NEW Position in Digital Evidence Unit												
Division of State Police												
2024												
2025												
Co	Activity	Acct Unit		Class	Budget Amount	Adjustment Amount	Adj Budget Amount	Budget Amount	Adjustment Amount	Adj Budget Amount		
5	0015	2340	40030000	Traffic Bureau	10	12,806,594	44,129	12,850,723	13,043,038	45,816	13,088,854	(1) NEW Program Specialist II - The Digital Evidence Unit within the State Police was created to support the management of digital evidence created by the implementation of Body and Cruiser cameras. Processing body/cruiser camera video, namely the redaction thereof for the purpose of public release and/or discovery requests in a criminal case is expected to be exponentially high requiring additional resources.
	0015	2340	40030000	Traffic Bureau	60	7,520,064	30,972	7,551,036	7,782,877	32,811	7,815,688	
						SFY 2024 Exp Total	75,101		SFY 2025 Exp Total	78,627		
						General Fund	25,535		General Fund	26,733		
						Highway Fund	30,791		Highway Fund	32,237		
						Turnpike Fund	18,775		Turnpike Fund	19,657		

Fund (1) NEW Position in Human Resources Bureau												
Division of Administration												
2024												
2025												
Co	Activity	Acct Unit		Class	Budget Amount	Adjustment Amount	Adj Budget Amount	Budget Amount	Adjustment Amount	Adj Budget Amount		
6	0015	2320	21920000	Human Resources	10	564,820	47,873	612,693	582,596	49,860	632,456	(1) NEW Human Resources Coordinator II - to provide judgment-based decisions and provide oversight of the payroll function and part-time HR employees. Bureau is responsible for all transactions that impact employee pay and benefits for over 2,000 DOS employees across 5 Collective Bargaining Units including sworn and civilian
	0015	2320	21920000	Human Resources	60	404,969	31,785	436,754	426,718	33,689	460,407	
						SFY 2024 Exp Total	79,658		SFY 2025 Exp Total	83,549		
				003	Revolving Fund	11,948		Revolving Fund	12,533			
				009	Agency Income	26,287		Agency Income	27,571			
					General Fund	19,915		General Fund	20,887			
					Highway Fund	21,508		Highway Fund	22,558			

Additional Credit card fees
Division of Motor Vehicle

						2024			2025				
Co	Activity	Acct Unit		Class	Budget Amount	Adjustment Amount	Adj Budget Amount	Budget Amount	Adjustment Amount	Adj Budget Amount			
7	0010	2340	30980000	Credit Card Fees	20	400,000	286,000	686,000	400,000	293,000	693,000	To increase credit card fee expenses due to increase usage and fee increases.	
						SFY 2024 Exp Total	286,000		SFY 2025 Exp Total	293,000			
				Agency Income	009	407017	286,000		Agency Income	293,000			
Fund (3) NEW Instructor positions Fire Standard and Training & EMS													
Division of Fire Standard and EMS Training													
						2024			2025				
Co	Activity	Acct Unit		Class	Budget Amount	Adjustment Amount	Adj Budget Amount	Budget Amount	Adjustment Amount	Adj Budget Amount			
8	0010	2370	40650000	FSTEM Admin	10	2,260,882	153,192	2,414,074	2,302,566	159,552	2,462,118	(3) NEW Fire Service Instructors - Respond to increased demand for additional Firefighter I and II courses provided across New Hampshire and add instructional staff to deliver these programs. These initial certification programs are the foundational education for firefighters to respond to incidents in a safe and effective manner and required to achieve FT Firefighter status in NH.	
	0010	2370	40650000	FSTEM Admin	60	1,485,935	121,656	1,607,591	1,553,352	112,836	1,666,188		
	0010	2370	40650000	FSTEM Admin	18	115,000	30,000	145,000	115,000	30,000	145,000		
	0010	2370	40650000	FSTEM Admin	20	343,502	6,000	349,502	353,850	4,500	358,350		
	0010	2370	40650000	FSTEM Admin	37	48,000	4,500	52,500			-		
	0010	2370	40650000	FSTEM Admin	38	353,636	1,500	355,136			-		
	0010	2370	40650000	FSTEM Admin	39	65,000	1,800	66,800	65,000	1,800	66,800		
	0010	2370	40650000	FSTEM Admin	70	78,500	9,000	87,500	78,500	9,000	87,500		
						SFY 2024 Exp Total	327,648		SFY 2025 Exp Total	317,688			
				Revolving Fund	003	Revolving Fund	327,648		Revolving Fund	317,688			
Fund (1) NEW Program Assistant Position in Fire Marshal Office													
Division of Fire Safety													
						2024			2025				
Co	Activity	Acct Unit		Class	Budget Amount	Adjustment Amount	Adj Budget Amount	Budget Amount	Adjustment Amount	Adj Budget Amount			
9	0010	2380	66310000	Fire Safety Administration	10	1,551,095	37,596	1,588,691	1,584,685	39,040	1,623,725	(1) NEW Program Assistant II - This position is critical for planning, organizing, and coordinating division administrative rules and processing and responding to requests for information complying with RSA 91-A. 91-A requests alone have increased over the last few years. In 2020 we received 132 91-A requests. In 2021 we received 159 91-A requests, and we are on track to receive 197 in 2022. This equates to nearly a 50% increase since 2020.	
	0010	2380	66310000	Fire Safety Administration	60	1,205,090	29,554	1,234,644	1,256,205	31,340	1,287,545		
	0010	2380	66310000	Fire Safety Administration	37	8,000	1,800	9,800			-		
	0010	2380	66310000	Fire Safety Administration	38	9,500	500	10,000	9,500	500	10,000		
	0010	2380	66310000	Fire Safety Administration	39	45,600	500	46,100			-		
	0010	2380	66310000	Fire Safety Administration	20	225,780	2,500	228,280	228,445	2,500	230,945		
						SFY 2024 Exp Total	72,450		SFY 2025 Exp Total	73,380			
				003	Revolving Fund		72,450		Revolving Fund	73,380			
Fund Security Enhancement DMV													
Division of Motor Vehicle													
						2024			2025				
Co	Activity	Acct Unit		Class	Budget Amount	Adjustment Amount	Adj Budget Amount	Budget Amount	Adjustment Amount	Adj Budget Amount			
10	0015	2330	29260000	Operations	50	525,000	164,886	689,886	525,000	167,209	692,209	In response to an uptick in volatile situations at DMV locations in NH the DMV plans to install protective glass at approximately 60 DMV customer counters around the state. Additional part-time funding will be utilized to hire 5 plain clothes, unarmed security monitors to be present in NH DMV lobbies with a higher volume of customers. In FY22, NH DMVs around the state conducted over 383,000 in-person transactions at 14 locations.	
	0015	2330	29260000	Operations	60	2,533,855	12,614	2,546,469	2,669,517	12,791	2,682,308		
	0015	2330	29260000	Operations	48	80,293	200,000	280,293	-	-	-		
	0015	2330	29260000	Operations	30	27,400	12,000	39,400	27,400	-	27,400		
						SFY 2024 Exp Total	389,500		SFY 2025 Exp Total	180,000			
				009	Agency Income		389,500		Agency Income	180,000			
Dunf NEW DMV Plymouth Location													
Division of Motor Vehicle													

						2024			2025			
Co	Activity	Acct Unit		Class	Budget Amount	Adjustment Amount	Adj Budget Amount	Budget Amount	Adjustment Amount	Adj Budget Amount		
11	0015	2330	29260000	Operations	10	3,421,816	70,387	3,492,203	3,501,167	73,007	3,574,174	A new Plymouth DMV substation would decrease customer wait times in both Concord and Tamworth locations which both experience a high average wait time. decreased travel time for customers residing in the Lakes Region. (1) SCTO and (1) CTO I required to minimally staff new location.
	0015	2330	29260000	Operations	60	2,533,855	58,065	2,591,920	2,669,517	61,579	2,731,096	
	0015	2330	29260000	Operations	103			-	192,000	475,000	667,000	
						SFY 2024 Exp Total	128,452		SFY 2025 Exp Total	609,586		
				009	Agency Income		128,452		Agency Income	609,586		
Fund (17) Previously Unfunded Trooper Positions												
Division of State Police												
						2024			2025			
Co	Activity	Acct Unit		Class	Budget Amount	Adjustment Amount	Adj Budget Amount	Budget Amount	Adjustment Amount	Adj Budget Amount		
12a	0015	2340	40030000	Traffic Bureau	10	12,806,594	668,439	13,475,033	13,043,038	695,319	13,738,357	Expand public safety patrols in Troop A (Epping), Troop B (Bedford), and Troop D (Concord). These positions reduce public safety response time, officer safety concerns, and mental health and well-being concerns for existing Troopers.
	0015	2340	40030000	Traffic Bureau	60	7,520,064	358,693	7,878,757	7,782,877	377,016	8,159,893	
						SFY 2024 Exp Total	1,027,132		SFY 2025 Exp Total	1,072,335		
						General Fund	349,225		General Fund	364,594		
						Highway Fund	421,124		Highway Fund	439,657		
						Turnpike Fund	256,783		Turnpike Fund	268,084		
Division of State Police												
						2024			2025			
Co	Activity	Acct Unit		Class	Budget Amount	Adjustment Amount	Adj Budget Amount	Budget Amount	Adjustment Amount	Adj Budget Amount		
12b	0015	2340	40100000	Enforcement	10	6,655,193	195,998	6,851,191	6,808,204	204,098	7,012,302	Expand public safety patrols in Troop C (Keene), Troop E (Tamworth), and Troop F (Twin Mt). These positions reduce public safety response time, officer safety concerns, and mental health and well-being concerns for existing Troopers.
	0015	2340	40100000	Enforcement	60	3,708,337	106,651	3,814,988	3,841,837	112,093	3,953,930	
						SFY 2024 Exp Total	302,649		SFY 2025 Exp Total	316,191		
						General Fund	54,477		General Fund	56,914		
						Highway Fund	248,172		Highway Fund	259,277		
Division of State Police												
						2024			2025			
Co	Activity	Acct Unit		Class	Budget Amount	Adjustment Amount	Adj Budget Amount	Budget Amount	Adjustment Amount	Adj Budget Amount		
12c	0015	2340	23050000	Commercial Enforcement	10	3,456,057	239,907	3,695,964	3,510,174	249,507	3,759,681	Expand public safety patrols in Troop G (Statewide Commercial Enforcement). These positions reduce public safety response time, officer safety concerns, and mental health and well-being concerns for existing Troopers.
	0015	2340	23050000	Commercial Enforcement	60	2,007,898	135,144	2,143,042	2,082,732	142,004	2,224,736	
						SFY 2024 Exp Total	375,051		SFY 2025 Exp Total	391,511		
						General Fund	105,014		General Fund	109,623		
						Highway Fund	270,037		Highway Fund	281,888		