LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Bill as Introduced

SB 153-FN-A - AS INTRODUCED

2023 SESSION

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SENATE BILL ***153-FN-A***

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COMMITTEE: Education

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2 New Subdivision; First Responder Career Development, Recruitment, and Retention Program. Amend RSA 188-F by inserting after section 69 the following new subdivision:

First Responder Career Development, Recruitment, and Retention Program

188-F:70 Program Established.

I. There is hereby established in the community college system of New Hampshire the New Hampshire first responder career development, recruitment, and retention program. To the extent of available funds, New Hampshire law enforcement officers, professional firefighters, and emergency medical technicians may receive reimbursement, upon successful completion, for the cost of one course per semester, including required fees, in a degree program at an institution in the community college system as approved for that individual upon recommendation of the person's supervisor and the committee. Such courses may be in any field leading to a degree in an area of study approved by the commission.

II. Upon employment by a New Hampshire fire service, a graduate of the New Hampshire fire academy, with the recommendation of the employee's supervisor and the approval of the committee, shall receive full reimbursement for the cost of the academy.

188-F:71 First Responder Career Development, Recruitment, and Retention Program Committee Established.

I. There is hereby established the first responder career development, recruitment, and retention program committee. The member of the committee shall be as follows:

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II. The committee shall establish criteria and procedures for approval of requests for course reimbursement, allocation of available funds, and student debt payment.

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IV. The committee shall report annually to the governor, president of the senate, and speaker of the house of representatives. The report shall include information regarding participation in the program, completion of courses, student debt relief, fire academy tuition reimbursement, and data and other information relative to recruitment and retention, and shall make recommendations for legislation relative to the program, and resources needed to achieve its goals.

188-F:72 First Responders Career Development, Recruitment, and Retention Fund Established. There is hereby established in the state treasury a fund to be known as the first responders career development, recruitment, and retention fund. The fund shall be administered by the community college system of New Hampshire. The fund shall be nonlapsing and continually appropriated to the community college system to support the program established in this subdivision. The community college system shall establish procedures for receiving and disbursing funds, and it shall report to the committee established in RSA 188-F:71 on the operation of the fund. The fund may accept state or federal appropriations or grants, or gifts, grants, or donations from any other source.

3 Community College System of New Hampshire; Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated to the community college system of New Hampshire the sum of $2,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. This sum shall be in addition to any other sums appropriated to the community college system. Funds shall be used to support the first responder career development, recruitment, and retention program established in RSA 188-F:70. Of the sum appropriated, up to $1,750,000

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Expenditures	$0	No More Than $2,000,000		
Funding Source:	[X] General [ ] Education [ ] Highway [X] Other - First Responders Career Development, Recruitment, and Retention Fund			

METHODOLOGY:

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Community College System of New Hampshire

SB 153-FN-A - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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supervisor and the approval of the committee, shall receive full reimbursement for the cost of the academy not covered by other funding sources.

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Community College System of New Hampshire

Amendments

Sen. Watters, Dist 4
January 23, 2023
2023-0094s
04/07

Amendment to SB 153-FN-A

Amend RSA 188-F:70 as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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Amend RSA 188-F:71, I as inserted by section 2 of the bill by inserting after subparagraph (i) the following new subparagraph:

(j) Three educators from the community college system of New Hampshire, appointed by the chancellor of the community college system of New Hampshire.

Amend the bill by replacing section 3 with the following:

3 Community College System of New Hampshire; Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated to the community college system of New Hampshire the sum of $2,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. This sum shall be in addition to any other sums appropriated to the community college system. Such appropriation shall not lapse. Funds shall be used to support the first responder career development, recruitment, and retention program established in RSA 188-F:70. Of the sum appropriated, up to $1,500,000 shall be used for course reimbursement under the program and up to $500,000 shall be used for New Hampshire fire academy cost reimbursement. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not

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Sen. Watters, Dist 4
February 2, 2023
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Sen. Watters, Dist 4
March 14, 2023
2023-0988s
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Floor Amendment to SB 153-FN-A

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

AN ACT establishing a law enforcement officers, professional firefighters, and emergency medical technicians career development, recruitment, and retention program and making an appropriation therefor.

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

1 Findings. The general court finds that New Hampshire law enforcement officers, professional firefighters, and emergency medical technicians are dedicated professionals whose careers should be supported through educational opportunities. Career development is essential for enhancing public safety, and the state of New Hampshire should provide educational support to law enforcement officers, professional firefighters, and emergency medical technicians. Due to changes in technology, challenges arising from the opioid crisis, mental health impacts, and the increased complexity of practices, management, and interactions with the public, New Hampshire needs to ensure law enforcement officers, professional firefighters, and emergency medical technicians can gain necessary skills through degree programs. Recruitment and retention in the workforce are essential as municipalities face retirements, changing demographics, and increasing competition for highly trained professionals. It is also a public good to encourage New Hampshire graduates to pursue careers as police officers and firefighters and to commit to careers in the state.

2 New Subdivision; Law Enforcement Officers, Professional Firefighters, and Emergency Medical Technicians Career Development, Recruitment, and Retention Program. Amend RSA 188-F by inserting after section 69 the following new subdivision:

Law Enforcement Officers, Professional Firefighters, and Emergency Medical Technicians Career Development, Recruitment, and Retention Program

188-F:70 Program Established.

I. There is hereby established in the community college system of New Hampshire the New Hampshire law enforcement officers, professional firefighters, and emergency medical technicians career development, recruitment, and retention program. To the extent of available funds, New Hampshire law enforcement officers, professional firefighters, and emergency medical technicians may receive reimbursement, upon successful completion, for the cost of one course per semester, including required fees, in a degree program at an institution in the community college system as

approved for that individual upon recommendation of the person's supervisor and the committee. Such courses may be in any field leading to a degree in an area of study approved by the commission.

II. Upon employment by a New Hampshire fire service, a graduate of the New Hampshire fire academy, or the entity that paid for the cost, with the recommendation of the employee's supervisor and the approval of the committee, shall receive full reimbursement for the cost of the academy not covered by other funding sources.

188-F:71 Law Enforcement Officers, Professional Firefighters, and Emergency Medical Technicians Career Development, Recruitment, and Retention Program Committee Established.

I. There is hereby established the law enforcement officers, professional firefighters, and emergency medical technicians career development, recruitment, and retention program committee. The member of the committee shall be as follows:

(a) The commissioner of the New Hampshire department of safety, or designee. The commissioner, or designee, shall serve as chairperson of the committee.

(b) The chancellor of the community college system of New Hampshire, or designee.

(c) The director of the New Hampshire police standards and training council, or designee.

(d) The director of the New Hampshire Fire Academy, or designee.

(e) The president of the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police, or designee.

(f) The president of the New Hampshire Police Association, or designee.

(g) The president of the New Hampshire state police union, or designee.

(h) The president of the Professional Firefighters of New Hampshire, or designee.

(i) The president of the New Hampshire Association of Emergency Medical Technicians, or designee.

(j) The president of the New Hampshire Association of Fire Chiefs, or designee.

(k) Three educators from the community college system of New Hampshire, appointed by the chancellor of the community college system of New Hampshire.

II. The committee shall establish criteria and procedures for approval of requests for course reimbursement, allocation of available funds, and student debt payment.

III. The community college system shall determine the number of credits and the course equivalents granted for graduation from the New Hampshire police standards and training council and the New Hampshire fire academy.

IV. The committee shall report annually to the governor, president of the senate, and speaker of the house of representatives. The report shall include information regarding participation in the program, completion of courses, student debt relief, fire academy tuition reimbursement, and data and other information relative to recruitment and retention, and shall make recommendations for legislation relative to the program, and resources needed to achieve its goals.

188-F:72 Law Enforcement Officers, Professional Firefighters, and Emergency Medical Technicians Career Development, Recruitment, and Retention Fund Established. There is hereby established in the state treasury a fund to be known as the law enforcement officers, professional firefighters, and emergency medical technicians career development, recruitment, and retention fund. The fund shall be administered by the community college system of New Hampshire. The fund shall be nonlapsing and continually appropriated to the community college system to support the program established in this subdivision. The community college system shall establish procedures for receiving and disbursing funds, and it shall report to the committee established in RSA 188-F:71 on the operation of the fund. The fund may accept state or federal appropriations or grants, or gifts, grants, or donations from any other source.

3 Community College System of New Hampshire; Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated to the community college system of New Hampshire the sum of $2,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. This sum shall be in addition to any other sums appropriated to the community college system. Funds shall be used to support the law enforcement officers, professional firefighters, and emergency medical technicians career development, recruitment, and retention program established in RSA 188-F:70. Of the sum appropriated, up to $1,750,000 shall be used for course reimbursement under the program and up to $250,000 shall be used for New Hampshire fire academy cost reimbursement. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

4 Effective Date.

I. Section 3 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

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

Committee Minutes

SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE
Education

Sen Ruth Ward, Chair
Sen Carrie Gendreau, Vice Chair
Sen Timothy Lang, Member
Sen Suzanne Prentiss, Member
Sen Donovan Fenton, Member

Date: January 31, 2023

HEARINGS

Tuesday	02/07/2023	
(Day)	(Date)	
Education	Legislative Office Building 101	9:00 a.m.
(Name of Committee)	(Place)	(Time)

9:00 a.m.	**SB 153-FN-A**	establishing a first responder career development, recruitment, and retention program, and making an appropriation therefor.
09:15 a.m.	**SB 154-FN**	relative to tuition waivers for children in guardianships after being in state foster care.
09:30 a.m.	**SB 214-FN-A**	establishing a department of early childhood education and relative to a pre-kindergarten pilot program.
09:45 a.m.	**SB 215-FN**	relative to nursing certification requirements.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

Sponsors:

SB 153-FN-A

Sen. Watters	Sen. D'Allesandro	Sen. Fenton	Sen. Perkins Kwoka
Sen. Rosenwald	Sen. Birdsell	Sen. Chandley	Sen. Carson
Sen. Abbas	Sen. Ricciardi	Sen. Soucy	Sen. Whitley
Sen. Prentiss	Rep. Ladd	Rep. Soucy	Rep. Roy
Rep. Harriott-Gathright			

SB 154-FN

Sen. Carson	Sen. Birdsell	Sen. Whitley

SB 214-FN-A

Sen. Whitley	Sen. Perkins Kwoka	Sen. Watters	Sen. Chandley
Sen. Fenton	Sen. Prentiss	Rep. Myler	Rep. Wallner
Rep. Luneau			

SB 215-FN

Sen. D'Allesandro	Sen. Lang	Rep. N. Murphy

Peter Mulvey 271-4063

Ruth Ward
Chairman

Senate Education Committee

Peter Mulvey 271-4063

SB 153-FN-A, establishing a first responder career development, recruitment, and retention program, and making an appropriation therefor.

Hearing Date: February 7, 2023

Time Opened: 9:00 a.m. **Time Closed:** 9:24 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Ward, Gendreau, Lang, Prentiss and Fenton

Members of the Committee Absent: None

Bill Analysis: This bill establishes a first responder career development, recruitment, and retention program in the community college system, and makes an appropriation for the program.

Sponsors:

Sen. Watters	Sen. D'Allesandro	Sen. Fenton
Sen. Perkins Kwoka	Sen. Rosenwald	Sen. Birdsell
Sen. Chandley	Sen. Carson	Sen. Abbas
Sen. Ricciardi	Sen. Soucy	Sen. Whitley
Sen. Prentiss	Rep. Ladd	Rep. Soucy
Rep. Roy	Rep. Harriott-Gathright	

Who supports the bill: Sen. David Watters, Shannon Reid, Adam Schmidt, James Demers, Brian Ryll, Marc Beaudoin, John McAllister, Sen. Cindy Rosenwald, Sen. Donna Soucy, Ashley MacKinnon, Sen. Rebecca Perkins Kwoka, Deborah Pendergast, and Susan Liebowitz.

Who opposes the bill: Cindy Kudlik.

Who is neutral on the bill: None.

Summary of testimony presented:

Sen. David Watters

NH District 4

- SB 153-FN was manufactured to establish and appropriate funding for a first responder career development plan.
- Sen. Watters identified two reasons for SB 153-FNs existence:

1.) Career development for police, EMS, and fire department professionals.
2.) Advancement and enhancement of the training available in the state.

- Sen. Watters recognized the professionalism of these public service providers, speaking to how the state is obligated to support their careers and service.
- Given the intensity of the extraordinary work preformed by fire, police, and EMS, many will experience chronic pain and physical deterioration requiring career adjustment later in life. Therefor, further education and support is suitable to facilitate those changes.
- Sen. Watters spoke of the LEACT Commission, which made recommendations to utilize education as a tool for professionalization of fire, police, and EMS.
- Sen. Watters identified the advantages SB 153-FN provides in terms of labor recruitment and retention.
- It was reported that 70 troopers left the State Police last year, reducing the force by 20%.
- Reduced staffing created a situation where the maintenance of public safety became even more difficult.
- Sen. Watters believed the implications of these shortages to be critical given the reliance on State Police and their many responsibilities.
- The Community College System of New Hampshire (*CCSNH*) will administer the career development and recruitment plan.
- Sen. Watters clarified several changes to be made to SB 153-FN:
  1.) The term '*police*' is to be replaced with the more encompassing term '*law enforcement officers*' so that corrections officers and others may be eligible.
  2.) The statement "*or the entity which paid for the cost* (education and training) *may receive reimbursement upon successful completion* (of education and training) *to the cost of one course per semester including required fees*" is to be added.
  3.) The career development and recruitment plan will accommodate any course offered at a CCSNH institution which contributes towards accreditation or certification of any eligible individual.
- Sen. Watters rationalized this broad approach by recognizing the wide-ranging responsibilities of first responders, including but not limited to accounting, information technology/security, and administration.
- Lines 25-27 of SB 153-FN guaranteed reimbursement for those enrolled in fire academies at the recommendation of a supervisor and following the approval of the committee established by SB 153-FN.
- Sen. Watters clarified that this funding may also be directed towards organizations sponsoring the education of employees.
- Sen. Watters further elaborated that in some instances, other funding programs cover partial costs of attendance for these institutions. Sen. Watters identified that in those situations, the reimbursement only covers the remaining amount.
- Sen. Watters pointed out a mistake in line (g) of amendment 0290s. The term '*state police union*' is to be substituted by "*troopers association*".
- Several entities are to be included on the committee: NH Department of Safety Commissioner or designee as committee chair, CCSNH Chancellor or designee, NH Police Standards and Training Council Director or designee, NH Fire Academy Director or designee, NH Association of Chiefs of Police President or designee, NH Trooper Association President or designee, Professional Fire Fighters of NH President or

designee, NH Association of Emergency Medical Technicians President or designee, and NH Association of Fire Chiefs President or designee.

- Sen. Watters pointed to Lines 14 and 15 of SB 153-FN as a critical provision enabling the Committee to determine the criteria and procedures for request of reimbursement.
- Lines 16-18 mandate the Committee to work with CCSNH so their accreditation is compatible with the Fire Academy curriculum.
- Line 25 established funding, administered by CCSNH, under a framework similar to the pre-existing dual enrollment model offered by CCSNH.
- $1.5 million is appropriated for police and $500,000 for fire and EMT services.
- Sen. Gendreau questioned if Department of Public Works employees would be incorporated into the bill, under the impression that many consider those individuals to be first responders.
    - Sen. Watters replied by saying there are complicating factors related to their incorporation. Sen. Watters stressed that a manageable scale and scope was necessary to make SB 153-FN feasible.
- Sen. Gendreau followed up by noting that many towns in the First District engage in cross-department training.
    - Sen. Watters replied that perhaps the Committee could be tasked into looking into that issue and evaluating those individuals' eligibility.
- Sen. Lang asked how the Committee and program would reconcile for the Fire Academy's lack of self-funding. Specifically, Police Academy funds are infused with revenue from ticketing and enforcement, whereas such an apparatus is nonexistent for the fire service. Sen. Lang was curious if other agencies would fund the Fire Academy and if the $250,000 detailed in SB 153-FN would be going towards that agency.
    - Sen. Watters pointed to Amendment 0094s, which raised the figure in question to $500,000.
    - Sen. Watters said that, according to Sen. Prentiss, the Fire Academy does in actuality have a funding source, although it does not cover full cost and is not the same model as the Police Academy's ticket-revenue.
- Sen. Lang asked if the intention of SB 153-FN is to reimburse those who financed education beyond the Fire Academy, or if the reimbursement is for enrollment at the Academy itself.
    - Sen. Watters said the provision in question is intended to address the cost of the Fire Academy itself.

James Demers

Representing the NH Police Association

- Mr. Demers confirmed that the State Police have 70 vacancies, considerably a dire situation for the State.
- Mr. Demers identified the recruitment of new officers as being significantly lower than in years prior.
- Mr. Demers suggested that benefits are effectively their main source of recruitment and their competitive edge against other states for labor.

- The social and behavioral science programs offered by CCSNH were lauded as being outstanding, and are valuable to law enforcement, homeland security employees, and social workers.
- Mr. Demers said the NH Police Association fully supports SB 153-FN.

John McAllister

Secretary-Treasurer, PFFNH

- PFFNH represents over 2,000 retired and active fire fighters across the state.
- Mr. McAllister said that recruitment is down for the fire service.
- Mr. McAllister revealed there were over 500 Candidate Physical Ability Test applicants annually for the last decade; now there are less than 150 candidates.
- It was reported that local fire departments are sharing personnel among stations to cope with labor shortages.
- Sen. Fenton asked what the starting average pay would be for a fire fighter in New Hampshire.
    - Mr. McAllister offered an approximation of $45,000.

PM
Date Hearing Report completed: February 9, 2023

Speakers

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Date 02/07/23 Time 9:00 a.m. Public Hearing on **SB 153-FN-A**

Establishing a first responder career development, recruitment, and retention program, and making an appropriation therefor.

Please check box(es) that apply.

SPEAKING	*FAVOR*	*OPPOSED*	*NAME (Please print)*	*REPRESENTING*
☑	☑	☐	Sen. David Watters	SD 4
☐	☑	☐	Shannon Reid	CCSNH
☐	☑	☐	Adam Schmidt	NH Association of Fire Chiefs
☑	☑	☐	Jim Demers	
☐	☑	☐	Brian Ryll	PFFNH
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Senate Remote Testify

Education Committee Testify List for Bill SB153 on 2023-02-07

Support: 7 Oppose: 1

Name	Title	Representing	Position
Rosenwald, Cindy	An Elected Official	SD 13	Support
Kudlik, Cindy	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose
soucy, donna	An Elected Official	SD 18	Support
MacKinnon, Ashley	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Reid, CCSNH, Shannon	A Lobbyist	Community College System of New Hampshire	Support
Perkins Kwoka, Senator Rebecca	An Elected Official	Myself	Support
Pendergast, Deborah	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Liebowitz, Susan	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support

Testimony

PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS
OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Senate Education Committee
New Hampshire State House
107 N. Main Street
Concord, NH 03301

RE: Testimony in support of SB153, *establishing a first responder career development, recruitment, and retention program, and making an appropriation therefor.*

Dear Chairwoman Ward and Members of the Committee,

My name is Brian Ryll and I serve as the President of the Professional Fire Fighters of New Hampshire and am a Captain for the Portsmouth Fire Department. The Professional Fire Fighters of New Hampshire is a state association representing 42 local unions, and approximately 2,000 active and retired professional fire fighters and paramedics across the Granite State. Today I write to you in support of SB153, *establishing a first responder career development, recruitment, and retention program, and making an appropriation therefor.*

In August of last year Department of Safety Commissioner Robert Quinn and the Ad Hoc Committee on Fire & Emergency Medical Services recruitment and retention released their findings in the "Recruitment and Retention Report and Recommendations." The results, although eye-opening, were not surprising. New Hampshire is facing systemic recruitment and retention challenges like none we have ever seen.

The report shows a pressing need to address these challenges, which are exacerbated by the retirement of personnel, changing demographics, and increased competition for highly trained professionals. To make matters worse, fire departments are struggling to fill vacant positions in large part due to the decreased number of applicants taking the state entrance exam. In the mid to late 2000's, this exam saw well over 500 registered candidates, compared to the 200-250 that it sees now.

The New Hampshire Fire Academy provides the Firefighter I and Firefighter II curriculum that the state requires to become a professional firefighter. And historically, the fire service has marketed itself as a trade that is attractive to those fresh out of college or high school. But oftentimes the cost to attend these courses is a deterrent to these young adults, further contributing to the recruitment difficulties.

PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SB153 works towards a solution to this problem. By establishing a first responder career development, recruitment, and retention program in the community college system, we can continue to market the profession and encourage young adults to follow their dreams of becoming a firefighter - regardless of their financial status. As our profession continues to evolve, so must we. And finding new and innovative ways to attract young, healthy motivated talent into the fire service is key.

This bill is a step in the right direction by offering fire fighters and EMTs the opportunity to receive reimbursement for the cost of tuition and fees for courses in eligible degree programs, as well as full reimbursement for the cost of the fire academy. This will help ease any financial worries a young recruit might have when deciding whether or not to pursue a career as a fire fighter or EMT.

We fully support the concept that this legislation provides and we ask the honorable members of the committee to support it as well.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Ryll
President
Professional Fire Fighters of NH

Voting Sheets

Senate Education Committee
EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD
2023-2024 Session

Bill # SB 153

Hearing date:

Executive Session date: 3/7

Motion of: Re Refer **Vote:** 5-0

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
Sen. Ward, Chair	X			X	
Sen. Gendreau, Vice Chair	X			X	
Sen. Lang	X	X		X	
Sen. Prentiss	X			X	
Sen. Fenton	X			X	

Motion of: Consent **Vote:** 5-0

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
Sen. Ward, Chair				X	
Sen. Gendreau, Vice Chair				X	
Sen. Lang				X	
Sen. Prentiss		X		X	
Sen. Fenton			X	X	

Motion of: _____ **Vote:** _____

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
Sen. Ward, Chair					
Sen. Gendreau, Vice Chair					
Sen. Lang					
Sen. Prentiss					
Sen. Fenton					

Reported out by: Sen. Prentiss

Notes: _____

Senate Finance Committee

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bill # SB153-FN-A

Hearing date: N/A

Executive session date: 03/21/23

Motion of: OTP VOTE: 7-0

Made by Senator:	Gray	☐	**Seconded by Senator:**	Gray	☐	**Reported by Senator:**	Gray	☐
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Motion of: _____ VOTE: _____

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	Rosenwald	☐		Rosenwald	☐		Rosenwald	☐

Committee Member	***Present***	***Yes***	***No***	***Reported out by***
Senator Gray , Chairman	☑	☑	☐	☐
Senator Innis, Vice-Chair	☑	☑	☐	☐
Senator Bradley	☑	☑	☐	☐
Senator Birdsell	☑	☑	☐	☑
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Senator Rosenwald	☑	☑	☐	☐

Amendments: _____

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Notes: _____

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Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

THE COMMITTEE ON Education

to which was referred **SB 153-FN-A**

AN ACT establishing a first responder career development, recruitment, and retention program, and making an appropriation therefor.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

BE RE-REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

Senator Suzanne Prentiss
For the Committee

This legislation sought to establish a first responder career development, recruitment, and retention program. This would enable law enforcement officers, firefighters, and EMTs to receive reimbursement for an eligible degree program at an approved community college system institution. Reimbursement would be dependent upon successful completion of the program, and at the cost of one course per semester.

Peter Mulvey 271-4063

FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

EDUCATION

SB 153-FN-A, establishing a first responder career development, recruitment, and retention program, and making an appropriation therefor.
Re-refer to Committee, Vote 5-0.
Senator Suzanne Prentiss for the committee.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

THE COMMITTEE ON Finance

to which was referred **SB 153-FN-A**

AN ACT establishing a law enforcement officers, professional firefighters, and emergency medical technicians career development, recruitment, and retention program and making an appropriation therefor.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS

BY A VOTE OF: 7-0

Senator Regina Birdsell
For the Committee

Deb Martone 271-4980

General Court of New Hampshire - Bill Status System

Docket of SB153

Docket Abbreviations

Bill Title: (New Title) establishing a law enforcement officers, professional firefighters, and emergency medical technicians career development, recruitment, and retention program and making an appropriation therefor.

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NH House	NH Senate

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