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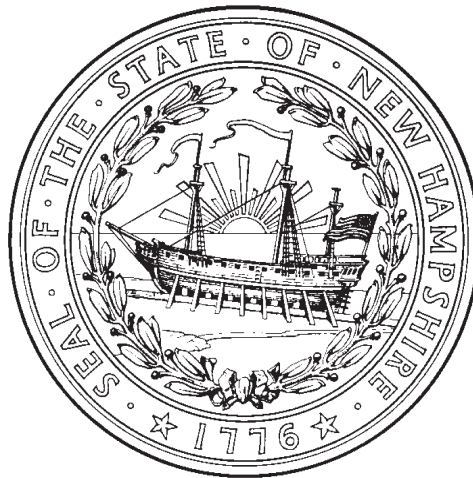
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Second Year of the 168th Session of the
New Hampshire General Court

SENATE CALENDAR ADDENDUM

THE SENATE WILL MEET IN SESSION ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024 AT 10:00 A.M.

The Senate Session on Thursday, January 18, 2024, in the Senate Chamber will be live streamed at the following link:

<https://youtube.com/live/txyfTDkedgQ?feature=share>

Please note, this link will not be live until the Senate Session on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

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CONSENT CALENDAR REPORTS

EDUCATION

SB 338, relative to the education professional standards board.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Fenton for the committee.

The State Professional Standards Board to Advise the State Board of Education regarding professional growth, certification, and governance notably lacked a career development professional. Senate Bill 338 would rectify such an omission by mandating the inclusion of the administrator of the department of education's bureau of career development, or their designee, upon the professional standards board.

SB 343, relative to school based health services.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Lang for the committee.

While the Senate Education Committee recognized the emergence of student health centers to be underway, the committee held concerns regarding the regulations imposed by Senate Bill 343, as they related to liabilities, namely malpractice. Under the belief that the legislation had conceptual merit, the committee had elected to interim study, to facilitate further conversation and development of the idea.

SB 376, relative to establishing a corrections education and vocational planning group.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Gendreau for the committee.

Senate Bill 376 would establish a Corrections Education and Vocational Planning Group, led by the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections, or their designee. Following an expansion of the Second Chance Pell Grant program for Inmates, the need to evaluate funding for the new and existing educational programs for inmates grew significantly, which Senate Bill 376 seeks to address.

SB 441, relative to establishing an advisory group to examine potential funding sources for career and technical education (CTE) construction and renovation.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Ward for the committee.

Senate Bill 441 would establish an advisory group to study potential funding sources for Career and Technical Education Center renovation and construction projects. The advisory group would enable greater coordination among CTE centers, community colleges, and local industries by assessing needs more accurately and by evaluating the feasibility of joint programs among stakeholders.

SB 444, relative to the public posting of board of education agenda items and meeting materials.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Prentiss for the committee.

Intended to further inform the public, Senate Bill 444 required that meeting materials pertaining to State Board of Education be published at least 48 hours in advance. The Department of Education had advised that the specificity of the law was problematic, suggesting that a broader statute under RSA 91-A was preferable. Further, similar, broader efforts regarding agenda materials were underway in other committees, therefor further work was required on this legislation.

REGULAR CALENDAR REPORTS

COMMERCE

SB 317, relative to establishing a New Hampshire-Ireland trade council.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-0.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

EDUCATION

SB 374-FN, relative to the licensing of part-time teachers.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2.

Senator Lang for the committee.

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

SB 345-FN, relative to state park fees for state residents.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

SB 387-FN, relative to a state parks pass pilot program for recovery centers and community health centers.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Watters for the committee.

SB 388-FN, relative to administration of utilities by the department of energy.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

SB 474, relative to prohibiting metal detecting in certain areas.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

SB 587, relative to animals brought into this state.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

AMENDMENTS

Commerce

January 16, 2024

2024-0147s

11/06

Amendment to SB 317

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

1 New Section; New Hampshire-Ireland Trade Commission. Amend RSA 12-O by inserting after section 22 the following new section:

12-O:22-a New Hampshire-Ireland Trade Council.

I. The general court finds as follows:

(a) Ireland's ties to New Hampshire date back to 1719 when a group of Scots-Irish families built the settlement of Nutfield;

(b) Irish Americans were an important part of New Hampshire early history, such as Gen. John Sullivan, who helped win the American Revolution, served in the Continental Congress, and was New Hampshire's third Governor;

(c) New Hampshire is the most Irish state in the nation, with more than 20 percent of Granite Staters boasting of Irish ancestry;

(d) Ireland is one of New Hampshire's largest trade partners, exporting more than \$400 million in Granite State goods to Ireland annually; and

(e) New Hampshire should build upon its historic, cultural, and economic ties with the Republic of Ireland.

II. The commissioner of the department of business and economic affairs and the secretary of state shall have the authority to establish a New Hampshire-Ireland trade council to meet with one or more trade councils established by the Republic of Ireland. The purpose of the council shall be to advance bilateral trade and investment between New Hampshire and Ireland, initiate joint action on policy issues of mutual interest to New Hampshire and Ireland, and promote business and academic exchanges between New Hampshire and Ireland.

III. The members of the council shall include:

- (a) Two senators, appointed by the president of the senate.
- (b) Two house members, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.
- (c) The commissioner of the department of business and economic development, or their designee.
- (d) The secretary of state, or their designee.
- (e) A representative from the Business and Industry Association, selected by that organization.
- (f) A representative of the division of economic development, appointed by the commissioner of the department of business and economic affairs.
- (g) A representative of the university system of New Hampshire, appointed by the chancellor.
- (h) Two public members, appointed by the governor.
- (i) Such other members as the commissioner and secretary of state may appoint.

IV. The council shall elect a chairperson, whose duties shall include calling meetings.

V. The New Hampshire-Ireland trade council shall be authorized to raise and accept funds, through direct solicitation or other fundraising events, alone, or with other groups, and accept gifts, grants, and bequests from individuals, corporations, foundations, government agencies, and public and private organizations and institutions.

VI. There is hereby established in the state treasury the New Hampshire-Ireland trade council fund. The funds shall be comprised of monies obtained according to paragraph V, and shall be used to defray the council's administrative costs and to carry out its purposes. The fund shall be non-lapsing and shall be continually appropriated to the council.

2 New Subparagraph; Application of Receipts; New Hampshire-Ireland trade council fund. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by inserting after subparagraph (394) the following new subparagraph:

(395) Moneys deposited in the New Hampshire-Ireland trade council fund as established in RSA 12-O:22-a.

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

Senate Education
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Amendment to SB 376

Amend RSA 651-A:22-b, II as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. The members of the CEVPG shall be:

- (a) Commissioner of the department of corrections, or designee, who shall serve as chair;
- (b) Chancellor of the university system of New Hampshire, or designee;
- (c) Chancellor of the community college system of New Hampshire, or designee;
- (d) Director of rehabilitative services, department of corrections;
- (e) Commissioner of the department of employment security, or designee;
- (f) Commissioner of the department of business and economic affairs, or designee;

- (g) Director of the division of adult education, department of education;
- (h) President of the New England Board of Higher Education, or designee;
- (i) A formerly incarcerated person, appointed by the director of rehabilitative services, department of corrections;
- (j) Executive director of OPLC, or their designee; and
- (k) Director of rehabilitative services, or their designee.

Energy and Natural Resources
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2024-0151s
05/10

Amendment to SB 387-FN

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

AN ACT relative to a state parks pass pilot program for recovery centers and community mental health centers.

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

1 New Paragraph; Fees for State Park System; Pilot Program; Recovery Centers and Community Mental Health Centers. Amend RSA 216-A:3-g by inserting after paragraph VIII the following new paragraph:

IX. The commissioner of the department of natural and cultural resources shall establish in its fee package a 3-year pilot program for recovery centers and community mental health centers registered with the department of health and human services to provide one or more passes to state parks for each participating center. The commissioner shall consult with the department of health and human resources to determine eligible participants, evaluation, and review of program usage. Each participating community mental health center shall report annually in an anonymized data report on the usage and impact of the pilot program, as well as any recommendations for changes. The program shall be funded through state and federal grants, based on available funds, and donations.

2 Prospective Repeal; 2027. RSA 216-A:3-g, IX, relative to the pilot program for recovery centers and community mental health centers, is repealed.

3 Effective Date.

I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2027.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

2024-0151s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires the establishment of a 3-year pilot program for state parks passes for recovery centers and community mental health centers registered with the department of health and human services.

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10/06

Amendment to SB 388-FN

Amend the bill by deleting section 4 and renumbering the original sections 5-10 to read as 4-9, respectively.

Energy and Natural Resources
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2024-0156s
12/08

Amendment to SB 474

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Historic Resources; Treasure Hunting. Amend RSA 227-C:12, II to read as follows:

II. Treasure hunting with metal detectors and dowsing rods is exempted from the restrictions of this subdivision on the following lands owned or controlled by the state, its agencies, departments, commissions, and institutions, unless an historic resource on such land has been recorded and restrictions are posted:

- (a) Beaches;
- (b) ~~[Athletic fields;~~
- ~~(c) School grounds;~~
- ~~(d)]~~ Perimeters of cemeteries;
- ~~[(e)]~~ **(c)** Unpaved roads;
- ~~[(f)]~~ **(d)** Within 25 feet of picnic tables and park pavilions; and
- ~~[(g)]~~ **(e)** Currently used ~~[dumps:]~~ **landfills or transfer stations.**

Energy and Natural Resources

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08/06

Amendment to SB 587

Amend RSA 437:9, V as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

V. Exceptions to the quarantine requirements for individual animals that have entered the state and are intended for transfer that may allow littermates, with age restrictions, to share appropriately sized enclosures.