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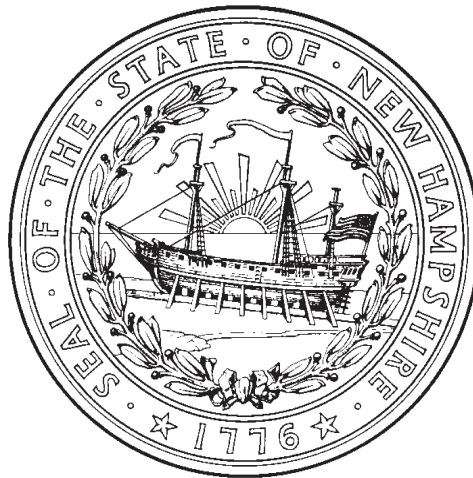
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**First Year of the 169th Session of the
New Hampshire General Court**

SENATE CALENDAR

**THE SENATE WILL MEET IN SESSION ON THURSDAY,
MAY 15, 2025 AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE SENATE CHAMBER**

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Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 17-FN, relative to insurance cost-sharing calculations.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Health and Human Services, SJ 6**

SB 20-FN, relative to payment by the state of a portion of retirement system contributions of political subdivision employers.**01/31/2025, Finance, SJ 4**

SB 21-FN, relative to establishing a New Hampshire state trooper recruitment loan debt relief program and making an appropriation therefor.**03/20/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 8**

SB 35-FN, making an appropriation for rail trail project matching funds.**01/31/2025, Finance, SJ 4**

SB 38-FN, relative to state recognition of biological sex.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion Ought to Pass, Judiciary, SJ 9**

SB 59-FN, establishing a recruitment incentive program within the community college system for public safety communicators and dispatchers and making an appropriation therefor.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

SB 64-FN, relative to an appropriation to the department of justice for the purpose of funding the New Hampshire child advocacy centers.**01/31/2025, Finance, SJ 4**

SB 70-FN, creating a mobile driver's license and non-driver identification card.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

SB 81-FN, increasing the annual real estate transfer tax revenue contribution and making an appropriation to the affordable housing fund.**03/20/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 8**

SB 86-FN, relative to the housing finance authority's affordable housing guarantee program.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 9**

SB 113-FN-A, making appropriations to the department of health and human services for homeless services and homeless prevention.**01/31/2025, Finance, SJ 4**

SB 114-FN-A, making appropriations to the department of health and human services to support community and transitional housing through community mental health centers.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

SB 115-FN, making an appropriation for regional drinking water infrastructure.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

SB 116-FN, relative to the Pillsbury Lake Village District community water system, and making an appropriation therefor.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

SB 117-FN-A, making an appropriation to the department of education to fund the online tutoring program.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

SB 120-FN, relative to insurance coverage for biomarker testing.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Health and Human Services, SJ 6**

SB 122-FN, relative to financial eligibility for the Medicare savings program.**03/20/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 8**

SB 125-FN, relative to clinical eligibility criteria for nursing facility and home and community based care.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 9**

SB 127-FN-A, relative to public guardianship and the office of the public guardian and making appropriations to the department of health and human services.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 9**

SB 128-FN, relative to children's mental health services for persons 18 years of age and younger.**03/20/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 8**

SB 131-FN-A, relative to long-term care eligibility and making an appropriation therefor.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 9**

SB 132-FN, relative to health insurance coverage for prosthetics.**03/20/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 8**

SB 135-FN, relative to rate setting parity for Medicaid state plan case management services.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 9**

SB 137-FN, relative to hospital stays covered under the state Medicaid plan.**03/20/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 8**

SB 158-FN, raising the funding cap for the New Hampshire community development finance authority.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

SB 168-FN-LOCAL, regulating online gambling and directing net proceeds to the education trust fund, the general fund, and to reimburse municipalities for elderly, disabled, blind, and deaf tax exemptions.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion Committee Amendment # 2025-0390s, Ways and Means, SJ 6**

SB 181-FN, relative to workers' compensation for firefighters with cancer.**03/20/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 8**

SB 199-FN, relative to establishing a new recruitment and retention program for new New Hampshire state troopers.**03/20/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 8**

SB 227-FN, relative to site setbacks for landfills.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion Rerefer to Committee, Energy and Natural Resources, SJ 6**

SB 238-FN, establishing the adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) prevention and treatment program and making an appropriation to the department of health and human services for this purpose.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

SB 239-FN, appropriating funds to the fish and game department for continuing environmental review and to cover a deficit for previously instituted salary increases.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

SB 240-FN-A, making an appropriation to the department of environmental services for eligible water projects.**02/13/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 5**

SB 242-FN, relative to the cost of living adjustments for certain group II retirees in the New Hampshire retirement system.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

SB 244-FN-A, relative to expanding access to primary health care services, increasing the size of the health care workforce, and making appropriations therefor.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 9**

SB 246-FN, providing maternal depression screening for new mothers; increasing access to health care services for new mothers; enabling new parents to attend infant pediatric medical appointments; and developing a plan for perinatal peer support certification.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 9**

SB 255-FN, establishing and developing crisis stabilization services.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion Ought to Pass, Finance, SJ 9**

SB 264, relative to the therapeutic cannabis program.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion Ought to Pass, Judiciary, SJ 9**

SB 274-FN, establishing a 4-year pilot program to improve rail trails in New Hampshire, including the establishment of 2 funds, the rail trails program fund and the emergency trail repair fund, and making appropriations therefor.**03/20/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 8**

SB 276-FN, relative to raising the research and development tax credit.**03/20/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 8**

SB 277-FN, relative to the application of utility property taxes and statewide education property taxes to electric generating facilities.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 9**

SB 279-FN, establishing the housing champion business loan program and making appropriations to the department of business and economic affairs and the business finance authority.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 9**

SB 286-FN, creating the New Hampshire office of film and creative media.**03/20/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 8**

SB 288, establishing an advisory council on the system of care for healthy aging in New Hampshire.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Health and Human Services, SJ 9**

SB 290-FN, relative to the definition of "torture" in animal abuse cases.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion Rerefer to Committee, Judiciary, SJ 6**

SB 296, increasing the percentage of nonpublic school scholarships awarded to students who qualify for the federal free and reduced-price meal program.**03/13/2025, Pending Motion Committee Amendment # 2025-0794s, Education Finance, SJ 7**

SB 303, directing the commissioner of the department of education to compile a report on the effects of the dissolution of the United States Department of Education on New Hampshire and its residents.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion Inexpedient to Legislate, Executive Departments and Administration, SJ 9**

SB 304, directing the commissioner of the department of business and economic affairs to assemble a report on the effects of tariffs on Canada and New Hampshire residents.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion Inexpedient to Legislate, Executive Departments and Administration, SJ 9**

HB 51, relative to hemp-derived cannabinoids and the definition of cannabis in therapeutic cannabis.**04/17/2025, Pending Motion Inexpedient to Legislate, Judiciary, SJ 10**

HB 53, permitting qualifying patients and designated caregivers to cultivate cannabis for therapeutic use.**04/17/2025, No Pending Motion, Judiciary, SJ 10**

HB 75-FN, legalizing cannabis for persons 21 years of age or older.**04/17/2025, Pending Motion Inexpedient to Legislate, Judiciary, SJ 10**

HB 107, relative to political advertising printed in newspapers, periodicals, or billboards.**05/08/2025, Pending Motion Committee Amendment # 2025-1616s, Election Law and Municipal Affairs, SJ 12**

HB 190-FN, relative to therapeutic cannabis possession limits.**05/08/2025, Pending Motion Inexpedient to Legislate, Judiciary, SJ 12**

HB 198-FN, relative to legalizing certain quantities of cannabis and establishing penalties for the smoking or vaping of cannabis in public.**05/01/2025, Pending Motion Inexpedient to Legislate, Judiciary, SJ 11**

HB 207-FN, relative to repealing the prohibition on the possession or sale of blackjacks, slung shots, and metallic knuckles except by or to minors.**05/08/2025, Pending Motion Inexpedient to Legislate, Judiciary, SJ 12**

HB 223, relative to licensing requirements for health care facilities that operate within 15 miles of a critical access hospital.**05/08/2025, Pending Motion Inexpedient to Legislate, Health and Human Services, SJ 12**

HB 226-FN, relative to the use of drug checking equipment.**05/01/2025, Pending Motion Inexpedient to Legislate, Judiciary, SJ 11**

HB 380-FN, relative to penalties for criminal violations of the therapeutic use of cannabis.**05/08/2025, Pending Motion Inexpedient to Legislate, Judiciary, SJ 12**

HB 381-FN, exempting firearms and firearm accessories manufactured for in-state use only from the National Firearm Act.**05/08/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Judiciary, SJ 12**

HB 445, establishing a study commission to examine the causes of and ways to alleviate the shortage of law enforcement officers in New Hampshire.**05/01/2025, Pending Motion Committee Amendment # 2025-1630s, Executive Departments and Administration, SJ 11**

HB 468-FN, establishing the crime of and penalties for unlawful use of unmanned aircraft systems.**05/01/2025, Pending Motion Ought to Pass, Judiciary, SJ 11**

HB 482-FN, relative to the penalty for driving over 100 miles per hour.**05/01/2025, Pending Motion Ought to Pass, Judiciary, SJ 11**

HB 776-FN, relative to the crime of aggravated driving while intoxicated.**05/01/2025, Pending Motion Ought to Pass, Judiciary, SJ 11**

CONSENT CALENDAR REPORTS

COMMERCE

HB 77-FN, prohibiting certain licensees from electronically recording or storing personal information obtained from an identification card.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Murphy for the committee.

This bill would prohibit certain licensees from electronically recording or storing personal information obtained from an identification card. Merchants would be able to scan licenses to ensure an individual was able to legally purchase alcohol or tobacco products. To address privacy concerns, merchants would not be authorized to record, retain, or store, information in any electronic form or format.

HB 81, relative to consumption of beverages or liquor in areas not approved for service by the liquor commission. Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Murphy for the committee.

Some people, especially women, have adopted the habit of taking their drinks into the bathroom with them in order to avoid contamination or potential date rape drugs being added during their absence. The Liquor Commission has long prohibited the presence of alcohol in bathrooms, placing licensees in

the difficult position of telling guests that they must leave their drinks on the table or the bar while they are away. Some licensees have even been forced to station employees outside bathrooms in order to enforce this commission policy. The commission testified that while they enforce the prohibition they do not currently cite licensees for violations, preferring to rely upon warnings. This bill would remove bathrooms from the statute listing areas explicitly not approved for service, protecting both guests and licensees in the process.

HB 225-FN, relative to the employment of military spouses in the event of involuntary deployment of service member.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 6-0.

Senator Fenton for the committee.

At the request of the National Guard Bureau, this bill would provide employment protections to spouses of military service members who are involuntarily mobilized in support of war, national emergency, or contingency operations. Under RSA 110-C, similar protections are provided to National Guard members. An individual's position would be held; however, an employer would not incur costs related to providing pay or benefits. The Committee Amendment clarified that it would be applicable to employers with over 50 or more individuals at the same location, and the employee count would not combine separate employers, even if there were common ownership. Further, it clarified that an employer is not required to reemploy an employee if they have certified their circumstances have changed.

HB 276, establishing a liquor license where beverages, wine, and liquor can be sold without food.

Ought to Pass, Vote 6-0.

Senator Innis for the committee.

This bill would establish a tavern license, which would allow the sale of beverages, wine, and liquor without the sale of food. Some establishments, such as cigar bars and cocktail lounges, are not required to sell food. Importantly, this bill has an opt-in provision. Businesses would only be eligible to apply for the license if a warrant article was adopted in their municipality. Massachusetts allows establishments to serve alcohol without food, as do many other states nationwide.

HB 310, establishing a commission to study the creation of a regulatory framework for stable tokens, tokenized real-world assets, and blockchain-based trusts in New Hampshire.

Ought to Pass, Vote 6-0.

Senator McGough for the committee.

House Bill 310 establishes a study commission to explore a regulatory framework for stable tokens, tokenized real-world assets, and blockchain-based trusts in New Hampshire. Stable tokens are digital currencies pegged 1-to-1 with the U.S. dollar, offering low volatility and efficient use in payments and remittances. Tokenized real-world assets digitally represent ownership of tangible items like gold, real estate, or fine art, enabling fractional ownership, increased liquidity, and broader investment access. Blockchain-based trusts apply distributed ledger technology to estate planning and fiduciary services, potentially automating administration and reducing costs. The commission, composed of experts in law, finance, and technology, will review existing statutes, assess potential risks, and recommend policy updates. HB 310 does not impose immediate regulation but allows the state to study these innovations responsibly, positioning New Hampshire as a leader in financial modernization and free-market innovation while ensuring legal clarity and consumer protection.

HB 413, relative to subdivision regulations on the completion of improvements and the regulation of building permits.

Ought to Pass, Vote 6-0.

Senator Reardon for the committee.

This bill would extend the existing 5-year exemption for subdivision plats to 7 years; increase the period for active and substantial development from 2 years to 3 years; change the building code and fire code appeals process; limit the jurisdiction of the local building code board of appeals; and allow the building code review board to appeal decisions made by the Fire Marshal and local building code board of appeals to superior court or the Housing Appeals Board. These changes would provide greater flexibility for developers, and it would lower their risk, which would enable them to take on larger projects. Additionally, it would alleviate escalating costs that are caused by developers having to change work that has been completed.

HB 505-FN, allowing the sale of freeze dried foods produced in homestead food operations.

Ought to Pass, Vote 6-0.

Senator Innis for the committee.

This bill would provide for the licensing of homestead food operations processing and selling freeze dried foods, specifically fruits, vegetables, and processed dairy food products. These products could be sold at home, a farmstand, a farmers' market, or in retail stores. This bill would maintain food safety, expand the types of products brought into the marketplace, support local businesses, promote entrepreneurship, and strengthen the agricultural economy. The Department of Health and Human Services had no concerns with this legislation. Please support the Committee's recommendation of Ought to Pass.

EDUCATION

HB 235, relative to amending the educator code of ethics and code of conduct to include responsibility to parents.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-1.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

House Bill 235 amends the educator code of conduct to explicitly include responsibility to parents, in addition to students, as defined under RSA 193:1, III. The bill reinforces the partnership between educators and families in supporting student development.

HB 324-FN, relative to prohibiting obscene or harmful sexual materials in schools.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-1.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

House Bill 324-FN prohibits schools from providing material deemed harmful to minors and requires school boards to adopt complaint procedures for parents. It defines such material, outlines an appeal process, and authorizes civil actions for noncompliance.

HB 354, relative to alternate certification pathways for career and technical education instructors.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Prentiss for the committee.

House Bill 354 allows individuals seeking certification to teach in career and technical education (CTE) specialty areas to substitute a nationally recognized test with three years of relevant full-time work experience and an industry-recognized credential. The bill creates an alternate pathway to licensure to help address workforce needs in CTE fields.

HB 361, prohibiting mandatory mask policies in schools.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-1.

Senator Ward for the committee.

House Bill 361 prohibits school boards and public education agencies from requiring students or members of the public to wear facial coverings on school property, except for specific instructional or extracurricular purposes, or as required by law. Exceptions are made for safety equipment and individualized education or accommodation plans.

HB 677-FN, requiring schools to maintain a supply of EpiPen injectors and epinephrine nasal spray for use in event of an emergency.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Prentiss for the committee.

House Bill 677-FN requires public schools to maintain supplies of epinephrine auto-injectors and/or nasal spray for use during severe allergic reactions. The bill mandates annual reporting, designates assistive personnel to ensure coverage throughout the school day, and appropriation to support school reimbursements for the medication. The committee amendment establishes the Automated Epinephrine Fund to provide ongoing financial support for schools to procure and distribute emergency epinephrine. The fund is nonlapsing and may receive gifts, grants, and donations. It also adds clarifying language to establish that students are covered at all times while at school.

HB 781-FN, requiring school districts to adopt policies establishing a cell phone-free education.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Sullivan for the committee.

House Bill 781-FN requires school boards and charter schools to adopt policies restricting student cell phone use during class time, with exceptions for medical needs, disabilities, or language support services. The bill ensures accommodations remain in place for students with IEPs, 504 plans, or emergent multilingual needs.

ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

HB 67-FN-A, relative to agreements with the secretary of state for the use of accessible voting systems.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

House Bill 67 codifies an effective pilot program to improve voting accessibility for individuals with disabilities. By enacting HB 67, New Hampshire would ensure equal voting access for these individuals, thus safeguarding the essential right to a private and independent vote. The committee amendment specifies the duties of municipalities during different elections, ensuring all parties are aware of their responsibilities. For these reasons, the Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee recommends Ought to Pass with Amendment for HB 67.

HB 151, relative to the term for supervisors of the checklist.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Rochefort for the committee.

House Bill 151 reduces the term for supervisors of the checklists from the current six-year term. The committee heard testimony that many volunteers feel six years is too long and that reducing the term could enhance the recruitment of volunteers for the position. The committee amendment reduces the term from six years to two years. For this reason, the Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee recommends Ought to Pass with Amendment on HB 151.

HB 274, relative to the verification of voter rolls annually.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

House Bill 274 would provide for the annual verification of voter rolls. The committee believes that requiring a yearly check, when there are already periodic checks in statute, would increase administrative costs and unduly overburden local election officials. For these reasons, the Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee recommends Inexpedient to Legislate on HB 274.

HB 340-FN, relative to electioneering by public employees.

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 5-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

House Bill 340 clarifies the definition of electioneering for public employees. The committee heard testimony indicating that certain language in the bill could blur the lines between what constitutes electioneering and what represents a public employee's right to free speech. For this reason, the committee seeks additional time to work on this bill. Therefore, the Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee recommends re-refer on HB 340.

HB 373-L, relative to the management and regulation of town real property.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Rochefort for the committee.

House Bill 373 aims to enhance municipal authority over town-owned real property by allowing select boards to lease property for up to one year without action from the legislative body. For leases longer than one year, the legislative body must vote; if approved, the select board may enter into a lease agreement for up to ninety-nine years without the need for continuous renewal approval from the legislative body. The committee believes this bill improves efficiency at the local level, and for this reason, the Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee recommends Ought to Pass on HB 373.

HB 421-FN, relative to notice of tax exempt-status filing procedures by town officials or offices.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Lang for the committee.

House Bill 421 requires municipalities to provide a two-month notice for the annual tax-exemption filing deadline to tax-exempt organizations. To address concerns about potential burdens on town officials, the committee amendment modifies the requirement by stating that towns must announce the deadline in a manner similar to other public notices and only send notifications to charitable organizations that filed the previous year but have yet to do so for the current year. Furthermore, the bill allows organizations that missed the 2024 deadline due to unforeseen circumstances to retroactively qualify for this exemption for the year 2024. For these reasons, the Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee recommends HB 421 Ought to Pass with Amendment.

HB 481, relative to moving the state primary date.

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 5-0.

Senator Lang for the committee.

House Bill 481 would move the state primary date from September to June. The Committee wishes to hold onto this bill in order to observe the progress of similar legislation currently making its way through the legislature. Therefore, the Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee recommends re-refer on HB 481.

HB 546-FN, relative to financial disclosures and the public reporting of those disclosures by the secretary of state.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 4-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

House Bill 546, as written, would require political committees and candidates to file financial disclosures with the Secretary of State within 48 hours of receiving donations exceeding \$1,000. Reporting would be necessary from the start of the campaign through the first legislative year following a candidate's election victory. This bill would increase the reporting requirements, and does not account for the computer programming costs to implement this change. For these reasons, the committee recommends Inexpedient to Legislate on HB 546.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 82, relative to the regulation of various occupations.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

HB 82 amends licensing statutes and the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification's governing statutes to shift certain responsibilities and regulation to the Office, in keeping with prior legislation. The bill amends statutes related to the regulation of various professions. The committee amendment allows for subcommittees in the Electricians' Board. This bill was a request of the OPLC.

HB 118, repealing certain committees and commissions.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Altschiller for the committee.

HB 118 repeals various committees and commissions, and removes the House and Senate members of the Advisory Council on Child Care. The committee amendment removes the repeal of the Advisory Council on the Education of Children Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. The amendment also changes membership term limits for the New Hampshire Rare Disease Advisory Council.

HB 142, relative to Gold Star Mother's Day.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

HB 142 changes the observance of Gold Star Mother's Day to the last Sunday in September. The committee amendment removed the provision designating the Honor and Remember Flag as a state symbol but requires the governor to order that flag to be displayed daily at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery in Boscowen on the last Sunday of September.

HB 156, relative to the duties of the advisory committee on state procurement.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

HB 156 amends the membership and duties of the Advisory Committee on State Procurement to include making recommendations to encourage local food production and conservation. The committee amendment establishes an Advisory Committee on State Procurement of Agricultural Products and requires that committee to produce a report to the Speaker of the House, President of the Senate, House and Senate Clerks, the Governor, and the chair of the Advisory Committee on State Procurement.

HB 233, requiring meetings of the New Hampshire vaccine association to be audio and video recorded and published on its website within 48 hours.

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 5-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

HB 233 requires meetings of the New Hampshire Vaccine Association to be audio and video recorded and published on its website within 48 hours. The Committee decided to re-refer this bill to ensure that the New Hampshire Vaccine Association follows through on its commitment to do this themselves without legislation.

HB 428-L, prohibiting municipal amendments to the state building code.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-1.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

HB 428-L prohibits local legislative bodies from making any new changes to the state building codes. The committee amendment cleaned up language to ensure that municipal amendments to the state building code are not more or less stringent than the state building code.

HB 598, establishing a committee to study data sources of all entities operated by all branches of government that are or are potentially made available to the public, identify the data formats of those sources, and recommend legislation to standardize types and formats of data output from all or select governmental entities. Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator Reardon for the committee.

HB 598 establishes a committee to study data sources of all entities operated by all three branches of government that are or are potentially made available to the public, identify the data formats of those sources, and recommend legislation to standardize types of formats of data output from all or select government entities. The Committee felt that such a committee could have significant unforeseen costs to the departments and agencies.

HB 634, repealing the New Hampshire council on autism spectrum disorders.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Reardon for the committee.

HB 634 repeals the New Hampshire Council on Autism Spectrum Disorders. The committee amendment makes hybrid meetings easier for the Council to enable a quorum while ensuring that RSA 91-A standards are met.

HB 780, relative to the director of the division of archives and records management of the department of state. Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

HB 780 makes the statutes relative to the Director of the Division of Archives and Records Management of the Department of State gender neutral. The Committee received testimony that this bill stemmed from a conversation between the prime sponsor and the State Archivist.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

HB 606, relative to a patient's right to medically appropriate care for reproductive disorders.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

As amended, this bill affirms a patient's right to receive appropriate reproductive care for a medical condition when such care may include a procedure or medication that leaves the patient sterile or unable to have children. This will address the experiences of women with serious reproductive medical conditions who experienced great difficulty in obtaining proper care due to social factors and circumstances.

JUDICIARY

HB 88-FN, establishing community property trusts.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

House Bill 88-FN allows the formation of community property trusts in New Hampshire. Its goal is to provide a tax advantage for estates as communal property in the event of the death of one of the owners. As communal property, estates would be taxed based on their value at the time of transfer rather than at the time of purchase.

HB 433-FN, making 17 the age of consent for marriage if either party is active duty military and removing language regarding age waivers for marriage registration records, since age waivers are no longer issued in New Hampshire.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator Altschiller for the committee.

House Bill 433-FN sought to provide an exception to the age of consent for marriage for couples in which a partner served in the armed forces in active duty. The committee heard testimony which detailed concerns surrounding safety, in addition to the fact that marriage may not be a requisite to assign beneficiaries. Accordingly, the committee does not find the bill expedient to legislate.

HB 616-FN, relative to the confiscation of animals from persons suspected of or charged with abuse of animals and establishing a committee to study the animal cruelty statutes.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

House Bill 616-FN provides that no animals shall be seized in animal abuse investigations prior to an owner's conviction in a court of law. It further requires that law enforcement be accompanied by a licensed veterinarian in livestock investigations in order to establish probable cause prior to confiscation of animals.

TRANSPORTATION

HB 105-FN, creating a new conservation license plate and directing the additional fee to the cyanobacteria mitigation loan and grant fund.

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 5-0.

Senator Ward for the committee.

This bill would have established a new conservation license plate to generate revenue for the Cyanobacteria Mitigation Loan and Grant Fund. The Committee recommended this bill to be re-referred, citing concerns that the new plate could interfere with the existing Moose Plate program.

HB 259, relative to increasing the number of handicap license plates and placards the department of motor vehicles may issue to individuals.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator Fenton for the committee.

This bill would have expanded the number of handicapped license plates and placards that the Division of Motor Vehicles is authorized to issue to eligible individuals. Specifically, it would have permitted an individual who qualifies for a handicapped plate or placard to receive one for each vehicle they own. The committee recommends the bill as inexpedient to legislate, citing concerns that it could increase the potential for fraudulent use of handicapped parking privileges.

HB 260-FN, creating a commemorative license plate celebrating the 250th anniversary of American Independence.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator McConkey for the committee.

This bill would create a commemorative license plate in celebration of the 250th anniversary of Bunker Hill.

HB 321-FN, requiring the division of motor vehicles to extend a fine payment period for certain motor vehicle violations from 30 days to 90 days if the driver requests the extension.

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 5-0.

Senator Ricciardi for the committee.

This bill would have required the Division of Motor Vehicles to extend the fine payment period for certain motor vehicle violations from 30 days to 90 days upon a driver's request. However, the legislation requires further refinement to resolve outstanding questions before it can be finalized.

HB 452-FN, relative to the issuance of drivers' licenses for aliens temporarily residing in New Hampshire.

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 5-0.

Senator Fenton for the committee.

This bill attempted to impose stricter requirements on the issuance and renewal of nonresident drivers' licenses, but it raised serious concerns about practicality, enforcement, and potential legal issues. The Committee recommends re-referral because it lacked clarity, enforceability, and a sound policy foundation.

HB 461, relative to department of safety and department of motor vehicle training and testing materials.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator Ricciardi for the committee.

This bill proposed eliminating all languages other than English from training and testing materials provided by the Department of Safety and the Division of Motor Vehicles. It would have also prohibited both electronic and in-person translation assistance. The Committee recommended the bill as inexpedient to legislate, citing concerns that its' implementation could compromise road safety by creating barriers to understanding critical driving information.

HB 489, allowing volunteer emergency workers to use a rear facing blue light on their private vehicles when involved in emergency service.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator Long for the committee.

This bill would have authorized volunteer emergency personnel to display a rear-facing blue light on their private vehicles while engaged in emergency response activities. The Committee recommended the bill as inexpedient to legislate, expressing concerns that it could be exploited by individuals acquiring blue lights through online retailers, thereby increasing the risk of impersonation of emergency responders.

HB 612-FN, enabling the division of motor vehicles to create a temporary traditional driver's license for youth operators about to turn 21.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Fenton for the committee.

This bill would enable the Division of Motor Vehicles to create a temporary traditional driver's license for youth operators who are about to turn 21. This would modernize the license renewal process for youth operators while enhancing the operational efficiency of the Division of Motor Vehicles. Additionally, it would serve as an incentive for youth operators to renew their licenses promptly, mitigating the risk of driving with an expired license.

HB 632, permitting health care providers affiliated with the Veterans Administration to certify medical accommodations on behalf of veterans residing in New Hampshire.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Fenton for the committee.

This bill would permit health care providers affiliated with the Veterans Administration to certify medical accommodations on behalf of veterans residing in New Hampshire. This legislation would help disabled veterans, who are disproportionately affected by the current law.

HB 713-FN, relative to mile markers along Route 112.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator McConkey for the committee.

This bill would establish mile markers along Route 112, from Conway across the Kancamagus Highway to Bath. This heavily traveled roadway, which passes through rugged and remote terrain, lacks cell coverage. The sponsor and first responders called out this safety concern. The Committee recommends the bill ought to pass, noting that the installation of mile markers would enhance public safety and funding for this will be provided through federal highway safety funds.

REGULAR CALENDAR REPORTS

EDUCATION

HB 90-FN, relative to the definition of part-time teachers.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-1.

Senator Prentiss for the committee.

EDUCATION FINANCE

HB 557, relative to the information that appears on the school budget ballot.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-2.

Senator Innis for the committee.

HB 718, requiring the state board of education to report the unfunded financial impact to school districts for rules adopted by the board which exceed state or federal minimum standards.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-2.

Senator Murphy for the committee.

HB 771-FN, relative to funding for open enrollment schools.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-2.

Senator Innis for the committee.

ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

HB 217, relative to absentee ballots.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 4-1.

Senator Perkins Kwoka for the committee.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 85-FN, relative to temporary licensure for student respiratory therapists.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-1.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

HB 63, relative to the use of nasal spray to treat anaphylaxis.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Rochefort for the committee.

HB 701-FN, relative to a health care patient's right to try certain emergency health care treatment options.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Avard for the committee.

HB 712-FN, limiting breast surgeries for minors.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

HB 731-FN, relative to supportive housing options for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Avard for the committee.

JUDICIARY

HB 71-FN, prohibiting the use of the facilities of a public elementary school, a public secondary school, or an institution of higher education to provide shelter for aliens who have not been admitted into the United States and relative to department of health and human services contracts.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

HB 188-FN, relative to contempt of the general court.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

WAYS AND MEANS

HB 328-FN, establishing a charitable gaming oversight commission.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Lang for the committee.

AMENDMENTS

Senate Health and Human Services

May 7, 2025

2025-1984s

05/11

Amendment to HB 63

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

AN ACT relative to the possession and use of epinephrine at recreation camps, schools, and institutions of higher education.

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

1 Recreational Camp Licensing; Possession and Use of Epinephrine at Recreation Camps. Amend RSA 170-E:59 - 170-E:62 to read as follows:

170-E:59 Possession and Use of Epinephrine [~~Auto-Injectors~~] at Recreation Camps. A recreation camp shall permit a child with severe, potentially life-threatening allergies to possess and use [an] epinephrine [auto-injector,] if the following conditions are satisfied:

I. The child has the written approval of the child's [physician] **primary health care provider** and the written approval of the parent or guardian. The camp shall obtain the following information from the child's [physician] **primary health care provider**:

(a) The child's name.

- (b) The name and signature of the licensed prescriber and business and emergency numbers.
- (c) The name, route, and dosage of medication.
- (d) The frequency and time of medication administration or assistance.
- (e) The date of the order.
- (f) A diagnosis and any other medical conditions requiring medications, if not a violation of confidentiality or if not contrary to the request of the parent or guardian to keep confidential.
- (g) Specific recommendations for administration.
- (h) Any special side effects, contraindications, and adverse reactions to be observed.
- (i) The name of each required medication.
- (j) Any severe adverse reactions that may occur to another child, for whom the epinephrine [auto-injector] is not prescribed, should such a child receive a dose of the medication.

II. The recreational camp administrator or, if a nurse is assigned to the camp, the nurse shall receive copies of the written approvals required by paragraph I.

III. The child's parent or guardian shall submit written verification from the [physician] **primary health care provider** confirming that the child has the knowledge and skills to safely possess and use [an] epinephrine [auto-injector] in a camp setting.

IV. If the conditions provided in this section are satisfied, the child may possess and use the epinephrine [auto-injector] at the camp or at any camp-sponsored activity, event, or program.

V. In this section, ["physician"] "**primary health care provider**" means any physician or health practitioner with the authority to write prescriptions.

170-E:60 Use of Epinephrine [Auto-Injector]. Immediately after using [the] epinephrine [auto-injector], the child shall report such use to the nurse or another camp employee to enable the nurse or camp employee to provide appropriate follow-up care.

170-E:61 Availability of Epinephrine [Auto-Injector]. The recreational camp nurse or, if a nurse is not assigned to the camp, the recreational camp administrator shall maintain for the use of a child with severe allergies at least one **dose of** epinephrine [auto-injector], provided by the child or the child's parent or guardian, which shall be readily accessible to the recreational camp staff caring for children requiring such medications.

170-E:62 Immunity. No recreational camp or camp employee shall be liable in a suit for damages as a result of any act or omission related to a child's use of [an] epinephrine [auto-injector] if the provisions of RSA 170-E:59 have been met, unless the damages were caused by willful or wanton conduct or disregard of the criteria established in that section for the possession and self-administration of [an] epinephrine [auto-injector] by a child.

2 Education; Pupil Use of Epinephrine Auto-Injectors. Amend the subdivision heading preceding RSA 200:42 and RSA 200:42 - 200:45 to read as follows:

Pupil Use of Epinephrine [Auto-Injectors]

200:42 Possession and Use of Epinephrine [Auto-Injectors] Permitted. A pupil with severe, potentially life-threatening allergies may possess and self-administer [an] epinephrine [auto-injector] if the following conditions are satisfied:

I. The pupil has the written approval of the pupil's [physician] **primary health care provider** and, if the pupil is a minor, the written approval of the parent or guardian. The school shall obtain the following information from the pupil's [physician] **primary health care provider**:

- (a) The pupil's name.
- (b) The name and signature of the licensed prescriber and business and emergency numbers.
- (c) The name, route, and dosage of medication.
- (d) The frequency and time of medication administration or assistance.
- (e) The date of the order.

(f) A diagnosis and any other medical conditions requiring medications, if not a violation of confidentiality or if not contrary to the request of the parent or guardian to keep confidential.

(g) Specific recommendations for administration.

(h) Any special side effects, contraindications, and adverse reactions to be observed.

(i) The name of each required medication.

(j) Any severe adverse reactions that may occur to another pupil, for whom the epinephrine [~~auto-injector~~] is not prescribed, should such a pupil receive a dose of the medication.

II. The school principal or, if a school nurse is assigned to the pupil's school building, the school nurse shall receive copies of the written approvals required by paragraph I.

III. The pupil's parent or guardian shall submit written verification from the [~~physician~~] **primary health care provider** confirming that the pupil has the knowledge and skills to safely possess and use [~~an~~] epinephrine [~~auto-injector~~] in a school setting.

IV. If the conditions provided in this section are satisfied, the pupil may possess and use the epinephrine [~~auto-injector~~] at school or at any school-sponsored activity, event, or program.

V. In this section, [~~"physician"~~] **"primary health care provider"** includes any physician or health practitioner with the authority to write prescriptions.

200:43 Use of Epinephrine [~~Auto-Injector~~]. Immediately after using [~~the~~] epinephrine [~~auto-injector~~] during the school day, the pupil shall report to the nurse's office or principal's office to enable the nurse or another school employee to provide appropriate follow-up care.

200:44 Availability of Epinephrine [~~Auto-Injector~~]. The school nurse or, if a school nurse is not assigned to the school building, the school principal shall maintain for a pupil's use at least one **dose of** epinephrine [~~auto-injector~~], provided by the pupil, in the nurse's office or in a similarly accessible location.

200:44-a Anaphylaxis Training Required.

I.(a) Designated assistive personnel shall complete an anaphylaxis training program prior to providing or administering [~~an~~] epinephrine [~~auto-injector~~] at least every 2 years following completion of the initial anaphylaxis training program. Such training shall be conducted based on resources provided by the National Association of School Nurses, the Food and Allergy Anaphylaxis Network, or the New Hampshire School Nurses' Association. Training shall be conducted online or in person and, at a minimum, shall cover:

- (1) Techniques on how to recognize symptoms of severe allergic reactions, including anaphylaxis.
- (2) Standards and procedures for the storage and administration of [~~an~~] epinephrine [~~auto-injector~~].
- (3) Emergency follow-up procedures.

(b) The school nurse conducting the anaphylaxis training shall maintain a list of individuals who have successfully completed the anaphylaxis training program.

II. Not later than January 1, 2017, the department of education, in consultation with the New Hampshire School Nurses' Association, shall develop and make available to all schools guidelines for the management of students with life-threatening allergies. The guidelines shall include, but not be limited to implementation of the following by a school nurse: education and training for designated unlicensed assistive personnel on the management of students with life-threatening allergies, including training related to the administration of [~~an~~] epinephrine [~~auto-injector~~]; procedures for responding to life-threatening allergic reactions; the development of individualized health care plans and allergy action plans for every student with a known life-threatening allergy; and protocols to prevent exposure to allergens. Not later than September 1, 2017, each school district, under the direction of a school nurse, shall implement a plan based on the guidelines developed pursuant to this section for the management of students with life-threatening allergies enrolled in the schools under its jurisdiction, and make such plan available to the public.

200:44-b Supply of Epinephrine [~~Auto-Injectors~~].

I. A school board may authorize a school nurse who is employed by the school district and for whom the board is responsible to maintain a supply of epinephrine [~~auto-injectors~~] for use in the event of an allergic emergency. The nurse shall determine the quantity of medication the school should maintain.

II. To obtain life-saving allergy medication for a school district, a health care practitioner may prescribe epinephrine [auto-injectors] in the name of a school district for use in life-saving allergy emergency situations.

III. A pharmacist may dispense epinephrine [auto-injectors] pursuant to a prescription issued in the name of a school. A school, under the direction of the school nurse, may maintain a supply of epinephrine [auto-injectors] for use in accordance with this subdivision.

IV. A school may enter into an agreement with a manufacturer of epinephrine [auto-injectors], third-party suppliers of epinephrine [auto-injectors], or health care offices to obtain epinephrine [auto-injectors] at no charge or at fair-market prices or at reduced prices. A school district may accept gifts, grants or donations from foundations, organizations, or private parties to purchase epinephrine [auto-injectors].

V. A school that possesses and makes available a supply of epinephrine [auto-injectors] pursuant to this subdivision shall maintain an annual report summarizing the use of the epinephrine [auto-injectors].

200:45 Immunity.

I. No school district, member of a school board, or school district employee shall be liable in a suit for damages as a result of any act or omission related to a pupil's use of [an] epinephrine [auto-injector] pursuant to RSA 200:43, if the provisions of RSA 200:42 have been met, unless the damages were caused by willful or wanton conduct or disregard of the criteria established in that section for the possession and self-administration of [an] epinephrine [auto-injector] by a pupil.

II. No school that possesses and makes available epinephrine [auto-injectors], member of its school board, school nurse, school district employee, agents or volunteers, no health care practitioner that prescribes epinephrine [auto-injectors] to a school, and no person that conducts the training described in RSA 200:44-a shall be liable for damages as a result of the administration or self-administration of [an] epinephrine [auto-injector], the failure to administer [an] epinephrine [auto-injector], or any other act or omission related to the possession or use of [an] epinephrine [auto-injector], unless the damages were caused by willful or wanton misconduct.

III. The administration of [an] epinephrine [auto-injector] by designated school personnel pursuant to the provisions of this subdivision shall not require licensure.

IV. This section shall not be construed to eliminate, limit, or reduce any other immunity or defense that may be available under state law.

3 Epinephrine Administration in Postsecondary Educational Institutions and Independent Schools; Definition of Trained Designee. Amend RSA 200-N:1, V to read as follows:

V. "Trained designee" means a member of the campus community trained by a licensed campus medical professional in the emergency administration of [auto-injectable] epinephrine.

4 Epinephrine Administration in Postsecondary Educational Institutions and Independent Schools; Emergency Administration Policies and Guidelines. Amend RSA 200-N:2 to read as follows:

200-N:2 Emergency Administration of Epinephrine; Policies and Guidelines.

I. A postsecondary educational institution or independent school accredited to operate in this state may develop a policy in accordance with this chapter and guidelines issued under RSA 200-N:4 for the emergency administration of [auto-injectable] epinephrine to a member of the campus community for anaphylaxis when a licensed campus medical professional is not available.

II. Such policy shall include:

(a) Permission for a trained designee to do the following:

(1) Administer [auto-injectable] epinephrine to a member of the campus community for anaphylaxis when a licensed campus medical professional is unavailable.

(2) When responsible for the safety of at least one member of the campus community, carry in a secure but accessible location a supply of [auto-injectable] epinephrine that is prescribed under a standing protocol from a health care provider who is licensed in New Hampshire and whose scope of practice includes the prescribing of medication.

(b) Provisions that a licensed campus medical professional has responsibility for training designees in the following:

(1) The administration of [auto-injectable] epinephrine.

(2) Identification of an anaphylactic reaction and indications for when to use epinephrine.

III. Each postsecondary educational institution and independent school that develops a policy under this chapter shall designate a licensed campus medical professional.

IV. A licensed campus medical professional may:

(a) Establish and administer a standardized training protocol for the emergency administration of epinephrine by trained designees.

(b) Ensure that trained designees have satisfactorily completed the training protocol.

(c) Obtain a supply of [auto-injectable] epinephrine under a standing protocol from a physician licensed under RSA 329, ***physician assistant licensed under RSA 328-D, or advanced practice registered nurse licensed under RSA 326-B.***

(d) Control distribution to trained designees of [auto-injectable] epinephrine.

5 Epinephrine Administration in Postsecondary Educational Institutions and Independent Schools; Storage of Epinephrine. Amend RSA 200-N:5 and 200-N:6 to read as follows:

200-N:5 Storage of Epinephrine.

I. A postsecondary educational institution or independent school may fill a prescription for [auto-injectable] epinephrine and store the [auto-injectable] epinephrine on the campus if a licensed health care provider whose scope of practice includes the prescribing of medication writes the prescription for [auto-injectable] epinephrine for the postsecondary educational institution or independent school.

II. The postsecondary educational institution or independent school shall store the [auto-injectable] epinephrine in an unlocked safe location in which only postsecondary educational institution or independent school personnel have access.

III. A health care provider who is licensed in this state and whose scope of practice includes the prescribing of medication may write a prescription, drug order, or protocol for [auto-injectable] epinephrine for the postsecondary educational institution or independent school.

IV. A pharmacist licensed under RSA 318 may dispense a valid prescription, drug order, or protocol for [auto-injectable] epinephrine issued in the name of a postsecondary educational institution or an independent school.

200-N:6 Immunity From Civil Liability.

I. A licensed campus medical professional who acts in accordance with this chapter shall not be liable for civil damages for any act or omission committed in accordance with this chapter unless the act or omission constitutes gross negligence or willful misconduct.

II. A trained designee who administers [auto-injectable] epinephrine in accordance with this chapter shall not be liable for civil damages resulting from the administration of [auto-injectable] epinephrine under this chapter unless the act or omission constitutes gross negligence or willful misconduct.

III. A licensed health care provider who writes a prescription, drug order, or protocol under this chapter is not liable for civil damages resulting from the administration of [auto-injectable] epinephrine under this chapter unless the act or omission constitutes gross negligence or willful misconduct.

IV. A licensed pharmacy, whether with a physical presence or doing business through mail order, that fulfills a prescription, drug order, or protocol under this chapter is not liable for civil damages resulting from the administration of [auto-injectable] epinephrine under this chapter unless the act or omission constitutes gross negligence or willful misconduct.

6 Epinephrine Administration in Postsecondary Educational Institutions and Independent Schools; Applicability. Amend RSA 200-N:7, II and III to read as follows:

II. Prohibit the administration of [~~a pre-filled auto-injector of~~] epinephrine by a person acting under a lawful prescription.

III. Prevent a licensed health care provider from acting within the individual's scope of practice in administering [auto-injectable] epinephrine.

7 Administration of Epinephrine. Amend RSA 329:1-h to read as follows:

329:1-h Administration of Epinephrine.

I. In this section:

- (a) "Administer" means the direct application of [an] epinephrine [auto-injector] to the body of an individual.
- (b) "Authorized entity" means any entity or organization in which allergens capable of causing anaphylaxis may be present, including recreation camps and day care facilities. Authorized entity shall not include an elementary or secondary school or a postsecondary educational institution eligible to establish policies and guidelines for the emergency administration of epinephrine under RSA 200-N.
- (c) ~~"Epinephrine auto-injector" means a single-use device used for the automatic injection of a pre-measured dose of epinephrine into the human body.~~
- (d) "Health care practitioner" means a person who is lawfully entitled to prescribe, administer, dispense, or distribute controlled drugs.
- (e) (d) "Provide" means to furnish one or more **doses of** epinephrine [auto-injectors] to an individual.

II. A health care practitioner may prescribe epinephrine [auto-injectors] in the name of an authorized entity for use in accordance with this section, and pharmacists and health care practitioners may dispense epinephrine [auto-injectors] pursuant to a prescription issued in the name of an authorized entity.

III. An authorized entity may acquire and maintain a supply of epinephrine [auto-injectors] pursuant to a prescription issued in accordance with this section. Such epinephrine [auto-injectors] shall be stored in a location readily accessible in an emergency and in accordance with the instructions for use, and any additional requirements that may be established by *the* board of medicine. An authorized entity shall designate employees or agents who have completed the training required by paragraph V to be responsible for the storage, maintenance, control, and general oversight of epinephrine [auto-injectors] acquired by the authorized entity.

IV. An employee or agent of an authorized entity, or other individual, who has completed the training required by paragraph V may use epinephrine [auto-injectors] pursuant to this section to:

- (a) Provide [an] epinephrine [auto-injector] to any individual who the employee agent or other individual believes in good faith is experiencing anaphylaxis, or the parent, guardian, or caregiver of such individual, for immediate administration, regardless of whether the individual has a prescription for [an] epinephrine [auto-injector] or has previously been diagnosed with an allergy.
- (b) Administer [an] epinephrine [auto-injector] to any individual who the employee, agent, or other individual believes in good faith is experiencing anaphylaxis, regardless of whether the individual has a prescription for [an] epinephrine [auto-injector] or has previously been diagnosed with an allergy.

V.(a) An employee, agent, or other individual described in paragraph IV shall complete an anaphylaxis training program at least every 2 years, following completion of the initial anaphylaxis training program. Such training shall be conducted by a nationally-recognized organization experienced in training unlicensed persons in emergency health care treatment or an entity or individual approved by the board of medicine. Training may be conducted online or in person and, at a minimum, shall cover:

- (1) How to recognize signs and symptoms of severe allergic reactions, including anaphylaxis;
- (2) Standards and procedures for the storage and administration of [an] epinephrine [auto-injector]; and
- (3) Emergency follow-up procedures.

(b) The entity or individual that conducts the training shall issue a certificate, on a form developed or approved by the board of medicine to each person who successfully completes the anaphylaxis training program.

VI. No authorized entity that possesses and makes available epinephrine [auto-injectors] and its employees, agents, and other individuals, or health care practitioner that prescribes or dispenses epinephrine [auto-injectors] to an authorized entity, or pharmacist or health care practitioner that dispenses

epinephrine [~~auto-injectors~~] to an authorized entity, or individual or entity that conducts the training described in paragraph V, shall be liable for any injuries or related damages that result from any act or omission pursuant to this section, unless such injury or damage is the result of willful or wanton misconduct. The administration of [~~an~~] epinephrine [~~auto-injector~~] in accordance with this section shall not be considered to be the practice of medicine or any other profession that otherwise requires licensure. This section shall not be construed to eliminate, limit, or reduce any other immunity or defense that may be available under state law. An entity located in this state shall not be liable for any injuries or related damages that result from the provision or administration of [~~an~~] epinephrine [~~auto-injector~~] outside of this state if the entity would not have been liable for such injuries or related damages had the provision or administration occurred within this state, or is not liable for such injuries or related damages under the law of the state in which such provision or administration occurred.

8 Dealing In or Possessing Prescription Drugs. Amend RSA 318:42, VII-a(b) to read as follows:

(b) The possession and administration of epinephrine for the emergency treatment of anaphylaxis by licensed practical nurses or registered nurses employed or contracted by public school systems or by licensed campus medical professionals in postsecondary educational institutions or independent schools. ***A pharmacist may dispense epinephrine pursuant to a prescription issued in the name of a school, postsecondary institution, or independent school. A school, under the direction of the school nurse, may maintain a supply of epinephrine for use in accordance with RSA 200:44-b and RSA 200-N:5. The emergency treatment of anaphylaxis by licensed practical nurses or registered nurses employed or contracted by public school systems or by licensed campus medical professionals in postsecondary educational institutions or independent schools or camp personnel may include the administration of epinephrine belonging to another person being stored at school or camp to be administered to another person requiring the emergent treatment of anaphylaxis. No persons employed or contracted by a school or camp when acting in good faith and with reasonable care, who administers epinephrine shall be subject to any criminal or civil liability, or any professional disciplinary action, for any action authorized by this paragraph or any outcome resulting from an action authorized by this paragraph.***

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

2025-1984s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows authorized entities, including recreation camps, elementary schools, secondary schools, and institutions of higher education, to possess and administer epinephrine to treat anaphylaxis. The bill removes the specific reference in current statutes to administration by auto-injectors. The bill also changes references from “physician” to “primary health care provider”, and clarifies that epinephrine prescribed for an individual at a school or camp may be used to treat another individual experiencing an anaphylactic emergency.

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs

May 6, 2025

2025-1962s

07/05

Amendment to HB 67-FN-A

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

1 Elections; Voting Procedure; Accessible Voting Systems. RSA 659:20-b is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

659:20-b Accessible Voting Systems.

I. Every city, every town, and every school district which has adopted an official ballot system shall:

(a) Ensure that each polling place has at least one accessible voting system.

(b) Bear the cost of programming for the city, town, or school district election with the vendor chosen and contracted with by the secretary of state.

(c) Follow guidance from the secretary of state to upload programmed files to the accessible voting system, test the programming, and set up the accessible voting system for each election.

II. The city or town clerk shall:

(a) Enter into an agreement with the secretary of state for the use of the state's provided accessible voting systems in local elections.

(b) Store and maintain the state's accessible voting system in a secure manner following election security guidance issued by the secretary of state.

(c) For school elections held in the clerk's city or town, share the state's accessible voting system with the school clerk for use in the school district's elections.

III. The secretary of state shall:

(a) Enter into an agreement with city and town clerks to provide accessible voting systems for use in city, town, and school elections.

(b) Provide guidance to city, town, and school clerks on uploading programmed files to the accessible voting systems.

(c) Provide security guidance for the local storage and maintenance of the accessible voting system or systems used for city, town, and school district elections.

(d) Bear the cost of programming for state and federal elections.

2 Repeal. 2024, 123:4, relative to the repeal of certain authority for cities, towns, and school districts to enter into pilot agreements with the secretary of state regarding the use of accessible voting systems.

3 Effective Date.

I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect June 29, 2025.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect December 31, 2025.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration

May 7, 2025

2025-1983s

09/11

Amendment to HB 82

Amend the bill by inserting after section 38 the following and renumbering the original sections 39 through 46 to read as 40 through 47, respectively:

39 Electricians; Board. RSA 319-C:4, III is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

III. With the approval of the executive director, the board may convene a subcommittee or subcommittees for the purpose of reviewing and making recommendations on matters that could be handled by the full board pursuant to RSA 319-C.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration

April 23, 2025

2025-1723s

09/06

Amendment to HB 85-FN

Amend RSA 326-E:3-a, II as inserted by section 3 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. A student who has obtained a temporary student license and who is employed in a healthcare setting may render respiratory care services only under the direct supervision of a licensed respiratory care practitioner for a period of 2 months following the date of issuance. After the 2 months have expired, only general supervision by a licensed respiratory care practitioner of the employed student at that healthcare setting shall be required. The scope of practice of the student respiratory therapist is limited to those activities for which there is documented evidence of competency and under conditions specified by rule, pursuant to RSA 541-A.

Senate Education
 April 23, 2025
 2025-1731s
 11/11

Amendment to HB 90-FN

Amend RSA 189:39-c, I(d) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(d) Is authorized to teach an approved college dual or concurrent enrollment course in the high school that has the same quality and rigor as the courses offered on-campus at the sponsoring college or university.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration
 May 7, 2025
 2025-1992s
 09/05

Amendment to HB 118

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

AN ACT repealing certain committees and commissions and relative to the membership of the New Hampshire rare disease advisory council.

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 1 with the following:

2 New Hampshire Rare Disease Advisory Council Established. Amend RSA 126-A:79, III to read as follows:

III. Terms of office shall be for 3 years, except that legislative members shall serve the terms coterminous with their terms of office. ~~[No member shall serve more than 2 full consecutive terms.]~~

3 Repeal. The following are repealed:

I. RSA 4:9-p through 4:9-r and the subdivision heading preceding RSA 4:9-p, relative to the New Hampshire recovery monument commission.

II. RSA 10:5 through 10:10 and the subdivision heading preceding RSA 10:5, relative to the lakeshore redevelopment planning commission.

III. RSA 12-P:7-b, II(b), relative to the office of offshore wind industry development and energy innovation supporting the offshore wind commission.

IV. RSA 12-O:55-a, relative to the commission on demographic trends.

V. RSA 17-J:5, relative to the joint legislative parking garage oversight committee.

VI. RSA 72:8-f, relative to the study commission on the assessing of power generation.

VII. RSA 105-D:2-a, relative to the commission to develop recommendations for legislation to establish a single statewide entity to receive complaints alleging misconduct regarding all sworn and elected law enforcement officers.

VIII. RSA 126-A:17, II(a) and II(b), relative to the house and senate members of the advisory council on child care.

IX. RSA 127:12, relative to the commission to study the delivery of public health services through regional public health networks.

X. RSA 276-B, relative to the task force on work and family.

XI. RSA 284:6-c, relative to the study commission to study the effect of recent changes made to charitable gaming laws.

XII. RSA 329:1-f and the subdivision heading preceding it, relative to the commission to study tele-health services.

XIII. RSA 374-F:10, relative to the offshore wind and port development commission.

XIV. 2022, 278:2, relative to the repeal of the commission to study the delivery of public health services through regional public health networks.

XV. 2023, 79:463, relative to the repeal of the housing champion advisory program.

XVI. 2023, 79:586, relative to the repeal of the study commission to study the effect of recent changes made to charitable gaming laws.

XVII. 2023, 192:5 and 192:6, relative to the repeal of the joint legislative parking garage oversight commission.

XVIII. 2024, 318:2, relative to the repeal of the study commission on the assessing of power generation.

4 Effective Date.

I. Paragraphs V and XVII of section 3 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

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

2025-1992s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill repeals various committees and commissions, and removes the house and senate members of the advisory council on child care. This bill further removes the restriction that members of the New Hampshire rare disease advisory council not serve more than 2 full consecutive terms.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration

May 7, 2025

2025-1985s

07/09

Amendment to HB 142

Amend RSA 4:13-h, II as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. The governor shall order the Honor and Remember Flag to be displayed daily at the New Hampshire state veterans cemetery in Boscawen in the most junior order of precedence on the last Sunday in September.

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs

May 7, 2025

2025-1974s

07/08

Amendment to HB 151

Amend RSA 41:46-a as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

41:46-a Election of Supervisors of the Checklist. The board of supervisors of the checklist shall consist of 3 legal voters of the town. At the annual town election held [in] every ~~[even-numbered]~~ year, the voters of each town shall elect, by ballot, one supervisor for a term of [6] **2** years, provided that the supervisor elected at the [state-general] **annual town** election in [1974] **2026** shall serve until the annual town election in [1980] **2029**; and that the supervisor elected at the state-general election in 1976 shall serve until the annual town election in 1982]. ***There shall be no election for supervisor of the checklist in 2027, unless there is a vacancy.***

Senate Executive Departments and Administration

May 7, 2025

2025-1993s

08/05

Amendment to HB 156

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

1 New Section; Advisory Committee on State Procurement of Agricultural Products. Amend RSA 21-I by inserting after section 14-d the following new section:

21-I:14-e Advisory Committee on State Procurement of Agricultural Products.

I. There is established an advisory committee on state procurement of agricultural products.

II. The members of the committee shall be 3 members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and one senate member appointed by the president.

III. The committee shall:

- (a) Assess current practices for procuring locally produced food.
- (b) Evaluate economic and environmental impacts of supporting conservation-focused farming.
- (c) Develop recommendations for potential incentive mechanisms.
- (d) Align findings with state food system planning goals.

IV. The members of the committee shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Two members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

V. Beginning November 1, 2025 and each November 1 thereafter, the committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerks, the senate clerk, the governor, and the chair of the advisory committee on state procurement established in RSA 21-I:14-d.

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

2025-1993s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill creates an advisory committee on state procurement of agricultural products to review state procurement policies and make recommendations to encourage local food production and conservation.

Senate Commerce

May 6, 2025

2025-1963s

07/05

Amendment to HB 225-FN

Amend RSA 110-C:1-a, I(b) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(b) "Employer" means any person, company, corporation, or organization that employs 50 or more individuals at the same location in New Hampshire. For the purpose of calculating the number of employees, the employee count of separate employers shall not be combined, regardless of common ownership.

Amend RSA 110-C:1-a, VII as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

VII. The employer may choose not to reemploy the employee if the employer certifies that its circumstances have so changed as to make reemployment impossible or unreasonable as defined by 20 C.F.R. Section 1002.139.

Senate Ways and Means

April 30, 2025

2025-1848s

07/09

Amendment to HB 328

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

1 Racing and Charitable Gaming; Study Commission Established. RSA 284:6-c is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

284:6-c Study Commission Established. There is established a charitable gaming oversight commission.

I. Seven voting members of the commission shall be as follows:

(a) The chairperson of senate ways and means committee, or their designee who is a senate ways and means committee member.

(b) The ranking minority member of the senate ways and means committee, or their designee who is a senate ways and means committee member.

(c) One senate member appointed by the president of the senate.

(d) The chairperson of house ways and means committee, or their designee who is a house ways and means committee member.

(e) The ranking minority member of the house ways and means committee, or their designee who is a house ways and means committee member.

(f) One house member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(g) One public member appointed by the governor.

II. (a) Eight non-voting members of the commission shall be as follows:

(1) Four New Hampshire citizens with no financial interest in charitable gaming and no governing board responsibilities for charitable gaming entities shall be selected as follows: one shall be appointed by the president of the senate; one shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate; one shall be appointed by the speaker of the house; and one shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house.

(2) Two New Hampshire citizens shall be appointed by the governor, provided that one shall be representative of gaming operators and one shall be representative of charities participating in charitable gaming.

(3) The executive director of the lottery commission, or designee.

(4) The attorney general, or designee.

(b) Non-voting members shall have no vote in commission matters but shall be eligible to participate in all other commission proceedings.

III. Voting and non-voting members of the commission shall serve until replaced by their respective appointing authority, until no longer meeting the conditions on which their original appointment was based, or until resignation.

IV. Legislative members shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the commission.

V. The commission shall review charitable gaming laws, including historical horse race gaming, shall consider the issues identified in the November 1, 2024, final report of the commission to study the effect of recent changes made to charitable gaming laws, including the newly authorized historical horse races established in 2023, 79:583, and shall make from time to time such recommendations for administrative and legislative changes to charitable gaming law and rules as it deems necessary and appropriate. The commission may upon a majority vote of the commission take-up any such topics it deems relevant; however, it shall start with priority consideration of:

(a) Any possible changes needed to address problem gambling.

(b) Any possible changes needed to restructure or modify systems for allocating and overseeing the use of funds granted to the state and to charities and gaming operators participating in games of chance and in historical horse race gaming.

(c) Any possible changes needed to prevent undue concentration or proliferation of gaming locations, facilities, and ownership, including a municipal option to opt into or out of components of charitable gaming.

VI. The voting members of the study commission shall elect a chairperson from among the voting members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 60 days of the effective date of this section. Four voting members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

VII. The commission shall submit a report on or before November 1, 2026, and on or before September 1 of each year thereafter, to the general court including findings, recommendations, and any corrective or technical improvements that charitable gaming may require.

VIII. The commission shall be administratively attached to the lottery commission.

2 Study Commission Established; Prospective Repeal. Amend 2023, 79:587 to read as follows:

79:587 Effective Date. Section 586 of this act shall take effect July 1, [2025] **2035**.

3 Appropriation; Charitable Gaming Oversight Commission. The sum of \$100,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, is appropriated to the lottery commission to support the work of the charitable gaming oversight commission established pursuant to RSA 284:6-c. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. Such funds shall be nonlapsing.

4 Effective Date.

I. Section 1 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2025.

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

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs

May 6, 2025

2025-1964s

07/11

Amendment to HB 421-FN

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

1 New Paragraph; Taxation; Persons and Property Liable to Taxation; Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Exemption. Amend RSA 72:23 by inserting after paragraph VII the following new paragraph:

VIII. Cities and towns shall annually mail the forms prescribed under RSA 72:23-c, I and RSA 72:23, VI to all property owners whose real estate was exempt from taxation in the prior property tax year under RSA 72:23, III, IV or V, and notify such property owners of the form submission deadline. The forms shall be mailed no later than 60 days before the due dates of the completed forms and supplemental documents. If the city or town or property owner otherwise qualified to receive an exemption discovers that the required forms were not sent or received, the property owner qualified to receive an exemption may submit the application to the city or town, and the governing body may grant an exemption thereunder for that year only, irrespective of any calendar date or the approval of the local tax rate and without penalty to the qualified owner.

2 Taxation; Persons and Property Liable to Taxation; Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Exemption. Amend RSA 72:23, VI to read as follows:

VI. Every charitable organization or society, except those religious and educational organizations and societies whose real estate is exempt under the provisions of paragraphs III and IV, shall annually before June 1, file with the municipality in which the property is located upon a form prescribed and provided by the board of tax and land appeals a statement of its financial condition for the preceding fiscal year and such other information as may be necessary to establish its status and eligibility for tax exemption. If any organization, otherwise qualified to receive an exemption, shall satisfy the selectmen that they were prevented by accident, mistake, or misfortune from filing an application on or before June 1, the officials may receive the application at a later date and grant an exemption thereunder for that year; but no such application shall be received or exemption granted after [the local tax rate has been approved for that] ***March 31, the end of the property tax year. Cities and towns shall give notice and post blank copies of the proper tax forms in a manner similar to other public notices 60 days before the filing due date. Seven days after the filing due date, municipalities shall send notices to any charitable organizations approved in the prior year that have yet to file.***

3 Taxation; Persons and Property Liable to Taxation; Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Exemption. Amend RSA 72:23-c, I to read as follows:

I. Every religious, educational and charitable organization, Grange, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans, the American National Red Cross and any other national veterans association shall annually, on or before April 15, file a list of all real estate and personal property owned by them on which exemption from taxation is claimed, upon a form prescribed and provided by the board of tax and land appeals, with the selectmen or assessors of the place where such real estate and personal property are taxable. If any such organization or corporation shall willfully neglect or refuse to file such list upon request therefor, the selectmen may deny the exemption. If any organization, otherwise qualified to receive an exemption, shall satisfy the selectmen or assessors that they were prevented by accident, mistake or misfortune from filing an application on or before April 15, the officials may receive the application at a later date and grant an exemption thereunder for that year; but no such application shall be received or exemption granted after [the local tax rate has been approved for that] ***March 31, the end of the property tax***

year. *Cities and towns shall give notice and post blank copies of the proper tax forms in a manner similar to other public notices 60 days before the filing due date. Seven days after the filing due date, municipalities shall send notices to any charitable organizations approved in the prior year that have yet to file.*

4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect April 1, 2026.

2025-1964s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires cities and towns and the department of revenue administration to give certain notices regarding the annual tax-exemption filing deadline to tax-exempt organizations.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration

May 7, 2025

2025-1989s

07/05

Amendment to HB 428-LOCAL

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

AN ACT relative to the state building code.

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

1 Public Safety and Welfare; State Board of Fire Control; State Fire Code; Rules. Amend RSA 153:5, V to read as follows:

V. The state fire marshal, and the local fire chief, in accordance with RSA 154:2, shall use the state fire code, including rules adopted under paragraph I, and any local ~~codes~~ **ordinances or regulations** adopted ~~[in accordance with RSA 47:22 or RSA 155-A:3,]~~ **by the local legislative body** for the purposes of new construction, additions, and alterations. It is the intent of the legislature to avoid conflicts in the adoption and application of the state building code and the state fire code. **Local municipal ordinances or regulations to allow for administrative amendments to the state fire code shall be permitted. Amendments to the state fire code implementing the issuance of permits and the collection of fees or other administrative functions shall be reserved for the municipalities, provided they are not less stringent than the state fire code and reviewed pursuant to RSA 153:4-a, II. No amendments to the technical requirements of the state fire code are permitted.**

2 New Hampshire Building Code; Definitions. RSA 155-A:1, III is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

III. "Local enforcement agency" means, for a municipality as defined in RSA 672:10 that has adopted an enforcement mechanism under RSA 155-A:3, the official qualified and authorized to issue permits, make inspections, and enforce the laws, ordinances, and rules enacted by the state and local government that establish standards and requirements applicable to the construction, alteration, relocation, enlargement, replacement, repair, equipment, use and occupancy, location, maintenance, removal, and demolition of every building or structure, or any appurtenances connected or attached to such building or structure.

3 State Building Code. Amend RSA 155-A:2, III to read as follows:

III. To the extent that it does not conflict with any other provision of law, and except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the issuance of permits and the collection of fees pursuant to the state building code is expressly reserved for counties, towns, cities, and village districts where such activities have been authorized in accordance with RSA ~~[674:51 and RSA 47:22]~~ **155-A:3**. Pursuant to the state fire marshal's authority to enforce the state building code under RSA 155-A:7, I, the fire marshal may establish for municipalities that do not have a building official or other enforcement mechanism authorized in RSA 155-A:4, with approval of the commissioner of safety and by rules adopted under RSA 541-A, fees to defray the cost of issuing building permits in accordance with the state building code. Such fees shall be deposited in the fire standards and training and emergency medical services fund established in RSA 21-P:12-d.

4 State Building Code. Amend RSA 155-A:2, VI to read as follows:

VI. For any municipality which has not adopted an enforcement mechanism under RSA 674:51, the contractor of the building, building component, or structure shall notify the state fire marshal concerning the

type of construction before construction begins excluding one- and 2-family dwellings. Any municipality that has adopted an enforcement mechanism under RSA [674:51] **155-A:3** may contract with a local enforcement agency or a qualified third party for these services as an alternative to establishing the position of building [inspector under RSA 674:51, HH(c)] **official pursuant to RSA 155-A:3**, and such agency or third party shall have the same authority as a building inspector as provided in that section.

5 State Building Code. Amend RSA 155-A:2, VIII to read as follows:

VIII. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as amending, repealing, or superseding any local law, ordinance, code, or regulation, except local code requirements that are less stringent than the state building code[~~or state fire code~~], or where expressly required by RSA [674:51, ~~or RSA 47:22~~] **155-A:3**, and all buildings, building components, and structures shall comply with all applicable state or local building [~~and fire code~~] requirements, land use restrictions including, but not limited to subdivision regulations, use and location restrictions, density and dimensional limitations, or historic district laws or ordinances.

6 Local Amendments; Application. RSA 155-A:3 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

155-A:3 Enforcement mechanism.

I. The local legislative body, as defined in RSA 672:8, is hereby empowered and authorized to establish a local enforcement agency, as defined in RSA 155-A:1, III, to enforce the state building code adopted under RSA 155-A. The local legislative body may adopt a nationally recognized code not included in, and not inconsistent with, the state building code, except for a nationally recognized code which has the same or similar scope or purpose, as determined by the building code review board, that is included in the most recent edition of the state building code adopted under RSA 155-A:1, IV.

II. Amendments to the state building code implementing the issuance of permits and the collection of fees pursuant to RSA 155-A:2, III, and the issuance of permits and certificates of occupancy pursuant to RSA 155-A:2, IV, or other administrative functions shall be reserved for the municipalities, provided they are not less stringent than the state building code and confirmed pursuant to RSA 155-A:3, IV. No amendments to the technical requirements of the state building code are permitted. Municipal amendments to technical requirements of the state building code are permitted if the state building code is more than 2 editions behind the published model codes included in the state building code, provided they are not more or less stringent than the state building code and confirmed pursuant to RSA 155-A:3, IV.

III. At a minimum, the municipality shall ensure by ordinance that implementation and enforcement includes:

(a) The date of the first enactment of any building code regulations in the municipality and of each subsequent amendment thereto.

(b) Provision for the establishment of a building code board of appeals as provided in RSAs 673:1, V; 673:3, IV; and 673:5.

(c) Provision for the establishment of the position of building official as provided in RSA 673:1.

(d) The building official shall have the authority to:

(1) Accept and review appropriate design documents;

(2) Issue building permits as provided in RSA 676:11-13;

(3) Perform inspections as may be necessary to assure compliance with the state building code; and

(4) Issue any certificates of occupancy as enacted pursuant to paragraph IV.

(e) A schedule of fees, or a provision authorizing the governing body to establish fees, to be charged for building permits, inspections, and for any certificate of occupancy enacted pursuant to paragraph IV.

IV. The regulations adopted pursuant to paragraph I may include a requirement for a certificate of occupancy to be issued prior to the use or occupancy of any building or structure that is erected, remodeled, or undergoes a change or expansion of use subsequent to the effective date of such requirement. The municipality shall be responsible for implementation and enforcement of the requirement under this paragraph.

V. Municipal Employees and Departments.

(a) The provisions of this chapter shall not be construed to restrict or encumber the local governing body's authority relative to the appointment, removal, or duties of municipal employees and the organization of municipal departments.

(b) Any provision of the state building code that conflicts with existing local ordinances, regulations, policies, practices, or procedures regarding the appointment, removal, or duties of municipal employees and the organization of municipal departments shall not apply, provided that the ordinances, regulations, policies, practices, or procedures do not prevent effective enforcement of the state building code.

VI. Any ordinance adopted under paragraph II by a local legislative body shall be submitted to the state building code review board for review and confirmation.

VII. The state building code established in RSA 155-A shall be effective in all municipalities, as defined in RSA 672:10, in the state, without further local modification, except as permitted by this section, and shall be enforced as provided in RSA 155-A:7. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no local legislative body shall enact or enforce any ordinance, adopt or enforce any rule, or implement any regulation that amends, overrides, or deviates from the state building code, or addresses any subject included in the state building code, except as otherwise permitted by this section or other statute, on or after the effective date of this section. All municipalities with an enforcement mechanism shall enforce and comply fully with the state building code without further local modification, except as otherwise permitted by this section or other statute.

VIII.(a) Local amendments and codes adopted pursuant to paragraph III prior to July 1, 2024, and the procedural history of adoption under RSA 155-A:10 shall be submitted for review to the building code review board for confirmation that such additional amendments are not inconsistent with or less stringent than, nor intended to replace, the requirements of the most recent edition of the building code adopted under RSA 155-A. No local amendment shall be enforced if it was not submitted to the building code review board by August 30, 2024. Upon the withholding of confirmation of a submitted local amendment by the state building code review board, the amendment shall not be enforced.

(b) Any such ordinance enacted or adopted pursuant to paragraph III on or after July 1, 2024, shall not be enforced unless confirmed by the building code review board pursuant to RSA 155-A:10, IV(c). The procedural history of local adoption relating to published notice, public hearing, and vote of approval shall be submitted to the board within 30 days of enactment or adoption and prior to enforcement.

IX. No municipality or local land use board, as defined in RSA 672:7, shall enforce any ordinance, regulation, code, or administrative practice requiring the installation of automatic fire suppression sprinklers in any new or existing detached one- or two-family dwelling unit in a structure used only for residential purposes, or in existing buildings that contain, or will contain, no more than four dwelling units, unless fire sprinklers are existing or are required by a nonresidential occupancy. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no municipality or local land use board shall enforce any existing ordinance, regulation, code, or administrative practice requiring the installation or use of automatic fire suppression sprinklers in any manufactured housing unit, as defined in RSA 674:31, situated in a manufactured housing park, as defined in RSA 205-A:1, II. Nothing in this paragraph shall affect the ability of an applicant for a local land use permit to include the installation of fire suppression sprinklers pursuant to RSA 674:36, IV, or affect the validity or enforceability of such inclusion.

X. No county, city, town, village district, local land use board, or other subdivision of this state shall adopt any ordinance, regulation, code, or administrative practice that prohibits or restricts a person or entity from installing a safe and commercially available heating or other energy system of their choice, or from engaging the services of an energy provider of their choice to install, connect, or resupply such energy system. In this paragraph, "energy provider" means a qualified and licensed distributor of oil, propane, natural gas, or other company or entity that supplies energy or related services to the public.

7 Local Amendments; Application. Amend RSA 155-A:4, II to read as follows:

II. In municipalities that have adopted an enforcement mechanism pursuant to RSA ~~[674:51 and RSA 47:22]~~ **155-A:3**, the permit under this section shall conform to the locally adopted process. No permit shall be issued that would not result in compliance with the state building code~~[-and state fire code]~~.

8 Local Amendments; Application. Amend RSA 155-A:7, I to read as follows:

I. The local enforcement agency appointed pursuant to RSA ~~[674:51 or RSA 47:22]~~ **155-A:3** shall have the authority to enforce the provisions of the state building code and the local fire chief shall have the author-

ity to enforce the provisions of the state fire code, provided that where there is no local enforcement agency or contract with a qualified third party pursuant to RSA 155-A:2, VI, the state fire marshal or the state fire marshal's designee may enforce the provisions of the state building code and the state fire code, subject to the review provisions in RSA 155-A:10, upon written request of the municipality.

9 Local Amendments; Application. Amend RSA 155-A:10, IV(c) – (f) to read as follows:

(c) Municipal ~~[amendments]~~ **ordinances**: municipalities shall submit proposed ~~[amendments]~~ **ordinances** to the state building code ~~[pursuant to RSA 155-A:3]~~ to the board for review and confirmation prior to adoption. Municipalities may submit proposed language to the board for an advisory opinion at any time. Cities shall submit ~~[the]~~ final proposed ~~[building code amendments]~~ **ordinances** no later than 90 days before final adoption. Towns shall submit ~~[the]~~ final proposed ~~[amendments]~~ **ordinances** no later than 10 days after the conclusion of the final public hearing. Municipal submissions shall include the final text for each ~~[amendments]~~ **ordinance**. The board shall act to review and confirm proposed municipal ~~[amendments]~~ **ordinances** within 90 days of submission for cities, and 45 days for towns. Failure of the board to act within these time frames shall constitute a confirmation of the municipal ~~[amendments]~~ **ordinances**. The board's review shall be limited to a confirmation that the local ~~[amendments]~~ **ordinance** complies with RSA ~~[674:51 or RSA 47:22]~~ **155-A:3**, and a verification with the state fire marshal that there is no conflict with the fire code.

(d) Once an ~~[amendments]~~ **ordinance** is approved by the legislative body, the municipality shall submit documentation to the building code review board within 30 days, pursuant to subparagraph (c), that the public hearing was properly noticed and held, and that the provision was adopted by the local legislative body.

(e) [Repealed.]

(f) ~~[amendments]~~ **Ordinances** adopted by municipalities, submitted to the board ~~[under the provisions of RSA 674:51, II this chapter]~~, and confirmed by the board, shall be published by the board after notification of adoption is received from the municipality.

10 General Requirements. Amend RSA 155-A:11-b, I to read as follows:

I. The board shall hear appeals of final decisions of any local building code board of appeals established under **RSA 155-A:3 and** RSA 674.

11 General Requirements. Amend RSA 674:34, II to read as follows:

II. Appeals of decisions of any local building code board of appeals shall be made within 30 days of the board's decision to the state building code review board as outlined under RSA ~~[155-A:10, IV(c)]~~ **155-A:11-b**.

12 General Requirements. Amend RSA 675:1, II to read as follows:

II. Zoning ordinances proposed under RSA 674:16 **and** historic district ordinances proposed under RSA 674:46 shall be adopted in accordance with the procedures required under RSA **675:2 through 675:5**.

13 Repeal. The following are repealed:

I. RSA 47:22, relative to the municipalities' grant of power.

II. RSA 674:51, relative to the local land use planning board and their power to amend state building codes and establish enforcement procedures.

14 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

Senate Education Finance

May 1, 2025

2025-1878s

06/11

Amendment to HB 557

Amend RSA 671:20, II(a) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(a) The average cost-per-pupil as calculated in accordance with RSA 189:75 I(a).

Senate Health and Human Services
 May 7, 2025
 2025-1982s
 05/11

Amendment to HB 606

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

AN ACT relative to a patient's right to appropriate reproductive care for medical conditions.

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

1 New Section; Physicians and Surgeons; Right to Appropriate Reproductive Care for Medical Conditions.
 Amend RSA 329 by inserting after section 31-b the following new section:

329:31-c Right to Appropriate Reproductive Care for Medical Conditions.

I. If a patient who is 18 years of age or older has a medical condition for which a medically advisable course of treatment or precautionary measure may include a procedure, medication, or treatment that leaves the patient sterile or unable to have children, the physician shall not deny the treatment on the basis of age, number of children, marital status, or fertility goals contrary to the patient's statement. The physician may require the patient to sign an informed consent and waive all damages from the procedure related to sterilization. A physician who violates this right may be subject to disciplinary action by the board of medicine.

II. A patient who has signed an informed consent or a waiver and proceeds with appropriate reproductive care for a medical condition shall have no civil right of action against any health care provider or health care institution on the basis of the patient being rendered sterile or unable to have children. This paragraph shall not provide immunity against any purposeful, reckless, or negligent act of a health care provider or health care institution.

III. For purposes of this section, "medical condition" means any disease, disorder, syndrome, symptoms, genetic predisposition or family medical history, or the state of being medicated, that either affect the reproductive system, or make reproduction not advisable either for the medical interest of the patient or for potential children. "Appropriate reproductive care for a medical condition" shall include the following: a hysterectomy (uterus), oophorectomy (ovaries), orchiectomy (testicles), salpingectomy (fallopian tubes), endometrial ablation, or medications that may affect fertility. For the purposes of this section, gender dysphoria shall not be considered a medical condition that affects the reproductive system or makes reproduction inadvisable; however, a patient who has a medical condition as defined in this paragraph shall not be denied a sterilizing treatment on the basis of having gender dysphoria.

IV. A patient who has been denied appropriate reproductive care for a medical condition as defined in paragraph III may seek review of the decision by the board of medicine within 3 years of the last denial to determine whether the denial was consistent with this section. A violation of this section shall be subject to review and disciplinary action by the board of medicine in conjunction with the office of professional licensure and certification under RSA 310, and shall not be subject to further civil liability or criminal penalty.

2 New Paragraph; Board of Medicine; Rulemaking; Denial of Appropriate Reproductive Care for Medical Conditions. Amend RSA 329:9 by inserting after paragraph XXI the following new paragraph:

XXII. Review of complaints asserting a violation of RSA 329:31-c, relative to appropriate reproductive care for medical conditions, including disciplinary proceedings under RSA 310:10 and assessment of fines under RSA 310:12.

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

2025-1982s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill affirms a patient's right to receive appropriate reproductive care for a medical condition when such care may include a procedure or medication that leaves the patient sterile or unable to have children.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration
 May 7, 2025
 2025-1988s
 05/11

Amendment to HB 634

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

AN ACT relative to the New Hampshire council on autism spectrum disorders.

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

1 New Hampshire Council on Autism Spectrum Disorders. RSA 171-A:32 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

171-A:32 New Hampshire Council on Autism Spectrum Disorders Established; Duties.

I. There is established a council on autism spectrum disorders (NHCASD) to provide leadership in promoting comprehensive and quality education, health care, and services for individuals with autism spectrum disorders and their families. The members of the council shall be as follows:

- (a) The governor, or designee.
- (b) The commissioner of the department of education, or designated representative specializing in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1974.
- (c) The commissioner of the department of health and human services, or designee.
- (d) The bureau chief of the bureau of developmental services, department of health and human services, or designee.
- (e) The bureau chief of the bureau of behavioral health, department of health and human services, or designee.
- (f) The director of the Institute on Disability, University of New Hampshire, or designee.
- (g) A special education director, appointed by the New Hampshire Association of Special Education Administrators, Inc.
- (h) The president of the New Hampshire Medical Society, or designee with a specialty in family medicine or pediatrics.
- (i) A representative of the New Hampshire Developmental Disabilities Council, appointed by the council.
- (j) Two individuals who are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, appointed by the NHCASD.
- (k) Two family members of individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, appointed by the NHCASD.
- (l) A representative of the Community Support Network, Inc., appointed by such organization.
- (m) A representative of the New Hampshire Psychological Association, appointed by the association.
- (n) The director of the office of Medicaid business and policy, department of health and human services, or designee.
- (o) A member of a New Hampshire based self-advocacy organization, appointed by the NHCASD.
- (p) Up to 5 additional members, appointed by the NHCASD.
- (q) A clinical service provider, as appointed by the council.
- (r) A representative of the New Hampshire School Nurses' Association, appointed by the association.
- (s) A licensed speech-language pathologist, appointed by the New Hampshire Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Inc.

II. A quorum of the council shall be a half plus one member of the appointed members of the council.

III. Meetings shall be conducted in a hybrid in-person/electronic format. Members for whom it is not reasonably practical to attend in-person may participate remotely, and the reason for remote participation shall be stated in the minutes of the meeting. Hybrid meetings shall comply with RSA 91-A requirements.

IV. The council shall:

(a) Provide advisory leadership on training, policy, data collection, and coordination of support and services for individuals with autism spectrum disorders and their families.

(b) Collaborate with groups and organizations that focus on providing quality services to individuals with autism spectrum disorder and their families.

(c) Make recommendations on best practices in New Hampshire for serving individuals with autism spectrum disorder.

(d) Provide an online listing of resources for individuals and families of people with autism spectrum disorder.

(e) Make an annual report to the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the commissioners of the department of health and human services and department of education, the members of the house committees on education, health, human services and elderly affairs, and finance, and the members of the senate committees on education, health and human services, and finance.

V. The department of health and human services shall provide administrative support to the council.

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

2025-1988s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill revises the membership and duties of the New Hampshire council on autism spectrum disorders.

The bill is a request of the New Hampshire council on autism spectrum disorders.

Senate Education

May 6, 2025

2025-1968s

07/09

Amendment to HB 677-FN

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following and renumbering the original section 4 to read as 6:

3 New Subparagraph; Anaphylaxis Training Required. Amend RSA 200:44-a, I by inserting after subparagraph (b) the following new subparagraph:

(c) Designated assistive personnel shall be identified by the school nurse, in consultation with the principal, to ensure all hours of the school day are covered by at least one assistive person.

4 New Section; School Health Services; Epinephrine Fund. Amend RSA 200 by inserting after section 44-b the following new section:

300:44-c Epinephrine Fund. There is hereby established in the state treasury the automated epinephrine fund. The nonlapsing fund shall be kept separate and distinct from all other funds and shall be continually appropriated to the department of education for the purposes of this section. The fund shall be used to provide financial support for the procurement and distribution of epinephrine auto-injectors and epinephrine nasal spray to schools in accordance with emergency plans for sports-related injuries under RSA 200:44-b. The division may accept gifts, grants, donations, and other moneys for this purpose.

5 New Subparagraph; Application of Receipts; Dedicated Fund. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by inserting after subparagraph (399) the following new subparagraph:

(400) Moneys deposited in the epinephrine fund under RSA 200:44-c.

2025-1968s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Requires public schools to maintain supplies of epinephrine auto-injectors and/or epinephrine nasal spray for use in the event of an allergic emergency and annual reporting summarizing such supply and use.

II. Requires at least one assistive personnel to be available all hours of the school day.

III. Provides an appropriation to the department of education for reimbursement of such supplies.

IV. Establishes an automated epinephrine fund to provide financial support for the procurement and distribution of epinephrine auto-injectors and epinephrine nasal spray to schools.

Senate Health and Human Services

May 7, 2025

2025-1986s

05/06

Amendment to HB 701-FN

Amend the bill by replacing section 3 with the following:

3 New Paragraph; Terminal Patients' Right to Try Act; Liability of Physician. Amend RSA 126-Z:3 by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

III. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a manufacturer of a drug, biologic, or device, a pharmacist, a health care facility, a health care provider, or a person or entity involved in the care of a patient using a drug, biologic, or device is immune from suit for any harm done to a patient resulting from the drug, biologic, or device if:

(a) The person has a life-threatening disease as determined by the person's physician and a consulting physician;

(b) The person's physician has determined that the person has no comparable or satisfactory United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved treatment options available to treat the disease or condition involved;

(c) The patient has given written informed consent for the use of the drug, biologic, or device or, if the patient is a minor or lacks the mental capacity to provide informed consent, a parent or legal guardian has given written informed consent on the patient's behalf and, if the patient is a legal adult, the consent is not contrary to the prior documented wishes of the patient;

(d) The manufacturer, pharmacist, facility, provider, or other person or entity has not engaged in willful misconduct. "Willful misconduct" shall include any conduct intended to hasten the death of the patient; and

(e) If the drug, biologic, or device is an individualized investigational treatment, it is administered by a health care provider in cooperation with an eligible facility.

Senate Health and Human Services

May 7, 2025

2025-1987s

05/09

Amendment to HB 712-FN

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

1 New Subdivision; Limitations on Breast Surgeries for Minors. Amend RSA 329 by inserting after section 50 the following new subdivision:

Limitations on Breast Surgeries for Minors

329:51 Limitations on Breast Surgery for Minors. This subdivision is intended to limit permissible breast surgeries on people under the age of 18 to only those procedures needed to treat malignancy, injury, infection, or malformation and those needed to reconstruct the breasts after such procedures.

329:52 Definitions. In this subdivision:

I. "Abnormal development" means:

(a) "Gynecomastia" which is the abnormal development of breast tissue in biological males;

(b) "Macromastia" which is excessive development of breast tissue in biological females and includes juvenile hypertrophy of the breast and gigantomastia; or

(c) “Symptomatic macromastia” is macromastia which causes pain, deformity and/or recurrent skin infection.

II. “Breast surgery” includes:

(a) “Mammaplasty” which means surgery to reshape or reside the breasts by removing or transplanting tissue or inserting implants;

(b) “Mastectomy” which means surgery to remove all breast tissue; and/or

(c) “Mastopexy” which means surgery to lift the breast.

III. “Malignant” means cancerous or otherwise dangerous to the physical health of the person including physiology compromised by infection, lack of blood flow, or physical injury.

VI. “Margin” means the healthy tissue removed around malignant tissue to ensure that all malignancy has been removed, and any additional tissue as recommended by relevant medical guidelines.

VI. “Transgender chest surgery” means surgery to remove the breasts of a biological female through mastectomy or to increase the size of breasts of a biological male through augmentation mammaplasty, only in such cases where there is no medical diagnosis recommending such surgery to remove the breasts or increase the size of breasts.

329:53 Prohibitions and Enforcement.

I. Pursuant to this subdivision and RSA 332-M, no physician shall perform transgender chest surgery on a person under 18 years of age.

II. No physician shall perform breast surgery on a person under 18 years of age unless one or more of the following conditions are met:

(a) The procedure is subsequent to a diagnosis of cancer which necessitates such a procedure as part of a treatment plan;

(b) The procedure is needed to remove malignant tissue and an appropriate margin, and lymph nodes as indicated;

(c) Reconstruction of breast tissue to restore the breasts after injury or infection which requires the removal of breast tissue to restore the physical health of the person;

(d) The procedure is needed to correct gynecomastia and symptomatic macromastia; or

(e) Treatment of congenital deformities of the breast and/or chest wall.

III. A violation of this subdivision is unprofessional conduct and is subject to discipline by the board of medicine under RSA 329, in conjunction with the office of professional licensure and certification under RSA 310. A violation of this subdivision shall not be grounds for additional civil or criminal liability.

2 Title Change. Amend the title of RSA 332-M to read as follows:

CHAPTER 332-M

PROHIBITING [GENITAL] GENDER [REASSIGNMENT] SURGERY ON MINORS

3 Definition of Gender Reassignment Surgery Added. Amend RSA 332-M:2 by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

III-a. “Gender surgery” includes genital gender reassignment surgery, transgender chest surgery as defined in RSA 329:52, VI, facial feminization or masculinization surgery, and/or removal of the reproductive organs for the purposes of gender identity including hysterectomy, oophorectomy, salpingo-oophorectomy, and/or orchiectomy.

4 Prohibition of Gender Surgery on Minors. Amend RSA 332-M:3 to read as follows:

332-M:3 Prohibition of [Genital] Gender [Reassignment] Surgery on Minors.

I. A physician shall not perform [genital] gender [reassignment] surgery on minors in the state of New Hampshire.

II. Physicians are not prohibited from performing:

(a) Reconstructive surgeries on ~~[the genitalia of]~~ minors to correct malformation, malignancy, injury or physical disease;

(b) Removal of malignant, malformed, or otherwise damaged ~~[genitalia]~~ **tissue**;

(c) Genital surgeries on minors with disorders of sex development; or

(d) Male circumcision; **or**

(e) Breast surgery subject to the conditions of RSA 329:53, II.

5 Enforcement. Amend RSA 332-M:4, I to read as follows:

I. Any ~~[referral for or]~~ provision of ~~[genital]~~ gender ~~[reassignment]~~ surgery to an individual under 18 years of age is unprofessional conduct and is subject to discipline by the appropriate licensing entity or disciplinary review board with competent jurisdiction in this state.

6 Effective Date.

I. Section 1 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

Senate Education Finance

May 1, 2025

2025-1880s

06/06

Amendment to HB 718

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

1 Special Education; Rules Exceeding State or Federal Minimum Requirements. Amend RSA 186-C:16-c, I(a) to read as follows:

(a) For each rule or proposed rule contained in the report, ~~[the state board shall include]~~ **the department of education shall identify** the rule number, the nature of the rule, any state minimum requirement exceeded, any federal minimum requirement exceeded, **the unfunded financial impact on local school districts for rules exceeding state or federal minimum requirements, if the rule exceeding state or federal requirements may have an indeterminable fiscal impact on school districts**, and the reasons for exceeding those minimum requirements.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

2025-1880s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires the department of education to report the out-of-pocket costs that local districts must incur to comply with rules that exceed state or federal special education standards and if certain federal or state requirements may have an indeterminable fiscal impact on school districts.

Senate Health and Human Services

April 16, 2025

2025-1632s

05/11

Amendment to HB 731-FN

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following and renumbering the original section 2 to read as 3:

2 Department of Health and Human Services; Community Living Facilities. Amend RSA 126-A:19 to read as follows:

126-A:19 Community Living Facilities.

I. The commissioner shall develop a statewide program of community living facilities for persons with developmental disabilities or mental illnesses. The commissioner shall be responsible for the selection, certification, and monitoring of such community living facilities in accordance with rules adopted by the commissioner pursuant to RSA 541-A.

II. The commissioner shall also be responsible for prior approval of all individual residential placements and shall adopt rules relative to monitoring the care, treatment, and habilitation provided to all residents of community living facilities.

(a) Rates for enhanced family care residents shall be set according to the severity of the resident's disability.

(b) Placements of children shall be consistent with RSA 170-A, 170-C, and 170-E, as appropriate.

(c) Approval by the commissioner of an individual for placement in a community living facility shall be based on a finding by the commissioner that the community living facility is the least restrictive environment appropriate to the needs of the individual. "Least restrictive environment" means the facility, program, or service which least inhibits a person's freedom of movement, freedom of choice, and participation in the community, while achieving the purposes of habilitation and treatment.

III. No community living facility certified under this section shall be exempt from state or local zoning ordinances, or exempt from state or local safety ordinances.

2025-1632s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides a limited license exemption for certain supportive housing options for individuals with disabilities located within a larger facility or apartment building. The bill also clarifies that community living facilities certified by the department of health and human services are not exempt from state and local zoning and safety ordinances.

Senate Education Finance

May 1, 2025

2025-1881s

06/05

Amendment to HB 771-FN

Amend RSA 194-D:5, II as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. In accordance with current department of education standards, the funding and educational decision-making process for children with disabilities attending a chartered public or open enrollment school shall be the responsibility of the **sending** school district and shall retain all current options available to the parent and to the school district.

Amend RSA 194-D:6 as inserted by section 3 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

194-D:6 Budgets. ***Each school district shall establish a line item in their operating budget, on an annual basis, reflecting estimated expenditures for open enrollment school tuition and offsetting revenue estimates from sending school districts*** [That portion of a school district's estimated expenditures on open enrollment school tuition shall be shown as a separate line item in a school district's budget].

HEARINGS

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

<https://www.youtube.com/NewHampshireSenatelivestream>

Links are also available on the Senate Meeting Schedule.



FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2025

FINANCE, Room 103, SH

Sen. Gray (C), Sen. Innis (VC), Sen. Carson, Sen. Birdsell, Sen. Pearl, Sen. Lang, Sen. Rosenwald, Sen. Watters

1:00 p.m.

Initial Committee Discussion on Agency Budgets

EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION

MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025

FINANCE, Room 103, SH

Sen. Gray (C), Sen. Innis (VC), Sen. Carson, Sen. Birdsell, Sen. Pearl, Sen. Lang, Sen. Rosenwald, Sen. Watters

1:00 p.m.

DELIBERATIVE/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Tentative List of Agencies

Governor's Commission on Disability

Legislative Branch

Executive Department

Executive Council

Conservation Land Stewardship Program

Treasury Department

Community Development Finance Authority

Land & Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP)

Council on Developmental Disabilities

Military Affairs and Veterans Services Department

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

Please Note: The agency listing is subject to change without notice.

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025

COMMERCE, Room 100, SH

Sen. Innis (C), Sen. Ricciardi (VC), Sen. Murphy, Sen. McGough, Sen. Fenton, Sen. Reardon

9:30 a.m.

HB 60, relative to the termination of tenancy at the expiration of the tenancy or lease term.

(THE PREVIOUS HEARING FOR HB 60 WAS RECESSED ON MAY 6TH)

EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION

EDUCATION, Room 101, LOB

Sen. Ward (C), Sen. Sullivan (VC), Sen. Abbas, Sen. Prentiss, Sen. Altschiller

9:15 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION

ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, Room 103, LOB

Sen. Gray (C), Sen. Lang (VC), Sen. Rochefort, Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Sen. Long

9:15 a.m.

HB 228-L, relative to petitioned articles at annual or special town meetings.

9:25 a.m.

HB 356, enabling school districts to adopt partisan school district elections.

9:40 a.m.

HB 475-L, relative to the reductions from the default budget for official ballot town meetings.

9:55 a.m.

HB 613, relative to enabling local political subdivisions to vote and set a reduced default budget option.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES, Room 103, SH

Sen. Avarad (C), Sen. Pearl (VC), Sen. McConkey, Sen. Watters, Sen. Rosenwald

9:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION

FINANCE, Room 103, SH

Sen. Gray (C), Sen. Innis (VC), Sen. Carson, Sen. Birdsell, Sen. Pearl, Sen. Lang, Sen. Rosenwald, Sen. Watters

1:00 p.m.

DELIBERATIVE/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Tentative List of Agencies

Insurance Department

Labor Department

Employment Security

Adult Parole Board

Office of the Consumer Advocate

Public Utilities Commission

Banking Department

Pease Development Authority

Department of Transportation

Police Standards and Training Council

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

Please Note: The agency listing is subject to change without notice.

JUDICIARY, Room 100, SH

Sen. Gannon (C), Sen. Abbas (VC), Sen. McConkey, Sen. Altschiller, Sen. Reardon

1:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION

1:30 p.m.

HB 387, relative to balloons being released into the air.

1:40 p.m.

HB 397, establishing a multi-agency task force chaired by the department of safety.

1:50 p.m.

HB 80, allowing a public body member's presence at a meeting by electronic or other means of communication only if physical presence is unavoidable.

2:00 p.m.

HB 485, authorizing persons who win the state lottery to remain anonymous.

2:10 p.m.

HB 337, relative to the reporting requirements of the judicial council.

2:20 p.m.

HB 343, relative to reporting regarding the northern border alliance program.

2:30 p.m.

Hearing on proposed Amendment #, 2025-1875s , to **HB 369-FN**, relative to misdemeanor sexual assault prosecutions.**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW****THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025****JUDICIARY**, Room 100, SH

Sen. Gannon (C), Sen. Abbas (VC), Sen. McConkey, Sen. Altschiller, Sen. Reardon

The Committee will meet at 1:00 p.m. or 15 minutes following the end of Session.

1:00 p.m.

HB 57, relative to a person's release from prison for the purpose of participating in certain post-secondary education programs in the community.

1:10 p.m.

HB 480, relative to restoration of competency to stand trial for criminal defendants.

1:20 p.m.

HB 143, relative to the issuance of no trespass orders on municipal or school district property.

1:30 p.m.

HB 520, relative to authorizing hearing officers of the department of education to issue subpoenas.

1:40 p.m.

HB 376, specifying that library user information exempted from disclosure in the right-to-know law includes information regarding library cards and library membership status.**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025

FINANCE, Room 103, SH

Sen. Gray (C), Sen. Innis (VC), Sen. Carson, Sen. Birdsell, Sen. Pearl, Sen. Lang, Sen. Rosenwald, Sen. Watters

1:00 p.m.

DELIBERATIVE/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Tentative List of Agencies:

Department of Information Technology

Department of Administrative Services

Personnel Appeals Board

New Hampshire Housing Appeals Board

Board of Tax and Land Appeals

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

Please Note: The agency listing is subject to change without notice.

MEETINGS

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2025

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

9:00 a.m.

Marine Patrol Bureau

Regular Meeting

31 Dock Road

Gilford, NH

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE INCIDENCE OF POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER IN FIRST RESPONDERS (RSA 281-A:17-e)

10:00 a.m.

NH Fire Academy

Regular Meeting

98 Smokey Bear Blvd.

Concord NH

MOUNT WASHINGTON COMMISSION (RSA 227-B:3)

10:00 a.m.

Bretton Woods Ski Area Lodge

Regular Meeting

99 Ski Area Rd

Bretton Woods, NH

COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS OF PERFLUORINATED CHEMICALS (RSA 126-A:79-a)

2:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting

This meeting will take place by remote conference. To listen in please follow the instructions below:

Please register for the Commission on the Environmental and Public Health Impacts of Perfluorinated Chemicals meeting on May 9, 2025 2:00 PM EST at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/5671215450474413150>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

You also may join the meeting by phone:

Call in Number: 1 (562) 247-8422

Access Code: 115-413-777

Webinar ID: 949-153-587

The following email address will be monitored throughout the meeting by someone who can assist with and alert the committee to any technical issues: Amy.E.Rousseau@des.nh.gov. You may also call Amy Rousseau at 603-271-8801.

MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025

COMMITTEE TO STUDY EXOTIC AQUATIC WEEDS AND EXOTIC AQUATIC SPECIES OF WILDLIFE IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 487:30)

8:30 a.m.	Williams Room French Wing Conservation Center 54 Portsmouth Street Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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ADVISORY COUNCIL ON CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (RSA 188-E:10-b)

9:00 a.m.	25 Hall Street Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 485-F:4)

9:00 a.m.	NHDES 29 Hazen Drive Concord, NH	Construction Project Subcommittee
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NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 485-F:4)

10:00 a.m.	NHDES 29 Hazen Drive Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2)

9:00 a.m.	Room 306-308, LOB	Regular Meeting
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NEW HAMPSHIRE TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL (RSA 238-A:2)

9:00 a.m.	NH Transportation Council Room 185 7 Hazen Drive Concord, NH Via Microsoft Teams: Meeting ID: 215 106 481 470 6 Passcode: 44yQ7nJ7	Regular Meeting
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OVERSIGHT COMMISSION ON CHILDREN'S SERVICES (RSA 21-V:10)

9:00 a.m.	Room 100, SH	Regular Meeting
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FISCAL COMMITTEE (RSA 14:30-a)

11:00 a.m.	Room 210-211, LOB	Regular Meeting
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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 126-A:13)

1:00 p.m.	Room 206-208, LOB	Regular Meeting
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LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE (RSA 14-B:2)

1:00 p.m.	Room 104, LOB	Regular Meeting
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NEW HAMPSHIRE-IRELAND TRADE COUNCIL (RSA 12-O:22-a)

1:30 p.m.	Department of Business & Economic Affairs Suite 100 100 North Main Street Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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2:00 p.m. Room 100, SH Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025

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

9:00 a.m.	New Hampshire Hospital Association Foundation for Healthy Communities Room 1 125 Airport Road Concord, NH https://brandeis.zoom.us/j/91924404723?pwd=iGGIYA5u57zTlaudZ0RDbb1ZkoAQm6.1 Meeting ID: 919 2440 4723 Password: 039529 Dial-in number: 1-646-558-8656	Regular Meeting
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025

JOINT COMMITTEE ON DEDICATED FUNDS (RSA 6:12-i)

10:00 a.m.	Room 202-204, LOB	Committee meeting regarding the impact of the proposed administrative charge on dedicated funds in HB 2, as amended by a House.
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FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2025

SOLID WASTE WORKING GROUP (RSA 149-M:61)

9:30 a.m.	NHDES Room 208C 29 Hazen Drive Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE (RSA 187-A:28-a)

10:00 a.m.	Room 100, SH	Regular Meeting
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2025

JOINT COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATION (RSA 14:14-C)

11:00 a.m.	Room 104, LOB	Regular Meeting
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FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2025

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

9:00 a.m.	Room 100, SH	Regular Meeting
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JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FACILITIES (RSA 17-E:1)

9:15 a.m.	Room 100, SH (or immediately following Senate Meeting)	Regular Meeting
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HOUSE LEGISLATIVE FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE (RSA 17-E:5)

10:00 a.m.	Room 100, SH	Regular Meeting
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MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025

NH LAND AND COMMUNITY HERITAGE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS (RSA 227-M:4)

2:00 p.m.	Department of Agriculture, Markets, & Food Granite Place South Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025

NH BRAIN AND SPINAL CORD INJURY ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 137-K:2)

2:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Join via Microsoft Teams:

https://us-east-2.protection.sophos.com/?d=microsoft.com&u=aHR0cHM6Ly90Z-WFtcy5taWNyb3NvZnQuY29tL2wvbWVldHVwLWpvaW4vMTk1M2FtZWV0aW5nX01UWTRPV0ZtWlRFdFl6Z3daaTAwWW1Ga0xXSTJNVEl0TW1aaE9XTTNa-REV4WIRBNSU0MHRocmVhZC52Mi8wP2NvbnRleHQ9JTdiJTlyVGlkJTlyJTN-hJTlyZjE1MTc2NGItM2E5NS00ZWVjLTg1M2QtNDgwZWE0ZWl2ZWViJTlyJTJj-JTIyT2lkJTlyJTNhJTlyNGY1ODgzMjctNThkZC00ZGM0LWFiNzktZmY2NmU3MWNlOGU0JTlyJTdk&i=NjcxOTAzNDU0MzFjZTY3NDM4NTE2NzQz&t=TWRVUEx5RzdVSkROTIldHlFQmJ1ZHVXSdIEdGNxOG5aS3hlT2pkdjBOUT0=&h=816521060dae4b738ea51c3bb6e996f8&s=AVNPUEhUT0NFTkNSWVBUSVa6hlleCB5RzLgF8saGSspRmo5Ku0z_i2iqPgDJ3KJxeA

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MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025

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

10:00 a.m.

NH Hospital Association
125 Airport Road
Concord, NH

Regular Meeting

Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87430173115?pwd=bUFR3I5emt3NGVudDBYYW9SZThLUT09>

MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2025

CAPITAL PROJECT OVERVIEW COMMITTEE (RSA 17-J:2)

9:00 a.m.

Room 100, SH

Regular Meeting

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

9:30 a.m.

Room 100, SH

Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2025

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE USE OF OHRVS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 215-A:44-a)

10:00 a.m.

Fish & Game Department
629 Main St, Ste B
Lancaster, NH

Regular Meeting

Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 268 956 476 29

Passcode: sb2oU3S3

MONDAY, JULY 21, 2025

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

10:00 a.m.

NH Hospital Association
125 Airport Road
Concord, NH

Regular Meeting

Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87430173115?pwd=bUFR3I5emt3NGVudDBYYW9SZThLUT09>

FISCAL NOTE ADDITIONS AND UPDATES HAVE BEEN AMENDED TO THE BILLS ON THE WEB SITE AND ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SENATE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR THE FOLLOWING 2025 BILLS:

SENATE BILLS: 13, 14, 15, 17, 21, 27, 31, 49, 58, 60, 65, 71, 73, 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 83, 84, 86, 87, 92, 93, 99, 100, 106, 107, 108, 110, 111, 112, 113, 115, 116, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 127, 128, 130, 131, 133, 134, 137, 139, 140, 142, 144, 147, 148, 150, 151, 152, 153, 157, 160, 162, 164, 168, 170, 179, 180, 181, 185, 188, 191, 193, 201, 204, 205, 208, 213, 222, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 233, 238, 239, 241, 243, 244, 245, 246, 249, 253, 258, 261, 263, 267, 274, 276, 277, 280, 286, 297, 302

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ENROLLED BILL AMENDMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SENATE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR 2025 BILLS:

HOUSE BILLS: 73, 279, 307, 370, 399, 513, 779

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SENATE BILLS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

SENATE BILLS: 18, 19, 32, 58, 60, 62, 65, 73, 78, 93, 95, 105, 108, 118, 138, 141, 151, 153, 161, 196, 212, 232, 233, 235, 254, 258, 263, 284, 285, 292, 295

HOUSE BILLS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

HOUSE BILLS: 64, 87, 92, 110, 124, 127, 134, 144, 154, 163, 177, 179, 200, 213, 214, 218, 248, 250, 265, 270, 309, 358, 374, 381, 382, 399, 469, 504, 551, 554, 591, 617, 626, 653, 655, 658, 667, 670, 672, 682, 685, 690, 696, 737, 763, 778

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NOTICES

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LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE

The Legislative Ethics Committee, at its meeting on April 7, 2025, voted to formally issue the following interpretive rulings, which are printed below in their entirety.

INTERPRETIVE RULING 2025-4

Defining Substantial

(April 7, 2025)

The Legislative Ethics Committee has received several inquiries regarding the application of HB 1388 which was enacted in 2024. This legislation requires recusal from participation in legislative activities under

certain circumstances. Those circumstances are set forth in RSA 14-C:4-a. In response to the inquiries, the Committee has issued and published Advisory Opinions and Interpretive Rulings in order to assist legislators in their compliance with the new provisions.

The statute has two parts, Part I and Part II. Part II addresses conflicts arising from the employment of the legislator, or a member of the legislator's household. Part I involves a legislator, or a member of the legislator's household, who has a personal conflict of interest and "could reasonably be expected to incur a direct and **substantial** financial benefit or detriment as a result." (emphasis added) The word "substantial" was not defined by the legislation and seems to be subject to different interpretations. What may appear substantial to one person may seem insignificant to another. There clearly needs to be some standard for this provision to be enforceable.

In order to address this dilemma, the Committee has looked to the prior actions of the legislature for direction. The legislature previously enacted 14-C:2, IV, (a) (3) which places a limit on gifts which may be received by a legislator to \$250 in a calendar year. This appears to be what the legislature believed was the break point at which a legislator's judgment might be compromised.

While the Committee has no authority to legislate, it does have the responsibility to interpret and apply the new recusal provisions. To do so, the Committee will adopt the prior standard set by the legislature in applying the term "substantial". Any yearly amount under \$250 shall be presumed non-substantial. Anything over \$250 shall be presumed to be substantial as applied to the recusal statute. ***The Committee emphasizes that this is a presumptive standard and is subject to the facts and circumstances of any specific case.*** If the General Court finds it warranted, it may further define "substantial."

Please note that this interpretive ruling applies for the purpose of recusal. It does not change current requirements regarding disclosure of conflicts.

For the Committee,
Edward M. Gordon
Chairman

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INTERPRETIVE RULING 2025-5

Ethics Scenarios

(April 7, 2025)

The Committee believes that the following hypothetical scenarios may be helpful in understanding the conflict of interest disclosure procedure and recusal requirements and knowing when disclosing financial interests on the Financial Disclosure Form, filing a Declaration of Intent Form, making a verbal disclosure, or recusing are required. ***The Committee is issuing these scenarios to provide general guidance. Individual circumstances may dictate specific responses that differ from those presented below. The Committee is available to provide advice with respect to specific situations as they arise.***

(1) A legislator is a retired state employee belonging to Group 1 of the New Hampshire Retirement System ("NHRS"). A bill would provide a cost of living adjustment ("COLA") to all NHRS retirees for amounts up to \$50,000 but not affecting contribution levels or future expected benefits of members who have not yet retired.

Financial Disclosure Form's "Checklist"? - Yes. The Committee has previously held that legislators, or legislators who have a household member, who are retired NHRS members collecting benefits or active members making contributions, have a financial interest which must be disclosed on the Financial Disclosure Form filed at the beginning of the legislative biennium. The membership should be reported under "(g) The New Hampshire Retirement System."

Verbal disclosure? - No. The legislator will recuse and will not be participating in verbal advocacy.

Declaration of Intent? - Yes. The legislator is required to report recusal.

Recusal? - Yes. As the retired legislator would qualify to receive the proposed COLA, the legislator could reasonably be expected to incur a direct and substantial financial benefit. Recusal would be required by RSA 14-C:4-a, I, and the legislator would be required to refrain from participating in any legislative activities involving the bill.

(2) A legislator is the parent of a child who is currently enrolled in the New Hampshire public school system. Under current law, the legislator's income exceeds the threshold that allows participation in the Education Freedom Account ("EFA") program. A bill would remove that income cap and allow the legislator's child to become eligible to participate in the EFA program.

Financial Disclosure Form's "Checklist"? – No.

Verbal disclosure? – No.

Declaration of Intent? – No.

Recusal? No. Parents who have children attending NH public schools constitute a sufficiently broad cross-section of society. The legislator's financial interest would not be considered *distinct from* nor *greater than* the public at large.

(3) A legislator serves on the governing board of nonprofit entity. The legislator receives no compensation for serving on the board. The nonprofit receives revenue from charitable gaming. There is a bill that caps charitable gaming grants to such entities at \$50,000 per year.

Financial Disclosure Form's "Checklist"? – No. Only "financial interests" are required to be reported on the Financial Disclosure Form. In this example, the legislator is not compensated for serving on the board and therefore has no financial interest. However, the legislator presumably has a **fiduciary** responsibility for the welfare of the nonprofit entity. This creates a **non-financial personal interest** in the outcome of the legislation. The legislator would be required to either disclose this non-financial personal interest on the **General Disclosure of Non-Financial Personal Interests Form** or file a **Declaration of Intent Form** prior to participating in official activities related to the bill.

Verbal disclosure? – Yes. When a legislator becomes aware of a non-financial personal interest in the outcome of a matter the legislator is required to make a verbal disclosure prior to engaging in verbal advocacy at any meeting of the general court or county delegation.

Declaration of Intent? -Yes, if the legislator had not previously reported the non-financial personal interest on the General Disclosure of Non-Financial Personal Interests Form.

Recusal? – No. Recusal is not required for non-financial personal interests.

(4) A legislator serves in an uncompensated capacity on the board of a for-profit nursing home. A bill increases Medicaid rates for long term care.

Financial Disclosure Form's "Checklist"? – No, because the legislator is not compensated for serving on the board. The legislator does not have a financial interest but may have a non-financial personal interest that could be reported on the General Disclosure of Non-Financial Personal Interests Form.

Verbal disclosure? – Yes. When a legislator becomes aware of a non-financial personal interest in the outcome of a matter the legislator is required to make a verbal disclosure prior to engaging in verbal advocacy at any meeting of the general court or county delegation.

Declaration of Intent? Yes, if the legislator had not previously reported the non-financial personal interest on the General Disclosure of Non-Financial Personal Interests Form.

Recusal? - No. Recusal is not required for non-financial personal interests.

(5) A legislator owns rental properties in NH. A bill would require landlords to give at-will tenants a 60-day notice of intent to evict.

Financial Disclosure Form's "Checklist"? – Yes. The ownership should be reported under "(d) Real estate, including brokers, agents, developers, and landlords."

Verbal disclosure? – Yes. When a legislator becomes aware of a financial interest in the outcome of a matter the legislator is required to make a verbal disclosure prior to engaging in verbal advocacy at any meeting of the general court or county delegation.

Declaration of Intent? – No. A declaration of intent form is not required if no benefit or detriment could reasonably be expected to accrue to the legislator, or the legislator's household member, as a member of a business, profession, occupation, or other group, to any greater extent than to any other member of such business, profession, occupation, or other group, provided that disclosure of the legislator's or household member's membership is made in the Financial Disclosure Form.

Recusal? – No. In this scenario, although the legislator-landlord might incur a financial detriment if prevented from executing immediate eviction of a tenant, the potential financial detriment cannot be "reasonably expected" as is required for making recusal mandatory pursuant to RSA 14-C: 4-a, I.

(6) A legislator owns several rental properties in NH. A bill would limit annual rent increases to the rate of inflation, as calculated by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Financial Disclosure Form's "Checklist"? – Yes. The ownership should be reported under "(d) Real estate, including brokers, agents, developers, and landlords."

Verbal disclosure? – No. The legislator will recuse and will not be participating in verbal advocacy.

Declaration of Intent? – Yes, to report recusal.

Recusal? – Holding several units of rental units in the state would likely result in a direct and substantial benefit or detriment and recusal would be required.

(7) A legislator holds title to property subject to current use taxation. There is a bill that would change the formula for taxation, decreasing the amount of taxes to be paid.

Financial Disclosure Form's "Checklist"? – Yes. The ownership should be reported under "(h) The current use land assessment program."

Verbal disclosure? – No. The legislator will recuse and will not be participating in verbal advocacy.

Declaration of Intent? – Yes, to report recusal.

Recusal? – Yes. The Committee has previously held that the current use tax system constitutes a financial interest, and therefore a potential conflict of interest, with respect to any official activity pertaining to the tax. The bill can be expected to have a "direct and substantial" financial impact on the legislator, making recusal mandatory.

However, not all current use bills would necessarily require recusal. For example, a change in property classifications, type of vegetation, or method for filing current use liens would probably not have a direct or substantial financial impact. Recusal might not be required in those circumstances, although the legislator would still have a duty to disclose.

For the Committee,
Edward M. Gordon
Chairman

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TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025

Please join us for the 15th Annual Campaign for Legal Services Kickoff Breakfast, celebrating a legacy of bipartisan public and private support for access to justice in New Hampshire. Governor Ayotte will be the keynote speaker and Nina Gardner will be recognized. Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at the Grappone Center (70 Constitution Ave in Concord). Registration and coffee will begin at 7:00 AM. The program starts at 8:00 AM sharp and we'll have you on your way by 9:00 AM! RSVP to dmckinney@nhla.org by May 6th.

Senator Sharon M. Carson, Senate President
Senator Rebecca Perkins Kwoka, Minority Leader

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FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025

The New Hampshire Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Association cordially invites you to attend the 33rd Annual New Hampshire Fallen Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Ceremony. This Ceremony is being held to honor the Law Enforcement Officers throughout the State of New Hampshire who have made the ultimate sacrifice and died in the line of duty while protecting the citizens of the State. The Ceremony will be held on Friday, May 16, 2025, beginning promptly at 10:00 a.m., at the Memorial Site in front of the Legislative Office Building. The Ceremony will proceed rain or shine. Please do not hesitate to contact Colonel Kevin Jordan at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, 603-271-3128, should you have any questions.

Senator Sharon M. Carson, Senate President

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WEDNESDAY MAY 21, 2025

May is National Community Action Month. The New Hampshire Community Action Association invites all members to stop by their Hearts Across New Hampshire event on the State House lawn in celebration of their 60th anniversary. All five Community Action Partnerships (CAPs) will be there to share information and services available to your constituents. Wednesday, May 21, 10:00-2:00 State House Lawn.

Senator Tim McGough
Senator Pat Long

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THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2025

The NH Oral Health Coalition invites you to our 2025 Legislative Luncheon “#Oral Health Matters: It’s All Connected” hosted on May 29 from 11:30 to 1:30 in the NH State House cafeteria. This year’s event includes oral health and dental providers and programs from your local communities that serve those needing affordable and accessible care. Additionally, we will celebrate the NH Smiles – Medicaid Adult Dental Benefit on its 3rd birthday. Please RSVP to Gail Brown gbrown@NHOralHealth.org or 603-415-5550. See you there. All Senators and their staff members are welcome.

Senator Cindy Rosenwald

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THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025

The NH Retail Lumber Association invites legislators and staff to lunch on the plaza Thursday, June 5th. Please join your local building materials suppliers at your noontime break for food truck fare and the opportunity to learn about the independent building material industry in New Hampshire.

Senator Regina Birdsell, Majority Leader

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SENATE SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 15, 2025	Deadline for Policy Committees to ACT on all House bills with a fiscal impact, except bills exempted pursuant to Senate Rule 4-5.
Monday, May 26, 2025	Memorial Day (State Holiday)
Thursday, June 05, 2025	Deadline to ACT on all House bills.
Thursday, June 12, 2025	Deadline to FORM Committees of Conference.
Thursday, June 19, 2025	Deadline to SIGN Committee of Conference Reports.
Thursday, June 26, 2025	Deadline to ACT on Committee of Conference Reports.
Friday, July 04, 2025	Independence Day (State Holiday)
Monday, September 01, 2025	Labor Day (State Holiday)
Tuesday, November 11, 2025	Veterans’ Day (State Holiday)
Thursday, November 27, 2025	Thanksgiving Day (State Holiday)
Friday, November 28, 2025	Day after Thanksgiving (State Holiday)
Thursday, December 25, 2025	Christmas Day (State Holiday)