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HOUSE BILL ***1-A***

AN ACT making appropriations for the expenses of certain departments of the state for fiscal years ending June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2027.

SPONSORS: Rep. Weyler, Rock. 14; Rep. D. McGuire, Merr. 14; Rep. Erf, Hills. 28; Rep. Edwards, Rock. 31

COMMITTEE: Finance

ANALYSIS

No analysis needed.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

AN ACT making appropriations for the expenses of certain departments of the state for
fiscal years ending June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2027.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

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1 1.08 Budget Footnotes; General. For any state department, as defined in RSA 9:1, the following
2 general budget footnotes that contain class codes shall apply to all specified class codes in section
3 1.01 through 1.07 unless specifically exempted.

4 A. Not used.

5 B. Not used.

6 C. Revenue in excess of the estimate may be expended with prior approval of the fiscal
7 committee and the approval of the governor and council.

8 D. The funds in this appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose.

9 E. The appropriation budgeted in class 040-indirect costs are for general overhead state charges
10 and such sums shall be transferred by the agency to the general fund of the state consistent with
11 federal requirements.

12 F. This appropriation shall not lapse until June 30, 2027.

13 G. The funds in this appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose
14 and shall not lapse until June 30, 2027.

15 H. Not used.

16 I. In the event that estimated revenue in revenue class 001-transfers for other agencies, 002-
17 transfers from department of transportation, 003-revolving funds, 004-agency income, 005-private
18 local funds, 006-agency income, 007-agency income, 008-agency income, 009-agency income is less
19 than budgeted, the total appropriation shall be reduced by the amount of the shortfall in either
20 actual or projected budgeted revenue. The agency head shall notify the division of accounting
21 services forthwith, in writing, as to precisely which line item appropriation and in what specific
22 amounts reductions are to be made in order to fully compensate for the total revenue deficits. For
23 the biennium ending June 30, 2027, account number 02-46-46-4620-5731 within the department of
24 corrections shall be exempt from these provisions. The provisions of this footnote do not apply to
25 federal funds covered by RSA 124:14.

26 J. This appropriation, to be administered by the commissioner, is for the necessary equipment
27 needs of the department and shall be expended at the commissioner's discretion.

28 2 General Fund and Total Appropriation Limits. The amounts included in section 1 for all
29 university system accounts and community college system accounts, under estimated source of funds
30 from general funds, shall be the total appropriation from general funds for such accounting units
31 that may be expended for the purpose of section 1 of this act. Any funds received by said systems
32 from other than general funds are hereby appropriated for the use of the systems and may be
33 expended by said systems whether or not this will result in an appropriation and expenditure by the
34 system in excess of the total appropriation therefor.

35 3 Assignment of Office Space. If, during the biennium ending June 30, 2027, because of
36 program reductions, consolidations, or any other reason, office space becomes available in the health

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1 and human services complex, the Hayes building, or any other state building, except office space
2 under the control of the legislature pursuant to RSA 14:14-b, the commissioner of administrative
3 services shall, with the prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court, and with the
4 approval of the governor and council, require that any agency renting private space be required to
5 occupy such available space in said building or buildings forthwith. Such funds as have been
6 allocated or committed by any agency affected by this section for outside rental shall be transferred
7 by the director of the division of accounting services to the division of plant and property, activity
8 number 01-14-14-141510 for maintenance of applicable state buildings.

9 4 Lottery Commission; Authority Granted. For the biennium ending June 30, 2027, in order to
10 provide sufficient funding to the lottery commission to carryout lottery games that will provide funds
11 for the distribution in accordance with RSA 284:21-j, the commission shall apply to the fiscal
12 committee of the general court for approval of any new games, the expansion of any existing lottery
13 games, or for the purchase of any tickets for new or continuing games. Additionally, no expenditures
14 for consultants shall be made without prior approval by the fiscal committee. If approved, the
15 commission may then apply to the governor and council to transfer funds from the sweepstakes
16 revenue special account. The total of such transfers shall not exceed \$15,000,000 for the biennium
17 ending June 30, 2027.

18 5 Positions Abolished.

19 I. Developmental Disabilities Council. Position number 14623 is hereby abolished.

20 II. Housing Appeals Board. The following position numbers are hereby abolished 60 days
21 following the passage of this act: 44827, 9U656, 9U657 and 9U658.

22 III. New Hampshire State Commission on Aging. Position number 44565 is hereby
23 abolished.

24 IV. Office of the Child Advocate. Position numbers 44348, 44349, 44646, 44647, 44820,
25 44833, 44986, 44987 and 9U627 are hereby abolished.

26 V. State Department. The following position numbers are hereby abolished:

27 (a) Accounting Unit #1065 Corporate Administration: 11359 and 43440.

28 (b) Accounting Unit #1610 Records Management Archives: 43455.

29 (c) Accounting Unit #2410 Securities Regulation: 9U590.

30 (d) Accounting Unit #7052 Right-to Know Ombudsman: 9U727.

31 VI. Board of Tax and Land Appeals. Position numbers 14583, 14585, 19820, 19847, 9U165,
32 9U166 and 9U167 are hereby abolished effective at the close of business on October 1, 2025.

33 VII. Human Rights Commission. Position numbers 13939, 13940, 13941, 17081, 19995,
34 42414, 42415, 44504, 44505, 44914, 44915, 44916, 44917, 44918 and 44988 are hereby abolished.

35 VIII. Insurance Department. Position numbers 40590, 44902 and 44112 hereby abolished.

36 IX. Liquor Commission. Position numbers 14227, 14239, 14246, 14248, 14267, 14275,
37 14296, 14297, 14299, 14308, 14318, 14320, 14321, 14327, 14329, 18573, 18940, 43302, 44227,

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1 TMPPT1114, TMPPT1202, TMPPT1224, TMPPT2258, TMPPT2463, TMPPT2464, TNPPT3114,
2 TMPPT4247, TMPPT5067, TMPPT5163, TMPPT5164, TMPPT6233, TMPPT6234, TMPPT6235 and
3 TMPPT6236 are hereby abolished.

4 X. Department of Corrections. The following position numbers are hereby abolished:

5 (a) Accounting Unit #7101 Commissioner's Office: 12808, 19895, 43682 and 42238.

6 (b) Accounting Unit #8338 Victim Services Coordinator: 42282.

7 (c) Accounting Unit #8300 Financial Services: 12813, 12826, 18178, 18863, 40894 and
8 42266.

9 (d) Accounting Unit #3372 NH State Prison for Men: 12819, 12821, 12843, 12853,
10 16320, 16833, 16888, 16913, 18173, 18837, 40200, 41505, 44309, 44332, 44319, 40215, 40213, 40201,
11 40178, 40175, 40174, 40169, 30333, 19546, 19537, 16847, 16274, 13023, 13021, 13014, 12988, 12975,
12 12957, 12938, 12928 and 12904.

13 (e) Accounting Unit #3373 Northern NH Correctional Facility: 41326, 41327, 41503,
14 41511, 41451, 41437, 41435, 41431, 41427, 41425, 41415, 41408, 41406 and 41338.

15 (f) Accounting Unit #3374 NH Correctional Facility/Women: 44310, 44306, 44301,
16 44281, 44271, 18831 and 18808.

17 (g) Accounting Unit #6632 Maintenance: 12894, 12930, 12940, 12952, 12966, 13010,
18 18798, 41482, 41484, 44317 and 44336.

19 (h) Accounting Unit #6633 Laundry: 16811 and 44316.

20 (i) Accounting Unit #6634 Kitchen: 12848, 16809, 18777, 18778, 18813 and 44261.

21 (j) Accounting Unit #6634 Warehouse: 12961, 16930 and 18848.

22 (k) Accounting Unit #8302 District Offices: 19568, 19914, 19921 and 30363.

23 (l) Accounting Unit #4106 Concord Transitional Work Center: 12827.

24 (m) Accounting Unit #5172 Shea Farm: 19938 and 16851.

25 (n) Accounting Unit #7874 Calumet House: 16929, 18800 and 18850.

26 (o) Accounting Unit #6820 Programs: 12901, 12885, 12937, 16284, 16812, 18781, 18809,
27 18849, 18854, 19533, 19552, 19564, 19939, 19953, 30341, 40234, 40717, 40719, 41315, 41463, 41464,
28 41467, 41509, 42237, 42240, 42242, 42243, 42250, 42262, 42263, 44263, 44329, 44331, 44334 and
29 44839.

30 (p) Accounting Unit #5833 Secure Psychiatric Unit: 12825, 12831, 19267, 16303 and
31 16282.

32 (q) Accounting Unit #8231 Mental Health: 12852, 12872, 12984, 16277, 16294, 19559,
33 41462, 42270 and 41473.

34 (r) Accounting Unit #8234 Medical – Dental: 12849, 12893, 12946, 18817, 18858, 19536,
35 19915, 30352, 41486, 41494, 41497 and 42254.

36 (s) Accounting Unit #8235 Residential Treatment Program: 16265.

37 (t) Accounting Unit #8236 Pharmacy: 12970, 16832, 9U662.

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(u) Accounting Unit #6528 Employee Development: 40740 and 42283.

(v) Accounting Unit #6529 Human Resources: 12832, 12805, 19901, 13028, 16327, 18180, 18804, 41508, 42269 and 44270.

(w) Accounting Unit #6531 Business Information Unit: 30347 and 40206.

(x) Accounting Unit #5929 Professional Standards: 12921, 12965, 13031, 16835, 16863, 16915, 18520, 41358, 41447, 41524 and 44298.

XI. Department of Business and Economic Affairs. The following position numbers are hereby abolished effective at the close of business on June 30, 2026: 19673, 20541, 20748, 21547, 21548, 21550, 21558, 21561, 21565, 21583, 21584, 21585, 21617 and 21689.

XII. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. The following position numbers are hereby abolished:

(a) Accounting Unit #4104 State Arts Development: 30451, 40491, 42027 and 44996.

(b) Accounting Unit #4111 Federal Arts Partnership Grant: 13769, 13771, 30452 and 9U130.

XIII. Department of Education. Position numbers 41235, 16952, 13220, 44969, 44970, 44973, 42775, 13118, 8T3183, 8T3196, 8T3197, 13074, 13102, 40568, 40569, 40574, 41232, 44687, 9T3008, 44593, 45031, 44965, 44966, 44173, 9T2894, 9T2964, and 9T2965, are hereby abolished.

XIV. Department of Safety. Position numbers 43692, 43700, 43701, 43702, 43703, 43704, 43705, and 42706, are hereby abolished at the close of business on December 31, 2025.

6 Department of Health and Human Services; Bureau of Child Support Services; Payments to the Administrative Office of the Courts. The appropriation in account number 05-95-45-457010-2384, class 085, includes funds for payment to the administrative office of the courts in accordance with the cooperative agreement between the bureau of child support services and the administrative office of the courts. The bureau of child support services and the administrative office of the courts shall, prior to payment of such funds, enter into a cooperative agreement specifying in detail the services to be performed by the administrative office of the courts and the estimated costs of such services. Any change or modification in the services to be performed shall likewise be agreed to in writing and specify the change and the adjustment to the costs. Funds appropriated for these purposes shall be paid only after demonstration by the administrative office of the courts that it consistently transmits court orders to the bureau of child support services in accordance with the cooperative agreement.

7 Judicial Branch; General Fund Appropriation Reductions. The judicial branch shall reduce state general fund appropriations by \$7,900,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2027. The accounting unit 02-10-10-100010-1880, class 028, transfer to the department of administrative services for transfers to plant and property, shall not be reduced unless the reduction is agreed to by the commissioner of administrative services and the chief justice of the supreme court.

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1 8 Legislative Branch; General Fund Appropriation Reductions. The legislative branch shall
2 reduce state general fund appropriations by \$500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and
3 \$500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

4 9 Office of the Governor; General Fund Appropriation Reductions. The office of the governor
5 shall reduce state general fund appropriations by \$50,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026,
6 and \$50,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

7 10 Department of Information Technology; Appropriation Reductions.

8 I. The department of information technology shall reduce shared appropriations by
9 \$5,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and by \$5,000,000 for the fiscal year ending
10 June 30, 2027.

11 II. The department of information technology, in consultation with the department of
12 administrative services, shall proportionally decrease the funding allocated to the class 027
13 expenditure class lines of each state department or agency by their respective portion of these
14 department of information technology shared costs.

15 11 New Hampshire Retirement System; Other Fund Appropriation Reductions. The New
16 Hampshire retirement system shall reduce other fund appropriations by \$4,225,013 for the fiscal
17 year ending June 30, 2026, and \$4,471,976 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

18 12 Department of Justice; General Fund Appropriation Reductions. The department of justice
19 shall reduce general fund appropriations by \$7,899,266 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and
20 by \$6,806,493 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

21 13 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources; General Fund Appropriation Reductions.
22 The department of natural and cultural resources shall reduce state general fund appropriations by
23 \$300,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$300,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30,
24 2027.

25 14 Department of Environmental Services; General Fund Appropriation Reductions. The
26 department of environmental services shall reduce state general fund appropriations by \$3,000,000
27 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$3,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

28 15 Department of Health and Human Services; Budget Reduction. In addition to any other
29 required reductions, the department of health and human services is hereby directed to reduce
30 general fund appropriations by \$23,000,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and by
31 \$23,000,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. The department shall provide the department
32 of administrative services with the accounting units and class lines to be reduced and shall report
33 these reductions to the fiscal committee of the general court by May 30, 2026, for reductions in the
34 fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and by May 30, 2027, for reductions in the fiscal year ending June
35 30, 2027.

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16 Department of State; General Fund Appropriation Reductions. The department of state shall reduce general fund appropriations by \$225,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and by \$240,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

17 Estimates of Unrestricted Revenue.

GENERAL FUND	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>
BUSINESS TAXES	\$625,400,000	\$650,200,000
MEALS AND ROOMS TAX	337,500,000	349,900,000
TOBACCO TAX	111,800,000	110,100,000
TRANSFER FROM LIQUOR	102,900,000	102,300,000
INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS TAX	8,700,000	0
INSURANCE	159,000,000	163,000,000
COMMUNICATIONS TAX	29,100,000	28,700,000
REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX	141,200,000	149,300,000
COURT FINES & FEES	13,700,000	13,700,000
SECURITIES REVENUE	44,400,000	44,500,000
BEER TAX	13,000,000	13,000,000
OTHER REVENUES	126,000,000	120,000,000
MEDICAID RECOVERIES	<u>3,100,000</u>	<u>3,100,000</u>
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$1,715,800,000	\$1,747,800,000

EDUCATION FUND	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>
BUSINESS TAXES	\$434,600,000	\$451,800,000
MEALS AND ROOMS TAX	11,000,000	11,400,000
TOBACCO TAX	64,300,000	63,400,000
REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX	69,500,000	73,500,000
TRANSFER FROM LOTTERY	172,900,000	172,900,000
TOBACCO SETTLEMENT	32,500,000	30,000,000
UTILITY PROPERTY TAX	45,900,000	46,600,000
STATEWIDE PROPERTY TAX	<u>363,100,000</u>	<u>363,100,000</u>
TOTAL EDUCATION FUND	\$1,193,800,000	\$1,212,700,000

HIGHWAY FUND	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>
GASOLINE ROAD TOLL	\$127,700,000	\$127,900,000
MOTOR VEHICLE FEES	131,700,000	134,700,000
MISCELLANEOUS	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
TOTAL HIGHWAY FUND	\$259,600,000	\$262,800,000

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	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>
FISH AND GAME FUND		
FISH AND GAME LICENSES	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
FINES AND MISCELLANEOUS	<u>4,000,000</u>	<u>4,000,000</u>
TOTAL FISH AND GAME FUND	\$14,000,000	\$14,000,000

18 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.