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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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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 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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1 140:1.08 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 1.01
3 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 committee
7 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 and
10 such sums shall be transferred by the agency to the general fund of the state consistent with federal
11 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 and
14 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 local
18 funds, 006-agency income, 007-agency income, 008-agency income, 009-agency income is less than
19 budgeted, the total appropriation shall be reduced by the amount of the shortfall in either actual or
20 projected budgeted revenue. The agency head shall notify the division of accounting services forthwith, in
21 writing, as to precisely which line item appropriation and in what specific amounts reductions are to be
22 made in order to fully compensate for the total revenue deficits. For the biennium ending June 30, 2027,
23 account number 02-46-46-4620-5731 within the department of corrections shall be exempt from these
24 provisions. The provisions of this footnote do not apply to federal funds covered by RSA 124:14.

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

27 140:2 General Fund and Total Appropriation Limits. The amounts included in section 1 for all
28 university system accounts and community college system accounts, under estimated source of funds
29 from general funds, shall be the total appropriation from general funds for such accounting units that may
30 be expended for the purpose of section 1 of this act. Any funds received by said systems from other than
31 general funds are hereby appropriated for the use of the systems and may be expended by said systems
32 whether or not this will result in an appropriation and expenditure by the system in excess of the total
33 appropriation therefor.

34 140:3 Assignment of Office Space. If, during the biennium ending June 30, 2027, because of
35 program reductions, consolidations, or any other reason, office space becomes available in the health and
36 human services complex, the Hayes building, or any other state building, except office space under the
37 control of the legislature pursuant to RSA 14:14-b, the commissioner of administrative services shall, with
38 the prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court, and with the approval of the governor and

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1 council, require that any agency renting private space be required to occupy such available space in said
2 building or buildings forthwith. Such funds as have been allocated or committed by any agency affected
3 by this section for outside rental shall be transferred by the director of the division of accounting services
4 to the division of plant and property, activity number 01-14-14-141510 for maintenance of applicable state
5 buildings.

6 140:4 Lottery Commission; Authority Granted. For the biennium ending June 30, 2027, in order to
7 provide sufficient funding to the lottery commission to carry out lottery games that will provide funds for
8 the distribution in accordance with RSA 284:21-j, the commission shall apply to the fiscal committee of the
9 general court for approval of any new games, the expansion of any existing lottery games, or for the
10 purchase of any tickets for new or continuing games. Additionally, no expenditures for consultants shall
11 be made without prior approval by the fiscal committee. If approved, the commission may then apply to
12 the governor and council to transfer funds from the sweepstakes revenue special account. The total of
13 such transfers shall not exceed \$15,000,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2027.

14 140:5 Positions Abolished.

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

16 II. Housing Appeals Board. Position number 9U656 is hereby abolished.

17 III. Department of Education. Position numbers 41235, 16952, 13220, 44969, 44970, 44973,
18 42775, 13118, 8T3183, 13074, 13102, 40568, 40569, 40574, 41232, 44687, 9T3008, 44593, 45031,
19 44965, 44966, 44173, 9T2894, 9T2964, and 9T2965 are hereby abolished.

20 IV. Office of the Child Advocate. Position numbers 44348, 44349, 44986, and 44987 are hereby
21 abolished.

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

23 (a) Accounting Unit #1065 Corporate Administration: 11359.

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

25 (c) Accounting Unit #2410 Securities Regulation: 9U562.

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

27 VI. Board of Tax and Land Appeals. Position number 14583 is hereby abolished.

28 VII. Insurance Department. Position numbers 40590, 44902, and 44112 are hereby abolished.

29 VIII. Department of Corrections. The following position numbers are hereby abolished:

30 (a) Accounting Unit #7101 Commissioner's Office: 42238.

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

32 (c) Accounting Unit #8300 Financial Services: 12983.

33 (d) Accounting Unit #5731 Correctional Industries Inventory: 12888, 12907.

34 (e) Accounting Unit #3372 NH State Prison for Men: 12821, 12882, 16320, 16913, 40748.

35 (f) Accounting Unit #3373 Northern NH Correctional Facility: 41503.

36 (g) Accounting Unit #3374 NH Correctional Facility/Women: 40724.

37 (h) Accounting Unit #6632 Maintenance: 12894, 40167, 44336.

38 (i) Accounting Unit #6633 Laundry: 16811.

39 (j) Accounting Unit #6634 Kitchen: 18813.

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1 (k) Accounting Unit #6635 Warehouse: 18848.

2 (l) Accounting Unit #8302 District Offices: 18563, 40899, 17428.

3 (m) Accounting Unit #4106 Concord Transitional Work Center: 12827.

4 (n) Accounting Unit #6820 Programs: 12901, 12937, 18809, 19552, 19564, 40719, 41315,
5 42240, 42250, 42263, 44329, 44334.

6 (o) Accounting Unit #8231 Mental Health: 16277, 19559, 41462, 41501, 41502, 41504.

7 (p) Accounting Unit #8234 Medical - Dental: 19536, 30352, 40709, 41497, 41522.

8 (q) Accounting Unit #8235 Residential Treatment Program: 30365.

9 (r) Accounting Unit #8236 Pharmacy: 9U662.

10 (s) Accounting Unit #6529 Human Resources: 12805, 13028, 18180, 19901, 42269.

11 (t) Accounting Unit #6531 Business Information Unit: 30347, 44333.

12 140:6 Department of Health and Human Services; Bureau of Child Support Services; Payments to
13 the Administrative Office of the Courts. The appropriation in account number 05-95-45-457010-2384,
14 class 085, includes funds for payment to the administrative office of the courts in accordance with the
15 cooperative agreement between the bureau of child support services and the administrative office of the
16 courts. The bureau of child support services and the administrative office of the courts shall, prior to
17 payment of such funds, enter into a cooperative agreement specifying in detail the services to be
18 performed by the administrative office of the courts and the estimated costs of such services. Any change
19 or modification in the services to be performed shall likewise be agreed to in writing and specify the
20 change and the adjustment to the costs. Funds appropriated for these purposes shall be paid only after
21 demonstration by the administrative office of the courts that it consistently transmits court orders to the
22 bureau of child support services in accordance with the cooperative agreement.

23 140:7 Legislative Branch; General Fund Appropriation Reductions. The legislative branch shall
24 reduce state general fund appropriations by \$500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and
25 \$500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

26 140:8 Office of the Governor; General Fund Appropriation Reductions. The office of the governor
27 shall reduce state general fund appropriations by \$50,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and
28 \$50,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

29 140:9 Department of Information Technology; Appropriation Reductions.

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

32 II. The department of information technology, in consultation with the department of
33 administrative services, shall proportionally decrease the funding allocated to the class 027 expenditure
34 class lines of each state department or agency by their respective portion of these department of
35 information technology costs.

36 140:10 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources; General Fund Appropriation Reductions. The
37 department of natural and cultural resources shall reduce state general fund appropriations by \$300,000
38 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$300,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

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140:11 Department of Environmental Services; General Fund Appropriation Reductions. The department of environmental services shall reduce state general fund appropriations by \$3,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$3,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

140:12 Department of Health and Human Services; Budget Reduction. In addition to any other required reductions, the department of health and human services is hereby directed to reduce general fund appropriations by \$25,500,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and by \$25,500,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. The department shall provide the department of administrative services with the accounting units and class lines to be reduced and shall report these reductions to the fiscal committee of the general court by May 30, 2026, for reductions in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and by May 30, 2027, for reductions in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

140:13 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.

140:14 Human Rights Commission; General Fund Appropriation Reductions. The human rights commission shall reduce general fund appropriations by \$254,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and by \$267,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

140:15 Liquor Commission; Liquor Fund Appropriation Reductions. The liquor commission shall reduce state liquor fund appropriations by \$1,000,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2027. In the event liquor fund revenue transfers to the general fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, as reported in the audited annual comprehensive financial report pursuant to RSA 21-I:8, II(a), exceeds the official revenue plan for liquor fund revenues transferred to the general fund, the commission may use this excess revenue towards meeting the required \$1,000,000 reduction.

140:16 Department of Corrections; General Fund Appropriation Reductions. The department of corrections shall reduce general fund appropriations by \$10,000,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2027. Of the \$10,000,000 general fund appropriation reduction, a total of \$2,000,000 shall be reduced between accounting units 02-46-46-461510-6528 and 02-46-46-462510-5929.

140:17 Estimates of Unrestricted Revenue.

GENERAL FUND	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>
BUSINESS TAXES	\$662,700,000	\$697,500,000
MEALS AND ROOMS TAX	339,900,000	353,500,000
TOBACCO TAX	112,400,000	111,100,000
TRANSFER FROM LIQUOR	102,900,000	103,000,000
INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS TAX	8,700,000	0
INSURANCE	165,000,000	168,000,000
COMMUNICATIONS TAX	29,100,000	29,100,000
REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX	143,600,000	152,600,000
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

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1	OTHER REVENUES	126,000,000	120,000,000
2	MEDICAID RECOVERIES	<u>3,100,000</u>	<u>3,100,000</u>
3	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$1,764,500,000	\$1,809,100,000
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5	EDUCATION FUND	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>
6	BUSINESS TAXES	\$460,500,000	\$484,700,000
7	MEALS AND ROOMS TAX	11,100,000	11,500,000
8	TOBACCO TAX	64,600,000	63,900,000
9	REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX	70,700,000	75,100,000
10	TRANSFER FROM LOTTERY	221,500,000	236,700,000
11	TOBACCO SETTLEMENT	32,500,000	30,000,000
12	UTILITY PROPERTY TAX	50,000,000	51,000,000
13	STATEWIDE PROPERTY TAX	<u>363,100,000</u>	<u>363,100,000</u>
14	TOTAL EDUCATION FUND	\$1,274,000,000	\$1,316,000,000
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16	HIGHWAY FUND	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>
17	GASOLINE ROAD TOLL	\$127,700,000	\$127,900,000
18	MOTOR VEHICLE FEES	131,700,000	134,700,000
19	MISCELLANEOUS	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
20	TOTAL HIGHWAY FUND	\$259,600,000	\$262,800,000
21	FISH AND GAME FUND	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>
22	FISH AND GAME LICENSES	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
23	FINES AND MISCELLANEOUS	<u>4,000,000</u>	<u>4,000,000</u>
24	TOTAL FISH AND GAME FUND	\$14,000,000	\$14,000,000

140:18 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved: June 27, 2025
Effective Date: July 01, 2025