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SENATE BILL **497**

AN ACT removing a reference to procurement through the department of administrative services for certain capital appropriations to the community college system of New Hampshire, changing the name of a capital project, and changing a reference regarding spaces assigned for use for members of the legislature.

SPONSORS: Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Rep. Cloutier, Sull. 6

COMMITTEE: Capital Budget

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

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II. Changes the name of a capital project.

III. Changes a reference regarding spaces assigned for use for members of the legislature.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 27:1 Capital Improvements; Community College System of New Hampshire. Amend 2025, 159:4, I  
2 and II to read as follows:

3 I. The appropriations made for the community college system in paragraph II of section 1 and the  
4 sums available for this project, ***and paragraph II of section 13, and the sums available for this project,***  
5 shall be expended by the trustees of the community college system of New Hampshire.

6 II. The appropriations made to the community college system in paragraph II of section 1 ***and***  
7 ***paragraph II of section 13*** are available for all costs incidental to the completion of the project enumerated  
8 including but not limited to the costs of the services for architects, engineers, and other consultants of  
9 such kind and capacity as the community college system board of trustees may, in its discretion, wish to  
10 employ on such terms and conditions as the board determines. These monies shall be spent under the  
11 direction of the community college system board of trustees and pursuant to the policies adopted by the  
12 board of trustees.

13 27:2 Legislative Officers and Proceedings; Office Space and Parking Facilities. Amend RSA 14:14-b,  
14 IV to read as follows:

15 IV. All rooms and other spaces of the state house annex designated and assigned for use by the  
16 speaker of the house and the president of the senate, including but not limited to the west wing of the  
17 ~~[second]~~ ***fourth*** floor, ***as well as shared access to the break room and lactation room adjacent to the west***  
18 ***wing,*** and

19 27:3 Project Amended; Community College System of New Hampshire. Amend 2023, 113:1, XVI, 3  
20 to read as follows:

21 3. NCC [~~Respiratory Therapy Program~~] ***Allied Health Instructional Center*** Teaching  
22 Equipment and

23 Teaching Space Renovations 1,500,000

24 27:4 Repeal. 2025, 159:13, IV, relative to a requirement that certain contracts and projects  
25 concerning capital appropriations for the community college system of New Hampshire be awarded in  
26 accordance with RSA 21-I, is repealed.

27:5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved: April 21, 2026  
Effective Date: April 21, 2026