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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

1 1 1.08 Budget Footnotes; General. For any state department, as defined in RSA 9:1, the
2 following general budget footnotes that contain class codes shall apply to all specified class codes in
3 section 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, Education Trust Fund, and Total Appropriation Limits. The amounts included in
29 section 1 for all university system accounts and community college system accounts, under estimated
30 source of funds from general funds and education trust funds, shall be the total appropriation from general
31 funds and education trust funds for such accounting units that may be expended for the purpose of section 1
32 of this act. Any funds received by said systems from other than general funds and education trust funds
33 are hereby appropriated for the use of the systems and may be expended by said systems whether or not
34 this will result in an appropriation and expenditure by the systems in excess of the total appropriation
35 therefor.

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1 3 Assignment of Office Space. If, during the biennium ending June 30, 2027, because of
2 program reductions, consolidations, or any other reason, office space becomes available in the health
3 and human services complex, the Hayes building, or any other state building, except office space
4 under the control of the legislature pursuant to RSA 14:14-b, the commissioner of administrative
5 services shall, with the prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court, and with the
6 approval of the governor and council, require that any agency renting private space be required to
7 occupy such available space in said building or buildings forthwith. Such funds as have been
8 allocated or committed by any agency affected by this section for outside rental shall be transferred
9 by the director of the division of accounting services to the division of plant and property, activity
10 number 01-14-14-141510 for maintenance of applicable state buildings.

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

20 5 Positions Abolished.

21 I. The following position is hereby abolished effective at the close of business on June 30,
22 2025:

23 Developmental Disabilities Council

24 01-097-097-970010-7135

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25 6 Department of Health and Human Services; Bureau of Child Support Services; Payments to
26 the Administrative Office of the Courts. The appropriation in account number 05-95-45-457010-
27 2384, class 085, includes funds for payment to the administrative office of the courts in accordance
28 with the cooperative agreement between the bureau of child support services and the administrative
29 office of the courts. The bureau of child support services and the administrative office of the courts
30 shall, prior to payment of such funds, enter into a cooperative agreement specifying in detail the
31 services to be performed by the administrative office of the courts and the estimated costs of such
32 services. Any change or modification in the services to be performed shall likewise be agreed to in
33 writing and specify the change and the adjustment to the costs. Funds appropriated for these
34 purposes shall be paid only after demonstration by the administrative office of the courts that it
35 consistently transmits court orders to the bureau of child support services in accordance with the
36 cooperative agreement.

37 7 Judicial Branch; General Fund Appropriation. The judicial branch general fund appropriation

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1 shall not exceed \$232,715,194 for the biennium ending June 30, 2027. Any funds available at the
2 end of June 30, 2026 shall not lapse until June 30, 2027. The accounting unit 02-10-10-100010-1880,
3 class 028, transfer to the department of administrative services for transfers to plant & property,
4 shall not be reduced unless the reduction is agreed to by the commissioner of administrative services
5 and the chief justice of the supreme court.

6 8 Estimates of Unrestricted Revenue.

| 7 GENERAL FUND | <u>FY 2026</u> | <u>FY 2027</u> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 8 BUSINESS TAXES | 798,100,000 | 822,000,000 |
| 9 MEALS AND ROOMS TAX | 342,600,000 | 359,800,000 |
| 10 TOBACCO TAX | 118,600,000 | 118,600,000 |
| 11 TRANSFER FROM LIQUOR | 115,900,000 | 115,000,000 |
| 12 INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS TAX | 8,700,000 | 0 |
| 13 INSURANCE | 166,000,000 | 166,000,000 |
| 14 COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TAX | 30,000,000 | 30,000,000 |
| 15 REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX | 141,200,000 | 152,500,000 |
| 16 COURT FINES & FEES | 13,500,000 | 13,500,000 |
| 17 SECURITIES REVENUE | 43,900,000 | 43,900,000 |
| 18 BEER TAX | 13,000,000 | 13,000,000 |
| 19 VLT REVENUE | 5,000,000 | 58,500,000 |
| 20 OTHER REVENUES | 126,000,000 | 120,000,000 |
| 21 DHHS RECOVERIES | <u>3,000,000</u> | <u>3,000,000</u> |
| 22 TOTAL GENERAL FUND | <u>\$1,925,500,000</u> | <u>\$2,015,800,000</u> |

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| 24 EDUCATION FUND | <u>FY 2026</u> | <u>FY 2027</u> |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 25 BUSINESS TAXES | 411,100,000 | 423,500,000 |
| 26 MEALS AND ROOMS TAX | 10,600,000 | 11,100,000 |
| 27 TOBACCO TAX | 61,100,000 | 61,100,000 |
| 28 REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX | 72,800,000 | 78,600,000 |
| 29 TRANSFER FROM LOTTERY | 185,000,000 | 185,000,000 |
| 30 VLT REVENUE | 5,000,000 | 58,500,000 |
| 31 TOBACCO SETTLEMENT | 37,000,000 | 36,000,000 |
| 32 UTILITY PROPERTY TAX | 46,700,000 | 46,700,000 |
| 33 STATEWIDE PROPERTY TAX | <u>363,100,000</u> | <u>363,100,000</u> |
| 34 TOTAL EDUCATION FUND | <u>\$1,192,400,000</u> | <u>\$1,263,600,000</u> |

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| 36 HIGHWAY FUND | <u>FY 2026</u> | <u>FY2027</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| 37 GASOLINE ROAD TOLL | \$128,300,000 | \$128,400,000 |

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| 1 | MOTOR VEHICLE FEES | 132,400,000 | 134,700,000 |
| 2 | MISCELLANEOUS (HWY FUND REV) | <u>1,000,000</u> | <u>1,000,000</u> |
| 3 | TOTAL HIGHWAY FUND | <u>\$261,700,000</u> | <u>\$264,100,000</u> |
| 4 | | | |
| 5 | FISH AND GAME FUND | <u>FY 2026</u> | <u>FY2027</u> |
| 6 | FISH AND GAME LICENSES | \$10,000,000 | \$10,000,000 |
| 7 | FINES AND MISCELLANEOUS | <u>4,000,000</u> | <u>4,000,000</u> |
| 8 | TOTAL FISH AND GAME FUND | <u>\$14,000,000</u> | <u>\$14,000,000</u> |
| 9 | 9 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025. | | |