

SB 239-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2025 SESSION

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SENATE BILL **239-FN**

AN ACT requiring the general fund to cover the costs of the fish and game department retirement contributions and technology services.

SPONSORS: Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Altschiller, Dist 24; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Rep. Darby, Hills. 11; Rep. C. Harvey, Ches. 6; Rep. K. Murray, Rock. 22

COMMITTEE: Finance

ANALYSIS

This bill requires the general fund to cover the costs of the fish and game department retirement contributions and technology services.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

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

1 1 Fish and Game; Retirement; Information Technology. The following class lines for the
2 accounting units in the fish and game department for retirement contributions and information
3 technology shall be funded with an appropriate amount from the general fund:

4 Account 03-75-75-750520-2110, class 064 Fish and Game Department Retirement Pension Bene-
5 Health Insurance

6 Account 03-75-75-750020-2162, class 27 Fish and Game Department Office of Information
7 Technology

8 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

SB 239-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund(s)</i>	None			
Expenditures*	\$0	Indeterminable - See Methodology		
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	General Fund, Fish and Game Fund			
Appropriations*	\$0	Indeterminable - See Methodology		
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	General Fund, Fish and Game Fund			

*Expenditure = Cost of bill

*Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill

METHODOLOGY:

This bill seeks to require that general funds be used to fund two expenditure class lines within the Fish and Game Department's (F&G) budget, typically covered by the F&G Fund. As written, this bill will not have an impact as it does not draw a warrant for general funds, and only requires that "an appropriate amount" be provided, to which is not defined in the bill. The following is provided for informational purposes:

Accounting Unit	Expenditure Class	Actual	Authorized Budget	Agency Budget Request	
		FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
2110	064	\$774,995	\$886,300	\$956,900	\$1,124,600
2162	027	\$1,157,277	\$1,358,944	\$1,250,036	\$1,326,425
Total		\$1,932,272	\$2,245,244	\$2,206,936	\$2,451,025

Also, this bill refers to "retirement contributions". For clarification, expenditure class 064 represents payments for state retiree health coverage for qualified retired F&G Department employees. Retirement contributions to the New Hampshire Retirement System for active F&G employees is included in class 060 (benefits).

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

None