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HOUSE CALENDAR

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

The next House session will be Thursday, February 2, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

We are currently in the process of lining up student pages for future sessions. If you are interested in having a high school student from your town or city participate in the page program, please contact Dani Lyford in the Sergeant-at-Arms' office at 271-3315 or at dani.lyford@leg.state.nh.us for more information.

Reimbursement for travel to Concord will be allowed for Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, unless prior approval has been received from the Speaker or if you are a member of a statutory committee that meets on Mondays or Fridays.

Shawn N. Jasper, Speaker

NOTICE

There will be a Republican caucus on **Wednesday, February 1st from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** in Representatives Hall.

There will be a Republican caucus on **Thursday, February 2nd at 9:00 a.m.** in Representatives Hall.

Rep. Dick Hinch

NOTICE

There will be a Democratic caucus on **Thursday, February 2nd at 9:00 a.m.** in Rooms 210-211, LOB.

Rep. Stephen Shurtleff

NOTICE

ALL reports, scheduling and notices are due in the House Clerk's Office by **3:00 p.m. on WEDNESDAYS**. Reports and scheduling shall be turned in to House Committee Services for processing ***not later than 1:00 p.m.*** on that day. Please be sure to complete that work in a timely fashion to meet our Calendar deadline.

CLOSES AT 3:00 p.m. ON:

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

AVAILABLE ON:

Friday, February 3, 2017

Friday, February 10, 2017

Friday, February 17, 2017

Paul C. Smith, Clerk of the House

2017 HOUSE DEADLINES

Friday, January 27, 2017

Last day to introduce House Bills

Thursday, February 9, 2017

Last day to amend House Rules by majority vote

Thursday, February 16, 2017

Last day to report HBs going to a second committee

Thursday, March 2, 2017

Last day to act on HBs going to a second committee

Last day to report all HBs not in a second committee, except budget bills

Thursday, March 9, 2017

Last day to act on HBs not in a second committee, except budget bills

Thursday, March 16, 2017

Last day to report all HBs, except budget bills

Last day to report list of retained HBs

Thursday, March 23, 2017
 Thursday, March 30, 2017
 Thursday, April 6, 2017
 Thursday, April 27, 2017
 Thursday, May 4, 2017
 Thursday, May 25, 2017

Thursday, June 1, 2017
 Thursday, June 8, 2017
 Thursday, June 15, 2017
 Thursday, June 22, 2017

Last day to act on all HBs, except budget bills
 Last day to report budget bills
 BUDGET CROSSOVER. Last day to act on budget bills
 Last day to report Senate Bills going to a second committee
 Last day to act on SBs going to a second committee
 Last day to report all remaining SBs
 Last day to report list of retained SBs
 Last day to act on SBs
 Last day to form Committees of Conference
 Last day to sign Committee of Conference reports
 Last day to act on Committee of Conference reports

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

CONSENT CALENDAR

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

HB 78, relative to penalties for violating the insurance laws regarding property and casualty insurance. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Donald Flanders for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. This bill would significantly increase the minimum penalty levels for violating the laws regarding property and casualty insurance. After a thorough discussion by the committee, it was determined that the current minimum penalties were adequate as the Insurance Commissioner can add further penalties up to and including the revocation or suspension of a company's license to do business in New Hampshire. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 98-FN, relative to brewpub licenses. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. John Hunt for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. This legislation was left over from the last session, having failed to survive the committee of conference process. This bill would allow a brew pub to make hard cider in addition to brewing beer. This will cost an additional fee of \$240.00 and not require a separate facility to make the cider. The committee felt that since these beverages are similar in how they are taxed and made, there was no need to require separate licenses for their production. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 150, relative to property and casualty insurance. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Donald Flanders for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. As amended, this bill makes certain technical changes to the law governing property and casualty insurance. It was filed at the request of the Insurance Department. The changes pertain to the filing and approval of forms, endorsements and other policy language. The commissioner may permit insurers to use appropriate systems of schedule rating filed by any rating bureau subject to rules adopted under RSA 541-A. It also changes the nonrenewal of homeowner's insurance by an insurer for having more than one valid claim, by clarifying that inquiries about coverage on a policy do not constitute a valid claim and shall not be a basis for nonrenewal. **Vote 18-0.**

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 220, amending the title of the chapter relating to child pornography. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Shannon Chandley for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. In 2008, RSA 649-A was amended to change all references to "child pornography" to the precise term "child sexual abuse images." The title was, inadvertently, left unchanged. This bill updates the title to align with the language of the aforementioned chapter. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 306, requiring the estimated cost of a prison sentence to be contained in the presentence investigation report. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Beth Rodd for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The basic cost of a prison sentence is over \$36,000 per year per person. It is not possible to estimate how costly a sentence will be at the time of sentencing because it cannot be known what additional services will be required throughout the course of incarceration that any particular inmate will need in the future. The cost of incarceration can be seen in the annual budget at the end of the fiscal year. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 345, relative to entering dismissals of cases by nolle prosequi. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Dave Testerman for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill requires the attorney general to issue a written report evaluating the evidence to the parties to a case at least 5 days before the state or county attorney enters a dismissal of such case by nolle prosequi. The committee believes that this bill would require the attorney general to oversee all county attorneys and their prosecutorial decisions and would inhibit their discretion in individual cases. **Vote 17-1.**

HB 516, relative to the time period for re-filing a petition for annulment of a criminal record. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Shannon Chandley for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. An individual who has been convicted of an offense may petition for an annulment of the record of arrest, conviction and sentence when the petitioner has completed all terms and conditions of his or her sentence and meets conditions as set forth in RSA 651:5, III, (a) through (i). Currently, if a petition for annulment of a criminal record is denied, the petitioner is required to wait three years before filing a further petition for annulment. This three year period can be unnecessarily onerous. This bill, as amended, removes the automatic three year waiting period for re-filing and requires that the court, if it denies the petition for annulment, state the reason for denial and, importantly, designate a specific time period after which the petitioner may file a further petition. The amendment removes from the bill language which declared that the time specified for further petition could not be more than twelve months. **Vote 13-0.**

HB 551-FN, regulating the use of a cell site simulator device. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Frank Sapareto for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The prime sponsor has asked that this bill be killed so as to incorporate its intent with HB 474-FN. Members of the committee and interested parties will work with the sponsor on HB 474-FN. **Vote 14-0.**

EDUCATION

HB 113, relative to grounds for denial of a chartered public school application. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Terry Wolf for Education. This bill would allow the department of education to deny a public charter school application solely because of the lack of state funds. This committee finds that the unavailability of state funds alone is not a sufficient basis to reject a charter school application. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 147, relative to the laws governing chartered public schools. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. James Grenier for Education. This bill would amend RSA 194-B:3, I(a) to compel all public charter schools to fully comply with all state laws and rules which apply to public schools instead of presently being fully exempt from these laws and rules. The sponsor felt that public charter and public schools should be governed by the same laws and rules. It was the feeling of the majority of the House Education Committee members that this change would be the death knell of all public charter schools in New Hampshire. Charter schools do not have the funding or the personnel to comply with these laws and rules. Many in the administration of charter schools must direct much time and energy to fundraising and would not have sufficient time to address the myriad of rules and mandates that must be endured by administrators in regular public schools. This burden would stifle creativity and force the charter school away from the primary educational goals of that school. It would be more appropriate, as an act of parity, to lessen the burden of state laws and regulations on regular public schools than increase the burden to charter schools. Increasing this burden of laws and rules on charter schools might be an act of governing parity, but would do nothing to improve the education of charter school students. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 166, relative to assessments administered to pupils in grades 3 through 8. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Terry Wolf for Education. This bill seeks to reduce the use of the Smarter Balanced Statewide Assessment from testing in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 to testing only once in the elementary and once in the middle school levels. The SAT or ACT will continue to be used at the high school level in grade 11. New Hampshire administers a single statewide assessment in grades 3-8 for two reasons: (1) it is required by the federal Every Student Succeeds Act and (2) it is required by state statute in compliance with the Claremont decision which requires the state to demonstrate that all students are receiving the opportunity for an adequate education. This committee agrees with the joint legislative oversight committee and finds that the current statewide assessment program results in student over-testing, loss of valuable instructional time, testing redundancy, costs to the state and local districts that are not justified by the outcome, an over-emphasis and reliance upon a single summative accountability measure to determine school performance that provides little immediate feedback or diagnostic information to the teacher to assist the student, and loss of state and local control of instruction, curriculum, and assessment. This bill was amended to call upon districts to work in consultation with the department, and as part of the statewide education improvement and assessment program, to develop and administer their own assessments. The amended bill provides a local school district the responsibility for developing or purchasing and administering its own assessment or standardized assessment that yields objective data and offers immediate information to improve classroom instruction and student learning. The local school board in consultation with the department will approve tests used by the local district. Many districts already use local assessments such as the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) assessments or Star Math and Star Reading assessments that provide immediate feedback to the student, parents and teachers. This bill is in keeping with chapter 193-E which emphasizes that education is a shared responsibility between local and state government. **Vote 18-1.**

HB 233, relative to the submission of school emergency response plans. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Rick Ladd for Education. Following the 2016 session, a statutory committee was formed to study real time threat notification systems to link schools with law enforcement when schools come under direct threat. In an effort to support report findings gathered from various groups such as Homeland Security, the department of education and the NH School Boards Association, the committee supports legislation requiring that each NH school submit a site specific school emergency management plan that conforms with Incident and Command Systems and the National Incident Management System to the department of education each year, or upon update. The committee recognizes that schools, due to age, location, community finances and more, have differing security and emergency management needs; however, in the case of a violent occurrence, all local and surrounding state responders, including employees and students in the facilities, must understand the emergency management plan and have training to properly respond. Currently, the department has received approximately 1/5th of the plans from schools. Upon receiving plans, the department and Homeland Security/State Emergency Management will be better positioned to review, make recommendations and offer technical advice that strengthens local safety and security plans. Homeland Security and the department support this legislation. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 271, requiring the department of education to collect data related to the reasons for suspension and expulsion of pupils. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Victoria Sullivan for Education. The majority felt that school districts currently submit the information requested in this bill and therefore, the bill was unnecessary. Following the vote, a motion was made to request that the committee send a letter, through the chair, to the New Hampshire Department of Education directing them to break down their category of "other" on these reports in order to provide a better understanding of the reasons for suspension and expulsion. **Vote 18-1.**

HB 275, prohibiting the inclusion of statewide assessment results in a student's transcript without consent. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Victoria Sullivan for Education. The committee feels that statewide assessment data is primarily used to evaluate school progress and that the inclusion of statewide assessment results in a student's transcript should be done only with the consent of the student and/or parents or legal guardians. **Vote 19-0.**

ELECTION LAW

HB 165, relative to disqualification of election officers. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Norman Silber for Election Law. The committee believes that this bill is unnecessary because its sole purpose is to prohibit election officials involved in performing duties as an election official from handling unmarked ballots in an election in which they are seeking another office. Currently, under RSA 658:24, these officials are prohibited from handling marked ballots. This change would unnecessarily interfere with the performance of their supervisory duties. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 247, relative to retention of voter registration forms. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Yvonne Dean-Bailey for Election Law. This bill shifts the responsibility of retaining and storing new voter registration forms from the supervisors of the checklist to the town or city clerk. Currently, supervisors of the checklist are responsible for retaining voter registration forms after they have been completed, resulting in inconsistent storage. The committee believes this should be the responsibility of the city or town clerk due to the confidential information included in the records. The committee finds that this change will increase the efficiency of retaining these registration forms and that the bill will strengthen protection of the voter's private information. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 253, relative to campaign materials at the polling place. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Steve Negron for Election Law. This bill proposes to amend RSA 659:43 by eliminating the prohibition on wearing campaign materials at the polls in order to influence voters. The suggested change is to delete the word "wear." That word was added to RSA 659:43 last session. Before further amendment to RSA 659:43 occurs, the Election Law Committee believes that communities should have the opportunity to evaluate the current law's effectiveness. **Vote 16-1.**

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 202, requiring notice to municipalities of the relocation of state offices located within the municipality. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Thomas Kaczynski for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill requires an agency head to notify the municipality's governing body and legislative delegation of the relocation of a state office within the municipality. The committee felt this bill was unnecessary as it is virtually impossible to legislate good manners and common sense. Testimony given stated that a town official was informed of relocation of a state office and failed to act on it. **Vote 16-2.**

HB 262, establishing the blackberry as the state berry. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Raymond Gagnon for Executive Departments and Administration. The committee supports and applauds the efforts of the fourth grade students from the Simonds Elementary School in Warner to have the blackberry designated as the state berry. The blackberry is a native fruit found in all ten of New Hampshire's counties and is ideal for growing in the state's rocky soil. Some on the committee envision a number of potential marketing opportunities for New Hampshire growers in marketing the sale of blackberries and related products at farm stands and farmer's markets throughout the state. **Vote 12-1.**

HB 301, relative to the regulation of electric grills. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Mark Proulx for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill allows the use of electric grills on balconies and decks, without getting the Fire Marshal's permission. These grills must be UL approved for outside use, and the installation must conform to commonsense safety regulations. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 425-FN-LOCAL, relative to the retirement system assumed rate of return for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Steven Woitkun for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill requires the retirement system to use the assumed rate of return of 7.75% for calculating employer contribution rates for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and to recertify employer rates. The committee felt this bill may conflict with the state constitution which tasks the retirement system actuaries to set the rate of return every biennium. Artificially inflating this number may lead to a larger unfunded liability. **Vote 18-0.**

FINANCE

HB 266-FN-A, making an appropriation to the state house bicentennial education and commemoration fund. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. J. Tracy Emerick for Finance. This bill proposes to appropriate \$60,000 to the State House Bicentennial Commission. However, in a budget year, funds requests are included in the budget process. This commission has never had general fund dollars, but the testimony was that a part-time event coordinator needed to be contracted for FY 2018 and through first quarter of FY 2019 to plan events related to the bicentennial. The prime sponsor said that no general fund dollars would ever be asked again for this project. After consultation with the House Chief of Staff who sits on this commission, it was decided that funding should more appropriately go through the budget process in the House budget, and the Chief of Staff agreed to this. **Vote 22-0.**

JUDICIARY

HB 229, relative to shared facilities and homeless shelters. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Kurt Wuelper for Judiciary. This bill was reported as unnecessary by the prime sponsor and received no supportive testimony. **Vote 15-0.**

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HB 83, prohibiting family members from serving on the same town, city, or school district board or committee. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Carolyn Matthews for Municipal and County Government. This bill seeks to prevent family members from serving on the same board or committee, whether elected or appointed. This well intentioned bill aims to make membership on boards and committees more diverse, and reduce the potential for the appearance of conflict of interest. However, these decisions should be made locally, based on the local situation and should not be applied statewide. There are some communities in NH with very small populations. Others lack of volunteers to either run for election or be appointed. This bill would impede the ability to fill those boards and committees. **Vote 14-0.**

HB 89, relative to municipal revolving funds. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Franklin Sterling for Municipal and County Government. Current statutes allow the establishment of revolving funds in municipalities. Such funds are adopted and controlled by the municipal legislative body, which most often determines the authority to expend from those funds. This bill simply broadens the purposes for which a revolving fund can be established to include "any other purpose deemed appropriate by the municipality." This allows a municipality to better control its own savings, and projects designed to receive funding from those savings, under the control of the municipal legislative body. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 163, relative to the responsibility of a municipality to enforce its ordinances. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Richard Tripp for Municipal and County Government. This bill is specific to "Off Highway Vehicles" and provides that when a municipality decides to adopt an ordinance which allows these vehicles on their town roads they need to enforce those local ordinances. The bill seeks to clarify that State Police and Fish & Game officers who are normally expected to enforce Off Highway Vehicle statutes are not expected to provide coverage for communities that decide to allow these vehicles on their local roads. **Vote 15-0.**

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

HB 142-FN-A, making a capital appropriation for construction of a new tenth circuit district court facility in Hampton. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. John Graham for Public Works and Highways. During the 2015-16 session the General Court appropriated money for the purchase of land to build two circuit courts; one in Hampton and one in Milford. It did not appropriate monies for the construction of either court facility. While the committee understands the perceived need to proceed with the construction of the court in Hampton we feel that this bill is premature. The Governor will present his request for capital projects in February and the House will then hold hearings on all requests for capital expenditures. This item will be considered with all other requests for prioritization within the state's Capital Budget. The committee therefore recommends that this bill be found inexpedient to legislate. **Vote 18-1.**

STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HB 93, relative to the rights of inhabitants and their political choice. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Brandon Phinney for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs. This bill addresses the rights of the inhabitants in New Hampshire, specifically citing the I5 Statutes at Large, Chapter 249, entitled "The Rights of American Citizens in Foreign States." Each individual born is a sovereign individual as an American. The bill gives people the ability to declare their political status, which is unnecessary, as there are already federal laws in place that address this issue in U.S. Code 1481. **Vote 18-0.**

HCR 1, urging Congress to support and fund rural transit initiatives. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Reed Panasiti for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs. This resolution urges the United States Congress to explore and support public transportation alternatives, and to appropriate funds, for rural transit initiatives in counties with populations under 100,000. Rural counties with limited resources and aging populations in New Hampshire, and throughout our nation, need more help in providing public transportation to individuals unable to drive or own a motor vehicle. Such transportation in less-populated rural areas doesn't necessarily mean large buses. It could be done with less expensive vans, cars and more promotion of the existing Volunteer Driver Program. This program which matches up individuals who need rides with available drivers, who are simply reimbursed or the use of their personal vehicles at the federal mileage rate. **Vote 16-1.**

TRANSPORTATION

HB 128, requiring pedestrians to obey signals at railroad grade crossings. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Werner Horn for Transportation. This bill would make the rules of the road pertaining to railroad crossings applicable to pedestrians and motor vehicles. This ignores an important distinction. The pedestrian has a greater degree of control to avoid a train. Keeping the more serious charges of criminal trespass in place for individuals interfering with a train right of way is the proper course of action. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 234, relative to alteration of speed limits. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Chris True for Transportation. The committee finds that this bill is already addressed by RSA 265:63, Alteration of Limits, making it unnecessary. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 237, establishing a committee to study helmet and restraint laws for youth operators and passengers of OHRVs and snowmobiles. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Thomas Walsh for Transportation. Issues dealing with growth of OHRV use in the state were studied at length in the summer of 2016, resulting in several pending bills. Information on the topic of helmet and restraint use for youth operators and passengers of OHRVs and snowmobiles was not available in time for to produce a recommendation for legislation in the 2017 session. This bill allows for a new study committee to receive data from Fish and Game on helmet and restraint use for youth operators and passengers of OHRVs and snowmobiles and report its findings. **Vote 17-0.**

WAYS AND MEANS

HB 104, repealing the commuters income tax. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Timothy Lang for Ways and Means. This bill is a commuter income tax that was found to be unconstitutional and the statutes were never updated to reflect this status. This is a housekeeping measure to clear up the statutes. **Vote 17-0.**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2 REGULAR CALENDAR

EDUCATION

HB 103, relative to school district policies regarding objectionable course material. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Victoria Sullivan for the **Majority** of Education. This bill requires school districts to provide at least two weeks' notice to parents and legal guardians of certain subject material, specifically material relating to human sexuality and human sexual reproduction, prior to instruction. This would allow parents to open a conversation with their children about the topic prior to the lesson and to follow up with them after the fact, when they may have questions. This bill amends RSA 186:11 which allows parents to opt their child out of what they may consider to be objectionable course material, but does not require any parental notification of such material. This will correct that weakness in the law and provide an opportunity for parents to work together with their child's school. **Vote 12-7.**

Rep. Mary Heath for the **Minority** of Education. This bill calls upon local school districts to create policies related to objectionable course materials and includes a requirement that parental notification be provided by the school at least two weeks prior to the lesson. The current legislation defines the policy, but this bill mandates the manner in which local districts implement the policy which can be construed as a legislative overreach. School districts already have such policies. The New Hampshire School Boards Association, the New Hampshire School Administrators Association, and the American Civil Liberties Union oppose this bill as having unintended consequences and limiting school districts. Most school districts have a process in place and this dictate will not solve a problem. Furthermore, this bill jeopardizes the young people of NH's ability to get the critical information they need to make healthy lifelong choices. Governor Hassan vetoed an identical bill and pointed out that the bill would not only "create an even greater stigma concerning sex education and lead to fewer students having access to important health education," but that it is likely to "affect a wide range of curricula – including science and the study of important literature." Additionally, the National Education Association reports that this bill places an additional non-instructional burden on classroom teachers that may limit instructional options.

HB 129-FN, repealing the education tax credit. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Glenn Cordelli for the **Majority** of Education. The majority believes that the education tax credit scholarship program has been a great success and provides school choice options to parents who would otherwise not have these options. This bill would repeal this important program. We believe more options are needed to enable parents to find the best education program for their children. **Vote 12-7.**

Rep. Mel Myler for the **Minority** of Education. The minority believes that education vouchers are bad public policy. Instead of contributing their business profits and business enterprise taxes to state coffers, a business can deflect 85% of their tax obligation. In 2016, businesses redirected \$385,000 away from state tax revenue to provide 177 scholarships averaging about \$2,500 each. Close to 70% of the funds went to students attending religious schools. Consequently, the state collected less tax revenue for the public and encouraged the flow of would-be tax dollars to private and religious education. This is bad educational policy. Further, there is little oversight from the legislature, department of education, or department of revenue administration on the program. For these reasons we feel that the education scholarship/business tax credit program should be repealed.

HB 148, relative to chartered public school teacher qualifications. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Carolyn Halstead for the **Majority** of Education. Current law requires at least 50 percent of a charter school's teachers be state certified. This bill would require 100 percent of a charter school's teachers to be state certified. The majority feels that while teacher certification has its benefits, there are also benefits to non-certified, but uniquely qualified teachers. Parents choose charter schools for their children with knowledge of the school's ratio of certified teachers. The majority found the testimony did not support the notion that current law needed to be changed. **Vote 12-7.**

Rep. Linda Tanner for the **Minority** of Education. The minority feels in order to maintain a standard of professional instruction within the public chartered schools, the percentage of certified teachers needs to be above 50 percent as presently prescribed.

HB 216, relative to the procedure for expulsion of certain pupils. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Barbara Shaw for the **Majority** of Education. This bill amends RSA 193:13, II-IV to prohibit school expulsion for students in kindergarten through grade two, but allows suspension for specific offenses. Expulsion continues to be permitted for specific offenses in grades three through twelve. Additionally, existing law states that local school boards shall adopt a policy allowing the superintendent or chief administering officer to modify expulsion requirements for pupils in grades three through twelve on a case-by-case basis. **Vote 11-8.**

Rep. Glenn Cordelli for the **Minority** of Education. The minority believes that school discipline is a local control issue. The bill states that no student in kindergarten through grade two can be expelled. We believe the bill is well-intentioned, but ties the hands of local school districts.

HB 270, establishing a committee to study suspensions and expulsions in middle and high schools. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. James Grenier for the **Majority** of Education. This bill would establish a committee to study suspensions and expulsions of children in middle and high schools. From testimony provided by the department of education it was determined that schools already have this data on the local level. The problem in reporting this data to the Department of Education is that they are not filing sufficient options to identify reasons for a student suspension or expulsion. In lieu of this bill, the committee chose to communicate directly with the department regarding the need to improve the data gathering system through identifying reporting options that note reasons for suspension or expulsion beyond the category of "other." The department agreed to look into this reporting matter. Therefore, there is no need for this bill. **Vote 11--8.**

Rep. Mel Myler for the **Minority** of Education. The minority believes there needs to be a deeper review of the issues surrounding the suspensions and expulsions of students in middle and high schools. Having greater understanding of the causes of suspensions and expulsions can provide the information necessary to implement intervention strategies to support positive student behaviors. For these reasons we feel further study is needed.

HB 276, relative to student exemption from the statewide assessment. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Glenn Cordelli for the **Majority** of Education. This bill allows parents to opt their children out of the statewide assessment without penalties to the student or district. The majority believes that a student's participation in statewide assessment should be a parental decision made without pressure of repercussion. **Vote 12-7.**

Rep. Mary Heath for the **Minority** of Education. This bill amends the state law requiring all NH children to participate in the statewide assessment and it fails to recognize and honor the NH Supreme Court ruling that identifies the assessment as a means to determine an adequate education. As written, this bill could jeopardize significant federal dollars for NH schools and districts if the 95 percent rule for assessment participation is not met. Additionally, by allowing any parent to opt out of the NH statewide assessment for arbitrary reasons, the local school districts and the state lose their ability to determine instructional accountability for all NH children, thus threatening educational equity. How will we know whether all children are succeeding? How will we determine whether all the identified subgroups such as English language learners, special education students, and economically disadvantaged students are meeting their designated learning goals? Finally, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 was just reauthorized in December 2016 as the Every Student Succeeds Act for which a new administration will be establishing rules and guidelines. It is premature to pass this measure at a time when federal guidelines are in flux.

HB 297-FN, repealing the education tax credit program. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Glenn Cordelli for the **Majority** of Education. This bill is another attempt to repeal the successful education tax credit scholarship program that provides school choice options for low and middle income students. The only difference between this bill and HB 129 is the effective date. **Vote 12-7.**

Rep. Mel Myler for the **Minority** of Education. The minority believes that education vouchers are bad public policy. Instead of contributing their business profits and business enterprise taxes to state coffers, a business can deflect 85% of their tax obligation. In 2016, businesses redirected \$385,000 away from state tax revenue to provide 177 scholarships averaging about \$2,500 each. Close to 70% of the funds went to students attending religious schools. Consequently, the state collected less tax revenue for the public and encouraged the flow of would-be tax dollars to private and religious education. This is bad educational policy. Further, there is little oversight from the legislature, department of education, or department of revenue administration on the program. For these reasons we feel that the education scholarship/business tax credit program should be repealed.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 125, relative to chartered public school boards of trustees. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. J.R. Hoell for the **Majority** of Executive Departments and Administration. The bill sought to make a significant change to the method of appointment of the members of the Boards of Trustees of chartered public schools. Currently, chartered public school boards appoint their own members with a minimum of 25% of the members being parents of students at the chartered school and no greater than 25% of the members being current local public school board members. The change proposed by this bill is to require the Governor, with concurrence of the Council, to appoint the board members of these chartered schools. The prime sponsor testified that this change was necessary due to insufficient oversight of the chartered schools. Numerous concerns were raised during the hearing: with 47 chartered public schools listed at some status with the Secretary of

State, and a minimum of 5 board members for each of those non-profits, the Governor and Council would need to appoint almost 250 people to these positions. The committee felt that this change would add an unnecessary burden to these schools. A landmark US Supreme court case from 1819, *Dartmouth College v. Woodward*, was referenced at the hearing. In that case, private charters were determined to be contracts between private parties and cannot be “re-written” at will by an act of the Legislature. Additionally, non-profit board positions are typically hard to fill, and this additional step could make it even harder for those positions to be filled and for schools to function. Furthermore, the committee felt that the current statutes that regulate non-profits provide sufficient oversight of the chartered schools. **Vote 13-4.**

Rep. Carol Roberts for the **Minority** of Executive Departments and Administration. The minority does not agree with disposing of this bill immediately. While not proposing to pass HB 125 as it stands today, we believe this bill addresses some legitimate issues.

HB 209, relative to the adoption of Atlantic standard time. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. John Sytek for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill would move New Hampshire into the Atlantic time zone from its present Eastern time zone. This change would occur only if Massachusetts enacts the change to Atlantic time. This change has some desirable features such as shifting more daylight into the typical day of most people. It would also remove the twice yearly shift to and from daylight saving time. More practically, if Massachusetts goes forward and New Hampshire does not, we would be left with the perpetual inconvenience of a time clock change every time we crossed the border. Rhode Island and Maine are considering similar legislation. **Vote 14-4.**

FINANCE

HB 119-FN-A-LOCAL, making appropriations to the department of environmental services for the purpose of funding eligible drinking water and wastewater projects under the state aid grant program. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. J. Tracy Emerick for Finance. This bill proposes to fund 13 drinking water projects via grants at a cost of \$2.228 million over the biennium, but the Department of Environmental Services (DES) testified that only 12 of the 13 were currently eligible for funding. The 13th project has not yet met statutory criteria for inclusion. Funds for eligible drinking water and wastewater projects are normally included in the DES budget. The agency also testified that monies for these grants were requested in the agency budget. During the public hearing several people testified that the current Governor had been asked during the campaign if he supported funding these projects, and he responded affirmatively. Therefore, this bill is not needed because the committee expects funding will be included in the budget. **Vote 18-4.**

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

HB 146, relative to the definition of energy cost saving measure and relative to energy performance contracting. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Herbert Vadney for the **Majority** of Science, Technology and Energy. This bill concerns performance contracts between the state or a municipality and a private entity that provides energy performance improvements to state or municipal facilities. Such contracts are used to finance these improvements, the cost of which is recouped by the private entity through the value of the energy saved by the energy projects. Part of the impetus for the bill was to help the soon to be defunct Concord Steam project, which was an issue too big for small fixes such as this. In committee it was shown there were many open issues with this approach and possibly unanticipated consequences that had not been adequately investigated. The majority voted to not move forward with this proposal. **Vote 16-5.**

Rep. Robert Backus for the **Minority** of Science, Technology and Energy. This bill, requested by the Department of Administrative Services, would allow the department to pursue projects that achieve either energy cost savings or savings on utility cost. Today the department only has authority to undertake projects that achieve savings in energy costs. Although the minority agrees some further work on the bill might be worthwhile, the minority believes that the goal of achieving all cost effective savings should not be delayed.

HB 191-LOCAL, relative to the authority of towns to issue bonds for the expansion of Internet service. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Michael Vose for the **Majority** of Science, Technology and Energy. This bill seeks authority to permit towns to issue bonds for the purpose of expanding broadband internet service. On the surface, the underlying issue here appears to be local control which most of us endorse and support. But a deeper look reveals that a more important concern is that of allowing municipalities to compete with private business in the delivery of broadband services. Such competition could discourage commercial broadband suppliers from expanding or upgrading their existing infrastructure. It could also create the potential for a conflict of interest whereby the taxing franchising authority over a current broadband carrier could become a competitor of that carrier. Testimony revealed that two New Hampshire communities were disappointed with their local broadband car-

rier and wanted to bond funds to somehow improve this service. Bonds typically finance large projects with a 10 to 20 year payback period. Projects of such magnitude have been tried by other municipalities around the country with disastrous financial and policy consequences. A murky regulatory environment and the possibility of fiscal risk make this bill untenable. **Vote 14-7.**

Rep. Marjorie Shepardson for the **Minority** of Science, Technology and Energy. Broadband access is widespread in New Hampshire, but many areas are underserved or have spotty coverage. Some towns would like to bond for broadband infrastructure in their town, to improve access to one or more areas where residents and/or businesses currently have inadequate coverage. This could lead to more competitive prices and more widespread coverage. Municipalities such as Hanover, Peterborough, Keene, and Lyme have urged the Legislature to allow them to exercise local control and make these decisions for themselves, rather than being told that the Legislature knows best and is going to protect the people from themselves. This is simply enabling legislation that doesn't require anything of a municipality. A town would have to get the usual 2/3 vote from their residents for a bond.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a), Room 303, LOB

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO REVIEW CHILD ABUSE FATALITIES (RSA 169-C:39-k), Room 100, SH

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL (RSA 21-R:6), State Liquor Commission, 50 Storrs Street, Concord

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

CHILDREN'S SAVINGS ACCOUNT PROGRAM COMMISSION (RSA 195-J:1), Room 207, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 97-FN**, relative to the use of drones.

OIL FUND DISBURSEMENT BOARD (RSA 146-D:4), Room 305, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 355-FN**, relative to criminal record checks in adoption proceedings and foster family home licensing; **HB 338**, relative to grounds for termination of parental rights; **HB 326**, regarding immunity under the child abuse reporting law; **HB 499**, relative to the age at which certain persons may marry.

1:00 p.m. **HB 646-FN**, relative to the placement and detention of a minor in a secure facility.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 302, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 330-FN**, relative to form and rate filing fees; and **HB 510**, relative to medical insurance covering automobiles.

10:00 a.m. **HB 308**, requiring propane companies to file notice with the register of deeds of underground propane tanks.

10:15 a.m. **HB 501**, relative to access to minutes of meetings of condominium unit owner's associations.

10:45 a.m. **HB 502**, relative to the availability of condominium financial information to unit owners.

11:30 a.m. **HB 527**, relative to confidentiality of forms and rates.

1:15 p.m. **HB 385**, relative to notice for foreclosures.

1:45 p.m. **HB 457-FN**, relative to consumer credit division entities.

2:15 p.m. **HB 482**, requiring social media companies to remove subscriber information at the subscriber's request.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:30 a.m. **HB 643-FN-A**, mandating the wearing of body cameras by certain law enforcement officers.

- 1:00 p.m. **HB 626-FN**, relative to annulment of criminal records.
- 1:45 p.m. **HB 558-FN**, prohibiting private and for-profit prison contracts, and relative to immigration detention facilities.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 613-FN**, amending the procedures for use of segregated housing for inmates.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 603-FN-A**, establishing the John and Molly Stark student debt reduction program and making an appropriation therefor.
- 10:45 a.m. **HB 604-FN-A**, establishing the John and Molly Stark workforce opportunity program and making an appropriation therefor.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 607-FN-A**, establishing a New Hampshire student access grant program.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 597-FN-L**, relative to calculating the cost of an opportunity for an adequate education and providing fiscal capacity disparity aid.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.
- 2:00 p.m. Executive session on **HB 221**, relative to the national guard scholarship fund and the New Hampshire national guard education assistance act; **HB 226**, relative to documenting the improvement of non-proficient readers; **HB 339**, relative to reimbursement of transportation costs for students attending a career and technical education center; **HB 396**, relative to student assessment data privacy.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 101-FN**, relative to certification for solid waste operators; **HB 151**, relative to industrial hemp as a controlled substance; **HB 289**, allowing humane societies to place tourist oriented directional signs on the side of the road; **HB 290**, relative to rabies vaccination protocols for companion animals; **HB 291-FN**, removing veterinarians from compliance with the controlled drug prescription health and safety program.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 308, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 192**, relative to rulemaking of the department of corrections.

Room 306, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 517**, relative to the function and organization of the department of administrative services risk management unit and division of personnel.
- 10:45 a.m. **HB 595-FN**, relative to positions in the corporations division of the secretary of state's office.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.
- 11:00 a.m. Presentation on performance audits.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 593-FN**, granting group II retirement system status to certain positions in the department of corrections.
- 1:45 p.m. **HB 421-FN**, relative to revocation of retirement and other benefits for persons convicted of certain crimes while in public service.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 540-FN**, relative to funding for climate change adaptation.
- 3:00 p.m. **HB 599-FN**, establishing the office of ombudsman in the department of state.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

- 9:45 a.m. Executive session on **HB 423-FN**, relative to funding for fire standards instruction.
- 10:00 a.m. Presentation by the Department of Resources and Economic Development.
- 10:30 a.m. Special briefing by the Department of Education: Education Aid Funding.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 370-FN-A**, making an appropriation for the purpose of meeting new federal regulations relative to child care.
- 1:45 p.m. **HB 409**, relative to the reporting of the higher education fund within the state operating budget.
- 2:15 p.m. **HB 571-FN-A**, making an appropriation to the New Hampshire Internet crimes against children task force.
- 2:45 p.m. **HB 606-FN-A**, establishing a scholarship fund for health care providers who stay in New Hampshire for 5 years and making an appropriation therefor.
- 3:10 p.m. **HB 584-FN**, relative to chartered public school funding.

FISH AND GAME AND MARINE RESOURCES, Room 307, LOB

- 12:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 381-FN**, relative to cruelty to non-captive wildlife.

- 1:00 p.m. Executive session on **HB 84**, relative to carrying a loaded rifle, shotgun, or crossbow in a vehicle or boat; **HB 126**, prohibiting hunting on Willand Pond in Strafford county; **HB 132**, allowing hunting adventure permits to be used by certain non-resident applicants; **HB 190**, relative to the wildlife habitat account and the fisheries habitat account; **HB 224-FN**, repealing the provision for nonresident student hunting and fishing licenses; **HB 381-FN**, relative to cruelty to non-captive wildlife; **HB 428-FN**, relative to crossbow hunting by persons 68 years of age and older; **HB 467**, relative to the duties of the fish and game commission.

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS, Room 205, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 208**, establishing a commission to study current mental health procedures for involuntary commitment.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 469**, establishing a continuous quality improvement program for pharmacies.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 550-FN**, establishing a controlled drug scientific review board.
- 1:15 p.m. **HB 528-FN**, establishing a municipal opioid reversal agent bulk purchase fund
- 2:15 p.m. **HB 601-FN-L**, relative to referral to the Sununu Youth Service Center of youths administered Narcan by a first responder for a heroin overdose.
- 3:15 p.m. **HB 602-FN-A**, prohibiting placement of certain persons with mental illness in the secure psychiatric unit, establishing a secure psychiatric hospital oversight commission, and appropriating funds to develop plans for a secure therapeutic psychiatric hospital facility.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 635-FN**, requiring a non-client public protection and recovery fund to be administered by the supreme court.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 617-FN**, relative to jury trials for imposition of fines in zoning violations.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 596-FN**, relative to review hearings in involuntary admission cases.
- 1:15 p.m. **HB 439**, applying the rape shield law to all state courts.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 545**, relative to immunity from prosecution for persons involved in an alcohol or drug-related emergency.
- 2:45 p.m. **HB 490**, relative to certain citizens having standing to sue school boards.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION, Room 104, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HJR 1-FN-A**, making restitution to Jeffery Frost for inappropriate prosecution.
- 10:15 a.m. **HJR 2-FN-A**, making an appropriation for restitution to Joseph Haas as a result of failure of the clerk of the supreme court to process a notice of errors.
- 10:30 a.m. **HJR 3-FN-A**, requiring payment of certain money to Timothy Rioux due to malfeasance of a judge in a child support reduction case.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 232**, relative to reporting of a legislator's personal interest in legislation.
- 11:20 a.m. **HB 243**, relative to the seal of the general court.
- 11:40 a.m. **HB 244**, relative to the right of attendance by general court members at legislative proceedings.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 456**, relative to petition articles in the warrant of a cooperative school district.
- 10:20 a.m. **HB 491-L**, relative to default budgets.
- 10:40 a.m. **HB 495**, relative to amendments to warrant articles.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 514**, relative to alternate members of an elected planning board.
- 11:20 a.m. **HB 564**, relative to information available to members of school boards or budget committees.
- 11:40 a.m. **HB 568-FN**, relative to the taxability of lease interests in public property.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.
- 1:00 p.m. Executive session on **HB 144**, relative to procedures for adoption of the budget for Rockingham County; **HB 167**, relative to audits of county funds; **HB 189**, establishing a homestead right; **HB 230**, relative to the referendum procedure for public water systems; **HB 223**, prohibiting recipients of county or municipal funds from using such funds for lobbying.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

- 10:15 a.m. **HB 426-FN**, relative to hazardous duty pay for certain department of transportation employees.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 508**, naming the New Hampshire Army National Guard Regional Training Institute and Barracks facility in Pembroke after Colonel Edward Cross.

- 11:30 a.m. **HB 383**, naming a bridge in the city of Keene.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

- 10:15 a.m. **HB 582-FN-A**, relative to public bathing facilities.
10:45 a.m. **HB 463-FN**, regulating groundwater pollution caused by polluting emissions in the air.
1:00 p.m. **HB 591-FN**, relative to suction dredging in the surface waters of the state.
1:30 p.m. **HB 608-FN**, requiring the state park system to use competitive bidding for the acquisition and resale of firewood.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Full committee work session on **HB 324**, relative to the valuation of utility property; **HB 328**, relative to taxation of public utility infrastructure; **HB 344**, relative to access for low income ratepayers to renewable energy incentives and benefits; **HB 547-FN**, relative to the recycling and disposal of electronic waste.
11:00 a.m. **HB 559-FN**, relative to expenditures from the energy efficiency fund.
1:00 p.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 504**, relative to third party charges on utility bills.
1:30 p.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 515**, relative to options for customers who are in arrears in utility bill payments.
2:00 p.m. Transmission presentation.
2:45 p.m. **HB 324**, relative to the valuation of utility property; **HB 328**, relative to taxation of public utility infrastructure; **HB 344**, relative to access for low income ratepayers to renewable energy incentives and benefits; **HB 547-FN**, relative to the recycling and disposal of electronic waste; **HB 198**, relative to the qualifications for the position of consumer advocate; **HB 238**, establishing a committee to study broadband access to the Internet.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 562-FN**, allowing online gambling.
11:00 a.m. **HB 580-FN-A**, regulating online fantasy contests.
1:00 p.m. **HB 398**, establishing a commission to study and evaluate providing financial incentives for professional media production activity in New Hampshire.
1:30 p.m. **HB 566-FN-L**, repealing the community revitalization tax relief incentive.
2:00 p.m. **HB 574-FN**, increasing the limit on contributions to the community development finance authority for which an investment tax credit may be taken.
2:30 p.m. **HB 569-FN-A**, requiring the reimbursement of dedicated funds transferred for other purposes.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON LACTATION (RSA 275:76), Room 103, LOB

- 11:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 303, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 308**, requiring propane companies to file notice with the register of deeds of underground propane tanks; **HB 331**, relative to the standard of review for government requirements on commercial enterprises; **HB 375**, relative to the penalties for failure to deliver goods under the Uniform Commercial Code; **HB 436**, exempting persons using virtual currency from registering as money transmitters; **HB 443**, prohibiting prescription drug manufacturers from offering copayment reimbursement; **HB 455-FN**, relative to the practices of pharmacy benefit managers; **HB 457-FN**, relative to consumer credit division entities; **HB 473**, relative to the sale of gift certificates; **HB 482**, requiring social media companies to remove subscriber information at the subscriber's request; **HB 502**, relative to the availability of condominium financial information to unit owners; **HB 523**, relative to limitations on the use of biometric information.

Room 302, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 79-FN**, relative to New Hampshire products purchased and sold by the liquor commission; **HB 99**, relative to applicability of alcoholic beverage advertising restrictions; **HB 140-FN**, relative to sales and samples provided by wine manufacturers; **HB 152-FN**, relative to direct shipment of beer; **HB 279**, relative to smoking on private property; **HB 353-FN**, relative to sales of beer in refillable containers; **HB 358-FN**, repealing the loitering restrictions on premises of liquor licensees; **HB 377**, relative to marijuana sales; **HB 427**, allowing hobby distillation of liquors; **HB 549-FN**, relative to beverage vendor fees; **HB 555-L**, relative to the enforcement authority of the liquor investigators.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 600-FN**, relative to requirements for certain alcoholic beverage licenses.
- 10:45 a.m. **HB 632-FN**, relative to appeals of liquor commission decisions.
- 11:15 a.m. **HB 590-FN**, establishing a state bank.
- 1:15 p.m. **HB 623-FN**, relative to animals abandoned in the foreclosure process.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 611**, relative to portability, availability, and renewability of health coverage.
- 1:45 p.m. **HB 633-FN**, allowing health insurance policies to be sold without mandates.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 654-FN**, relative to short-term and vacation rentals under the meals and rooms tax. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

- 8:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 474-FN**, limiting the use of cell site simulator devices by law enforcement agencies.
- 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 287**, establishing a committee to study decriminalizing sex work.
- 9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 283**, defining bodily injury in the criminal code.

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- 10:00 a.m. **SB 12-FN**, repealing the licensing requirement for carrying a concealed pistol or revolver.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 640-FN**, relative to the penalties for possession of marijuana.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 656-FN-A-L**, relative to the legalization and regulation of marijuana. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 583-FN**, relative to the calculation of average daily membership in residence and average daily membership in attendance.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 605-FN-A**, establishing a scholarship for students pursuing careers in the service of children and the elderly.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 609-FN-A**, establishing a children's savings account program and making an appropriation therefor. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.
- 1:00 p.m. Executive session on **HB 607-FN-A**, establishing a New Hampshire student access grant program; **HB 609-FN-A**, establishing a children's savings account program and making an appropriation therefor; **HB 386-FN**, relative to technical corrections to the education tax credit statute; **HB 412**, relative to the pre-engineering technology curriculum; **HB 554-FN**, relative to the assessment of deaf and hard-of-hearing children.

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 231**, relative to allocation of electoral votes.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 320**, relative to procedures for apportioning electoral districts.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 459**, relative to challenged voter affidavits. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.
- 11:30 a.m. Executive session on **HB 240**, relative to state party conventions; **HB 497**, relative to delegates to national party conventions; **HB 379**, relative to political advertising in rights-of-way; **HB 453**, relative to vacancies in the office of supervisor of the checklist; **HB 203-FN-A**, establishing an independent redistricting commission; **HB 389**, relative to voters with physical disabilities; **HB 390**, relative to parties on certain election forms and ballots and relative to the voter registration form used on the day of the general election.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 624**, relative to group II vested deferred retirements, the age of dependents in the retiree health plan, and retired judges' participation in the retiree health plan.

- 10:45 a.m. **HB 649-FN**, making emergency medical technicians and rescue squad members eligible for a death benefit if killed in the line of duty.
- 11:15 a.m. **HB 631-FN**, establishing a cash balance pension plan for new hires and non-vested employees. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

Rooms 301-303, LOB

- 1:00 p.m. **HB 653-FN**, relative to health care premium contributions for Medicare eligible state retirees.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 645-FN**, relative to retiree health care benefits for future retirees. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.
- 3:30 p.m. Subcommittee work session **HB 542-FN**, relative to retired members employed in a part-time position by retirement system employers; **HB 543-FN**, relative to part-time employment by a retiree for a retirement system employer; **HB 561-FN**, relative to contributions by employers of part-time employees receiving retirement system pensions and relative to enforcement of provisions concerning retired members working part-time after retirement.

FINANCE - DIVISION III, Rooms 210-211, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Division work session on **HB 387-FN-A**, making an appropriation to the department of health and human services for the developmental services system.
- 11:00 a.m. Division work session on **HB 370-FN-A**, making an appropriation for the purpose of meeting new federal regulations relative to child care; **HB 606-FN-A**, establishing a scholarship fund for health care providers who stay in New Hampshire for 5 years and making an appropriation therefor.

FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB

- 1:30 p.m. Presentation by the Department of Health and Human Services.

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS, Room 205, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Continued hearing on **HB 257**, relative to the use of cloth diapers in licensed child day care centers.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 536**, directing the wellness and primary prevention council to establish a system of family resource centers of quality.
- 1:15 p.m. **HB 630-FN-A**, relative to the establishment of a publicly transparent interdepartmental health information and analysis program for New Hampshire and establishing a special fund.
- 2:15 p.m. **HB 532-FN**, prohibiting persons who desecrate the American or New Hampshire state flag from receiving financial assistance. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 578-FN**, relative to banning abortion after viability.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 589-FN**, repealing the law relative to providing certain parameters for access to reproductive health care facilities.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 614-FN**, relative to forfeiture of personal property.
- 2:30 p.m. Continued hearing on **HB 476**, relative to the duties of registers of probate. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 307, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 444**, relative to reports to the public employee labor relations board.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 407-FN**, requiring workers' compensation to cover prophylactic treatment for exposure.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 312-FN**, repealing the minimum wage law.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 628-FN**, relative to a family and medical leave insurance program. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 325**, permitting certain towns to appoint a town clerk.
- 10:20 a.m. **HB 437**, relative to the authority of municipal law enforcement officers.
- 10:40 a.m. **HB 481**, relative to the use of small capacity, light weight plastic bags by retailers.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 483**, prohibiting the issuance of a summons or warrant for failure to license a dog.
- 11:20 a.m. **HB 565-FN-L**, relative to collection of delinquent property tax payments by manufactured housing owners.

- 11:40 a.m. **HB 619-FN-L**, relative to medical services for prisoners.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

Room 306, LOB

- 1:00 p.m. Executive session on **HB 212-FN-L**, relative to police attendance at public meetings and functions; **HB 239**, establishing a committee to study reducing the cost of county government; **HB 272**, relative to the election of county commissioners in Carroll county; **HB 296**, allowing counties to authorize and fund forensic audits; **HB 120**, relative to deposit of county unassigned fund balances in a revenue stabilization reserve account; **HB 182**, relative to the adoption of a default budget; **HB 261**, relative to background checks for county employees.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

- 10:15 a.m. **HB 563-A**, making an appropriation for the Carroll and Strafford counties freight rail improvements project and making an appropriation for the Coos county freight rail improvements project.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 393-FN**, relative to the Winnepesaukee river basin control program reserve account.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.
- 1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 431**, establishing a commission to study long term goals and requirements for drinking water in the seacoast area; **HB 485**, relative to standards for emerging contaminants in drinking water.

Room 104, LOB

- 1:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 195**, establishing a committee to study temporary seasonal docks.
- 2:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 486**, relative to the protection of wetlands.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. **HB 462**, relative to rules of the site evaluation committee.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 162**, relative to the criteria for the issuance of certificates for the siting of high pressure gas pipelines.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 493**, relative to evaluating the public interest of gas pipeline capacity contracts.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 179**, relative to financing the construction of high pressure gas pipelines.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 627-FN**, establishing the position of energy efficiency advocate.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 206, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HR 8**, urging Congress to investigate the lawsuits against Trump University.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 636-FN**, establishing a department of veterans affairs.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 652-FN**, establishing a veterans track within the court system and relative to the inclusion of veterans benefits in the calculation of gross income for purposes of determining child support.
- 1:00 p.m. **HCR 9**, affirming states' powers based on the Constitution for the United States and the Constitution of New Hampshire.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 570-FN**, relative to car and truck rental agency fleet vehicle registration.
- 10:45 a.m. **HB 579-FN**, relative to registration of semi-trailers.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 314**, relative to autonomous vehicles.
- 2:00 p.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 90**, relative to eligibility for limited driving privilege after revocation or suspension.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 598-FN-L**, relative to voluntary registration of motor vehicles.
- 3:00 p.m. **HB 315**, relative to persons who may accompany a youth operator of an OHRV or a snowmobile.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.
- 4:00 p.m. Executive session on **HB 90**, relative to eligibility for limited driving privilege after revocation or suspension; **HB 102**, relative to mandatory headlamp use; **HB 196**, establishing a committee to study requiring passengers on school buses to wear seat belts.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. **HB 534-FN**, relative to reporting of meals and rooms tax revenue by the department of revenue administration.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 215**, establishing a commission to study the legalization, regulation, and taxation of marijuana.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 644-FN-A-L**, extending the interest and dividends tax to capital gains, increasing exemptions from the tax, and providing for retirement system contributions on behalf of employers other than the state.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 621-FN-A-L**, establishing a road usage fee and making an appropriation therefor. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3**FINANCE, Rooms 210-211, LOB**

Presentations:

- 1:00 p.m. Department of Health and Human Services: Medicaid Managed Care and Expanded Medicaid.
- 1:45 p.m. Department of Health and Human Services: Medicaid Enhancement Tax and Uncompensated Care.
- 2:30 p.m. Department of Health and Human Services: Mental Health.
- 3:15 p.m. Department of Health and Human Services: State and County Long Term Care Funding.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6**NEW HAMPSHIRE COLLEGE TUITION SAVINGS PLAN ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 195-H), New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation, 4 Barrell Court, Concord**

- 10:00 a.m. Special meeting.

TASK FORCE ON WORK AND FAMILY (RSA 276-B:2, I), Room 207, LOB

- 1:15 p.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7**EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB**

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 641-FN-A**, relative to high school students participating in New Hampshire's dual and concurrent enrollment program and making an appropriation therefor.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 647-FN-L**, establishing education freedom savings accounts for children with disabilities. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.
- 1:00 p.m. Executive session on **HB 597-FN-L**, relative to calculating the cost of an opportunity for an adequate education and providing fiscal capacity disparity aid; **HB 603-FN-A**, establishing the John and Molly Stark student debt reduction program and making an appropriation therefor; **HB 604-FN-A**, establishing the John and Molly Stark workforce opportunity program and making an appropriation therefor; **HB 354-FN-A-L**, making an appropriation to the department of education to provide additional adequate education grant payments to certain municipalities; **HB 356-FN**, relative to the per pupil cost of an adequate education; **HB 525-FN**, relative to stabilization grants for education; **HB 583-FN**, relative to the calculation of average daily membership in residence and average daily membership in attendance.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 399**, relative to pesticide use and notification in places where children play.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 612**, relative to livestock and meat inspection. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION, Room 104, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 213-FN**, relative to the mileage reimbursement rate for legislators and prohibiting deductions from compensation or mileage reimbursement of representatives.
- 10:20 a.m. **HB 541-FN**, relative to the compensation of members of the general court.
- 10:45 a.m. **HB 300**, requiring state employees and state public officials to display identification badges when attending meetings and hearings of the general court.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 406**, establishing a committee to study procedures for a New Hampshire constitutional convention.

11:15 a.m. **CACR 6**, relating to conflict of interest. Providing that no member of the general court shall sponsor, advocate for, nor vote on any legislation which would create a financial conflict of interest.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

10:15 a.m. Executive session if necessary.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Representatives Hall

10:00 a.m. **HB 592-FN**, repealing the regional greenhouse gas initiative.

1:00 p.m. **HB 141**, relative to electric renewable energy classes.

2:00 p.m. **HB 225**, repealing the electric renewable portfolio standard.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

STATE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 115-A:2), New Hampshire National Guard Air Facility, 26 Regional Drive, Concord

5:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

EDUCATION, Room 207, LOB

9:30 a.m. Executive session on **HB 647-FN-L**, establishing education freedom savings accounts for children with disabilities; **HB 155-FN**, relative to funding for kindergarten programs; **HB 641-FN-A**, relative to high school students participating in New Hampshire's dual and concurrent enrollment program and making an appropriation therefor; **HB 557-FN**, relative to school attendance in towns with no public schools; **HB 605-FN-A**, establishing a scholarship for students pursuing careers in the service of children and the elderly; **HB 556**, requiring schools to post the state telephone numbers to report child abuse; **HB 477**, relative to free speech on campuses in the university system and the community college system; **HB 395**, relative to state board of education rulemaking authority over home education programs; **HB 391**, relative to checklists in other districts; **HB 180**, requiring postsecondary education institutions to compile and submit reports on remedial education courses.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Representatives Hall

10:00 a.m. **SB 11-FN**, prohibiting collective bargaining agreements that require employees to join or contribute to a labor union.

10:05 a.m. **HB 520**, relative to right to work.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

10:15 a.m. Executive session if necessary.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

11:00 a.m. **HB 401**, relative to the implementation of the recommendations of grid modernization.

1:00 p.m. **HB 352-FN**, relative to the energy efficiency fund.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

STATE SUGGESTION AND EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE AWARD EVALUATION COMMITTEE (RSA 99-E:1, I), Room 101, LOB

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 281-A:62), Room 307, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

COMMITTEE TO STUDY RSA 461-A, RELATIVE TO PARENTAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, Rooms 306-308, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on Sections A, B, C, and D.

NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS HOME BOARD OF MANAGERS (RSA 119:3-a), New Hampshire Veterans Home, Tarr South Conference Room, 139 Winter Street, Tilton

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 342**, establishing a commission to study the transition of certain regulatory authority to the department of environmental services from the Environmental Protection Agency.

1:00 p.m. **HB 594-FN-L**, establishing a registry for persons convicted of animal cruelty.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

COMMISSION ON POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AND TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (RSA 115-D), Walker Building, Room 100, 21 South Fruit Street, Concord

2:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

FISCAL COMMITTEE (RSA 14:30-a), Rooms 210-211, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

NEW HAMPSHIRE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) COMMITTEE (RSA 4-F:1), Department of Transportation, 7 Hazen Drive, Room 114, Concord

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

INTERBRANCH CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE COUNCIL (RSA 651-E:2), Room 204, LOB

1:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, MARCH 6

NH COLLEGE TUITION SAVINGS PLAN ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 195-H:2), New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation, 4 Barrell Court, Concord.

9:00 a.m. Investment committee meeting.

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

STATE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 115-A:2), New Hampshire National Guard Air Facility, 26 Regional Drive, Concord

5:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

HOME EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 193-A:10), Department of Education, Londergan Hall, Room 15, 101 Pleasant Street, Concord

3:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

STATE SUGGESTION AND EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE AWARD EVALUATION COMMITTEE (RSA 99-E:1, I), Room 101, LOB

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

The **Hillsborough** County Executive Committee will meet on **Friday, January 27th at 9:00 a.m.** at the Hillsborough County Complex, Bouchard Building, Goffstown.

Rep. Larry Gagne, Clerk
Hillsborough Executive Committee

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

The **Rockingham** County Executive Committee will meet on **Friday, February 17th at 9:30 a.m.** in the Hilton Auditorium at the Rockingham County Nursing Home, Brentwood.

The **Rockingham** County Executive Committee will meet on **Wednesday, March 1st at 5:30 p.m.** in the Commissioners Conference Room, Hilton Auditorium, Rockingham County Nursing Home in Brentwood. Delegation meeting at 6:00 p.m. to vote the 2017 County Budget. Storm date Thursday, March 2nd at 10:00 a.m.

Rep. David A. Welch, Clerk
Rockingham County Convention

REVISED FISCAL NOTES

The following bills have a revised fiscal note: HB 79, HB 124, HB 152, HB 156, HB 205, HB 455.

Paul C. Smith, Clerk of the House

MEMBERS' NOTICES

The following notices are published in the House Record as a courtesy to the member(s) requesting publication. These are not official public notices and will be limited to legislative policy or legislative social activities and political meetings or events. Publication should not be construed as support for either the events listed or the views espoused by the individual or organization sponsoring the event.

The House Republican Alliance (HRA) will meet on **Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m.** in Room 306, LOB. Republican House members are welcome to attend.

Reps. Glenn Cordelli, James Spillane, and Laurie Sanborn

We would like to cordially invite you to prayer and Bible study time the morning of each scheduled session. Our time will be led by Pastor Peter Chamberland of Granite State Baptist Church. Please consider setting this time aside on your calendar and meet with us in Room 206, LOB at 8:00 a.m. I know that you will be personally encouraged and spiritually refreshed during this time.

Rep. Valerie Frasier

Are you interested in the Arts? We are looking to form a House Arts Caucus and are looking for help. Representatives who are artists, creative, businesspeople, or otherwise supporters of the arts, we are interested in creating a group to examine if there is an economic value in the arts, and to learn and educate ourselves. Please contact Rep. Gidge at gidge@gmail.com or at 864-9332 if you are interested.

Rep. Ken Gidge

Please join Walmart for a salute to our New Hampshire suppliers and nonprofits with a luncheon held in the State House cafeteria. Join us anytime between **11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 31st** to learn more about the jobs and products created in New Hampshire, as well as the services provided by the local organizations Walmart supports.

Rep. Dick Hinch

The NH School Connectivity Initiative (NHSCI) will be sponsoring a light breakfast with “Coffee and Fiber” in the State House Cafeteria **from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on February 1st**. NHSCI members will be on hand to provide educational materials and justification for supporting a Department of Education Capital Budget Request to create a State Matching Fund for a federal opportunity to help fiber construction to K-12 schools in need of scalable broadband capacity to deliver educational resources for our school aged children in rural communities.

Rep. Jackie Cali-Pitts

Bi-State Primary Care Association and NH Community Health Centers invite all legislators to its annual hot breakfast on **Wednesday, February 1st from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.** at the Holiday Inn, 172 North Main Street, Concord (snow date February 2nd). The topic is “Community Providers Working Together for a Healthier New Hampshire.” Legislators attend for free with RSVP. Please watch for your invitation.

Rep. Frank Kotowski

The American Lung Association invites all legislators to join us for our annual legislative breakfast on **Thursday, February 2nd from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** in the State House Cafeteria.

Rep. Rebecca McBeath

Freedom New Hampshire (FreedomNewHampshire.org) invites all legislators to a free lunch and presentation: “Learning More about our Transgender Constituents.” The luncheon will be held on **Thursday, February 2nd** during the House lunch break in the downstairs hall at St. Paul’s Church, just across the street from the State House. During the luncheon, transgender Granite Staters and advocates will give an introduction to transgender issues. They will also discuss the challenges facing our transgender constituents and their families here in New Hampshire.

Reps. Ed Butler and John Fothergill

All members are cordially invited to a legislators’ reception to be held at this year’s New Hampshire Liberty Forum on **Friday, February 3rd at 6:00 p.m.** The forum will take place at the Radisson Hotel located at 700 Elm Street, Manchester. A no host bar will be available. Event details can be found at nhlibertyforum.com.

Reps. Carol McGuire, Keith Ammon, and JR Hoell

The University of New Hampshire invites all legislators and legislative employees to cheer on the UNH Men’s Hockey Team as they take on Boston College at the Whittemore Center in Durham on **Friday, February 3rd at 7:00 p.m.** To reserve your complimentary ticket, please contact Tom Cronin at thomas.cronin@unh.edu or 603-862-0574.

Speaker Shawn N. Jasper

The New Hampshire Council on Developmental Disabilities will be hosting a legislative breakfast on **Tuesday, February 7th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** in the State House Cafeteria. A continental breakfast will be served. All representatives are invited to join disability council members to learn about and discuss the council’s legislative agenda and the council’s work to enable individuals with developmental disabilities to exercise self-determination, be independent, be productive, integrated and included in all facets of community life.

Rep. Frank Kotowski

The NH Optometric Association hosts its Eye-Opener Breakfast on **Wednesday, February 8th** in the State House Cafeteria. Legislators and staff are invited to stop by anytime **from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.** to enjoy a hot breakfast, speak with local Doctors of Optometry and learn about eye health, the practice of Optometry and how the state regulates the profession of Optometry.

Reps. Dick Hinch and Stephen Shurtleff

Northeast Delta Dental cordially invites all members and staff of the New Hampshire House of Representatives to its 18th Annual Legislative Reception to be held **Wednesday, February 8th from 4:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.** at its corporate office at One Delta Drive in Concord.

Reps. Dick Hinch and Stephen Shurtleff

The New Hampshire Federation of Humane Organizations and The Humane Society of the United States cordially invite all legislators to attend a legislative continental breakfast in the State House cafeteria on **Thursday, February 9th from 8:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.** This is an opportunity to speak with the leaders of the state's nonprofit animal shelters and to learn about the work of the Humane Society of the United States. Citizens from around the state will be in attendance to meet with legislators to discuss pending legislation that impacts animals. Legislators will be notified if they have a constituent registered for the event who has requested a meeting. Please join constituents, your colleagues, and animal welfare professionals for food and conversation.

Rep. Katherine Rogers

All Legislators are invited to please join the New Hampshire Building and Construction Trades Council for a legislative breakfast at **8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 14th** at IBEW Local 490, 48 Airport Road in Concord. The Building Trades represents more than 2000 highly trained New Hampshire workers in the construction industry and advocates for increasing commercial and industrial development across the state, as well as improving wages and working conditions for Granite State workers. The program will include a short briefing and a tour of the IBEW's state-of-the-art training facility. A hearty, hot breakfast will be served.

Rep. Katherine Rogers

AARP New Hampshire will be hosting a legislative breakfast on **Tuesday, February 14th from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.** in the State House cafeteria. A full breakfast will be served. All representatives are invited to join AARP's members to learn about and discuss the AARP's legislative agenda and AARP's work in communities to better the lives of those fifty plus.

Rep. Frank Kotowski

Please take the opportunity to join the New Hampshire Association of Fire Chiefs at their annual legislative breakfast in the State House Cafeteria on **Thursday, February 16th from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.**

Rep. Dave Danielson

Join the National MS Society on **February 16th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** in the State House Cafeteria for their annual State Action Day and learn more about issues facing your constituents living with multiple sclerosis.

Rep. Reed Panasiti

The annual Water's Worth It! legislative breakfast is set for **Wednesday, March 8th** at the Holiday Inn on Main Street in Concord. Check in for the event begins at **7:00 a.m.** with a breakfast buffet. Water quality professionals will present information on drinking water and wastewater treatment challenges in New Hampshire. The keynote speaker is Paula Tracy, Escape Outside Editor for WMUR, followed by remarks from NH DES Assistant Commissioner Clark Freise. All legislators and staff are invited to enjoy a free hearty breakfast and learn more about New Hampshire's critical water infrastructure. Sponsored by the NH Water Pollution Control Association in conjunction with a wide-ranging coalition of other local nonprofit water organizations. Please RSVP to nhwpca.elizabeth@gmail.com by February 24th to reserve your seat. (But if you decide at the last minute, come along anyway!)

Rep. Tom Buco

The members of the NH Snowmobile Association cordially invite all House members and staff to a reception in the State House cafeteria on **Thursday, March 9th from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.** where a breakfast will be served. We look forward to seeing you there.

Reps. Dick Hinch and Stephen Shurtleff

STATE HOUSE VISITATION SCHEDULE

As a convenience to the members of the NH General Court, the Visitors' Center offers the following schedule of schools and other groups visiting the State House in 2017. These listings are to ensure all members be notified in a timely manner of visitors from their district. Our schedule is tightly booked for the school year and subject to changes. Note that large groups are divided into smaller groups for tours.

Please contact the Visitor Center concerning school tour booking information. Legislators planning to meet with students should notify the Visitor Center. Thank you for your continued participation with your School Visitation Program.

Virginia J. Drew, Director
Deborah Rivers, Public Information Administrator

DATE	TIME	GROUP	#/GRADE
Jan. 27	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	Woodland Heights Elementary School – Laconia	64/4
Jan. 27	1:00	Home School group – Portsmouth area	15
Jan. 30	3:00	UNH Political Science students – Manchester	12/col
Jan. 31	8:30/9:45/11:00	Beaver Meadow School – Concord	84/4
Feb. 1	10:00	Boscawen Elementary School	38/4
Feb. 2	9:00	Rivier University – Nursing students	28/col
Feb. 3	9:30/10:30	Peter Woodbury School – Bedford	80/4
Feb. 7	10:00	Holy Trinity Catholic School – Laconia	17/4&5
Feb. 8	9:45/11:00 SH/HM	Chester Academy	62/4
Feb. 8	12:15	Leadership Greater Concord	24/adults
Feb. 9	9:15	Pittsfield Elementary School	40/4
Feb. 10	9:00	Peter Woodbury School – Bedford	60/4
Feb. 13	1:30	World Affairs Council – Russian guests	10
Feb. 14	9:45/11:00 SH/HM	Maple St. School – Contoocook	65/4
Feb. 15	10:00	Tri City Christian Academy – Somersworth	12/8
Feb. 17	10:00/11:15 SH/HM	East Derry Memorial School	80/4
Feb. 21	10:00/11:15 SH/HM	Barka Elementary School – Derry	100/4
Feb. 22	9:30/11:00 SH/HM	Epping Elementary School	90/4
Feb. 23	9:45 *2 tours	Henry Wilson Memorial School – Manchester	80/4
Feb. 24	10:00	NH History Museum staff	10/adults
Feb. 28	10:00	White Mountain Homeschoolers – Thornton area	20
March 1	12:00	Cub Scout Pack 290	25
March 6	9:45/11:00 SH/HM	Hooksett Memorial School	81/4
March 6	12:30	Tuftonboro Elementary School	22/4
March 7	9:45/11:00 SH/HM	Hooksett Memorial School	66/4
March 7	TBA	NH Bankers Day	
March 8	9:45/11:00 SH/HM	Maple Ave. Elementary School – Goffstown	95/4
March 9	9:00/10:30 SH/HM	Pembroke Hill School	100/4
March 10	10:15/11:15	Charlotte Ave. School – Nashua	80/4
March 10	2:30	AmeriCorps	

AMENDMENTS

(LISTED IN NUMERICAL ORDER)

Amendment to HB 150

(2017-0028h)

Proposed by the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Affairs - c

Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 412:15, IV as inserted by section 6 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

IV. For commercial risks, except for workers' compensation which is governed by RSA 412:34, the commissioner may permit insurers to use appropriate systems of schedule rating filed by any insurer

or rating bureau approved by the commissioner, subject to rules adopted under RSA 541-A, to assure the uniform and impartial application of such rating. ***Insurers shall retain supporting documentation for such ratings.*** Such ratings shall be:

Amendment to HB 166

(2017-0071h)

Proposed by the Committee on Education - c

Amend RSA 193-C:6 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

193-C:6 Assessment Required. ~~Each year,~~ A statewide assessment shall be administered in all school districts in the state ~~[in grades 3 through 8]~~ ***once in an elementary school grade, once in a middle school grade,*** and one grade in high school. ***For those years in grades 3 through 8 in which the school district does not administer the statewide assessment, the school district, in consultation with the department and as part of the statewide education improvement and assessment program, shall develop and administer its own assessment or shall administer a standardized assessment that identifies a pupil's range of learning and yields objective data to use in improving instruction and learning.*** All public school students in the designated grades shall participate in the assessment, unless such student is exempted, or provided that the commissioner of the department of education may, through an agreement with another state when such state and New Hampshire are parties to an interstate agreement, allow pupils to participate in that state's assessment program as an alternative to the assessment required under this chapter. Home educated students may contact their local school districts if they wish to participate in the statewide assessment. Private schools may contact the department of education to participate in the statewide assessment. The department may use the College Board SAT or ACT college readiness assessment to satisfy the high school assessment requirements of this chapter.

Amendment to HB 516

(2017-0112h)

Proposed by the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety - c

Amend RSA 651:5, IV as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

IV. If a petition for annulment is denied, ~~[no further petition shall be brought more frequently than every 3 years thereafter]~~ ***the court shall include written findings stating the basis for the denial, and specifying a time period after which the petitioner may file a further petition for annulment.***