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HOUSE CALENDAR

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

The House will be in session on **Thursday, March 5th at 1:00 p.m.**

For planning purposes, we will also meet on **Wednesday, March 11th and Thursday, March 12th at 9:00 a.m. both days.**

There will be no legislative business on Tuesday, March 10th, Town Meeting Day.

Stephen J. Shurtleff, Speaker of the House

NOTICE

There will NOT be a meeting of chairs and vice chairs next week.

Stephen J. Shurtleff, Speaker of the House

NOTICE

There will be a Democratic caucus on **Thursday, March 5th at 12:30 p.m.** in Representatives Hall.

Rep. Doug Ley

NOTICE

There will be a Republican caucus on **Thursday, March 5th at 11:00 a.m.** in Rooms 301-303, LOB.

Rep. Richard Hinch

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 ***no later than 1:00 p.m.*** on Wednesday. Please be sure to complete that work in a timely fashion to meet the Calendar deadline.

CLOSES AT 3:00 p.m. ON:

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

AVAILABLE ON:

Friday, March 6, 2020

Friday, March 13, 2020

Friday, March 20, 2020

Paul C. Smith, Clerk of the House

2020 HOUSE DEADLINES

Thursday, March 5, 2020

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Thursday, March 19, 2020

Thursday, March 26, 2020

Thursday, April 16, 2020

Thursday, April 23, 2020

Thursday, May 7, 2020

Thursday, May 14, 2020

Thursday, May 21, 2020

Thursday, May 28, 2020

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Last day to report House Bills not in a second committee

Last day to act on House Bills not in a second committee

Last day to report all House Bills

CROSSOVER – Last day to act on all House Bills

Last day to report Senate Bills going to a second committee

Last day to act on Senate Bills going to a second committee

Last day to report all Senate Bills

Last day to act on all Senate Bills

Last day to form committee of conference

Last day to sign committee of conference reports (4:00 p.m.)

Last day to act on committee of conference reports

NOTICE

The **2016 House Permanent Journals** have arrived. **2016 House Members who ordered a Journal** may pick it up in the Clerk's office. Thank you.

Paul C. Smith, Clerk of the House

2020 HOUSE BILLS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

HB 253, relative to criminal records checks in the employee application process. (SJ 1/30/2020)

HB 466, relative to the capacity of electricity customer generators for eligibility for net energy metering. (SJ 1/8/2020)

HB 490, (New Title) establishing a commission to study the role of clinical diagnosis and the limitations of serological diagnostic tests in determining the presence or absence of Lyme and other tick-borne diseases and available treatment protocols, and appropriate methods for educating physicians and the public about the inconclusive nature of prevailing test methods and available treatment alternatives. (SJ 2/13/2020)

HB 496, (Second New Title) relative to the definition of antique snowmobiles, relative to water quality rules, and relative to the disposition of administrative fines for asbestos management violations. (SJ 1/8/2020)

HB 715, relative to electrical energy storage. (SJ 1/8/2020)

BILLS LAID ON TABLE

HB 221, renaming Columbus Day as Indigenous People's Day. (Pending Question: Ought to Pass)

HB 478-FN-A, establishing a road usage fee and making an appropriation therefor. (Pending Question: Ought to Pass with Amendment)

HB 655, regulating disorderly houses. (Pending Question: Inexpedient to Legislate)

HB 683-FN, relative to the rights of property owners abutting certain highways and railtrails. (Pending Question: Ought to Pass with Amendment)

HB 735-FN-A, relative to carbon pricing. (Pending Question: Ought to Pass with Amendment)

HB 1149-FN, relative to child obscenity. (Pending Question: Inexpedient to Legislate)

HB 1341-FN-A, relative to vested status of group II members in the state retirement system. (Pending Question: Ought to Pass with Amendment)

HB 1434-FN, repealing premium contribution requirements for certain state and judicial retirees. (Pending Question: Ought to Pass)

HB 1650-FN-A-LOCAL, establishing a road usage registration fee and making an appropriation therefor. (Pending Question: Inexpedient to Legislate)

HB 1654-FN, relative to previous convictions for driving while intoxicated. (Pending Question: Ought to Pass)

HB 1684-FN-A-LOCAL, establishing an energy conservation program and an energy conservation project fund and establishing the state PACE reserve fund. (Pending Question: Ought to Pass with Amendment)

SB 138, relative to the degree granting authority of Signum University. (Pending Question: Inexpedient to Legislate)

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

REGULAR CALENDAR

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 1112-FN, requiring programs for female parolees. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Julie Radhakrishnan for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill, as amended, forms a study committee to address the educational, employment, housing and other needs of formerly incarcerated women. Empirical research shows that comprehensive rehabilitation significantly reduced recidivism. The goal of this legislation is to gather information about resources within the prison system as well as in the community and to coordinate services and referrals for women to help them successfully re-integrate into society. **Vote 19-1.**

HB 1130-FN, relative to assault against an elderly person. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. John Bordenet for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. While this seems to have merit, this bill needs additional work. It attempts to make an assault against someone 60 or older to a class A felony. No provision was made if the assailant was the same age or older. **Vote 17-3.**

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 1292-FN, revising certain benefit provisions in the city of Manchester employees contributory retirement system. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Dianne Schuett for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill was a request of the city of Manchester and seeks to make 4 changes to their retirement system for members who commence service on

or after January 1, 2021. The first change is to the definition of “final average earnings.” It will be calculated using the average of the employees highest 5 years of earnings as opposed to the current 3 year average. The second change addresses early retirement. When someone retires early they pay an offset to adjust for it, which is currently 1/6 of 1 percent. Under the bill, this will be changed to 7/12 of 1 percent. The third change is to increase the normal retirement age from 60 to 62. The final change, for new hires only, is an increase in the employee contribution rate from 3.75 percent to 5.75 percent. The reduction in future benefits will improve the funded ratio of the system and accelerate the accrued liability amortization period by approximately one year and result in a savings to the city of Manchester over that period of approximately \$14 million. The amendment to the bill returns the employee contribution rate to 3.75 percent once the fund reaches the 100 percent level. **Vote 19-1.**

HB 1447-FN, relative to penalties for retired members of the retirement system exceeding part-time hourly limit. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Jaci Grote for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill changes the penalty for New Hampshire Retirement System (NHRS) retirees who exceed the part-time work limitation from a forfeiture of the state annuity portion of their retirement allowance to a penalty of 23% of their paid compensation. The current policy was put in place to, among other reasons, eliminate the double dipping into the retirement system and the committee is not in favor of this modification. In this bill, the assessment of the penalty is the responsibility of the part-time employer or employers; the committee does not consider this to be a feasible method for applying the penalty. Furthermore, the NHRS representative noted there may be potential Internal Revenue Code and labor wage issues relating to whether the penalty is an employee contribution subject to limitations on contributions, whether wages may be withheld and remitted to NHRS, and if the penalty is paid on a post-tax basis and withheld from the remaining wages paid. For all of these reasons, the committee opposes the adoption of the bill. **Vote 19-1.**

FINANCE

HB 677-FN-A, relative to discipline of students, addressing students’ behavioral needs, and making an appropriation therefor. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Susan Ford for Finance. This bill provides school districts with guidance to develop a discipline plan. Students suspended over a cumulative period of 20 days within a school year will be provided alternative educational services. If a student is suspended more than 10 school days in any school year, upon returning to school, the school district shall develop an intervention plan designed to proactively address the pupil’s problematic behaviors. Currently the Department of Education (DOE) has a federal grant and is working with 12 school districts. In future bienniums, the DOE shall include a request for appropriations, pursuant to RSA 9:4, for an amount sufficient to meet the estimated expenses of working with school districts and public charter schools seeking to implement MTSS-B. The sum of \$1 for the biennium ending June 30, 2021 is hereby appropriated to the DOE for the purpose of supporting student behavioral health and wellness under RSA 198:63. **Vote 19-1.**

HB 705-FN, (New Title) relative to the rights of victims of crime, increasing the cap on assistance for victims of crime, and establishing a commission to study the needs of crime victims and enforcement of statutes governing crime victims’ rights. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Peter Leishman for Finance. As amended by the House, HB 705-FN increases the per claimant maximum recovery for victims of crimes from the Victims’ Assistance Fund from \$30,000 to \$40,000. The committee found that over a five-year average, revenues from the penalty assessment funds collected has exceeded claims from the Victims’ Assistance Fund. The committee believes that revenues from the penalty assessment funds will be sufficient to cover this \$10,000 increase. Additionally, at the prime sponsor’s suggestion, the committee replaced the 21 member commission with a five member legislative committee. The tasks for this new committee will remain the same as those of the earlier proposed commission. **Vote 21-0.**

HB 1224-FN-A-LOCAL, making an appropriation to the lakeshore redevelopment planning commission. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Patricia Lovejoy for Finance. This bill as amended appropriates \$500,000 to the Lakeshore Redevelopment Planning Commission, restricted for usage as matching funds for grants. The commission is charged with redevelopment of the state-owned facility in Laconia that was the former home of the Laconia State School. **Vote 21-0.**

HB 1234-FN-A, making an appropriation for the purposes of heating state-owned buildings. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. William Hatch for Finance. This bill appropriates funds to heat state owned buildings. HB 1234-FN-A is necessary to correct an oversight that occurred during the budget process. The funds allocated for this purpose were not carried from HB 2 to the final version of the budget in HB 4, and thus must be put back

in if we are going to heat the State House Complex buildings. Note, the amended bill also continues to use savings produced with the new system to pay the principal and interest on bonds and notes issued to fund this project. Considering this, and the fact that without passage we would be very cold, the committee voted to recommend Ought to Pass with Amendment. **Vote 21-0.**

SB 7-FN-LOCAL, establishing the secure modern accurate registration act (SMART ACT). **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Patricia Lovejoy for the **Majority** of Finance. This bill as amended would implement an automatic voter registration system named the Secure Modern Accurate Registration Technology Act (SMART). At the time a citizen applies for or renews a driver license at the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) they would be automatically registered to vote unless the citizen opts out of being registered to vote. The amendment clarifies the duties of the DMV and the Secretary of State's office. The DMV and the Secretary of State's office have updated their fiscal analysis that now have the financial impact in year one: of \$543,00; year two: \$490,000; year three: \$553,000 and year four: \$563,000. This is in line with the expenses that other states have reported for the implementation of automatic voter registration. Currently 21 states and the District of Columbia (including all of the other New England states) have adopted automatic voter registration. The funding for this program would come from Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds. The dedicated fund for HAVA funds stands at \$11.9 million as of 6/30/19 and with the appropriations in the last budget and the 2019 additional HAVA grant the balance will increase to \$15.1 million. The state has been notified that it will receive an additional \$3,472,912 HAVA grant in 2020 (which will require a \$694,582 match). Assuming the state accepts the grant and meets the required match, the balance in the fund would rise to \$19.2 million. The state average of spending over the last four years to meet the requirements of the HAVA grant has been approximately \$750,000. The cost of implementing and operating the SMART Act over the next four years is under \$2.2 million, well within the capacity of the HAVA Dedicated Fund to finance and meets the purpose of the Help America Vote Act. **Vote 13-7.**

Rep. Lynne Ober for the **Minority** of Finance. The minority believes that this bill should be Inexpedient to Legislate because there are significant issues. Because of the extreme expense of this bill which tries to turn New Hampshire into a motor voter state when we are a same day registration state, an amendment was drafted to require Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds to fund the entire bill. Although modifications were made the bill still met significant agency resistance. House Finance was told that a non-partisan group had drafted a better bill that would move our state to online registration. The committee was also told that there were significant bills trying to spend HAVA dollars and the agency would need general fund dollars to pay for elections, which has not been done in our state. Although the bill is written that training and promotional brochures can use HAVA funding and DMV will be able to expend those dollars, the agency testified that they do not expect to do training or produce materials and will be expecting that the Secretary of State will develop both of these. While the Secretary of State did agree, he also pointed out that additional staff, which is not authorized in the bill, would be mandatory. Testimony was also given that it was expected that general fund dollars be appropriated for the support of such staff rather than expecting an on-going use of HAVA funding. Altogether, this bill should probably be turned into a study committee to look at not only the issues raised, but to be able to marry this bill with other bills expending HAVA dollars to ensure that New Hampshire continues to have adequate election funding into the future and that the best and most legal use of federal HAVA dollars is made. Therefore, the minority believes this bill should be found Inexpedient to Legislate.

JUDICIARY

CACR 14, relating to reproductive medical decisions. Providing that the state shall not infringe or unduly inconvenience the right of reproductive medical decisions. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Paul Berch for the **Majority** of Judiciary. The proposed constitutional amendment would place in the New Hampshire constitution a bar on the state infringing or unduly inconveniencing a person's right to make personal medical reproductive decisions. The Judiciary Committee by a bi-partisan majority, has voted to recommend against passage of this CACR. The majority was composed of members with two differing points of view. Some members felt that the matter of personal reproductive decisions should not be in the constitution and, if it were, certain limitations and prohibitions should be included in the language. Other members of the majority were sympathetic to the intention of the CACR, but found the provisions contradictory, confusing and subject to possible unintended consequences. **Vote 18-2.**

Rep. Timothy Horrigan for the **Minority** of Judiciary. This proposed constitutional amendment would not, if passed, change anything in existing New Hampshire law. It does not make anything legal which is currently legal. It does not make anything illegal which is currently legal. No matter what their gender may be, everyone in New Hampshire will still be allowed to follow their conscience when making the most intimate of all personal choices. CACR 14 simply guarantees that New Hampshire's long-standing tradition of respecting bodily autonomy and reproductive choice will in the future be explicitly protected by our state constitution.

CACR 15, relating to regulation of searches and seizures. Providing that certain information in a legally enforceable contract shall be secure from unreasonable searches and seizures. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.** Rep. Jason Janvrin for Judiciary. In 2018 the General Court sent a proposed constitutional amendment to the citizens of New Hampshire which was passed and became Part First, Article 2-b. The article states “An individual’s right to live free from governmental intrusion in private or personal information is natural, essential, and inherent.” This proposed amendment seems to refine that amendment and as such should appear in statute, not as a further amendment to the constitution. **Vote 19-1.**

HB 1353, relative to the writ of quo warranto. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Kurt Wuelper for Judiciary. With full respect for former Rep. Marple’s desire to see citizens’ historically common law rights honored today in statute, the committee feels that the need to go through the Attorney General’s office to challenge an office holder’s authority was insufficient reason to enact the right of “quo warranto” into a new statute. **Vote 17-2.**

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

HB 1181-FN, allowing the New Hampshire public employer labor relations board to award pain and suffering damages. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Timothy Soucy for the **Majority** of Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. The majority of the committee agreed that the legislation would be burdensome to the NH Public Employer Labor Relations Board and appears to be outside of their scope of work. The committee also agreed that the language in the current law can allow the NH Public Employer Labor Relations Board to award other such relief as the board may deem necessary. **Vote 16-3.**

Rep. Dan Toomey for the **Minority** of Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. Testimony was given that detailed the emotional distress that is experienced by employees that have been subject to retaliation before and after they have been awarded an unfair labor practices award. This bill would empower the Public Employees Labor Relation Board to award damages.

HB 1221, relative to privacy for an employee’s personal financial and credit information. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Michael Cahill for the **Majority** of Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. The majority feels that credit history should not be a barrier to employment which in fact is needed to repay debt and repair their credit. **Vote 11-6.**

Rep. Jack Flanagan for the **Minority** of Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. This is a bill that was submitted last year and subsequently vetoed by the Governor. It, as the last one, doesn’t allow for business that utilize credit card processing or any other financial transactions by small businesses in the state. The bill had exceptions, however, not ones that resolve the minority’s concerns.

HB 1290-FN, relative to public employee labor relations and collective bargaining. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Harrison Kanzler for the **Majority** of Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. This bill seeks to extend the option of mail-in ballots for employee organizations elections to any organization that requests it. This option provides employees an extra level of anonymity where there is a concern about possible intimidation occurring at an on-site election. **Vote 12-7.**

Rep. Hershel Nunez for the **Minority** of Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. The bill, as amended, allows the employee organization to request any election be replaced by a ballot by mail. This would alter the current process where mail ballots are allowed only when warranted as specified in rules. In a traditional election, the PELRB oversees the process on-site to ensure it is fair and balanced. The minority is concerned that opening up the voting in both time and location would weaken the integrity of the process.

HB 1322, prohibiting university system funds from being spent to oppose the formation of unions and collective bargaining units. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Donald Bouchard for the **Majority** of Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. This bill prohibits the use of public funds to discourage employees from forming a collective bargaining unit. This bill will allow workers to exercise their rights in organizing without worrying about public university funds being used in fighting their efforts to organize a collective bargaining unit. **Vote 11-6.**

Rep. Jonathan Mackie for the **Minority** of Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. It was stated during the testimony of the sponsor that this bill was being brought in response to the university system hiring a law firm to assist them during the union organizing efforts. It is the opinion of the university that this is an overreaction to that situation and would effectively muzzle the university system during any future unionizing efforts.

HB 1399, relative to the establishment of public employee bargaining units. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Brian Sullivan for the **Majority** of Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. This bill as amended allows the establishment of a public sector bargaining unit by the collection of board-approved authorization cards from a majority of the members of the bargaining unit. The collection of these cards indicates a desire by the majority of the unit members to be represented. Holding an election in the face of this would be redundant. **Vote 11-8.**

Rep. Jonathan Mackie for the **Minority** of Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. It is the opinion of the minority that the existing secret ballot process of certifying an employee organization for collective bargaining purposes is fair. This legislation would eliminate the secret ballot. Selection would be by signed authorization cards. Without the privacy of a secret ballot, this process could become one of intimidation rather than free choice.

HB 1554-FN, relative to elections in collective bargaining. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. William Bordy for the **Majority** of Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. The majority believes that this bill is unnecessary as there is already a mechanism in place for union members to change their union affiliation if they wish. This includes dissolving the union. **Vote 11-6.**

Rep. Hershel Nunez for the **Minority** of Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. The minority of the committee agreed this bill should be given an opportunity for further work and would suggest Interim Study.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HB 1125, enabling municipalities to adopt an exemption from property taxes for volunteer firefighters and volunteer emergency medical personnel. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Bruce Tatro for the **Majority** of Municipal and County Government. This bill is designed to enable municipalities to grant volunteer firefighters and volunteer emergency medical personnel an exemption from property taxes. The committee feels the exemption would not address compensation for work performed especially for personnel who don't own property in the town. Other towns have resolved the compensation to emergency workers. This bill is not necessary. **Vote 17-3.**

Rep. Max Abramson for the **Minority** of Municipal and County Government. The bill would simply have permitted local towns with volunteer firefighters to offer a property tax exemption as an incentive to encourage its firefighters to live in town. This was both to improve public safety and improve the town's ISO Fire Rating, which would also save property owners money on their fire insurance. One comment made by an opponent of the bill was that such tax exemptions should only be offered to those who've risked their lives for the safety of the public. The minority agrees with that statement, and, for this reasoning, volunteer firefighters should be eligible for some property tax relief, if a town chooses to offer it.

HB 1155-FN-LOCAL, relative to exemptions from timber taxes for certain residential cutting. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Donna Mombourquette for Municipal and County Government. Current law allows for 7 exemptions for the taxation of cut timber. This bill would combine 2 exemptions which would create confusion for land owners, municipalities and those in the timber business. Testimony from the NH Timberland Owners Association indicated that the current system is clearly understood and does not require change. A 1942 amendment to Part II, Article 5 of the NH Constitution split taxation of land and standing timber to establish a tax on cut timber only, with tax exemptions amended throughout the subsequent years. This bill would result in a loss of revenue to municipalities currently estimated at \$3.5M. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 1158, relative to the adoption of bylaws and ordinances by municipalities. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Donna Mombourquette for the **Majority** of Municipal and County Government. This bill is intended to require a municipality to cite the enabling statute in all bylaws and ordinances. While the committee finds the value of such information easily available to citizens, the bill in its current form poses significant challenges for municipalities. First, the process is meant to be retroactive, causing a high administrative (and a therefore, financial) burden on the municipality. Second, the inadvertent citation of an incorrect statute is not addressed. This is further complicated with decisions issued by the Supreme Court and not the legislature. Third, the timeline to implementation is unreasonable at 60 days. Finally, the bill constitutes an unfunded mandate. **Vote 17-2.**

Rep. Max Abramson for the **Minority** of Municipal and County Government. The bill would simply require that all municipalities adopt best practices and reference their rules with RSA numbers for future reference. Each time the governing body decided to add an outdoor water use ban, parking restrictions, or land use mandate, the enabling statute should be listed so that the elected officials, code enforcement officer, complainant, and person receiving the notice can look up the statute and definitions without having to contact an attorney to

fight it. Although the minority appreciates that some towns and cities would have to spend 20-30 man hours to comply with this mandate, this is work that those inhabitants cited as having to do almost every time a citation is issued. More important, when enabling statutes are changed by the General Court, there is no simple way for the elected officials of a town to figure out which of their ordinances might have been affected. There would be no simple way for next year's selectman to figure out how to untangle decades of linguistic linguini left over without dusting off the minutes of old meetings or contacting legal counsel to find out why the courts are starting to throw out their determinations. A few minutes spent copying down an RSA number today could save taxpayers tens of thousands in legal fees years later. Better to do this work once and have it done for good.

HB 1197, exempting disabled veterans from the payment of property taxes. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Bruce Tatro for the **Majority** of Municipal and County Government. This bill exempts veterans who are totally and permanently disabled from paying property taxes. HB 130, which was passed last year, covers the same subject, effective April 1, 2020. This bill is the same as HB 130. **Vote 17-3.**

Rep. Vincent Paul Migliore for the **Minority** of Municipal and County Government. The minority felt that yet another micro-class of taxpayers should not be given consideration for an assessment/tax break, burdening all the rest of the local property tax payers with 100% of the remaining burden - except in the case of veterans - of any stature - who put their life on the line for all taxpayers in the entire country. Now that is one special class, and any deference or special treatment of it is indeed a wise incentive which will insure to the future benefit of us all to consider at every opportunity to do so.

HB 1210, establishing a property tax exemption for energy storage systems. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Clyde Carson for the **Majority** of Municipal and County Government. This bill establishes a mandatory tax exemption for energy storage system. In the last session HB 464 defined energy storage systems (RSA 72:84) and enabled municipalities to provide a tax exemption for those systems (RSA 72:75), similar to the existing exemptions for solar energy systems and wind energy systems, also part of RSA 72. The majority of the committee found this bill to be redundant to that legislation. **Vote 19-1.**

Rep. Max Abramson for the **Minority** of Municipal and County Government. The bill simply recognizes that batteries and other portable energy storage systems are appliances and should not be subject to property taxation. There is already case law showing that such objects are not part of the structure of a property and cannot be subject to property taxes. Previous legislation making this a local option gives small towns a false sense of security that they may prevail in court, which is unlikely.

HB 1276, relative to ex-officio members of budget committees and planning boards. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Laurel Stavis for the **Majority** of Municipal and County Government. The purpose of having ex officio members on governing boards of all kinds is to add context to the expertise of existing board members. If a member from another board, i.e. an ex officio member, is included in a budget or any other committee, removing their ability to vote would deprive the municipal board of their expertise while also stripping them of their regular board status since all members under the law are entitled to vote. **Vote 10-8.**

Rep. Tony Lekas for the **Minority** of Municipal and County Government. Members of budget committees are elected by the people to protect their interests as taxpayers and to act as a check on the governing body of the municipality and schools. While the information and views contributed by ex officio members of those governing bodies that are appointed to budget committees are valuable to the budget committee, only the members of the budget committee who were elected to that position should vote. In addition, the votes for and against warrant articles made by the budget committee are listed on the warrant presented to the voters. Limiting those vote totals to those made by people elected to the budget committee will make it clear to the voters the views of the people they elected to that position.

HB 1277-FN-LOCAL, requiring notice to owners of dogs that have failed to license their dog or renew their dog license. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Julie Gilman for the **Majority** of Municipal and County Government. This bill intends to provide dog owners with advanced notice of fines for their late registration renewal. This method already exists in current law among other solutions. It also passes an unfunded mandate on town clerks. **Vote 17-1.**

Rep. Max Abramson for the **Minority** of Municipal and County Government. The minority felt that notifying dog owners before issuing a warrant to take the dog would save taxpayers money and prevent unnecessary interactions or taking of dogs while home owners were away. Dogs are like family members, and having them taken unnecessarily can cause unnecessary trauma to young children and animals alike. One last notice should reduce the number of warrants issued, police or animal control officer visits, and money expended. While some dog owners forget or do not know that they must renew their dog license, others have moved with the family. This bill would also increase the chances that dogs are brought up to date on rabies vaccination, which dog licensing is meant to accomplish.

HB 1372, relative to the election of Carroll county commissioners. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Marjorie Porter for the **Majority** of Municipal and County Government. This bill makes a change in the way Carroll County commissioners are elected. Carroll County is divided into three districts, each with its own county commissioner, who is charged with representing the citizens within the district. However, under the current election system, voters within the district do not choose their own commissioner. Instead, voters from the entire county vote for all three commissioners. This bill changes the system, so that only voters living within the district choose the commissioner who represents them. This change brings Carroll County into alignment with eight of the other nine counties within the state. **Vote 10-8.**

Rep. John MacDonald for the **Minority** of Municipal and County Government. This bill would change a well established and reasonable procedure for the election of Carroll County commissioners. The current law provides for three districts, equally spread across Carroll County. Each has candidates for county commissioner that must live in their respected district. The entire county then votes for the candidates in each district. The minority can not support a bill that does not consider the best interests of all the residents of Carroll County.

HB 1441, relative to the perambulation of town lines. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Tom Dolan for Municipal and County Government. The current law was determined by the committee to be fine as currently configured. **Vote 16-1.**

HB 1546, relative to meeting minutes of county delegations. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Clyde Carson for the **Majority** of Municipal and County Government. This bill was brought forward by members of the Sullivan County delegation and would exempt counties from producing meeting minutes where the meeting was for the sole purpose of approving the minutes of the prior meeting. The majority of the committee does not agree and believes it is in the interest of the public to record who was at the meeting and the vote, even if the purpose of the meeting is just to approve minutes. **Vote 12-7.**

Rep. Tom Dolan for the **Minority** of Municipal and County Government. This bill would help with reducing the cost of convening meetings to solely approve minutes. It would have allowed no minutes required when such a meeting was convened.

HB 1629-FN, relative to training and procedures for zoning and planning boards. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Marjorie Porter for the **Majority** of Municipal and County Government. This bill, along with its companion bill HB 1632, serves to encourage the development of affordable housing within the state. In amending the bill, the committee worked closely with all major stakeholders to make its provisions enabling rather than mandatory, and to maintain and enhance local control of development. It provides for free training materials of planning boards and zoning boards of appeals. It streamlines the appeals process, clarifies what can be included in inclusionary zoning ordinances, and modifies the criteria for workforce housing. **Vote 16-2.**

Rep. Max Abramson for the **Minority** of Municipal and County Government. We received many emails in opposition to this bill from constituents concerned about the loss of local control and an increasingly heavy handed approach by the state in dictating local land use policy. This bill, as amended, would add more requirements for planning boards, require more meetings to understand the impact of the new rules, and involves the office of strategic initiatives to move more reports between towns and the state. The worst problem with the bill is that communities that have already made provisions for affordable senior housing would lose this if they didn't also add "workforce housing."

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

HB 1480, relative to the use of system benefits charges. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. John Mann for the **Majority** of Science, Technology and Energy. The future of energy will feature a mix of generation to meet demand and energy efficiency to lower demand. Under long standing authority delegated to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) by the General Court, the PUC has for more than a century set utility rates without need for specific legislative action to approve the rates, which would in fact be totally impracticable. Although the System Benefits Charge (SBC) is not a typical rate, it is a small part of the electric charges that the PUC has decided, within its general requirement that rates be "just and reasonable," since the General Court mandated the restructuring of the electric utility industry in 1996. The majority believes that this task should continue to be left to the PUC. This bill, by demanding prior legislative approval of future increases in the SBC, would hinder the PUC's efforts to advance energy efficiency in NH. **Vote 11-8.**

Rep. Michael Vose for the **Minority** of Science, Technology and Energy. In 2018, the Governor signed into law a requirement that the legislature, as stipulated by the State Constitution, must approve any changes to a de-facto tax known as the Systems Benefits Charge (SBC). This state-mandated charge on electric bills raised \$80 million in 2019 for energy efficiency and to help low-income residents afford heat and power. A projection

for 2020 foresees a substantial increase to \$90 million with additional increases forecast in 2021 and 2022. Such charges currently add \$3-\$5 to every electric bill, and future increases would raise the energy costs of municipal and county governments. In 2019, a state budget compromise stalled the legislature's oversight authority over the SBC with an amendment to the budget trailer bill. This bill would restore that legislative authority and protect the SBC from any potential constitutional challenge.

TRANSPORTATION

HB 1383, prohibiting commercial trucks from left lane travel on multi-lane highways. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Suzanne Vail for Transportation. This bill attempts to restrict commercial trucks from the left lane during rush hour, twice daily, to alleviate traffic congestion. There is concern about application of this on multi-lane highways, such as the Everett Turnpike, where sections expand and contract from five to two lanes. Additionally, the bill had no provisions for signs that would designate times of day the provision would be in effect. The committee felt this bill would create too much confusion on the highway at both the slowest and the busiest times of day. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 1408, relative to license plate covers. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Steven Smith for Transportation. This bill allows clear protective covers to be installed over license plates. This does not impact the current rule that license plates may not be hidden or obscured. The committee amendment clarifies the original language by stating simply that you may not install a cover that is "colored, smoked, or tinted." **Vote 13-6.**

HB 1427, removing the authorization for OHRV use on certain sections of state highway. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Larry Gagne for Transportation. This bill would remove the authorization for Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle use for certain sections of state highways. The concerns contained in this bill, and other similar bills, will be better addressed in HB 1182, and will address the concerns of all stake holders. HB 1182 establishes a commission addressing all the issues relating to road usage by non-traditional motor vehicles. Therefore, the majority of the committee, on a bipartisan vote, deemed this bill should be found Inexpedient to Legislate. **Vote 16-3.**

HB 1621-FN, relative to the use of protective head gear while operating motorcycles and motorized bicycles. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Nicole Klein-Knight for the **Majority** of Transportation. This bill would require all motorcyclists wear protective headgear. Current law is adequate as the rider may choose. Although the committee believes wearing a helmet promotes safety, it does not believe that helmet usage should be mandatory. **Vote 16-4.**

Rep. Casey Conley for the **Minority** of Transportation. Helmets save lives. Motorcycle helmets are mandatory in more than a dozen states. Mandatory helmets are supported by a myriad medical and safety organizations. Helmets also can reduce medical costs in serious accidents that all of us pay through taxes and insurance premiums.

WAYS AND MEANS

HB 1492-FN-A-LOCAL, establishing a tax on the retail sale of certain electronic devices to fund education. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Lisa Bunker for Ways and Means. This bill proposes to tax certain electronic devices sold in the state, with revenues to go to education funding. There is no question that state education funding needs to be increased, but, as on other occasions, the committee had concerns about the troubles that arise when attempts are made to arbitrarily tax one narrowly defined sector of the retail economy. Reservations were expressed about the inexactness of the definition of taxable items. We also talked about the negative impact the bill would have on retail outlets near the borders with other states, and on cross-border traffic in search of tax savings generally. **Vote 20-0.**

HB 1652-FN-A, including ski area ticket sales under the meals and rooms tax and dedicating the revenue to the governor's scholarship program for New Hampshire resident students. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Jerry Stringham for Ways and Means. This bill calls for expanding the meals and rooms tax to include ski tickets. The supporters are looking for a revenue source for higher education scholarships, a laudable goal. A new tax that would suppress visitors would not be good for northern New Hampshire or the granite state as a whole. This tax would be viewed as a sales tax on skiing and the state's no sales tax reputation helps promote our tourism, which leads to meals and rooms tax revenues, as well as liquor, tobacco, and lottery revenues. Tourists have a choice of where to spend their vacation dollars and we welcome them in NH. While sympathetic to the goals of the bill, the committee recommended the bill Inexpedient to Legislate. **Vote 20-0.**

HB 1699-FN-A, relative to a tax on electronic cigarettes. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Richard Ames for the **Majority** of Ways and Means. This bill proposes to tax electronic cigarettes at a unitary rate of 40% on the wholesale price of nicotine-based e-liquid, replacing the bifurcated rates enacted as part of last year's budget bill of 8% of e-liquid wholesale price for open systems and 30 cents per milliliter of e-liquid for closed systems. Devices used for vaping e-liquids will not be taxed under this proposal unless sold as part of a package containing both a device and e-liquid. Any e-liquid that is approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for smoking cessation purposes is exempt from the current tax and will be exempt from the proposed 40% tax, but there has been no such FDA approval to date. This bill responds to several major vaping developments that came after the time in June 2019 when budget conferees negotiated the bifurcated open system/ closed system tax rates that were eventually enacted. First, in November 2019, Massachusetts enacted a 75% of wholesale price vaping tax (the tax reaches both e-liquids and e-devices regardless of their packaging; Massachusetts' retail sales tax also applies to these products). Second, in July 2019, Maine adopted a 43% of wholesale price vaping tax (this, too, reaches vaping liquids and devices regardless of packaging and these products, too, are also subject to Maine's retail sales tax). Third, in January 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported 2600 vaping-related hospitalizations and 57 deaths country-wide in the second half of 2019. And fourth, there have been multiple reports in recent months of student vaping levels in NH higher than anywhere else in the country. In sum, we now know that this bill's proposed 40% rate on e-liquids will be lower than the rates in all of our surrounding states (Vermont went to 92% early in 2019). The nicotine delivered by electronic cigarettes is a toxic addictive chemical derived from the tobacco plant. We know it is addictive. But we don't yet fully understand the extent of the damage to vital human organs, particularly the lungs and heart, that may be caused by its inhalation through the vaping process. We don't yet know its effect on the human brain, particularly its effect on the still developing brain of a young person. Reflecting a belief that the damage done is significant and potentially irreversible, the federal government has recently acted to prohibit sale of this product to young people under the age of 21. NH currently taxes all tobacco products other than cigarettes and electronic cigarettes at the rate of 65.03% of the wholesale price. Given the risk of harm, there is a solid argument to be made that electronic cigarettes should also be taxed at this "other tobacco products" rate of 65.03%. But, in deference to the long-standing tradition in New Hampshire of staying slightly below the lowest tax rates in our neighboring states and in recognition of the belief held by many that vaping can have a significant smoking cessation effect, the committee majority agreed that this bill's proposed 40% rate represents a reasonable compromise. **Vote 12-8.**

Rep. Patrick Abrami for the **Minority** of Ways and Means. The minority of the committee feels that the vape taxes passed in the recent budget that went in effect on January 1, 2020 need at least a year to settle in before we consider increasing them. In addition, there are numerous vaping bills making their way through the legislature this session. It is unclear what the final statutes will be concerning the state's public policy stance concerning vaping. The minority feels that any change in our taxing policy should support any revised position of the legislature on this issue. The final concern is that this bill increases the tax on both closed systems and open systems. The open systems are for the most part what are sold at our vape shops. Increasing the tax on open systems from 8% to 40% would place great financial strain on our vape shops, since they testified they would not be able to pass this tax on to their customers. The vape shops feel if they increase their overall pricing, that their customers would be lost to the internet where these products would be less expensive. This phenomenon is what has led the legislature not to tax premium cigars to protect our smoke shops from losing their business to the internet.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

COMMISSION ON DRINKING WATER (RSA 485-F:6), New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, 222 International Drive, #175, Portsmouth

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, MARCH 2

COASTAL MARINE NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION (RSA 485-G:1), New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, 222 International Drive, #175, Portsmouth

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS OF PERFLUORINATED CHEMICALS (RSA 126-A:79-a), Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee meeting - Health.

2:30 p.m. Subcommittee meeting - Environmental.

COMMISSION ON MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS (RSA 193-E:6), Room 207, LOB

8:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 330-A:26-a), Room 302, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY CAREER PATHWAYS FROM FULL-TIME SERVICE YEAR PROGRAMS TO POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN SUPPORT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE'S FUTURE WORKFORCE NEEDS (RSA 187-A:44), Dartmouth College, Rockefeller Center for Public Policy Class of 1930, 2 Webster Avenue, Hanover

5:30 p.m. Regular meeting. Discussion of higher education and national service.

COMMISSION TO STUDY SCHOOL FUNDING (RSA 193-E:2-e), Rooms 210-211, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY WAKE BOATS (RSA 270:133), Room 305, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY EXOTIC AQUATIC WEEDS AND EXOTIC AQUATIC SPECIES OF WILDLIFE IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 487:30), Room 305, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYEE RELATIONS (RSA 273-A:9), Rooms 201-203, LOB

1:00 p.m. Hearing on the fact-finder reports between the State of New Hampshire and:
 State Employees' Association of NH, Inc. Fact-finder's report available <http://gencourt.state.nh.us/misc/sea.pdf>
 NH Troopers Association. Fact-finder's report available <http://gencourt.state.nh.us/misc/troopers.pdf>
 NH Troopers Association Command Staff. Fact-finder's report available <http://gencourt.state.nh.us/misc/trooperscmd.pdf>
 Fish and Game Conservation Officers, Local 40. Fact-finder's report available at <http://gencourt.state.nh.us/misc/fishandprobation.pdf>
 Fish and Game Conservation Supervisors, Local 45. Fact-finder's report available <http://gencourt.state.nh.us/misc/fishandprobation.pdf>
 Probation and Parole Officers I And II, Local 265. Fact-finder's report available <http://gencourt.state.nh.us/misc/fishandprobation.pdf>
 Probation and Parole Officers III, Local 270. Fact-finder's report available <http://gencourt.state.nh.us/misc/fishandprobation.pdf>
 Executive session may follow.

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION, Room 303, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1245**, establishing a legislative committee to review non-regulatory boards, commissions, councils, advisory committees, and task forces.

10:15 a.m. Public hearing on non-germane amendment #2020-0717h to HB 1245, establishing a legislative committee to review non-regulatory boards, commissions, councils, advisory committees, and task forces. The amendment adopts the recommendations of the Study Committee on Outdated Non-regulatory Boards, Commissions, Councils, and Advisory Bodies established in 2019. Copies of the amendment are available in the Sergeant-at-Arms Office, Room 318, State House.

10:45 a.m. **HB 1694**, relative to recusal by members of the general court for conflicts of interest.

1:30 p.m. Executive session on **CACR 13**, relating to compensation of the legislature. Providing that members shall receive mileage for attendance on veto days and when voting on a budget following a continuing resolution; **CACR 16**, relating to recall elections. Providing that the general court may authorize recall elections; **CACR 18**, relating to the general court. Providing that the house or the senate may independently order a referendum to reduce a penalty established in law; **HB 1297**, directing the legislative budget assistant to conduct a financial audit of the secretary of state's office; **HB 1385**, relative to portraits and memorial objects in the state house, legislative office building, and Upham Walker house.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

10:00 a.m. Full committee work session on **HB 1229**, requiring proposed natural gas facilities to include decommissioning costs; **HB 1317-FN**, relative to funding for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects by residential, commercial, and industrial ratepayers; **HB 1429-FN**, relative to integrated distribution plans of energy utilities; **HB 1444-FN**, requiring the adoption of vehicle emissions standards based on the California clean car standards.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1249**, relative to the legal representation of children in the juvenile justice system.
- 10:45 a.m. **HB 1360**, relative to confidentiality under the child protection act.
- 11:15 a.m. **HB 1278**, relative to the use of psychotropic medications for children in foster care.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1540**, extending the foster care children's bill of rights.
- 1:05 p.m. **HB 1595-FN**, relative to the referral of minors convicted of alcohol and drug related offenses to the department of health and human services.
- 1:45 p.m. **HB 1626**, relative to the role of the guardian ad litem in parenting cases in which domestic violence is suspected or alleged.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 1657-FN-A**, relative to reimbursement of court-ordered services for juveniles.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 1674-FN**, establishing the office of foster care oversight in the department of health and human services.
Pursuant to House Rule 43(b), executive session may be held at the conclusion of committee hearings.
- 3:00 p.m. Executive session on **HB 1249**, relative to the legal representation of children in the juvenile justice system; **HB 1360**, relative to confidentiality under the child protection act; **HB 1278**, relative to the use of psychotropic medications for children in foster care; **HB 1540**, extending the foster care children's bill of rights; **HB 1595-FN**, relative to the referral of minors convicted of alcohol and drug related offenses to the department of health and human services; **HB 1626**, relative to the role of the guardian ad litem in parenting cases in which domestic violence is suspected or alleged; **HB 1657-FN-A**, relative to reimbursement of court-ordered services for juveniles; **HB 1674-FN**, establishing the office of foster care oversight in the department of health and human services; **HB 1138**, establishing a commission to expand the rights of minors to legal representation; **HB 1250**, prohibiting corporal punishment of children in state agency programs; **HB 1203**, expanding the definition of a neglected child to include cases involving sibling violence; **HB 1516**, raising the minimum age for marriage; **HB 1597-FN**, relative to dispositional hearings under RSA 169-B; **HB 1167**, relative to the type of counseling that may be required by the state.

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 302, LOB

- 10:30 a.m. Executive session on **HB 546-FN**, relative to the regulation of art therapists; **HB 1194**, establishing a surcharge for certain single use plastics; **HB 1209**, requiring fidelity insurance coverage for condominium board members, managers, and employees; **HB 1267**, relative to the liability of directors and officers of New Hampshire nonprofit corporations; **HB 1274**, relative to the labeling of bottled water; **HB 1280-FN**, relative to copayments for insulin; **HB 1302**, relative to the authority of limited liability company members or managers to execute real property transactions; **HB 1320**, establishing a renter's insurance notification requirement; **HB 1345**, relative to the organization of alternative treatment centers; **HB 1397**, relative to the referral of debts for collection; **HB 1400**, establishing a New Hampshire statutory trust law; **HB 1410**, prohibiting the use of flavors and certain chemicals in vaping products; **HB 1417**, prohibiting the use or collection of biometric data; **HB 1419**, relative to New Hampshire banks offering small dollar loans and credit building products; **HB 1446**, establishing a committee to study the labeling of products containing PFAS; **HB 1455-FN**, relative to vehicle repairs; **HB 1470**, permitting elementary, middle, and high schools to produce and sell certain amounts of maple syrup for educational purposes; **HB 1471**, prohibiting banks from re-ordering transactions to increase overdraft fees; **HB 1472**, restricting the distribution of plastic straws; **HB 1476-FN**, prohibiting motor vehicle dealers from requiring the purchase of automobile insurance from the dealer as part of the sales contract; **HB 1482**, relative to notification of security breaches; **HB 1483**, relative to allowing dogs on open air restaurant patios; **HB 1484**, relative to retroactive denials of previously paid claims; **HB 1495-FN**, prohibiting the sale of over-the-counter rape test kits; **HB 1500-FN**, relative to a student loan bill of rights and a student loan ombudsman; **HB 1508**, relative to paper receipts; **HB 1535**, relative to installation of solar photovoltaic energy systems by condominium unit owners and owners subject to deed restrictions in a homeowners association; **HB 1564-FN**, prohibiting the use of polystyrene foam; **HB 1581-FN**, relative to the labeling and sale of hemp products containing CBD; **HB 1588-FN**, establishing a mortgage mediation procedure; **HB 1589-FN**, requiring businesses in the state to take cash for monetary transactions; **HB 1633-FN**, relative to insurance coverage for tick-borne illness; **HB 1680-FN**, relative to the collection of personal information by businesses; **HB 1690**, prohibiting paper billing fees; **HB 1695-FN**, relative to background checks for certain persons under the banking law; **HB 1697-FN**, relative to prescription drug discount prohibition; **HB 1701-FN**, relative to the recycling of single use plastics.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. Full committee work session on **HB 1174**, requiring screening for all law enforcement officers for psychological stability and substance use disorders prior to assuming their duties as certified officers.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1645-FN**, relative to the annulment of misdemeanor domestic violence offenses.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1594-FN**, creating an affirmative defense to violation of a restraining order.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1586-FN**, relative to the statute of limitations for sexual assault.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 1217**, requiring police officers to report misconduct.
- Pursuant to House Rule 43(b), executive session may be held at the concussion of committee hearings.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1174**, requiring screening for all law enforcement officers for psychological stability and substance use disorders prior to assuming their duties as certified officers; **HB 1175-FN**, increasing the penalty for certain invasions of privacy; **HB 1217**, requiring police officers to report misconduct; **HB 1240**, prohibiting teachers from having sexual contact with a student; **HB 1254-FN**, relative to the parole of prisoners and the procedures of the adult parole board; **HB 1256**, establishing a committee to study the effectiveness of the Granite Hammer/Shield programs; **HB 1343**, relative to the pre-arraignment or pretrial release of a defendant; **HB 1374**, relative to voluntarily surrendered firearms; **HB 1384**, relative to the re-release of a person on bail; **HB 1468**, relative to criminal mischief; **HB 1524**, relative to how law enforcement shares personal information about certain non-violent offenders; **HB 1560-FN**, relative to the criminal penalties for certain negligent actions which cause the death of an animal; **HB 1586-FN**, relative to the statute of limitations for sexual assault; **HB 1594-FN**, creating an affirmative defense to violation of a restraining order; **HB 1608-FN**, prohibiting the manufacture, sale, transfer, and possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices; **HB 1645-FN**, relative to the annulment of misdemeanor domestic violence offenses.

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

- 11:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 1191**, relative to the use of campaign contributions for personal use expenditures; **HB 1266**, relative to absentee ballot request forms; **HB 1279**, relative to the terms resident, inhabitant, residence, and residency; **HB 1390**, relative to access to ballots and verification counts of machine-counted ballots; **HB 1395**, establishing a committee to study ballot access and ways to improve civic engagement in New Hampshire; **HB 1415**, establishing a committee to study the Montana disclosure act and anonymous out-of-state contributions preceding an election; **HB 1525**, relative to the definition of political advocacy organization; **HB 1534**, establishing a commission to study the creation of online voter registration for the 2022 state elections; **HB 1651-FN**, relative to prisoners' voting rights; **HB 1653-FN**, relative to domicile, residency, voter registration, and investigation of voter verification letters; **HB 1665-FN-A**, establishing an independent redistricting commission; **HB 1668-FN-L**, relative to early voting for persons with disabilities; **HB 1672-FN**, allowing voters to vote by absentee ballot.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 303, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 1187**, relative to animal shelter facilities; **HB 1319**, prohibiting the siting of new landfills or expansions of existing landfills near state parks, national parks, or United States Department of Agriculture forest land; **HB 1373**, establishing a committee to study the use of Styrofoam in schools, hospitals, and government buildings; **HB 1388**, prohibiting the sale of cats, dogs, and rabbits in retail stores; **HB 1422-FN**, establishing a moratorium on the issuance of permits for new landfills or the expansion of existing landfills for the purpose of studying the creating of municipal waste districts; **HB 1449**, defining animal hoarding; **HB 1507**, relative to public notice requirements for permits issued by the department of environmental services; **HB 1630-FN**, relative to pet vendors.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

- 9:45 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1286-FN**, relative to the licensure and regulation of music therapists.
- 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1536**, relative to pharmacists-in-charge, the inspection and regulation of prescription drugs by the pharmacy board, and disciplinary actions by the pharmacy board.
- 11:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1713**, relative to continuing education requirements for child day care workers.

Room 104, LOB

11:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1407**, relative to adopting rules relative to departmental forms.

Room 306, LOB

1:00 p.m. Executive session on **HB 1121**, proclaiming October 9 as PANDAS/PANS Awareness Day; **HB 1188**, relative to conditional licenses of allied health professionals; **HB 1228**, proclaiming Climate Change Awareness Day on October 1; **HB 1242**, establishing every 4th Thursday in August as Jamaican Appreciation Day; **HB 1253**, establishing an advisory council on the dispensing of eyeglasses and contact lenses; **HB 1286-FN**, relative to the licensure and regulation of music therapists; **HB 1314**, relative to the licensure by the board of acupuncture licensing; **HB 1367**, relative to out-of-state applicants occupational licensure or certification; **HB 1382**, establishing April 8, 2024 as Solar Eclipse Day; **HB 1407**, relative to adopting rules relative to departmental forms; **HB 1485-L**, relative to the installation of video surveillance cameras in community homes and group homes; **HB 1494-FN**, relative to death benefits for public works heavy equipment operators killed in the line of duty, and relative to workers' compensation offsets for certain retirement system benefits; **HB 1536**, relative to pharmacists-in-charge, the inspection and regulation of prescription drugs by the pharmacy board, and disciplinary actions by the pharmacy board; **HB 1498**, relative to state employment hiring preferences for members of a civilian national service organization; **HB 1550-FN**, extending accidental death benefits for group II members of the retirement system suffering from heart attacks; **HB 1711**, establishing a committee to study the appeals process for child day care violations; **HB 1713**, relative to continuing education requirements for child day care workers; **HB 1644-FN**, relative to information required on marriage licenses.

FINANCE - DIVISION I, Room 212, LOB

10:00 a.m. Division work session on **HB 1708-FN-A**, relative to certain liquor license fees and establishing 2 liquor investigator positions.

10:20 a.m. Division work session on **HB 1647-FN**, relative to post-conviction DNA testing.

10:40 a.m. Division work session on **HB 1235-A**, establishing a committee to study ensuring workforce maintenance through enhancement of the retirement system, and making an appropriation therefor.

11:00 a.m. Division work session on **HB 1205-FN**, relative to the reduction in the calculation of state retirement system annuities at age 65.

FINANCE - DIVISION II, Room 209, LOB

10:00 a.m. Division work session on **HB 1549-FN-A**, establishing the office of school counseling and psychology, establishing the position of school counselor coordinator, and making an appropriation therefor.

10:30 a.m. Division work session on **HB 1681-FN**, establishing a committee to study school meal programs in New Hampshire's public schools and non-sectarian schools that accept public funds.

11:00 a.m. Division work session on **HB 1698-FN**, relative to equal access and opportunity for students with disabilities to participate in co-curricular activities and making an appropriation therefor.

11:30 a.m. Division work session on **HB 1691-FN-L**, relative to kindergarten adequate education grants.

1:00 p.m. Division work session on **HB 1596-FN-A**, relative to the funding for search and rescue operations of the fish and game department and making an appropriation therefor.

FISH AND GAME AND MARINE RESOURCES, Room 307, LOB

10:00 a.m. Public hearing on amendment 2020-0664h to HB 1571, relative to the qualifications for the members of the fish and game commission. The amendment would add wildlife biology or ecology to the list of existing types of natural resource and conservation experience that qualify a person to be a commissioner and also moves to that list, thereby making it no longer mandatory, the requirement of holding or having held a fishing, hunting, or trapping license. Copies of the amendment are available in the Sergeant-at-Arms' Office, State House Room 318.

1:30 p.m. Executive session on **HB 1108**, relative to the methods of taking turkey during youth turkey hunt weekend; **HB 1220**, relative to disabled veterans fishing and hunting licenses; **HB 1504**, establishing a committee to study prohibiting recreational trapping; **HB 1566-FN**, relative to fishing licenses for senior veterans; **HB 1571**, relative to the qualifications for the members of the fish and game commission.

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

10:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 1530**, relative to the Medicaid dental benefit working group; **HB 1223**, relative to schedule I and unscheduled drug take-back programs; **HB 1404**, relative to HIV/AIDS prophylaxis treatment for minors without parental consent and allowing pharmacists to

dispense a limited supply of pre-exposure prophylaxis for the human immunodeficiency virus; **HB 1428-FN-L**, relative to inspections for bedbugs; **HB 1456-FN**, relative to a PFAs testing program for pregnant women; **HB 1538**, creating a commission to develop and implement environmental education, outreach, and training programs and initiatives for qualified health care professionals relative to environmental toxins and health; **HB 1628-FN**, increasing the age for vaping; **HB 1666-FN**, relative to investigations of sudden undetermined infant deaths (SUID) by the office of the chief medical examiner; **HB 1703**, establishing a working group on food waste; **HB 1577-FN**, relative to initiating amendments and corrections to birth records; **HB 1610-FN**, establishing the manufacturer pharmaceutical drug take-back program; **HB 1655-FN**, expanding the New Hampshire vaccine association to include adult vaccines; **HB 1639-FN**, relative to “In and Out Medical Assistance.”; **HB 1332**, relative to an electronic prescription drug program; **HB 1520**, establishing the New Hampshire health policy commission.

JUDICIARY, Room 208

- 1:00 p.m. Continued executive session on **HB 1120**, requiring periodic water tests of rental property. Executive session on **HB 1143**, repealing limited liability for manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition; **HB 1164**, concerning support for cats and dogs that are neglected or treated cruelly; **HB 1176**, establishing a committee to study the attorney general’s authority over certain municipal and county employees; **HB 1177**, relative to qualifications of referees in the superior courts and circuit courts; **HB 1192-FN**, relative to forfeiture of seized personal property; **HB 1294**, relative to the limited immunity of pharmacists; **HB 1307-FN**, relative to the cost of production of records under the right-to-know law; **HB 1312**, relative to persons held in civil contempt; **HB 1325-FN-L**, relative to minutes and decisions in nonpublic sessions under the right-to-know law.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

- 8:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1111**, relative to the removal and replacement of telephone and electric poles.
- 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1160-L**, allowing municipalities to collect an occupancy fee from operators of local room rentals.
- 10:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 1309**, relative to the effect of warrant articles; **HB 1105-L**, relative to warrant articles in official ballot town, school district, or village district meetings; **HB 1173-L**, relative to the use of an official ballot in towns; **HB 1115**, relative to the discharge of a firearm in the compact part of a city or town; **HB 1211**, relative to a capital reserve fund in towns under the control of the budget committee; **HB 1352**, relative to municipal budget meetings; **HB 1451**, relative to the definition of contracts relative to official ballot default budgets; **HB 1460**, relative to the form of municipal budgets; **HB 1104**, relative to the acquisition, sale, or demolition of municipal land or buildings; **HB 1160-L**, allowing municipalities to collect an occupancy fee from operators of local room rentals; **HB 1111**, relative to the removal and replacement of telephone and electric poles.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 2020**, relative to the 10-year transportation improvement plan.
- 11:00 a.m. Full committee work session on **HB 2020**, relative to the 10-year transportation improvement plan.
- 1:00 p.m. Executive session on **HB 1255**, relative to roadside memorials.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 1124**, relative to the definition of prime wetland; **HB 1165**, prohibiting ATVs on a rail trail in Gorham; **HB 1252-FN**, relative to large groundwater withdrawals from replacement wells; **HB 1316**, relative to OHRV trails known as “Ride the Wilds.”; **HB 1347**, addressing impacts to other water users from new sources of water for community water systems; **HB 1380**, relative to the operation of personal water craft around the marshlands or flats of the Rye estuary and the New Castle back channel; **HB 1425-FN**, requiring the removal of all containers containing PFAS compounds from public schools and hospitals; **HB 1426**, requiring an off highway recreational vehicle club to have certain tests performed on a rail trail prior to use as an OHRV trail; **HB 1537**, relative to standards for perfluorochemicals in drinking water and ambient groundwater; **HB 1609**, relative to seasonal platforms on public waters of the state.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 1116**, relative to the definition of “eligible facility” as it pertains to renewable generation to provide fuel diversity; **HB 1229**, requiring proposed natural gas facilities to include decommissioning costs; **HB 1301**, establishing a committee to study applications of microgrids in electricity supply; **HB 1310**, relative to authorizing the state to set higher environmental standards than those established in federal law; **HB 1317-FN**, relative to funding

for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects by residential, commercial, and industrial ratepayers; **HB 1342-FN-A**, establishing a program for installation of heat pumps for low-income housing; **HB 1366**, relative to the computation of renewable energy credits; **HB 1370**, relative to baseload renewable generation credits for biomass energy facilities; **HB 1429-FN**, relative to integrated distribution plans of energy utilities; **HB 1444-FN**, requiring the adoption of vehicle emissions standards based on the California clean car standards; **HB 1478**, repealing the law on preservation and use of renewable generation to provide fuel diversity; **HB 1496-FN**, relative to the regional greenhouse gas initiative cap and trade program for controlling carbon dioxide emissions; **HB 1503**, establishing a committee to study and monitor air emissions of PFAS; **HB 1518-FN**, relative to the alternative compliance payments for renewable energy obligations not met through the purchase of renewable energy credits; **HB 1519**, establishing a committee to study class IV resources under the renewable portfolio standard; **HB 1541**, relative to including battery storage facilities in the definition of energy facility; **HB 1676-FN**, requiring monitoring of certain radioactive air pollutants.

STATE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 115-A:2), New Hampshire National Guard, Regional Training Institute, 722 Riverwood Drive, Pembroke

5:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB

10:00 a.m. Continued executive session if necessary on **HB 1465**, relative to ignition lock requirements; **HB 1137**, relative to the definition of “excessive speeding.”; **HB 1152**, relative to driving to the left of an unbroken painted line; **HB 1153**, relative to limited driving privilege after operating under the influence revocation or suspension; **HB 1216**, relative to the impaired driver education program; **HB 1502**, relative to equipment required for vehicle inspections; **HB 1506**, establishing a commission to study ways to reduce texting while driving; **HB 1114**, relative to state motor vehicle inspections; **HB 1517-FN**, relative to roadable aircraft; **HB 1551-FN**, relative to driving with a suspended license; **HB 1552-FN**, requiring learner’s permits for certain persons seeking drivers’ licenses.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

1:00 p.m. Executive session on **CACR 17**, relating to taxation. Providing that a new state broad-based tax may be enacted only to reduce property taxes; **HB 501-FN**, using fees from registration of commercial animal food sellers to fund the cost of care program in the department of agriculture, markets, and food; **HB 1132**, establishing a committee to study the establishment of a multi-state agreement to phase out corporate giveaways; **HB 1200**, relative to the tax expenditure report; **HB 1477-FN**, relative to the rate of the tobacco tax for cigarettes; **HB 1567-FN-A**, relative to worldwide combined reporting for unitary businesses under the business profits tax; **HB 1646-FN**, relative to historic racing.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

COMMITTEE TO STUDY CERTAIN LABOR STATUTES (HB 252, Chapter 69:1, Laws of 2019), Room 307, LOB

1:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 1174**, requiring screening for all law enforcement officers for psychological stability and substance use disorders prior to assuming their duties as certified officers; **HB 1175-FN**, increasing the penalty for certain invasions of privacy; **HB 1217**, requiring police officers to report misconduct; **HB 1240**, prohibiting teachers from having sexual contact with a student; **HB 1254-FN**, relative to the parole of prisoners and the procedures of the adult parole board; **HB 1256**, establishing a committee to study the effectiveness of the Granite Hammer/Shield programs; **HB 1343**, relative to the pre-arraignment or pretrial release of a defendant; **HB 1374**, relative to voluntarily surrendered firearms; **HB 1384**, relative to the re-release of a person on bail; **HB 1468**, relative to criminal mischief; **HB 1524**, relative to how law enforcement shares personal information about certain non-violent offenders; **HB 1560-FN**, relative to the criminal penalties for certain negligent actions which cause the death of an animal; **HB 1586-FN**, relative to the statute of limitations for sexual assault; **HB 1594-FN**, creating an affirmative defense to violation of a restraining order; **HB 1608-FN**, prohibiting the manufacture, sale, transfer, and possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices; **HB 1645-FN**, relative to the annulment of misdemeanor domestic violence offenses.

ELECTION LAW, Room 308, LOB

11:00 a.m. Continued executive session on **HB 1191**, relative to the use of campaign contributions for personal use expenditures; **HB 1266**, relative to absentee ballot request forms; **HB 1279**, relative to the terms resident, inhabitant, residence, and residency; **HB 1390**, relative to access to ballots and verification counts of machine-counted ballots; **HB 1395**, establishing a committee to study ballot access and ways to improve civic engagement in New Hampshire; **HB 1415**, establishing a committee to study the Montana disclosure act and anonymous out-of-state contributions preceding an election; **HB 1525**, relative to the definition of political advocacy organization; **HB 1534**, establishing a commission to study the creation of online voter registration for the 2022 state elections; **HB 1651-FN**, relative to prisoners' voting rights; **HB 1653-FN**, relative to domicile, residency, voter registration, and investigation of voter verification letters; **HB 1665-FN-A**, establishing an independent redistricting commission; **HB 1668-FN-L**, relative to early voting for persons with disabilities; **HB 1672-FN**, allowing voters to vote by absentee ballot.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306, LOB

10:00 a.m. Continued executive session if necessary.

FINANCE - DIVISION III, Rooms 210-211, LOB

11:00 a.m. Discussion with Moira O'Neill, Director, Office of the Child Advocate, regarding her 2019 annual report.

1:00 p.m. Division work session on **HB 1600-FN-A**, relative to smoking cessation therapy and pharmacist reimbursement under Medicaid and making an appropriation therefor and relative to insurance coverage for pharmacist cognitive services.

2:00 p.m. Division work session on **HB 1638-FN-A**, relative to the administration of the SNAP incentive programs.

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

10:00 a.m. Continued executive session if necessary on **HB 1530**, relative to the Medicaid dental benefit working group; **HB 1223**, relative to schedule I and unscheduled drug take-back programs; **HB 1404**, relative to HIV/AIDS prophylaxis treatment for minors without parental consent and allowing pharmacists to dispense a limited supply of pre-exposure prophylaxis for the human immunodeficiency virus; **HB 1428-FN-L**, relative to inspections for bedbugs; **HB 1456-FN**, relative to a PFAs testing program for pregnant women; **HB 1538**, creating a commission to develop and implement environmental education, outreach, and training programs and initiatives for qualified health care professionals relative to environmental toxins and health; **HB 1628-FN**, increasing the age for vaping; **HB 1666-FN**, relative to investigations of sudden undetermined infant deaths (SUID) by the office of the chief medical examiner; **HB 1703**, establishing a working group on food waste; **HB 1577-FN**, relative to initiating amendments and corrections to birth records; **HB 1610-FN**, establishing the manufacturer pharmaceutical drug take-back program; **HB 1655-FN**, expanding the New Hampshire vaccine association to include adult vaccines; **HB 1639-FN**, relative to "In and Out Medical Assistance."; **HB 1332**, relative to an electronic prescription drug program; **HB 1520**, establishing the New Hampshire health policy commission.

JUDICIARY, Room 208, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 1226**, prohibiting surveillance by the state on public ways or sidewalks; **HB 1236**, relative to the expectation of privacy; **HB 1376**, establishing a civil penalty for unauthorized sharing of electronic location information; **HB 1381**, relative to animals in motor vehicles; **HB 1391-FN**, relative to prohibiting discrimination in housing against persons with pets; **HB 1475-FN**, prohibiting abortions after detection of fetal heartbeat; **HB 1542**, relative to children, vulnerable adults, and animals in hot vehicles; **HB 1607-FN**, relative to liability for wrongful acts in an employer/employee relationship; **HB 1640-FN**, relative to parental notification prior to abortion; **HB 1659-FN**, relative to patient directed care and patient's rights with regard to end-of-life decisions; **HB 1670-FN**, relative to recording grand jury testimony; **HB 1673-FN**, relative to the definition of "public body" under the right-to-know law; **HB 1675-FN**, relative to the right of any infant born alive to medically appropriate and reasonable care and treatment; **HB 1677-FN**, relative to the authority of the attorney general to supervise the county attorney; **HB 1678-FN**, relative to prohibiting abortion in certain cases; **HB 1685-FN**, providing for the appointment of special conservators of the peace; **HB 1689-FN**, relative to the minutes in nonpublic session under the right-to-know law; **HB 1693**, extending the committee to study whether non-attorney legal professionals could be licensed to engage in the limited practice of law.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 307, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 1144**, requiring certain employers to submit data on wage differences between male and female employees to the department of labor; **HB 1171-FN-L**, relative to

the application of federal Occupational Safety and Health Act standards to public employers; **HB 1386**, relative to employment protection for qualified patients of New Hampshire's therapeutic cannabis program; **HB 1462-FN**, relative to employment restrictions for registered sex offenders.

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION, Room 303, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 1227**, requiring the renovation of the smoker's lounge in the legislative office building; **HB 1245**, establishing a legislative committee to review non-regulatory boards, commissions, councils, advisory committees, and task forces; **HB 1303**, establishing a commission to study expanding public testimony opportunities to remote locations statewide; **HB 1333-FN-A**, authorizing travel expense payments to state legislators; **HB 1486**, establishing a committee to study information technology in the legislative process; **HB 1694**, relative to recusal by members of the general court for conflicts of interest.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1218-FN**, relative to net energy metering limits for customer generators and the purchase of output of limited electrical energy producers.
 1:00 p.m. **SB 79**, relative to required reporting on waste reduction.
 2:00 p.m. Full committee work session on **HB 1218-FN**, relative to net energy metering limits for customer generators and the purchase of output of limited electrical energy producers.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

10:00 a.m. Full committee work session on **HB 2020**, relative to the 10-year transportation improvement plan.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 304, LOB

10:00 a.m. Continued executive session if necessary.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1632-FN-A-L**, relative to financial investments and incentives for affordable housing development.
 11:00 a.m. **HB 1248-L**, relative to community revitalization tax relief incentives.
 1:00 p.m. **HB 1563-FN**, relative to the use of funds in the drug forfeiture fund.
 1:45 p.m. **HB 1603-FN**, establishing the per and polyfluoroalkyl substances contamination remediation and mitigation revolving loan and grant program and fund.
 2:30 p.m. **HB 1599-FN-A**, establishing a special marriage officiant license.
 3:15 p.m. **HB 1620-FN**, relative to electric vehicle parking spaces.
 3:45 p.m. **HB 1696-FN**, relative to fees for notices and applications for financial institutions.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 302, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HB 1411**, establishing a commission to study long-term supports and services in New Hampshire.
 9:45 a.m. **SB 248-FN**, increasing the age for sales and possession of tobacco products.
 10:00 a.m. **SB 411**, relative to the direct shipping of liquor.
 10:15 a.m. **SB 477**, establishing a council on the creative economy.
 10:30 a.m. **SB 478**, relative to food in cigar shops.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1601-FN**, removing the exception for married minors from the definition of sexual assault.
 10:30 a.m. **HB 1662-FN**, relative to the purchase, use, and possession of tobacco products and e-cigarettes.
 11:00 a.m. **HB 1667-FN**, relative to the suspension of drivers' licenses and creating a committee to study the creation of a restricted driving license for participants in drug court.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

10:00 a.m. Full committee work session on **HB 2020**, relative to the 10-year transportation improvement plan.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1627-FN**, creating an animal records database.
 Pursuant to House Rule 43(b), executive session may be held at the conclusion of committee hearings.
 11:00 a.m. Full committee work session on **HB 1632-FN-A-L**, relative to financial investments and incentives for affordable housing development; **HB 1248-L**, relative to community revitalization tax relief incentives; **HB 1563-FN**, relative to the use of funds in the drug forfeiture fund; **HB**

1603-FN, establishing the per and polyfluoroalkyl substances contamination remediation and mitigation revolving loan and grant program and fund; **HB 1599-FN-A**, establishing a special marriage officiant license; **HB 1620-FN**, relative to electric vehicle parking spaces; **HB 1696-FN**, relative to fees for notices and applications for financial institutions; **HB 1627-FN**, creating an animal records database.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2), Rooms 306-308, LOB

9:00 a.m. Continued meeting.

ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a), New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration, Training Room, 109 Pleasant Street, Concord

12:00 p.m. Subcommittee meeting - Equalization.

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS OF PERFLUORINATED CHEMICALS (RSA 126-A:79-a), Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION ON THE SEACOAST CANCER CLUSTER INVESTIGATION (RSA 126-A:74), Room 205, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY BARRIERS TO INCREASED DENSITY OF LAND DEVELOPMENT IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 4-C:8-a), Room 201, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION (RSA 4-G:1), Room 203, LOB

11:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND RECOVERY (RSA 12-J:1), Governor and Council Chambers, State House

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL (RSA 21-R:6), Department of Safety, 33 Hazen Drive, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Concord

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, MARCH 9

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (RSA 188-E:10-b), Room 206, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

2:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAX EXPENDITURE REVIEW (RSA 71-C:3), Room 202, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE (RSA 17-I:1), Room 104, LOB

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

NH BRAIN AND SPINAL CORD INJURY ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 137-K:2), Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire, 52 Pleasant Street, Concord

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

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. Regular meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE COMMISSION ON DEAFNESS AND HEARING LOSS (RSA 125-Q), Room 205, LOB

1:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 485-F:4), Rooms 201-203, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10**CHARTER SCHOOLS AND OPEN ENROLLMENT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 194-B:21), Room 104, LOB**

3:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13**COMMISSION ON PRETRIAL DETENTION, PRETRIAL SCHEDULING, AND PRETRIAL SERVICES (RSA 597:43), Room 206, LOB**

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE INCIDENCE OF POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER IN FIRST RESPONDERS (RSA 281-A:17-b), Room 304, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY TEACHER PREPARATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS (RSA 190:8), Room 207, LOB

8:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

STATE SUGGESTION AND EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE AWARD EVALUATION COMMITTEE (RSA 99-E:1, D), Room 104, LOB

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15**LEGISLATIVE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 19-K:1), New Hampshire Technical Institute, Sweeney Crocker Building, Room 235, Concord**

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, MARCH 16**CAPITAL BUDGET OVERVIEW COMMITTEE (RSA 17-J:2), Room 201, LOB**

10:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CURRENT STATUTES RELATED TO MANAGEMENT OF NON-TIDAL PUBLIC WATERWAYS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OR PLACEMENT OF STRUCTURES WITHIN THEM (RSA 482-A:35), Room 305, LOB

1:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

LONG RANGE CAPITAL PLANNING AND UTILIZATION COMMITTEE (RSA 17-M:1), Room 201, LOB

11:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

THE DIVISION FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY BOARD (RSA 170-G:6-a), Room 205, LOB

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17**COMMITTEE TO STUDY DIRECT PRIMARY CARE (HB 508, Chapter 330:6, Laws of 2019), Room 205, LOB**

12:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1117-FN**, relative to penalties for dog theft and tampering with a dog's radio collar.

10:30 a.m. **HB 1606-FN**, relative to cruelty to a wild animal, fish, or wild bird.

11:30 a.m. **HB 1580-FN**, regulating the use of unmanned aircraft systems.

Pursuant to House Rule 43(b), executive session may be held at the conclusion of committee hearings.

1:00 p.m. Executive session on **HB 1117-FN**, relative to penalties for dog theft and tampering with a dog's radio collar; **HB 1580-FN**, regulating the use of unmanned aircraft systems; **HB 1601-FN**, removing the exception for married minors from the definition of sexual assault; **HB 1606-FN**, relative to cruelty to a wild animal, fish, or wild bird; **HB 1662-FN**, relative to the purchase,

use, and possession of tobacco products and e-cigarettes; **HB 1667-FN**, relative to the suspension of drivers' licenses and creating a committee to study the creation of a restricted driving license for participants in drug court.

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

10:00 a.m. **SB 567**, relative to the commission on interdisciplinary primary care workforce.

10:30 a.m. **SB 673-FN**, relative to recovery of unauthorized payments by the state.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

NEW HAMPSHIRE CANADIAN TRADE COUNCIL (RSA 12-O:22), Room 100, SH

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE RARE DISEASE ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 126-A:79), Health and Human Services Building, Room 311, Hazen Drive, Concord

3:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

SHORELAND SEPTIC SYSTEM STUDY COMMISSION (RSA 485-A:44-a), Room 305, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, MARCH 23

COMMITTEE TO STUDY EXOTIC AQUATIC WEEDS AND EXOTIC AQUATIC SPECIES OF WILDLIFE IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 487:30), Room 305, LOB

11:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

WELLNESS AND PRIMARY PREVENTION COUNCIL (RSA 126-M:3), New Futures, 101 North Main Street, Concord

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

COMMISSION ON PRIMARY CARE WORKFORCE ISSUES (RSA 126-T), New Hampshire Hospital Association, 125 Airport Road, Concord

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

COMMISSION TO STUDY ENVIRONMENTALLY-TRIGGERED CHRONIC ILLNESS (RSA 126-A:73-a), New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, 222 International Drive, Suite 175, Room A, Portsmouth

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, MARCH 30

COMMISSION ON DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS (RSA 4-C:37), Room 307, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS OF PERFLUORINATED CHEMICALS (RSA 126-A:79-a), Room 204, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, APRIL 6

COMMISSION TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS AND FUTURE OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE GRANITE ADVANTAGE HEALTH CARE PROGRAM (RSA 126-AA:4), Room 100, SH

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

STATE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 115-A:2), New Hampshire National Guard, Regional Training Institute, 722 Riverwood Drive, Pembroke

5:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

STATE SUGGESTION AND EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE AWARD EVALUATION COMMITTEE (RSA 99-E:1, I), Room 104, LOB

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

The **Carroll** County Delegation will convene **Friday, March 13th at 9:30 a.m.** at the Carroll County Administration Building, 95 Water Village Road, 2nd Floor Meeting Room, Ossipee. The purpose of the meeting is review and approval of the 2020 Carroll County budget and any other business as necessary.

In the event of weather-related cancellation, the meeting will be held Monday, March 16th at 9:30 a.m. at the above noticed location. The public is encouraged to attend. Documents pertinent to the business of the day are available for public review at the Carroll County Business Office during normal business hours or by calling (603)539-7751 or on the County website at www.carrollcountynh.net.

Rep. Lino Avellani, Clerk

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

The **Hillsborough** County Executive Committee will meet on **Friday, February 28th at 10:00 a.m.** at the Hillsborough County Complex, Bouchard Building, 329 Mast Road, Goffstown.

Rep. Marty Jack, Clerk

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

The **Merrimack** County Delegation Executive Committee will meet **Friday, March 6th at 9:00 a.m.** in the 2nd floor conference room of the Old Courthouse, 163 North Main Street, Concord. The purpose of the meeting is as follows: 1. 2020 Budget Review/Approval 2. 4th Quarter Financial Review 3. CIP Review/Approval 4. Any other business.

Rep. James MacKay, Chairman

COUNTY DELEGATION NOTICE

The **Rockingham** County Executive Committee will meet on **Monday, March 2nd at 3:00 p.m.** in the Maureen Barrows Conference Room at the Rockingham County Nursing Home in Brentwood. The purpose of the meeting is to consider a request from the Board of Commissioners as a result of their vote taken on Tuesday, February 25th on IDN Funding.

Rep. David A. Welch, Clerk

REVISED FISCAL NOTES

The following bills have a revised fiscal note: HB253, HB385, HB496, HB546, HB705, HB1117, HB1273, HB1434, HB 1549, HB1580, HB1596, HB1603, HB1606, HB1611, HB1620, HB1643, HB1644, HB1647, HB1651, HB1652, HB1653, HB1663, HB1665, HB1667, HB1668, HB1669, HB1670, HB1671, HB1672, HB1673, HB1674, HB1677, HB1680, HB1681, HB1682, HB1684, HB1685, HB1687, HB1688, HB1691, HB1692, HB1695, HB1696, HB1697, HB1699, HB1700, HB1705, HB1707, SB7, SB283, SB287, SB435, SB680, SB736, SB737.

Paul C. Smith, Clerk of the House

MEMBERS' NOTICES

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The House Republican Alliance will meet every Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. in Room 307, LOB. All Republicans are welcome.

Reps. Carol McGuire, Jim Spillane, and Mike Sylvia

All legislators and staff are invited to the annual Water's Worth It! legislative breakfast **on Wednesday, March 4th beginning at 7:00 a.m.** at the Holiday Inn on Main Street in Concord. Water quality professionals will present information on drinking water and wastewater treatment challenges in New Hampshire. The keynote speaker this year is Sean McDonald, from WMUR Channel 9. NH-DES Water Division Director Tom O'Donovan will also address the audience. The breakfast is sponsored by the NH Water Pollution Control Association in conjunction with a wide-ranging coalition of other local nonprofit water organizations. The event is free. Please RSVP to Dee Rainville at info.nhwpc@gmail.com or 603-228-1231 by February 26th.

Rep. Tom Buco

Legislators are invited to a free breakfast mixer with Registered Dietitians and Dietetic Technicians-Registered of the New Hampshire Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics **on Wednesday, March 4th from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.** in the State House Cafeteria. This event will highlight initiatives to address childhood hunger in New Hampshire and to kick off National Nutrition Month. The NH Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics is a leading state-wide voice for food and nutrition and encourages legislators to recognize the essential value of working with these food and nutrition experts.

Rep. Mary Jane Wallner

The American Heart Association will be hosting a Legislative Breakfast on **Thursday March 5th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** at the State House cafeteria. Legislators and staff are invited to enjoy breakfast and visit with AHA staff and volunteers who will share information about our policy priorities and initiatives to help NH residents live longer, healthier lives.

Rep. Joelle Martin

The American Red Cross cordially invites all legislative members and staff to the annual State House Complex Blood Drive. The blood drive will take place on **Thursday, March 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** The American Red Cross state-of-the-art self-contained coach will be parked out in front of the State House for this event. Give blood and you could help save a stranger's life. Appointments are strongly encouraged; please call the State House Health Services at 271-2757. The Red Cross also has RapidPass, which allows you to do the 40 appointment questions online at redcrossblood.org/RapidPass and then print to bring to your appointment.

Reps. Douglas Ley and Richard Hinch

The New Hampshire Liberty Alliance cordially invites all legislators to attend a buffet-style luncheon **Thursday, March 5th from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at Tandy's Top Shelf, located at 1 Eagle Square, just across N. Main St. from the State House, in the back room. The NHLA compiles and distributes the Gold Standard (gold sheet) before each session day, as well as publishes annual ratings for each NH state legislator. Several members of the NHLA Board of Directors will be in attendance. You will have the opportunity to ask questions or make suggestions on how the NHLA can better fulfill its mission of promoting liberty within New Hampshire state government.

Reps. Michael Costable, Carol McGuire, Michael Sylvia, and Mark Warden

AARP New Hampshire and New Futures will host a legislative breakfast on **Thursday, March 5th from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.** at the Holiday Inn, 172 North Main Street, Concord. All House members are welcome to come enjoy a hearty hot breakfast and discuss the impact of rising drug prices with Leigh Purvis from the AARP Public Policy Institute.

Reps. Polly Campion and Charles McMahon

The New Hampshire Podiatric Medical Association is sponsoring a full breakfast in the State House cafeteria on **Wednesday, March 11th from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.** All legislators and staff are invited to come meet the podiatry lobbyists and several podiatrists from around the state.

Rep. Douglas Ley

The Alzheimer's Association of New Hampshire cordially invites all legislators and staff to a luncheon in the cafeteria on **Wednesday, March 11th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** Please stop by to enjoy a catered lunch and meet your constituents who have experienced this disease and professionals from the association who are happy to educate and answer your questions. The Alzheimer's Association is a non-profit that operates a 24/7 helpline, provides care consulting to families, educational programs for the public, and professional training for first responders, all free of charge across all 10 counties in New Hampshire.

Reps. Joe Alexander and Willis Griffith

All legislators and their staff are invited to join the NH Oral Health Coalition for our annual oral health hot breakfast in the State House Cafeteria. This year's event, "Oral Health Matters: It's All Connected", will be held **Thursday, March 12th from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.** Community oral health providers from communities throughout the state, including your regions, will be there with displays and the opportunity for you to learn about their programs.

Reps. Tom Buco and Jennifer Bernet

Breathe New Hampshire invites all legislators and staff to attend a Breakfast Reception on **Thursday, March 19th from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.** in the State House cafeteria. Stop by for a light breakfast, take a free breathing test, take part in our raffle and meet some of our volunteers who are helping New Hampshire residents breathe better and live longer! Please RSVP to info@breatheenh.org or by calling 603-669-2411.

Rep. Patrick Long

The bipartisan Mental Health Caucus will be meeting on **Thursday, March 19th at 1:00 p.m.** in Room 104 of the LOB. This will be a planning session for the upcoming continuing education programs.

Rep. James MacKay

The Mount Washington Valley Housing Coalition, Workforce Housing Coalition of the Greater Seacoast, Vital Communities Workforce Housing program and Stay Work Play NH have partnered to host a lunch in the State House Cafeteria on **Thursday, March 19th**. Please join us to discuss upcoming housing legislation, learn about our work as advocacy organizations and how we can be a resource to you.

Rep. Ed Butler

The NH Preservation Alliance invites all legislators to the Old House and Barn Expo, **Saturday and Sunday, March 21st and 22nd**. Show your legislative badge for free admission. Hours are Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Doubletree by Hilton Manchester Downtown. There will be over 100 exhibitors, presenters and demonstrations. Tips for barn repair, energy efficiency, researching house history, insurance and financing, stone wall building, timber framing and wood turning. New this year: Strategies for down-sizers and first-time home buyers, extreme weather preparedness, foundation and masonry, heating and cooling, household hazards, interior finishes, new old homes, pest management, porch styles and strategies, and much more. Contact: Jennifer Goodman at 603-224-2281 or www.nhpreservation.org for education session schedule and more information.

Reps. Judith Spang and Dave Danielson

All are invited to the Welcoming Communities luncheon **Thursday, March 26th** in the state house cafeteria during the lunch break. Come meet community members from Nashua, Manchester, Concord, Laconia and other parts of our state who have made these communities their home, contributing to economic development and adding positive cultural flavor to their communities. Enjoy multi ethnic food and taste the multicultural contribution made to NH. All are welcome to enjoy the festival of cultures and celebrate diversity in our communities.

Reps. Karen Ebel and Latha Mangipudi

Please join us in the State House cafeteria for breakfast on **Thursday, March 26th from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**, provided by the UNH Cooperative extension. The Extension brings information grounded in research to the people of New Hampshire where they work and live. We look forward to meeting you and discussing the value of our work.

Reps. Susan Ford and John O'Connor

All are invited to bring your family and friends to New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's biggest and most popular free community event of the year, which is set for **Saturday, April 18th, from 10:00 am. to 3:00 pm.** on the grounds of the Fish and Game Department at 11 Hazen Drive in Concord. Discover WILD NEW HAMPSHIRE DAY is a fun way for the whole family to explore New Hampshire's wildlife resources and legacy of outdoors traditions. Browse educational exhibits presented by environmental and conservation organizations from throughout the state. See live animals, big fish and trained falcons. Try your hand at archery, casting, fly-tying and B-B gun shooting. Watch retriever dogs in action. Get creative with hands-on craft activities for the kids, and check out the latest hunting and fishing gear and gadgets. This educational and fun-filled event is free for all ages.

Rep. Robert L'Heureux

2020 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 2020. 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

<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>GROUP</i>	<i>#/GRADE</i>
March 2	8:30	Dept. of Natural and Cultural Resources	10/adults
March 2	10:30	NHMA	10/adults
March 3	2:00	NH Bankers Association	50/4
March 3	10:00/11:30	Heron Pond School – Milford	65/4
March 4	10:00/11:30	Heron Pond School – Milford	85/4
March 4	9:00	UNH Policy students	60/col
March 6	10:15	DAR Good Citizens	50/HS
March 9	1:30	Road Scholars	20/adults
March 10	9:15	Broken Ground School – Concord	25/4
March 11	9:00	New Hampton School – (Prep.)	9/HS
March 11	9:15/10:15	Broken Ground School – Concord	98/4
March 11	10:45	Swasey Central School – Brentwood	50/4
March 12	9:15/10:15	Broken Ground School – Concord	95/4
March 12	9:00/10:30	Pembroke Hill School	80/4
March 13	9:45	Dondero School – Portsmouth	54/4
March 13	1:00	AmeriCorps Volunteers	170/adults
March 16	10:00	Youth International Exchange Program	5
March 17	9:00	Deerfield Community School	50/4
March 17	12:30	Hancock Elementary School	29/3&4
March 19	9:30	Mount Lebanon Elementary School	35/4
March 19	11:00	Portsmouth Christian Academy – Dover	40/4
March 20	9:30	North Hampton Elementary School	36/4
March 20	9:45/11:00	Parker Varney School – Manchester	77/4
March 23	9:00/10:30	Maple Ave. Elementary School – Goffstown	86/4
March 24	9:00	Maple Ave. Elementary School – Goffstown	23/4
March 25	9:15/10:30	Barnstead Elementary School	70/4
March 26	9:00	Alton Central School	35/4
March 26	10:00	New Franklin School – Portsmouth	36/4
March 27	10:00/11:15	Chester Academy	70/4
March 30	9:45/11:00	Lincoln St. School – Exeter	80/4
March 31	9:45/11:00	Lincoln St. School – Exeter	80/4

AMENDMENTS

(LISTED IN NUMERICAL ORDER)

Amendment to HB 677-FN-A (2020-0359h)

Proposed by the Committee on Finance - r

Amend RSA 193:13, V as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

[FV] V. School districts and chartered public schools shall make educational assignments available to the suspended pupil during periods of suspension. Except as provided in paragraphs II and IV, a school district or chartered public school shall provide alternative educational services to a suspended pupil whenever the pupil is suspended in excess of 20 cumulative days within any school year. The alternative educational services shall be designed to enable a pupil to advance from grade to grade. Any time a pupil is suspended more than 10 school days in any school year, upon the pupil's return to school the school district shall develop an intervention plan designed to proactively address the pupil's problematic behaviors. No pupil shall be penalized academically solely by virtue of missing class due to suspension. ~~[The local school board shall adopt a policy which allows the superintendent or chief administering officer to modify the expulsion requirements set forth in paragraphs II and III on a case by case basis.]~~

Amend RSA 198:64 as inserted by section 2 of the bill by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

IV. For each biennium, the commissioner of education shall include in the department of education's biennial request for appropriations pursuant to RSA 9:4 an amount sufficient to meet the estimated expenses of providing technical assistance and grant support to school districts and public charter schools seeking to implement MTSS-B. The amount requested shall be not less than the amount required to accomplish the effective implementation of MTSS-B in 25 percent of schools in the state.

Amend the bill by replacing section 3 with the following:

3 Appropriation. The sum of \$1 for the biennium ending June 30, 2021 is hereby appropriated to the department of education for the purposes of supporting student behavioral health and wellness under RSA 198:63. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Amendment to HB 705-FN (2020-0048h)

Proposed by the Committee on Finance - r

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT relative to the rights of victims of crime, increasing the cap on assistance for victims of crime, and establishing a committee to study the needs of crime victims and enforcement of statutes governing crime victims' rights.

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause the following new section and renumbering the original sections 1-11 to read as 2-12, respectively:

1 Short Title. This act shall be known as the Crime Victims' Rights Enhancement Act of 2020.

Amend the bill by replacing section 8 with the following:

8 Committee on the Needs of Victims of Crime and the Enforcement of Crime Victims' Rights Established.

I. There is established a committee on the needs of crime victims and the enforcement of crime victims rights. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

(a) Five members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(b) Two member of the senate, appointed by the senate president.

II. The committee shall:

(a) Review the needs and services for victims of crime, and provide recommendations concerning addressing needs and enhancing services for victims of crime.

(b) Review the existing mechanisms and resources for the enforcement of the rights of victims of crimes and provide recommendations on enhancing enforcement of the rights of victims' rights.

(c) Solicit testimony and input from the victims of crime and members of the general public.

(d) Study other matters related to the needs of victims of crime as the committee may determine.

III. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the committee. The members of the committee shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first named house member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

IV. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the senate house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2020.

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 10 with the following:

11 Effective Date.

I. Sections 2-7 and sections 9-10 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

2020-0048h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill increases the maximum recovery for crime victims from the victims' compensation fund; establishes confidentiality procedures for information used to support restitution to the victims' compensation fund; expands the offenses covered by the crime victims' bill of rights; expands the rights available to crime victims; requires the department of justice to develop a crime victims' rights card and establish professional guidelines for victims' assistance providers; and establishes a committee on the needs of crime victims and the enforcement of crime victims' rights.

Amendment to HB 1112-FN

(2020-0270h)

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

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT establishing a committee to study programs for female parolees.

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study programs for female parolees.

2 Membership and Compensation.

I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

(a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the committee.

3 Duties.

I. The committee shall study existing programs for female parolees and shall study whether the need exists for developing new programs for female parolees focusing on financial counseling, education including diploma or certificate programs, substance misuse and mental health counseling, job training including resume writing and interview skills, community housing programs, and programs available through Medicaid.

II. The committee may solicit advice and testimony from any individual or organization with information or expertise relevant to the committee's objective.

4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2020.

6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

2020-0270h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study programs for female parolees.

Floor Amendment to HB 1130-FN

(2020-0718h)

Proposed by Rep. Love

Amend the bill by replacing sections 1-2 with the following:

1 First Degree Assault. Amend RSA 631:1, I to read as follows:

I. A person is guilty of a class A felony if he **or she**:

(a) Purposely causes serious bodily injury to another; or

(b) Purposely or knowingly causes bodily injury to another by means of a deadly weapon, except that if the deadly weapon is a firearm, he **or she** shall be sentenced in accordance with RSA 651:2, II-g; or

(c) Purposely or knowingly causes injury to another resulting in miscarriage or stillbirth; or

(d) Knowingly or recklessly causes serious bodily injury to a person under 13 years of age; **or**

(e) Purposely or knowingly causes serious bodily injury to a person 65 years of age or older where the victim is more than 10 years of age older than the actor.

2 Second Degree Assault. Amend RSA 631:2, I(f) to read as follows:

(f) Purposely or knowingly engages in the strangulation of another; **or**

(g) Recklessly or negligently causes serious bodily injury to a person 65 years of age or older where the victim is more than 10 years of age older than the actor.

2020-0718h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill adds first and second degree assault offenses for assaults against a person 65 years of age or older by a person who is more than 10 years of age older than the victim.

Amendment to HB 1181-FN

(2020-0185h)

Proposed by the Minority of the Committee on Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services - r

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT relative to damages awarded by the New Hampshire public employer labor relations board.

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Public Employees Labor Relations; Violations. Amend RSA 273-A:6, VI to read as follows:

VI. The board or its designee shall render its decision within 45 days after the hearing, in accordance with rules adopted by the board pursuant to RSA 541-A. Upon finding that a party has violated RSA 273-A:5, the board may (a) issue a cease and desist order; (b) order reinstatement of an employee with back pay; (c) require periodic reporting of compliance; (d) order payment of the costs incurred by a party negotiating in good faith in negotiations found by the board to have been carried on not in good faith by the other party, if the board finds such penalty appropriate to the circumstances; or (e) ~~order such~~ **award emotional distress or other compensatory damages or** other relief as the board may deem necessary.

2020-0185h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows the public employees labor relations board to award emotional distress and other compensatory damages to a complainant.

Amendment to HB 1221

(2020-0256h)

Proposed by the Majority of the Committee on Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services - r

Amend RSA 275:78, II as inserted by section 1 of the bill by inserting after subparagraph (c) the following new subparagraph:

(d) Any sales finance company or retail seller licensed by the New Hampshire banking department under RSA 361-A:2.

Amendment to HB 1224-FN-A-LOCAL

(2020-0290h)

Proposed by the Committee on Finance - r

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Appropriation; Lakeshore Redevelopment Planning Commission. There is hereby appropriated to the lakeshore redevelopment planning commission established in RSA 10:5, the sum of \$500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, which shall be nonlapsing and shall be expended solely for the purpose of obtaining matching funds for supporting the operations of the commission and not for any other purpose. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

2 Lakeshore Redevelopment Planning Commission; Authorization to Accept Funds. Amend RSA 10:8, II(a) to read as follows:

(a) Request, accept, and expend any **state or** federal funds available to the commission to carry out the purposes of this subdivision or the duties of the commission[, ~~provided that state funds available to be expended by the commission shall not exceed \$365,000 in capital and general fund appropriations~~].

3 Budget Appropriation for the Lakeshore Redevelopment Planning Commission. Amend 2019, 345 by amending the footnote following the appropriation in accounting unit 01-14-14-141510-3892 to read as follows:

* Funds in Accounting Unit 3892 for the Lakeshore Redevelopment Planning Commission established in RSA 10:5, shall not lapse ~~[until June 30, 2021]~~ and shall be expended to support the operations of the Commission **or any successor entity**.

4 Capital Appropriation for Lakeshore Redevelopment Planning Commission; Lapse of 2017 Appropriation Removed. Amend 2017, 240:3, II to read as follows:

II. The sum of \$115,000 is hereby appropriated to the lakeshore redevelopment planning commission established under RSA 10:5 for the purpose of undertaking any required title, subdivision, and other land preparation needed for the sale of the former Laconia state school property and training center property, and for the purpose of employing a consultant with real estate or financial expertise in preparation of the request for proposals for the sale of said property. Said funds shall not lapse ~~[until June 30, 2021]~~.

5 Transfer of Prior Appropriations to Successor Entity. Any appropriation to the lakeshore redevelopment planning commission established pursuant to RSA 10:5, including but not limited to appropriations to the commission in 2017, 240, 2019, 345, and section 1 of this act, shall be transferred to, and available for expenditure by, any successor entity or authority on the date of such transfer.

6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

2020-0290h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill makes an appropriation to the lakeshore redevelopment planning commission, removes the lapse of prior appropriations to the commission, and provides for transfer of such appropriations to any successor entity.

Amendment to HB 1234-FN-A

(2020-0321h)

Proposed by the Committee on Finance - r

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT relative to the heating of certain state-owned buildings in Concord and making an appropriation therefor.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following and renumbering the original section 2 to read as 3:
2 Department of Administrative Services; Heating System Savings Account. Amend RSA 21-I:19-ff to read as follows:

21-I:19-ff State Heating System Savings Account. There is hereby established the state heating system savings account for the transfer of unexpended state heating system appropriations due to reduced heating system costs resulting from the 26 state buildings served by the Concord Steam project authorized in 2017, 2. Notwithstanding RSA 21-I:19-e, at the end of each state fiscal year, the commissioner of administrative services shall identify the unexpended appropriations in the accounts and class lines for the 26 state buildings served by the replacement of the Concord Steam facility. The commissioner shall deposit such sums into the account established by this section. Funds in the state heating system savings account shall be nonlapsing and appropriated to the department of administrative services for the biennium ending June 30, 2019, *the biennium ending June 30, 2021*, and the fiscal year ending ~~[2020]~~ *June 30, 2022* and may be used to pay principal and interest on bonds and notes issued to fund the capital project for the heating of state facilities located at the Governor Hugh J. Gallen state office park and state-owned buildings in downtown Concord.

2020-0321h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill makes an appropriation to the department of administrative services for the purpose of replacing heating systems in state-owned buildings in Concord that formerly used Concord Steam. The bill also extends a prior appropriation to the state heating system savings account.

Amendment to HB 1290-FN

(2020-0444h)

Proposed by the Majority of the Committee on Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services - r

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT relative to voting by a public employee organization.

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Paragraph; Public Employee Labor Relations; Elections. Amend RSA 273-A:10 by inserting after paragraph IX the following new paragraph:

X. An employee organization may elect to have all votes cast by mail ballot in any election ordered by the board under this chapter. The employee organization shall provide notice of this election in a filing to the board submitted at least 24 hours prior to the board's pre-election conference.

2020-0444h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows an employee organization to conduct an election by mail ballot.

**Amendment to HB 1292-FN
(2020-0203h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Executive Departments and Administration - c

Amend the section heading of section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

1 Manchester Retirement System; Definition; Final Average earnings. Amend 1973, 218:4, X as amended by 2002, 194:1 to read as follows:

Amend the section heading of section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

2 Definitions; Normal Retirement Date. Amend 1973, 218:4, XIII as amended by 2002, 194:1 and 2002, 147:4 to read as follows:

Amend the section heading of section 3 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

3 Employees to Whom the Act Applies. Amend 1973, 218:7, II as amended by 2002, 194:1 and 2008, 90:3 to read as follows:

Amend the bill by replacing sections 4 and 5 with the following:

4 Contributions by Employees. Amend 1973, 218:9, I as amended by 2002, 194:1 to read as follows:

I. The rate of contributions by each member *who commenced service prior to January 1, 2021* shall be 3.75 percent of that portion of earnings received during each calendar year or portion thereof; *otherwise the rate of contributions shall be 5.75 percent and continuing until such time as the board of trustees certify to the executive director that the actuarial funded ratio of the Manchester's employees' contributory retirement system has reached a 100 percent funding level, when such contribution rate shall return to 3.75 percent for all subsequent service on the date determined by the board of trustees.*

5 Service Buybacks. Amend 1973, 218:10, III, as amended by 2002, 194:1 and 2006, 115:4, to read as follows:

III. A member who ceases to be a member, withdraws his or her member contributions pursuant to section 11 of this act, and later becomes a member again, may make a request after the member's return to city employment for service buyback of prior service credit for the previous time served as a member. If a service buyback is not made, the member's benefit shall be based solely on the member's years of service and final average earnings after the break in service. *For former members who return to service on or after January 1, 2021, the cost of the buyback shall be determined by dividing the value of refunded contributions by the contribution rate in effect during their withdrawn period of service, multiplying the results by the contribution rate in effect under paragraph I of section 9, and then applying interest at the rate in effect as determined by the board. Members who withdrew more than 5 years of service earned prior to January 1, 2021, who return to service on or after January 1, 2021 shall pay member contributions at the contribution rate in effect under paragraph I of section 9 for other new hires, however, the returning member shall retain his or her original normal retirement age of 60, and will have their earnings averaged over 3 years for benefit calculation purposes. Former members who return to service on or after January 1, 2021 who withdrew with less than 5 years of service earned prior to January 1, 2021 shall be subject to the 5-year earnings average and a normal retirement age of 62.*

2020-0203h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes new benefit provisions for the employees' contributory retirement system of the City of Manchester originally established in 1973, 218 for participants who commence service on or after January 1, 2021. This bill increases the member contribution for participants until the plan reaches a 100 percent funded ratio and increases the normal retirement age. This bill will also mitigate the cost to the Manchester employees' contributory retirement system for early retirement and adjust the final average earning calculation.

**Amendment to HB 1399
(2020-0449h)**

Proposed by the Majority of the Committee on Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services - r

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Public Employee Labor Relations; Definition. Amend RSA 273-A:1 by inserting after paragraph XII the following new paragraph:

XIII. "Written majority authorization" means board-approved written majority authorization cards signed and dated by a majority of employees in the appropriate bargaining unit which designate an employee organization as their representative for the purpose of collective bargaining. Current employee signatures must be dated within the 6 months preceding the date on which the signed written majority authorization cards are filed with the board to establish majority and exclusive representative status.

2 New Paragraph; Public Employee Labor Relations; Elections. Amend RSA 273-A:10 by inserting after paragraph IX the following new paragraph:

X. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the board shall certify and the public employer shall recognize as the exclusive representative an employee organization which has received a written majority authorization for the purpose of collective bargaining of all the employees in the bargaining unit. This rule shall apply only when no other employee organization has been and currently is lawfully recognized as the exclusive representative of the employees in the appropriate bargaining unit. The employee organization shall file the written majority authorization cards and a written majority authorization petition for certification with the board. Absent exceptional cause, within 10 days, the board's staff shall inspect the written majority authorization cards in order to verify the employee organization's majority support within the appropriate bargaining unit and report the results of such inspection in writing to the parties. The board shall establish rules and procedures for the prompt verification of evidence of written majority authorization, including safeguards to protect the privacy of individual employee choice and the board shall treat the written majority authorization cards as confidential once they are filed with the board.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

2020-0449h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill amends the procedure for written majority authorization of an employee organization for the purpose of collective bargaining.

Amendment to HB 1408

(2020-0619h)

Proposed by the Committee on Transportation - r

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles; Misuse or Failure to Display Plates. Amend RSA 261:176, II to read as follows:

II. *Any person who applies or permits to be applied any covering to a license plate that is colored, smoked, or tinted shall be guilty of a violation.*

III. The fine for a violation of this section shall be \$150.

2020-0619h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits persons from attaching or permitting to be attached to a license plate any coverings that are colored, smoked, or tinted.

Amendment to HB 1629-FN

(2020-0552h)

Proposed by the Majority of the Committee on Municipal and County Government - r

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Local Land Use Boards; Training. Amend RSA 673:3-a to read as follows:

673:3-a Training. ~~[Within the first year of assuming office, a new]~~ **Any** member of a zoning board of adjustment or planning board may complete training offered by the office of strategic initiatives ***or another organization that provides similar training covering the processes, procedures, regulations, and statutes related to the board on which the member serves.*** ~~[The office of strategic initiatives may provide this training, which may be designed in a variety of formats including, but not limited to, web-based, distance learning, traditional classroom style, or self study.]~~ ***The office of strategic initiatives shall develop standard self-training materials and corresponding tests for zoning boards of adjustment and planning boards which shall be provided to members free of charge. The office of strategic initiatives may provide other types of training, which may be designed in a variety of formats including, but not limited to, web-based, distance learning, or traditional classroom style. For purposes of this section, the term "member" includes regular and alternate members of zoning boards of adjustment and planning boards.***

2 New Paragraph; Local Land Use Boards; Staff; Finances. Amend RSA 673:16 by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

III. Any fee which a city or town imposes on an applicant pursuant to this title shall be published in a location accessible to the public during normal business hours. Any fee not published in accordance with this paragraph at the time an applicant submits an application shall be considered waived for purposes of that application. A city or town may comply with the requirements of this section by publicly posting a list of fees at the city or town hall or by publishing a list of fees on the city or town's Internet website.

3 Local Land Use Planning and Regulatory Powers; Innovative Land Use Controls. Amend RSA 674:21, II to read as follows:

II.(a) An innovative land use control adopted under RSA 674:16 may be required when supported by the master plan and shall contain within it the standards which shall guide the person or board which administers the ordinance. An innovative land use control ordinance may provide for administration, including the granting of conditional or special use permits, by the planning board, board of selectmen, zoning board of adjustment, or such other person or board as the ordinance may designate. If the administration of the innovative provisions of the ordinance is not vested in the planning board, any proposal submitted under this section shall be reviewed by the planning board prior to final consideration by the administrator. In such a case, the planning board shall set forth its comments on the proposal in writing and the administrator shall, to the extent that the planning board's comments are not directly incorporated into its decision, set forth its findings and decisions on the planning board's comments.

(b) If a municipality allows an increased density, reduced lot size, expedited approval, or other dimensional or procedural incentive under this section for the development of housing for older persons, as defined and regulated pursuant to RSA 354-A:15, it shall allow the same incentive for the development of workforce housing as defined in RSA 674:58, IV. Beginning July 1, 2021, incentives established for housing for older persons shall be deemed applicable to workforce housing development, regardless of whether a local land use ordinance or regulation specifically provides for their application to workforce housing development.

4 Local Land Use Planning and Regulator Powers; Innovative Land Use Controls. Amend RSA 674:21, IV(a) to read as follows:

IV. As used in this section:

(a) "Inclusionary zoning" means land use control regulations which ***require a property owner to produce, as part of a development which meets certain characteristics, housing units which are affordable to persons or families of low and moderate income*** or provide a voluntary incentive or benefit to a property owner in order to induce the property owner to produce housing units which are affordable to persons or families of low and moderate income. Inclusionary zoning includes, but is not limited to, density bonuses, growth control exemptions, and a streamlined application process. ***Inclusionary zoning ordinances shall include standards that do not reduce the economic viability of developments in comparison to developments that do not require housing affordability. Such ordinances shall also enable the planning board to waive or modify in individual cases any standards that are demonstrated by an applicant to reduce the economic feasibility of a development.***

5 Planning and Zoning; Administrative and Enforcement Procedures; Issuance of Decision. Amend RSA 676:3, I to read as follows:

I. The local land use board shall issue a final written decision which either approves or disapproves an application for a local permit and make a copy of the decision available to the applicant. ***The decision shall include specific written findings of fact that support the decision. Failure of the board to make specific written findings of fact supporting a disapproval shall be grounds for automatic reversal and remand by the superior court upon appeal, in accordance with the time periods set forth in RSA 677:5 or RSA 677:15, unless the court determines that there are other factors warranting the disapproval.*** If the application is not approved, the board shall provide the applicant with written reasons for the disapproval. If the application is approved with conditions, the board shall include in the written decision a detailed description of all conditions necessary to obtain final approval.

6 New Paragraph; Powers of Zoning Board of Adjustment. Amend RSA 674:33 by inserting after paragraph VII the following new paragraph:

VIII. Upon receipt of any application for action pursuant to this section, the zoning board of adjustment shall begin formal consideration and shall approve or disapprove such application within 90 days of the date of receipt, provided that the applicant may waive this requirement and consent to such extension as may be mutually agreeable. If a zoning board of adjustment determines that it lacks sufficient information to make a final decision on an application, the board may, in its discretion, deny the application without prejudice, in which case the applicant may submit a new application for the same or substantially similar request for relief.

7 Workforce Housing; Definitions. Amend RSA 674:58, IV to read as follows:

IV. "Workforce housing" means housing which is intended for sale and which is affordable to a household with an income of no more than ~~[100]~~ **120** percent of the median income for a 4-person household for the metropolitan area or county in which the housing is located as published annually by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. "Workforce housing" also means rental housing which is affordable to a household with an income of no more than 60 percent of the median income for a 3-person household for the metropolitan area or county in which the housing is located as published annually by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. Housing developments that exclude minor children from more than 20 percent of the units, or in which more than 50 percent of the dwelling units have fewer than two bedrooms, ***or are subject to age restrictions***, shall not constitute workforce housing for the purposes of this subdivision.

8 Planning Board; Board's Procedures on Plats. Amend RSA 676:4, I(c) to read as follows:

(c)(1) The board shall, at the next regular meeting or within 30 days following the delivery of the application, for which notice can be given in accordance with the requirements of subparagraph (b), determine if a submitted application is complete according to the board's regulation and shall vote upon its acceptance. Upon determination by the board that a submitted application is incomplete according to the board's regulations, the board shall notify the applicant of the determination in accordance with RSA 676:3, which shall describe the information, procedure, or other requirement necessary for the application to be complete. Upon determination by the board that a submitted application is complete according to the board's regulations, the board shall begin formal consideration and shall act to approve, conditionally approve as provided in subparagraph (i), or disapprove within 65 days, subject to extension or waiver as provided in subparagraph (f). ~~Upon failure of the board to approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove the application, the selectmen or city council shall, upon request of the applicant, immediately issue an order directing the board to act on the application within 30 days.~~ ***If the board determines that it lacks sufficient information to make a final decision on an application, the board may, in its discretion, deny the application without prejudice, in which case the applicant may resubmit the same or a substantially similar application.*** If the planning board does not act on the application within that ~~[30-day]~~ **65-day** time period, then ~~[within 40 days of the issuance of the order,]~~ the selectmen or city council shall certify on the applicant's application that the plat is approved pursuant to this paragraph~~[- unless within those 40 days the selectmen or city council has identified in writing some specific subdivision regulation or zoning or other ordinance provision with which the application does not comply]~~. Such a certification, citing this paragraph, shall constitute final approval for all purposes including filing and recording under RSA 674:37 and 676:18, and court review under RSA 677:15.

(2) Failure of the selectmen or city council to ~~[issue an order to the planning board under subparagraph (1), or to]~~ certify approval of the plat upon the planning board's failure to ~~[comply with the order,]~~ ***act within the required time period*** shall constitute grounds for the superior court, upon petition of the applicant, to issue an order approving the application ~~[if the court determines that the proposal complies with existing subdivision regulations and zoning or other ordinances]~~. ***The superior court shall act upon such a petition within 30 days.*** If the court determines that the failure of the selectmen or the city council to act was not justified, the court may order the municipality to pay the applicant's reasonable costs, including attorney's fees, incurred in securing such order.

9 Planning Board; Board's Procedures on Plats. Amend RSA 676:4, I(f) to read as follows:

(f) ~~[The planning board may apply to the selectmen or city council for an extension not to exceed an additional 90 days before acting to approve or disapprove an application.]~~ The applicant may waive the requirement for planning board action within the time periods specified in subparagraph (c) and consent to such extension as may be mutually agreeable.

10 Planning and Zoning; Rehearing and Appeal Procedures; Court Review. Amend RSA 677:15, IV to read as follows:

IV. ~~[The court shall give any hearing under this section priority on the court calendar.]~~ ***Whenever an appeal to the superior court is initiated under this section, the court shall give the appeal priority on its calendar and shall issue a final decision within 120 days of the date upon which a certiorari order was delivered to the planning board pursuant to paragraph II. If the court stays an appeal pursuant to subparagraph I(b), then it shall issue a decision within 120 days of final resolution of all matters before the board of adjustment.***

11 Planning and Zoning; Rehearing and Appeal Procedures; Priority. Amend RSA 677:5 to read as follows:

677:5 Priority. ~~[Any hearing by the superior court upon an appeal under RSA 677:4 shall be given priority on the court calendar.]~~ ***Whenever an appeal to the superior court is initiated under RSA 677:4, the court shall give the appeal priority on its calendar and shall issue a final decision with 120 days of the date upon which the petition was served on the zoning board of adjustment or local legislative body.***

12 New Subdivision; Fee Shifting and Posting of Bond. Amend RSA 677 by inserting after section 19 the following new subdivision:

Fee Shifting and Posting of Bond

677:20 Fee Shifting and Posting of Bond.

I. Whenever an appeal to the superior court is initiated under this chapter, the court may in its discretion require the person or persons appealing to file a bond with sufficient surety for such a sum as shall be fixed by the court to indemnify and save harmless the person or persons in whose favor the decision was rendered from damages and costs which he or she may sustain in case the decision being appealed is affirmed.

II. In any appeal initiated under this chapter the court may, subject to the provisions of this paragraph or any other provision of law, award attorney's fees and costs to the prevailing party. Costs and attorney's fees shall not be allowed against a local land use board unless it shall appear to the court that the board, in making the decision from which the appeal arose, acted with gross negligence, in bad faith, or with malice. Costs and attorney's fees shall not be allowed against the party appealing from the decision of a local land use board unless it shall appear to the court that said party acted in bad faith or with malice in appealing to court.

13 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2021.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides for free training materials for members of a zoning board of adjustment or planning board, modifies the appeals process for zoning decisions, and provides for fee shifting and posting of bond in appeals to superior court from decisions of boards of adjustment.

**Amendment to SB 7-FN-LOCAL
(2020-0457h)**

Proposed by the Majority of the Committee on Finance - r

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 New Subdivision; Secure Modern Accurate Registration Technology Act. Amend RSA 654 by inserting after section 15 the following new subdivision:

Secure Modern Accurate Registration Technology Act

654:15-a Voter Registration at the Division of Motor Vehicles.

I. The secretary of state, pursuant to an interagency contract and jointly-adopted criteria, shall establish a secure data transfer program that satisfies the requirements of this section and any other applicable law.

II. Any time a person applies for a driver's license, a nondriver's picture identification card, or a record change to a driver's license or nondriver's picture identification card with the division of motor vehicles, as specified below, during which he or she demonstrates that he or she is a United States citizen, 18 years of age or older, and a resident of New Hampshire, he or she shall, without taking any other action, automatically apply to register to vote unless he or she declines to submit such registration application under the procedures outlined in paragraph IV.

III. The division of motor vehicles shall electronically transmit to the secretary of state certain information as outlined in RSA 654:15-b about every eligible voter applying pursuant to this section. Such transmission shall be in a format that the secretary of state can upload into the statewide centralized database and reviewed by election officials. The division of motor vehicles shall also transmit any updates to addresses or names to ensure that the voter checklists are kept up-to-date.

IV. The division of motor vehicles shall add a voter registration section to those online or paper forms used in connection with applying for a driver's license, a nondriver's picture identification card, or a record change related to a driver's license or nondriver's picture identification card, which shall collect information required for voter registration not already collected in such division of motor vehicles forms. By signing and submitting this application, you are authorizing the division of motor vehicles to transmit this application to the secretary of state for voter registration purposes. **YOU MAY DECLINE TO APPLY TO REGISTER.** Both the location of the office through which you submit this application and your decision of whether or not to apply to register to vote will remain confidential and will be used for voter registration purposes only." A check box shall appear below such preprinted statement and next to the following statement: "Do not register me to vote or update my voter registration. I decline to register to vote or update my voter registration."

V. Upon receiving the electronic record of the applicant's information, the secretary of state shall send a mailing to each eligible applicant, including a pre-paid return to be sent to the voter's town or city hall, which shall include the following:

(a) The process used to adopt a political party affiliation.

(b) The registrant's polling location.

(c) A check box with a statement next to it that reads: "Do not register me to vote or update my voter registration. I decline to register to vote or update my voter registration."

VI. An application that complies with the requirements of this section shall constitute a completed voter registration unless the city or town clerk or supervisor of the checklist finds an error in the voter registration application pursuant to paragraph IX.

VII. If, during the review of the information sent by the secretary of state, the city or town clerk or supervisor of the checklist deems there to be an error in the voter registration application, such local election official shall promptly inform the applicant that his or her registration has not been processed, and shall provide such applicant a reasonable opportunity to cure such error.

VIII. Any person applying to register to vote pursuant to this section within 30 calendar days immediately preceding an election shall be advised to apply to register to vote with a city or town clerk or supervisor of the checklist pursuant to this chapter.

654:15-b Electronic Transmission of Voter Registration Data.

I. The division of motor vehicles shall transmit, via a secure electronic transmission, data collected relevant to voter registration, including data relating to age, residency, citizenship, place of birth, and driver's license or non-driver's picture identification card, as well as a signature image, for every citizen who applies to register to vote in accordance with RSA 654:15-a to the secretary of state. The division of motor vehicles shall transfer data in a format that can be uploaded to the statewide centralized voter registration database.

The secretary of state shall format data to allow the city or town clerk or supervisor of the checklist to print the information on an 8.5 x 11 inch sheet of paper. Notwithstanding RSA 294-E and any other law to the contrary, the secretary of state, state agencies, and political subdivisions shall accept, use, and permit the use of the applicant's signature image for purposes of this subdivision.

II. The city or town clerk or supervisor of the checklist shall be alerted when a new eligible voter has been entered into the statewide centralized voter registration database.

III. The secretary of state shall also transmit for review by election officials any address or name updates to their records to ensure that the voter checklists are kept up-to-date and remove voters' registration from the previous address, in accordance with state and federal law.

654:15-c Voter Registration Data Privacy and Security.

I. The secretary of state shall regularly upgrade data security for the voter registration system, such that the system adheres to up-to-date security processes and protocols.

II. The secretary of state shall ensure the privacy of the information received from the division of motor vehicles pursuant to this subdivision by prohibiting:

(a) Public disclosure of an individual's decision not to apply to register to vote, which shall be exempt from the provisions of RSA 91-A.

(b) Agencies from transmitting to election officials information other than that required for voter registration or specified information relevant to the administration of elections.

(c) The disclosure of information relating to persons in categories designated confidential by federal or state law, including victims of domestic violence or stalking, prosecutors and law enforcement personnel, and participants in a witness protection program.

(d) Any other disclosure of information collected pursuant to this subdivision that is prohibited by federal or state law.

654:15-d Unauthorized Registration. The record and signature of an ineligible applicant that is transmitted through an electronic system by a government agency to any elections or voter registration authority shall not constitute a completed voter registration form, and that applicant shall not be considered to have registered to vote.

654:15-e Requests for Removal from the Checklist. Any person who applies to register to vote pursuant to this subdivision may, prior to the certification of the checklist pursuant to RSA 654:28 and RSA 654:29, request that he or she be removed from the checklist by submitting such request in person at his or her town or city hall.

2 New Paragraph; Access to Governmental Records and Meetings; Exemptions. Amend RSA 91-A:5 by inserting after paragraph XI the following new paragraph:

XII. An individual's decision not to apply to register to vote under RSA 654:15-a.

3 New Paragraph; Motor Vehicles; Records and Certification. Amend RSA 260:14 by inserting after paragraph III-d the following new paragraph:

III-e. Motor vehicle records relevant to voter registration shall be provided to the secretary of state pursuant to RSA 654:15-b. These records may be further transferred or otherwise made available to city or town clerks and supervisors of the checklist for purposes of voter registration.

4 Department and Secretary of State; Election Fund. Amend RSA 5:6-d, III to read as follows:

III. The secretary of state is authorized to accept, budget, and, subject to the limitations of this paragraph, expend [~~monies~~] **moneys** in the election fund received from any party for the purposes of conducting elections, voter and election official education, the purchase or lease of equipment that complies with the Help America Vote Act of 2002, Public Law 107-252, or with RSA 659:13, V, reimbursing the department of safety for the actual cost of voter identification cards, election law enforcement, enhancing election technology, making election security improvements, and improvements to related information technology, including acquisition and operation of an automated election management system. With the exception of federal and state portions of funds associated with the 2018 Election Reform Program, the secretary of state shall not expend any monies in the election fund unless the balance in the fund following such expenditures shall be at least [~~12~~] **10** times the estimated annual cost of maintaining the programs established to comply with the Help America Vote Act of 2002, Public Law 107-252.

5 Funding. Funding for the direct Help America Vote Act related implementation of this act, including division of motor vehicles software and SMART-related training and public informational collateral, shall be provided by grants received pursuant to the 2018 Help America Vote Act Election Security Award and section 101 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002, Public Law 107-252.

6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.