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HOUSE CALENDAR

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

The House will meet January 3rd, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. and January 4th, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Representatives Hall to act on retained bill reports.

Please retain and bring along the House Calendar that was recently mailed to all members as there will be a very limited quantity available onsite for the session days.

Continue to keep January 11, 2024, marked on your calendar as a possible Session day should we be unable to complete our business on the 3rd and 4th.

If you have content suggestions for our newsletter, please contact Jennifer Tramp, House Communications Director. We hope you find this new publication a valuable resource in keeping up with happenings at the State House complex.

For planning purposes, we will not be in Session during the week of February 26, 2024, when most schools are on vacation.

As a reminder, State Offices will be closed on Monday, December 25th and Monday, January 1st.

I want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and happy holiday season.

Sherman A. Packard, Speaker of the House

NOTICE

There will be a Democratic Caucus on **Wednesday, January 3rd and Thursday, January 4th and Thursday, January 11th at 8:00 a.m.** in the State House Cafeteria.

Rep. Matt Wilhelm, Democratic Leader

NOTICE

The next meeting of the chairs and vice chairs will be scheduled in January, to be announced.

Sherman A. Packard, Speaker of the House

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, December 27, 2023

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

AVAILABLE ON:

Friday, December 29, 2023

Friday, January 5, 2024

Friday, January 12, 2024

Paul C. Smith, Clerk of the House

2024 HOUSE DEADLINES

Second Year Session Deadlines

Friday, January 5, 2024

Thursday, February 15, 2024

Thursday, February 22, 2024

Last day to introduce House Bills

Last day to report House Bills going to a second committee

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

Thursday, March 21, 2024	Last day to report House Bills not in a second committee
Thursday, March 28, 2024	Last day to act on House Bills not in a second committee
Thursday, April 4, 2024	Last day to report all House Bills
Thursday, April 11, 2024	CROSSOVER – Last day to act on all House Bills
Thursday, April 25, 2024	Last day to report Senate Bills going to a second committee
Thursday, May 2, 2024	Last day to act on Senate Bills going to a second committee
Thursday, May 16, 2024	Last day to report all Senate Bills
Thursday, May 23, 2024	Last day to act on all Senate Bills
Thursday, May 30, 2024	Last day to form committees of conference
Thursday, June 6, 2024	Last day to sign committee of conference reports (4:00 p.m.)
Thursday, June 13, 2024	Last day to act on committee of conference reports
Tuesday, September 3, 2024	First day for incumbents running for re-election to file LSRs with complete information
Friday, September 13, 2024	Last day prior to the General Election for incumbents running for re-election to file LSRs with complete information
Friday, October 25, 2024	Last day to file 2024 Interim Study reports
Wednesday, November 6, 2024	First day for all Representatives to file LSRs with complete information
Friday, November 22, 2024	Last day to file LSRs with complete information (4:00 p.m.)
	Ten-day signoff begins
Thursday, January 2, 2025	Last day to sign-off on all LSRs (12:00 p.m.)
Friday, January 24, 2025	Last day to introduce House Bills
	Last day to amend House Rules by majority vote

NOTICE

Please note that all streaming videos of standing committee meetings and joint committees can be found at the NH House of Representatives YouTube channel. The link to the YouTube channel:
www.youtube.com/c/NHHouseofRepresentativesCommitteeStreaming

NOTICE FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

On 12/14/23, the Internal Revenue Service modified the standard mileage rate for transportation expenses. For 2024, the federal mileage reimbursement rate for members of the General Court increases from \$0.655 per mile to \$0.67 per mile for all miles incurred on or after January 1, 2024. Please note that mileage payments dated January 12, 2024, are for mileage incurred between 12/15/23 and 12/28/23 and will be paid at the 2023 rate. Please contact the General Court Administrative Office at (603) 271-3162 if you have any questions.

NOTICE

LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE

The Legislative Ethics Committee has voted to issue the following advisory opinion, which is printed below in its entirety.

**Advisory Opinion 2023-3
 Response to a Request for an Advisory Opinion from
 Representative Alissandra Murray
 (December 5, 2023)**

The Legislative Ethics Committee, at its meeting on December 5, 2023, considered a request for an advisory opinion from Representative Alissandra Murray. More specifically, she asked for advice on whether, given her employment, she “should be filing a Declaration of Intent prior to any specific vote in the upcoming legislative year.”

In her letter to the Committee, dated October 16, 2023, Representative Murray stated that she is employed by the Reproductive Freedom Fund of New Hampshire ("RFFNH"), which she described as a "501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to fund abortion care for indigent patients in New Hampshire." She stated that she disclosed her employment by RFFNH on her 2023-2024 Financial Disclosure Form. Her employer engages in minimal "lobbying" activity. However, she is not employed in nor does she receive any direct financial benefit from that activity. Therefore, in the past, she did not think it necessary to make further disclosure by filing a Declaration of Intent Form on particular legislation. That position has been called into question, prompting her request for an advisory opinion.

In completing its consideration, the Committee reviewed the facts set forth in the written request. In addition, the Committee received testimony from Representative Murray and her attorney, William E. Christie. The Committee also invited Ms. Josie Pinto, the Executive Director of RFFNH to attend voluntarily, and her attorney, Jeffrey D. Odland, spoke on her behalf.

The Committee finds that Representative Murray was elected to office in November 2022. She was a founder of RFFNH and served as a volunteer until she was hired for the position of deputy director. The purpose of RFFNH is to provide funding for abortion services. According to the testimony received by the Committee, the executive director of RFFNH, Josie Pinto, is a registered lobbyist representing RFFNH. She specifically testified on five bills before the legislature during the 2023 session with about \$800 in organizational expenses attributable to the lobbying effort. While Representative Murray's position does not involve lobbying for RFFNH, she did co-sponsor one of the bills promoted by RFFNH and may have voted on others.

Relevant Provision of the Ethics Guidelines

Ethics Guidelines Section 3 -- Prohibited Activities

II. Legislators shall not solicit, accept, or agree to accept anything of value from another for themselves or other persons, if the legislator receives such thing of value:

(b) Knowing or believing that the giver is or is likely to become subject to or interested in any matter or action pending before or contemplated by the legislator or the General Court.

Committee Analysis

In *Advisory Opinion 2023-2*, the Committee considered a set of facts involving a legislator's proposed employment by an organization which was represented by registered lobbyists and actively promoted or opposed matters pending before the General Court. The Committee reasoned that if the legislator was being compensated to work on behalf of an organization which has a direct interest in the outcome of legislation, the legislator would be receiving something of value to effectively support the organization's activities. The Committee determined that an organization which intends to effect legislation is different from a business that may be affected by legislation. Accordingly, the Committee advised that, were the legislator to accept employment with the organization, she would be required "to recuse herself from voting, testifying or otherwise participating in any official activities relating to legislation on which (the organization) has lobbied, testified, or otherwise attempted to influence the outcome." The Committee determined that the circumstances presented in this request are substantially the same as the circumstances presented in *Advisory Opinion 2023-2*.

Conclusion

Accordingly, we advise that Representative Murray is required to file a Declaration of Intent Form on any matters involving abortion funding. As long as Representative Murray is employed by RFFNH, she is required to recuse herself from voting, testifying or otherwise participating in any official activities relating to legislation on which RFFNH has lobbied, testified, or otherwise attempted to influence the outcome. For legislation generally relating to abortion funding but on which RFFNH has not lobbied, testified, or otherwise attempted to influence the outcome, filing a Declaration of Intent would provide disclosure of the possible conflict sufficient to satisfy requirements of the conflict of interest provisions of the Ethics Guidelines. [Vote: 5-1]

We appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance.

By the Committee:

Honorable Donna Sytek, Vice Chairman

Senator Ruth Ward

Representative Janet G. Wall

Honorable David W. Hess

Senator Cindy Rosenwald voted against the majority opinion.

Representative Bob Lynn recused and did not participate.

For the Committee,

Edward M. Gordon

Chairman

Legislative Ethics Committee

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

CURRENT USE BOARD (RSA 79-A:3), Department of Revenue Administration Training Room, 109 Pleasant Street Concord, NH

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee meeting.
10:30 a.m. Subcommittee meeting.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

STATE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 115-A:2), Edward Cross Training Center Facility, 722 Riverwood Drive, Pembroke, NH 03275

5:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

COMMISSION TO STUDY COMMUNITY IMPACTS OF THE SECURED YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER (RSA 169-B:48), Room 100, SH

11:00 a.m. Subcommittee meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE OPIOID ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 126-A:85), Dept of Justice, 1 Granite Pl., South Concord, NH

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting. Join Zoom: <https://joinconferencing.zoom.us/join>
Meeting ID: 762 964 6757 Passcode: 782701

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306-308, LOB

10:00 a.m. Presentation by the LBA Audit Division on the Audit of Mental Health Licensing.
1:00 p.m. Administrative Rules Review subcommittee.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE DELIVERY OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES THROUGH REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH NETWORKS (RSA 127:12), NH Fire Academy, 98 Smokey Bear Blvd, Concord

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting. Join Zoom: Meeting ID: 827 3125 2212 Passcode: 392939
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82731252212?pwd=Q3pvYncvcW55Zkg0ZVVNQW5USGlsZz09>

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

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

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL (RSA 238-A:2), NHDOT, 7 Hazen Drive, Room 112-113, Concord, NH

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting. Join Zoom:
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88318398876?pwd=3ioJUIBlEACyWb8DOWTdx2SK7qBd_Q.Jy9UO-R0FLtRLV-2t
By Phone: +1 646 558 8656 Webinar ID: 883 1839 8876 Passcode: 102769

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

FINANCE - DIVISION III, Room 210-211, LOB

10:00 a.m. Informational meeting with the Department of Health and Human Services, on the subject of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF).

NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 485-F:4), NHDES, Room 213, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee meeting.

NHDES, Cafeteria, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

**NH LAND AND COMMUNITY HERITAGE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS (RSA 227-M:4),
NH Fish & Game, West Conference Room, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH**
2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

**WELLNESS AND PRIMARY PREVENTION COUNCIL (RSA 126-M:3), New Futures Conference
Room, Suite 400, 100 North Main Street, Concord, NH**
9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

CAPITAL PROJECT OVERVIEW COMMITTEE (RSA 17-J:2), Room 201, LOB
9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

LONG RANGE CAPITAL PLANNING AND UTILIZATION COMMITTEE (RSA 17-M:1), Room 201, LOB
10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

REVISED FISCAL NOTES

The following bills have a revised fiscal note: HB 91, HB 272, HB 276, HB 282, HB 300, HB 345, HB 436, HB 439, HB 447, HB 449, HB 462, HB 463, HB 527, HB 533, HB 535, HB 537, HB 559, HB 560, HB 565, HB 566, HB 571, HB 606, HB 608, HB 614, HB 616, HB 618, HB 620, HB 622, HB 627, HB 628, HB 645, HB 652, HB 1426, HB 1589, HB 1592, HB 1632, HB 1654, HB 1665, HB 1677, HB 1686, SB 106, SB 151, SB 180, SB 235, SB 267.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

The **Hillsborough** County Legislative Delegation will meet in CONVENTION on **Wednesday, January 3, 2024**, during the lunch break in the Legislative Session at the NH State House, Legislative Chambers, located at 107 N. Main Street in Concord, NH for the following purpose: consistent with RSA 28:8-d, to consider the approval of the Lease Agreement between Hillsborough County and the State of New Hampshire, Department of Administrative Services, Bureau of Court Facilities to enter into a five (5) year lease agreement commencing on December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2028 for the use of second floor space at the Bouchard Building located at 329 Mast Road, Goffstown, NH for the Goffstown Circuit Court;

Pursuant to RSA 24:2, to consider rescinding the appointment of an individual as part of the Democratic Party's proportional representation on the Executive Committee based on the individual's change in party status which alters the proportional representation approved at the Delegation Organizational Meeting held on December 14, 2022; And any other business to come before the Delegation.

Rep. Amanda Bouldin, Clerk

Rockingham County Executive Committee Meeting, **Friday, January 26, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.**, Hilton Auditorium, Rockingham County Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Brentwood, NH. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct the FY-2024 Second Quarter Budget Review. A quorum is required. Executive Committee Members must attend in person. Zoom Access is available:

<https://zoom.us/j/5713255541?pwd= TkV4NnM5OHp5SnZzVEcxaFlrL0VYZz09>

By Phone: 1-929-205-6099 Enter the Meeting ID: 571-325-5541 Note: Participant IDs will not be provided for this meeting. Simply press # to continue. Enter the Meeting Password: 312900 The following email address will be monitored throughout the meeting to alert committee members of any issues: rbernier@co.rockingham.nh.us

Rep. John Potucek, Clerk

MEMBERS' NOTICES

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

Fellow Legislators, over the last six years we've raised over \$11k for the neediest of people in Concord by kettle bell ringing with the Salvation Army. We're continuing the tradition for our 7th year and will ring bell again on **Saturday, December 23rd, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** in front of the State Liquor Store on Storrs Street in Concord. We need 2-4 people per hour to cover the kettle. If you have time, can you please pick an hour time slot, find a fellow Rep or Senator to hang with and email and let us know which time slot you'll be covering. (The time flies when you are hanging with friends and the people are really receptive.) We'll have Christmas Music playing. Dress warm and festive! Cheers!

Rep. Michael Moffett

Future In Sight of Concord, formerly known as the NH Association for the Blind, cordially invites all legislators and staff to join us for lunch on **Wednesday, January 3, 2024, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**, in the State House café. The lunch will be an opportunity to learn how Future In Sight is the only private nonprofit organization in New Hampshire to supply a comprehensive range of statewide services to children, adults and elderly who are blind and visually impaired. Our members and clients will be available to share their experiences and provide information.

Rep. Tim Soucy

Representatives Alicia Gregg and Fred Plett invite all representatives to cookies and coffee in the State House cafeteria during lunch break on **January 4th**. Please come to the cafeteria and learn more about the Granite Bridge Legislative Alliance!

Reps. Alicia Gregg and Fred Plett

Stay Work Play New Hampshire will hold a Legislative Reception from **4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Thursday, January 4**, at The Barley House, 132 N. Main St., directly across from the State House. Bringing together legislators, young Granite Staters, and those who employ them, this casual networking event will give you the opportunity to meet your younger constituents and learn more about the issues affecting whether they might stay in, or leave, New Hampshire. Please RSVP to Kristina Lafiosca at kristina@stayworkplay.org or online at stayworkplay.org/legislative-reception.

Reps. Joe Alexander and Matthew Wilhelm

All Representatives and House staff are cordially invited to attend the "Welcome Back Legislators" reception hosted by the Business and Industry Association, New Hampshire's statewide chamber of commerce. The reception will take place at the Grappone Conference Center, 70 Constitution Ave Concord, NH on **Thursday, January 11th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** The reception is complimentary to Representatives and staff, but the BIA is requesting advance registration to assist in planning for the event. RSVP to Carole Alfano at the BIA by email at calfano@biaofnh.com or by phone at (603 224-5388, ext. 102).

Reps. Jason Osborne and Matthew Wilhelm