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HOUSE CALENDAR

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

The House will meet on Thursday, February 8th at 10:00 a.m. We will be joined by Canada's Deputy Ambassador to the U.S., Arun Alexander and Canada's new Consul General to New England, Bernadette Jordan. The Honorable Bernadette Jordan will address the body at the beginning of our session.

The House and Senate will assemble in Joint Convention on February 15th at 1 p.m. to hear Governor Sununu's State of the State Address. The House will act on legislation following the address. Please also hold your calendar for a session day on Thursday, February 22nd, which is the deadline to act on House Bills going to a second committee.

As we forge ahead through the busiest, most intensive time of our legislative calendar, I ask you to be mindful of how you treat and interact with each other and citizens who appear before the legislature. We are guided by language in our state constitution (Part II, Article 22), which demands of us an environment free from threats, disrespect, ill-treatment, and disorder. Furthermore, we can look to our own ethics guidelines, which state, "Legislators shall treat each other, legislative employees, and the public with dignity and respect."

Disagreement in political matters is inevitable. But we all have the responsibility to be professional, respectful, and lead by example. As public office holders, we have a duty to hold ourselves to a higher standard and put civility first. Our fellow legislators and our constituents have the right to be heard, and we owe them the respect and dignity of listening. Everyone has a right to present an opposing viewpoint. No legislator or member of the public should feel intimidated or fear hostility over testimony they give before a committee. No legislator should feel intimidated or fear hostility over remarks they may deliver before the House or a vote they may take in committee or in session.

Your safety and security are a high priority in and around the State House Complex. To report a security concern, please visit the nearest Protective Services post, or call 603-271-2200. If there is an emergency situation, dial 9-1-1 first.

As a reminder, State Offices will be closed on Monday, February 19th in observance of Presidents Day. We will not have a session day during the week of February 26, 2024, when most schools are on vacation.

Pursuant to House Rule 44(d), if any House business is canceled due to inclement weather, notice will be posted on the General Court website at gencourt.state.nh.us. In addition, email notification will go out to affected committees and staff.

Pursuant to the State House Public Conduct Policy, food is only permitted in the State House cafeteria, and committee rooms not in use should not be utilized as lunch rooms.

Members should not occupy another's assigned parking space around the State House or LOB. Assigned spaces around the State House and LOB are assigned to members with medical or other needs. Continued violations related to parking will not be taken lightly. Members additionally have no rights to park at no charge in spaces that the General Court does not control. Members who receive parking tickets from the city of Concord are responsible for paying those fines.

Sherman A. Packard, Speaker of the House

NOTICE

The date of the next meeting of the chairs and vice chairs will be published in next week's Calendar.

Sherman A. Packard, Speaker of the House

NOTICE

There will be a Republican Caucus on **Thursday, February 8th at 9:00 a.m.** in Representatives Hall.
Rep. Jason Osborne, Majority Leader

NOTICE

There will be a Democratic Caucus on **Thursday, February 8th at 9:00 a.m.** in the State House Cafeteria.
Rep. Matt Wilhelm, Democratic Leader

NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION

This day, Thursday, February 1, 2024, at 5:45 p.m., Representative Lisa Smart, having voted with the prevailing side, served notice of reconsideration on the motion of OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT on HB 1002, relative to fees for records under the right-to-know law., which the House passed on a roll call vote of 193-179.

Paul C. Smith
Clerk 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, February 7, 2024
Wednesday, February 14, 2024
Wednesday, February 21, 2024

AVAILABLE ON:

Friday, February 9, 2024
Friday, February 16, 2024
Friday, February 23, 2024

Paul C. Smith, Clerk of the House

2024 HOUSE DEADLINES

Second Year Session Deadlines

Thursday, February 15, 2024

Thursday, February 22, 2024

Thursday, March 21, 2024

Thursday, March 28, 2024

Thursday, April 4, 2024

Thursday, April 11, 2024

Thursday, April 25, 2024

Thursday, May 2, 2024

Thursday, May 16, 2024

Thursday, May 23, 2024

Thursday, May 30, 2024

Thursday, June 6, 2024

Thursday, June 13, 2024

Tuesday, September 3, 2024

Friday, September 13, 2024

Friday, October 25, 2024

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

Friday, November 22, 2024

Thursday, January 2, 2025

Friday, January 24, 2025

Last day to report House Bills going to a second committee

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

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 committees of conference

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

Last day to act on committee of conference reports

First day for incumbents running for re-election to file LSRs with complete information

Last day prior to the General Election for incumbents running for re-election to file LSRs with complete information

Last day to file 2024 Interim Study reports

First day for all Representatives to file LSRs with complete information

Last day to file LSRs with complete information (4:00 p.m.)

Ten-day signoff begins

Last day to sign-off on all LSRs (12:00 p.m.)

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

BILLS LAID ON TABLE

HB 147, relative to membership of the advisory committee on the education of students with disabilities. Pending question: No pending question.

HB 232-FN, adopting section 1910 OSHA standards for public sector employees in New Hampshire. Pending question: Amendment (2429h).

HB 267, relative to criminal records checks in school employment. Pending question: Refer for Interim Study.

HB 301, relative to recusal by members of the general court for conflicts of interest. Pending question: Amendment (2326h).

HB 369, establishing a task force to provide energy relief on farms. Pending question: No pending question.

HB 375-FN, relative to the licensure of nonresident aliens temporarily residing in New Hampshire. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 437-FN, relative to a reading assessment and intervention program. Pending question: Refer for Interim Study.

HB 439-FN, relative to the duty to provide an education and contracts with private schools. Pending question: No pending question.

HB 499-FN, requiring the rules of evidence to apply in family court cases and relative to the admission of certain evidence in family court proceedings. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 505-FN, relative to comprehensive mental health education in schools. Pending question: No pending question.

HB 546-FN-L, relative to the school building aid program. Pending question: No pending question.

HB 553, relative to school district information on personnel salaries. Pending question: No pending question.

HB 570, relative to Real ID compliant New Hampshire driver's licenses. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 577-FN-L, relative to state aid for special education pupils. Pending question: No pending question.

HB 651, authorizing the department of education and local school districts to contract with transportation network companies to provide school transportation services. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

SB 218-FN-A, establishing an early educator professional development grant. Pending question: No pending question.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8 CONSENT CALENDAR

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

HB 1340, relative to exclusion of incarceration as voluntary unemployment for purposes of calculating child support. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. David Bickford for Children and Family Law. This bill is one of eight recommendations from the recent "Review of the NH Child Support Guidelines." It codifies New Hampshire Supreme Court decision In the Matter of the State of New Hampshire and Cory Lounder, opinion issued: June 13, 2014. The decision stated that incarceration is not to be considered voluntary unemployment. This would bring New Hampshire into compliance with 2016 federal requirements. Within the requirement to not treat incarceration as voluntary employment, there should be no exception in the provision based on reasons of incarceration. **Vote 16-0.**

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 279-FN, increasing the penalty for on-premises licensees overserving alcohol. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Terry Roy for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill would increase the penalties on liquor license holders who are found to have overserved members of the public. It would also make public when a licensee has negative action taken on their license. The committee agreed that this was necessary. Testimony revealed that establishments who had their license suspended for overserving, were found to have claimed they were closing for the holidays vs of due to their license having been suspended. It was suspended after an investigation by the liquor commission and state police determined that the death of someone was attributed to one of their clientele, who had been overserved. The bill also incentivizes licensees to have their employees take

the free training provided by the liquor commission with regard to serving alcohol to the public. The committee, after hearing testimony from the liquor commission, the sponsor, and family members of a young woman killed by an overserved driver, agreed that this bill ought to pass. Some members of the committee felt that it did not go far enough, and while that may be true, in an effort to immediately strengthen the ability of the liquor commission to sanction establishments found to have overserved, compromise is in order and further legislation is likely to follow. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 1137-FN, relative to trafficking offences and special restitution for human trafficking victims **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Terry Roy for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The committee, at the request of the sponsor, agreed to find this bill inexpedient to legislate. The sponsor related to the committee that more work was needed. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 1177-FN, relative to the electronic filing of domestic violence and stalking petitions in the circuit court family and district court divisions. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Linda Harriott-Gathright for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The committee heard testimony that 95% of current petitioners file using paper petitions. We also heard testimony from the NH Domestic Violence Coalition that currently, a person can file via paper in person, use the computer in the courts, or go to a safe place or organization and file electronically. The committee believes that it's important that the 3 options remain in place. There were significant concerns regarding the impact this legislation would have on victim safety, and it may create unnecessary barriers for victims when they need immediate relief from abusive relationships. **Vote 18-0.**

EDUCATION

HB 1058, relative to school employee and designated school volunteer criminal history records checks. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Stephen Woodcock for Education. This bill's intent was laudable, but questions arose regarding the phrase "failure to report" as it appears very difficult to verify. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 1066, relative to the graduation requirement of filing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Kristin Noble for Education. This bill would repeal the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) graduation requirement that was passed in 2021. The requirement would be replaced with a school board policy requiring districts to provide FAFSA information to students and their parents. Although the current law was well-intentioned and designed to direct more students into college, there are a few reasons for repealing. A high school diploma should be awarded based on a student's knowledge and skills and not contingent upon an administrative requirement. Not all students will choose college. Some will choose military service, joining the workforce, or pursuing a career in the trades; all can lead to success. If a student has the desire to go to college and they cannot afford to pay out of pocket, then they will fill out the FAFSA without it being a requirement to do so. There is an issue of overreach as some parents will not want to be forced to share private information with schools. This bill would apply a more balanced approach to FAFSA. There is wide support for this bill with both our school districts and parents. **Vote 16-4.**

HB 1088, enabling schools to maintain a supply of epinephrine auto-injectors. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Linda Tanner for Education. This bill allows school districts to maintain a supply of stock epinephrine auto-injection for use in the event of an allergic emergency. Details about who can administer, training requirements, storage, and immunity from liability are already included in the chapter into which this enabling language is inserted. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 1107, relative to public school curriculum frameworks. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Rick Ladd for Education. This bill, as amended, defines curriculum frameworks and requires the Department of Education to institute procedures for maintaining them. An instructional framework provides a road map for effective teaching and student learning. For a school district, it's an essential tool to ensure students receive a high quality education that supports state board approved academic standards. Curriculum frameworks do not establish a statewide curriculum, as the lessons and academic content taught at grade levels or in a specific course or program is by statute a local responsibility. In accordance with amending language, curriculum framework means an organized plan of study that serves as a guide and reference to what New Hampshire's students should know and be able to do in a learning area and identifies the academic standards for each learning area. The frameworks also offer instructional approaches, and provide a scope, organization, and well-coordinated sequence of subject matter. **Vote 20-0.**

HB 1161, relative to use of the public school infrastructure fund for energy efficient school buses. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Rick Ladd for Education. As amended, this bill supports the use of public school infrastructure funds for school buses. The Public School Infrastructure Commission, with technical support from the New Hampshire

Department of Education (DOE) and Homeland Security and Emergency Management, has prioritized and awarded over \$50 million to New Hampshire's public elementary, secondary, and charter schools to enhance school security (surveillance, access control, and emergency alerting/communication) since the establishment of the program in 2018. The grant program has addressed recommendations contained in the 2018 New Hampshire School Safety Preparedness Task Force Report established by Governor Chris Sununu. Safety and security in New Hampshire's schools is a paramount priority with the overarching goal of ensuring that our kids are in a safe and secure environment. This bill will allow the commission to allocate funds toward bus security needs (cameras, communication equipment, etc.), not just in energy efficient buses. This legislation is supported by the Infrastructure Commission that involves DOE and Homeland Security. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 1165, relative to procedures for school facilities under the department of education. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Rick Ladd for Education. This bill, as amended, is a request of the Department of Education and revises requirements for school district receipt and use of school building aid and clarifies rule-making and administration of the school building aid and public school infrastructure fund. If a school district accepts school building aid funds for construction, the district shall now engage the services of an "owner's project manager" to oversee construction projects exceeding \$1,000,000. The state board shall develop rules relative to the required services, responsibilities, and qualifications for the owner's project manager. All school building aid grants shall be deposited into an established school district expendable trust created pursuant to RSA 198:20-c, with unused building aid grant funds remaining invested at all times. This legislation also states that the General Court recognizes that there is a need to provide building aid grants and infrastructure projects for approved public school preschool programs, public elementary school, and public secondary schools. Lastly, amending language requires the department to notify every public New Hampshire school explaining how to access federal programs to help provide and maintain good indoor air quality in public buildings. **Vote 20-0.**

HB 1436, relative to requiring institutions of higher education to maintain certain statistical information on their website. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Mike Belcher for Education. This bill would require colleges to maintain a website of statistical data regarding their degree programs and demographics and would establish harsh penalties for failure to maintain a 99% up-time of the website. It has come to the committee's attention that a 99% up-time of a website is not an industry standard and may not be within the realm of reasonable possibility. As such, it is very unlikely that this proposed law would survive a court challenge. The penalties enacted are extremely strict, stripping colleges of all public funds for failure to comply. Though the intent of the bill, to provide transparency regarding degree programs, debt, career outlook, and discriminatory behaviors is laudable, the bill, as written, is unworkable. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 1443, relative to special education dispute resolution. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Mel Myler for Education. Resolving special education disputes is a complex process. The interest of parents and professional educators in determining the special education services to a child may create conflict. All want what is best for the child. There are various options open to parents to resolve a dispute. The committee recognizes that it is important for the parties to conclude the best possible services for a special needs child. However, determining the best process for a dispute resolution needs the necessary time to review and consider best approaches and alternatives to resolve a dispute. The committee believes that Interim Study will provide an opportunity to delve into and understand approaches to assisting parents and educators to mutually agree on what is best for the student. **Vote 20-0.**

HB 1469, relative to the retention of individualized education program records. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Corinne Cascadden for Education. This bill is a request of the Department of Education to establish the same special education retention of individualized education program (IEP) records to the same process as New Hampshire school districts. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 1471, declaring the total solar eclipse a school holiday. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Linda Tanner for Education. On April 8, 2024, an amazing astronomical event, a total Solar Eclipse, will travel across the northern part of New Hampshire. The committee thanks the bill sponsors for bringing information and attention to this amazing event. HB 1417 requires the Department of Education to make rules for a two day excused absence for any student traveling to view the total eclipse. We recommend this bill Inexpedient to legislate because school calendars and excused absences are a local decision. **Vote 19-1.**

HB 1480, relative to alternative dispute resolution within individualized education programs. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Corinne Cascadden for Education. This bill was filed at the request of the Department of Education. The language in the amendment authorizes the "State Board of Education" to make rules and not the "Department of Education." **Vote 16-0.**

HB 1534-FN, relative to establishing a program to earn tuition credits for state of New Hampshire higher education institutions through community service. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Valerie McDonnell for Education. This bill establishes a program for students to earn tuition credits for completed community service hours. The committee believes further investigation is needed into the prospective program administration, existing local policies, and the student debt crisis as a whole. Recognizing the economic burden tuition places on students, the committee would like to examine the bill further with information unavailable to date. **Vote 20-0.**

HB 1555, relative to special meetings for changes in education funding. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. David Luneau for Education. School districts are authorized to hold special meetings when certain situations arise. This bill would allow a district to call a special meeting when the actual state adequacy grant is substantially different from the estimated amount. The committee believes additional study and consideration needs to be done. **Vote 18-2.**

HB 1570-FN-A-LOCAL, relative to administration of school building aid funds by the department of education and making an appropriation therefor. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Rick Ladd for Education. This bill, as amended, directs the Department of Education to contract with a vendor to conduct a facility assessment of public schools and public charter schools. This bill is in support of the 10-year plan that identifies school facility goals, provides projected capital expenditures, and outlines procedures and guidelines to be followed to accomplish goals. Facility assessments shall be conducted and based upon consistent criteria and qualified personnel. Facility assessments will assist the department and districts to better plan, prioritize, and project anticipated capital construction and renovation expenditures relative to the state building aid program. **Vote 20-0.**

HB 1639-FN-LOCAL, relative to children with disabilities placed at state facilities for adjudicated youth. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Corinne Cascadden for Education. This bill is at the request of the Department of Education. The bill will revise the reference language from "Youth Development Center" to "In-State Facilities for Adjudicated Youth and County Correctional Facilities." **Vote 16-0.**

HB 1657-FN, relative to prohibiting hazing at educational institutions. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Mike Belcher for Education. This bill would significantly expand the scope of behaviors considered to be "hazing," as well as establish broader powers of enforcement and a fund dedicated to this end. Though the general concept of prohibiting hazing, within reasonable boundaries, is good and admirable, the language of this bill is extremely vague, and could be construed to include behaviors such as cramming for an examination late at night, having to participate in outdoors activities in the rain, or even simply denying an applicant or pledge access to an organization to be "hazing" behavior. This apparently harmless behavior could then form the basis for strict punishments, and the expenditure of substantial amounts of public funds. This bill needs substantial work if it is to be acceptable to this committee. Interim Study is the obvious mechanism to look at this bill further to determine what, if anything, might be done to bring it in line with constitutional provisions and general concepts of just law, while adequately protecting persons in college from unreasonable predations of hazing. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 1670-FN-LOCAL, relative to including all special education costs under state education grants. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Mel Myler for Education. This bill adds the full amount of state aid for special education services to the grants made for adequate education and assesses the costs under the statewide education tax. The issue of special education funding is complex and important. The growth of special education expenses on local school districts has been dramatic. The state portion of special education reimbursement to local school districts has been inadequate. A resolution to the funding of special education is needed. The committee believes that more time is needed to address the complexity of this issue and thus believes that Interim Study is the best way forward. **Vote 19-1.**

HB 1690-FN, relative to hiring, promotion, graduation, or admission in higher education. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Katy Peternel for Education. This bill prohibits any institution of higher education that discriminates in admission, hiring, promotion, graduation, or admission to any program on the basis of sex, race, sexuality, national origin, ethnicity, or ideology, including but not limited to permitting diversity, equity, and inclusion statements, from accepting funds from the state or any local government or any subdivision thereof. This bill further establishes procedures for enforcement of this prohibition. This bill would establish a new chapter of law which would apply to public, private, non-profit and for-profit which would be difficult to enforce. Students and employees are protected from discrimination under current statute. If this bill were enacted and penalties needed to be enforced, the colleges and universities would not be able to fulfill their commitments. **Vote 19-1.**

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 1057, relative to provisional licenses for new applicants for state emergency medical services licensure. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Jaci Grote for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill allows EMT applicants who meet all licensure requirements but are awaiting their background check for a period that exceeds 3 weeks, the ability to work under a provisional license. Upon receipt of the background check, depending on the results, the license will be issued or the initial license will be revoked. This bill supports municipalities in NH who seek to employ EMTs, and is similar to provisions for other licensed professions. **Vote 13-0.**

HB 1267-FN, relative to prohibiting environmental, social, and governance standards in the selection of government investments. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Jaci Grote for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill prohibits environmental, social, and governance standards in the selection of government investments. Although the committee heard information from both sides of the issue, the committee stands consistent with previous recommendations of inexpedient to legislate because the New Hampshire Retirement System has established investment policies that provide the return expected by the board. **Vote 13-0.**

HB 1292-FN, relative to coverage of children under the state retiree insurance plan. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Jaci Grote for Executive Departments and Administration. Today, children of retirees of the New Hampshire Retirement System (NHRS) are allowed to remain on their parents' healthcare plan up through age 25, if they are a full time student. This bill allows children of retirees who are between the ages of 19 and 25 to receive healthcare benefits, whether or not they are students. The retiree pays 100% of the cost. The committee considered this pool of young people low risk and helpful in retaining young people in our state as they establish themselves in their community. **Vote 11-0.**

HB 1333-FN, relative to prohibiting state agencies from buying or leasing fleet electric vehicles for 10 years. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Tony Lekas for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill would prohibit state agencies from buying or leasing fleet electric vehicles for 10 years. The committee heard testimony concerning the problems and costs of electric vehicles as well as the benefits. Even if it were reasonable to wait before purchasing or leasing them, it's not clear that 10 years is the appropriate amount of time. This is an area of ongoing development where more is being learned as experience is gained. Interim study will provide the House and possibly the other body to consider new information. **Vote 12-0.**

HB 1435-FN, relative to retirement system allowances for former spouses of retirees. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Dianne Schuett for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill provided that if a retirement system retiree returns to being a member of the system, the portion of the retiree's allowance paid to a former spouse under a domestic relations court order would continue. Testimony from the New Hampshire Retirement System cited legal concerns. Namely, these kinds of adjudications provide for a specific portion of a retiree's pension allotment be paid to the former spouse. So if the member is no longer retired and not receiving that allotment, there would be no allotment to take a portion from. Internal Revenue Code and state statute would be violated by providing a benefit to a person who is not a bona fide member of the system. Therefore, the committee voted the bill inexpedient to legislate. **Vote 11-0.**

HB 1451-FN, relative to mandatory overtime and the calculation of base rate of compensation. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Jaci Grote for Executive Departments and Administration. Currently, overtime is not always considered part of an employee's base pay compensation when pension benefits are calculated. With the workforce shortage, some state or municipal workers are mandated to work overtime. This bill requires that mandatory overtime is added to base pay when pension benefits are considered. Employers are responsible for setting the definition of mandatory overtime. **Vote 12-0.**

FISH AND GAME AND MARINE RESOURCES

HB 1077, relative to allowing the use of any-action carbines in certain hunting areas. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Jonathan Smith for Fish and Game and Marine Resources. The committee voted unanimously to recommend this bill as inexpedient to legislate. The bill is not needed since a duplicate and improved version, HB 1116, was recommended Ought to Pass with amendment in committee. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 1228, relative to establishing a fish and game guides committee to determine qualifications for licensure of fish and game guides. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Kimberly Abare for Fish and Game and Marine Resources. The committee expressed concerns that the proposed bill did not address the underlying issue of applicants failing licensure tests due to diverse learning

styles and challenges with an oral testing board. As a recommendation, instead of adding a new law onto the books in New Hampshire, the committee suggested that the NH Fish and Game Department consult with the commissioner of the Department of Education to improve the oral board component of testing, ensuring a more effective evaluation of demonstrative skills, and thus increasing the number of licensures in NH. **Vote 15-2.**

HB 1424, relative to pistols permitted for taking game. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. James Spillane for Fish and Game and Marine Resources. The committee agreed that this housekeeping bill would be a better way to manage the growing list of approved handgun calibers for hunting in New Hampshire. The amendment removed the .38 from the list, as it was not in the original acceptable caliber list, and it added back into the list the .327 Federal Magnum, which was inadvertently missed by the original bill. Passage of this bill will correct the incorrectly listed .50 Magnum, and ensure that the future addition of handgun calibers will not require yet another bill. **Vote 17-0.**

JUDICIARY

HB 1245, relative to release of confidential records of a person appointed a guardian. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Katelyn Kuttub for Judiciary. This bill will ensure a person who is appointed a guardian shall retain the right to access their medical and other confidential records, unless the court specifically finds it would not be in the ward's best interests to do so. Records are often needed for the ward to demonstrate that s/he no longer requires a guardianship or a conservatorship. But under current law, the guardian can frustrate the ward's ability to be relieved from the restrictions of the guardianship by denying or slow-walking the ward's access to the very information needed to show that the guardianship is no longer necessary. The committee believes this bill empowers people to have as much control over their own lives as possible, and ensures a movement like #FreeBritney, will not be needed in our state. **Vote 15-0.**

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

HB 1096, enabling the state house visitors center to sell state symbols that may have intellectual property right holders. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Nikki McCarter for Legislative Administration. This bill, if passed, would enable the NH State House Visitors Center to sell state symbols, such as state songs, which may have intellectual property right holders. The legislation did not require that the artist/property right holder be consulted prior to the sale or that the artist/property right holder would need to authorize the use for commercial purposes. The director of the visitors center did not indicate the legislation was needed and the committee unanimously recommends Inexpedient to Legislate primarily for that reason. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 1309, relative to the secretary of state's procedures for enrolled bills. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Nikki McCarter for Legislative Administration. Questions arise from the public frequently about how long it will take for legislation that passes the House and Senate to be signed into law by the Governor. A large part of the difficulty in providing an answer to what seems to be a simple question is related to our current inability to know exactly where the bill jacket physically is located in the process. A bill, once passed by both houses, first must be re-reviewed by the Office of Legislative Services for any imperfections or conflicts. Once past that scrutiny, this legislation would require the Secretary of State to monitor and publish on its public website the location of all reviewed legislation all the way to the Governor's desk. The committee heard testimony that this process would be a vast improvement and long overdue. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 1367, relative to establishing immunity for certain testimony in public legislative hearings. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Nikki McCarter for Legislative Administration. This bill authorizes the granting of immunity to members of the public appearing before the legislative committees for testimony concerning potential criminal conduct related to the statute that is the subject of the hearing. The sponsor believes the idea of granting immunity to those who might otherwise be fearful of self-incrimination might lead to more and better information arising from their testimony. Serious questions arose for which no answers were provided. For example, what qualifications would be necessary for committee chairman to be in the position to grant such immunity and what lasting effects would the immunity have beyond the legislative hearing and would the immunity carry beyond the jurisdiction of New Hampshire courts. It was for a lack of solid answers to these and other questions that the committee unanimously voted to recommend the bill be Inexpedient to Legislate. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 1434, relative to the Honor and Remember Flag. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. James Tierney for Legislative Administration. This bill would designate the Honor and Remember Flag as the state symbol of remembrance for those who died in the line of duty or as the result of service. The organization behind the flag is a commercial enterprise, and has yet to garner widespread support from traditional national service organizations such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) or the American Legion. In point of fact, a state-wide representative of the State Veterans Advisory Committee testified in opposition

to the bill. The flag currently flies at the NH Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen, NH, at their discretion. The flag can be purchased directly from the company and it can be personalized for individual service members. Overwhelmingly, the correspondence received by the committee indicated that it is the US flag that our service members fought and died for and the one that drapes their coffins and is presented to their spouse, parent or child is the one that honors them. The committee unanimously voted to recommend this bill Inexpedient to Legislate, not as a rebuke of the Honor and Remember Flag, but as a recognition of the US flag as our official symbol of remembrance. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 1495, making provisions for the prospective of all legislative acts on a sliding scale based on the vote count when passed by the house of representatives. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Deb Hobson for Legislative Administration. This bill offers an innovative suggestion to automatically repeal all legislation that passes the General Court based solely on the number of “yes” votes that the legislation received to pass the measure in the House of Representatives. Nothing is mentioned about the support the bill got in the Senate. Testimony was received that the intention of the prime sponsor is to minimize the number of duplicative and weakly supported laws on the books but nothing currently prohibits any legislator from submitting repeal legislation year after year. Concerns voiced by the committee include the possibility of laws being in limbo. In other words, that time period of uncertainty between having been automatically repealed, but not yet reinstated. Serious consequences could arise with criminal justice laws if that were to occur and that would be but one example. Additionally, the amount of additional work and systems, and possibly expense, needed to track the votes, given that all bills would henceforth need to be roll-called in the House, as well as all the additional number of bills that would come automatically to the committees, makes this suggestion less and less attractive for a citizen legislature the deeper one analyzes. The potential repercussions and unintended consequences could be enormous. **Vote 16-0.**

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HB 1034, relative to enabling municipalities to adopt a homestead property tax exemption. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Laurel Stavis for Municipal and County Government. This bill proposes enabling legislation that would address a major aspect of New Hampshire’s housing crisis by allowing municipalities to adopt a homestead property tax exemption. Said exemption would be limited to homeowners whose principal domiciles are their homes and would exclude homes with Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU’s) or attached units used for commercial purposes. In many NH towns, property taxes have increased disproportionately because of a concentrations of second homes, short-term rentals, and tourist attractions, making it extremely difficult for those on fixed incomes or working in vital industries and businesses to stay in their homes. Unlike many other property tax exemptions already existing in NH law, this bill, if passed, would be revenue neutral. If adopted by a municipality, this proposed bill would stabilize residential communities by making it possible for homeowners to retain their homes and continue to contribute to their communities. **Vote 17-1.**

HB 1342-FN, relative to the licensing of electronic literary materials by libraries. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Len Turcotte for Municipal and County Government. The committee found that trying to get in between the voluntary contracts of libraries and publishers for access to eBooks would have unintended consequences as this is a relatively new market. The sponsor agreed that there was much additional work needed for the bill to work and asked the committee to find the bill Inexpedient to Legislate. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 1461-FN, relative to live-streaming all properly noticed meetings and hearings of elected and appointed municipal bodies. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. David Preece for Municipal and County Government. This bill would require all meetings and hearings conducted by all elected and appointed municipal bodies to be live-streamed or recorded. While the proposed legislation would increase transparency in local government, the committee believes the funding and administration aspects, as required of the legislation, require further study. **Vote 18-1.**

HB 1544, relative to indemnification for municipalities adopting policies to address homelessness. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Eric Gallager for Municipal and County Government. The bill attempts to assist municipalities that are seeking to take measures to aid the homeless, but are deterred from doing so by the threat that potential litigation can have. While the bill may have been well-intentioned, a last-minute amendment that attempted to address some of the concerns raised by trial lawyers in the committee hearing was not heard. The bill’s granting of immunity was considered to be excessive, therefore the majority of the committee believes interim study would be the best avenue for giving this legislation the necessary consideration. **Vote 18-1.**

HB 1641-FN-LOCAL, relating to requiring large parking lots to have a solar power canopy. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Laurel Stavis for Municipal and County Government. This bill would institute a broad, statewide mandate for those owning property with various sized parking lots to install and operate solar panel canopies over a certain percentage of those parking lots. It would also require all new construction that included parking lots of a certain size to install such solar arrays. While well-intentioned, the bill would be unworkable for several reasons. Most importantly, the committee believes it would impose an unfunded mandate on all property owners in the state. But of equal concern is its placement in RSA 674, and its imposition of a statewide land use requirement in a statute that expressly calls for local control by land use boards. **Vote 18-1.**

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

HB 1046-FN, requiring a boat owner who is not the operator to notify law enforcement and file an accident report in certain circumstances. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Robert Healey for Resources, Recreation and Development. Similar to accidents involving motor vehicles, the law requires a boat operator involved in an accident involving death, injury and property damage in excess of \$2000 to report the accident to the Department of Safety. This bill requires the vessel's owner, who is not operating the boat at the time of a boating accident, to notify law enforcement and file an accident report in certain circumstances where the operator is unable, unwilling, fails to or refuses to make such notification. The bill was amended to provide clarification of procedural requirements. **Vote 20-0.**

HB 1103-FN, relative to revising the penalties of the shoreland protection act. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Rosemarie Rung for Resources, Recreation and Development. This bill seeks to remove impediments to the New Hampshire Department of Environment Services' (NHDES) ability to enforce the Shoreland Protection Act. The current statute requires evidence that a violation damages the public waterway, but such damages are cumulative over time and may coincide with other impacts to the waterway, making it impossible to isolate the damage of one specific violation. Additionally, current statute requires NHDES to assess when a "good faith effort" is made to remediation and restoration, which requires proof of the violator's state of mind. The passage of this bill will allow NHDES to meet the legal standard for enforcement of violations which threaten the water quality of NH waterways. **Vote 20-0.**

HB 1139, relative to location of conventional septic systems relative to the seasonal high water table. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Rosemarie Rung for Resources, Recreation and Development. This bill would allow conventional septic systems for residential properties to be constructed 24 inches above the seasonal high water table (SHWT). Currently the bed bottom is 48 inches above the SHWT, but the state allows 24 inches when the septic system is being replaced, provided that a six-inch layer of sand is under the leach field. This lower vertical separation has proven effective at treating on-site wastewater. By allowing a 24 inch requirement for new septic systems, homeowners and developers will save significant costs and remove an obstacle facing new home construction. **Vote 13-0.**

HB 1141, relative to requirements for approval to increase load on a sewage disposal system. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Rosemarie Rung for Resources, Recreation and Development. This bill clarifies when someone needs to obtain state septic system approvals when modifying a structure. Currently owners are required to submit an application for approval of a septic system prior to expanding the structure or lengthening occupancy, for example, living in the structure year-round versus seasonally, as this increases the load the system must manage. However, changes in use of the structure can also increase load, for example, operating a home-based business requiring higher water usage and/or waste disposal to the septic system. This bill would add changes in use to the statute governing septic system increased load approvals. Additionally this bill closes a loophole that exempts septic systems from approval for increased load when they exist on properties greater than five acres. There may be situations where mobile home parks within a five acre parcel may move or replace residences without having to secure a new septic system approval. This bill would only allow that to occur if the septic system receive construction and operation approval from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. **Vote 12-0.**

HB 1477-FN, relative to environmental surety bonds for businesses that pose a significant risk to the state's natural resources. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Jessica LaMontagne for Resources, Recreation and Development. This bill directs the Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to develop environmental surety bonds for businesses as a deterrent to pollution and in order to provide funds for environmental clean-up of the pollution. While the intent of the bill, to make polluters pay has merit, the vaguely termed "persons working in such industries" is overly broad and could potentially impose bonding requirements on thousands of businesses, owners and employees. The value of the bond would have to be enormous in order to be effective as

a deterrent and not written off as a cost of business. It would also entail NHDES setting up a new bureau to administer and enforce the program. A better approach would be to prevent pollution in the first place with diligent licensing, regulation, and monitoring of businesses that could pollute our natural resources. **Vote 19-0.**

TRANSPORTATION

HB 1044-FN, relative to the non-mandatory issuance of certificates of title for certain vehicles. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Charles Foote for Transportation. This bill's intent is to allow the non-mandatory issuance of certificates of title for transfers with a gross weight less than 3001 pounds; and any meter vehicle manufactured prior to the year 2000. The committee recently heard another bill which exempts titles for vehicles manufactured within twenty years of the current date, excluding heavy trucks and truck tractors exceeding 18,000 pounds, which the committee felt is more reasonable and applicable. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 1083, relative to vehicles held in joint tenancy with rights of survivorship. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Gregory Hill for Transportation. Individuals in New Hampshire may currently obtain a title to their vehicle as joint tenants with rights of survivorship. The question is whether it should be required that upon the death of one of the individuals, the title must be retitled to remove the deceased individual. The law currently allows the survivor to transfer ownership with one signature and a copy of the death certificate but only until the vehicle needs its annual registration. The legislation maintains that same opportunity until the vehicle is sold. The committee recommends Ought to Pass as the process of retitling accomplishes nothing. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 1122-FN, relative to lights on motor vehicles. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Thomas Walsh for Transportation. This bill clarifies the use of headlight colors allowed and the use of light bars and fog lights. A new section regulates when ride share signage may be illuminated. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 1127, relative to the revocation and suspension of drivers' licenses. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Charles Foote for Transportation. This bill is simple and straight forward, and is at the request of the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV). In June 2022, the DMV went live with state to state and made the necessary internal process changes that eliminated the need for individuals to physically surrender their driver's license due to a suspension. By eliminating the need to turn in the actual license, individuals can retain the physical license for identification. This also alleviates the potential for lost or misplaced licenses. With the state to state computer system, an individual can be tracked and identified as suspended. The second part of this bill adds the term "upon a way" and aligns with current laws such as ALS, DWI, and reckless driving laws which require driving "upon a way" to enforce. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 1304-FN-LOCAL, relative to vessel registration and boat fee decals. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. John Sellers for Transportation. This bill is the result of a study done last year. It separates the state vessel registration fees from the vessel registration and brings our state in compliance with the United State Coast Guard vessel registration. Without being in compliance, the state could lose federal funds. There will now be two stickers on the vessel, one for the actual vessel registration and the other for the state fee vessel registration. The amendment makes some technical corrections. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 1445, relative to electric bicycles, electric scooters, and electric unicycles. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Daniel Veilleux for Transportation. This is one of two bills that attempt to update existing law regarding personal electric vehicles (PEVs). The committee agrees that the proliferation of PEVs and the introduction of new uncategorized PEVs require an update to the laws; however, more time is needed to evaluate the options that have been presented. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 1543-FN, relative to personal electric vehicles (PEVs). **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Daniel Veilleux for Transportation. This is one of two bills that attempt to update existing law regarding personal electric vehicles (PEVs). The committee agrees that the proliferation of PEVs and the introduction of new uncategorized PEVs require an update to the laws; however, more time is needed to evaluate the options that have been presented. **Vote 19-0.**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8 REGULAR CALENDAR

EDUCATION

HB 1048, relative to the commission on Holocaust and genocide education. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Rick Ladd for the **Majority** of Education. This bill, as amended, extends the date of the issuance of the final report of the Commission on Holocaust and Genocide Studies from 2024 to 2026. Holocaust and genocide studies are part of the substantive criteria of an adequate education and the commission is responsible for identifying existing teaching materials and curriculum as well as strategies and content for providing and enhancing genocide education to students. Further, the commission is tasked with recommending model district policies for Holocaust and genocide education. During the previous year, the commission met seven times; however, further time is necessary to accomplish all responsibilities identified in RSA 193-E:2-f. The General Court has found that through education about the Holocaust and other forms of genocide, their causes, the consequences of intolerance, bigotry, antisemitism, and hate, and the lesson to be drawn for the present, students will better understand the fragility of democracy, the principles of democracy, and the power of individual choices in preventing genocide. Lastly, the commission is required to provide annual reports on or before November 1, 2024 and November 1, 2025, and a final report on or before November 1, 2026. **Vote 16-4.**

Rep. Mike Belcher for the **Minority** of Education. This bill seeks to extend the deadline for reporting by the Commission on Holocaust and Genocide Education by several years. As amended, it would extend the deadline by two years. The current deadline is this November. At this both world and national historic time, where circumstances of hatred and anti-Semitism are noted both anecdotally, and by studies, to be precipitously rising, this legislature must be seeking quality information to inform actions and make necessary reforms. It has been reported that approximately one-quarter of students do not believe the Holocaust occurred, and another quarter believe it is significantly exaggerated by historical accounts. We, as a state, are awaiting the report from this commission to assist us in contextualizing our current circumstances as it relates to historical circumstances – we require this report in-hand that we might review data and consider recommendations. As such, we believe that it would be entirely inappropriate to delay this report by extending the deadline for the commission. We have no time to waste, and any extension of this deadline may require this legislature move forward with reforms without any input from this commission.

HB 1166, adding an exception from required civics competency assessments. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Mel Myler for Education. This bill would exempt students participating as a member of either the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) Program or the Civil Air Patrol Program from taking the naturalization examination developed by the 2020 United States Citizen and Immigration Services. Clearly, these two programs provide students with solid educational experiences. However, the majority believes that no student should be exempt from taking the naturalization examination. The law states that all graduating seniors should take and pass the examination prior to graduation. Exempting a single class of students does not meet the intent of the current statute mandating that all students must take the naturalization examination. **Vote 12-8.**

HB 1206, relative to prohibiting educator indoctrination. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Linda Tanner for the **Majority** of Education. This bill states “educators shall not present unproved theories as fact,” or “compel students to express belief in, or support for, any particular theory or ideology.” The teacher cannot “push or assert” value statements. Under this directive teachers who express a value judgment that tells student A that it is wrong to hit student B could be in violation of the law. If they present theories of relativity or evolution as foremost scientific beliefs of the 20th and 21st century, they could be subjected to investigation and a possible loss of their teaching license. New Hampshire educators work every day to ensure students grow and learn and are prepared with the skills to find information, observe, debate, discuss, and draw their own conclusions. Educators should be allowed to do their job, without looking over their shoulder for the culture war police. **Vote 17-3.**

Rep. Alicia Lekas for the **Minority** of Education. This bill prohibits educators and school administrators from pushing or asserting, advocating for, or otherwise compelling belief in, any particular theory or ideology. Teachers and administrators already understand that they can’t do this regarding religion. But they shouldn’t be pushing any other ideology either. They wondered how they could tell the difference between a theory and a fact, or how they could tell if something was their opinion rather than fact. The easiest way is to note whether there are people who believe differently. Generally, if it is a fact, then you don’t have a group of people with a different idea. If you know there are people who believe something different, however wrong you think they are, then you are probably dealing with an opinion, theory, or ideology. In that case, the different sides need to be presented as theories rather than facts. A student should not be able to tell

which side you are on. This bill does not hamper discussion in the classroom of any topic. It only concerns the manner in which topics are presented. The minority have heard indoctrination is taking place in our schools. In fact, the sponsor of this bill was encouraged by her constituents to introduce this bill as they were tired of the indoctrination happening in their schools. And teachers from around the state have told the minority that they quit teaching, or were thinking of doing so, because they were tired of being expected to push ideology in which they themselves did not believe. If no indoctrination were happening in schools then this bill wouldn't be necessary. Unfortunately, indoctrination is happening so this bill needs to be passed.

HB 1553-FN, relative to establishing a pilot program under the department of education to offer “spelling to communicate” services to students with autism or apraxia. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Corinne Cascadden for the **Majority** of Education. The Spelling to Communicate program or services is not evidenced or scientifically based. Providing these services to students creates a dependence on another person and is a means of facilitated communication. Prompting and physically guiding letter recognition with students who are identified with autism or apraxia is not always in their best interests. Spelling to Communicate is not supported nor recommended by The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. It is not in the purview of the NH Department of Education to promote any one program or process for highly specialized needs of students with autism or apraxia. **Vote 13-7.**

Rep. Mike Belcher for the **Minority** of Education. This bill proposes to create a pilot program of “spelling to communicate” for disabled students demonstrating inability or difficulty communicating through traditional means. The foremost opposition to this bill hinges on the argument that the goal of educating students to communicate is autonomous communication, and that the introduction of an intermediary is definitionally not autonomous. This, however, is not a technical matter, but a value judgment saying, essentially, that no communication at all is preferable to communicating through an intermediary. It is certainly a theoretical possibility that some portion of disabled students, given our current knowledge, technology and techniques will not successfully attain autonomous communication competency. It is further possible that some segment of this population might achieve a degree of communication utilizing an intermediary and spelling board. Therefore, we believe that these students should be given the opportunity to attempt this method, and we should gather data regarding efficacy through this pilot. While it is certainly true that this process introduces an inherent possibility of bias, we believe that this concern is outweighed by the possibility of allowing those non-communicative disabled persons an opportunity to be heard for the first time, and a possible breakthrough in pedagogy enabling social participation.

HB 1561-FN, relative to qualifications for student eligibility in the education freedom accounts program. **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

Statement in support of Ought to Pass: This bill expands eligibility to the popular Education Freedom Account (EFA) program to students in nine specialized categories, regardless of family income. The expansions include persistently bullied students and students who may be immunocompromised or otherwise concerned with the spread of disease. Proponents believe the aforementioned students may benefit from untraditional school models, such as decreased class size. In addition, the bill extends eligibility to under-performing students and/or students in under-performing schools as determined by standardized tests from the most recent academic year. Proponents also recognize the struggles of students with divergent gender identities and sexual orientations. The bill expands eligibility to students who identify as LGBT and/or non-binary, as well as students afflicted with mental illness and/or eating disorders -- all of which are prevalent in student populations. The bill also makes students attending districts with exceptional PFAS contaminants eligible for the Education Freedom Account (EFA) program. Finally, upon passage of the bill, students would be eligible upon recommendation from the student's guidance counselor. All in all, the bill allows for more New Hampshire students to seek educational opportunities. Proponents believe both the bill and the underlying program are essential to all students being successful, considering every student is a unique learner.

Rep. Valerie McDonnell

Statement in support of Inexpedient to Legislate: This bill wildly expands the eligibility for the Education Freedom Account (EFA) voucher program to include reasons, a concern that attending public school could lead to the spread of contagious diseases (COVID-19, the common cold, seasonal flu), or living in a district which exceeds PFAS standards in drinking water as well as seven other random reasons. EFA vouchers were intended to provide taxpayer resourced money to parents who did not have the financial means to send their child to an alternate educational program. This an unchecked effort to expand this program to almost every student with no cap on spending and will end up in a wildly expanding tax burden for the businesses and citizens of NH. We should be giving resources to the community and public schools serving 165,000 NH children to mitigate PFAS in the drinking water and address these other qualifying issues rather than fund the privatizations of our education system.

Rep. Patricia Cornell

HB 1634-FN, relative to universal eligibility for the education freedom account program. **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

Statement in support of Ought to Pass: This bill removes the household income criteria from eligibility requirements for the Education Freedom Account (EFA) program. Over and over we hear from both sides that these are all our kids and we need to provide them all with a good education. And yet if you ask, many just mean as long as they are attending a traditional public school. If they happen to be one of those kids who just can't learn well in that environment, or who lives in the wrong zip code, then too bad for them. If the legislature chooses to give grants for kids to be educated, then the most fair and constitutional way for that to be done would be for every child to receive that money, not just certain students. Some argue that the EFA program was always just for poor kids and that we are now changing the rules. But that is not so. When the EFA program was first introduced there was no cap. Many other states were looking at our initial bill and we were written up across the country as having the best proposed program and they were looking to follow suit. Unfortunately, in order to get it passed, we had to amend it and place an income cap on it. Other states were disappointed and passed their own bills without a cap. But the money which goes to the EFA students is the adequacy money from the state, that money promised to provide an adequate education to every student. If we limit it to only certain students then we are not actually doing our job, to educate every student. Some argue that we have insufficient guardrails on the program. But we have more guardrails than other states. The way things are set up, a parent can't even buy a pencil without approval. The organization running it has to file regular reports to the Department of Education for every penny spent. And while they are allowed 10% (the average spent by traditional public schools) for administration of the program, the organization comes in at just 7%. In fact, our EFA program was recently awarded "Most Effective Implementation."

Rep. Alicia Lekas

Statement in support of Inexpedient to Legislate: This bill removes the household income criteria from eligibility requirements for the Education Freedom Account (EFA) program. When the EFA program was introduced, it was advocated as a program to assist families under the 300% federal poverty line. It was later amended to 350% of the federal poverty level. This bill would open up the EFA program to families with no limitations whatsoever. There is an indeterminable fiscal impact for the cost of the proposal because it is impossible to project the budget impact should this become law. Under this bill any student would qualify for an EFA voucher. This bill is contrary to the stated purpose of the EFA program – an opportunity for poorer families and students to receive financial assistance for their education outside the public school system. Eighty percent of students who took advantage of the EFA program were already in private or religious schools. Consequently, public taxpayer money has gone to support students already attending independent, private, and religious schools. This bill violates the intent of the program and expands it with no guard rails to its management and use of taxpayers' money.

Rep. Mel Myler

HB 1665-FN, relative to student eligibility for the education freedom accounts program. **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

Statement in support of Ought to Pass: This bill increases the household income eligibility cap for Education Freedom Accounts (EFA) from 350% to 500% of federal poverty guidelines. Based on 2022 poverty guidelines, the income eligibility for a mom and her child increases to \$91,500. The median income for a family of two was \$87,260. Thus, the income cap will be just over the median household income. This is the median income. The bill is not proposing providing EFAs to wealthy families. The intent is to provide education options to children who need a different education environment and need assistance to make that a reality.

Rep. Glenn Cordelli

Statement in support of Inexpedient to Legislate: The Education Freedom Account (EFA) program was created in 2021 as a means for lower income families to afford private alternatives to public schools for their children. Back then, the program was open to students from nearly 50% of families. Last year, the eligibility was expanded to include families making up to \$105,000 per year for a family of four. And now this bill would expand eligibility even further to include families making up to \$150,000 per year. Reports from the Department of Education show that most of the students who receive taxpayer money through the EFA program were already attending private schools or being home schooled. This bill will only continue to move the EFA program away from its intended purpose.

Rep. David Luneau

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 1580-FN, relative to the prohibition of government procurement of electric vehicles containing components created through the use of forced labor. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Jaci Grote for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill, although well meaning, is not practical for use by state agencies. It would require a state agency, that might possibly purchase an electric vehicle (EV), the burden of certifying that any component of that EV is not made with forced labor; the due diligence would be prohibitive and costly. **Vote 12-0.**

FISH AND GAME AND MARINE RESOURCES

HB 1116, relative to certain firearms to be used for taking of game. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Mike Ouellet for the **Majority** of Fish and Game and Marine Resources. Amending RSA 207:3, this bill, as amended, updates the current law to remove the restriction on the action of the rifle, and adds the use of straight-walled pistol cartridges of .357 or greater. The majority of the committee agreed that the action of the rifle has a negligible impact on the ballistics or power of the pistol round fired. The majority of the committee also sympathized with the large number of hunters looking for more options in pistol cartridges, and agreed that limiting the use to straight-walled pistol cartridges ensured comparable ballistics to the handguns already permitted, but with greater accuracy and safety. **Vote 11-6.** Rep. Will Darby for the **Minority** of Fish and Game and Marine Resources. The minority believes this bill excessively expands the range of pistol calibers in areas where hunting is restricted to pistols and shotguns. The New Hampshire Fish and Game Commission opposed this bill believing that municipalities deserved a say in the firearms used for hunting in their communities. While the bill's provision allowing for pistol calibers greater than .357 reduces future legislation for new firearms that come on to the market, removing the lever action requirement opens the door to pistol caliber semi-automatic rifles.

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

HB 1662-FN, relative to restricting simultaneous employment of certain department of health and human services staff with adoption or child placement agencies. **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

Statement in support of Ought to Pass with Amendment: This bill eliminates the possibility for a conflict of interest within the Department for Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF). It would ensure that an agent, who is responsible for assessing parents and children, making findings of abuse or neglect that are later submitted in court as evidence, as well as petitioning and serving as witness in court in support of the removal and adoption of children from their families, is prohibited from simultaneously being employed by an adoption or child placing agency. The amendment clarifies that this prohibition shall not restrict the ability of DCYF agents from serving as foster parents for children for whom they had no involvement in the removal and placement process. The legislature must take due care to ensure agencies and programs it creates cannot be unfairly leveraged against the People's fundamental rights, child-rearing being one of them. Even the appearance of a conflict of interest lends to mistrust among the public and allegations of corruption. Passing an anti-corruption bill such as this will at the very least improve public perception of the department. More importantly, it will prevent a conflict of interest of a deeply serious degree from lawfully occurring within the department and therefore the members of the committee recommend Ought to Pass as Amended by amendment 2024-0191h.

Rep. Leah Cushman

Statement in support of Inexpedient to Legislate: HB 1662 is a solution in search of a problem. No evidence was given of past incidences of this type of a conflict of interest. Children under the care of DCYF are adopted directly through DCYF, not private adoption agencies, to which this bill seems to apply. This bill will continue to erode public trust in a public agency essential to the protection of our State's children. It is an unwarranted and unneeded intrusion into the employment conditions of DCYF workers and will make it even harder to hire qualified DCYF workers.

Amendment 1662-0191h allows for DCYF employees to continue serving as foster parents for children for whom they had no involvement in the removal and displacement process.

Rep. Gerri Cannon

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HB 1396, relative to prohibiting municipal inspections of owner-occupied units of multi-unit housing. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. David Preece for the **Majority** of Municipal and County Government. This bill prohibits municipal inspections of owner-occupied units within residential structures of four units or less. Housing codes set minimum standards for housing conditions that all rental housing, new or existing, must meet to protect the health of residents, especially property maintenance codes or sanitation codes. Building codes set the standards for the design and construction of buildings. Building codes protect the public from the health and safety risks of improperly constructed buildings or building improvements without proper inspections and code enforcement.

Allowing the owner to make any improvements without code compliance and necessary inspection jeopardizes the lives of the other housing occupants. Therefore, the majority of the committee felt that the health and safety of the multi-unit rental housing residents outweighed the owner's property rights and privacy. **Vote 11-8.** Rep. Josh Yokela for the **Minority** of Municipal and County Government. The minority of the committee found that a unit not being rented out should not lose its right to privacy because other adjoining units are being rented on the same property. The claims to safety of one unit possibly harming another unit fall flat when we have condos that also have shared walls with adjoining units. Condos have the same potential structural safety issues while having complete privacy protections based on the ownership arrangement of the buildings.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

HB 1045, relative to requiring a powerboat operator to wear an engine cut-off switch (ECOS) while operating certain powerboats traveling over headway speed. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Ron Dunn for Resources, Recreation and Development. The committee believes this device is a safety issue and will save lives. This device can save the lives of boat operators and public safety officials. This device will prevent boats from running out of control when the operator falls out of the boat or has a medical condition while operating the boat. This is a simple device that is easy to use and will save lives. **Vote 19-1.**

HB 1049, relative to the prohibition on overnight mooring of houseboats. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Suzanne Vail for Resources, Recreation and Development. This bill repeals RSA 270-A:3 to allow owners and operators of houseboats to drop anchor and/or beach a houseboat overnight on water body that is held in public trust (inland waters over 10 acres in size), as long as the boat has both temporary or permanent sleeping facilities and a temporary or permanent sanitation facility that would have to be pumped out or dumped once back on land, thus not in the lake. The committee learned that this repeal lifts restrictions on houseboats in a broad manner. It applies to any boat, from any place, mooring anywhere on any inland waterway greater than 10 acres in size, for any reason and any length of time. This might open up inland waterways to houseboats parked indefinitely as housing, commercial enterprises such as restaurants, short term rentals, and other difficulties, as there is no restricted usage or provision for mooring and beaching of houseboats. **Vote 18-2.**

HB 1429-FN-A, establishing a procedure for the department of environmental services to transfer ownership of dams to municipalities or others, including making loans. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Dan Wolf for Resources, Recreation and Development. This bill establishes a procedure for state notification to municipalities before any dam is removed by the state. It requires the state to give notice at least 1 year before any planned removal. Further, the bill provides a procedure to transfer ownership of dams to the municipalities in which the dam is located. The bill also authorizes the Department of Environmental Services to provide loan access to the municipalities from the Dam Maintenance Revolving Loan Fund and appropriates \$1 to the fund. The bill was amended specifying the procedures to effectuate the transfer. To wit, the legislative body of the municipality must vote to accept the transfer and, in addition, agree to accept the issuance of any long-term debt necessary to effectuate the transfer and address any deficiencies in the dam. This bill received broad support. **Vote 19-0.**

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

HB 1700-FN, prohibiting the intentional release of polluting emissions, including cloud seeding, weather modification, excessive electromagnetic radio frequency and microwave radiation and making penalties for violation of such prohibition. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

This bill identified a very wide range of items that if intentionally dispersed in the air would be illegal and subject to heavy fines. The committee found that polluting emissions such as cloud seeding, weather modification, excessive electromagnetic radio frequency and microwave radiation had no credible proof of their proposed ill effects or if being dispersed in state. Various amendments were found wanting and the proposal for interim study thought non effective. **Vote 16-3.**

TRANSPORTATION

HB 1062, relative to the use of special cover plates. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Alvin See for Transportation. This bill clarifies that a person may use one cover plate, a legislative plate for example, on one end of their vehicle and one regular plate on the other end. **Vote 10-9.**

HB 1138-FN, equalizing the fines for operating an OHRV with a driver's license suspended and operating a snowmobile with a driver's license suspended. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Ted Gorski for Transportation. This bill raises the fine to \$250 for the first offense and \$500 for a second or subsequent offense for operating an OHRV or snowmobile with a suspended driver's license. This would match the fines for similar offenses for an automobile. **Vote 16-3.**

NOTICE

Pursuant to House Rule 44 (b), executive session on bills may be taken up during the day in which they are heard.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 202-204, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. **HB 1050-FN**, relative to establishing a voluntary waiver of the right to purchase a firearm.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1186-FN**, relative to firearm purchaser's privacy.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1336**, relative to employees' firearms in locked vehicles.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1337-FN**, relative to the return of weapons and ammunition upon expiration of protective orders.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 1711-FN**, authorizing the state to report mental health data for firearms background check purposes and providing for processes for confiscation of firearms following certain mental health-related court proceedings and for relief from mental health-related firearms disabilities.
- 12:00 p.m. **HB 1701-FN**, relative to annulments of records related to involuntary commitments.
- 1:00 p.m. Executive session on **HB 1217**, relative to an exception to allow the state or a municipality to use video monitoring to identify the cause of damage to historic covered bridges.
- 2:00 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1039-FN**, relative to alternative sentencing for primary caregivers.

EDUCATION, Room 209, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1583-FN-A**, relative to the per pupil cost of an opportunity for an adequate education; **HB 1586-FN-A-L**, establishing a foundation opportunity budget program for funding public education; **HB 1656-FN-L**, relative to increasing the adequacy grant for pupils receiving special education services; **HB 1686-FN**, relative to requiring excess revenues raised through the statewide education property tax to be remitted to the education trust fund and prohibiting the department of revenue administration from setting negative local and county tax rates on real property.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 302-304, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1466-FN**, relative to providing disaster relief funding to municipalities after a natural disaster.

Room 306-308, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1272-FN**, relative to occupational license reciprocity.
- 10:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1410-FN**, relative to certain professional licenses.
- 11:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1676-FN**, establishing a sunset commission to evaluate various occupational boards and commissions, and sunsetting various boards and commissions.

STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 206-208, LOB

- 9:15 a.m. **HB 1156**, relative to public health, safety, and state sovereignty.
- 10:15 a.m. **HB 1485**, establishing a committee to study the totality of circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 epidemic.
- 11:15 a.m. **HR 31**, urging support of the dignity through prosperity act.
- 1:00 p.m. **HR 22**, urging Congress to remove the exception from the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution: "except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted."
- 1:30 p.m. Executive session on **HB 1041**, relative to establishing a commission to investigate the USS Liberty incident and its aftermath; **HCR 8**, applying to congress for a limited national convention for the exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution relative to elections; **HCR 9**, rescinding the application to the Congress of the United States of America to call a convention pursuant to the terms of Article V of the United States Constitution; **HCR 11**, condemning medically unnecessary restrictions on medication abortion; **HR 19**, calling for the repeal of the Jones Act; **HR 24**, reaffirming support for the child labor amendment to the United States Constitution; **HR 28**, urging for the compensation for injuries from PFAS and for the closure and cleaning of sites affected by PFAS.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

EDUCATION, Room 205-207, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. **HB 1185-FN**, relative to sexual education instruction.
- 10:15 a.m. **HB 1473**, relative to social-emotional learning in public schools.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1625-FN**, relative to school health services.
- 12:45 p.m. **HB 1298-FN**, relative to the definition of part-time teachers.
- 1:15 p.m. **HB 1458-FN**, relative to authorizing parents to remove children from the English Language Learner Program.
- 1:45 p.m. **HB 1496**, relative to the state's duty to protect children in public schools.
- 2:15 p.m. **HB 1692-FN**, relative to public high school graduation requirements.
- 3:00 p.m. **HB 1682-FN**, relative to the civics test graduation requirement.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE FAMILY DIVISION OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, Room 209, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on parenting coordinators.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202-204, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Full committee work session on **CACR 18**, relating to the tax exempt status of churches. Providing that churches shall not be exempt from state taxes; **HB 1191-FN**, relative to the establishment of an exemption to the meals and rooms tax for participants in the restaurant voucher program; **HB 1254-L**, relative to an optional local public safety assessment on certain room occupancies; **HB 1515-FN**, relative to the meals and rooms tax rate; **HB 1422-FN-A-L**, relative to the rates of the business profits tax, business enterprise tax, communications service tax, and meals and rooms tax; **HB 1531-FN**, relative to allowing a business profits tax adjustment for the depreciation deduction permitted under Internal Revenue Code Section 168(k); **HB 1533-FN**, relative to the safe harbor compensation amount under the business profits tax; **HB 1536-FN**, relative to increasing the amount of the expense deduction allowed against the business profits tax.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206-208, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. **HB 1573-FN**, relative to oversight of and criteria for residential placement of children.
- 10:35 a.m. Executive session on **HB 1189**, relative to criteria for reporting child support delinquencies to federal agencies; **HB 1111-FN**, relative to the penalty for false reports of suspected abuse and neglect made to the division for children, youth, and families; **HB 1425-FN**, relative to prohibiting the suspension of drivers' licenses in child support enforcement matters; **HB 1590-FN**, relative to training regarding child abuse and neglect for licensed physicians, advance practice nurses, and physician assistants; **HB 1282-FN**, relative to the duration of child support; **HB 1595-FN**, relative to adjustment of the child support guidelines based on parenting time, medical support, and child care expenses; **HB 1667-FN**, relative to establishing a department for children, youth, and families; **HB 1511**, relative to liability for children with disabilities in certain court ordered placements or episodes of treatment; **HB 1341**, relative to the liability of grandparents to provide assistance; **HB 1266-FN**, relative to permitting recordings of open family court proceedings by parties; **HB 1263-FN**, relative to parenting coordinators in high-conflict cases; **HB 1006-FN**, relative to creating a family access motion for the enforcement of parenting plans; **HB 1564-FN**, relative to the child support guidelines.

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 305, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1582-FN**, relative to allowing for the consumption of alcohol in artist performance areas.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1151**, relative to the carrying of alcoholic beverages on hotel premises.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1591-FN**, relative to fines for prohibited sales of tobacco.
- 1:15 p.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1621-FN**, requiring the liquor commission to distribute certain information in liquor stores; **HB 1633-FN-A**, relative to the legalization and regulation of cannabis and making appropriations therefor.

EDUCATION, Room 205-207, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. **HB 1312**, requiring parental notification of student health or well-being and certain curricula by school districts.
- 10:15 a.m. **HB 1356**, relative to the use of children's names and pronouns by public school employees.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1162**, relative to teaching discrimination in public schools and discrimination in public workplaces.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1671-FN**, relative to the complaint process for teaching discrimination and allowing educators and school officials a right of action for damages and costs for false accusations.

- 1:45 p.m. **HB 1643-FN-L**, requiring school districts to make curriculum and instructional materials available on their web pages.
- 2:15 p.m. **HB 1235**, relative to high school students serving as school board members.
- 2:45 p.m. **HB 1616**, relative to parental consent for student participation in Medicaid to schools program.

ELECTION LAW, Room 306-308, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. **HB 1146**, relative to the removal of a voter from the checklist.
- 9:30 a.m. **HB 1147**, relative to permissible campaign contributions by business organizations and labor unions.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1074**, relative to campaign contributions by limited liability companies.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1119**, relative to absentee ballots.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1133**, relative to enabling UOCAVA voters to email back completed ballots.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 1239**, relative to reporting by political committees.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1369**, relative to the verification of voter rolls every 4 years.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 1442-FN**, relative to penalties for failure of election officers to adhere to election law.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 1596-FN**, requiring a disclosure of deceptive artificial intelligence usage in political advertising.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 1370-FN**, relative to durable and tamper-proof containers for preserving ballots.
- 3:00 p.m. **HB 1364**, relative to intimidation of election officers, improper influence over the electoral process, and tampering with electronic ballot counting devices.
- 3:15 p.m. Executive session on **HB 1577-FN**, relative to digital images of ballots; **HB 1426-FN-A**, relative to establishing an advisory redistricting commission.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 301-303, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 1293-FN**, relative to prohibiting the use of certain fertilizers using phosphorus; **HB 1294-FN**, relative to prohibiting the state of New Hampshire from enforcing the regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency; **CACR 14**, relating to the environment and natural resources. Providing that the state shall maintain and improve a clean and healthful environment for present and future generations; **HB 1630-FN**, relative to extended producer responsibility; **HB 1184-FN-A**, relative to making an appropriation to the organic certification program; **HB 1618-FN**, mandating a cooperative agreement with USDA for “organic” certification; **HB 1578**, relative to organic food certification and labeling; **HB 1182-FN**, adding certain equine practices to the definition of animal cruelty; **HB 1680-FN**, relative to prohibiting the sale of dogs and cats by retail pet shops; **HB 1572-FN**, prohibiting using mRNA technology in food and requiring the labeling of lab grown meat and food containing insects; **HB 1565-FN**, relative to the sale of homestead food to consumers and local food production; **HB 1685-FN**, redefining “homestead foods” as “artisan foods,” creating an artisan food operations exemption, establishing artisan food products sales venues, and allowing the production and sale of artisan food products requiring refrigeration.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1327**, relative to the definition of farmers’ market.
- 1:10 p.m. **HB 1386-FN**, relative to prohibiting the disposal of lithium-ion batteries in solid waste landfill facilities, composting facilities, or incinerators.
- 1:45 p.m. **HB 1376-FN**, relative to prohibiting certain packaging from carrying the recycling logo.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 1681-FN**, relative to sale of products labeled as biodegradable or compostable.
- 3:30 p.m. **HB 1504-FN**, relative to architectural paint recycling.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 210-211, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1331-FN**, relative to dentists licensed in another country.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1222**, relative to physician assistant scope of practice.
- 11:15 a.m. **HB 1385-FN**, relative to establishing the veteran licensing acceleration program.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1131**, relative to mental health practice.
- 1:45 p.m. **HB 1526-FN**, relative to a conditional veterinary license for veterinarians educated in other countries.

FISH AND GAME AND MARINE RESOURCES, Room 307, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1029**, relative to exempting certain persons from requiring a New Hampshire landing license if such persons are not landing for the purpose of the sale of the lobster or crab they have caught.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1148**, relative to the fish and game commission.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 1532**, relative to land owner rights and responsibility pertaining to game cameras and tree stands.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 1100**, relative to coyote hunting.
- 1:45 p.m. Presentation on Progress and Goals for the Fish Hatchery Remediation by the Fish and Game Department

- 2:30 p.m. Executive session on **HB 1116**, relative to certain firearms to be used for taking of game; **HB 1077**, relative to allowing the use of any-action carbines in certain hunting areas; **HB 1424**, relative to pistols permitted for taking game; **HB 1148**, relative to the fish and game commission; **HB 1024**, relative to the use of air rifles for hunting game; **HB 1228**, relative to establishing a fish and game guides committee to determine qualifications for licensure of fish and game guides; **HB 1417-FN**, relative to wild trout management; **HB 1029**, relative to exempting certain persons from requiring a New Hampshire landing license if such persons are not landing for the purpose of the sale of the lobster or crab they have caught; **HB 1530-FN**, requiring fish and game officers to wear body cameras; **HB 1532**, relative to land owner rights and responsibility pertaining to game cameras and tree stands; **HB 1100**, relative to coyote hunting.
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NEW HAMPSHIRE DRUG OVERDOSE FATALITY REVIEW COMMISSION (RSA 126-DD:1), Executive Council Chamber, Rm 207, State House, 107 N. Main St., Concord

- 3:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

- 10:30 a.m. Executive session on **HB 1547**, requiring mileage-based exit numbers on Tier I highways; **HB 1488-FN**, relative to hazard mitigation funding; **HB 1043**, relative to the capital appropriation for the legislative parking garage design; **HB 1379-FN**, relative to yard debris and roadside vegetation; **HB 1253**, renaming the Blair State Forest in Campton as the Jane Kellogg State Forest.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 302-304, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. Full committee work session on **HB 1697-FN**, suspending New Hampshire's participation in emissions reduction credit programs for a period of 2 years; **HB 1078**, relative to first responder organization access to wireless tower co-location; **HB 1472-FN**, relative to rebates of energy efficiency funds for electric vehicles; **HB 1487**, relative to the health effects of 5G technology; **HB 1508**, requiring fiber optic communications service providers to prioritize service restoration for public safety and public health organizations; **HB 1576-FN**, relative to allowing property owners to opt out of public utilities.
- 1:00 p.m. Executive session on **HB 1697-FN**, suspending New Hampshire's participation in emissions reduction credit programs for a period of 2 years; **HB 1078**, relative to first responder organization access to wireless tower co-location; **HB 1472-FN**, relative to rebates of energy efficiency funds for electric vehicles; **HB 1487**, relative to the health effects of 5G technology; **HB 1508**, requiring fiber optic communications service providers to prioritize service restoration for public safety and public health organizations; **HB 1576-FN**, relative to allowing property owners to opt out of public utilities.

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

- 5:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. **HB 1063-FN**, relative to motor vehicle speed within 10 miles per hour of the speed limit.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1550**, authorizing municipalities to reduce speed limits seasonally.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1403**, relative to temporary vehicle emission control equipment.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1637**, relative to reducing requirements for vehicle inspections.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 1273-FN**, relative to the protection of personal information in driver licenses.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1247**, relative to requiring the display of certain information concerning Selective Service registration at driver licensing and school military recruiting locations.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 1244**, prohibiting smoking and e-cigarettes in motor vehicles when a passenger is under 16 years of age.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 1467-FN**, relative to child passenger protection.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 1457-FN**, establishing penalties for driving over covered wooden bridges in vehicles that exceed posted limits and for vehicular damage to covered wooden bridges.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202-204, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Full committee work session **HB 1492-FN**, relative to the rate and exemptions of the interest and dividends tax; **HB 1563-FN**, relative to the education property tax and the authority of political subdivisions; **HB 1514-FN-A-L**, relative to excess funds paid to municipalities for the use of school districts; **HB 1558-FN**, relative to agent fees for fish and game licenses; **HB 1484-L**, relative to current use taxation for certain forested lands; **HB 1551-FN**, relative to distinguishing between C corporations and S corporations for purposes of calculating business profits taxes.
- 1:00 p.m. Executive session on **CACR 18**, relating to the tax exempt status of churches. Providing that churches shall not be exempt from state taxes; **HB 1191-FN**, relative to the establishment of an exemption to the meals and rooms tax for participants in the restaurant voucher program; **HB 1254-L**, relative to an optional local public safety assessment on certain room occupancies; **HB 1515-FN**, relative to the meals and rooms tax rate; **HB 1422-FN-A-L**, relative to the rates of the business profits tax, business enterprise tax, communications service tax, and meals and rooms tax; **HB 1492-FN**, relative to the rate and exemptions of the interest and dividends tax; **HB 1531-FN**, relative to allowing a business profits tax adjustment for the depreciation deduction permitted under Internal Revenue Code Section 168(k); **HB 1533-FN**, relative to the safe harbor compensation amount under the business profits tax; **HB 1536-FN**, relative to increasing the amount of the expense deduction allowed against the business profits tax; **HB 1563-FN**, relative to the education property tax and the authority of political subdivisions; **HB 1514-FN-A-L**, relative to excess funds paid to municipalities for the use of school districts; **HB 1558-FN**, relative to agent fees for fish and game licenses; **HB 1484-L**, relative to current use taxation for certain forested lands; **HB 1551-FN**, relative to distinguishing between C corporations and S corporations for purposes of calculating business profits taxes.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7**COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 302-304, LOB**

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1257**, relative to contracts between public adjusters and the insured.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1259**, relative to property and casualty insurance laws administered by the insurance department.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1155**, relative to insurance coverage for living organ donors.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 1507**, relative to innovative financial services
- 1:15 p.m. Executive session on **HB 1183-FN**, relative to prohibiting the sale of agricultural land and land essential to critical industries to China; **HB 1198-FN**, relative to liquor stores; **HB 1207-FN**, relative to single-use disposable plastic foodware accessories; **HB 1232**, prohibiting state or local governments from using central bank digital currency; **HB 1406-FN**, relative to gender-based pricing of goods and services; **HB 1621-FN**, requiring the liquor commission to distribute certain information in liquor stores; **HB 1633-FN-A**, relative to the legalization and regulation of cannabis and making appropriations therefor; **HB 1636-FN**, relative to creating the New Hampshire container deposit, refund, recycle, and reuse system; **HB 1645-FN**, establishing a condominium dispute resolution board; **HB 1649-FN**, relative to prohibiting certain products with intentionally added PFAS; **HB 1674-FN**, relative to establishing the New Hampshire legal tender act and establishing a state bullion depository.

COMMISSION ON NEW HAMPSHIRE CIVICS (RSA 21-N:8-c), Room 302, Department of Education, 25 Hall Street, Concord

- 2:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 202-204, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. **HB 1197**, relative to criminal background checks.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1295-FN**, relative to penalties for criminal violations of the therapeutic use of cannabis.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1339-FN**, relative to department of safety firearm background checks.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1462-FN**, relative to requirements for reporting hate crimes.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 1502-FN**, relative to alcohol-related offenses and prohibitions.

EDUCATION, Room 205-207, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. Executive session on **HB 1517-FN**, relative to the statewide education property tax and excess revenue from games of chance; **HB 1583-FN-A**, relative to the per pupil cost of an opportunity for an adequate education; **HB 1586-FN-A-L**, establishing a foundation opportunity budget program for funding public education; **HB 1686-FN**, relative to requiring excess revenues raised through the statewide education property tax to be remitted to the education trust fund and prohibiting the department of revenue administration from setting negative local and county

tax rates on real property; **HB 1656-FN-L**, relative to increasing the adequacy grant for pupils receiving special education services; **HB 1509-L**, prohibiting spending of special education moneys for any other purpose and requiring reporting of fund balances to the school board; **HB 1265**, relative to the penalty for failure to file school expenditure reports, and relative to certain adequacy grants; **HB 1382-FN**, relative to special education support for military-connected students; **HB 1311**, relative to school district collection development and reconsideration policies; **HB 1452-FN**, relative to credentials for the position of superintendent of schools and school business officer; **HB 1552**, relative to the duties and responsibilities of superintendents of school administrative units; **HB 1176**, establishing a commission to study current funding for special education and potential other funding sources; **HB 1014**, relative to the registration of high school students to vote; **HB 1397**, relative to information on student placement based on achievement of course competencies.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306-308, LOB

10:30 a.m. Executive session on **HB 1211-FN**, relative to part-time employment of a retirement system retiree; **HB 1299-FN**, relative to group II membership in the retirement system for certain firefighter educators; **HB 1307-FN**, providing a supplemental appropriation for members of the retirement system receiving an accidental disability retirement allowance; **HB 1324-FN**, relative to green burials and authorizing the natural organic reduction of human remains; **HB 1394-FN-A**, relative to licensure and regulation of music therapists and making an appropriation therefor; **HB 1410-FN**, relative to certain professional licenses; **HB 1421-FN**, relative to investment consulting services in the New Hampshire retirement system; **HB 1427-FN-A**, establishing the regulation and licensure of deputy physicians; **HB 1454-FN**, relative to benefits for New Hampshire child care employees; **HB 1466-FN**, relative to providing disaster relief funding to municipalities after a natural disaster; **HB 1601-FN-A**, relative to the prescription drug affordability board; **HB 1647-FN-A**, relative to the calculation of group II retirement benefits in the retirement system; **HB 1653-FN**, relative to determination of earnable compensation for certain group II retirement system members; **HB 1673-FN**, relative to average final compensation for certain group II members; **HB 1676-FN**, establishing a sunset commission to evaluate various occupational boards and commissions, and sunsetting various boards and commissions; **HB 1689-FN**, relative to the use of personal identifying information by state agencies.

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS, Room 203, LOB

8:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1303-FN**, relative to the estate of Tekeste Berhanu.

Room 206-208, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HB 1280**, relative to informed consent and patient rights.
 10:15 a.m. **HB 1300**, relative to terminal patients' right to try act.
 11:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 1661-FN**, relative to immunization reporting requirements; **HB 1669-FN**, relative to restricting data sharing through the state immunization registry; **HB 1693-FN**, relative to the use of psychedelics for therapeutic purposes; **HB 1303-FN**, relative to the estate of Tekeste Berhanu.
 1:00 p.m. **HB 1663-FN**, relative to the confidentiality of medical records and patient information.
 2:00 p.m. **HB 1067**, relative to a patient's right to sterilization treatment.
 2:45 p.m. **HB 1607**, relative to expanded safe haven protections.
 3:15 p.m. **HB 1604-FN**, relative to the use of electronic medical records.

JUDICIARY, Room 210-211, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 1283-FN**, relative to end of life options.
 1:00 p.m. **HB 1020**, relative to establishing a commission to study the legal implications of insanity and restoration of competency.
 1:45 p.m. **HB 1082**, relative to professional limited liability company (PLLC) assistant manager status.
 2:30 p.m. **HB 1089**, relative to the statute of limitations on civil actions involving PFAS.
 3:15 p.m. **HB 1104-FN**, relative to the review of decisions in cases involving judicial misconduct.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 307, LOB

9:30 a.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 1377-FN**, relative to granting workers free choice to join or refrain from joining labor unions.
 1:00 p.m. Executive session on **HB 1322-FN**, relative to the state minimum hourly rate; **HB 1668-FN**, relative to establishing a 4-day work week; **HB 1023-FN**, relative to requiring employers to provide notice of resources available to support veterans with post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD); **HB 1072-FN**, relative to prohibiting employers from using polygraph testing; **HB 1226-FN**, relative to employment protections for freelance employees; **HB 1315-FN**, relative to the definition of wages for purposes of unemployment compensation.

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION, Room 203, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1030**, relative to terminating legislative study commissions that do not meet or report.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1388**, relative to recusal by members of the general court for conflicts of interest.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1479-FN**, relative to prohibiting the use of federal, state, or local funds for lobbying activities.
- 1:00 p.m. Executive session on **HB 1518**, relative to the legislative ethics committee; **HR 25**, resolving to return to the historical intent of the express trust indenture, the New Hampshire Constitution, specifically Part 1, Article 11 and Part 2, Article 32; **HR 29**, declaring an economic justice bill of rights; **HB 1343**, prohibiting the use by the governor of emergency orders concerning elections procedures without the written consent of the majority and minority leaders of the house of representatives and senate; **HB 1388**, relative to recusal by members of the general court for conflicts of interest; **HB 1479-FN**, relative to prohibiting the use of federal, state, or local funds for lobbying activities; **HB 1030**, relative to terminating legislative study commissions that do not meet or report; **HB 1629-FN**, relative to attorney general's duties concerning legislators residing in different districts than they represent.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301-303, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. Executive session on **HB 1040**, relative to including interest in an abated property tax refund at the rate determined by the department of revenue administration; **HB 1218**, relative to voting for municipal bonds; **HB 1297-FN**, relative to the authority of municipalities to enforce ordinances related to health and safety; **HB 1362**, relative to authorizing municipalities to stabilize rent increases in rental housing; **HB 1052**, relative to the format of excavating and dredging permit applications; **HB 1055**, relative to the property tax exemption for charitable organizations.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1001**, relative to exempting the land and buildings of Masonic lodges and associations from property taxation.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 1210**, relative to the election of Strafford county commissioners.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 1120**, repealing the provision that requires the reflection of municipal body votes on warrant articles.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 1359**, relative to appeals of certain zoning decisions by abutters.
- 3:00 p.m. **HB 1449**, relative to prohibiting the board of tax and land appeals from ordering retroactive re-appraisals outside of the years in question or relying on the department of revenue administration to provide investigative services.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1262-FN**, relative to the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Route 111 and Ermer Road in Salem.
- 10:45 a.m. **HB 1202-FN**, relative to the issuance of permits for the alteration of driveways exiting onto public ways.
- 1:15 p.m. **HB 1468-FN-A**, directing the department of transportation to develop a Conway Branch rail line master plan.
- 2:10 p.m. **HB 1510**, establishing a commission to identify barriers to and solutions for electric vehicle sales and use.
- 2:40 p.m. Executive session on **HB 1196-FN**, relative to requests for easements for the purpose of laying sidewalk along class I-IV highways; **HB 1202-FN**, relative to the issuance of permits for the alteration of driveways exiting onto public ways; **HB 1234-FN**, relative to the repair of class VI roads not maintained by a municipality; **HB 1262-FN**, relative to the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Route 111 and Ermer Road in Salem; **HB 1439-FN**, relative to vehicle registrations and reciprocal toll collection enforcement agreements; **HB 1464**, establishing a committee to study revenue alternatives to the road toll, road toll registration charges, and revenue alternatives to vehicle registration fees, including electric vehicle registration fees; **HB 1468-FN-A**, directing the department of transportation to develop a Conway Branch rail line master plan; **HB 1510**, establishing a commission to identify barriers to and solutions for electric vehicle sales and use; **HB 1631**, relative to extending the commission to study revenue alternatives to the road toll.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 1423-FN**, requiring the commissioner of the department of natural and cultural resources to identify all old growth and mature forests on public land in the state of New Hampshire; **HB 1709-FN**, establishing a tax on land used for carbon credits; **HB 1140**, relative to requirements for homeowner installations of septic systems; **HB 1142**, relative to requirements for relevant work experience before taking the exam to be a septic designer or installer; **HB 1143**, including control of cyanobacteria blooms under the New Hampshire clean

lakes program; **HB 1208-FN**, relative to permitting requirements before timber harvesting operations in a wetland; **HB 1209**, relative to observers in motorboats; **HB 1229**, relative to the purchase and sale of any interest in real property abutting public waters; **HB 1249**, relative to the towing of inflatables by motorboats.

- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1114**, extending the commission to investigate and analyze the environmental and public health impacts relating to releases of perfluorinated chemicals in the air, soil, and groundwater in Merrimack, Bedford, Londonderry, and Litchfield.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1326-FN**, relative to notification processes for large groundwater withdrawal applications.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 1360**, relative to emergency authority on the public or coastal waters of the state.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 1513**, relative to the board of directors of the Pease development authority.
- 3:00 p.m. **HB 1415**, relative to PFAS facility liability.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CHILDCARE, Room 209, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1611-FN**, relative to establishing a child care workforce fund.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1056**, relative to administration of the child care scholarship program.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1405-FN**, relative to limiting publication of child care center violations.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 1407**, relative to child care staffing ratios.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1409**, relative to review by the advisory council on child care of child care center licensing violations.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 1567-FN**, relative to zoning provisions concerning family and group family child care uses.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 1584**, relative to home day care licensing requirements.
- 2:15 p.m. Executive Session on **HB 1611-FN**, relative to establishing a child care workforce fund.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

CHILD CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 126-A:17), 2 Delta Drive, Concord

- 1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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

- 9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session to Review Low-Income Housing Tax Credit.
- 10:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session to Review Telecommunication Poles and Conduit Right-of -Ways.
- 11:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session to Review Payments in Lieu of Taxes.

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

- 2:00 p.m. Regular meeting. Please register for the Commission on the Environmental and Public Health Impacts of Perfluorinated Chemicals meeting on February 9, 2024 2:00 PM EST at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2347194978943920726>
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. You also may join the meeting by phone: 1 (415) 655-0060
Access Code: 813-528-334 Webinar ID: 315-791-163 The following email address will be monitored throughout the meeting by someone who can assist with and alert the committee to any technical issues: Amy.E.Rousseau@des.nh.gov. You may also call Amy Rousseau at 603-848-1372.

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:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82731252212?pwd=Q3pvYncvcW55Zkg0ZVVNQW5USGlsZz09>
Meeting ID: 827 3125 2212 Passcode: 392939

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 202-204, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. **HB 1566-FN**, relative to the review of police investigations.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1528**, relative to reporting by the northern border alliance program.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1658-FN**, relative to developing a notification database for those individuals with orders of commitment or revocations of conditional discharges.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1527-FN**, relative to criminal trespass.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 1428-FN**, relative to inmate illness or emergency.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COVID RESPONSE EFFICACY, Room 301-303, LOB

- 1:00 p.m. Organizational meeting.

STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 206-208, LOB

- 9:15 a.m. **HR 26**, urging Congress to adopt a constitutional amendment to distinguish between corporate and individual rights.
- 9:45 a.m. **HR 23**, calling upon the New Hampshire congressional delegation to support a national, universal health insurance program.
- 10:30 a.m. **HR 27**, calling for policymakers locally and nationally to fully consider all relevant information and factors pertaining to climate change before pursuing courses of action that could adversely affect any economy or environment.
- 11:30 a.m. Executive session on **HB 1041**, relative to establishing a commission to investigate the USS Liberty incident and its aftermath; **HCR 8**, applying to congress for a limited national convention for the exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution relative to elections; **HCR 9**, rescinding the application to the Congress of the United States of America to call a convention pursuant to the terms of Article V of the United States Constitution; **HCR 11**, condemning medically unnecessary restrictions on medication abortion; **HR 19**, calling for the repeal of the Jones Act; **HR 24**, reaffirming support for the child labor amendment to the United States Constitution; **HR 28**, urging for the compensation for injuries from PFAS and for the closure and cleaning of sites affected by PFAS; **HB 1156**, relative to public health, safety, and state sovereignty; **HB 1485**, establishing a committee to study the totality of circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 epidemic; **HR 31**, urging support of the dignity through prosperity act; **HR 22**, urging Congress to remove the exception from the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution: "except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted."; **HR 26**, urging Congress to adopt a constitutional amendment to distinguish between corporate and individual rights; **HR 23**, calling upon the New Hampshire congressional delegation to support a national, universal health insurance program; **HR 27**, calling for policymakers locally and nationally to fully consider all relevant information and factors pertaining to climate change before pursuing courses of action that could adversely affect any economy or environment.

STATE HEALTH ASSESSMENT AND STATE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 126-A:88), UNH Law, Room 103 2 White Street Concord

- 12:30 p.m. Regular meeting. Join Zoom:
<https://unh.zoom.us/j/98011299433?pwd=Q0pzeXJwREcxMXE5YWE2WkM0SFRBZz09>

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12**AMERICAN REVOLUTION SESTERCENTENNIAL COMMISSION (RSA 17-S:1), Historical Society 29, School Street, Concord, NH**

- 1:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY EXOTIC AQUATIC WEEDS AND EXOTIC AQUATIC SPECIES OF WILDLIFE IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 487:30), Conservation Center French Wing, Williams Room, 54 Portsmouth St., Concord

- 9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE CANADIAN TRADE COUNCIL (RSA 12-O:22), Room 103, SH

- 2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL ON SUICIDE PREVENTION (RSA 126-R:2), National Guard Edward Cross Training Center 722 Riverwood Drive Pembroke, NH

- 10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 485-F:4), NHDES, 29 Hazen Drive, Rooms 110-112

- 9:00 a.m. Construction project subcommittee work session.

2nd Floor Conference Room at the Department of Safety (33 Hazen Drive, Concord)

- 10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.
 12:00 p.m. Source Water Protection subcommittee meeting.

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

- 1:00 p.m. Regular meeting. Join Zoom:
<https://nh-dhhs.zoom.us/j/7629646757?pwd=dUJnaTVCOEk1bnZMTepDZEkrOGk4QT09&omn=83760052265>
 By Phone: +1 305 224 1968 US Meeting ID: 762 964 6757 Passcode: 782701

STATE COMMISSION ON AGING (RSA 19-P:1), NH Hospital Association Room 1, 125 Airport Road, Concord NH

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

In addition to the physical location, access is also available need be remotely via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87430173115?pwd=bUFR3I5emt3NGVueDBYYW9SZThLUT09>

Public attendance is always welcome though there may not always be an opportunity for public input. Questions? Please contact Rebecca Sky before or during the meeting at Rebecca.L.Sky@nhcoa.nh.gov or 603-848-4204.

STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 206-208, LOB

1:00 p.m. **SB 317**, relative to establishing a New Hampshire-Ireland trade council.

1:30 p.m. Executive session on **SB 317**, relative to establishing a New Hampshire-Ireland trade council.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13**CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206-208, LOB**

10:00 a.m. **HB 1261**, relative to voluntary services under the CHINS program.

10:30 a.m. **HB 1269-FN**, relative to the use of child restraints in schools.

11:00 p.m. **HB 1027**, relative to allowing child support to include the period of pregnancy.

1:15 p.m. **HB 1659-FN**, relative to interference with child custody and shared parenting.

2:00 p.m. Executive session on **HB 1573-FN**, relative to oversight of and criteria for residential placement of children; **HB 1308**, relative to parent access to children's library records; **HB 1392**, relative to consideration of the opinion of the child in determining parenting time.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14**JUDICIARY, Room 206-208, LOB**

9:00 a.m. **HB 1353**, relative to authorizing the commissioner of the department of education to issue subpoenas.

9:45 a.m. **HB 1115**, relative to the termination of tenancy at the expiration of the tenancy or lease term.

10:30 a.m. **HB 1368**, prohibiting termination of a tenancy based on a tenant's failure to pay rent that was increased by certain price fixing programs.

11:15 a.m. **HB 1497-FN**, restricting trial courts in criminal matters from imposing certain sentences following a plea bargain.

1:00 p.m. **HB 1640-FN**, relative to qualified immunity standards.

1:45 p.m. **HB 1614-FN**, relative to judicial review of department of environmental services decisions.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 307, LOB

9:45 a.m. Executive session on **HB 1178-FN**, relative to an employee's unused earned time; **HB 1377-FN**, relative to granting workers free choice to join or refrain from joining labor unions; **HB 1522-FN**, relative to weekly benefit amounts for unemployment compensation; **HB 1597-FN**, relative to the maximum weekly unemployment benefit amount; **HB 1375**, relative to severance agreements requiring employees to broadly waive labor law rights.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 2024**, relative to the state 10-year transportation improvement plan.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15**LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION, Room 104, LOB**

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 1080**, relative to the legislative youth advisory council.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16**ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2), Room 306-308, LOB**

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY ENVIRONMENTALLY-TRIGGERED CHRONIC ILLNESS (RSA 126-A:73-a), NH DES Building, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord

3:00 p.m. Regular meeting. Join Zoom: Meeting ID: 861 1781 8803 Passcode: 669915

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86117818803?pwd=cWRXdIgwQnQvc2ZRbkNOBhGc3M0dz09>

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

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

LONG-TERM SEACOAST COMMISSION ON DRINKING WATER (RSA 485-F:6), New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), Portsmouth Regional Office in Room A, Pease International Tradeport, 222 International Drive, Suite 175, Portsmouth

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

OVERSIGHT COMMISSION ON CHILDREN'S SERVICES (RSA 21-V:10), Room 100, SH

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, Room 302-304, LOB

9:00 a.m. **HB 1168**, establishing a committee to study the impact of the housing crisis on people with disabilities.

9:30 a.m. **HB 1065**, relative to fire sprinkler requirements in residential buildings.

10:00 a.m. **HB 1215**, relative to subdivision regulations on the completion of improvements and the regulation of building permits.

10:45 a.m. **HB 1361**, relative to municipal land use regulation for manufactured housing and subdivisions.

1:00 p.m. **HB 1399**, allowing municipalities to permit 2 residential units in certain single-family residential zones.

1:45 p.m. **HB 1400**, relative to the required maximum number of residential parking spaces.

2:30 p.m. **HB 1291**, relative to accessory dwelling unit uses allowed by right.

STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (SIEC) (RSA 21-P:48, IV), NH Fire Academy, Classrooms 5 & 6, 98 Smokey Bear Blvd., Concord

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206-208, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HB 1013**, relative to amending the definition of temporary alimony.

10:00 a.m. **HB 1192-FN**, relative to contempt actions in domestic relations matters.

10:30 a.m. Executive session on **HB 1261**, relative to voluntary services under the CHINS program; **HB 1269-FN**, relative to the use of child restraints in schools; **HB 1027**, relative to allowing child support to include the period of pregnancy; **HB 1659-FN**, relative to interference with child custody and shared parenting; **CACR 17**, relating to the rights of parents. Providing that parents shall have a fundamental right to direct the upbringing, education, and care of their minor children; **CACR 25**, relating to the rights of children and parents. Providing that parents and children have the right to control their health, education, and welfare.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 301-303, LOB

9:00 a.m. DES Rules Update Subcommittee.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

JUDICIARY, Room 206-208, LOB

9:00 a.m. **HB 1664-FN**, relative to legal remedies for individuals who receive medical detransitioning.

10:00 a.m. **HB 1672**, relative to tenants in section 8 public housing.

11:00 a.m. **HB 1684**, relative to loss of consortium.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND OTHER RELATED DEMENTIA (RSA 126-A:15-a), Room 103, SH

3:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 126-A:13), Room 203, LOB

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

SOLID WASTE WORKING GROUP (RSA 149-M:61), NRRA Offices – 2101 Dover Road, Epsom,

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting. Remote attendance option: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3435858814888164108>

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

NEW HAMPSHIRE PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD (RSA 126-BB:2), Brown Building Auditorium, 129 Pleasant St., Concord

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, MARCH 4

COMMISSION TO STUDY OFFSHORE WIND AND PORT DEVELOPMENT (RSA 374-F:10), NHDES, Pease Office, 222 International Drive, Suite 175, Portsmouth

4:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFECT OF RECENT CHANGES MADE TO CHARITABLE GAMING LAWS, INCLUDING THE NEWLY AUTHORIZED HISTORICAL HORSE RACES (RSA 284:6-c), Room 100, SH

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

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

5:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

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:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82731252212?pwd=Q3pvYncvcW55Zkg0ZVVNQW5USGlsZz09>

Meeting ID: 827 3125 2212 Passcode: 392939

MONDAY, MARCH 11

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

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 485-F:4), 2nd Floor Conference Room at the Department of Safety, 33 Hazen Drive, Concord

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

REVISED FISCAL NOTES

The following bills have a revised fiscal note: HB38, HB 91, HB 116, HB 194, HB 272, HB 276, HB 282, HB 300, HB 318, 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 593, HB 606, HB 608, HB 614, HB 616, HB 618, HB 620, HB 622, HB 627, HB 628, HB 645, HB 652, HB 1386, HB 1422, HB 1426, HB 1492, HB 1522, HB 1561, HB 1563, HB 1566, HB 1570, HB 1571, HB 1582, HB 1589, HB 1592, HB 1593, HB 1594, HB 1597, HB 1598, HB 1599, HB 1600, HB 1608, HB 1610, HB 1614, HB 1619, HB 1623, HB 1629, HB 1630, HB 1632, HB 1633, HB1634, HB 1636, HB 1639, HB 1640, HB 1641, HB 1644, HB 1645, HB 1647, HB 1654, HB 1665, HB 1675, HB 1677, HB 1681, HB 1682, HB 1686, HB 1689, HB 1702, HB 1706, HB 1710, SB 106, SB 151, SB 176, SB 180, SB 235, SB 249, SB 252, SB 267, SB 317, SB 465, SB 467, SB 470.

MEMBERS' NOTICES

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All Representatives are invited to a Bible Study, Prayer, & during the Lunch Break on Session Days. We will meet in LOB 104 with Pastor Peter Chamberland for this time together. Come and be refreshed both physically and spiritually during our lunch hour. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Rep. Deb Hobson

Most occupational licensing boards have members of the public serving on them. Those board members are intended to represent the public, the customers of the professions being licensed. The Office of Professional Licensing and Certification (OPLC) has difficulty filling those positions because most people don't even know they exist and OPLC does not have a good way to advertise. As representatives we know many people in our districts, so Representatives are asked to let citizens who might be interested in serving on a board to contact Lindsey B. Courtney, Executive Director, at lindsey.b.courtney@oplc.nh.gov. Alternatively, they may apply online at <https://www.oplc.nh.gov/interested-becoming-oplc-board-member>.

Reps. Tony Lekas and Jaci Grote

Pursuant to Executive Order 2023-06, the Public Higher Education Task Force to Study the Strategic Alignment of Public Higher Education in New Hampshire will meet at 25 Hall Street, Concord, NH 03301 on the following dates:

Friday, February 2, 2024; 9:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.

Friday, February 23, 2024; 9:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.

Friday, March 1, 2024; 9:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.

Friday, March 8, 2024; 12:30 p.m.– 4:30 p.m.

Rep. Rick Ladd

All legislators are cordially invited to attend an Open House discussion about upcoming legislation regarding Medical Assistance in Dying/ State-Approved Suicide. This event will be held in the Upham-Walker House on **Tuesday, February 6th from 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.** Lunch will be provided.

Rep. Katy Peternel

Bi-State Primary Care Association will host its in-person NH Legislative and Business Event on **Tuesday, February 6, 2024**, at the Downtown Concord Holiday Inn. Hot breakfast will be served at **7:30 a.m.** and the event is scheduled to conclude at 9:00 a.m. This year's breakfast will feature a discussion about workforce challenges and key policy solutions to strengthen access to integrated preventive and primary care for all Granite Staters. Bi-State is excited to debut a video featuring NH's community health center staff, who will highlight the innovative work they do every day to meet their community needs. Please RSVP to Colleen Dowling cdowling@bistatepca.org.

Rep. Wayne MacDonald

Delta Dental Plan of New Hampshire cordially invites all House and Senate members to their Twenty-third Annual Northeast Delta Dental Legislative Reception on **Tuesday, February 13, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** at their corporate headquarters at One Delta Drive in Concord, New Hampshire. Please RSVP to Siobhan Hutchison at 603-223-1244 or email legreception@nedelta.com.

Rep. Jason Osborne and Matt Wilhelm

NAMI NH (The National Alliance on Mental Illness, New Hampshire) cordially invites all legislators to a hot breakfast on **February 15th, 7:30-8:30 a.m.** (doors open at 7 a.m.) at St. Paul's Church – located directly across Park St. from the State House. To ensure an accurate catering count, please RSVP by 2/12 to advocacy@NAMINH.org. There will be a short program outlining NAMI NH's legislative priorities on mental health and suicide prevention.

Rep. Mark Pearson

AMENDMENTS

(LISTED IN NUMERICAL ORDER)

Amendment to HB 1046-FN (2024-0252h)

Proposed by the Committee on Resources, Recreation and Development– c

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Accident Reports. Amend RSA 270:1-a, I to read as follows:

I. The operator of a vessel who knows or reasonably should have known that he or she has just been involved in any accident that involved death, personal injury, or damage to property, shall immediately stop said vessel at the scene of the accident, render any assistance that he or she is capable of giving to the occupants of any other vessel involved in the accident, and give the operator or owner of any other vessel involved in such accident, and to any person injured, and to the owner of any property damaged, the operator's name and the owner's name and address, the vessel registration number, and the name and address of each occupant. If by reason of injury or absence or removal from the place of the accident or other cause, such injured person, or operator of such other vessel, or owner of the property damaged, or any of them, is unable to understand or receive the information required in this section, such information shall be given to any marine patrol officer or other police officer with jurisdiction arriving at the scene of the accident or immediately to a marine patrol officer or other police officer at the nearest police station or at marine patrol headquarters. Any person operating a vessel that is in any manner involved in the accident shall, within 15 days after such accident, report in writing to the department of safety the facts required hereunder together with a statement of the circumstances if any person is injured or killed or if damage to property is in excess of \$2,000. If the operator is physically or mentally incapable of making such report, ***or fails or refuses to make the report or provide required information***, the owner of the vessel involved in the accident or the owner's representative shall, after learning of the accident, forthwith ***notify any marine patrol officer or other police officer with jurisdiction and*** make such report. The operator or the owner shall furnish to the department such relevant information as the department shall require.

**Amendment to HB 1048
(2024-0244h)**

Proposed by the Majority of the Committee on Education – r

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

1 Commission on Holocaust and Genocide Education; Extended. Amend RSA 193-E:2-f, VI to read as follows:

VI. Report. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the chairpersons of the senate and house committees with jurisdiction over education, the senate clerk, the house clerk, the state board of education, the governor, and the state library. A preliminary report shall be submitted on or before January 1, 2021. An annual report shall be submitted on or before November 1, 2021 and each year thereafter. The commission shall monitor the implementation by grade, curriculum, and hours of instruction. A final report shall be submitted on or before November 1, [2024] **2026**.

2 Prospective Repeal; Effective Date. Amend 2020, 29:19, II to read as follows:

II. Section 18 of this act shall take effect November 1, [2024] **2026**.

2024-0244h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill extends the date of the issuance of the final report of the commission on Holocaust and genocide studies from 2024 to 2026.

**Floor Amendment to HB 1049
(2024-0321h)**

Proposed by Rep. Griffin – r

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 House Boats; Overnight Mooring Prohibited. RSA 270-A:3 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows: 270-A:3 Where Overnight Mooring Prohibited.

Unless it is allowed pursuant to RSA 270-A:2, no houseboat, as defined in RSA 270-A:1, II, shall be anchored overnight for more than 3 consecutive nights in any one-week period.

2024-0321h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill repeals a general prohibition for the overnight mooring of houseboats and permits it up to 3 consecutive nights in one week.

**Amendment to HB 1107
(2024-0344h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Education– c

Amend RSA 193-E:2-a, VI(d) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(d) "Curriculum framework" means an organized plan of study that serves as a guide and reference to what New Hampshire students should know and be able to do in a learning area and identifies the academic standards aligned with each learning area pursuant to RSA 193-E:2-a, I(a).

**Amendment to HB 1116
(2024-0349h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Fish and Game and Marine Resources- r

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Lawful Methods of Taking; Lever Action Carbine. Amend RSA 207:3, I to read as follows:

I. Wildlife shall be taken in the daytime between 1/2 hour before sunrise and 1/2 hour after sunset with a gun, firearm, muzzleloader, or air rifle, fired at arm's length, bow and arrow or crossbow, or a ~~[lever-action carbine]~~ **rifle** chambered in ~~[-.357, .44 Magnum, or .45 Colt]~~ **a straight-walled pistol cartridge of .357 caliber or greater** in any area where hunting is restricted to handgun or pistol, unless otherwise specifically permitted. An air rifle may be used to take small game, but shall not be used to take moose, bear, turkey, or deer. The executive director shall specify the method and manner of taking small game with an air rifle in rules adopted pursuant to RSA 541-A.

**Amendment to HB 1161
(2024-0174h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Education- c

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Public School Infrastructure Fund. Amend RSA 198:15-y, III(f) to read as follows:

(f) ~~[Energy efficient]~~ School buses or other vehicles used for transportation of students.

**Amendment to HB 1165
(2024-0322h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Education - c

Amend the bill by replacing sections 3-6 with the following:

3 New Paragraph; School Building Aid; Use of Grant. Amend RSA 198:15-b by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

IV. All school building aid grants shall be deposited into an established school district expendable trust created pursuant to RSA 198:20-c, with unused building aid grant funds remaining invested at all times. School construction project funds maintained in the expendable trust shall not be commingled with non-project funds of the district. All interest accrued shall be used for operation and maintenance cost or capital improvement projects for the related school facility.

4 School Building Aid; Approval of Plans. Amend RSA 198:15-c, III to read as follows:

III. A school district that accepts school building aid for construction shall engage the services of ~~[a]~~ **an owner's** project manager for construction or reconstruction projects of \$1,000,000 or more, unless the commissioner waives such requirement as unnecessary. The school district's **owner's** project manager shall have his or her own comprehensive liability and auto insurance, worker's compensation coverage, and professional liability coverage. The state board of education shall adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A relative to the required services, responsibilities, and qualifications for the school district's **owner's** project manager.

5 Public School Infrastructure Fund; Authorization. Amend RSA 198:15-y, I through the introductory paragraph of RSA 198:15-y, III to read as follows:

I. The general court recognizes that there is a need to provide funding for infrastructure projects for public **preschools**, elementary, and secondary schools. Therefore, it is the intent of this chapter to designate certain surplus funds in the 2016-2017 biennial budget to provide grants to fund select school infrastructure projects in accordance with this chapter.

II. There is hereby established in the office of the state treasurer the public school infrastructure fund which shall be kept distinct and separate from all other funds and which shall be administered by the department of education. After transferring sufficient funds to the revenue stabilization reserve account to bring the balance of that account to \$100,000,000, the state treasurer shall transfer the remainder of the general fund surplus for fiscal year 2017, as determined by the official audit performed pursuant to RSA 21-I:8, II(a), to the fund. Any earnings on fund moneys shall be added to the fund. All moneys in the fund shall be nonlapsing and continually appropriated. The department of education may retain up to 3 percent of the total annual appropriation of the public school infrastructure fund on or after July 1, 2019, to be used to administer the public school infrastructure program.

III. The ~~[governor, in consultation with the]~~ public school infrastructure commission~~;~~ may authorize **the department of education to** fund expenditures ~~[with approval of the fiscal committee of the general court and the executive council. Funds may be expended]~~ for the following purposes:

6 Public School Infrastructure Commission. Amend RSA 198:15-z, IV to read as follows:

IV. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. ~~[The commission shall meet at least monthly.]~~ The commission shall provide a report on or before ~~[June 30, 2021]~~ **November 30 of each year** to the general

court with information on fund expenditures for the year, projects begun or completed during the previous year, the balance in the public school infrastructure fund, and any other information the commission deems appropriate.

Amend RSA 200:11-a, II as inserted by section 7 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. The department of education shall ~~[ensure that]~~ **notify** every public school in New Hampshire ~~[pos- sesses a copy of]~~ **how to access** the United States Environmental Protection Agency Tools for Schools program and shall encourage public schools to implement the program to help provide and maintain good indoor air quality in public school buildings.

**Amendment to HB 1304-FN-LOCAL
(2024-0069h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Transportation- c

Amend the bill by replacing section 5 with the following:

5 Display of Numbers and Decals. Amend RSA 270-E:8 to read as follows:

270-E:8 Display of Numbers **and Decals** Required.

I. Every vessel required to be registered in this state shall display the **boat fee decal under RSA 270-E:5-a and the** vessel numbers issued to the vessel as part of the registration process, unless the vessel is exempt under the provisions of RSA 270-E:9.

II. ~~[The owner shall paint on, attach or otherwise display to each side of the forward half of the vessel the numbers assigned by the department not less than 3 inches in height, with block letters of contrasting color, and they shall be clearly readable when the vessel is being operated. The numbers shall be maintained in legible condition. No numbers other than the numbers validly assigned to a vessel shall be painted, at- tached or otherwise displayed on either side of the forward half of such vessel.]~~

HH-] Any person who operates a vessel on the inland or tidal and coastal waters of this state without displaying the vessel numbers ~~[and the]~~, **boat fee decal, or other decal** required by this chapter in the man- ner required by this chapter, unless exempt under the provisions of RSA 270-E:9, shall be guilty of a violation for a first offense and a misdemeanor for a second offense.

Amend the bill by replacing section 10 with the following:

10 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2025.

**Amendment to HB 1424
(2024-0350h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Fish and Game and Marine Resources- c

Amend RSA 208:3-d as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

208:3-d Pistols Permitted. Pistols permitted under RSA 208:3, 3-a, 3-b, and 3-c shall include ~~[a .357 Mag- num, 10mm Automatic, .41 Remington, .44 Magnum, .45 Long Colt, .480 Ruger, .50 Magnum, .45 ACP (Auto- matic Colt Pistol), .460 Rowland, .45 Super, .50 AE (Action Express), .357 SIG Sauer, .327 Federal Magnum, and .400 Corbon]~~ **.327 Federal Magnum, and any caliber .357 Magnum and greater**, provided that a pistol used for taking deer under this section shall be loaded with no more than 6 rounds of ammunition at any time.

**Amendment to HB 1429-FN-A
(2024- 0227h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Resources, Recreation and Development - r

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

1 New Section; Department of Environmental Services; Dams; Transfer Procedures. Amend RSA 482 by inserting after section 51 the following new section:

482:51-a Dams; Transfer to Municipality or Association.

I. At least one year prior to removing any state-owned dam, the department shall offer to transfer owner- ship of the dam and associated property to the municipality in which the dam and impoundment created by it are located. Upon notice by the department, the governing body shall cause the legislative body to answer the question of whether the legislative body wants to accept the transfer of ownership of the dam. At the same meeting, the legislative body shall consider the issuance of any long term debt necessary to effectuate the transfer and address any deficiencies. If the legislative body votes to accept the transfer but denies issu- ance of the debt, the department shall consider that to be a rejection of the offer. Upon rejection of the offer by the municipality, the department shall offer to transfer ownership of the dam and impoundment created by it to any association of landowners or any interested parties, registered as a public entity in good standing and capable of issuing long term debt which have an interest in perpetuating the dam and its impoundment. Those interested parties shall have 90 days to consider whether to accept the transfer of ownership. After those 90 days have elapsed with no accepted offers for a transfer of ownership, the department may proceed with removal of the dam.

II. The procedure in paragraph I shall not apply if, upon receipt of information reasonably believed to be valid, the commissioner of environmental services believes the dam to be in imminent danger of failure and a threat to the lives and property downstream.

III. When offering a transfer of a dam under paragraph I, the department shall provide to the offerees any existing documentation regarding the dams condition, a good faith estimate of costs of necessary repairs, a list of ongoing maintenance, inspection, or licensing needed, and all other relevant information regarding the costs of taking ownership of the dam with associated property.

IV. The department shall develop by administrative rules under RSA 541-A a process by which municipalities, or other interested parties who are capable of assessing local property taxes or issuing debt, may apply for a loan necessary for the repair and maintenance of non-state-owned dams. Loans shall be funded by moneys in the dam maintenance revolving loan fund established in RSA 482:55-b.

2 New Section; Dam Maintenance Revolving Loan Fund Established. Amend RSA 482 by inserting after section 55-a the following new section:

482:55-b Dam Maintenance Revolving Loan Fund Established.

I. There is established a dam maintenance revolving loan fund to provide loans to fund the maintenance, repair, removal, or improvement of any municipally owned dam, when such maintenance, repair, removal, or improvement is required under this chapter. This fund shall be nonlapsing and shall be continually appropriated to the department for the purposes of RSA 482:51-a. No loans shall be made from this fund until the fund has accrued a balance of at least \$2,500,000.

II. Loans made from the fund shall be issued at the discretion of the department of environmental services.

III. A sum equal to up to 5 percent or not more than \$200,000 of the balance of the fund each year shall be set aside to pay the department costs of administering the fund. The funds set aside shall be deposited into the dam maintenance fund and shall be continually appropriated to the department exclusively for the purposes of this section and RSA 482:51-a.

IV. The department shall adopt rules for the revolving loan fund including the interest rate charged on loans and oversight of the administration of the fund. In providing loans, the department shall evaluate the risk posed by the dam, the public benefit of the dam, the private benefit of the dam to lakefront owners, the ecological impacts of the dam, the potential for contributions to needed maintenance, repair, or reconstruction, the financial resources of the applicant, and the relative cost of maintaining, repairing, or improving the dam as compared to removing or breaching the dam.

V. Sources of revenue that may be accepted and deposited into the dam maintenance revolving loan fund include:

(a) Any funds that may be appropriated from the general fund;

(b) Principal and interest received from the repayment of loans made from the fund;

(c) Grants and awards made to the state by the federal government for the purpose for which the fund was established;

(d) Interest earned from the investment of fund balances;

(e) Private gifts, bequests, and donations made to the state for the purpose for which the fund was established; and

(f) Any other funds from any public or private source intended to be used for the purpose for which the fund was established.

3 New Subparagraph; Dam Maintenance Revolving Loan Fund. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by inserting after subparagraph (394) the following new subparagraph:

(395) Moneys deposited in the dam maintenance revolving loan fund established in RSA 482:55-b.

4 Appropriation; Department of Environmental Services; Dam Maintenance Revolving Loan Fund. The sum of \$1 is appropriated to the department of environmental services for deposit in the dam maintenance revolving loan fund established in RSA 482:55-b, for the purpose of providing loans under RSA 482:51-a. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

2024-0227h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a procedure for the department of environmental services to transfer ownership of a dam and associated property to the municipality in which the dam is located, or to other associations or parties, and includes the authority of the department to make loans from a dam maintenance revolving loan fund.

Amendment to HB 1480

(2024-0269h)

Proposed by the Committee on Education – c

Amend RSA 186-C:23, VI as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

VI. The state board of education shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, for the methods of alternative dispute resolution in this section.

2024-0269h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill expands alternative dispute resolution regarding the provision of special education services for individualized education plan facilitation and authorizes the state board of education to make rules for this purpose.

Amendment to HB 1570-FN-A-LOCAL

(2024-0336h)

Proposed by the Committee on Education – c

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

AN ACT requiring the department of education to conduct a facility assessment of public schools and public chartered schools.

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

1 Grant for School Construction; Facility Assessment Required. Amend RSA 198:15-a, V to read as follows:

V.(a) The department of education shall develop and maintain a 10-year school facilities plan of potential school building grant projects. Potential projects shall include, but not be limited to, criteria pursuant to RSA 198:15-c, II(b). The 10-year plan is intended to create a method to identify and enhance school facilities in a safe, healthy, and efficient manner while providing adequate learning environments for New Hampshire's students. The 10-year plan shall be updated every biennium to provide the department a summary of projects and school facility capital expenditures that are anticipated for the next 10 years. The plan shall identify new construction, renovation, and emergency projects, and describe the overall condition of projects contained in the plan. In support of the 10-year plan, it is recommended that each district have in place and provide the department a long-range capital improvement program that identifies school facility goals, provides projected expenditures, and outlines procedures and guidelines to be followed to accomplish goals. Each district is encouraged to review and update the district's anticipated school facility capital improvement plan on a 2-year recurring basis or as needed. The department shall use this information to better plan, prioritize, and project new anticipated capital construction and renovation expenditures relative to the state building aid program. The state board of education shall adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A relative to this paragraph.

(b) To comply with requirements in subparagraph V(a), the department of education shall contract with a vendor to conduct a facility assessment of public schools and chartered public schools, and to create a ranked list of schools most in need of construction or renovation. The contractor will be selected through the statewide contracting process, pursuant to RSA 4:15.

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

2024-0336h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill directs the department of education to contract with a vendor to conduct a facility assessment of public schools and public chartered schools.

Amendment to HB 1639-FN-LOCAL

(2024-0277h)

Proposed by the Committee on Education – c

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

AN ACT relative to children with disabilities placed at state facilities for detained or adjudicated youth.

Amend the bill by replacing sections 2-4 with the following:

2 Children with Disabilities at the Youth Development Center, County Correctional Facilities and the Youth Services Center. Amend RSA 186-C:19-a to read as follows:

186-C:19-a Children with Disabilities [and the Youth Services Center] in State Facilities for Detained or Adjudicated Youth and County Correctional Facilities.

I. For a child with a disability [at the youth development center] ***at a state facility for detained or adjudicated youth*** or county correctional facilities, [or who is placed at the youth services center maintained by the department of health and human services] ***including*** while awaiting disposition of the court following arraignment pursuant to RSA 169-B:13, the school district responsible for the development of an individualized education program and the child's special education expenses shall be as follows:

(a) If such child is in the legal custody of the parent, the school district in which the child's parent resides shall be responsible.

(b) If such child is not in the legal custody of the parent or if the parent resides outside the state, the school district in which the child most recently resided other than in a state institution, home for children or health care facility as defined in RSA 193:27 shall be responsible.

(c) For the purposes of this section a parent shall not have legal custody if legal custody has been awarded to some other person or agency, even if that parent retains residual parental rights. An award of legal custody by a court of competent jurisdiction, in this state or in any other state, shall determine legal custody under this section.

II. The school district liability for educational expenses for a child with a disability [~~in the youth development center~~] ***in a state facility for detained or adjudicated youth*** or county correctional facilities, [~~or who is placed in the youth services center while awaiting disposition of the court following arraignment pursuant to RSA 169-B:13;~~] shall not exceed the state average elementary cost per pupil, as determined by the state board of education for the preceding school year.

3 Liability for Children With Disabilities in Certain Court Ordered Placements. Amend RSA 186-C:19-b, I(a) to read as follows:

(a) As used in this section “children in placement for which the department of health and human services has financial responsibility” means all children receiving special education or special education and related services whose placements were made pursuant to RSA 169-B, 169-C, or 169-D, except children [~~at the youth development center and children placed at the youth services center maintained by the department of health and human services while awaiting disposition of the court following arraignment pursuant to RSA 169-B:13;~~] ***placed in a state facility for detained or adjudicated youth.***

4 Special Education Program of the Youth Services Center. Amend RSA 186-C:20 to read as follows:

186-C:20 Special Education Program [~~of the Youth Services Center~~] ***in a State Facility for Detained or Adjudicated Youth.*** Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, the expenses for a child with a disability receiving services at the special education program [~~at the youth services center maintained by the department of health and human services~~] ***in a state facility for detained or adjudicated youth*** shall be the responsibility of the liable school district so assigning the child. Such a school district shall pay the rate established for the special education program of the [~~center~~] ***facility.***

2024-0277h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill modifies the requirements for special education services for youth in a state facility for detained or adjudicated youth or county correctional facilities, and for alternative dispute resolution.

Amendment to HB 1662-FN (2024-0191h)

Proposed by the Committee on Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs – r

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Paragraph; Department of Health and Human Services; Restriction on Simultaneous Employment. Amend RSA 126-A:4 by inserting after paragraph VII the following new paragraph:

VIII. No person shall be simultaneously employed by the department of health and human services, division for children youth and families, and a licensed adoption or child placing agency. This prohibition shall not restrict the ability of employees of said department from serving as foster parents for children for whom they had no involvement in the removal and placement process.