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HOUSE JOURNAL NO. 23 (Cont'd)

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

(Speaker Shurtleff in the Chair)

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The Speaker made the following committee assignments:

Rep. Vose on the Committee on Science, Technology and Energy.

Rep. Webb off the Committee on Science, Technology and Energy and on the Committee on Fish and Game and Marine Resources.

Rep. Burt off the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety and on the Committee on Executive Departments and Administration.

Rep. Horn off the Committee on Finance and on the Committee on Children and Family Law.

Rep. Tony Lekas on the Committee on Municipal and County Government.

Rep. Lucas on the Committee on State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs.

Rep. Roy off the Committee on Executive Departments and Administration and on the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

SENATE MESSAGE

The following entitled House Resolutions sent up from the House of Representatives were not admitted into the Senate under Senate Rule 3-26:

HCR 2, requesting an investigation on whether opioids, benzodiazepines, and exposure to agent orange contribute to suicides by veterans.

HCR 3, relative to welcoming communities.

HCR 4, encouraging media outlets not to broadcast the name or image of a suspected perpetrator of a mass shooting.

HCR 5, requesting the United States Congress to propose a constitutional amendment to reverse the ruling of the United States Supreme Court in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*.

HCR 7, urging the president and congress to adopt a policy renouncing the first use of nuclear weapons.

HJR 2, recommending and requesting the president of the United States and the United States Congress to exclude the state of New Hampshire from offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration activities.

RECESS

The recessed Session of September 25, 2019 was called to order by the Speaker on January 8, 2020.

Prayer was offered by House Chaplain, Reverend Kate Atkinson, Rector of St. Paul's Church in Concord.

Eternal God; God of new beginnings as we enter this new year, full of promise and possibilities, give us 2020 vision! Help us to recognize what You may be calling us to do, the discoveries and actions You may be guiding us to. Help us to see how You may be urging us to make changes in our own lives, or to bring about change for the good in the lives of others. Help us to acknowledge the dazzling truth that, with Your help and inspiration, we can change the world! Give us the clarity of insight we need to focus on what really matters as this new decade unfolds. Help us to put aside our personal desires and to embrace the needs of our shared world. Give us a longing for healing: healing of divisions - between individuals, communities, and nations; healing of societies torn apart by poverty, homelessness, violence, and addiction; healing of our world, this beautiful, fragile planet, our island home, and healing for ourselves - for broken hearts, shattered dreams, and unresolved hurts, that hold us back from being the people You created us to be. Give us 2020 vision, O God, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, and make us whole. Amen.

Representative Linda DiSilvestro, member from Manchester, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The National Anthem was sung by US Air Force Master Sergeant Clint Yager of Manchester.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Reps. Steven Beaudoin, Langley, Martin, Nutting-Wong and Radhakrishnan, the day, illness.
 Reps. Espitia, Harrington, Huot, Lang, Loughman, Myler, Southworth and Varney, the day, important business.
 Reps. L'Heureux and Viens, the day, illness in the family.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Shane Coughlin, guest of Rep. Rice. Liam McVitee, guest of Rep. Opderbecke. C. David, Marylaine, Dave, James and Samantha Hobson, in-laws, husband, son and daughter of Rep. Hobson. The Honorable Dan Itse, former member from Fremont, and the Honorable J.R. Hoell, former member from Dunbarton, guests of Rep. Burt. The Honorable Jim Belanger, former member from Hollis, and his wife Sandy Belanger, guests of the Speaker.

COMMUNICATION

October 23, 2019

Mr. Paul Smith
 Clerk of the House of Representatives
 State House
 Concord, NH 03301

Dear Paul:

Please be advised that the following representative-elect was sworn into office by the Governor and Executive Council on this day:

Rockingham County District No. 9

Michael Vose, r, Epping (75 Olde Bridge Lane) 03042

Sincerely,
 William M. Gardner, Secretary of State

COMMUNICATION

VIA EMAIL

Mr. Speaker, Colleagues and dear Friends.

I was diagnosed with cancer in August. It is called "CLL," Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia. Things are progressing more quickly than we had anticipated. For these reasons and not knowing exactly what the future will bring, I have regretfully decided to resign my position as a New Hampshire State Representative for Stratford county, effective January 1st, 2020. It was not an easy decision to make. I have many good friends on both sides of the aisle. It has truly been a life learning experience for me. Thank you all for the small part you have had in my life's journey. I will never forget it. I am sorry.

Sincerely,
 Jody L. McNally

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE ON HB 226

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on September 27, 2019, I have vetoed House Bill 226, relative to the renomination of teachers. New Hampshire is fortunate to have thousands of talented and dedicated teachers working to provide our students with excellent educations. Like all of us, teachers must be accountable to school officials, and ultimately to parents. HB 226 reverses the groundbreaking teacher tenure reforms passed by the Legislature eight years ago. These reforms gave young teachers time to learn on the job before local districts had to make a long-term decision to keep them. This increased the ability of local school boards to replace low-performing teachers with better ones. HB 226 would not only undo these reforms, but effectively create tenure protection after just two years on the job. This is simply not enough time for local officials to know if new teachers are the right fit for their schools. For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed House Bill 226.

Respectfully submitted, Christopher T. Sununu, Governor

The question being, notwithstanding the Governor's veto, shall **HB 226**, relative to the renomination of teachers, become law?

Rep. Van Houten spoke in favor.

Pursuant to the New Hampshire Constitution, Part II, Article 44, a roll call, requiring a two-thirds vote of the House for approval, was taken.

YEAS 213 - NAYS 149

YEAS - 213
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Kanzler, Harrison

Burroughs, Anita
Knirk, Jerry

Butler, Edward
Ticehurst, Susan

DesMarais, Edith
Woodcock, Stephen

CHESHIRE

Abbott, Michael
Faulkner, Barry
Mann, John
Schapiro, Joe
Von Plinsky, Sparky

Ames, Richard
Fenton, Donovan
Meader, David
Swinburne, Sandy
Pearson, William

Berch, Paul
Gomarlo, Jennie
Morrill, David
Tatro, Bruce
Weber, Lucy

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Parkhurst, Henry
Thompson, Craig

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Schmidt, Janice
Klee, Patricia
Murray, Megan
Mullen, Sue
Petrigno, Peter
Query, Joshua
Newman, Sue
St. John, Michelle
Telerski, Laura
Vann, Ivy
Woodbury, David

Bouldin, Andrew
Beaulieu, Jane
Bosman, James
Cohen, Bruce
Dargie, Paul
Davis, Fred
Griffith, Willis
Heath, Mary
Jack, Martin
Klein-Knight, Nicole
Mangipudi, Latha
Murphy, Nancy
Pickering, Daniel
Newman, Ray
Shaw, Barbara
Stack, Kathryn
Toomey, Dan
Thomas, Wendy

Backus, Robert
Bergeron, Paul
Bouchard, Donald
Connors, Erika
Desjardin, Kathy
Freitas, Mary
Hall, Brett
Herbert, Christopher
Jeudy, Jean
Komi, Richard
McGhee, Kat
Nutter-Upham, Frances
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Vail, Suzanne
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Balch, Chris
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Chretien, Jacqueline
Cornell, Patricia
DiSilvestro, Linda
Gidge, Kenneth
Hamer, Heidi
Indruk, Greg
King, Mark
Long, Patrick
Mombourquette, Donna
Pedersen, Michael
Porter, Marjorie
Rung, Rosemarie
Sofikitis, Catherine
Smith, Timothy
Van Houten, Constance
Williams, Kermit

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Bartlett, Christy
Ellison, Arthur
Lane, Connie
Moffett, Howard
Saunderson, George
Soucy, Timothy
Wazir, Safiya

Carson, Clyde
Fox, Samantha
Luneau, David
Pimentel, Roderick
Schamberg, Thomas
Turcotte, Alan
Wells, Kenneth

Doherty, David
Fulweiler, Joyce
MacKay, James
Rodd, Beth
Schuett, Dianne
Wallner, Mary Jane
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McWilliams, Rebecca
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Schultz, Kristina
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Meuse, David
Ward, Gerald

Berrien, Skip
Coursin, David
Eisner, Mary
Murray, Kate
Malloy, Dennis
Pantelakos, Laura
Warner, Anne

Bunker, Lisa
Cushing, Robert Renny
Gilman, Julie
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McBeath, Rebecca
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Grassie, Chuck
Kenney, Cam
Schmidt, Peter
Spang, Judith
Wall, Janet

Chase, Wendy
Fontneau, Timothy
Higgins, Peg
Levesque, Cassandra
Rich, Cecilia
Towne, Matthew

Conley, Casey
Frost, Sherry
Horrigan, Timothy
Smith, Marjorie
Salloway, Jeffrey
Treleaven, Susan

SULLIVANCloutier, John
Sullivan, BrianMerchant, Gary
Tanner, Linda

O'Hearne, Andrew

Oxenham, Lee

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Fields, Dennis
Plumer, John
Tilton, FranklinBean, Harry
Howard, Raymond
Beaudoin, RichardComtois, Barbara
Jurius, Deanna
Spanos, PeterFeeney, George
Mackie, Jonathan
Sylvia, Michael**CARROLL**Avellani, Lino
MacDonald, JohnComeau, Ed
Marsh, WilliamCordelli, Glenn
Nelson, Bill

Crawford, Karel

CHESHIRE

Hunt, John

O'Day, John

COOS

Craig, Kevin

Furbush, Michael

Merner, Troy

GRAFTON

Gordon, Edward

Hennessey, Erin

Ladd, Rick

Migliore, Vincent Paul

HILLSBOROUGHLekas, Alicia
Boehm, Ralph
Danielson, David
Gagne, Larry
Gunski, Michael
Lascelles, Richard
Panasiti, Reed
Ober, Russell
Somero, Paul
Whittemore, JamesAlexander, Joe
Burns, Charles
Erf, Keith
Gould, Linda
Hinch, Richard
Marzullo, JP
Plett, Fred
Renzullo, Andrew
Lekas, TonyGriffin, Barbara
Burt, John
Fedolli, Jim
Graham, John
Hopper, Gary
Notter, Jeanine
Proulx, Mark
Rice, Kimberly
Ulery, JordanBarry, Richard
Camarota, Linda
Flanagan, Jack
Greene, Bob
Ober, Lynne
Nunez, Hershel
Prout, Andrew
Sanborn, Laurie
Warden, Mark**MERRIMACK**Allard, James
Klose, John
Seaworth, Brian
Yakubovich, MichaelForsythe, Robert
Kotowski, Frank
Testerman, DaveHill, Gregory
McGuire, Carol
Walsh, ThomasHorn, Werner
Pearl, Howard
Wolf, Dan**ROCKINGHAM**Abbas, Daryl
Barnes, Arthur
Davis, Dan
DeSimone, Debra
Elliott, Robert
Harb, Robert
Janigian, John
Love, David
Major, Norman
Milz, David
Piemonte, Tony
Roy, Terry
True, Chris
Webb, JamesAbrami, Patrick
Bershtein, Alan
Thomas, Douglas
Dolan, Tom
Gay, Betty
Hobson, Deborah
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Lundgren, David
McKinney, Betsy
O'Connor, John
Potucek, John
Spillane, James
Verville, Kevin
Welch, DavidActon, Dennis
Chirichiello, Brian
DeClercq, Edward
Doucette, Fred
Green, Dennis
Hoelzel, Kathleen
Khan, Aboul
Griffin, Mary
McMahon, Charles
Owens, Becky
Pratt, Kevin
Sytek, John
Vose, Michael
Weyler, KennethBaldasaro, Al
Costable, Michael
Desilets, Joel
Edwards, Jess
Guthrie, Joseph
Osborne, Jason
Kolodziej, Walter
Pearson, Mark
Melvin, Charles
Packard, Sherman
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Torosian, Peter
Wallace, Scott
Yokela, Josh**STRAFFORD**Hayward, Peter
Pitre, JosephHorgan, James
Rooney, AbigailKittredge, Mac
Wuelper, Kurt

Perreault, Mona

SULLIVANAron, Judy
Rollins, SkipCallum, John
Stapleton, WalterLaware, Thomas
Smith, Steven

Lucas, Gates

and the veto was sustained.

Rep. Ley declared a conflict of interest and did not participate.

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE ON HB 315

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on September 27th, 2019, I have vetoed House Bill 315, relative to the Interstate Voter Registration Crosscheck Program and

the accuracy and efficiency of voter registration systems. House Bill 315 would impose unreasonable restrictions on the Secretary of State's ability to determine the best voter registration information sharing arrangement for our state. New Hampshire should maintain the Secretary of State's flexibility on this issue and trust him to make the best decision for the people of New Hampshire, as he has done for over 40 years. I would have supported the bill as passed by the House, which would have removed the requirement that the Secretary of State enter into the Interstate Voter Registration Crosscheck program, but preserved the Secretary's ability to enter into arrangements as he sees fit. For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed House Bill 315.

Respectfully submitted, Christopher T. Sununu, Governor

The question being, notwithstanding the Governor's veto, shall **HB 315**, relative to the Interstate Voter Registration Crosscheck Program and the accuracy and efficiency of voter registration systems, become law? Rep. Porter spoke in favor.

Pursuant to the New Hampshire Constitution, Part II, Article 44, a roll call, requiring a two-thirds vote of the House for approval, was taken.

YEAS 218 - NAYS 150

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Love, David
Major, Norman
Milz, David
Piemonte, Tony
Roy, Terry
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Potucek, John
Spillane, James
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Griffin, Mary
McMahon, Charles
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Weyler, Kenneth

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and the veto was sustained.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE 2019 SESSION

Rep. Ley moved that the House adjourn from the 2019 Session.
Motion adopted.

The 1st year Session of the 166th General Court of the New Hampshire House of Representatives stands adjourned.

HOUSE JOURNAL NO. 1

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

This day, January 8, 2020, the first Wednesday following the first Tuesday in January, being the day designated by the Constitution (Art. 3rd, Part 2nd) for assembling of the second-year session of the 166th General Court of the State of New Hampshire, at the Capitol in the City of Concord, the Speaker convened the 2020 House of Representatives and called the session to order.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION NO. 13

WHEREAS, we have learned with profound sorrow of the death of our friend and colleague A. Richard Marple, who was serving his sixth term as a State Representative representing the citizens of Merrimack County District 24, the town of Hooksett; and

WHEREAS, a devoted patriot, Dick Marple served in the United States Navy and as a New Hampshire State Trooper; and

WHEREAS, a firm believer in the rights of citizens enumerated in the US and NH Constitutions, he was quick to quote articles and codes, calling for pay to legislators being made in gold or silver bullion; and

WHEREAS, a member of the State Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs Committees during his tenure in the House, Dick earned a reputation of being a diligent and well-regarded member; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Masonic fraternity for over sixty years, Dick Marple was a charter member and faithful attendee at General Court Lodge, America's only Legislative Masonic Lodge; and

WHEREAS, above all Dick Marple was a dedicated husband to Louise and father to Ross and Cynthia; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives in Regular Session convened, A. Richard Marple be granted the highest praise and accolades and our profound thanks for his service to his country, the state, and the town he called home for many years, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that expressions of our most heartfelt sympathy be extended to his family and that a suitable copy of this Resolution be prepared for presentation to them.

Offered by the House of Representatives.

Adopted unanimously.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Rep. Weyler requested Unanimous Consent of the House regarding memorial remarks for the Honorable Dick Marple and addressed the House.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was observed in honor and in memory of the member from Hooksett, the Honorable Dick Marple.

MOTION TO PRINT REMARKS

Without objection, the Speaker ordered that the remarks made by Rep. Weyler during Unanimous Consent be printed in the Permanent Journal.

REMARKS

Rep. Weyler: Thank you, Mister Speaker. As we gather here today, we are sad to see that one of our members has passed away. The Honorable Richard Marple, died on December 13th. He was an interesting man when you got to know him. He spent a lot of his time studying history and government. He would quote from the Constitution and the US Code. He was an expert on the nuances of the law. I saw him in a District Court once, where he refused to step forward past the gate by telling the judge that he did not recognize her authority in the case. He had submitted several papers to her and made several statements from his seat behind the barrier. She seem perplexed, as he quoted several laws to her. She said she would take his papers under consideration, and that ended it. He saved several people who asked for his advice from answering threatening letters from lawyers. He answered them with the letters from the Uniform Commercial Code, UCC, and the person was troubled no more. He had many followers among the groups that yearn for more freedom. He did not always find success in his legislation as he got into areas that were too deep for most of us. He kept insisting that an automobile was private property and thus was not subject to registration fees. He had six pages of judicial precedent to make his point, but he rode to Concord with me so that he did not have to register his car. As you heard, he did not accept his checks for legislative pay or for mileage, because he felt that the deductions made from them were unlawful. He wanted to be paid in silver, and felt that the constitution required it. If you had to go to court, he felt that the constitution did not require you to pay for that. His constituents knew that he was a tireless defender of their rights and pocketbooks. He would take on anyone fearlessly. In his early life he had been in the US Navy, and went to college to be a police officer when that was rarely done. He served for a time as a New Hampshire State trooper. After resigning in 1965, he became an insurance adjuster and entrepreneur. He was an active member of the Masonic Fraternity, serving in many of its different organizations. He was active in one that was into research. His artistic skills were always welcome by his brother Masons. He designed and manufactured many of the lapel pins, rings, and aprons on requests from brothers. He helped me design my Lodge Pin 25 years ago. He designed our pin that we wear as members of the General Court Lodge. He would offer his wares at meetings and fairs. He was a chef, a gardener, an actor in Masonic Plays, an orator. His mind was always busy discovering new things and communicating with new people. I would always learn something new from our conversations. As I look at this flag, I am reminded that he was into the nuances that you don't have a gold fringed flag when you are showing the American flag. A gold fringed flag has very specific uses. It's an Admiralty flag and it's not actually to be used in such situations as this. It took him a few years to get it right but there is his memorial to all of us. Dick leaves behind a wife of over sixty years of marriage, a son and a daughter and a dog, and many friends here among us. Rest in Peace, my Brother and Colleague. Thank you.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Rep. Schuett requested Unanimous Consent of the House regarding the Honorable Frank Davis and addressed the House.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was observed in honor and in memory of the Honorable Frank Davis of Pembroke.

MOTION TO PRINT REMARKS

Rep. Baldasaro moved that the remarks made by Rep. Schuett during Unanimous Consent be printed in the Permanent Journal.

Without objection, the Speaker ordered.

REMARKS

Rep. Schuett: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Thank you to my colleagues from Pembroke, Merrimack County District 20 joining me. I first knew Frank Davis as a constituent, and then later, as my mentor. He was first elected to this House as a Republican, in a special election in 1998, to another term as a Republican, then to five more terms as a Democrat. How's that for bipartisan? I was honored to serve with him for two of those terms. Oh, I knew the parliamentary processes but he tutored me in campaigning and how to get things accomplished, whether you are in the majority or in the minority. But most importantly, he demonstrated how to do it gracefully. Frank was a New Hampshire native, born in Keene. He graduated from Pittsfield High, earning his bachelor's from then Keene State College and a master's from UNH. His chosen career was teaching. He taught social studies and served as department head at Pembroke Academy and then at the new Merrimack Valley High School where he also served as department head. He also taught driver's education for 25 years. Talk about patience. And judging by the numbers of people who would greet him while we were standing at the polls on election day, I think he must have taught at least half of the residents of Merrimack

County how to drive. Athletics were always important to Frank, a high school athlete in baseball, basketball and cross country. He was co-captain of his Keene State soccer team. Then in addition to teaching, he also coached cross country and track, and in fact, was inducted into the NH Coaches Hall of Fame in 2014. He also ran 5K road races for 50 years until 2017. The first indication that he had health problems was when his neighbors noticed that he was no longer running out on Buck Street in Pembroke. One of his greatest passions was working to get the Merrimack County Nursing Home constructed. Frank and County Commissioner J.D. Colcord, also a former member of this House who sadly passed away last month, coordinated and oversaw that project to produce what we feel is one of the finest county nursing homes in the country. Frank was also a “numbers guy.” He followed all the elections, even after he was no longer running for office himself. I would stop in and see him and he would tell me who won by how many votes and why, or what the odds are that this or that candidate would be elected. He kept meticulous records, by hand, in ledger books. And in fact, his daughter Karen told me she inherited his Chrysler and found several of his ledger books in the trunk of the car. Karen has said that as long as she has that car, they are going to be there. Karen is one of Frank’s six children and three stepchildren. He is also missed by his loving wife Pat of 32 years, 18 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Finally, I should tell you that Frank Davis was definitely a renaissance man, winning grants to study world history at UNH, Middle East government at Rutgers, social studies at Carnegie Mellon and a scholarship to study economics at the University of Connecticut. And, all of his sports activities and coaching, and he and Pat traveled to many historic sites. They loved Civil War battlefields and even escorted a couple of student groups to Australia. And, he played in his high school’s concert and marching bands and later in an orchestra and a folk band. And, he served as a volunteer in Pembroke on the fire department and on several town committees. But he was always, always very humble about his contributions. He was truly a gentle man and a gentleman. I would ask you to join me in remembering the very Honorable Frank Davis.

CALL OF THE ROLL

With 368 members having answered the call, the Speaker declared a quorum present.

RESOLUTION

Rep. Ley offered the following: RESOLVED, that in accordance with the list in the possession of the Clerk, House Bills numbered 1101 through 1130, 1132 through 1200, 1202 through 1237, 1239 through 1240, 1242 through 1243, 1245 through 1294, 1296 through 1564, 1566 through 1589, 1591 through 1592 and 1594 through 1713, House Concurrent Resolutions numbered 8 through 10, House Joint Resolution numbered 4, House Resolutions numbered 10 through 12 and Constitutional Amendment Concurrent Resolutions numbered 13 through 18 shall be by this resolution read a first and second time by the therein listed titles, sent for printing and referred to the therein designated committees.

Motion adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILLS

First, second reading and referral

HB 1101-FN, imposing a waiting period between the purchase and delivery of a firearm. (Rogers, Merr. 28; Abbott, Ches. 1; Berch, Ches. 1; Josephson, Graf. 11; Muscatel, Graf. 12; Heath, Hills. 14; Chretien, Hills. 42; Bunker, Rock. 18; Horrigan, Straf. 6; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1102, requiring food service establishments to establish food allergy awareness procedures. (Rung, Hills. 21; Marsh, Carr. 8; J. Schmidt, Hills. 28; Guthrie, Rock. 13; Kenney, Straf. 6; Feltes, Dist 15; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1103, relative to the submission of evidence in divorce proceedings. (Yokela, Rock. 33; Rice, Hills. 37; Camarota, Hills. 7; Children and Family Law)

HB 1104, relative to the acquisition, sale, or demolition of municipal land or buildings. (Abrami, Rock. 19; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1105-L, relative to warrant articles in official ballot town, school district, or village district meetings. (Marsh, Carr. 8; Edwards, Rock. 4; Comeau, Carr. 5; MacDonald, Carr. 6; M. Pearson, Rock. 34; Cordelli, Carr. 4; Lang, Belk. 4; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1106, relative to noncompetite agreements for certain mental health professionals. (Abrami, Rock. 19; Sherman, Dist 24; Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services)

HB 1107-A, making an appropriation to the Gunstock area commission for reconstruction of the main parking area. (Huot, Belk. 3; Fields, Belk. 4; St. Clair, Belk. 9; Jurius, Belk. 2; Finance)

HB 1108, relative to the methods of taking turkey during youth turkey hunt weekend. (Spillane, Rock. 2; L’Heureux, Hills. 21; Verville, Rock. 2; Comeau, Carr. 5; Janvrin, Rock. 37; Love, Rock. 6; Reagan, Dist 17; Fish and Game and Marine Resources)

HB 1109, requiring disclosure by motor vehicle manufacturers of proprietary repair information. (Spillane, Rock. 2; Steven Smith, Sull. 11; Read, Rock. 17; Baldasaro, Rock. 5; Notter, Hills. 21; M. Pearson, Rock. 34; S. Pearson, Rock. 6; Reagan, Dist 17; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1110-FN, relative to the application of the tax on meals and rooms to certain Dartmouth College property. (Tucker, Coos 5; Cushing, Rock. 21; Ways and Means)

HB 1111, relative to the removal and replacement of telephone and electric poles. (Grote, Rock. 24; K. Murray, Rock. 24; Cannon, Straf. 18; Woodcock, Carr. 2; Sherman, Dist 24; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1112-FN, requiring programs for female parolees. (Radhakrishnan, Hills. 22; Pantelakos, Rock. 25; Rodd, Merr. 6; J. Schmidt, Hills. 28; Cleaver, Hills. 35; Welch, Rock. 13; Abbas, Rock. 8; Vail, Hills. 30; R. Newman, Hills. 29; Levesque, Dist 12; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1113-FN, relative to workers' compensation for heart and lung disease in firefighters. (Horn, Merr. 2; Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services)

HB 1114, relative to state motor vehicle inspections. (Conley, Straf. 13; Prout, Hills. 37; Torosian, Rock. 14; St. Clair, Belk. 9; Transportation)

HB 1115, relative to the discharge of a firearm in the compact part of a city or town. (Doherty, Merr. 20; Schuett, Merr. 20; St. John, Hills. 27; McGhee, Hills. 40; Andrew Bouldin, Hills. 12; Coursin, Rock. 1; K. Murray, Rock. 24; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1116, relative to the definition of "eligible facility" as it pertains to renewable generation to provide fuel diversity. (Oxenham, Sull. 1; Backus, Hills. 19; Mann, Ches. 2; Saunderson, Merr. 9; Wells, Merr. 1; McGhee, Hills. 40; Science, Technology and Energy)

HB 1117-FN, relative to penalties for dog theft and tampering with a dog's radio collar. (Sullivan, Sull. 1; Rollins, Sull. 6; Comtois, Belk. 7; Environment and Agriculture)

HB 1118, establishing a committee to study air quality in school buildings. (Sullivan, Sull. 1; Tanner, Sull. 9; Kahn, Dist 10; Education)

HB 1119, relative to banking by municipal and county treasurers. (Moynihan, Coos 2; Laflamme, Coos 3; Noel, Coos 3; Merner, Coos 7; Hennessey, Graf. 1; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1120, requiring periodic water tests of rental property. (W. Thomas, Hills. 21; DesMarais, Carr. 6; Chase, Straf. 18; Frost, Straf. 16; Coursin, Rock. 1; Stack, Hills. 21; Eisner, Rock. 6; DiLorenzo, Rock. 17; Judiciary)

HB 1121, proclaiming October 9 as PANDAS/PANS Awareness Day. (W. Thomas, Hills. 21; Chase, Straf. 18; Levesque, Straf. 4; Coursin, Rock. 1; Sandler, Straf. 21; Chandley, Dist 11; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1122-FN, relative to death benefits of first responders who die from suicide. (Abbas, Rock. 8; Doucette, Rock. 8; Lang, Belk. 4; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1123, relative to reporting a collision between a cat and a motor vehicle. (Abbas, Rock. 8; Burroughs, Carr. 1; Kenney, Straf. 6; Schultz, Merr. 18; Janigian, Rock. 8; DeClercq, Rock. 8; Read, Rock. 17; Transportation)

HB 1124, relative to the definition of prime wetland. (Grassie, Straf. 11; Grote, Rock. 24; Spang, Straf. 6; Towne, Straf. 4; Sherman, Dist 24; Resources, Recreation and Development)

HB 1125, enabling municipalities to adopt an exemption from property taxes for volunteer firefighters and volunteer emergency medical personnel. (Aron, Sull. 7; Steven Smith, Sull. 11; Rice, Hills. 37; Mombourquette, Hills. 5; Owens, Rock. 4; Forsythe, Merr. 8; Horn, Merr. 2; Roy, Rock. 32; M. Pearson, Rock. 34; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1126, relative to removal of trees from state property. (Fedolfi, Hills. 1; Edwards, Rock. 4; Kolodziej, Rock. 7; Ward, Dist 8; Resources, Recreation and Development)

HB 1127, relative to school lunch payment policies. (Horrigan, Straf. 6; Education)

HB 1128, adding deaf or hard of hearing to the medical conditions that may be indicated on a driver's license or nondriver's identification. (M. Pearson, Rock. 34; Woods, Merr. 23; Knirk, Carr. 3; Merchant, Sull. 4; Porter, Hills. 1; Marsh, Carr. 8; Gagne, Hills. 13; Major, Rock. 14; Cordelli, Carr. 4; D'Allesandro, Dist 20; Morgan, Dist 23; Bradley, Dist 3; Transportation)

HB 1129, relative to notice requirements for certain municipal public hearings. (Coursin, Rock. 1; Barnes, Rock. 8; Ladd, Graf. 4; Gilman, Rock. 18; Dutzy, Hills. 30; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1130-FN, relative to assault against an elderly person. (Love, Rock. 6; Potucek, Rock. 6; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1131 – not introduced.

HB 1132, establishing a committee to study the establishment of a multi-state agreement to phase out corporate giveaways. (Plett, Hills. 6; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1133-FN, relative to violations of constitutional rights. (Comeau, Carr. 5; Burt, Hills. 39; Reagan, Dist 17; Judiciary)

HB 1134, renaming the New Hampshire commission on deafness and hearing loss. (M. Pearson, Rock. 34; Marsh, Carr. 8; Woods, Merr. 23; Cushing, Rock. 21; Merchant, Sull. 4; Porter, Hills. 1; Gagne, Hills. 13; Major, Rock. 14; Cordelli, Carr. 4; D'Allesandro, Dist 20; Morgan, Dist 23; Bradley, Dist 3; Birdsell, Dist 19; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 1135, naming a portion of route 49 in honor of Specialist Marc P. Decoteau. (Stringham, Graf. 5; Edwards, Rock. 4; R. Osborne, Graf. 7; Public Works and Highways)

HB 1136, relative to the duty of school superintendents regarding criminal history records checks. (Eisner, Rock. 6; Heath, Hills. 14; Bushway, Rock. 21; McConnell, Rock. 11; Potucek, Rock. 6; Pedersen, Hills. 32; Prudhomme-O'Brien, Rock. 6; Education)

HB 1137, relative to the definition of "excessive speeding." (Ulery, Hills. 37; Transportation)

HB 1138, establishing a commission to expand the rights of minors to legal representation. (French, Graf. 14; Berrien, Rock. 18; P. Schmidt, Straf. 19; Mulligan, Graf. 12; Murphy, Hills. 21; Rice, Hills. 37; Ellison, Merr. 27; Gordon, Graf. 9; Watters, Dist 4; Children and Family Law)

HB 1139, establishing a committee to study eligibility criteria for property tax credits, exemptions, and deferrals available to persons with limited income and the effect of such credits, exemptions, and deferrals on municipalities. (Horn, Merr. 2; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1140, establishing a hospital merger advisory commission. (Cushing, Rock. 21; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1141-FN, establishing the crime of unsolicited disclosure of an intimate image. (Nutting-Wong, Hills. 32; J. Schmidt, Hills. 28; Frost, Straf. 16; Josephson, Graf. 11; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1142-FN, allowing the New Hampshire Masons to issue decals for motor vehicle plates. (Packard, Rock. 5; Weyler, Rock. 13; Transportation)

HB 1143, repealing limited liability for manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition. (Andrew Bouldin, Hills. 12; Amanda Bouldin, Hills. 12; Conley, Straf. 13; Knirk, Carr. 3; Doherty, Merr. 20; Horrigan, Straf. 6; Abel, Graf. 13; Chretien, Hills. 42; Pantelakos, Rock. 25; Josephson, Graf. 11; Hennessey, Dist 5; Dietsch, Dist 9; Judiciary)

HB 1144, requiring certain employers to submit data on wage differences between male and female employees to the department of labor. (Muscatel, Graf. 12; Klein-Knight, Hills. 11; Josephson, Graf. 11; Ruprecht, Graf. 15; Mulligan, Graf. 12; Chretien, Hills. 42; Weston, Graf. 8; Kenney, Straf. 6; Hennessey, Dist 5; Levesque, Dist 12; Feltes, Dist 15; Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services)

HB 1145-FN, authorizing Franklin Pierce University to issue decals for multi-use plates. (Hunt, Ches. 11; Transportation)

HB 1146, relative to the duties of the site evaluation committee. (Vallone, Rock. 9; Andrew Bouldin, Hills. 12; McConnell, Rock. 11; Doherty, Merr. 20; Balch, Hills. 38; DiLorenzo, Rock. 17; Science, Technology and Energy)

HB 1147, prohibiting municipalities from requiring a license for a lemonade stand operated by a person under the age of 18. (True, Rock. 4; T. Lekas, Hills. 37; Aron, Sull. 7; A. Lekas, Hills. 37; Piemonte, Rock. 4; Greene, Hills. 37; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1148, relative to the display of the national motto in schools. (True, Rock. 4; Piemonte, Rock. 4; Education)

HB 1149-FN, relative to child obscenity. (Panasiti, Hills. 22; Lang, Belk. 4; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1150, permitting qualified patients visiting from out-of-state to access New Hampshire therapeutic cannabis dispensaries. (Cushing, Rock. 21; Conley, Straf. 13; Knirk, Carr. 3; McGuire, Merr. 29; Reagan, Dist 17; French, Dist 7; Hennessey, Dist 5; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 1151, relative to the determination of homeowners insurance rates. (Flanagan, Hills. 26; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1152, relative to driving to the left of an unbroken painted line. (Flanagan, Hills. 26; Steven Smith, Sull. 11; Packard, Rock. 5; Transportation)

HB 1153, relative to limited driving privilege after operating under the influence revocation or suspension. (Flanagan, Hills. 26; Transportation)

HB 1154, enabling municipalities to exclude principal of retirement and pension accounts from assets used for eligibility for property tax exemptions. (Flanagan, Hills. 26; Levesque, Dist 12; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1155-FN-L, relative to exemptions from timber taxes for certain residential cutting. (Flanagan, Hills. 26; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1156, establishing a committee to study minimizing the use of public roads in the OHRV trail system known as Ride the Wilds in Coos county. (Flanagan, Hills. 26; Transportation)

HB 1157, relative to liability of New Hampshire news media for failure to update stories on criminal proceedings. (Flanagan, Hills. 26; Judiciary)

HB 1158, relative to the adoption of bylaws and ordinances by municipalities. (Yokela, Rock. 33; DeSimone, Rock. 14; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1159-FN, relative to cyberbullying, cyberstalking, and doxxing of a public servant. (Diggs, Graf. 16; J. Schmidt, Hills. 28; W. Thomas, Hills. 21; Frost, Straf. 16; Altschiller, Rock. 19; Grossman, Rock. 18; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1160-L, allowing municipalities to collect an occupancy fee from operators of local room rentals. (Edgar, Rock. 21; Loughman, Rock. 21; Cushing, Rock. 21; Maggiore, Rock. 22; Cleaver, Hills. 35; Bushway, Rock. 21; Almy, Graf. 13; Somssich, Rock. 27; Cloutier, Sull. 10; Pantelakos, Rock. 25; Watters, Dist 4; Sherman, Dist 24; Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1161-FN, relative to electronic filings of meals and rooms tax returns and interest on payments of state taxes. (Ames, Ches. 9; Abrami, Rock. 19; Ways and Means)

HB 1162, relative to adoption and parentage. (Butler, Carr. 7; Mulligan, Graf. 12; St. John, Hills. 27; Hennessey, Graf. 1; Rice, Hills. 37; Berrien, Rock. 18; Reagan, Dist 17; Bradley, Dist 3; Watters, Dist 4; Hennessey, Dist 5; Children and Family Law)

HB 1163, requiring schools to update documents and software to include the option of identifying a student as non-binary. (Woodcock, Carr. 2; Doherty, Merr. 20; Mullen, Hills. 7; Ellison, Merr. 27; Rung, Hills. 21; Butler, Carr. 7; Burroughs, Carr. 1; Cannon, Straf. 18; Le, Rock. 31; Kanzler, Carr. 2; Education)

HB 1164, concerning support for cats and dogs that are neglected or treated cruelly. (Burroughs, Carr. 1; Rich, Straf. 18; Abbott, Ches. 1; Schultz, Merr. 18; Bushway, Rock. 21; Read, Rock. 17; Watters, Dist 4; Judiciary)

HB 1165, prohibiting ATVs on a rail trail in Gorham. (W. Thomas, Hills. 21; Stack, Hills. 21; Resources, Recreation and Development)

HB 1166, establishing a committee to study obtaining health insurance for those persons who are uninsured in New Hampshire. (Knirk, Carr. 3; Muscatel, Graf. 12; Indruk, Hills. 34; M. Pearson, Rock. 34; Weston, Graf. 8; Butler, Carr. 7; Woods, Merr. 23; Fargo, Straf. 14; Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sherman, Dist 24; Hennessey, Dist 5; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1167, relative to the type of counseling that may be required by the state. (Gay, Rock. 8; Cali-Pitts, Rock. 30; DeSimone, Rock. 14; Nutter-Upham, Hills. 33; Pantelakos, Rock. 25; Plumer, Belk. 6; Read, Rock. 17; Marsh, Carr. 8; Reagan, Dist 17; Children and Family Law)

HB 1168, commemorating the first labor strike in the United States by women. (Conley, Straf. 13; Schultz, Merr. 18; Southworth, Straf. 20; Fargo, Straf. 14; Levesque, Straf. 4; Mulligan, Graf. 12; Watters, Dist 4; Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services)

HB 1169, relative to requiring a roll call vote when one member of a public body participates electronically. (J. Schmidt, Hills. 28; O'Brien, Hills. 36; Klee, Hills. 30; Judiciary)

HB 1170, adding a definition of "reasonably described" to the right-to-know law. (J. Schmidt, Hills. 28; Judiciary)

HB 1171-FN-L, relative to the application of federal Occupational Safety and Health Act standards to public employers. (Sullivan, Sull. 1; Schuett, Merr. 20; Schultz, Merr. 18; Myler, Merr. 10; Long, Hills. 10; Merner, Coos 7; Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services)

HB 1172, prohibiting state agencies from spraying pesticides targeting mosquitoes before dusk. (Rice, Hills. 37; Hinch, Hills. 21; Notter, Hills. 21; Nunez, Hills. 37; Morse, Dist 22; Carson, Dist 14; Environment and Agriculture)

HB 1173-L, relative to the use of an official ballot in towns. (McGhee, Hills. 40; St. John, Hills. 27; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1174, requiring screening for all law enforcement officers for psychological stability and substance use disorders prior to assuming their duties as certified officers. (Cushing, Rock. 21; Welch, Rock. 13; Harriott-Gathright, Hills. 36; Pantelakos, Rock. 25; Meuse, Rock. 29; Swinburne, Ches. 10; Murphy, Hills. 21; Hennessey, Dist 5; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1175-FN, increasing the penalty for certain invasions of privacy. (Vincent, Straf. 17; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1176, establishing a committee to study the attorney general's authority over certain municipal and county employees. (M. Smith, Straf. 6; Cushing, Rock. 21; Berch, Ches. 1; Keans, Straf. 23; Grote, Rock. 24; Eaton, Ches. 3; Leishman, Hills. 24; Heath, Hills. 14; Huot, Belk. 3; Porter, Hills. 1; Judiciary)

HB 1177, relative to qualifications of referees in the superior courts and circuit courts. (Camarota, Hills. 7; Rice, Hills. 37; Reagan, Dist 17; Giuda, Dist 2; French, Dist 7; Judiciary)

HB 1178, relative to safety requirements for pools on foreclosed residential property. (Abrami, Rock. 19; Judiciary)

HB 1179, relative to contract powers of condominium unit owners' associations. (Read, Rock. 17; Buchanan, Merr. 15; Kenney, Straf. 6; Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1180, relative to certain assets in a divorce proceeding. (Read, Rock. 17; Horn, Merr. 2; Spillane, Rock. 2; Cahill, Rock. 17; Vincent, Straf. 17; DiLorenzo, Rock. 17; Children and Family Law)

HB 1181-FN, allowing the New Hampshire public employer labor relations board to award pain and suffering damages. (Gilman, Rock. 18; Read, Rock. 17; King, Hills. 33; Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services)

HB 1182, establishing a commission to study road usage by non-traditional motor vehicles. (Packard, Rock. 5; Walsh, Merr. 24; McGuire, Merr. 29; Transportation)

HB 1183, establishing a committee to study the registration of lobbyists. (Horn, Merr. 2; Legislative Administration)

HB 1184, establishing a committee to study development of a small business start-up guide and flowchart. (Wells, Merr. 1; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1185, establishing a committee to study a dual system apprenticeship program. (Wells, Merr. 1; Karrick, Merr. 25; W. Thomas, Hills. 21; Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services)

HB 1186, establishing a committee to study the filing of certain organizational income reports with the secretary of state. (Wells, Merr. 1; Cushing, Rock. 21; Balch, Hills. 38; McGhee, Hills. 40; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1187, relative to animal shelter facilities. (Ford, Graf. 3; Massimilla, Graf. 1; Egan, Graf. 2; Hennessey, Graf. 1; French, Graf. 14; Ruprecht, Graf. 15; Environment and Agriculture)

HB 1188, relative to conditional licenses of allied health professionals. (P. Schmidt, Straf. 19; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1189-FN, relative to the compensation of members of the genetic counselor's governing board. (P. Schmidt, Straf. 19; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1190, relative to banning the pesticide chlorpyrifos. (Eisner, Rock. 6; Mullen, Hills. 7; Bushway, Rock. 21; Murphy, Hills. 21; W. Thomas, Hills. 21; Berrien, Rock. 18; Environment and Agriculture)

HB 1191, relative to the use of campaign contributions for personal use expenditures. (Burroughs, Carr. 1; Keans, Straf. 23; Massimilla, Graf. 1; M. Smith, Straf. 6; Chase, Straf. 18; DiLorenzo, Rock. 17; Grote, Rock. 24; Kenney, Straf. 6; Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Election Law)

HB 1192-FN, relative to forfeiture of seized personal property. (Sylvia, Belk. 6; Edwards, Rock. 4; McGuire, Merr. 29; Judiciary)

HB 1193, relative to attorneys fees in child support cases. (Gay, Rock. 8; Marsh, Carr. 8; Plumer, Belk. 6; Read, Rock. 17; Mullen, Hills. 7; Children and Family Law)

HB 1194, establishing a surcharge for certain single use plastics. (Balch, Hills. 38; Oxenham, Sull. 1; Vann, Hills. 24; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1195, relative to pesticide use and notification of such use on community playgrounds. (Balch, Hills. 38; Vallone, Rock. 9; Oxenham, Sull. 1; Environment and Agriculture)

HB 1196, relative to eliminating exposure to certain pesticides and establishing an alternative pest management working group. (Balch, Hills. 38; Schultz, Merr. 18; Cannon, Straf. 18; Oxenham, Sull. 1; Feltes, Dist 15; Environment and Agriculture)

HB 1197, exempting disabled veterans from the payment of property taxes. (Balch, Hills. 38; Cannon, Straf. 18; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1198, relative to the use of physical force by persons with special responsibilities. (Balch, Hills. 38; Bosman, Hills. 38; Pickering, Hills. 3; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1199, relative to telephone costs for county prisoners. (Keans, Straf. 23; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1200, relative to the tax expenditure report. (Abrami, Rock. 19; Ames, Ches. 9; Ways and Means)

HB 1201 – not introduced.

HB 1202-L, relative to matters discussed in nonpublic session under the right-to-know law. (DiLorenzo, Rock. 17; Kenney, Straf. 6; Read, Rock. 17; Balch, Hills. 38; Conley, Straf. 13; Wuelper, Straf. 3; Sylvia, Belk. 6; Meuse, Rock. 29; Giuda, Dist 2; Judiciary)

HB 1203, expanding the definition of a neglected child to include cases involving sibling violence. (Danielson, Hills. 7; Children and Family Law)

HB 1204-FN, relative to the emergency exception for limitations on part-time employment within the New Hampshire retirement system. (Danielson, Hills. 7; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1205-FN, relative to the reduction in the calculation of state retirement system annuities at age 65. (Schuett, Merr. 20; Ellison, Merr. 27; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1206, relative to the membership of the state board of education. (Luneau, Merr. 10; Education)

HB 1207, requiring landlords to notify prospective tenants of the use of pesticides or other toxins in the premises. (Vail, Hills. 30; Horrigan, Straf. 6; Klee, Hills. 30; Conley, Straf. 13; Judiciary)

HB 1208, relative to notification of pesticide application in residential property. (Vail, Hills. 30; Horrigan, Straf. 6; Klee, Hills. 30; Conley, Straf. 13; Dutzy, Hills. 30; Environment and Agriculture)

HB 1209, requiring fidelity insurance coverage for condominium board members, managers, and employees. (Chirichiello, Rock. 6; Birdsell, Dist 19; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1210, establishing a property tax exemption for energy storage systems. (Fowler, Rock. 20; Abramson, Rock. 20; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1211, relative to a capital reserve fund in towns under the control of the budget committee. (Abramson, Rock. 20; Fowler, Rock. 20; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1212, relative to the effect of homicide on distribution at death. (McWilliams, Merr. 27; Cushing, Rock. 21; Judiciary)

HB 1213, repealing the prohibition on hunting with a ferret. (Abramson, Rock. 20; Yokela, Rock. 33; Fowler, Rock. 20; Fish and Game and Marine Resources)

HB 1214, permitting certain political organizations to appear on a general election ballot after holding a nominating convention. (Abramson, Rock. 20; Election Law)

HB 1215, relative to the installation of solar energy systems in condominiums and homeowner associations. (McWilliams, Merr. 27; McGhee, Hills. 40; Merner, Coos 7; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1216, relative to the impaired driver education program. (Forsythe, Merr. 8; Murphy, Hills. 21; A. Lekas, Hills. 37; Mullen, Hills. 7; French, Dist 7; Transportation)

HB 1217, requiring police officers to report misconduct. (Burt, Hills. 39; Sylvia, Belk. 6; Potucek, Rock. 6; Forsythe, Merr. 8; Craig, Coos 4; Prout, Hills. 37; Desilets, Rock. 7; Balch, Hills. 38; True, Rock. 4; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1218-FN, relative to net energy metering and limits for customer generators. (Moffett, Merr. 9; Backus, Hills. 19; Suzanne Smith, Graf. 8; P. Schmidt, Straf. 19; McWilliams, Merr. 27; Danielson, Hills. 7; O'Connor, Rock. 6; Wolf, Merr. 5; Allard, Merr. 21; Bradley, Dist 3; Science, Technology and Energy)

HB 1219, establishing a committee to study reducing local costs of health care for educators. (Conley, Straf. 13; Chase, Straf. 18; Frost, Straf. 16; Diggs, Graf. 16; Education)

HB 1220, relative to disabled veterans fishing and hunting licenses. (Aldrich, Belk. 2; Bean, Belk. 2; Fish and Game and Marine Resources)

HB 1221, relative to privacy for an employee's personal financial and credit information. (Cushing, Rock. 21; Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services)

HB 1222, adding a member to the aviation users advisory board. (Weyler, Rock. 13; L. Ober, Hills. 37; R. Ober, Hills. 37; Torosian, Rock. 14; Jack, Hills. 36; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1223, relative to schedule I and unscheduled drug take-back programs. (Dolan, Rock. 5; Marsh, Carr. 8; Alexander Jr., Hills. 6; D. Thomas, Rock. 5; Greene, Hills. 37; Carson, Dist 14; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 1224-FN-A-L, making an appropriation to the lakeshore redevelopment planning commission. (Spanos, Belk. 3; Lovejoy, Rock. 36; St. Clair, Belk. 9; Tilton, Belk. 3; Huot, Belk. 3; Morse, Dist 22; French, Dist 7; Finance)

HB 1225, allowing increased net energy metering limits for municipal hydroelectric facilities. (O'Brien, Hills. 36; Telerski, Hills. 35; Cohen, Hills. 28; Cleaver, Hills. 35; King, Hills. 33; Vail, Hills. 30; Science, Technology and Energy)

HB 1226, prohibiting surveillance by the state on public ways or sidewalks. (Erf, Hills. 2; Warden, Hills. 15; Keans, Straf. 23; French, Dist 7; Judiciary)

HB 1227, requiring the renovation of the smoker's lounge in the legislative office building. (Fox, Merr. 23; Wilhelm, Hills. 42; Josephson, Graf. 11; Chretien, Hills. 42; Legislative Administration)

HB 1228, proclaiming Climate Change Awareness Day on October 1. (Balch, Hills. 38; McGhee, Hills. 40; Cannon, Straf. 18; Oxenham, Sull. 1; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1229, requiring proposed natural gas facilities to include decommissioning costs. (Balch, Hills. 38; McGhee, Hills. 40; Bernet, Hills. 4; Science, Technology and Energy)

HB 1230, relative to credit for reinsurance. (Hunt, Ches. 11; Bartlett, Merr. 19; Morse, Dist 22; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1231, establishing a commission to study approaches to allowing parents or guardians of school children to be educated on the content of non-core topics periodically discussed. (Abrami, Rock. 19; Cordelli, Carr. 4; Education)

HB 1232, relative to the burden of proof in special education hearings. (Cordelli, Carr. 4; Boehm, Hills. 20; Pitre, Straf. 2; Verville, Rock. 2; Forsythe, Merr. 8; D. Thomas, Rock. 5; Spillane, Rock. 2; B. Griffin, Hills. 6; Education)

HB 1233-FN, relative to coverage for children's early intervention services. (Wallner, Merr. 10; Nordgren, Graf. 12; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1234-FN-A, making an appropriation for the purposes of heating state-owned buildings. (Wallner, Merr. 10; D'Allesandro, Dist 20; Finance)

HB 1235-A, establishing a committee to study ensuring workforce maintenance through enhancement of the retirement system, and making an appropriation therefor. (Cushing, Rock. 21; Rogers, Merr. 28; Proulx, Hills. 44; Morgan, Dist 23; Chandley, Dist 11; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1236, relative to the expectation of privacy. (Erf, Hills. 2; Edwards, Rock. 4; Cordelli, Carr. 4; Keans, Straf. 23; Ward, Dist 8; Judiciary)

HB 1237-FN, relative to reporting of information required for utility property valuation. (Merner, Coos 7; French, Graf. 14; McGhee, Hills. 40; Science, Technology and Energy)

HB 1238 – not introduced.

HB 1239, relative to eligibility for the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program. (Fowler, Rock. 20; Abramson, Rock. 20; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 1240, prohibiting teachers from having sexual contact with a student. (Prudhomme-O'Brien, Rock. 6; Migliore, Graf. 9; Lang, Belk. 4; Marzullo, Hills. 2; B. Griffin, Hills. 6; Klein-Knight, Hills. 11; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1241 – not introduced.

HB 1242, establishing every 4th Thursday in August as Jamaican Appreciation Day. (Janvrin, Rock. 37; Fowler, Rock. 20; Cushing, Rock. 21; Khan, Rock. 20; Sherman, Dist 24; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1243, relative to the degree-granting authority of an educational institution in New Hampshire. (Ladd, Graf. 4; Cordelli, Carr. 4; Boehm, Hills. 20; Shaw, Hills. 16; Allard, Merr. 21; Education)

HB 1244 – not introduced.

HB 1245, establishing a legislative committee to review non-regulatory boards, commissions, councils, advisory committees, and task forces. (Ebel, Merr. 5; Porter, Hills. 1; Weber, Ches. 1; Heath, Hills. 14; Butler, Carr. 7; Abrami, Rock. 19; Rosenwald, Dist 13; Legislative Administration)

HB 1246, relative to reporting of health care associated infections. (Woods, Merr. 23; Marsh, Carr. 8; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 1247, relative to notice of rent increases in certain residential rental property. (Conley, Straf. 13; Griffith, Hills. 18; Telerski, Hills. 35; Schultz, Merr. 18; Chase, Straf. 18; Vincent, Straf. 17; Wazir, Merr. 17; Kenney, Straf. 6; Judiciary)

HB 1248-L, relative to community revitalization tax relief incentives. (Conley, Straf. 13; Chase, Straf. 18; Andrew Bouldin, Hills. 12; Fenton, Ches. 8; Meuse, Rock. 29; Klein-Knight, Hills. 11; Grassie, Straf. 11; Cleaver, Hills. 35; Watters, Dist 4; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1249, relative to the legal representation of children in the juvenile justice system. (Berrien, Rock. 18; Martin, Hills. 23; Rice, Hills. 37; Gordon, Graf. 9; Hennessey, Dist 5; Carson, Dist 14; Reagan, Dist 17; Bradley, Dist 3; Children and Family Law)

HB 1250, prohibiting corporal punishment of children in state agency programs. (Berrien, Rock. 18; Altschiller, Rock. 19; Berch, Ches. 1; Coursin, Rock. 1; Murphy, Hills. 21; Grote, Rock. 24; Snow, Hills. 19; Chandley, Dist 11; Children and Family Law)

HB 1251, relative to participation in school sports programs for female student-athletes. (M. Pearson, Rock. 34; Gould, Hills. 7; Camarota, Hills. 7; Notter, Hills. 21; Hoelzel, Rock. 3; Prudhomme-O'Brien, Rock. 6; Aron, Sull. 7; Rice, Hills. 37; A. Lekas, Hills. 37; Birdsell, Dist 19; Ward, Dist 8; Education)

HB 1252-FN, relative to large groundwater withdrawals from replacement wells. (M. Pearson, Rock. 34; Welch, Rock. 13; Weyler, Rock. 13; Green, Rock. 13; Guthrie, Rock. 13; Hobson, Rock. 35; Salloway, Straf. 5; Somssich, Rock. 27; Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Morgan, Dist 23; Birdsell, Dist 19; Resources, Recreation and Development)

HB 1253, establishing an advisory council on the dispensing of eyeglasses and contact lenses. (Schuett, Merr. 20; P. Schmidt, Straf. 19; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1254-FN, relative to the parole of prisoners and the procedures of the adult parole board. (Rodd, Merr. 6; Welch, Rock. 13; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1255, relative to roadside memorials. (Eaton, Ches. 3; Graham, Hills. 7; Cloutier, Sull. 10; Jack, Hills. 36; Public Works and Highways)

HB 1256, establishing a committee to study the effectiveness of the Granite Hammer/Shield programs. (Amanda Bouldin, Hills. 12; Conley, Straf. 13; Andrew Bouldin, Hills. 12; Burt, Hills. 39; Sylvia, Belk. 6; Watters, Dist 4; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1257, establishing a committee to study the opportunities for citizen involvement in attorney general investigations of officer involved shootings. (Amanda Bouldin, Hills. 12; Conley, Straf. 13; Cleaver, Hills. 35; Andrew Bouldin, Hills. 12; Espitia, Hills. 31; DiLorenzo, Rock. 17; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1258, establishing a committee to study the impact on youth of media concerning them available on the Internet. (Flanagan, Hills. 26; Children and Family Law)

HB 1259, relative to the rulemaking authority of the department of information technology. (L. Ober, Hills. 37; McGuire, Merr. 29; Carson, Dist 14; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1260-FN, relative to penalties for certain occupational licensing violations. (Harrington, Straf. 3; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1261, relative to the energy consumption reduction goal. (Harrington, Straf. 3; Science, Technology and Energy)

HB 1262, relative to the purchase of output of limited electrical energy producers. (Costable, Rock. 3; Pearl, Merr. 26; Plumer, Belk. 6; Science, Technology and Energy)

HB 1263, relative to victims compensation fund eligibility. (Massimilla, Graf. 1; Katsakiores, Rock. 6; Klee, Hills. 30; Lundgren, Rock. 5; Mangipudi, Hills. 35; T. Smith, Hills. 17; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1264, extending the commission on the seacoast cancer cluster investigation. (Meuse, Rock. 29; Cushing, Rock. 21; Le, Rock. 31; McBeath, Rock. 26; Altschiller, Rock. 19; Sherman, Dist 24; Bushway, Rock. 21; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 1265, relative to the requirement of qualifying medical condition for prescriptions for therapeutic cannabis. (Adjutant, Graf. 17; Kenney, Straf. 6; St. Clair, Belk. 9; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 1266, relative to absentee ballot request forms. (Bergeron, Hills. 29; W. Pearson, Ches. 16; Frost, Straf. 16; Levesque, Dist 12; Election Law)

HB 1267, relative to the liability of directors and officers of New Hampshire nonprofit corporations. (Ebel, Merr. 5; M. Smith, Straf. 6; Martin, Hills. 23; McBeath, Rock. 26; Mangipudi, Hills. 35; Watters, Dist 4; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1268, establishing a committee to study student loan forgiveness on the basis of volunteer work, including service in the legislature. (Schultz, Merr. 18; Martin, Hills. 23; Buchanan, Merr. 15; Schuett, Merr. 20; Bartlett, Merr. 19; Education)

HB 1269, relative to posthumous exonerations and annulments. (Cushing, Rock. 21; Butler, Carr. 7; Janvrin, Rock. 37; Edgar, Rock. 21; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1270, relative to the determination of parental rights and responsibilities. (Gay, Rock. 8; Marsh, Carr. 8; Mullen, Hills. 7; Plumer, Belk. 6; Cali-Pitts, Rock. 30; Children and Family Law)

HB 1271-FN, relative to 911 immunity relative to possession of drugs. (Amanda Bouldin, Hills. 12; Meuse, Rock. 29; Bordenet, Ches. 5; Conley, Straf. 13; Rodd, Merr. 6; Cleaver, Hills. 35; Andrew Bouldin, Hills. 12; DiLorenzo, Rock. 17; Watters, Dist 4; Levesque, Dist 12; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1272, prohibiting prison privatization. (Cushing, Rock. 21; Harriott-Gathright, Hills. 36; Meuse, Rock. 29; Berch, Ches. 1; King, Hills. 33; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1273-FN, waiving the admission fee to state parks for military dependents. (Lang, Belk. 4; Baldasaro, Rock. 5; Notter, Hills. 21; Panasiti, Hills. 22; Pearl, Merr. 26; Levesque, Straf. 4; Kenney, Straf. 6; D'Allesandro, Dist 20; Resources, Recreation and Development)

HB 1274, relative to the labeling of bottled water. (Cushing, Rock. 21; Meuse, Rock. 29; Josephson, Graf. 11; Murphy, Hills. 21; M. Pearson, Rock. 34; Bushway, Rock. 21; Hobson, Rock. 35; Levesque, Straf. 4; Sherman, Dist 24; Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Feltes, Dist 15; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1275-FN, relative to laboratory testing. (Edwards, Rock. 4; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 1276, relative to ex-officio members of budget committees and planning boards. (Yokela, Rock. 33; Torosian, Rock. 14; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1277-FN-L, requiring notice to owners of dogs that have failed to license their dog or renew their dog license. (Yokela, Rock. 33; Acton, Rock. 10; DeSimone, Rock. 14; Abramson, Rock. 20; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1278, relative to the use of psychotropic medications for children in foster care. (Marsh, Carr. 8; Berrien, Rock. 18; Camarota, Hills. 7; M. Pearson, Rock. 34; P. Schmidt, Straf. 19; Gay, Rock. 8; Salloway, Straf. 5; Nutter-Upham, Hills. 33; Danielson, Hills. 7; Martin, Hills. 23; Bradley, Dist 3; Sherman, Dist 24; Rosenwald, Dist 13; Chandley, Dist 11; Children and Family Law)

HB 1279, relative to the terms resident, inhabitant, residence, and residency. (Horriggan, Straf. 6; Kenney, Straf. 6; Read, Rock. 17; Berch, Ches. 1; Spang, Straf. 6; Cohen, Hills. 28; Mulligan, Graf. 12; Hennessey, Dist 5; Election Law)

HB 1280-FN, relative to copayments for insulin. (Muscatel, Graf. 12; Levesque, Straf. 4; Stevens, Hills. 34; Grassie, Straf. 11; Merchant, Sull. 4; Buchanan, Merr. 15; Riel, Hills. 6; St. John, Hills. 27; Marsh, Carr. 8; Ebel, Merr. 5; Ward, Dist 8; Feltes, Dist 15; Rosenwald, Dist 13; Hennessey, Dist 5; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1281-FN, requiring insurance coverage for epipens. (Grassie, Straf. 11; Levesque, Straf. 4; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1282, relative to changing a pupil's school or assignment because of a manifest educational hardship. (Cordelli, Carr. 4; Pitre, Straf. 2; Ladd, Graf. 4; Boehm, Hills. 20; Shaw, Hills. 16; Education)

HB 1283-FN, relative to prohibiting the online disclosure of personally identifiable information. (Spillane, Rock. 2; Horn, Merr. 2; Notter, Hills. 21; D. Davis, Rock. 16; McGuire, Merr. 29; Hopper, Hills. 2; Reagan, Dist 17; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1284-FN, relative to organizations authorized to issue decals for multi-use decal number plates. (Ulery, Hills. 37; Transportation)

HB 1285, relative to possession of firearms on school property. (Heath, Hills. 14; Cornell, Hills. 18; Doherty, Merr. 20; Eisner, Rock. 6; Mulligan, Graf. 12; Van Houten, Hills. 45; Berch, Ches. 1; Levesque, Straf. 4; Towne, Straf. 4; Education)

HB 1286-FN, relative to the licensure and regulation of music therapists. (McGhee, Hills. 40; St. John, Hills. 27; Grossman, Rock. 18; Read, Rock. 17; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1287-FN, relative to the duration of antibiotic therapy for tick-borne illness. (W. Thomas, Hills. 21; Stack, Hills. 21; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1288, relative to the form of a candidate's name on the official ballot in nonpartisan town elections. (Cushing, Rock. 21; Edgar, Rock. 21; Bushway, Rock. 21; Janvrin, Rock. 37; Maggiore, Rock. 22; Levesque, Dist 12; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1289, establishing a commission to study the current delivery of services of the deaf and hard of hearing in New Hampshire nursing homes and assisted living facilities, and how such services might be improved. (M. Pearson, Rock. 34; Woods, Merr. 23; Cushing, Rock. 21; Porter, Hills. 1; Conley, Straf. 13; Marsh, Carr. 8; Gagne, Hills. 13; Major, Rock. 14; Cordelli, Carr. 4; D'Allesandro, Dist 20; Bradley, Dist 3; Birdsell, Dist 19; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 1290-FN, relative to public employee labor relations and collective bargaining. (Read, Rock. 17; King, Hills. 33; Guthrie, Rock. 13; Gay, Rock. 8; Kenney, Straf. 6; Buchanan, Merr. 15; Schuett, Merr. 20; Ellison, Merr. 27; Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services)

HB 1291, relative to homestead food license requirements. (Potucek, Rock. 6; Love, Rock. 6; Birdsell, Dist 19; Environment and Agriculture)

HB 1292-FN, revising certain benefit provisions in the city of Manchester employees contributory retirement system. (Long, Hills. 10; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1293, relative to the city of Manchester employees' contributory retirement system. (Long, Hills. 10; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1294, relative to the limited immunity of pharmacists. (Edwards, Rock. 4; Merchant, Sull. 4; Marsh, Carr. 8; Salloway, Straf. 5; Judiciary)

HB 1295 – not introduced.

HB 1296, requiring certain candidates for municipal office to comply with certain campaign finance laws. (W. Pearson, Ches. 16; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1297, directing the legislative budget assistant to conduct a financial audit of the secretary of state's office. (W. Pearson, Ches. 16; Legislative Administration)

HB 1298, adding the New Hampshire Motorcyclists' Rights Organization to the traffic safety commission. (Packard, Rock. 5; Walsh, Merr. 24; St. Clair, Belk. 9; Transportation)

HB 1299, relative to selectmen pro tem on state election day. (Lang, Belk. 4; Marsh, Carr. 8; Panasiti, Hills. 22; L. Ober, Hills. 37; Pearl, Merr. 26; Election Law)

HB 1300, relative to the definition of specialty cider. (Hunt, Ches. 11; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1301, establishing a committee to study applications of microgrids in electricity supply. (Somssich, Rock. 27; Towne, Straf. 4; Science, Technology and Energy)

HB 1302, relative to the authority of limited liability company members or managers to execute real property transactions. (Harb, Rock. 14; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1303, establishing a commission to study expanding public testimony opportunities to remote locations statewide. (Hatch, Coos 6; P. Schmidt, Straf. 19; Dietsch, Dist 9; Legislative Administration)

HB 1304-FN, requiring workers' compensation to cover prophylactic treatment for critical exposure. (Cahill, Rock. 17; Doucette, Rock. 8; S. Pearson, Rock. 6; Goley, Hills. 8; Abrami, Rock. 19; O'Brien, Hills. 36; Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services)

HB 1305-L, relative to consideration of home-share income. (Burroughs, Carr. 1; Kanzler, Carr. 2; Woodcock, Carr. 2; Butler, Carr. 7; Bradley, Dist 3; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1306, relative to the recitation of the Lord's prayer in public elementary schools. (Amanda Bouldin, Hills. 12; Weston, Graf. 8; Andrew Bouldin, Hills. 12; Ley, Ches. 9; Ellison, Merr. 27; Query, Hills. 16; Gourgue, Straf. 25; J. Schmidt, Hills. 28; Horrigan, Straf. 6; Hennessey, Dist 5; Education)

HB 1307-FN, relative to the cost of production of records under the right-to-know law. (J. Schmidt, Hills. 28; Judiciary)

HB 1308, relative to the life settlements act. (Bartlett, Merr. 19; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1309, relative to the effect of warrant articles. (Notter, Hills. 21; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1310, relative to authorizing the state to set higher environmental standards than those established in federal law. (Backus, Hills. 19; King, Hills. 33; Science, Technology and Energy)

HB 1311, relative to the semi-annual or quarterly collection of taxes in certain municipalities. (Gilman, Rock. 18; Porter, Hills. 1; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1312, relative to persons held in civil contempt. (Camarota, Hills. 7; Rice, Hills. 37; Sylvia, Belk. 6; Reagan, Dist 17; Giuda, Dist 2; Judiciary)

HB 1313, declaring June 6 as D-Day Remembrance Day. (Thompson, Ches. 14; Baldasaro, Rock. 5; Desilets, Rock. 7; Rollins, Sull. 6; Amanda Bouldin, Hills. 12; Marzullo, Hills. 2; Von Plinsky, Ches. 7; Massimilla, Graf. 1; State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs)

HB 1314, relative to the licensure by the board of acupuncture licensing. (P. Schmidt, Straf. 19; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1315, relative to renewals of licenses of allied health professionals. (P. Schmidt, Straf. 19; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1316, relative to OHRV trails known as "Ride the Wilds." (Flanagan, Hills. 26; Resources, Recreation and Development)

HB 1317-FN, relative to funding for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects by residential, commercial, and industrial ratepayers. (Balch, Hills. 38; Oxenham, Sull. 1; Vann, Hills. 24; Science, Technology and Energy)

HB 1318, relative to security detail for political candidates. (Balch, Hills. 38; Bosman, Hills. 38; Pickering, Hills. 3; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1319, prohibiting the siting of new landfills or expansions of existing landfills near state parks, national parks, or United States Department of Agriculture forest land. (French, Graf. 14; Merner, Coos 7; Cohen, Hills. 28; Eisner, Rock. 6; Spang, Straf. 6; Dutzy, Hills. 30; Weston, Graf. 8; M. Pearson, Rock. 34; Coursin, Rock. 1; Josephson, Graf. 11; Environment and Agriculture)

HB 1320, establishing a renter's insurance notification requirement. (Janigian, Rock. 8; DeClercq, Rock. 8; Gay, Rock. 8; Abbas, Rock. 8; Edgar, Rock. 21; Morse, Dist 22; D'Allesandro, Dist 20; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1321, establishing a committee to study the reporting criteria of chartered public schools. (Tanner, Sull. 9; Van Houten, Hills. 45; J. Schmidt, Hills. 28; Woodcock, Carr. 2; Mullen, Hills. 7; Porter, Hills. 1; Doherty, Merr. 20; Ford, Graf. 3; Ellison, Merr. 27; Oxenham, Sull. 1; Kahn, Dist 10; Education)

HB 1322, prohibiting university system funds from being spent to oppose the formation of unions and collective bargaining units. (Cushing, Rock. 21; Myler, Merr. 10; J. Schmidt, Hills. 28; Berch, Ches. 1; Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services)

HB 1323-L, relative to the statewide assessment report. (Ladd, Graf. 4; Cordelli, Carr. 4; A. Lekas, Hills. 37; Allard, Merr. 21; Shaw, Hills. 16; Education)

HB 1324, exempting rentals of shared facilities from requirements under the real estate practice act. (Burrhoughs, Carr. 1; Kanzler, Carr. 2; Woodcock, Carr. 2; Butler, Carr. 7; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1325-FN-L, relative to minutes and decisions in nonpublic sessions under the right-to-know law. (DiLorenzo, Rock. 17; Ulery, Hills. 37; Chase, Straf. 18; Langley, Hills. 8; Carson, Dist 14; Judiciary)

HB 1326-FN, requiring the independent investment committee of the New Hampshire retirement system to report investment fees. (Schuett, Merr. 20; Desjardin, Hills. 13; Doherty, Merr. 20; Schultz, Merr. 18; Ellison, Merr. 27; M. Pearson, Rock. 34; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1327, relative to the authority of the department of education. (Luneau, Merr. 10; Education)

HB 1328, relative to a change of school or assignment due to manifest educational hardship. (Luneau, Merr. 10; Ladd, Graf. 4; Education)

HB 1329, relative to school records retention and disposition. (Luneau, Merr. 10; Education)

HB 1330, proclaiming an annual observance of a day commemorating caregivers of wounded veterans. (Forsythe, Merr. 8; Aron, Sull. 7; Mullen, Hills. 7; Horn, Merr. 2; Baldasaro, Rock. 5; Greene, Hills. 37; T. Lekas, Hills. 37; Birdsell, Dist 19; State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs)

HB 1331, relative to organ donation on a driver's license. (Torosian, Rock. 14; Janigian, Rock. 8; Klein-Knight, Hills. 11; Aldrich, Belk. 2; Piemonte, Rock. 4; St. Clair, Belk. 9; Sherman, Dist 24; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 1332, relative to an electronic prescription drug program. (Merchant, Sull. 4; Massimilla, Graf. 1; Woods, Merr. 23; Mangipudi, Hills. 35; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 1333-FN-A, authorizing travel expense payments to state legislators. (Fox, Merr. 23; Piedra, Hills. 9; Josephson, Graf. 11; Chretien, Hills. 42; Loughman, Rock. 21; McWilliams, Merr. 27; Feltes, Dist 15; Legislative Administration)

HB 1334, relative to religious activities of teachers and students in public schools. (Cordelli, Carr. 4; M. Pearson, Rock. 34; Doucette, Rock. 8; Burns, Hills. 23; Salloway, Straf. 5; Baldasaro, Rock. 5; Notter, Hills. 21; Giuda, Dist 2; Education)

HB 1335, relative to private rights of action regarding pupil safety. (Cordelli, Carr. 4; Ladd, Graf. 4; Boehm, Hills. 20; Verville, Rock. 2; Pitre, Straf. 2; Forsythe, Merr. 8; Shaw, Hills. 16; A. Lekas, Hills. 37; Education)

HB 1336, relative to disclosure of information regarding high school student assessment. (Cordelli, Carr. 4; Ladd, Graf. 4; Boehm, Hills. 20; Shaw, Hills. 16; A. Lekas, Hills. 37; Education)

HB 1337, permitting parents or guardians to opt out of armed assailant drills in their child's school. (Horigan, Straf. 6; Education)

HB 1338-FN, relative to penalties for violations of the wiretapping law. (Abramson, Rock. 20; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1339, relative to damage to crops or livestock done by animals. (Pearl, Merr. 26; Lang, Belk. 4; Costable, Rock. 3; Plumer, Belk. 6; Thompson, Ches. 14; French, Dist 7; Giuda, Dist 2; Fish and Game and Marine Resources)

HB 1340, relative to rebates under the law governing unfair insurance practices. (Gagne, Hills. 13; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1341-FN-A, relative to vested status of group II members in the state retirement system. (S. Pearson, Rock. 6; Pratt, Rock. 3; Love, Rock. 6; Schuett, Merr. 20; Roy, Rock. 32; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1342-FN-A, establishing a program for installation of heat pumps for low-income housing. (McWilliams, Merr. 27; McGhee, Hills. 40; Klein-Knight, Hills. 11; Science, Technology and Energy)

HB 1343, relative to the pre-arraignment or pretrial release of a defendant. (Shaw, Hills. 16; Gagne, Hills. 13; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1344-L, relative to reimbursement of transportation costs for students attending a career and technical education center. (Shaw, Hills. 16; Education)

HB 1345, relative to the organization of alternative treatment centers. (O'Brien, Hills. 36; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1346, requiring the insurance department to make a report regarding the impact of insurance coverage for pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders. (McBeath, Rock. 26; Chase, Straf. 18; Grote, Rock. 24; Pantelakos, Rock. 25; Van Houten, Hills. 45; Marsh, Carr. 8; Rosenwald, Dist 13; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1347, addressing impacts to other water users from new sources of water for community water systems. (M. Pearson, Rock. 34; Welch, Rock. 13; Weyler, Rock. 13; Green, Rock. 13; Guthrie, Rock. 13; Hobson, Rock. 35; Salloway, Straf. 5; Somssich, Rock. 27; Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Morgan, Dist 23; Birdsell, Dist 19; Resources, Recreation and Development)

HB 1348, relative to guardianship by grandparents. (Horn, Merr. 2; Schuett, Merr. 20; Children and Family Law)

HB 1349, establishing a committee to study firearms incidents involving children with access to unsecured firearms. (Meuse, Rock. 29; Abramson, Rock. 20; Murphy, Hills. 21; Levesque, Straf. 4; Vallone, Rock. 9; Kenney, Straf. 6; Amanda Bouldin, Hills. 12; Children and Family Law)

HB 1350, requiring a locking safety device be provided for commercial firearm sales and transfers. (Meuse, Rock. 29; Schultz, Merr. 18; Murphy, Hills. 21; Balch, Hills. 38; McBeath, Rock. 26; Levesque, Straf. 4; Hennessey, Dist 5; Dietsch, Dist 9; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1351, relative to immunity from arrest or prosecution for certain alcoholic beverage violations for a person under 21 years of age who reports a situation involving risk of alcohol overdose. (Bernet, Hills. 4; Kenney, Straf. 6; Radhakrishnan, Hills. 22; Levesque, Dist 12; Children and Family Law)

HB 1352, relative to municipal budget meetings. (Carson, Merr. 7; Dargie, Hills. 23; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1353, relative to the writ of quo warranto. (Sylvia, Belk. 6; Judiciary)

HB 1354-FN, prohibiting the wearing of a mask while participating in a public demonstration. (Testerman, Merr. 2; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1355, establishing a committee to study energy efficiency programs. (Cali-Pitts, Rock. 30; Science, Technology and Energy)

HB 1356, repealing the therapeutic use of cannabis advisory council. (Acton, Rock. 10; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 1357, relative to the distribution of campaign materials inside a polling place. (T. Smith, Hills. 17; Hamer, Hills. 17; Election Law)

HB 1358, relative to the identification of lobbyists. (T. Smith, Hills. 17; Legislative Administration)

HB 1359, relative to employment as a lobbyist. (T. Smith, Hills. 17; Legislative Administration)

HB 1360, relative to confidentiality under the child protection act. (Long, Hills. 10; Children and Family Law)

HB 1361, relative to the pledge of allegiance or other patriotic ceremonies. (Horrigan, Straf. 6; Education)

HB 1362, relative to courses in New Hampshire's cultural heritage and ethnic history. (Horrigan, Straf. 6; Wall, Straf. 6; Education)

HB 1363, relative to motorist service signs on limited access highways. (Horrigan, Straf. 6; Transportation)

HB 1364, relative to payments to the public utilities commission in lieu of meeting renewable portfolio standards for biomass. (Harrington, Straf. 3; Science, Technology and Energy)

HB 1365, repealing the energy efficiency and sustainable energy board. (Harrington, Straf. 3; Science, Technology and Energy)

HB 1366, relative to the computation of renewable energy credits. (Harrington, Straf. 3; Mangipudi, Hills. 35; Science, Technology and Energy)

HB 1367, relative to out-of-state applicants occupational licensure or certification. (Harrington, Straf. 3; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1368, relative to filling vacancies for at-large members of school boards and budget committees of cooperative school districts. (Cushing, Rock. 21; Migliore, Graf. 9; Edgar, Rock. 21; Bushway, Rock. 21; Sherman, Dist 24; Education)

HB 1369, relative to the acceptance of high school course credits from certain schools or education agencies. (Ladd, Graf. 4; Cordelli, Carr. 4; Weyler, Rock. 13; Shaw, Hills. 16; Lovejoy, Rock. 36; Education)

HB 1370, relative to baseload renewable generation credits for biomass energy facilities. (Adjutant, Graf. 17; Ruprecht, Graf. 15; McGhee, Hills. 40; Sofikitis, Hills. 34; Rung, Hills. 21; Josephson, Graf. 11; Science, Technology and Energy)

HB 1371, proclaiming March 2 Reading in New Hampshire Day. (Adjutant, Graf. 17; Ruprecht, Graf. 15; Josephson, Graf. 11; Cushing, Rock. 21; Rung, Hills. 21; Stringham, Graf. 5; Sofikitis, Hills. 34; Cohen, Hills. 28; Education)

HB 1372, relative to the election of Carroll county commissioners. (Ticehurst, Carr. 3; Knirk, Carr. 3; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1373, establishing a committee to study the use of Styrofoam in schools, hospitals, and government buildings. (Stack, Hills. 21; Environment and Agriculture)

HB 1374, relative to voluntarily surrendered firearms. (Cushing, Rock. 21; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1375, relative to cancellations of commercial insurance policies. (Hunt, Ches. 11; French, Dist 7; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1376, establishing a civil penalty for unauthorized sharing of electronic location information. (Wuelper, Straf. 3; T. Lekas, Hills. 37; McGuire, Merr. 29; Spillane, Rock. 2; Gould, Hills. 7; M. Smith, Straf. 6; Judiciary)

HB 1377, making a technical correction in the law governing death benefits for emergency medical technicians and rescue squad members. (Proulx, Hills. 44; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1378, establishing a committee to study oversight authority and timelines for processing and retaining sexual assault evidence collection kits. (Van Houten, Hills. 45; Frost, Straf. 16; Griffith, Hills. 18; Fargo, Straf. 14; Read, Rock. 17; McBeath, Rock. 26; M. Pearson, Rock. 34; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1379-FN, requiring a background check for commercial firearms sales. (Rogers, Merr. 28; Huot, Belk. 3; Butler, Carr. 7; Berch, Ches. 1; Mulligan, Graf. 12; Heath, Hills. 14; Wallner, Merr. 10; Berrien, Rock. 18; M. Smith, Straf. 6; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1380, relative to the operation of personal water craft around the marshlands or flats of the Rye estuary and the New Castle back channel. (K. Murray, Rock. 24; Grote, Rock. 24; Bushway, Rock. 21; Sherman, Dist 24; Resources, Recreation and Development)

HB 1381, relative to animals in motor vehicles. (Maes, Graf. 6; Judiciary)

HB 1382, establishing April 8, 2024 as Solar Eclipse Day. (Read, Rock. 17; Craig, Coos 4; Merner, Coos 7; Knirk, Carr. 3; Somssich, Rock. 27; Chretien, Hills. 42; Starr, Dist 1; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1383, prohibiting commercial trucks from left lane travel on multi-lane highways. (Spillane, Rock. 2; Stapleton, Sull. 5; M. Pearson, Rock. 34; Transportation)

HB 1384, relative to the re-release of a person on bail. (S. Beaudoin, Straf. 9; Massimilla, Graf. 1; Rung, Hills. 21; Gray, Dist 6; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1385, relative to portraits and memorial objects in the state house, legislative office building, and Upham Walker house. (Welch, Rock. 13; Wall, Straf. 6; Watters, Dist 4; D'Allesandro, Dist 20; Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Legislative Administration)

HB 1386, relative to employment protection for qualified patients of New Hampshire's therapeutic cannabis program. (W. Thomas, Hills. 21; DesMarais, Carr. 6; Chase, Straf. 18; Josephson, Graf. 11; Stack, Hills. 21; Conley, Straf. 13; Kenney, Straf. 6; Vail, Hills. 30; Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services)

HB 1387, prohibiting the declawing of cats. (Rogers, Merr. 28; Leishman, Hills. 24; Dutzy, Hills. 30; Weyler, Rock. 13; Schultz, Merr. 18; St. Clair, Belk. 9; Environment and Agriculture)

HB 1388, prohibiting the sale of cats, dogs, and rabbits in retail stores. (Rogers, Merr. 28; Lucas, Sull. 2; K. Murray, Rock. 24; Klee, Hills. 30; Nutting-Wong, Hills. 32; Environment and Agriculture)

HB 1389-FN, relative to criminal penalties for not providing adequate food, water, and shelter for animals. (Rogers, Merr. 28; K. Murray, Rock. 24; Kenney, Straf. 6; Environment and Agriculture)

HB 1390, relative to access to ballots and verification counts of machine-counted ballots. (Read, Rock. 17; T. Smith, Hills. 17; Vann, Hills. 24; DiLorenzo, Rock. 17; Horrigan, Straf. 6; Jack, Hills. 36; Frost, Straf. 16; Towne, Straf. 4; DesMarais, Carr. 6; Knirk, Carr. 3; Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Election Law)

HB 1391-FN, relative to prohibiting discrimination in housing against persons with pets. (Read, Rock. 17; Schultz, Merr. 18; Buchanan, Merr. 15; Judiciary)

HB 1392, relative to the procedure for filing federal tax liens. (Ulery, Hills. 37; Howard, Belk. 8; McLean, Hills. 44; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1393, relative to the election of Grafton county commissioners. (Ford, Graf. 3; Almy, Graf. 13; French, Graf. 14; Ladd, Graf. 4; Maes, Graf. 6; Massimilla, Graf. 1; Nordgren, Graf. 12; Ruprecht, Graf. 15; Suzanne Smith, Graf. 8; Stavis, Graf. 13; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1394-FN, relative to fees for park use. (Klee, Hills. 30; Resources, Recreation and Development)

HB 1395, establishing a committee to study ballot access and ways to improve civic engagement in New Hampshire. (Muscatel, Graf. 12; McConnell, Rock. 11; Birdsell, Dist 19; Levesque, Dist 12; Election Law)

HB 1396, relative to notice required for the termination of service of a public utility. (Ulery, Hills. 37; Science, Technology and Energy)

HB 1397, relative to the referral of debts for collection. (Ulery, Hills. 37; True, Rock. 4; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1398-FN-A, establishing a special license for restaurants allowing certain restaurants to sell liquor. (Ulery, Hills. 37; T. Lekas, Hills. 37; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1399, relative to the establishment of public employee bargaining units. (W. Pearson, Ches. 16; Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services)

HB 1400, establishing a New Hampshire statutory trust law. (Williams, Hills. 4; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1401, prohibiting smoking and e-cigarettes in motor vehicles when a passenger is under 16 years of age. (P. Schmidt, Straf. 19; Cleaver, Hills. 35; Levesque, Straf. 4; Transportation)

HB 1402, establishing procedures for municipal host customer-generators of electrical energy. (Lang, Belk. 4; Panasiti, Hills. 22; Pearl, Merr. 26; Plumer, Belk. 6; Science, Technology and Energy)

HB 1403, relative to removing party columns from general election ballots. (Lang, Belk. 4; St. Clair, Belk. 9; Election Law)

HB 1404, relative to HIV/AIDS prophylaxis treatment for minors without parental consent and allowing pharmacists to dispense a limited supply of pre-exposure prophylaxis for the human immunodeficiency virus. (Muscatel, Graf. 12; Marsh, Carr. 8; Knirk, Carr. 3; Merchant, Sull. 4; P. Schmidt, Straf. 19; Weston, Graf. 8; Kenney, Straf. 6; Query, Hills. 16; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 1405, relative to the installation of wireless electric utility meters. (Hopper, Hills. 2; Camarota, Hills. 7; Abrami, Rock. 19; Sherman, Dist 24; Science, Technology and Energy)

HB 1406, relative to the property tax exemption for solar energy systems. (Panasiti, Hills. 22; M. Murray, Hills. 22; Harrington, Straf. 3; Radhakrishnan, Hills. 22; Chandley, Dist 11; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1407, relative to adopting rules relative to departmental forms. (Hatch, Coos 6; P. Schmidt, Straf. 19; McGuire, Merr. 29; Reagan, Dist 17; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1408, relative to license plate covers. (S. Pearson, Rock. 6; Transportation)

HB 1409, relative to the use of special license plates. (S. Pearson, Rock. 6; Transportation)

HB 1410, prohibiting the use of flavors and certain chemicals in vaping products. (Knirk, Carr. 3; Martin, Hills. 23; Marsh, Carr. 8; Indruk, Hills. 34; Muscatel, Graf. 12; R. Osborne, Graf. 7; Woods, Merr. 23; Fargo, Straf. 14; Crawford, Carr. 4; Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sherman, Dist 24; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1411, establishing a commission to study long-term supports and services in New Hampshire. (Van Houten, Hills. 45; McBeath, Rock. 26; Knirk, Carr. 3; Marsh, Carr. 8; Hamer, Hills. 17; Fargo, Straf. 14; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 1412, requiring secondary schools to grant educational credit for certain courses completed. (McGuire, Merr. 29; Cordelli, Carr. 4; Ladd, Graf. 4; Hill, Merr. 3; Watters, Dist 4; Education)

HB 1413, requiring lobbyist forms submitted in writing to be legible. (Horn, Merr. 2; Legislative Administration)

HB 1414, relative to notification to abutters of an intent to cut timber. (Wells, Merr. 1; Weston, Graf. 8; Kar-rick, Merr. 25; W. Thomas, Hills. 21; Oxenham, Sull. 1; Resources, Recreation and Development)

HB 1415, establishing a committee to study the Montana disclosure act and anonymous out-of-state contributions preceding an election. (Wells, Merr. 1; Balch, Hills. 38; McGhee, Hills. 40; Oxenham, Sull. 1; Saunderson, Merr. 9; Election Law)

HB 1416, authorizing certification for the microblading of eyebrows. (McGuire, Merr. 29; P. Schmidt, Straf. 19; Oxenham, Sull. 1; Reagan, Dist 17; Kahn, Dist 10; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1417, prohibiting the use or collection of biometric data. (Thompson, Ches. 14; Abramson, Rock. 20; Buchanan, Merr. 15; Schapiro, Ches. 16; Conley, Straf. 13; French, Graf. 14; Oxenham, Sull. 1; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1418, authorizing funds of the department of agriculture to be used for increasing farm energy efficiency. (Thompson, Ches. 14; French, Graf. 14; W. Thomas, Hills. 21; Pearl, Merr. 26; McWilliams, Merr. 27; Oxenham, Sull. 1; Environment and Agriculture)

HB 1419, relative to New Hampshire banks offering small dollar loans and credit building products. (Thompson, Ches. 14; French, Graf. 14; W. Thomas, Hills. 21; Wilhelm, Hills. 42; Oxenham, Sull. 1; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1420, relative to the use of force at New Hampshire national guard facilities. (Graham, Hills. 7; Giuda, Dist 2; State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs)

HB 1421-L, relative to the application of the equalization rate to be used for the calculation of a property tax abatement by the New Hampshire board of tax and land appeals, the superior court, and all cities, towns, and counties. (Merner, Coos 7; French, Graf. 14; McGhee, Hills. 40; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1422-FN, establishing a moratorium on the issuance of permits for new landfills or the expansion of existing landfills for the purpose of studying the creating of municipal waste districts. (French, Graf. 14; Merner, Coos 7; Balch, Hills. 38; Eisner, Rock. 6; Murphy, Hills. 21; W. Thomas, Hills. 21; M. Pearson, Rock. 34; Craig, Coos 4; Coursin, Rock. 1; Josephson, Graf. 11; Environment and Agriculture)

HB 1423, relative to reports on education tax credit scholarships. (Tanner, Sull. 9; Van Houten, Hills. 45; Woodcock, Carr. 2; Education)

HB 1424, allowing therapeutic dispensaries to sell products containing CBD oil produced outside of the dispensary. (W. Thomas, Hills. 21; Conley, Straf. 13; DesMarais, Carr. 6; Josephson, Graf. 11; Coursin, Rock. 1; Stack, Hills. 21; Cannon, Straf. 18; Amanda Bouldin, Hills. 12; Kenney, Straf. 6; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 1425-FN, requiring the removal of all containers containing PFAS compounds from public schools and hospitals. (W. Thomas, Hills. 21; DesMarais, Carr. 6; Stack, Hills. 21; Eisner, Rock. 6; Resources, Recreation and Development)

- HB 1426**, requiring an off highway recreational vehicle club to have certain tests performed on a rail trail prior to use as an OHRV trail. (W. Thomas, Hills. 21; Stack, Hills. 21; Resources, Recreation and Development)
- HB 1427**, removing the authorization for OHRV use on certain sections of state highway. (W. Thomas, Hills. 21; Stack, Hills. 21; Transportation)
- HB 1428-FN-L**, relative to inspections for bedbugs. (J. Schmidt, Hills. 28; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)
- HB 1429-FN**, relative to integrated distribution plans of energy utilities. (McGhee, Hills. 40; Science, Technology and Energy)
- HB 1430**, establishing a commission to study attainment of a clean-energy electric grid by 2030. (McGhee, Hills. 40; Balch, Hills. 38; McWilliams, Merr. 27; Watters, Dist 4; Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Science, Technology and Energy)
- HB 1431**, relative to motorcycle auxiliary lamping. (Packard, Rock. 5; Walsh, Merr. 24; St. Clair, Belk. 9; Transportation)
- HB 1432**, relative to competency assessments. (Ladd, Graf. 4; Cordelli, Carr. 4; Education)
- HB 1433**, establishing a commission to develop a statewide strategy on tick management. (Schuett, Merr. 20; Pearl, Merr. 26; Schultz, Merr. 18; Fish and Game and Marine Resources)
- HB 1434-FN**, repealing premium contribution requirements for certain state and judicial retirees. (Schuett, Merr. 20; Desjardin, Hills. 13; Doherty, Merr. 20; M. Pearson, Rock. 34; Executive Departments and Administration)
- HB 1435**, repealing the powers of the state board of education. (Luneau, Merr. 10; Education)
- HB 1436-FN**, relative to autism spectrum disorder insurance coverage. (Cannon, Straf. 18; Mullen, Hills. 7; Hamer, Hills. 17; DesMarais, Carr. 6; Murphy, Hills. 21; Stevens, Hills. 34; Mombourquette, Hills. 5; Buchanan, Merr. 15; Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Hennessey, Dist 5; Watters, Dist 4; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)
- HB 1437**, relative to the qualifications of the banking department commissioner and deputy commissioner, relative to consumer complaints, and relative to applications for money transmitters. (Hunt, Ches. 11; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)
- HB 1438**, permitting OHRVs on certain public ways. (T. Lekas, Hills. 37; Transportation)
- HB 1439**, relative to notification of zoning determination announcements and to appeals to the zoning board of adjustment. (Major, Rock. 14; Harb, Rock. 14; DeSimone, Rock. 14; Torosian, Rock. 14; M. Pearson, Rock. 34; Municipal and County Government)
- HB 1440**, relative to membership on the board of psychologists and the board of licensing for alcohol and other drug use professionals, and relative to insurance credentialing of out-of-state applicants for licensure as alcohol and drug counselors. (Meader, Ches. 6; Snow, Hills. 19; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)
- HB 1441**, relative to the perambulation of town lines. (Harrington, Straf. 3; Municipal and County Government)
- HB 1442**, relative to the Gunstock area commission and ski resort. (Howard, Belk. 8; Aldrich, Belk. 2; Bean, Belk. 2; Comtois, Belk. 7; Jurius, Belk. 2; Plumer, Belk. 6; St. Clair, Belk. 9; Sylvia, Belk. 6; Gray, Dist 6; Municipal and County Government)
- HB 1443**, relative to the city of Claremont police commission. (O'Hearne, Sull. 3; Stapleton, Sull. 5; Cloutier, Sull. 10; Merchant, Sull. 4; Municipal and County Government)
- HB 1444-FN**, requiring the adoption of vehicle emissions standards based on the California clean car standards. (McWilliams, Merr. 27; Klein-Knight, Hills. 11; Saunderson, Merr. 9; Thompson, Ches. 14; Balch, Hills. 38; Backus, Hills. 19; Moffett, Merr. 9; Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Science, Technology and Energy)
- HB 1445**, adding a building scientist to the building code review board. (McWilliams, Merr. 27; Klein-Knight, Hills. 11; Executive Departments and Administration)
- HB 1446**, establishing a committee to study the labeling of products containing PFAS. (Rung, Hills. 21; Gay, Rock. 8; Hobson, Rock. 35; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)
- HB 1447-FN**, relative to penalties for retired members of the retirement system exceeding part-time hourly limit. (Abramson, Rock. 20; Executive Departments and Administration)
- HB 1448**, relative to animal health certificates and requiring dogs imported into the state for transfer to be tested for *Brucella canis*. (Pearl, Merr. 26; Aron, Sull. 7; Environment and Agriculture)
- HB 1449**, defining animal hoarding. (Pearl, Merr. 26; Lang, Belk. 4; French, Dist 7; Bradley, Dist 3; Environment and Agriculture)
- HB 1450**, relative to the powers of the zoning board of adjustment. (Wallace, Rock. 12; Municipal and County Government)
- HB 1451**, relative to the definition of contracts relative to official ballot default budgets. (Gilman, Rock. 18; Mombourquette, Hills. 5; Woodbury, Hills. 5; Morgan, Dist 23; Municipal and County Government)
- HB 1452**, relative to employees of public libraries. (Woodcock, Carr. 2; Burroughs, Carr. 1; Municipal and County Government)
- HB 1453**, establishing a commission to study the implementation of enhanced automation of traffic lights. (Torosian, Rock. 14; Janigian, Rock. 8; Conley, Straf. 13; Steven Smith, Sull. 11; Transportation)

HB 1454, relative to credit for alternative, extended learning, and work-based programs. (Tanner, Sull. 9; Van Houten, Hills. 45; J. Schmidt, Hills. 28; Woodcock, Carr. 2; Mullen, Hills. 7; Porter, Hills. 1; Cannon, Straf. 18; Doherty, Merr. 20; Ford, Graf. 3; Ellison, Merr. 27; Kahn, Dist 10; Education)

HB 1455-FN, relative to vehicle repairs. (Weyler, Rock. 13; Green, Rock. 13; Williams, Hills. 4; Steven Smith, Sull. 11; Stapleton, Sull. 5; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1456-FN, relative to a PFAs testing program for pregnant women. (Weyler, Rock. 13; Welch, Rock. 13; Green, Rock. 13; M. Pearson, Rock. 34; Guthrie, Rock. 13; Birdsell, Dist 19; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 1457-FN-L, requiring election officers and supervisors of the checklist to visit skilled nursing facilities and elderly and disabled residences within their jurisdiction for the purpose of assisting with voter registration and casting absentee ballots. (Prudhomme-O'Brien, Rock. 6; Burt, Hills. 39; Hoelzel, Rock. 3; Lang, Belk. 4; Muscatel, Graf. 12; Klein-Knight, Hills. 11; Election Law)

HB 1458, allowing for mailing of driver's license suspension notices by first class mail. (Steven Smith, Sull. 11; Transportation)

HB 1459, relative to non-academic surveys administered by a public school or a chartered public school to its students. (Horrigan, Straf. 6; Kenney, Straf. 6; Education)

HB 1460, relative to the form of municipal budgets. (Piemonte, Rock. 4; Sylvia, Belk. 6; Weyler, Rock. 13; Yakubovich, Merr. 24; Owens, Rock. 4; True, Rock. 4; Torosian, Rock. 14; Reagan, Dist 17; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1461, relative to the penalty for carnival or amusement ride operators. (Piedra, Hills. 9; Judiciary)

HB 1462-FN, relative to employment restrictions for registered sex offenders. (Verville, Rock. 2; Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services)

HB 1463, relative to the operation of a mixed use school bus. (Verville, Rock. 2; Spillane, Rock. 2; Bershtein, Rock. 2; Roy, Rock. 32; Costable, Rock. 3; Reagan, Dist 17; Transportation)

HB 1464-FN, relative to insurance coverage for yoga therapy as an alternative or substitute for opioids. (Mangipudi, Hills. 35; Cushing, Rock. 21; Massimilla, Graf. 1; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1465, relative to ignition lock requirements. (Sykes, Graf. 13; Transportation)

HB 1466, relative to the scanning of driver licenses and nondriver identification cards. (Sykes, Graf. 13; Transportation)

HB 1467-L, relative to the taxation of commercial and residential property. (Harb, Rock. 14; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1468, relative to criminal mischief. (Welch, Rock. 13; Shurtleff, Merr. 11; Wall, Straf. 6; Hinch, Hills. 21; Soucy, Dist 18; D'Allesandro, Dist 20; Morse, Dist 22; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1469, relative to hazing at educational institutions. (Kenney, Straf. 6; Muscatel, Graf. 12; Ruprecht, Graf. 15; Horrigan, Straf. 6; Schultz, Merr. 18; Chase, Straf. 18; Fox, Merr. 23; Levesque, Straf. 4; Read, Rock. 17; W. Thomas, Hills. 21; Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Hennessey, Dist 5; Education)

HB 1470, permitting elementary, middle, and high schools to produce and sell certain amounts of maple syrup for educational purposes. (Janvrin, Rock. 37; Fowler, Rock. 20; Potucek, Rock. 6; Merlino, Hills. 25; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1471, prohibiting banks from re-ordering transactions to increase overdraft fees. (Thompson, Ches. 14; W. Thomas, Hills. 21; Oxenham, Sull. 1; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1472, restricting the distribution of plastic straws. (Spang, Straf. 6; Levesque, Straf. 4; Balch, Hills. 38; Gilman, Rock. 18; Watters, Dist 4; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1473, requiring schools to have a special education parent advisory council. (St. John, Hills. 27; Grote, Rock. 24; Murphy, Hills. 21; French, Graf. 14; Grossman, Rock. 18; Bouchard, Hills. 11; Stevens, Hills. 34; Petrigno, Hills. 23; Rice, Hills. 37; Schultz, Merr. 18; Watters, Dist 4; Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Education)

HB 1474, relative to deductions from the business profits tax for investment in federal Opportunity Zones in New Hampshire. (Horn, Merr. 2; Ways and Means)

HB 1475-FN, prohibiting abortions after detection of fetal heartbeat. (Testerman, Merr. 2; Stapleton, Sull. 5; Judiciary)

HB 1476-FN, prohibiting motor vehicle dealers from requiring the purchase of automobile insurance from the dealer as part of the sales contract. (Gagne, Hills. 13; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1477-FN, relative to the rate of the tobacco tax for cigarettes. (Horrigan, Straf. 6; Ways and Means)

HB 1478, repealing the law on preservation and use of renewable generation to provide fuel diversity. (Harrington, Straf. 3; Science, Technology and Energy)

HB 1479, relative to municipal energy commissions. (Harrington, Straf. 3; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1480, relative to the use of system benefits charges. (Harrington, Straf. 3; Science, Technology and Energy)

HB 1481, relative to the net metering cap for customer-generators. (Plumer, Belk. 6; Pearl, Merr. 26; Costable, Rock. 3; Lang, Belk. 4; Science, Technology and Energy)

HB 1482, relative to notification of security breaches. (Williams, Hills. 4; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1483, relative to allowing dogs on open air restaurant patios. (Horn, Merr. 2; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)
HB 1484, relative to retroactive denials of previously paid claims. (Read, Rock. 17; Abrami, Rock. 19; Luneau, Merr. 10; Ellison, Merr. 27; Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Hennessey, Dist 5; Reagan, Dist 17; Bradley, Dist 3; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1485-L, relative to the installation of video surveillance cameras in community homes and group homes. (Grossman, Rock. 18; Wazir, Merr. 17; Schultz, Merr. 18; Berrien, Rock. 18; W. Thomas, Hills. 21; Murphy, Hills. 21; Levesque, Straf. 4; Mulligan, Graf. 12; Petrigno, Hills. 23; Maes, Graf. 6; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1486, establishing a committee to study information technology in the legislative process. (Griffith, Hills. 18; Wilhelm, Hills. 42; Josephson, Graf. 11; Fox, Merr. 23; Stringham, Graf. 5; Muscatel, Graf. 12; Feltes, Dist 15; Legislative Administration)

HB 1487, relative to freedom of speech and association on college campuses. (Lucas, Sull. 2; Alexander Jr., Hills. 6; Birdsell, Dist 19; Gray, Dist 6; French, Dist 7; Education)

HB 1488, prohibiting conditioning of employment or student enrollment on approved housing. (Lucas, Sull. 2; Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services)

HB 1489, allowing registered nurses to certify walking disability plate eligibility. (Ticehurst, Carr. 3; Transportation)

HB 1490, establishing a committee to study the taxation of property owners on private roads. (P. Schmidt, Straf. 19; Watters, Dist 4; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1491, relative to allied health professional temporary licensure. (P. Schmidt, Straf. 19; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1492-FN-A-L, establishing a tax on the retail sale of certain electronic devices to fund education. (Cleaver, Hills. 35; King, Hills. 33; Ways and Means)

HB 1493, establishing a committee to study the effects of deportation of primary earners on United States citizen family members. (Klein-Knight, Hills. 11; Watters, Dist 4; State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs)

HB 1494-FN, relative to death benefits for public works heavy equipment operators killed in the line of duty, and relative to workers' compensation offsets for certain retirement system benefits. (Schultz, Merr. 18; Schuett, Merr. 20; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1495-FN, prohibiting the sale of over-the-counter rape test kits. (Schultz, Merr. 18; Klein-Knight, Hills. 11; Knirk, Carr. 3; Fox, Merr. 23; Schuett, Merr. 20; Wazir, Merr. 17; Hennessey, Dist 5; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1496-FN, relative to the regional greenhouse gas initiative cap and trade program for controlling carbon dioxide emissions. (Mann, Ches. 2; Science, Technology and Energy)

HB 1497, relative to the air pollution advisory committee. (Mann, Ches. 2; Science, Technology and Energy)

HB 1498, relative to state employment hiring preferences for members of a civilian national service organization. (Wilhelm, Hills. 42; Fox, Merr. 23; Myler, Merr. 10; P. Schmidt, Straf. 19; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1499, relative to public college and university policies for qualified service year alumni. (Wilhelm, Hills. 42; Fox, Merr. 23; Education)

HB 1500-FN, relative to a student loan bill of rights and a student loan ombudsman. (Griffith, Hills. 18; Thompson, Ches. 14; Cornell, Hills. 18; Fox, Merr. 23; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1501, establishing a commission to study financial literacy in New Hampshire and to make recommendations for a multi-generational approach to financial education. (Griffith, Hills. 18; St. John, Hills. 27; Thompson, Ches. 14; Education)

HB 1502, relative to equipment required for vehicle inspections. (Spillane, Rock. 2; Read, Rock. 17; Roy, Rock. 32; Burt, Hills. 39; Costable, Rock. 3; Notter, Hills. 21; Reagan, Dist 17; Transportation)

HB 1503, establishing a committee to study and monitor air emissions of PFAS. (Stack, Hills. 21; Science, Technology and Energy)

HB 1504, establishing a committee to study prohibiting recreational trapping. (Stack, Hills. 21; Fish and Game and Marine Resources)

HB 1505, relative to compensation of college athletes. (Muscatel, Graf. 12; Griffith, Hills. 18; W. Pearson, Ches. 16; Kenney, Straf. 6; Indruk, Hills. 34; Luneau, Merr. 10; Education)

HB 1506, establishing a commission to study ways to reduce texting while driving. (Torosian, Rock. 14; Janigian, Rock. 8; Gould, Hills. 7; Marzullo, Hills. 2; Piemonte, Rock. 4; St. Clair, Belk. 9; Prudhomme-O'Brien, Rock. 6; Transportation)

HB 1507, relative to public notice requirements for permits issued by the department of environmental services. (Aron, Sull. 7; Potucek, Rock. 6; Camarota, Hills. 7; Pearl, Merr. 26; Environment and Agriculture)

HB 1508, relative to paper receipts. (Muscatel, Graf. 12; Espitia, Hills. 31; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1509, relative to emergency threat protection orders for individuals at post secondary educational institutions. (Luneau, Merr. 10; Bordenet, Ches. 5; Welch, Rock. 13; Rodd, Merr. 6; Amanda Bouldin, Hills. 12; Education)

HB 1510-L, enabling municipalities to adopt a property tax exemption for qualifying accessory dwelling units. (Kanzler, Carr. 2; Burroughs, Carr. 1; Butler, Carr. 7; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1511, relative to actions against tenants. (Kanzler, Carr. 2; Judiciary)

HB 1512, relative to reducing school food waste and addressing child hunger. (Loughman, Rock. 21; Le, Rock. 31; M. Murray, Hills. 22; Sherman, Dist 24; Morgan, Dist 23; Education)

HB 1513, requiring the commissioner of the department of health and human services to study the conversion of the Medicaid program to block grant funding and making an appropriation therefor. (Marsh, Carr. 8; M. Pearson, Rock. 34; Edwards, Rock. 4; McLean, Hills. 44; Cordelli, Carr. 4; Hennessey, Graf. 1; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 1514, relative to the presence of a fire department at a class B fireworks display. (St. Clair, Belk. 9; Torosian, Rock. 14; Conley, Straf. 13; Walsh, Merr. 24; Huot, Belk. 3; Howard, Belk. 8; French, Dist 7; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1515, relative to group host net energy metering. (Oxenham, Sull. 1; Science, Technology and Energy)

HB 1516, raising the minimum age for marriage. (Levesque, Straf. 4; Rung, Hills. 21; Mulligan, Graf. 12; Wazir, Merr. 17; Read, Rock. 17; Adjutant, Graf. 17; Ruprecht, Graf. 15; Diggs, Graf. 16; T. Smith, Hills. 17; Berrien, Rock. 18; Watters, Dist 4; Feltes, Dist 15; Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sherman, Dist 24; Children and Family Law)

HB 1517-FN, relative to roadable aircraft. (Steven Smith, Sull. 11; Costable, Rock. 3; J. Osborne, Rock. 4; Torosian, Rock. 14; Watters, Dist 4; Ward, Dist 8; Transportation)

HB 1518-FN, relative to the alternative compliance payments for renewable energy obligations not met through the purchase of renewable energy credits. (Pearl, Merr. 26; Lang, Belk. 4; Costable, Rock. 3; Plumer, Belk. 6; Science, Technology and Energy)

HB 1519, establishing a committee to study class IV resources under the renewable portfolio standard. (Pearl, Merr. 26; Lang, Belk. 4; Costable, Rock. 3; Science, Technology and Energy)

HB 1520, establishing the New Hampshire health policy commission. (Knirk, Carr. 3; Indruk, Hills. 34; Woods, Merr. 23; Fargo, Straf. 14; Weston, Graf. 8; Hennessey, Dist 5; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 1521-FN, adding a peer support specialist to the board of mental health practice. (Snow, Hills. 19; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 1522, requiring colleges and universities to report allegations of sexual assault to local law enforcement. (Pantelakos, Rock. 25; Ladd, Graf. 4; K. Murray, Rock. 24; Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Education)

HB 1523, authorizing the American Radio Relay League to issue decals for multi-use plates. (Janvrin, Rock. 37; Transportation)

HB 1524, relative to how law enforcement shares personal information about certain non-violent offenders. (Klein-Knight, Hills. 11; Bouchard, Hills. 11; Sylvia, Belk. 6; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1525, relative to the definition of political advocacy organization. (Lane, Merr. 12; Huot, Belk. 3; Gay, Rock. 8; Higgins, Straf. 22; Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Election Law)

HB 1526, relative to the division of ports and harbors mooring wait list. (Torosian, Rock. 14; Janigian, Rock. 8; True, Rock. 4; Resources, Recreation and Development)

HB 1527-FN, requiring radon testing for all public schools in New Hampshire. (McBeath, Rock. 26; Education)

HB 1528, establishing a committee to study the salaries of classified and unclassified state employees, directing the department of administrative services to issue a request for proposals to conduct the study, and making an appropriation therefor. (Walz, Merr. 23; Sullivan, Sull. 1; Danielson, Hills. 7; Schuett, Merr. 20; D'Allesandro, Dist 20; Rosenwald, Dist 13; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1529, prohibiting the release of the name of a mass murderer. (Hopper, Hills. 2; Potucek, Rock. 6; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1530, relative to the Medicaid dental benefit working group. (Bernet, Hills. 4; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 1531, relative to the release of voting information in a presidential election. (Prout, Hills. 37; Edwards, Rock. 4; Costable, Rock. 3; Verville, Rock. 2; A. Lekas, Hills. 37; T. Lekas, Hills. 37; Torosian, Rock. 14; Election Law)

HB 1532, establishing a commission to review and propose initiatives to implement the recommendations of the 2020 forest resources plan. (Laflamme, Coos 3; Noel, Coos 3; Luneau, Merr. 10; Bradley, Dist 3; Resources, Recreation and Development)

HB 1533-L, limiting the increase in property taxes for certain persons. (Roy, Rock. 32; Aron, Sull. 7; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1534, establishing a commission to study the creation of online voter registration for the 2022 state elections. (B. Griffin, Hills. 6; Prudhomme-O'Brien, Rock. 6; Hill, Merr. 3; Lane, Merr. 12; Gay, Rock. 8; Porter, Hills. 1; Birdsell, Dist 19; Election Law)

HB 1535, relative to installation of solar photovoltaic energy systems by condominium unit owners and owners subject to deed restrictions in a homeowners association. (McConnell, Rock. 11; Van Houten, Hills. 45; Backus, Hills. 19; Merner, Coos 7; Feltes, Dist 15; Dietsch, Dist 9; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1536, relative to pharmacists-in-charge, the inspection and regulation of prescription drugs by the pharmacy board, and disciplinary actions by the pharmacy board. (Merchant, Sull. 4; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1537, relative to standards for perfluorochemicals in drinking water and ambient groundwater. (Murphy, Hills. 21; Petrigno, Hills. 23; Cohen, Hills. 28; Salloway, Straf. 5; Meuse, Rock. 29; Gay, Rock. 8; Mullen, Hills. 7; Eisner, Rock. 6; Massimilla, Graf. 1; Chase, Straf. 18; Morgan, Dist 23; Resources, Recreation and Development)

HB 1538, creating a commission to develop and implement environmental education, outreach, and training programs and initiatives for qualified health care professionals relative to environmental toxins and health. (Murphy, Hills. 21; Petrigno, Hills. 23; Salloway, Straf. 5; Meuse, Rock. 29; Diggs, Graf. 16; Edwards, Rock. 4; Woods, Merr. 23; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 1539, relative to the relocation of children with elevated lead levels. (Long, Hills. 10; Judiciary)

HB 1540, extending the foster care children's bill of rights. (Long, Hills. 10; Children and Family Law)

HB 1541, relative to including battery storage facilities in the definition of energy facility. (Harrington, Straf. 3; Science, Technology and Energy)

HB 1542, relative to children, vulnerable adults, and animals in hot vehicles. (Kenney, Straf. 6; Levesque, Straf. 4; Read, Rock. 17; Horrigan, Straf. 6; Burroughs, Carr. 1; Judiciary)

HB 1543, relative to employee drug testing. (Klein-Knight, Hills. 11; Josephson, Graf. 11; Adjutant, Graf. 17; Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services)

HB 1544, relative to the department of employment security job training program. (Ellison, Merr. 27; Shaw, Hills. 16; Woodcock, Carr. 2; Cornell, Hills. 18; Frost, Straf. 16; Heath, Hills. 14; Doherty, Merr. 20; Watters, Dist 4; Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services)

HB 1545, relative to regulation of interpreters for the deaf, deaf blind, and hard of hearing. (M. Pearson, Rock. 34; Woods, Merr. 23; Conley, Straf. 13; Merchant, Sull. 4; Porter, Hills. 1; Marsh, Carr. 8; Gagne, Hills. 13; Major, Rock. 14; Morgan, Dist 23; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1546, relative to meeting minutes of county delegations. (Steven Smith, Sull. 11; Aron, Sull. 7; Cloutier, Sull. 10; Rollins, Sull. 6; Stapleton, Sull. 5; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1547, eliminating fees for walking disability placards. (Sykes, Graf. 13; Transportation)

HB 1548, establishing a secure psychiatric unit facility advisory council. (Cushing, Rock. 21; Walz, Merr. 23; Murphy, Hills. 21; P. Schmidt, Straf. 19; Rice, Hills. 37; Knirk, Carr. 3; Mangipudi, Hills. 35; Danielson, Hills. 7; Bradley, Dist 3; Hennessey, Dist 5; Sherman, Dist 24; Levesque, Dist 12; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 1549-FN-A, establishing the office of school counseling and psychology, establishing the position of school counselor coordinator, and making an appropriation therefor. (Doherty, Merr. 20; Cornell, Hills. 18; Mullen, Hills. 7; Andrew Bouldin, Hills. 12; Le, Rock. 31; Vallone, Rock. 9; Woodcock, Carr. 2; Ellison, Merr. 27; Education)

HB 1550-FN, extending accidental death benefits for group II members of the retirement system suffering from heart attacks. (Abbas, Rock. 8; Lang, Belk. 4; Doucette, Rock. 8; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1551-FN, relative to driving with a suspended license. (Abbas, Rock. 8; Transportation)

HB 1552-FN, requiring learner's permits for certain persons seeking drivers' licenses. (Wazir, Merr. 17; Loughman, Rock. 21; Josephson, Graf. 11; Wallner, Merr. 10; Crawford, Carr. 4; Feltes, Dist 15; Watters, Dist 4; Transportation)

HB 1553-FN, prohibiting the posting of certain state properties as no trespassing areas. (Love, Rock. 6; Potucek, Rock. 6; Weyler, Rock. 13; Public Works and Highways)

HB 1554-FN, relative to elections in collective bargaining. (Nunez, Hills. 37; Hunt, Ches. 11; Cordelli, Carr. 4; Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services)

HB 1555-FN-L, requiring prisoners to be paid the applicable minimum wage. (Thompson, Ches. 14; Wilhelm, Hills. 42; Oxenham, Sull. 1; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1556-FN, relative to requirements for commercial motor vehicles. (Bean, Belk. 2; Transportation)

HB 1557-FN-A, establishing a value added grant matching fund for New Hampshire agricultural producers. (Luneau, Merr. 10; Environment and Agriculture)

HB 1558-FN, relative to the provision of special education services for older students. (Murphy, Hills. 21; Mullen, Hills. 7; Le, Rock. 31; Petrigno, Hills. 23; Guthrie, Rock. 13; Abbas, Rock. 8; Meuse, Rock. 29; Hinch, Hills. 21; Salloway, Straf. 5; A. Lekas, Hills. 37; Watters, Dist 4; Education)

HB 1559, relative to sealing records in nonpublic session under the right-to-know law. (Yokela, Rock. 33; Yakubovich, Merr. 24; Wuelper, Straf. 3; Judiciary)

HB 1560-FN, relative to the criminal penalties for certain negligent actions which cause the death of an animal. (Rogers, Merr. 28; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1561-FN, allowing a county to exempt its chief administrative officer from compulsory participation in the retirement system. (Sullivan, Sull. 1; Stapleton, Sull. 5; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1562, including soil health and soil conservation in the state soil conservation plan. (Bixby, Straf. 17; Thompson, Ches. 14; Von Plinsky, Ches. 7; Moynihan, Coos 2; Watters, Dist 4; Environment and Agriculture)
HB 1563-FN, relative to the use of funds in the drug forfeiture fund. (Spillane, Rock. 2; McGuire, Merr. 29; Notter, Hills. 21; Verville, Rock. 2; Bershtein, Rock. 2; Nunez, Hills. 37; A. Lekas, Hills. 37; T. Lekas, Hills. 37; Reagan, Dist 17; Judiciary)

HB 1564-FN, prohibiting the use of polystyrene foam. (Balch, Hills. 38; Schultz, Merr. 18; Sofikitis, Hills. 34; Spang, Straf. 6; Oxenham, Sull. 1; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1565 – not introduced.

HB 1566-FN, relative to fishing licenses for senior veterans. (Gordon, Graf. 9; Fish and Game and Marine Resources)

HB 1567-FN-A, relative to worldwide combined reporting for unitary businesses under the business profits tax. (Schamberg, Merr. 4; Ways and Means)

HB 1568-FN-L, prohibiting town employees and elected officials from profiting from businesses with which the town does business. (Roy, Rock. 32; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1569-FN, requiring the department of environmental services to maintain a public registry of where certain fire suppressants have been used. (Murphy, Hills. 21; Petrigno, Hills. 23; Salloway, Straf. 5; Meuse, Rock. 29; Gay, Rock. 8; Cushing, Rock. 21; Bushway, Rock. 21; French, Graf. 14; Eisner, Rock. 6; Edgar, Rock. 21; Sherman, Dist 24; Morgan, Dist 23; Resources, Recreation and Development)

HB 1570-FN, establishing an architectural paint program. (Buchanan, Merr. 15; Read, Rock. 17; Environment and Agriculture)

HB 1571, relative to the qualifications for the members of the fish and game commission. (Read, Rock. 17; Buchanan, Merr. 15; Kenney, Straf. 6; Altschiller, Rock. 19; Eisner, Rock. 6; Stack, Hills. 21; Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Fish and Game and Marine Resources)

HB 1572-L, establishing the New Hampshire local election participation act. (Rogers, Merr. 28; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1573, establishing a safari hunting license for hunting certain exotic game. (Cushing, Rock. 21; Fish and Game and Marine Resources)

HB 1574-FN, relative to state health savings accounts. (Abramson, Rock. 20; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1575-FN, relative to special number plates for circuit court judges. (O'Hearne, Sull. 3; Transportation)

HB 1576-FN-A, establishing a targeted workforce development program. (Jurius, Belk. 2; Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services)

HB 1577-FN, relative to initiating amendments and corrections to birth records. (Cannon, Straf. 18; Woods, Merr. 23; Huot, Belk. 3; Butler, Carr. 7; Bouchard, Hills. 11; Stavis, Graf. 13; Bunker, Rock. 18; St. John, Hills. 27; Mangipudi, Hills. 35; Bernet, Hills. 4; Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Watters, Dist 4; Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sherman, Dist 24; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 1578-FN, requiring Internet service providers to reimburse customers for interruptions in service. (Roy, Rock. 32; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1579-FN, relative to collection of tax for short-term rentals under the meals and rooms tax. (Kanzler, Carr. 2; Burroughs, Carr. 1; Ways and Means)

HB 1580-FN, regulating the use of drones. (McGuire, Merr. 29; Schamberg, Merr. 4; Steven Smith, Sull. 11; Reagan, Dist 17; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1581-FN, relative to the labeling and sale of hemp products containing CBD. (Knirk, Carr. 3; Bixby, Straf. 17; Muscatel, Graf. 12; Pearl, Merr. 26; Marsh, Carr. 8; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1582-FN, providing free tuition at colleges and universities for children of veterans who are totally and permanently disabled. (Roy, Rock. 32; Aron, Sull. 7; Education)

HB 1583-FN, relative to the identification of law enforcement vehicles. (Warden, Hills. 15; Keans, Straf. 23; Transportation)

HB 1584, relative to the penalty for failure to comply with the requirements for lobbyists. (Horn, Merr. 2; Porter, Hills. 1; Legislative Administration)

HB 1585, relative to fines imposed by the fish and game commission. (Egan, Graf. 2; King, Hills. 33; Don-tonville, Graf. 10; Fish and Game and Marine Resources)

HB 1586-FN, relative to the statute of limitations for sexual assault. (Altschiller, Rock. 19; Conley, Straf. 13; Burroughs, Carr. 1; Chase, Straf. 18; Berrien, Rock. 18; McLean, Hills. 44; Watters, Dist 4; Reagan, Dist 17; Levesque, Dist 12; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1587-FN, relative to the regulation and licensing of locksmiths. (Janigian, Rock. 8; Gay, Rock. 8; DeClercq, Rock. 8; Abbott, Ches. 1; Edgar, Rock. 21; McBride, Rock. 8; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1588-FN, establishing a mortgage mediation procedure. (Williams, Hills. 4; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1589-FN, requiring businesses in the state to take cash for monetary transactions. (St. Clair, Belk. 9; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1590 – not introduced.

HB 1591-FN, relative to cannabis use during pregnancy. (Marsh, Carr. 8; Abrami, Rock. 19; Acton, Rock. 10; Salloway, Straf. 5; Rung, Hills. 21; Crawford, Carr. 4; Knirk, Carr. 3; M. Pearson, Rock. 34; Reagan, Dist 17; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 1592-FN, relative to milk pasteurization. (Allard, Merr. 21; Marsh, Carr. 8; Aron, Sull. 7; Woodcock, Carr. 2; Environment and Agriculture)

HB 1593 – not introduced.

HB 1594-FN, creating an affirmative defense to violation of a restraining order. (Forsythe, Merr. 8; Camarota, Hills. 7; Love, Rock. 6; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1595-FN, relative to the referral of minors convicted of alcohol and drug related offenses to the department of health and human services. (Cannon, Straf. 18; Amanda Bouldin, Hills. 12; Gomarilo, Ches. 12; Tucker, Coos 5; Van Houten, Hills. 45; Cushing, Rock. 21; K. Murray, Rock. 24; Watters, Dist 4; Hennessey, Dist 5; Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Children and Family Law)

HB 1596-FN-A, relative to the funding for search and rescue operations of the fish and game department and making an appropriation therefor. (Love, Rock. 6; Goley, Hills. 8; Forsythe, Merr. 8; Hopper, Hills. 2; Fish and Game and Marine Resources)

HB 1597-FN, relative to dispositional hearings under RSA 169-B. (Wallner, Merr. 10; Berch, Ches. 1; Hennessey, Graf. 1; Hennessey, Dist 5; Sherman, Dist 24; Children and Family Law)

HB 1598-FN, relative to prosecutions for interference with freedom. (Fowler, Rock. 20; Abramson, Rock. 20; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1599-FN-A, establishing a special marriage officiant license. (Cushing, Rock. 21; Butler, Carr. 7; Altschiller, Rock. 19; DiLorenzo, Rock. 17; Schultz, Merr. 18; Chase, Straf. 18; Bushway, Rock. 21; Fuller Clark, Dist 21; French, Dist 7; Hennessey, Dist 5; Judiciary)

HB 1600-FN-A, relative to smoking cessation therapy and pharmacist reimbursement under Medicaid and making an appropriation therefor. (Marsh, Carr. 8; Merchant, Sull. 4; P. Schmidt, Straf. 19; Salloway, Straf. 5; Bartlett, Merr. 19; Campion, Graf. 12; M. Pearson, Rock. 34; Woods, Merr. 23; Bradley, Dist 3; Rosenwald, Dist 13; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 1601-FN, removing the exception for married minors from the definition of sexual assault. (Altschiller, Rock. 19; Read, Rock. 17; Gay, Rock. 8; Levesque, Straf. 4; Children and Family Law)

HB 1602-FN-L, establishing a registry for persons convicted of animal cruelty. (St. Clair, Belk. 9; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1603-FN, establishing the per and polyfluoroalkyl substances contamination remediation and mitigation revolving loan program and fund. (Cushing, Rock. 21; Murphy, Hills. 21; Edgar, Rock. 21; Meuse, Rock. 29; Rung, Hills. 21; Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Resources, Recreation and Development)

HB 1604, relative to agricultural registration for certain utility vehicles. (Yokela, Rock. 33; DeSimone, Rock. 14; Merchant, Sull. 4; Transportation)

HB 1605-FN, requiring children under the age of 2 years be restrained in a motor vehicle. (Fenton, Ches. 8; Conley, Straf. 13; Wilhelm, Hills. 42; Rosenwald, Dist 13; Hennessey, Dist 5; Transportation)

HB 1606-FN, relative to cruelty to a wild animal, fish, or wild bird. (Read, Rock. 17; Spillane, Rock. 2; W. Thomas, Hills. 21; Murphy, Hills. 21; Wall, Straf. 6; Gay, Rock. 8; Abrami, Rock. 19; Abbas, Rock. 8; DeSimone, Rock. 14; Kenney, Straf. 6; Sherman, Dist 24; Watters, Dist 4; Fish and Game and Marine Resources)

HB 1607-FN, relative to liability for wrongful acts in an employer/employee relationship. (Radhakrishnan, Hills. 22; Pantelakos, Rock. 25; Rodd, Merr. 6; Cleaver, Hills. 35; Welch, Rock. 13; J. Schmidt, Hills. 28; Cushing, Rock. 21; Vail, Hills. 30; R. Newman, Hills. 29; Levesque, Dist 12; Judiciary)

HB 1608-FN, prohibiting the manufacture, sale, transfer, and possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices. (Conley, Straf. 13; Vann, Hills. 24; Vail, Hills. 30; Horrigan, Straf. 6; Chase, Straf. 18; Meuse, Rock. 29; Josephson, Graf. 11; Kenney, Straf. 6; Frost, Straf. 16; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1609, relative to seasonal platforms on public waters of the state. (MacDonald, Carr. 6; Marsh, Carr. 8; Crawford, Carr. 4; Bradley, Dist 3; Resources, Recreation and Development)

HB 1610-FN, establishing the manufacturer pharmaceutical drug take-back program. (Loughman, Rock. 21; Merchant, Sull. 4; McBeath, Rock. 26; Muscatel, Graf. 12; Costable, Rock. 3; Fowler, Rock. 20; Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Sherman, Dist 24; Chandley, Dist 11; Bradley, Dist 3; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 1611-FN, relative to incarceration under a suspended sentence. (Thompson, Ches. 14; Welch, Rock. 13; Swinburne, Ches. 10; Schapiro, Ches. 16; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1612-FN, relative to utility terrain vehicle operation on roads. (McWilliams, Merr. 27; Turcotte, Merr. 22; Klein-Knight, Hills. 11; Sanborn, Hills. 41; Howard, Belk. 8; Transportation)

HB 1613-FN, allowing prisoners serving life sentences to be eligible for parole after 25 years. (Abramson, Rock. 20; Conley, Straf. 13; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1614-FN, relative to the penalties for use or possession of a controlled drug. (Abramson, Rock. 20; Fowler, Rock. 20; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1615-FN, requiring criminal background checks for persons brought into a library to interact with minors in library-sponsored events. (Flanagan, Hills. 26; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1616-FN, relative to the age for minor's visits to mental health practitioners. (Klein-Knight, Hills. 11; Frost, Straf. 16; Schultz, Merr. 18; St. John, Hills. 27; Cushing, Rock. 21; Cleaver, Hills. 35; Bouchard, Hills. 11; Josephson, Graf. 11; Vail, Hills. 30; French, Graf. 14; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 1617-FN, clarifying the prohibition against the use of mobile electronic devices while driving. (Gould, Hills. 7; Bushway, Rock. 21; Telerski, Hills. 35; Crawford, Carr. 4; Torosian, Rock. 14; Stapleton, Sull. 5; Chandley, Dist 11; Transportation)

HB 1618-FN-L, relative to fines for littering on public ways. (Egan, Graf. 2; Merner, Coos 7; Massimilla, Graf. 1; Dontonville, Graf. 10; Transportation)

HB 1619-FN, relative to organ transplants. (Testerman, Merr. 2; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 1620-FN, relative to electric vehicle parking spaces. (Cleaver, Hills. 35; J. Schmidt, Hills. 28; Telerski, Hills. 35; Conley, Straf. 13; Vail, Hills. 30; Amanda Bouldin, Hills. 12; Transportation)

HB 1621-FN, relative to the use of protective head gear while operating motorcycles and motorized bicycles. (Cleaver, Hills. 35; P. Schmidt, Straf. 19; Knirk, Carr. 3; Sofikitis, Hills. 34; Transportation)

HB 1622-FN-L, relative to the use of passenger restraints in motor vehicles. (Cleaver, Hills. 35; Vail, Hills. 30; Mulligan, Graf. 12; Knirk, Carr. 3; Transportation)

HB 1623-FN, relative to telemedicine and substance use disorder. (Marsh, Carr. 8; Allard, Merr. 21; MacDonald, Carr. 6; Edwards, Rock. 4; Baldasaro, Rock. 5; M. Pearson, Rock. 34; Snow, Hills. 19; Crawford, Carr. 4; Schapiro, Ches. 16; Bradley, Dist 3; Kahn, Dist 10; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 1624-FN, establishing a moratorium on sales of e-cigarettes. (P. Schmidt, Straf. 19; Cleaver, Hills. 35; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1625-FN, reducing the penalty for certain first offense drug possession charges. (Bordenet, Ches. 5; Welch, Rock. 13; Rodd, Merr. 6; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1626, relative to the role of the guardian ad litem in parenting cases in which domestic violence is suspected or alleged. (Gay, Rock. 8; Marsh, Carr. 8; Plumer, Belk. 6; Nutter-Upham, Hills. 33; Children and Family Law)

HB 1627-FN, creating an animal health certificate database. (Bixby, Straf. 17; Bradley, Dist 3; Environment and Agriculture)

HB 1628-FN, increasing the age for vaping. (Horn, Merr. 2; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 1629-FN, relative to training and procedures for zoning and planning boards. (Griffith, Hills. 18; Alexander Jr., Hills. 6; Loughman, Rock. 21; Lucas, Sull. 2; Butler, Carr. 7; Hennessey, Graf. 1; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1630-FN, relative to pet vendors. (Pearl, Merr. 26; Aron, Sull. 7; Environment and Agriculture)

HB 1631-FN-L, relative to taxation of certain hydro-electric generation facilities. (Abbott, Ches. 1; Berch, Ches. 1; Harvey, Ches. 1; Berrien, Rock. 18; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1632-FN-A-L, relative to financial investments and incentives for affordable housing development. (Alexander Jr., Hills. 6; Loughman, Rock. 21; Griffith, Hills. 18; Hennessey, Graf. 1; Lucas, Sull. 2; Butler, Carr. 7; Municipal and County Government)

HB 1633-FN, relative to insurance coverage for tick-borne illness. (M. Murray, Hills. 22; W. Thomas, Hills. 21; Panasiti, Hills. 22; Bixby, Straf. 17; Chandley, Dist 11; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1634-FN, relative to certain additional part-time employment of retirees in the retirement system. (Petri-gno, Hills. 23; Dargie, Hills. 23; Martin, Hills. 23; McGhee, Hills. 40; Burns, Hills. 23; Chandley, Dist 11; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1635, requiring climate education in grade and secondary schools. (Balch, Hills. 38; Schultz, Merr. 18; McGhee, Hills. 40; Mann, Ches. 2; Oxenham, Sull. 1; Education)

HB 1636, relative to special education services for children in charter schools. (Cordelli, Carr. 4; Pitre, Straf. 2; A. Lekas, Hills. 37; Spillane, Rock. 2; Education)

HB 1637-FN, establishing a kinship navigator program in the department of health and human services. (Rice, Hills. 37; Long, Hills. 10; Hinch, Hills. 21; Carson, Dist 14; Children and Family Law)

HB 1638-FN-A, relative to the administration of the SNAP incentive programs. (Martin, Hills. 23; Horn, Merr. 2; Ebel, Merr. 5; Campion, Graf. 12; Berrien, Rock. 18; Murphy, Hills. 21; Chase, Straf. 18; Walz, Merr. 23; Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 1639-FN, relative to "In and Out Medical Assistance." (Snow, Hills. 19; Danielson, Hills. 7; Rosenwald, Dist 13; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 1640-FN, relative to parental notification prior to abortion. (Horn, Merr. 2; Fowler, Rock. 20; Giuda, Dist 2; Judiciary)

HB 1641-FN, reducing the criminal penalty for certain controlled drugs. (Conley, Straf. 13; Amanda Bouldin, Hills. 12; Andrew Bouldin, Hills. 12; Cleaver, Hills. 35; Prout, Hills. 37; Yokela, Rock. 33; Klein-Knight, Hills. 11; St. Clair, Belk. 9; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1642-FN, prohibiting the state or a state official from using a facial surveillance system. (Hopper, Hills. 2; Burt, Hills. 39; Ward, Rock. 28; Warden, Hills. 15; Cushing, Rock. 21; Welch, Rock. 13; Conley, Straf. 13; Abramson, Rock. 20; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1643-FN, relative to permissible campaign contributions by business organizations and labor unions and relative to funding source disclosure for political advertising. (Read, Rock. 17; T. Smith, Hills. 17; DiLorenzo, Rock. 17; Frost, Straf. 16; Higgins, Straf. 22; Muscatel, Graf. 12; Knirk, Carr. 3; Gay, Rock. 8; Election Law)

HB 1644-FN, relative to information required on marriage licenses. (Vann, Hills. 24; Frost, Straf. 16; Conley, Straf. 13; Josephson, Graf. 11; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1645-FN, relative to the annulment of misdemeanor domestic violence offenses. (Abbas, Rock. 8; Doucette, Rock. 8; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1646-FN, relative to historic racing. (Abrami, Rock. 19; Doucette, Rock. 8; French, Dist 7; Birdsell, Dist 19; Ways and Means)

HB 1647-FN, relative to post-conviction DNA testing. (Cushing, Rock. 21; Welch, Rock. 13; Hennessey, Dist 5; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1648-FN, relative to the home cultivation of cannabis plants and the possession of certain cannabis-infused products. (McGuire, Merr. 29; Cushing, Rock. 21; Nunez, Hills. 37; Conley, Straf. 13; Knirk, Carr. 3; McWilliams, Merr. 27; Hennessey, Dist 5; Reagan, Dist 17; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1649-FN-A, establishing a road usage fee and making an appropriation therefor. (Major, Rock. 14; Almy, Graf. 13; Graham, Hills. 7; Abrami, Rock. 19; Public Works and Highways)

HB 1650-FN-A-L, establishing a road usage registration fee and making an appropriation therefor. (Somsich, Rock. 27; McWilliams, Merr. 27; Pantelakos, Rock. 25; Le, Rock. 31; Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Public Works and Highways)

HB 1651-FN, relative to prisoners' voting rights. (Andrew Bouldin, Hills. 12; Query, Hills. 16; Kenney, Straf. 6; Klein-Knight, Hills. 11; Conley, Straf. 13; Amanda Bouldin, Hills. 12; Bixby, Straf. 17; Nutting-Wong, Hills. 32; Bouchard, Hills. 11; Election Law)

HB 1652-FN-A, including ski area ticket sales under the meals and rooms tax and dedicating the revenue to the governor's scholarship program for New Hampshire resident students. (Thompson, Ches. 14; St. John, Hills. 27; Schapiro, Ches. 16; Oxenham, Sull. 1; Gomarlo, Ches. 12; Ways and Means)

HB 1653-FN, relative to domicile, residency, voter registration, and investigation of voter verification letters. (Horrigan, Straf. 6; Kenney, Straf. 6; Read, Rock. 17; Berch, Ches. 1; Huot, Belk. 3; Spang, Straf. 6; Cohen, Hills. 28; Mulligan, Graf. 12; Wall, Straf. 6; Hennessey, Dist 5; Election Law)

HB 1654-FN, relative to previous convictions for driving while intoxicated. (Abbas, Rock. 8; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1655-FN, expanding the New Hampshire vaccine association to include adult vaccines. (Knirk, Carr. 3; R. Osborne, Graf. 7; Indruk, Hills. 34; Weston, Graf. 8; Muscatel, Graf. 12; Woods, Merr. 23; Fargo, Straf. 14; Sherman, Dist 24; Hennessey, Dist 5; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 1656-FN, relative to an act granting immunity from prosecution for prostitution for reporting a sexual assault. (Klein-Knight, Hills. 11; Herbert, Hills. 43; Bouchard, Hills. 11; R. Newman, Hills. 29; Welch, Rock. 13; Birdsell, Dist 19; French, Dist 7; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1657-FN-A, relative to reimbursement of court-ordered services for juveniles. (Long, Hills. 10; Diggs, Graf. 16; Berch, Ches. 1; Hennessey, Graf. 1; Meuse, Rock. 29; Walz, Merr. 23; Rice, Hills. 37; Bradley, Dist 3; Chandley, Dist 11; Hennessey, Dist 5; Children and Family Law)

HB 1658-FN, establishing a registration program for growers and producers of hemp and hemp products. (Bixby, Straf. 17; Pearl, Merr. 26; Knirk, Carr. 3; Aron, Sull. 7; Environment and Agriculture)

HB 1659-FN, relative to patient directed care and patient's rights with regard to end-of-life decisions. (Sandler, Straf. 21; Vincent, Straf. 17; Frost, Straf. 16; Saunderson, Merr. 9; Towne, Straf. 4; Bartlett, Merr. 19; Cannon, Straf. 18; Woods, Merr. 23; Hennessey, Dist 5; Judiciary)

HB 1660-FN, establishing a protective order for vulnerable adults. (Cushing, Rock. 21; Campion, Graf. 12; Long, Hills. 10; Weber, Ches. 1; Berch, Ches. 1; Murphy, Hills. 21; K. Murray, Rock. 24; Chandley, Dist 11; Hennessey, Dist 5; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 1661-FN-L, relative to the exemption from property taxes for water and air pollution control facilities. (Cushing, Rock. 21; Walz, Merr. 23; Edgar, Rock. 21; Science, Technology and Energy)

HB 1662-FN, relative to the purchase, use, and possession of tobacco products and e-cigarettes. (Klee, Hills. 30; J. Schmidt, Hills. 28; Vail, Hills. 30; Radhakrishnan, Hills. 22; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1663-FN-A-L, relative to the legalization and regulation of cannabis and making appropriations therefor. (Knirk, Carr. 3; Butler, Carr. 7; Indruk, Hills. 34; Cleaver, Hills. 35; O'Connor, Rock. 6; King, Hills. 33; Reagan, Dist 17; Hennessey, Dist 5; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1664-FN, establishing a climate action plan, an office of the environmental advocate, and an oversight commission on environmental services. (Thompson, Ches. 14; Weston, Graf. 8; Oxenham, Sull. 1; Von Plinsky, Ches. 7; Science, Technology and Energy)

HB 1665-FN-A, establishing an independent redistricting commission. (M. Smith, Straf. 6; Gordon, Graf. 9; Wolf, Merr. 5; Berch, Ches. 1; Bradley, Dist 3; Chandley, Dist 11; Levesque, Dist 12; Election Law)

HB 1666-FN, relative to investigations of sudden undetermined infant deaths (SUID) by the office of the chief medical examiner. (Camarota, Hills. 7; Aron, Sull. 7; Love, Rock. 6; Gould, Hills. 7; Wuelper, Straf. 3; Reagan, Dist 17; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 1667-FN, relative to the suspension of drivers' licenses. (Welch, Rock. 13; Meuse, Rock. 29; K. Murray, Rock. 24; P. Schmidt, Straf. 19; Rodd, Merr. 6; Berch, Ches. 1; Hennessey, Dist 5; French, Dist 7; Transportation)

HB 1668-FN-L, relative to early voting for persons with disabilities. (Komi, Hills. 43; Klein-Knight, Hills. 11; Bouchard, Hills. 11; Levesque, Dist 12; Election Law)

HB 1669-FN, requiring electronic filing of lobbyist's forms and statements. (Horn, Merr. 2; Legislative Administration)

HB 1670-FN, relative to recording grand jury testimony. (Sylvia, Belk. 6; M. Smith, Straf. 6; Judiciary)

HB 1671-FN, relative to arrest and search warrants issued by superior court. (Gordon, Graf. 9; Criminal Justice and Public Safety)

HB 1672-FN, allowing voters to vote by absentee ballot. (Rogers, Merr. 28; K. Murray, Rock. 24; Election Law)

HB 1673-FN, relative to the definition of "public body" under the right-to-know law. (McGuire, Merr. 29; T. Lekas, Hills. 37; Wuelper, Straf. 3; Judiciary)

HB 1674-FN, establishing the office of foster care oversight in the department of health and human services. (Adjutant, Graf. 17; Children and Family Law)

HB 1675-FN, relative to the right of any infant born alive to medically appropriate and reasonable care and treatment. (Prudhomme-O'Brien, Rock. 6; Cordelli, Carr. 4; Ulery, Hills. 37; Notter, Hills. 21; Rice, Hills. 37; Gould, Hills. 7; Rooney, Straf. 1; Katsakiores, Rock. 6; Hobson, Rock. 35; Judiciary)

HB 1676-FN, requiring monitoring of certain radioactive air pollutants. (Somssich, Rock. 27; Meuse, Rock. 29; Science, Technology and Energy)

HB 1677-FN, relative to the authority of the attorney general to supervise the county attorney. (Andrew Bouldin, Hills. 12; Klee, Hills. 30; Cornell, Hills. 18; Loughman, Rock. 21; W. Thomas, Hills. 21; Hamer, Hills. 17; Van Houten, Hills. 45; Query, Hills. 16; Riel, Hills. 6; Almy, Graf. 13; Judiciary)

HB 1678-FN, relative to prohibiting abortion in certain cases. (Rooney, Straf. 1; Stapleton, Sull. 5; Rice, Hills. 37; Gould, Hills. 7; Prudhomme-O'Brien, Rock. 6; Birdsell, Dist 19; Judiciary)

HB 1679-FN-A, making an appropriation for the purposes of meals on wheels. (Huot, Belk. 3; W. Thomas, Hills. 21; Weyler, Rock. 13; Finance)

HB 1680-FN, relative to the collection of personal information by businesses. (Muscatel, Graf. 12; Indruk, Hills. 34; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1681-FN, relative to school lunch reimbursements. (Horrigan, Straf. 6; Education)

HB 1682-FN-L, requiring schools to maintain food allergy plans to address food allergy safety and training. (J. Schmidt, Hills. 28; Cohen, Hills. 28; Cleaver, Hills. 35; Guthrie, Rock. 13; Education)

HB 1683-FN, prohibiting the docking of dog tails and the cropping of dog ears. (Rogers, Merr. 28; Schuett, Merr. 20; K. Murray, Rock. 24; Schultz, Merr. 18; Schamberg, Merr. 4; Horrigan, Straf. 6; Environment and Agriculture)

HB 1684-FN-A-L, establishing an energy conservation program and an energy conservation project fund and establishing the state PACE reserve fund. (Mangipudi, Hills. 35; Oxenham, Sull. 1; Science, Technology and Energy)

HB 1685-FN, providing for the appointment of special conservators of the peace. (Sylvia, Belk. 6; Judiciary)

HB 1686-FN-L, relative to the Medicaid to schools program. (Cordelli, Carr. 4; Ladd, Graf. 4; Weyler, Rock. 13; Marsh, Carr. 8; Education)

HB 1687-FN, relative to the installation of video surveillance cameras in special education school buses. (Grossman, Rock. 18; Wazir, Merr. 17; Schultz, Merr. 18; Berrien, Rock. 18; W. Thomas, Hills. 21; Murphy, Hills. 21; Levesque, Straf. 4; Mulligan, Graf. 12; Petrigno, Hills. 23; Maes, Graf. 6; Education)

HB 1688-FN, relative to OHRV speed limits on roads. (Spang, Straf. 6; Cohen, Hills. 28; W. Thomas, Hills. 21; Moynihan, Coos 2; Watters, Dist 4; Kahn, Dist 10; Transportation)

HB 1689-FN, relative to the minutes in nonpublic session under the right-to-know law. (Yokela, Rock. 33; Yakubovich, Merr. 24; DeSimone, Rock. 14; Wuelper, Straf. 3; Judiciary)

HB 1690, prohibiting paper billing fees. (Wazir, Merr. 17; Flanagan, Hills. 26; Fowler, Rock. 20; Walz, Merr. 23; Vail, Hills. 30; Gay, Rock. 8; Roy, Rock. 32; Migliore, Graf. 9; Wolf, Merr. 5; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1691-FN-L, relative to kindergarten adequate education grants. (Luneau, Merr. 10; Levesque, Dist 12; Morgan, Dist 23; Education)

HB 1692-FN, establishing a certification for mushroom harvesters. (Knirk, Carr. 3; Bixby, Straf. 17; McConnell, Rock. 11; Environment and Agriculture)

HB 1693, extending the committee to study whether non-attorney legal professionals could be licensed to engage in the limited practice of law. (Gordon, Graf. 9; M. Smith, Straf. 6; Berch, Ches. 1; Wuelper, Straf. 3; Chandley, Dist 11; Judiciary)

HB 1694, relative to recusal by members of the general court for conflicts of interest. (Gordon, Graf. 9; Wall, Straf. 6; Carson, Dist 14; Legislative Administration)

HB 1695-FN, relative to background checks for certain persons under the banking law. (Butler, Carr. 7; Fargo, Straf. 14; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1696-FN, relative to fees for notices and applications for financial institutions. (Butler, Carr. 7; Muscatel, Graf. 12; Fargo, Straf. 14; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1697-FN, relative to prescription drug discount prohibition. (Butler, Carr. 7; Muscatel, Graf. 12; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1698-FN, relative to equal access and opportunity for students with disabilities to participate in co-curricular activities and making an appropriation therefor. (Lang, Belk. 4; Mullen, Hills. 7; Pearl, Merr. 26; Panasiti, Hills. 22; Watters, Dist 4; Education)

HB 1699-FN-A, relative to a tax on electronic cigarettes. (Ames, Ches. 9; Martin, Hills. 23; Ways and Means)

HB 1700-FN, relative to the licensure of nonresident aliens temporarily residing in New Hampshire. (Sykes, Graf. 13; Watters, Dist 4; Transportation)

HB 1701-FN, relative to the recycling of single use plastics. (Ebel, Merr. 5; M. Murray, Hills. 22; McBeath, Rock. 26; Carson, Merr. 7; Suzanne Smith, Graf. 8; Ford, Graf. 3; Martin, Hills. 23; Riel, Hills. 6; Luneau, Merr. 10; Wolf, Merr. 5; Watters, Dist 4; Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Hennessey, Dist 5; Commerce and Consumer Affairs)

HB 1702, establishing a solid waste working group on solid waste management planning. (Ebel, Merr. 5; O'Connor, Rock. 6; M. Murray, Hills. 22; Sykes, Graf. 13; Porter, Hills. 1; Ford, Graf. 3; Martin, Hills. 23; Hennessey, Graf. 1; Merner, Coos 7; Moffett, Merr. 9; Watters, Dist 4; Bradley, Dist 3; Dietsch, Dist 9; Environment and Agriculture)

HB 1703, establishing a working group on food waste. (Ebel, Merr. 5; O'Connor, Rock. 6; M. Murray, Hills. 22; Mullen, Hills. 7; Ticehurst, Carr. 3; Heath, Hills. 14; Wolf, Merr. 5; Watters, Dist 4; Chandley, Dist 11; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 1704, relative to compost. (Ebel, Merr. 5; O'Connor, Rock. 6; M. Murray, Hills. 22; McWilliams, Merr. 27; Von Plinsky, Ches. 7; Suzanne Smith, Graf. 8; Watters, Dist 4; Chandley, Dist 11; Sherman, Dist 24; Environment and Agriculture)

HB 1705-FN, relative to adverse childhood experiences and the family support clearinghouse. (Martin, Hills. 23; Heath, Hills. 14; Campion, Graf. 12; Nordgren, Graf. 12; Schapiro, Ches. 16; Mulligan, Graf. 12; Berrien, Rock. 18; Cornell, Hills. 18; Rosenwald, Dist 13; Hennessey, Dist 5; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 1706, establishing a committee to study the solid waste practices of state agencies. (Ebel, Merr. 5; M. Murray, Hills. 22; Grote, Rock. 24; Schuett, Merr. 20; Schultz, Merr. 18; Danielson, Hills. 7; Watters, Dist 4; Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Rosenwald, Dist 13; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1707-FN, expanding the family-centered early supports and services (FCESS) program to children under the age of 3 who are born substance-exposed. (Martin, Hills. 23; Wallner, Merr. 10; Shurtleff, Merr. 11; Ebel, Merr. 5; Berrien, Rock. 18; Mulligan, Graf. 12; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 1708-FN-A, relative to certain liquor license fees and establishing 2 liquor investigator positions. (Almy, Graf. 13; Martin, Hills. 23; Major, Rock. 14; Abrami, Rock. 19; Feltes, Dist 15; Ways and Means)

HB 1709, relative to building code and zoning requirements applicable to home-based child day care providers. (McWilliams, Merr. 27; Fox, Merr. 23; Acton, Rock. 10; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1710, relative to the disclosure of the results of child day care monitoring visits. (McWilliams, Merr. 27; Fox, Merr. 23; Acton, Rock. 10; Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs)

HB 1711, establishing a committee to study the appeals process for child day care violations. (McWilliams, Merr. 27; Fox, Merr. 23; Acton, Rock. 10; Executive Departments and Administration)

HB 1712, relative to the appeals process for child day care licensees. (McWilliams, Merr. 27; Fox, Merr. 23; Acton, Rock. 10; Children and Family Law)

HB 1713, relative to continuing education requirements for child day care workers. (McWilliams, Merr. 27; Fox, Merr. 23; Acton, Rock. 10; Executive Departments and Administration)

HCR 8, celebrating August 26, 2020 as the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which guarantees that the right to vote shall not be denied on the basis of sex. (J. Schmidt, Hills. 28; Sofikitis, Hills. 34; Harriott-Gathright, Hills. 36; Almy, Graf. 13; Dutzy, Hills. 30; Cushing, Rock. 21; Ruprecht, Graf. 15; Van Houten, Hills. 45; Cohen, Hills. 28; Cote, Hills. 31; Bordy, Hills. 28; Rosenwald, Dist 13; Election Law)

HCR 9, rescinding all requests by the New Hampshire legislature for a federal constitutional convention. (Fox, Merr. 23; Horrigan, Straf. 6; Potucek, Rock. 6; Bouchard, Hills. 11; Ford, Graf. 3; Balch, Hills. 38; J. Schmidt, Hills. 28; Josephson, Graf. 11; Lane, Merr. 12; Grassie, Straf. 11; State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs)

HCR 10, urging Congress to grant states broader authority to set higher environmental standards than those established in federal law. (Backus, Hills. 19; Cushing, Rock. 21; Suzanne Smith, Graf. 8; Danielson, Hills. 7; Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Watters, Dist 4; State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs)

HJR 4, urging Congress to enact legislation or propose a constitutional amendment to grant statehood to the District of Columbia. (Buchanan, Merr. 15; Schultz, Merr. 18; Levesque, Dist 12; State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs)

HR 10, urging the return of armed service members from the Middle East. (Abramson, Rock. 20; Fowler, Rock. 20; State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs)

HR 11, urging Congress to remove marijuana as a schedule I drug and to support the Ending Federal Marijuana Prohibition Act. (Abramson, Rock. 20; Fowler, Rock. 20; State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs)

HR 12, urging Congress to declare per-fluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAs) a superfund chemical and provide sufficient programming and funding for education, treatment, and remediation of the effects of PFAS. (Vail, Hills. 30; Horrigan, Straf. 6; W. Thomas, Hills. 21; McConnell, Rock. 11; Cohen, Hills. 28; Pedersen, Hills. 32; Dutzy, Hills. 30; Stack, Hills. 21; Murphy, Hills. 21; Rung, Hills. 21; State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs)

CACR 13, relating to compensation of the legislature. Providing that members shall receive mileage for attendance on veto days and when voting on a budget following a continuing resolution. (Renzullo, Hills. 37; Parkhurst, Ches. 13; Rung, Hills. 21; Gunski, Hills. 6; Legislative Administration)

CACR 14, relating to reproductive medical decisions. Providing that the state shall not infringe or unduly inconvenience the right of reproductive medical decisions. (T. Smith, Hills. 17; Hamer, Hills. 17; Sofikitis, Hills. 34; Horrigan, Straf. 6; Ellison, Merr. 27; Grassie, Straf. 11; Frost, Straf. 16; Judiciary)

CACR 15, relating to regulation of searches and seizures. Providing that certain information in a legally enforceable contract shall be secure from unreasonable searches and seizures. (Yokela, Rock. 33; Judiciary)

CACR 16, relating to recall elections. Providing that the general court may authorize recall elections. (Read, Rock. 17; Weston, Graf. 8; Buchanan, Merr. 15; Kenney, Straf. 6; Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Legislative Administration)

CACR 17, relating to taxation. Providing that a new state broad-based tax may be enacted only to reduce property taxes. (Schamberg, Merr. 4; Ways and Means)

CACR 18, relating to the general court. Providing that the house or the senate may independently order a referendum to reduce a penalty established in law. (Abramson, Rock. 20; Legislative Administration)

MOTION TO VACATE

Rep. Weber moved that the House vacate the reference of **HB 1710**, relative to the disclosure of the results of child day care monitoring visits, to the Committee on Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. Motion adopted.

The Speaker referred **HB 1710** to the Committee on Children and Family Law.

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RULES

Reps. Ley and Hinch moved the adoption of an amendment, as proposed by the Rules Committee, to House Rule 65 adding the following deadlines for legislative action:

Amend House Rule 65 to read as follows:

65. House Deadlines. Legislative action for the biennium shall be subject to the following deadlines:

Second Year Session Deadlines

Thursday, February 13, 2020	Last day to report House Bills going to a second committee
Thursday, February 20, 2020	Last day to act on House Bills going to a second committee
Thursday, March 5, 2020	Last day to report House Bills not in a second committee
Thursday, March 12, 2020	Last day to act on House Bills not in a second committee
Thursday, March 19, 2020	Last day to report all House Bills
Thursday, March 26, 2020	CROSSOVER – Last day to act on all House Bills
Thursday, April 16, 2020	Last day to report Senate Bills going to a second committee
Thursday, April 23, 2020	Last day to act on Senate Bills going to a second committee
Thursday, May 7, 2020	Last day to report all Senate Bills
Thursday, May 14, 2020	Last day to act on all Senate Bills
Thursday, May 21, 2020	Last day to form committee of conference
Thursday, May 28, 2020	Last day to sign committee of conference reports (4:00 p.m.)
Thursday, June 4, 2020	Last day to act on committee of conference reports

Motion adopted by the necessary two-thirds vote.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Rep. Ley moved that the Consent Calendar with the relevant amendments as printed in the day's House Record be adopted.

HB 613-FN, relative to mandatory automobile insurance, removed by Rep. Bartlett. Consent Calendar adopted.

Rep. Ley declared a conflict of interest on **HBs 251** and **723** and did not participate in the vote on the Consent Calendar.

Rep. Avellani declared a conflict of interest on **HB 623** and did not participate in the vote on the Consent Calendar.

HB 360, relative to the definition of stepparent. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. David Coursin for Children and Family Law. This bill was introduced to address reported problems that RSA 461-A created for stepparents involved in divorce proceedings. It was retained at the request of the prime sponsor because more information had become available that needed to be considered. However, nothing further was presented to the subcommittee or the full committee. The existing testimony did not present a convincing case for passing the bill as written. Vote 13-0.

HB 257-FN, relative to purchasing alliances. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. John Hunt for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. This bill declares that health coverage purchased through a qualified purchasing alliance shall be considered by the Department of Insurance to be large group coverage. It also clarifies certain laws relative to purchasing alliances. Provisions relating to purchasing alliances were adopted this year as part of HB 4, making this bill unnecessary. Vote 18-0.

HB 340, relative to ownership of property by a managed asset trust. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Kristina Fargo for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. The majority of the committee had serious concerns about this bill after hearing testimony from the NH Banking Department. Their concerns, recognizing that New Hampshire has a sound, modern and thoroughly updated trust code, were that these new trusts would create uncertainty in the existing trust market. In addition, they did not believe that these trusts would align with the current NH code. It was also believed that an irrevocable trust established under current law could accomplish the same outcome. With these considerations in mind, the committee believes that this bill should be found Inexpedient to Legislate. Vote 19-0.

HB 405-FN, relative to beer in refillable containers. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Kermit Williams for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. This bill allows businesses other than brewers to fill refillable beer containers, often referred to as growlers. A consumer-friendly measure, this bill has passed the House by a wide margin in the past, but never made it to law. While the bill would likely pass the House again, more work needs to be done to ensure its final passage. Vote 19-0.

HB 417, relative to property restrictions on certain amateur radio antennas. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. John Potucek for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. This bill regulates the enforcement of property restrictions by a community association on the installation and maintenance of amateur radio antennas. The committee recognizes the importance of amateur radio operators but feels that this bill is not the answer. Vote 19-0.

HB 432-FN, relative to automobile insurance reimbursement rates. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Kermit Williams for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. This bill would regulate the rates that automobile insurance companies pay repair shops for accident claims. While the issue of unfair reimbursement rates that brought this bill to the legislature still exists, the parties involved chose to focus on a second, related bill that will come forward next year, and thus asked to have this bill voted Inexpedient to Legislate. Vote 18-1.

HB 436, relative to foreclosure of a lien on a condominium unit. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Kermit Williams for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. This bill would allow condominium associations to have a priority lien on units which had unpaid association fees, and establishes a foreclosure process where their lien and fees would be paid ahead of other claims. While the committee recognizes the difficulty for associations dealing with unpaid fees, we felt that this solution would lead to other problems, including making it harder for condominium purchasers to get financing. Vote 19-0.

HB 586-FN, relative to lender-placed insurance on motor vehicles. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. John Hunt for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. This bill establishes a new chapter regulating creditor-placed insurance. The National Association of Insurance Commissioners has produced model legislation in this area in the past and is currently working on a new model. The committee feels that we should wait until the revised model is completed before going forward with this legislation. Vote 19-0.

HB 590-FN, repealing the exemption for federally chartered banks under the consumer protection act. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. John Hunt for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. This bill adds a sentence to our state Consumer Protection Act that confirms the state Attorney General's ability to exercise those rights granted under federal law, 12 U.S.C 5552, as outlined in the Dodd Frank Act of 2010, to enforce federal consumer protection laws here in New Hampshire and to be a party to multi-state lawsuits that allege violations of those laws. Vote 18-1.

Amendment (0898h)

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

AN ACT relative to the authority of the New Hampshire attorney general to enforce certain consumer protection laws.

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Regulation of Business Practices for Consumer Protection; Exempt Transactions. Amend RSA 358-A:3, I to read as follows:

I. Trade or commerce that is subject to the jurisdiction of the bank commissioner, the director of securities regulation, the insurance commissioner, the public utilities commission, the financial institutions and insurance regulators of other states, or federal banking or securities regulators who possess the authority to regulate unfair or deceptive trade practices. This paragraph includes trade or commerce under the jurisdiction of, and regulated by, the bank commissioner pursuant to RSA 361-A, relative to retail installment sales of motor vehicles. ***No provision of this paragraph shall be construed to alter, limit, or otherwise affect the authority of the New Hampshire attorney general to exercise those enforcement powers conferred under 12 United States Code, section 5552.***

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill clarifies that the New Hampshire attorney general has authority to enforce certain federal consumer protection laws that may otherwise be exempt from the provisions RSA 358-A.

HB 599, relative to liens for labor and materials on property owned by an irrevocable trust. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Christy Bartlett for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. This bill adds required procedures for liens for labor and materials on property owned by an irrevocable trust. It was a companion bill to HB 340 and HB 601, both which have been recommended as Inexpedient to Legislate. Since those bills are not moving forward, this bill is not necessary. Vote 18-1.

HB 601, establishing an assurance deed and procedures therefor. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Kristina Fargo for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. This bill was sponsored as a component of the managed asset trust proposed legislation, HB 340, which was determined to be inexpedient to legislate. There were significant objections from Registry of Deeds officials about this bill because they believed that it could, without adequate notice or public oversight, extinguish the property rights of more obscure interests. These rights would include rights of way, timber rights, mineral rights, water and utility rights as well as ancient rights. Constituents raised objections because some believed that the bill did not give adequate notice to abutters and would eliminate ancient rights which are critical in preserving landowner rights. In addition, there is an existing Quiet Title process for dealing with land issues. It is a formal judicial process in which all parties are represented. The committee, after hearing these concerns, determined that this bill should be found inexpedient to legislate. Vote 17-2.

HB 671-FN, relative to pharmacy benefit manager business practices, licensure, and transparency. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Edward Butler for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. This bill establishes a new chapter that adopts standards for certain fundamental operations of pharmacy benefit managers. SB 226 was adopted earlier this year and requires the registration and provides for some details of regulation of pharmacy benefit managers. This bill would be redundant and is not necessary. Vote 19-0.

HB 134-FN, reducing the penalty for certain first offense drug possession charges. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. John Bordenet for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. While the committee feels that there is merit to this bill, more work is needed. There are many complexities in studying the ramifications of this bill which the committee is unable to address at this time. Vote 19-0.

HB 306, prohibiting the destruction of sexual assault evidence collection kits. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Laura Pantelakos for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The Department of Justice is in the process of auditing procedures for processing sexual assault crimes. The committee voted interim study on this bill so we can look into different parts of the bill, such as how many years they have to be kept, and to give police departments time to find more space to store these kits. Vote 20-0.

HB 722-FN, relative to the retail sale and taxation of marijuana. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Scott Wallace for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The committee determined that the best course of action for this bill is Interim Study, based on a request by the prime sponsor and input from stakeholders. Vote 19-0.

SB 173-FN, relative to criminal history background checks by employers and public agencies. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. David Welch for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill was retained in committee and had language that was identical to HB 637. That bill was amended in the Senate on May 30, 2019, and the House concurred with the Senate amendment on June 13, 2019. The Governor signed HB 673 on July 29, 2019; therefore, this bill is no longer needed. Vote 19-0.

HB 251, relative to criminal background checks for education personnel. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Linda Tanner for Education. This bill, as amended, sets up a legislative committee to address the many issues that surfaced relative to the process of criminal background check reporting and the various personnel who may be included. The committee will explore personnel and volunteers who work in multiple supervisory administrative units as well as agencies that are involved. Vote 19-0.

Amendment (2776h)

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

AN ACT establishing a committee to study criminal records check policies for nonpublic schools and private entities that receive public funds.

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

1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study issues relating to background check policies for nonpublic schools and private entities that receive public funds.

2 Membership and Compensation.

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

(a) Three members of the house of representatives, 2 of whom shall be members of the education committee and one of whom shall be a member of the criminal justice and public safety committee, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(b) One member of the senate, who shall be a member of the education and workforce development committee, appointed by the president of the senate.

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

3 Duties. The committee shall:

I. Work with the department of education and the department of safety to review the current law and policies pertaining to the release of New Hampshire criminal records and FBI criminal records to nonpublic schools and private entities that receive public funds.

II. Define credentialing and licensing and when in the process background checks are to be performed.

III. Recommend changes in the organization and substance of related statutes.

IV. Study any other issues which the commission deems relevant to the objective of the study including, but not limited to, the administrative office most suitable receive and oversee background checks on:

- (a) Employees who work for more than one school;
- (b) Independent contractors;
- (c) Employees of contracted service organizations;
- (d) Persons enrolled in teacher education courses;
- (e) Volunteers.

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

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

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study criminal records check policies for nonpublic schools and private entities that receive public funds.

HB 414, relative to notifying parents of bullying incidents. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Sue Mullen for Education. The intent of this bill was to require that superintendents report substantiated cases of bullying to their school board every 30 days. The bill also sought to repeal a superintendent's authority to waive the requirement to notify parents of a bullying incident within 48 hours of a report. Issues were noted with maintaining student privacy and the complication of receiving a report at a time that would not afford the opportunity to respond, as required, such as receiving a report late on a Friday, prior to a vacation, or being unable to reach a parent after repeated attempts. Vote 16-2.

HB 678-FN, relative to state funding of the cost of an opportunity for an adequate education for all New Hampshire students. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. David Luneau for Education. The FY 20/21 budget bills include education funding and therefore further consideration of this bill is no longer necessary. Vote 18-0.

HB 716-FN-A, relative to transportation costs of certain pupils and making an appropriation therefor. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Rick Ladd for Education. This bill requires the Department of Education (DOE) to reimburse school districts for the transportation costs of a child in a court ordered placement who continues to attend school in the district he or she attended prior to placement. The committee recommends interim study in order to work with DOE to better understand if this is a statewide issue or more limited in scope. Further, there are other issues such as, but not limited to, accountability for special education service costs, duration of the court ordered placement, and coordination with the Division for Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF). The committee seeks a resolution that is in the best interest of the student, is least disruptive to the student, and has a sustainable funding source. Vote 18-0.

HB 723-FN, relative to requiring a criminal history records check for applicants for teaching certification. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Linda Tanner for Education. This bill still needs more work and discussion which will be included in a legislative committee formed under HB 251. Vote 18-0.

SB 108, relative to eligibility for the governor's scholarship program. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. David Luneau for Education. The FY 20/21 budget bills include the policy changes to the governor's scholarship program and therefore further consideration of this bill is no longer necessary. Vote 18-0.

HB 408-L, relative to postponement of town meetings and local elections. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Wayne Moynihan for Election Law. This bill establishes a process to be used when local meetings and elections need to be postponed in emergency situations. A process for postponing meetings and elections was established in a piece of legislation that was adopted earlier this year and has already been signed into law. This bill is no longer needed. Vote 20-0.

HB 431, relative to election officers at additional polling places. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Gerald Ward for Election Law. This bill eases slightly the residency requirement for assistant moderators and clerks in towns that have more than one polling place. It stipulates that although election officers must reside in the town in question, they need not be domiciled in the precise voting district defined by the geographical boundaries of the additional polling place within said town. This will allow for greater recruitment and retention of trained election workers within a community, at a time when such workers are at a premium, while not affecting significantly the inherently local nature of our elections. The amendment clarifies that assistant moderators and clerks in cities must still reside within the ward in which they work, should said ward have an additional polling place. Vote 20-0.

Amendment (2692h)

Amend RSA 658:18 as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

658:18 Special Provision for Cities. Cities may adopt the provisions of RSA 658:10-658:17. The city council shall create and discontinue the voting districts in city wards, establish the additional polling places therein, and select the election officers for the additional polling place. ***Each assistant moderator and assistant clerk selected for an additional polling place in the city ward shall have their domicile in the ward covered by the additional polling place where they will serve.***

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill eliminates the requirement that assistant moderators and clerks for additional polling places in towns be domiciled in the town or ward.

HB 541, relative to allocating electoral college electors based on the national popular vote. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Connie Lane for Election Law. This bill establishes an interstate compact that would award New Hampshire's Electoral College votes to the presidential candidate who wins the national popular vote. The interstate compact would go into effect when enacted by states possessing a majority of the electoral votes—that is, enough to elect a President (270 of 538). At that time, every voter in the country will acquire a direct vote for a group of at least 270 presidential electors supporting their choice for President. All of this group of 270+ presidential electors will be supporters of the candidate who received the most popular votes in all 50 states and DC—thus making that candidate President. As of July 28, 2019, 16 jurisdictions (15 states + DC) possessing 196 electoral votes have joined the compact. The U.S. Constitution (Article II, Section 1) gives the states exclusive control over awarding their electoral votes: “Each State shall appoint, in such Manner as the Legislature thereof may direct, a Number of Electors....” Currently, most states award all their electoral votes

to the popular vote winner in that state. The winner-take-all rule was used by three states in 1789, and all three repealed it by 1800. It was not until the 11th presidential election (1828) that even half the states used winner-take-all laws. The current “winner-take-all” method of awarding electoral votes is state law; it is not set out in the U.S. Constitution. Proponents of the National Popular Vote interstate compact contend that the “National Popular Vote” method of allocating electoral votes is allowed under the U.S. Constitution, arguing that it is a state-based approach that preserves the Electoral College, state control of elections, and the power of the states to control how the President is elected. Opponents of the law do not think it is constitutional, that it is an attempt to dismantle the Electoral College, and that it dilutes New Hampshire’s voice in the selection of the President of the United States. Opponents are also concerned that voting protection laws and potentially compromised voting equipment in other states should not affect how New Hampshire votes are allocated. The committee voted unanimously to refer this bill to interim study so as to have more time to examine the complex and important subject matter of this bill. Vote 20-0.

HB 554, relative to the duty of the moderator to verify the device count. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.** Rep. Wayne Moynihan for Election Law. Verification of the accuracy of machines that count votes is important but the committee found that the terms of this bill do not resolve the conflicting principles it seeks to correct. It is possible that the machines being used to count votes can malfunction or could be tampered with. However, the low probability of such an event allows time for further consideration. NH machines are counting paper ballots that are saved and subject to recounts. In other states machines are electronically counting and electronically registering votes, without paper ballots. Optional “verification counts,” conducted here and there, may look and sound like unsupervised recounts to the candidates involved. In NH, recounts are only allowed pursuant to law and under the careful supervision of the Office of the Secretary of State. Furthermore, moderators are now permitted to hand count ballots and verify the vote count from a machine, if the moderator has a reason to believe the machine may have disengaged, miscounted, lost power etc. Determining the appropriate and best policy in these matters requires interim study. Vote 20-0.

HB 603, relative to procedures for apportioning electoral districts. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.** Rep. Catt Sandler for Election Law. This bill would codify a number of constraints on the redistricting process including the use of a computer algorithm in determining the apportionment of electoral districts following the 2020 census. The committee found the algorithm system difficult to apply to the redistricting process and likely to cause confusion. Vote 20-0.

HB 643, relative to the date of the state primary election. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.** Rep. Edith DesMarais for Election Law. This bill would change the date of the state primary election from the second Tuesday in September to the second Tuesday in June, creating a longer campaign period for the November election. It would then move the filing period to the Tuesday before the first Wednesday in March. While the committee recognized this would have beneficially extended the time between the primary and election, especially for those running for statewide office, it would have unintended consequences for third party candidates. They would have to obtain a large number of signatures to gain ballot access in an extremely short period. The bill would require further statute changes while still taking away the most productive time for third parties to gain signatures. The New Hampshire tourism economy, with high season during summer, could also be impacted by sign pollution in our tourist communities. Vote 20-0.

HB 666, relative to recounts in elections. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.** Rep. Wayne Moynihan for Election Law. The committee found that it would be neither helpful nor good policy to enable the Ballot Law Commission to issue “advisory opinions” after an election. Prior to an election, the Ballot Law Commission serves the important role of being the arbiter of whether or not a candidate is qualified to be on the ballot. It hears and determines disputes arising over whether nomination papers or declarations of candidacy filed with the Secretary of State conform with the law. While the bill’s title refers to “recounts,” its actual effect would do nothing about the NH rules on recounts. Rather, the bill would allow the commission to declare an “advisory opinion,” with no legal effect, after the election is over. If passed, the bill would expand the commission’s jurisdiction to take in complaints raised by candidates who did not win an election. Such candidates would be allowed to challenge, after an election, the qualifications of the candidate who did win the election. Pursuant to the NH Constitution, after an election, the election and qualifications of a candidate becomes subject to the jurisdiction of the House or Senate, the body to which the candidate has been elected. To enable the Ballot Law Commission to become involved in a case, but not have authority to decide the case, would create unnecessary confusion and the potential for conflict. Vote 20-0.

HB 728-FN, relative to ranked-choice voting. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.** Rep. Paul Bergeron for Election Law. This bill requires further study before the committee offers a final recommendation on the legislation. The effective date of the bill is January 1, 2020 and there are still a number of questions that need to be addressed including the cost to implement the provisions of the bill (described as “indeterminable”); the definition of “plurality” as it pertains to the election of governor (Const., Part II, Art 42) and state senators and representatives (Const., Part II, Art. 33); and the additional election night workload

that might be required of voting districts that do not use electronic ballot counting devices if ranked choice voting were to be implemented. Sponsors of the bill made efforts to address concerns raised by committee members, but more time is needed to address these issues and analyze other provisions of the bill. Vote 20-0.

SB 44, relative to election procedures, delivery of ballots, and assents to candidacy. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Paul Bergeron for Election Law. As amended, this bill clarifies that unused absentee ballots shall be used as election day ballots if the supply of election day ballots becomes exhausted, provided that the absentee ballots have been signed or stamped with the signature of the clerk, deputy, or assistant. The bill also creates consistency for the amount of votes needed to award a nomination in the case of a disqualification of a write-in candidate in state primary elections, the nomination of a person whose name was not printed on the official state primary election ballot, or the nomination of a candidate who received the highest number of write-in votes following the disqualification of a candidate from accepting the nomination of another party. In all of these situations, 35 write-in votes or write-in votes equaling 10 percent or more of the total votes cast for that party on the state primary election ballot, whichever is smaller, are required. Vote 20-0.

Amendment (2803h)

Amend RSA 659:24, II as inserted by section 4 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. The clerk, a deputy, or assistant shall write or stamp his or her signature or initials in a blank space near the top of each unused absentee ballot and each photocopied ballot to authenticate that ballot for use as an election day ballot.

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 6 with the following:

7 Canvass and Declaration: State Primary Election; Write-In Votes and Nomination. Amend RSA 659:88, I(a) to read as follows:

(a) A person whose name was not printed on the official state primary election ballot of a political party shall not be entitled to the nomination of that party for any office unless the person received at least 35 write-in votes ***or write-in votes equaling 10 percent or more of the total votes cast for that party on the state primary election ballot, whichever is smaller.***

8 Canvass and Declaration; State Primary Election; Write-In Votes and Nomination. Amend RSA 659:88, II to read as follows:

II. If a person is disqualified from a nomination in accordance with the provisions of paragraph I, then the nomination shall be awarded to the qualified person who received the highest number of votes, ***provided that person received at least 35 votes or votes equaling 10 percent or more of the total votes cast for that party on the state primary election ballot, whichever is smaller.***

9 Canvass and Declaration; State Primary Election; Candidate of One Party. Amend RSA 659:91-a to read as follows:

II. Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 655:37, if any candidate is disqualified from accepting the nomination of another party by means of write-in votes because the candidate is disqualified under the provisions of paragraph I, then the nomination shall be given to the candidate who received the highest number of write-in votes and who was not disqualified under the provisions of paragraph I, so long as he or she receives [10] ***35*** write-in votes, or write-in votes equaling 10 percent or more of the total votes cast for that party on the state primary election ballot, whichever is the smaller.

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

SB 45, relative to electioneering at polling places. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Paul Bergeron for Election Law. The bill clarifies restrictions on electioneering at the polling place. These restrictions address the wearing of clothing or paraphernalia that advocate for or against any candidate, political party, or measure, and establish one or more no-electioneering corridors, which may be no less than 10 feet wide and extend from all entrances of the polling place. The amendment removes provisions that would have permitted the attorney general to seek a civil penalty for the violation of election day parking regulations in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 per violation and reaffirms RSA 265:70 that state law shall not supersede the provisions of any local ordinance which has been adopted to regulate parking in restricted areas in the compact part of any city or town. In addition, authority is granted to the cities and towns to tow a vehicle that is parked or has been left unattended on election day for longer than 3 hours in an area designated for voters who are temporarily present for the purpose of voting. Vote 19-1.

Amendment (2723h)

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Section; Elections; General Provisions; Terms and Definitions. Amend RSA 652 by inserting after section 16-g the following new section:

652:16-h Electioneering. Electioneering means visibly displaying or audibly disseminating information that a reasonable person would believe explicitly advocates for or against any candidate, political party, or measure being voted. Electioneering includes, but is not limited to:

I. Wearing clothing or paraphernalia that displays a candidate's name, likeness, or logo, a ballot measure's number, title, subject, or logo, a political party's name or logo, or any communication that a reasonable person would believe explicitly advocates for or against any candidate, political party, or measure, provided that a person eligible to vote or register to vote in the voting district who is unable to remove or cover clothing that explicitly advocates for or against any candidate, political party, or measure, may wear such clothing in the polling place while actively engaged in the process of registering to vote or while actively engaged in the process of voting.

II. Distributing or posting a card, handbill, poster, placard, picture, pin, sticker, circular, or any other form of communication that a reasonable person would believe explicitly advocates for or against any candidate, political party, or measure.

Amend RSA 659:43, II-III as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. The moderator shall establish one or more no-electioneering corridors, no less than 10 feet wide, that extend from all entrances of the polling place a reasonable distance along the sidewalks or to the parking lots that serve the polling place. The moderator shall establish the corridor in a manner that permits a voter arriving or leaving the polling place to enter or exit without interruption or interference from individuals outside the corridor, and that permits a voter to step to the edge of the corridor and speak with those electioneering if he or she chooses.

III. The moderator shall designate a preferred area for electioneering, which to the extent practical shall be within sight and conversation-level sound of the primary entrance to the polling place and shall abide by any regulations or ordinances approved by the municipality's governing body pursuant to RSA 31:41-c or RSA 47:17, XIV-a.

Amend RSA 659:43, VII as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

VII. The distribution or posting of electioneering communications, including but not limited to posters, cards, handbills, placards, pictures, pins, stickers, circulars, or articles of clothing, is prohibited within any no-electioneering corridor established outside the polling place by the moderator.

Amend the bill by replacing section 4 with the following:

4 New Paragraph; Abandoned Vehicles; Reasons for Removal and Impoundment; Election Day. Amend RSA 262:32 by inserting after paragraph VII the following new paragraph:

VIII. A vehicle is parked or has been left unattended on election day for longer than 3 hours in an area designated for voters who are temporarily present for the purpose of voting.

SB 70, relative to vacancies among primary candidates and prohibiting a candidate from receiving the nomination of more than one party. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Catt Sandler for Election Law. This bill provides a process whereby a political party may appoint an undeclared but otherwise eligible resident to appear on the party's ballot as a candidate for an office, when no candidate of that party has declared candidacy for the office. The bill further stipulates that the appointed eligible resident must enter "undeclared" as his or her party affiliation when completing the declaration of candidacy. In addition, the bill also restricts a candidate who loses in the primary election of one party from running as a candidate for that same office as a candidate of a different party in the general election. The committee found that the bill addresses a situation that is rarely known to occur and that the result is potentially confusing to voters and those responsible for administering the elections. Vote 20-0.

SB 71, relative to the election of delegates to party conventions. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. David Morrill for Election Law. This bill repeals the statutory procedure for the election of delegates to state party conventions. At the present time, only the Republican Party uses this process for selecting their delegates. The Democratic Party has chosen to use a different delegate selection method. The committee believes that we should continue to permit either party to elect delegates on the Primary Election ballot if they choose. Vote 20-0.

SB 283-FN, relative to post-election audits of electronic ballot counting devices. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Wayne Moynihan for Election Law. Because of the increased need for security, verification, and audits of ballot counting devices used by NH, the committee found that this bill authorizes a useful study of means and devices for post-election audits, and proposes other ballot security improvements. An Election Security Report issued in July 2018, lists New Hampshire as a tier two state, vulnerable to security breaches. There are two reasons for that, one is that the NH voting machines are not certified by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, and the other is that NH does not require post-election audits. The bill, therefore, specifically requires the Secretary of State to study the use of high speed, optical/digital scan ballot counting devices for use in conducting post-election audits of electronic ballot counting devices used in state and federal elections. Additionally, the bills sets out rules for the security of memory devices used in the counting machines, and rules for the security and use of electronic digital images of marked ballots, and write-in votes. Vote 16-2.

Amendment (2829h)

Amend RSA 656:45, III as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

III. The secretary of state shall complete the study by November 1, 2020 and file a report on his or her findings with the ballot law commission and the appropriate house and senate committees.

Amend the bill by replacing section 10 with the following:

10 Effective Date.

I. Section 9 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2020.

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

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 151, relative to the definition of "agriculture." **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Peter Bixby for Environment and Agriculture. The committee had two bills that considered the definition of agriculture this year. This one has become unnecessary because the other one has already been passed and signed into law. Vote 18-0.

HB 376, establishing a commission to study best practices for companion animal groomers. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. John O'Connor for Environment and Agriculture. The original bill was to establish a commission to study the necessity of establishing statute to regulate the animal grooming facilities in NH. The committee retained the bill and formed a subcommittee to further review and to understand the testimony received. There were concerns raised about the safety and training standards of grooming facilities currently operating and the lack of regulatory authority when an issue occurs because of substandard conditions. The subcommittee felt that further review was warranted, but recommended that the commission be converted into a study committee with just legislative members. The full committee agreed. Vote 17-1.

Amendment (2787h)

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

AN ACT establishing a committee to study best practices for companion animal groomers.

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

1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study best practices for companion animal groomers.

2 Membership and Compensation.

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

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

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

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

3 Duties. The committee shall study safety and facility standards; certification, licensure, and liability; waste and chemical disposal; and education, continuing education, and best practices for companion animal groomers in the state of New Hampshire.

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

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

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study best practices for companion animal groomers.

HB 484-FN-L, relative to group dog licenses. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Peter Bixby for Environment and Agriculture. This bill was an attempt to resolve some of the price disparity between group dog licenses and individual licenses. It costs more to license three dogs than it costs to get a group license for five or more dogs. The public hearing made it clear that the fix proposed in the bill was not workable administratively, and the impact of the disparity is relatively small. Vote 18-0.

HB 501-FN, establishing a cost of care fund to assist municipalities caring for animals during animal cruelty cases. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. John O'Connor for Environment and Agriculture. This bill, as amended, provides a source of sustainable funding for the Cost of Care Fund that was recently established by HB 4 and which assists municipalities with caring for animals during animal cruelty cases. While investigating and prosecuting these criminal

cases, municipalities and the State incur high costs maintaining the animals. Many communities have failed to acknowledge the cruelty activity until forced to react to the situation. Due to the delay, many of the animals require costly veterinarian care. The funding provided by the bill, as amended, will come from existing commercial animal feed registration fees collected by the Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food, currently averaging approximately \$1 million per year. Half of the funds are now being diverted away from department to the General Fund. This portion will now be directed to the Cost of Care Fund, though it will be capped at a total of \$2 million, with excess amounts deposited to the General Fund. Finally, the commissioner will be promulgating rules, as required by HB 4, to create an application for emergency veterinary treatment, establish the application process, define reimbursable expenses, clarify when applications may be submitted, and set forth various other parts of this process. Vote 18-0.

Amendment (2856h)

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

AN ACT using fees from registration of commercial animal food sellers to fund the cost of care program in the department of agriculture, markets, and food.

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

1 Registration of Commercial Animal Food Sellers. Amend RSA 435:20, IV to read as follows:

IV. One-half of the fees collected under this section shall be deposited with the state treasurer into a separate, nonlapsing account to be known as the agricultural product and scale testing fund. *From* the remainder of the fees collected under this section *an amount* shall be deposited in ~~[the general fund]~~ *the cost of care fund as provided in RSA 437-B:1, provided that any amount not deposited in either the agricultural product and scale testing fund or the cost of care fund shall be deposited in the general fund as unrestricted revenue.*

2 Cost of Care Fund. Amend RSA 437-B:1, II to read as follows:

II. The treasurer shall deposit in the cost of care fund court-ordered restitution for care in animal cruelty cases under RSA 644:8 or RSA 644:8-a as specified in paragraph VI *and moneys received from RSA 435:20, IV provided the balance in the cost of care fund shall not exceed \$2,000,000.*

3 New Subparagraph; Cost of Care Fund. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by inserting after subparagraph (358) the following new subparagraph:

(359) Moneys deposited in the cost of care fund established in RSA 437-B:1.

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill uses fees from registration of commercial animal food sellers to fund the cost of care program. Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

SB 79, relative to required reporting on waste reduction. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Peter Bixby for Environment and Agriculture. The purpose of this bill is to collect municipal data on the weight of solid waste collected annually and the amounts diverted to composting, reuse, and recycling. Reports also need to include a description of the municipal solid waste management plans. The amendment excludes from consideration waste not collected by the town, as well as waste for which the town does not have the means to obtain weight information. The amendment also allows reporting on a combined-weight basis by towns with a shared facility. The recently completed study committee created by HB 617 emphasized the importance of having this data in order to help NH communities manage solid waste more effectively and at lower cost. Vote 18-0.

Amendment (2740h)

Amend RSA 149-M:23-a, II-III as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing them with the following:

II. The first annual report shall be filed no later than March 31, 2021. For the first annual report, if all data required in paragraph I is not available for any or some of the prior calendar year, towns shall provide any data that is available and make good faith estimates for the preceding calendar year.

III. Towns that are part of a solid waste management district may, at their discretion, rely on the district to provide the town's annual report, provided such report provides the data required by paragraph I for the town.

IV. A town shall not be required to report data for waste that is not collected by the town or received at the town's facility, or waste for which the town does not have the means to obtain weight information. If 2 or more towns share a facility, the information required under paragraph I may be reported on a combined basis. Referred to the Committee on Municipal and County Government.

HB 247, relative to the definition of the state building code. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Steven Beaudoin for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill would adopt the 2015 suite of building codes. HB 562 which also adopted the 2015 codes was passed earlier this year and has been signed into law. Therefore, this bill is unnecessary. Vote 16-0.

HB 355, relative to regulation by the New Hampshire real estate commission. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Mark Proulx for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill, with the amendment, updates the law granting the Real Estate Commission the authority to update their rules. Some of the rule updates address recognition for licensure and will make it easier for people from out of state with an active real estate license to get a NH license. It also updates how real estate commissions are paid. Vote 18-0.

Amendment (2846h)

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

1 Inactive Status; Commissions. Amend RSA 331-A:12-a, I to read as follows:

I. Any licensee who does not want to perform as a broker or salesperson as defined in RSA 331-A:2, and who wants to preserve the license while not engaged in any brokerage activities, including ~~[the receiving of referral fees or any other form of compensation]~~ ***making any referrals for commission or for other compensation, or for the promise of such commission or other compensation***, may surrender that license to the commission for placement on inactive status. ***Provided, however, that while on inactive status, the licensee may be compensated by his or her previous responsible broker for brokerage activities or referrals for which the licensee participated while the licensee was active, pursuant to RSA 331-A:26, XXIV.*** The commission shall place the licensee on inactive status only upon a written request by the licensee. While on inactive status, the licensee shall renew the license biennially by satisfying the renewal requirements under RSA 331-A:19 and the continuing education requirements adopted by the commission, but is not required to maintain a place of business, or in the case of a licensed principal or managing broker, to maintain a surety bond pursuant to RSA 331-A:14.

2 Real Estate Practice; Recognition for Licensure. RSA 331-A:11-a is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

331-A:11-a Recognition for Licensure. If an applicant holds an active real estate license in good standing, issued by passing the national and state examinations in accordance with the laws of another jurisdiction, that applicant may apply for a New Hampshire license with the same equivalent status as currently licensed in the qualifying jurisdiction by first taking the New Hampshire portion of the licensing examination, provided that other requirements of the commission have been met. If an applicant holds an active real estate license in good standing issued by passing only the state examination in accordance with the laws of another jurisdiction, that applicant may apply for a New Hampshire license with the same equivalent status as currently licensed in the qualifying jurisdiction by first taking the New Hampshire and national portions of the licensing examination, provided that other requirements of the commission have been met. This section applies to nonresident salesperson and broker applicants only when such applicants are applying for a New Hampshire license with same equivalent status as currently licensed in the qualifying jurisdiction.

3 Real Estate Practice; Denial of Recognition. Amend RSA 331-A:23 to read as follows:

331-A:23 Denial of ~~[Reciprocity]~~ ***Recognition***. No broker or salesperson applicant whose license as a broker or salesperson is under revocation or suspension in another state shall be granted a license as a broker or salesperson in this state; and, if already granted a license through reciprocity ***or recognition***, it may be revoked or suspended as provided under this chapter upon proof of the other state's action.

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows a real estate licensee to receive compensation for prior activities while on inactive status and modifies the procedure for out-of-state licensees to be recognized for licensure in this state.

HB 470-FN, allowing state agencies to accept cryptocurrencies as payment. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Mark Proulx for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill requires the State Treasurer to develop an implementation plan for the state to accept cryptocurrencies as payment for taxes and fees and allows state agencies to accept payment in cryptocurrencies after July 1, 2020. The committee found that this bill was unnecessary as there are currently ways to pay the state with cryptocurrencies. We found that Bitcoin has a debit card available and that there are also third-party processors that will convert cryptocurrencies into US dollars and will make the payment. Also, there is a law requiring the state to accept only US dollars for any payment. Vote 17-1.

HB 667-FN, relative to testing wells before issuing a certificate of occupancy. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Peter Schmidt for Executive Departments and Administration. Current statutes regarding drinking water requirements for new wells not serving as a public water source are outdated and inadequate to protect our citizens. The amendment, which replaces the bill, is the result of a subcommittee working group composed of regulators, well drillers, and real estate representatives that brought significant experience and expertise to bear, over a number of meetings, on resolving this problem. Agreement was reached, in this thoroughgoing effort, to move to best practices in testing for contaminants, in requiring disclosure of results among all parties to contracts, and in acknowledgment by the parties of the status quo. Vote 17-0.

Amendment (2849h)

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

AN ACT relative to testing private wells.

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

1 New Section; Well Testing. Amend RSA 482-B by inserting after section 18 the following new section:
482-B:19 Well Testing.

I. Following the pump installation on a new well constructed as a drinking water supply source that will not serve a public water system as defined in RSA 485:1-a, XV, the licensed pump installer shall be responsible for having the water quality tested.

II. The water sample for testing shall be collected by the licensed pump installer or an individual representing them.

III. The water sample for testing shall be representative of the raw and untreated water and free of visible sediment or residual disinfectant.

IV. The water sample for testing shall be analyzed by a laboratory accredited by the New Hampshire environmental laboratory accreditation program for the parameters listed below:

- (a) Arsenic
- (b) Bacteria
- (c) Chloride
- (d) Copper
- (e) Fluoride
- (f) Hardness
- (g) Iron
- (h) Lead
- (i) Manganese
- (j) Nitrate
- (k) Nitrite
- (l) pH
- (m) Sodium
- (n) Uranium, and
- (o) Radon.

V. The pump installer shall provide the laboratory's report of required analyses to the current owner of the property which the well will serve accompanied by a notice from the department of environmental services that includes information on new well water quality; the importance of re-testing water periodically; recommendations for testing additional parameters; how to interpret the results and identify treatment needs and options; and the importance of maintaining treatment systems, if installed.

VI. Failure to test a well or submit the laboratory report resulting from such test section shall be a violation.

2 Notification Required; Well Water Contaminants, Radon, and Lead. Amend RSA 477:4-a to read as follows:
477:4-a Notification Required; **Contaminants in Well Water**, Radon, [Arsenic,] and Lead.

I. Prior to the execution of any contract for the purchase and sale of any interest in real property which includes a building, the seller, or seller's agent, shall provide the following notification to the buyer. The buyer shall acknowledge receipt of this notification by signing a copy of such notification:

"Contaminants Common in Well Water: Most private wells in New Hampshire provide water containing harmful contaminants. The New Hampshire department of environmental services (NHDES) recommends that everyone buying a home first have the water tested using a "New Hampshire Well Water Test for Home Buyers," which is available at the state water laboratory and at private labs (search the Internet for "NHDES Private Well Testing.") After you receive your test results, visit NHDES' "Be Well Informed" website to determine whether a treatment system would be advisable. "Radon: Radon, the product of decay of radioactive materials in rock, [may be found in some] is common in many areas of New Hampshire. Radon gas may pass into a structure through the ground or through water from a deep well resulting in levels of radon that increase the risk of lung cancer and other diseases. Testing of the air by a professional certified in radon testing and testing of the water, as described above, by an accredited laboratory can [establish radon's presence and equipment is available to remove it from the air or water] measure radon levels and inform a home buyer's decision regarding the need to install water treatment and/or air mitigation systems."

~~["Arsenic: Arsenic is a common groundwater contaminant in New Hampshire that occurs at unhealthy levels in well water in many areas of the state. Tests are available to determine whether arsenic is present at unsafe levels, and equipment is available to remove it from water. The buyer is encouraged to consult the New Hampshire department of environmental services private well testing recommendations (www.des.nh.gov) to ensure a safe water supply if the subject property is served by a private well."]~~

“Lead: Before 1978, paint containing lead may have been used in structures. Exposure to lead from the presence of flaking, chalking, chipping lead paint or lead paint dust from friction surfaces, or from the disturbance of intact surfaces containing lead paint through unsafe renovation, repair or painting practices, or from soils in close proximity to the building, can present a serious health hazard, especially to young children and pregnant women. Lead may also be present in drinking water as a result of lead in service lines, plumbing and fixtures. Tests are available to determine whether lead is present in paint or drinking water.”

I-a. In the notice required in paragraph I, the paragraph headers “contaminants common in well water,” “radon,” and “lead” shall be printed in bold font or all capitals.

II. Nothing in this section shall be construed to have any impact on the legal validity of title transferred pursuant to a purchase and sale contract in paragraph I, or to create or place any liability with the seller or seller’s agent for failure to provide the notification described in paragraph I.

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires that installers of new well pumps to test the well water for certain contaminants.

This bill also requires that property buyers be notified of the presence of certain contaminants in well water before the execution of a contract for purchase.

HB 107-FN-A, making appropriations for costs involved in controlling invasive aquatic species. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. William Hatch for Finance. This bill is to make appropriations for the costs involved in controlling invasive aquatic species. \$200,000 was appropriated in the budget thus the bill is no longer necessary and the committee recommends Inexpedient to Legislate. Vote 20-0.

HB 176-FN-A, relative to grants for school building aid and making an appropriation therefor. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Susan Ford for Finance. School Building Aid is crucial to maintaining New Hampshire’s school infrastructure. Its inclusion in the budget makes this piece of legislation unnecessary. Vote 19-0.

HB 177-FN, relative to the calculation of stabilization grants. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Susan Ford for Finance. With the inclusion of stabilization grants in the budget this bill is not needed. Vote 20-0.

HB 184-FN, relative to the calculation of kindergarten students in the average daily membership and repealing prorated kindergarten funding based on Keno revenues. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Susan Ford for Finance. Full time kindergarten students are considered and funded as all full-time students in the school system therefore, this bill is redundant and unnecessary. Vote 20-0.

HB 497-FN-A-L, relative to payment by the state of a portion of retirement system contributions of political subdivision employers. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. William Hatch for Finance. This bill would require the state to appropriate and pay 15% of retirement costs paid by political subdivisions for type II employees and teachers. This was not part of the budget thus the committee recommends Inexpedient to Legislate for HB 497. The committee also considered that based on the revenue sharing formula, the state is distributing \$40 million to communities which they can use to mitigate those retirement costs or any way they choose. Vote 20-0.

HB 521-FN, establishing a child abuse specialized medical evaluation program in the department of health and human services. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Joelle Martin for Finance. This bill proposed to establish a child abuse specialized medical evaluation program. Since both the policy and funding for this program were included in the state budget, the bill is no longer necessary. Vote 19-0.

HB 542-FN-A, establishing a grant program to support municipalities in updating their wetlands regulations. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Patricia Lovejoy for Finance. This bill provided for \$300,000 for grants to municipalities to update their wetlands regulations and \$50,000 for the Office of Strategic Initiatives to update their “Guidebook on Buffers and Surface Waters.” These items were considered in the budget, it was not a high priority for the agency and were not funded. Therefore, this bill is recommended Inexpedient to Legislate. Vote 20-0.

HB 551-FN-A, establishing a school funding commission and making an appropriation therefor. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Kate Murray for Finance. This bill, establishing a school funding commission and making an appropriation therefor is no longer needed as the commission is addressed and funded in the budget, therefore the committee recommends Inexpedient to Legislate. Vote 20-0.

HB 557-FN-A, relative to funds credited to the harbor dredging and pier maintenance fund and making appropriations for the dredging of Rye harbor and Seabrook/Hampton harbor. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. William Hatch for Finance. This bill would appropriate funds for dredging and pier repair for Rye and Seabrook/Hampton harbors. In consideration that the capital budget appropriated \$118,750 for Seabrook/Hampton and \$637,500 for Rye, which addressed the need, the committee recommends Inexpedient to Legislate. Vote 20-0.

HB 565-FN, directing the department of health and human services to issue a request for proposals (RFP) for supervised visitation centers. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Erin Hennessey for Finance. This bill directed the Department of Health and Human Services to issue a request for proposal to establish a supervised visitation center in each county. After the 2020/2021 budget left the House, \$450,000 per year was added to support supervised visitation centers in the state. The committee felt that the use of these funds should be studied to determine the appropriate number of supervised visitation centers in the state as well as the most effective locations to best serve all of the state's court ordered supervised visitations. Vote 19-0.

Amendment (2861h)

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

AN ACT establishing a committee to study supervised visitation centers.

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

1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study supervised visitation centers.

2 Membership and Compensation.

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

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

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

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

3 Duties. The committee shall study the establishment of additional supervised visitation centers in the state. The study shall include consideration of the need for supervised visitation centers in different geographic areas of the state, the structure and operational costs of such centers, and available funding sources. The committee may solicit information and testimony from any individual or entity the committee deems relevant to its study.

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

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

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study the establishment of additional supervised visitation centers in the state.

HB 623-FN-A, relative to the rates of the business profits tax and business enterprise tax. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Patricia Lovejoy for Finance. This bill called for the repeal of the last two scheduled reductions in Business Profit Tax and Business Enterprise Tax that had been enacted in a previous session. These two tax reductions were addressed in the budget in HB 4. Income triggers were included in the budget that if met would allow the tax reductions to go into force. Therefore, this bill is not needed. Vote 20-0.

HB 686-FN-A-L, relative to calculating and funding the interim cost of an opportunity for an adequate education and extending the interest and dividends tax to capital gains. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Susan Ford for Finance. The Education Commission has been charged with determining the best way to fund an adequate education making this bill unnecessary. Vote 20-0.

SB 15-FN-A, making an appropriation to the affordable housing fund. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. William Hatch for Finance. This bill's intent was to make an appropriation of \$10,000,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2021 to the Housing Finance Authority for deposit in the Affordable Housing Fund. This fund is to be utilized for loans or grants for affordable housing. The negotiated budget has an appropriation of \$5,000,000 in 2020 and additional provisions for \$5,000,000 per year to be deducted from the Real Estate Transfer Tax per year, for this fund. With those items in place this bill is no longer needed and therefore the committee recommends Inexpedient to Legislate. Vote 20-0.

SB 81-FN-A, authorizing the department of health and human services to hire certain personnel and making an appropriation therefor. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Joelle Martin for Finance. This bill proposed to authorize the department of health and human services to hire additional personnel to staff a surveillance, investigation, and response unit and requested appropriations. Although the hires were considered during the budgeting process, they were not included in the final state budget. Vote 19-0.

SB 172, relative to transfers within the judicial branch. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Peter Leishman for Finance. This bill increases the transfer authority of the Supreme Court from \$75,000 to \$100,000. This bill is no longer necessary as the transfer authority was included in the FY20 - FY21 budget bill (HB 4). Vote 20-0.

SB 293-FN, relative to federally qualified health care centers and rural health centers reimbursement. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. David Huot for Finance. With the invalidation of the Medicaid work requirement by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, the provisions of this bill become moot and therefore the committee recommends Inexpedient to Legislate. Vote 19-0.

HB 640-FN, establishing a registration fee for canoes and kayaks. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. David Love for Fish and Game and Marine Resources. The committee, through the work of a subcommittee, reached unanimous agreement on the amended version of this bill. The amendment requires the Fish and Game Department to establish a public boat access donation program to which operators of non-motorized boats and others may contribute. Vote 14-0.

Amendment (2839h)

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

AN ACT establishing a public boat access donation program for operators of non-motorized boats and requiring the fish and game department to prepare a report relating to such program.

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

1 Fish and Game Commission; Report Required. Within 2 years of the effective date of rules adopted pursuant to RSA 233-A:15, the fish and game department shall submit a report to the house fish and game and marine resources committee that describes how the donation program has been implemented and its success in raising revenue for public boat access.

2 New Section; Public Boat Access Program; Donations by Operators of Non-Motorized Boats. Amend RSA 233-A by inserting after section 14 the following new section:

233-A:15 Donations by Operators of Non-Motorized Boats. The executive director shall adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A to permit operators of non-motorized boats and others that use public boat access areas to make donations to support the development and maintenance of such areas. The program may include various methods of advertising the program, such as posted signs at access areas, and recognizing those who have contributed, such as with a sticker, card, or letter of thanks. All funds collected pursuant to this paragraph shall be deposited into the public boat access fund established in RSA 233-A:13.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 30 days after its passage.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a public boat access program for operators of non-motorized boats and others, and requires the fish and game department to file a report on the effectiveness of such program. Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

HB 240, establishing a commission to study the causes of high suicide rates of emergency and first responders. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. James MacKay for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. Senate Bill 59-FN includes the following areas of study: "the causes of high suicide rates of emergency responders, including exposure to occupational stress and emotional trauma, medication, substance abuse, disciplinary action, interaction with criminal and civil court system, and any state police that emergency responders believe increase stress or suicide risk." SB 59-FN has already been signed into law, therefore this bill is not needed as the duties are included in the commission created by it. Vote 21-0.

HB 250, relative to oral prophylaxis for dental patients. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Gary Woods for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. The original bill would have directed a dentist to provide a treatment even if that treatment was medically contra-indicated. This was felt to be an inappropriate intervention on the practice of dentistry. The amended bill recognized patients might have well founded concerns with treatments denied, but also expands patient protection by requiring quarterly reports from the Board of Dentistry to the Health and Human Services Oversight Committee. Those reports are all consumer complaints inclusive of all aspects of treatment and billing practices. Vote 21-0.

Amendment (2725h)

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

AN ACT requiring reports by the board of dental examiners.

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

1 New Section; Board of Dental Examiners; Reports Required. Amend RSA 317-A by inserting after section 5 the following new section:

317-A:5-a Reports Required. The board shall report quarterly beginning July 1, 2020 to the health and human services oversight committee established under RSA 126-A:13 on the number of consumer complaints received and how the complaints have been addressed by the board.

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires the board of dental examiners to report quarterly on consumer complaints to the health and human services oversight committee.

HB 483-FN, adopting the psychology interjurisdictional compact (PSYPACT). **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Frances Nutter-Upham for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. As SB 232-FN has passed into law and was signed by the Governor, this nearly identical bill is no longer necessary. Vote 21-0.

HB 578-FN, relative to services for the developmentally disabled. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Jeffrey Salloway for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. This bill closes a hole in the system which provides services for the developmentally disabled. It renders seamless the transition of recipients of services from the local school district under an IEP to services provided by the Department of Health and Human Services. Vote 21-0.

Amendment (2826h)

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

1 Developmentally Disabled Wait List. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 171-A:1-a, I to read as follows:

I. The department of health and human services and area agencies shall provide services to eligible persons under this chapter and persons eligible for the brain injury program under RSA 137-K in a timely manner. The department and area agencies shall provide ***funding for*** services in such a manner that:

2 Developmentally Disabled Wait List RSA 171-A:1-a, I(d) is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

(d) For persons 18-21 years of age enrolled in school and determined eligible for developmental services that are not the legal responsibility of the local education agency, another state agency, or another division of the department, the time period between completion of the individual service agreement pursuant to RSA 171-A:12 and the allocation by the department of the funds needed to carry out the services required by the agreement shall not exceed 90 days.

3 Developmental Disabled Wait List. Amend RSA 171-A:1-a, II to read as follows:

II. [~~Beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, and thereafter,~~] The department of health and human services shall incorporate ***in its appropriation requests*** the cost of fully funding services to eligible persons, in accordance with the requirements of paragraph I, and as otherwise required under RSA 171-A, and the legislature shall appropriate sufficient funds to meet such costs and requirements.

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill clarifies the funding for the developmentally disabled wait list.

HB 644-FN, establishing a registry for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Polly Campion for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. This bill was filed at the request of Advocates for ALS and a physician expert in treating and researching patients with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease). In collaboration with the prime sponsor of HB 237, establishing the New Hampshire rare disease advisory council, HB 237 was amended to include in its membership a physician or medical researcher specializing in ALS, for the first term. As a rare disease, ALS would appropriately be considered within the context of the rare disease advisory council, making HB 644 unnecessary at this time. The rare disease advisory council has been convened with the inclusion of an expert in ALS. Vote 21-0.

SB 255-FN, relative to dementia training for direct care staff in residential facilities and community-based settings. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. William Marsh for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. The committee recognizes the good intent of this bill as introduced - specifically to have increased training about dementia by those caring for our relatives, friends and neighbors in the various facilities throughout New Hampshire. However, we recognized significant practical problems in implementing this bill as we received it from the Senate, and we put

substantial effort in over the summer to address those issues in this retained bill. However, the language of this bill was attached to HB 4 as sections 365 - 367 and signed into law without those issues being addressed. Therefore, the committee recommends we use this substitute bill as a vehicle to address the concerns of stakeholders. We specifically addressed the following: we clarified that ancillary staff with no patient contact do not require training, and clinical staff who deal strictly with children and young adults do not require training. We allocated the costs for training contracted agency staff to their employer, not the facility. We extended the time frame for providing training, and pushed off certain dates, as stakeholders felt the original ones were unrealistic. We recognized that in New Hampshire nursing assistants are proud to be licensed, not certified. We recognized that in addition to the Alzheimer's Association Dementia Care Practice Recommendations, recommendations from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the National Institute for Health's National Institute on Aging are recognized nationally, developed with transparency and due process, and should be placed on an equal footing. We clarified that training is only complete when a staff member has demonstrated competency, which can be done in a variety of ways. We removed the requirement that the department designate online training programs, as this was unprecedented. Under oversight, we added that the department should ensure compliance with federal regulations including 42 C.F.R. section 483.95. We included a provision to allow the commissioner to grant extensions for compliance if he felt that to be in the public interest. While there was significant concern among stakeholders as to the number of hours required, we did not elect to amend this requirement. Vote 21-0.

Amendment (2771h)

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

1 Dementia Training for Direct Care Staff in Residential Facilities. RSA 151:47 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

151:47 Definitions. In this subdivision:

I. "Ancillary staff member" means a staff member who neither has incidental contact on a recurring basis with residents or program participants nor has supervisory responsibility over staff members who have such contact.

II. "Contracted staff member" includes independent consultants, and staff of contractors and subcontractors.

III. "Covered administrative staff member" means the senior manager of the facility or program, including administrators, as well as managerial staff members that directly supervise covered direct service staff members.

IV. "Covered direct service staff member" means a staff member whose work involves extensive contact with residents or program participants in facilities or programs serving an adult population. Such staff members may include: licensed nursing assistants, nurse aides, personal care assistants, home health or personal care aides, licensed practical nurses, licensed vocational nurses, registered nurses, social workers, activity directors, and dietary staff. Covered direct service staff members shall not include those employees who provide care solely to pediatric clients or young adults who are not at risk for Alzheimer's or related dementias.

V. "Department" means the department of health and human services.

VI. "Employed staff member" includes full and part-time employees.

VII. "Facilities or programs" means residential facilities or home and community-based programs, serving an adult population, licensed as appropriate under this chapter, that provide supportive services including, but not limited to, skilled care facilities, intermediate care facilities, assisted living facilities, residential care for the elderly, adult day programs, home health, in-home services, or adult family care homes or programs that advertise specialty memory care that have residents or program participants with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias.

VIII. "Other covered staff member" means a staff member who has incidental contact on a recurring basis with residents or program participants, which may include housekeeping staff, front desk staff, maintenance staff, other administrative staff, and other individuals who have such incidental contact.

IX. "Staff member" includes full and part-time employees, independent consultants, and staff of contractors and subcontractors.

2 Initial and Continuing Training in Dementia Required. RSA 151:48 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

151:48 Initial and Continuing Training in Dementia Required.

I. Facilities and programs shall provide initial training to:

(a) All covered employed staff members hired on or after February 1, 2020, who shall complete initial training within 90 days of the commencement of employment.

(b) All covered employed staff members who were employed prior to the date under subparagraph (a) and who have not received equivalent training; such training shall be completed within 6 months of that date.

(c) Contracted staff members, at the expense of the consultant, contractor, or subcontractor, unless the consultant, contractor, or subcontractor provides documentation of successful completion of an evaluation equivalent to that required of employed staff members in paragraph V.

II. Each facility or program shall establish a system for ongoing onsite support, supervision, and mentoring for its staff with regard to the treatment and care of persons with dementia.

III. For covered direct service staff members and covered administrative staff members, at a minimum, the curriculum used for the initial training shall be consistent with recommendations from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the National Institute for Health's National Institute on Aging or the latest nationwide Alzheimer's Association Dementia Care Practice Recommendations and, at a minimum, cover the following topics:

- (a) Alzheimer's disease and dementia;
- (b) Person-centered care;
- (c) Assessment and care planning;
- (d) Activities of daily living; and
- (e) Dementia related behaviors and communication.

IV. For other covered staff members, training shall include, at a minimum, communication issues related to dementia.

V. Initial dementia training shall be considered complete only after the staff member has demonstrated related competency.

VI. No training shall be required for ancillary staff members.

3 Continuing Education. RSA 151:50 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

151:50 Continuing Education. The commissioner shall adopt rules to require at least 6 hours of initial continuing education for covered administrative staff members and covered direct service staff members and shall require at least 4 hours of ongoing training each calendar year. Such continuing education shall include new information on best practices in the treatment and care of persons with dementia.

4 Departmental Oversight. Amend RSA 151:52, I(b) and (c) to read as follows:

(b) Ensure that the facility or program uses [designated] online training programs or facility-based training that meets the requirements for dementia training in the state.

(c) Ensure compliance with any other requirements specified in this subdivision.

(d) *Ensure compliance with federal regulations including 42 C.F.R. section 483.95.*

(e) *Permit the commissioner to grant, on a case-by-case basis, an extension for compliance with any specific provision of RSA 151:48, 151:49, or 151:50, if in the opinion of the commissioner, make such an extension would be in the public interest. The commissioner of the department may adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A relative to procedures for such extensions.*

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill clarifies the law relative to dementia training for direct care staff in residential facilities and community-based services.

SB 237-FN, relative to the office of cost containment. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Kurt Wuelper for Judiciary. This bill strove to limit the applicability of costs for indigent defense to those who were convicted. Unable to agree to totally remove these fines or to treat those acquitted differently from those convicted, the committee rejected the bill. Vote 14-0.

HB 346, relative to noncompete agreements. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Brian Sullivan for Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. During the last legislative session, SB 197, also relative to noncompete agreements, passed both legislative bodies and was signed by the Governor. SB 197 addressed the same issue as HB 346, but in a simpler manner. HB 346 is no longer needed and should be voted Inexpedient to Legislate. Vote 17-0.

HB 738, relative to protection from an abusive work environment for state employees. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Hershel Nunez for Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. The committee determined the bill should be held as an Interim Study to allow for the Department of Administration and other agencies time to formalize a current development of abusive work environment policy. We will monitor that policy and its effectiveness, and bring back this bill if needed. Vote 17-0.

HB 273, relative to placement of a memorial honoring former representative Steve Vaillancourt of Manchester in the New Hampshire state house. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Douglas Ley for Legislative Administration. This bill requires the Joint Committee on Legislative Facilities to install a memorial bench in the State House to honor the service of former Rep. Steve Vaillancourt. The members of the committee fully acknowledge and recognize the meritorious service of Rep. Vaillancourt over his lengthy career in the House. We desire to honor him and his memory, but also believe there are other former members of this House equally deserving of such recognition. Rather than engage in a competitive race to honor members and take up the little space remaining for plaques and portraits, we hope there may be developed a broad-based memorial to recognize the meritorious public service of so many former members. Vote 12-0.

HB 385-FN-A, establishing a maternity care room for members of the general court. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Douglas Ley for Legislative Administration. This bill requires a maternity care room to be established for members of the legislature. The amendment allows members of the public to have access to the maternity facility as well. Although the committee is cognizant of ongoing work to create the facilities called for in this legislation. Members believe that by putting it into statute, it reduces future possibilities of removing or eliminating a maternity care room. Vote 11-1.

Amendment (2789h)

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

AN ACT relative to making a maternity room available on state house grounds.

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Section; Maternity Room. Amend RSA 14-A by inserting after section 4 the following new section:

14-A:4-a Maternity Room. The general court shall make a maternity room available to its members and the public on session days and on days when legislative hearings are scheduled. The purpose of the room shall be to provide a private area to nurse or change a baby's clothes or diapers.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill directs the legislature to make a maternity room available to members of the general court and public on session days and on days when legislative hearings are scheduled.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 441, relative to disclosure of the source of legislative bill proposals and the disclosure of certain information by lobbyists. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Sherry Frost for Legislative Administration. The intent of this legislation is important: disclosing the provenance of bills proposed by organizations is a transparency issue. There are concerns, however, about the scope and breadth of the bill as written, and the committee feels that it requires more work to be feasible. Vote 12-0.

HB 456-FN, relative to persons required to register as a lobbyist. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Douglas Ley for Legislative Administration. The bill aims to resolve a problem which the committee heard no evidence as to its existence. Instead, by removing one of the long-standing exceptions to registration as a lobbyist, the committee feared the proposed legislation would limit and/or hinder the ability of members of the public, including small businesses, to contact legislators regarding public issues. Vote 12-0.

HB 264-A, making an appropriation to the Carroll, Strafford, and Coos counties freight rail improvements project and making an appropriation for the Coos county freight rail improvements project. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. John Graham for Public Works and Highways. The contents of this bill were incorporated into HB 25, the capital budget, which was signed by the Governor in June of this year. Therefore, this bill is not needed. Vote 16-0.

HB 538-FN-A-L, increasing the road toll and providing funding for state road and bridge projects. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Barry Faulkner for Public Works and Highways. The committee recognizes that existing highway revenues fall short of what is required to adequately maintain and improve our highway system. However, the road toll based on fuel usage is not a reliable long-term source of these funds. Fuel taxes have been declining relative to miles driven as a result of improving fuel economy, and there is growing concern that new electric and hybrid vehicles are not contributing a full share. Vote 19-0.

HB 727-FN-A, relative to boat ramp and parking improvements at Mount Sunapee state park beach and making an appropriation therefor. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Michael Edgar for Public Works and Highways. Funding for the boat ramp and parking improvements proposed by this bill were included in the capital budget and operating budget. Therefore, this bill would be redundant and is not necessary. Vote 19-0.

SB 209, establishing a commission to create a New Hampshire recovery memorial. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Joshua Query for Public Works and Highways. This bill, as amended would establish a 13-member commission, including three legislators, to create and oversee the construction of a NH Recovery Monument, and to privately raise and expend funds necessary for its construction and maintenance. It is possible this monument may be on land that is not state-owned. The amendment states there will be a memorandum of understanding with the host entity on the design, construction, and care of the monument. Furthermore, the entity will "protect, indemnify and hold harmless" the state from civil claims and suits regarding the monument. Vote 17-0.

Amendment (2768h)

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

AN ACT establishing a commission to create a New Hampshire recovery monument.

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

1 New Subdivision; New Hampshire Recovery Monument Commission. Amend RSA 4 by inserting after section 9-o the following new subdivision:

New Hampshire Recovery Monument Commission

4:9-p Commission Established; Special Account.

I. A commission is established to oversee the location, design, construction, and maintenance of a New Hampshire recovery monument and to privately raise and expend all the funds necessary for its construction and maintenance. The governor is authorized to accept for the commission, in the name of the state, gifts of money which are donated to construct and maintain the monument. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the commission may accept donated in-kind services, goods, and materials for the construction and maintenance of the monument without governor and council approval.

II. The gifts of money, which are donated to contract, construct, and maintain the monument, shall be placed in a special nonlapsing account in the state treasury, to be expended for the purposes of the New Hampshire recovery monument. Any money remaining in the special account after construction of the monument is completed shall be used for the care, maintenance, repair, and additions to the monument. Any funds left in the special account after annual care, maintenance, and repair of the monument shall be deposited in the alcohol abuse prevention treatment fund under RSA 176-A:1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the commission may expend the money raised or accepted as a gift without the approval of governor and council, to contract for the construction and perpetual maintenance of the monument.

III. The commission shall remain in existence upon the completion of the monument for the purpose of overseeing maintenance and approving any change to the monument, as well as approving activities, celebrations, and commemorations associated with recovery and deemed appropriate for occurrence at the monument site, as permitted by the municipal rules where the monument is located. After completion of the monument, and disbursement of funds under paragraph II, the commission may designate a nonprofit entity to raise funds for such memorial activities, celebrations, and commemorations.

4:9-q Commission Membership and Duties. The members of the commission established in RSA 4:9-p shall be as follows:

- (a) One senator, appointed by the president of the senate.
- (b) Two representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.
- (c) Two directors of recovery organizations, appointed by the governor.
- (d) Two persons in recovery, appointed by the governor.
- (e) Two family members of persons lost to substance use disorder, appointed by the governor.
- (f) The chairperson of the recovery task force of the governor's commission on alcohol and drug abuse, prevention, treatment, and recovery, or designee.
- (g) The president of New Futures, or designee.
- (h) The director of National Alliance for Mental Illness, New Hampshire (NAMI-NH), or designee.
- (i) The commissioner of the department of health and human services, or designee.

II.(a) The members appointed pursuant to subparagraphs (a), (b), and (i) shall serve coterminous with their terms in office. The remaining members of the commission shall serve 3-year terms and may be reappointed.

(b) Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate while attending to the duties of the commission. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first named house member shall call the first meeting of the commission. Seven members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

III. The commission shall select the location and design for the New Hampshire recovery monument and oversee the construction and maintenance of the monument. In selecting a design for the monument, the commission shall develop a request for proposals and criteria for the evaluation of proposals. Design criteria shall include, after public consultation with interested parties, a monument including central features of a figural, representational, symbolic, or abstract form that recognize inclusively the varied New Hampshire historical and contemporary aspects of recovery from substance use disorders, with appropriate inscriptions and that recognize inclusively those New Hampshire individuals whose lives were lost and those affected by lost lives due to substance use disorders, with appropriate inscriptions. The design may also include an area surrounding the central monument for permanent individual commemoration for those New Hampshire individuals whose lives were lost due to substance use disorders. The design criteria shall include, after public consultation with interested parties, an area around the central features of the monument suitable for reflection and such commemorative activities as envisioned by the commission. The commission shall approve a memorandum of understanding with the host community governing the siting, design, and construction of the monument, and subsequent related activities.

IV. The commission shall privately raise all the money necessary for the planning, design, construction, and maintenance of the New Hampshire recovery monument.

4:9-r Defense and Indemnification. If the monument created pursuant to RSA 4:9-p is built on property not owned by the state of New Hampshire, the property owner shall protect, indemnify, and hold harmless the state of New Hampshire from any civil claim or suit involving the monument and any costs, damages, awards, judgments, or settlements arising from said claim or suit.

2 New Subparagraph; New Hampshire Recovery Monument Fund. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by inserting after subparagraph 347 the following new subparagraph:

(348) Moneys deposited into the New Hampshire recovery monument special account established in RSA 4:9-p.

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

HB 543, relating to the protection of wetlands. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Chuck Grassie for Resources, Recreation and Development. The committee understands that the protection of wetlands in New Hampshire is a very important issue that does need to be addressed. With concerns about water quality, wildlife habitat, and flooding problems that exist in our communities, the protection of wetlands is very important. This bill goes far in addressing important issues, but still has contentious items that need to be decided. The Department of Environmental Services has just completed new wetland protection administrative rules which will go into effect in December, and the committee will study the rule changes during this coming session. Further legislation dealing with wetland setbacks and protections will be introduced in the future. Vote 19-0.

SB 162, exempting commercial vessels from rafting rules. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Bruce Cohen for Resources, Recreation and Development. This bill would exempt commercial vessels that anchor themselves using spuds from existing laws that restrict the rafting of boats. Testimony from the captain of the NH Marine Patrol stated that exempting commercial vessels would cause major safety problems for boaters and swimmers in heavily used recreational areas. During the summer these areas are extremely crowded. To gain a better understanding of the impact of the bill, the committee, along with NH Marine Patrol, visited one of the sand bars on Lake Winnepesaukee that would be affected. The committee believes that to exempt such commercial vessels from existing rafting laws would be detrimental to the safety of recreational boaters and to the ability of Marine Patrol to respond to emergencies. Vote 19-0.

HB 412, establishing a committee to study the long-term consequences of decommissioning nuclear power plants. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Kat McGhee for Science, Technology and Energy. An amendment that replaced the original bill was developed earlier this year which would have created a commission to study how to achieve a clean electric grid by 2030. However, it was determined by a subcommittee that worked on the bill, while it was retained, that the best way to move forward was with a clean bill, rather than adoption of the amendment. Vote 18-0.

HB 704-FN, relative to the storage of nuclear waste. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Peter Somssich for Science, Technology and Energy. The committee recognized that the motivation of this bill is to prevent a national nuclear waste storage facility from being sited in New Hampshire. The vehicle for that cause was to restore a previously repealed law, the High Level Radioactive Act of 1986 (RSA 125-G). However, reinstating that law would result in the requirement to create several committees and the appointment of approximately 30 individuals to serve on those committees. Information available to our committee indicates, however, that the siting of a national nuclear waste facility is unlikely to happen, and if it happens to become an active issue, there will be adequate time for NH government to act to prevent that from happening in our state. Vote 19-0.

SB 93-FN-A, relative to prepaid wireless telecommunications service and voice over Internet protocol communications under the communications service tax. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Kenneth Vincent for Science, Technology and Energy. This bill is unnecessary because its contents were included in HB 4 as part of the budget process. Vote 18-0.

HR 7, condemning the use of government shutdowns. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Patricia Klee for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs. It is in the opinion of the committee that a Federal Government shutdown creates an economic burden to the blameless federal employees and citizens of New Hampshire. The impact goes far beyond the Federal Government as the people of New Hampshire suffer. Therefore, we condemn the use of a government shutdown as a political device. Vote 11-0.

Amendment (2705h)

Amend the resolution by replacing all after the title with the following:

Whereas, all members of the New Hampshire house of representatives take an oath of office requiring them to preserve, protect, and defend the United States Constitution, and

Whereas, Part I, Article 38 of the New Hampshire constitution provides, "A frequent recurrence to the fundamental principles of the constitution, and a constant adherence to justice, moderation, temperance,

industry, frugality, and all the social virtues, are indispensably necessary to preserve the blessings of liberty and good government; the people ought, therefore, to have a particular regard to all those principles in the choice of their officers and representatives, and they have a right to require of their lawgivers and magistrates, an exact and constant observance of them, in the formation and execution of the laws necessary for the good administration of government"; and

Whereas, federally elected officials swear to preserve, protect, and defend the United States Constitution and take care that the laws are faithfully executed; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the New Hampshire house of representatives, in defense of the United States Constitution, condemns and rejects the use of government shutdowns against blameless federal employees to the detriment of New Hampshire residents and the economy, which requires all essential federal services to function for the safety and protection of all people; and

That the New Hampshire house of representatives calls upon Congress to pass legislation regarding the use of continuing resolutions during the budget negotiation process to avoid all future government shutdowns; and

That the clerk of the house of representatives immediately forward a signed copy of this resolution to each member of the New Hampshire congressional delegation for their consideration and response.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill condemns the use of government shutdowns at the expense of federal employees and the American public.

HB 319-FN, authorizing Friends of Seabrook Rail Trail to issue decals for multi-use plates. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Steven Smith for Transportation. This bill authorizes the Friends of Seabrook Rail Trail to participate in the multi-use decal program. The committee amendment establishes an oversight commission whose duties include reviewing existing approved organizations for compliance and approving new decal designs. Vote 17-0.

Amendment (2777h)

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

AN ACT authorizing Friends of Seabrook Rail Trail to issue decals for multi-use plates and establishing an oversight commission on multi-use decal plates.

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 1 with the following:

2 New Section; Oversight Commission on Multi-use Decal Plates. Amend RSA 261-B by inserting after section 9 the following new section:

261-B:10 Oversight Commission on Multi-use Decal Plates.

I. There is established an oversight commission on multi-use decal plates. The commission shall:

(a) Periodically review the status on approved organizations to ensure that they are meeting reporting requirements and are still active and eligible.

(b) Review proposed decal designs from approved organizations to ensure compliance with current standards.

(c) Make recommendations for repealing issuing authority for defunct or out of compliance organizations.

(d) Review reports on the revenue from and the number of multi-use decal plates issued.

(e) Receive feedback from the division of motor vehicles on proposed program modifications.

II.(a) The members of the oversight commission shall be as follows:

(1) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, who shall be members of the standing committee having jurisdiction over transportation.

(2) One member from the senate, who shall be a member of the standing committee having jurisdiction over transportation.

(3) One representative of the department of safety, appointed by the commissioner of the department of safety.

(b) Legislative members of the oversight commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the commission.

(c) The terms of legislative members shall be coterminous with their terms of office. Legislative members may be reappointed consistent with the requirements of subparagraphs II(a)(1) and (2).

III. The members of the oversight commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members every 2 years. 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. Three members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

IV. The oversight commission shall make a report every 2 years beginning on November 1, 2020, together with its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library.

2 New Paragraph; Multi-Use Decal Plates; Approval by Oversight Commission. Amend RSA 261-B:2 by inserting after paragraph V the following new paragraph:

VI. New decals shall be subject to approval by the oversight commission on multi-use decal plates, established in RSA 261-B:10.

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill adds the Friends of Seabrook Rail Trail to the list of organizations approved to issue decals for multi-use plates. The bill also establishes an oversight commission on multi-use decal plates.

HB 596-FN, relative to eligibility for agricultural plates. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Suzanne Vail for Transportation. This bill would add certain "agriculture industrial utility vehicles" to the list of vehicles that qualify for agricultural registration rates and number plates. This registration would allow these vehicles to access necessary areas of property via roadway, versus trailering from parcel to parcel to perform residential and private property maintenance, light industrial uses, and agricultural tasks. While the legislation is needed to register these vehicles for these uses, there is confusion at the clerks' offices related to vehicle weight and the gap between agricultural plates and industrial plates. Additionally, the Division of Motor Vehicles has concerns about present and potential misuse of the plates. The majority of the committee believes that the best way to provide the appropriate vehicle registration to this group of vehicles is to study this matter thoroughly and recommend appropriate legislation. Vote 16-1.

HB 626-FN, relative to penalties for overtaking and passing a school bus. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Thomas Walsh for Transportation. The committee received several bills related to this issue. After two full committee work sessions, and also understanding the seriousness of this offense, the committee amendment modestly increases the penalty for a first offense from \$150 to \$250 plus penalty assessment. For a second offense, the penalty was set at \$500 plus penalty assessment as well as a license suspension for a period of 30 days. Vote 16-1.

Amendment (2734h)

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Motor Vehicles; Rules of the Road; Overtaking and Passing School Bus. Amend RSA 265:54, I-b to read as follows:

I-b. Except as provided in paragraph IV, a person who violates the provisions of paragraph I shall be guilty of a violation and shall be fined [~~\$150~~] **\$250** plus penalty assessment for a first offense, and shall be fined [~~not less than \$250 nor more than \$1,000~~] **\$500 plus penalty assessment** for a subsequent offense. In addition, the director [~~may~~] **shall** suspend the person's license to drive or nonresident driving privilege for a period of 30 days for a second or subsequent offense.

HB 114, prohibiting the state from entering into or enforcing agreements concerning sales tax collection with other states. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Richard Ames for Ways and Means. This bill, along with three others retained by the Ways and Means Committee, sought to address issues raised by the US Supreme Court's June 2018 decision, *South Dakota v. Wayfair*, regarding taxation by other states of online sales to their residents by NH-based retailers. Those issues have now been addressed comprehensively through enactment of SB 242 in 2019. This new law enables NH based sellers, the Department of Revenue Administration, and the Attorney General to take legal action as needed to prevent improper sales tax collection activities by other states. Pursuant to SB 242, a new commission has begun meeting to oversee implementation of the new law and to make recommendations for any needed additional legislation. Accordingly, the committee agreed unanimously that the provisions contained in this bill, and in the three other retained Wayfair-related bills, do not need further consideration at the present time. Vote 18-0.

HB 117-FN, increasing exemptions under the interest and dividends tax and decreasing the total amount of research and development credits against business taxes. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Patrick Abrami for Ways and Means. This bill calls for an increase in the exemption for individuals, qualified investment companies, limited liability corporations, and associations from the interest and dividends tax from the first \$2,500 of qualified income to the first \$3,500. As a means of off-setting the loss in interest and dividends tax revenue, the bill called for a reduction in the research and development tax credit from \$7 million annually to \$2 million annually. The committee concluded more information was needed to properly vote in the affirmative or against this bill. It was felt that more information was needed on the success of the research and development tax credit program as currently structured. In addition, the impact of the increase of the exemptions to the interest and dividends tax needed to be better understood. Vote 18-1.

HB 265, relative to the collection of sales taxes of foreign jurisdictions by New Hampshire businesses. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Richard Ames for Ways and Means. This bill, along with three others retained by the Ways and Means Committee, sought to address issues raised by the US Supreme Court's June 2018 decision, *South Dakota v. Wayfair*. For the reasons set forth in the committee's report on HB 114, the committee agreed unanimously that the provisions contained in this bill, and in the three other retained Wayfair-related bills, do not need further consideration at the present time. Vote 18-0.

HB 416, relative to the collection of private customer information of New Hampshire retailers by foreign states. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Richard Ames for Ways and Means. This bill, along with three others retained by the Ways and Means Committee, sought to address issues raised by the US Supreme Court's June 2018 decision, *South Dakota v. Wayfair*. For the reasons set forth in the committee's report on HB 114, the committee agreed unanimously that the provisions contained in this bill, and in the three other retained Wayfair-related bills, do not need further consideration at the present time. Vote 18-0.

HB 482-FN-A, relative to the revenue stabilization reserve account. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. David Karrick for Ways and Means. The purpose of this bill was to enlarge the rainy-day fund and reduce cuts to state-funded programs when state revenues drop in severe recessions. The mechanism to accomplish this was faulty and budget decisions by the House, Senate, and Governor make it impossible to enlarge the rainy-day fund beyond its current limit. The prime sponsor requested that this bill be recommended Inexpedient to Legislate; the subcommittee and full committee, agreed unanimously. Vote 18-0.

HB 563-FN, relating to the fees for failing to register a motor vehicle. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Jerry Stringham for Ways and Means. This bill modifies the fines for failing to register a semi-trailer titled in the State of NH from a non-recurring fee of \$100 per vehicle to \$10 per day per semi-trailer. Any vehicle other than a semi-trailer remains at \$100. The change is necessary because some semi-trailer owners are registering their vehicles using an out-of-state registration scheme that those states, like Maine, do not provide for their own in-state companies. The semi-trailers title in NH. If they moved to Maine residency, they would have to pay the higher Maine business taxes, sales tax, and registration fee. Provisions were included to protect well-intentioned companies by requiring a 60-day notice before imposition of the fine and allowing the state to remove the fine for good cause. This bill also creates a commission to further study the issue of registration of trailers, semi-trailers, and other vehicles. The subcommittee working on this bill was assisted by a number of town clerks and tax collectors who provided the impetus for the bill and also considerable input to the amended language. We also received input from the Department of Safety, Division of Motor Vehicles, and the New Hampshire Motor Transport Association. Vote 18-0.

Amendment (2858h)

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

AN ACT relative to the fees for failing to register certain motor vehicles and establishing a commission to study the registration of trailers, semi-trailers, and other vehicles.

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

1 Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles; Registration Required. Amend RSA 261:40 to read as follows:

261:40 Registration Required.

I. Except as otherwise provided, it is a violation for any person to drive or any owner or custodian to knowingly permit or cause to be driven on the ways of this state any vehicle which is not specifically exempt by statute or rule from the requirement of registration, unless the same has been registered and the appropriate fee paid in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

II. The fine for a violation of this section shall be:

(a) *\$10 per day for any vehicle meeting the definition of semi-trailer in RSA 259:98 provided, however, that any person required to register a semi-trailer shall have 60 days from the date a government official informs such person of the need to register before such fines are assessed.*

(b) *\$100 for any other vehicle.*

III. *The director may reduce the amount of a fine assessed under paragraph II for good cause.*

2 New Subdivision; Commission to Study Registration of Trailers, Semi-Trailers, and Other Vehicles. Amend RSA 261 by inserting after section 182 the following new subdivision:

Commission to Study Registration of Trailers, Semi-Trailers, and Other Vehicles

266:183 Commission to Study Registration of Trailers, Semi-Trailers, and Other Vehicles.

I. There is established a commission to study the registration of trailers, semi-trailers, and other vehicles.

II. The members of the commission shall be as follows:

(a) Three members of the house of representatives, one of whom shall be from the house ways and means committee and one of whom shall be from the house transportation committee, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

- (b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.
- (c) A representative of the New Hampshire City and Town Clerks' Association, appointed by the association.
- (d) A representative of the New Hampshire Motor Transport Association, appointed by the association.
- (e) The director of the division of motor vehicles, or designee.
- (f) A representative of the New Hampshire Tax Collectors' Association, appointed by the association.
- (g) A representative of the New Hampshire Municipal Association, appointed by the association.
- (h) A representative of the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police, appointed by the association.

III. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the commission.

IV. The commission shall study the registration of trailers, semi-trailers, and other vehicles.

V. 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. Six members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

VI. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the chair of the house ways and means committee, the chair of the house transportation committee, the governor, and the state library on or before September 15, 2021.

3 Repeal. RSA 266:183, relative to the commission to study the registration of trailers, semi-trailers, and other vehicles, is repealed.

4 Effective Date.

I. Section 3 of this act shall take effect September 15, 2021.

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a per day fine imposed for failing to register a semi-trailer or trailer. This bill also establishes a commission to study registration of trailers, semi-trailers, and other vehicles.

HB 653-FN, relative to the payment of the meals and rooms tax for short-term rentals. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Dennis Malloy for Ways and Means. This bill was voted Inexpedient to Legislate because the basic tax question was the same as proposed in the original version of HB 274. With consent of both sponsors, HB 274 was amended to cover the tax collection and remittance for rental internet platforms facilitating car and room rental in the sharing economy. Vote 18-0.

HB 680-FN, relative to the definition of tobacco product for purposes of the tobacco tax and retail tobacco licensing. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Richard Ames for Ways and Means. This bill was the precursor to the modified e-cigarette regulation and taxation provisions that have been enacted as part of the 2020-21 budget. The committee retained the bill to enable a rigorous public review of alternative methods of vaping taxation and regulation. Subcommittee meetings this fall benefited from significant input from vaping industry groups and anti-tobacco groups, among others. The current vaping crisis has underscored the urgent need for appropriate regulatory action, but changes deemed necessary by committee members are substantial and must be presented for public review in a properly noticed public hearing. This work could not be completed in the time available in 2019. Accordingly, the committee and sponsor have agreed to recommend this bill be found Inexpedient to Legislate with the understanding that committee members will seek Rules Committee approval to late file bills containing the proposed changes for consideration in the 2020 session. Vote 18-0.

HB 698-FN, relative to foreign taxing jurisdictions compelling New Hampshire businesses to collect and remit sales taxes incurred by citizens of their respective states. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Richard Ames for Ways and Means. This bill, along with three others retained by the Ways and Means Committee, sought to address issues raised by the US Supreme Court's June 2018 decision, *South Dakota v. Wayfair*. For the reasons set forth in the committee's report on HB 114, the committee agreed unanimously that the provisions contained in this bill, and in the three other retained Wayfair-related bills, do not need further consideration at the present time. Vote 18-0.

REGULAR CALENDAR

HB 362, relative to the calculation of child support in cases with equal or approximately equal parenting time. **MAJORITY: REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Michelle St. John for the Majority of Children and Family Law. The committee is recommending Interim Study in order to further deliberate on the following issues: 1. The proper definition of shared parenting

2. Understanding what percentage of the 32% deviated cases are related to shared parenting as outlined in the UNH Carsey School of Public Policy's 2018 NH Child Support Guidelines Review Report and, 3. How to adjust for income inequality. Vote 14-1.

Rep. Josh Yokela for the Minority of Children and Family Law. This bill is once again being kicked down the road without an up or down vote by the House. Our constituents need a resolution on this issue. There was concern that there is no definition of equal parenting. There will be a floor amendment to address this issue and that will allow for discussion and an up or down vote on this important topic. It is doing a disservice to our constituents to hold this bill for interim study after retaining the bill.

Majority committee report adopted.

HB 377, relative to the best interests of the child under the child protection act. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Skip Berrien for the Majority of Children and Family Law. This legislation elevated the best interests of the child to be the primary consideration in child protection proceedings. In addition this legislation directs the oversight commission for children's services to make recommendation for revision of the child protection statute (RSA 169-C). Vote 14-1.

Rep. Josh Yokela for the Minority of Children and Family Law. The bill is trying to place the state's determination of the best interest of the child above preservation of the family unit. There is no objective standard to determine the best interest of the child and that is cause for concern because, when there is not proven abuse by a parent, this legislation changes the purpose of the Child Protection Act from protection from abuse to implementation of the state's view of what is best for the child, infringing on a parent's rights.

Majority Amendment (2815h)

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

AN ACT relative to the best interest of the child under RSA 169-C and the duties of the oversight commission on children's services.

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

1 Child Protection Act; Statement of Purpose. Amend RSA 169-C:2 to read as follows:

169-C:2 Purpose.

I. It is the primary purpose of this chapter, through the mandatory reporting of suspected instances of child abuse or neglect, to provide protection to children whose life, health or welfare is endangered. ***The best interest of the child shall be the primary consideration of the court in all proceedings under this chapter.***

II. It is a further purpose of this chapter to establish a judicial framework to protect the rights of all parties involved in the adjudication of child abuse or neglect cases. Each child coming within the provisions of this chapter shall receive, preferably in the child's own home, the care, emotional security, guidance, and control that will promote the child's best interest; and, if the child should be removed from the control of his or her parents, guardian, or custodian, adequate care shall be secured for the child. This chapter seeks to coordinate efforts by ***parents and*** state and local authorities, in cooperation with private agencies and organizations, citizens' groups, and concerned individuals, to:

(a) Protect the safety of the child.

(b) Take such action as may be necessary to prevent the abuse or neglect of children.

(c) ~~[Preserve the unity of the family]~~ ***Determine if the preservation of family unity is in the best interest of the child.***

(d) Provide protection, treatment, and rehabilitation, as needed, to children placed in alternative care.

(e) Provide assistance to parents to deal with and correct problems in order to avoid removal of children from the family.

III. This chapter shall be liberally construed to the end that its purpose may be carried out, to wit:

(a) To encourage the mental, emotional, and physical development of each child coming within the provisions of this chapter, by providing the child with the protection, care, treatment, counseling, supervision, and rehabilitative resources which the child needs and has a right to receive.

(b) To achieve the foregoing purposes and policies, whenever ~~[possible]~~ ***it is in the best interest of the child***, by keeping a child in contact with his or her home community and in a family environment by preserving the unity of the family and separating the child from his or her parents only when the safety of the child is in danger or when it is clearly necessary for the child's welfare or the interests of the public safety and when it can be clearly shown that a change in custody ~~[and control will plainly better]~~ ***will be in the best interest of the child***; and

(c) To provide effective judicial procedures through which the provisions of this chapter are executed and enforced and which recognize and enforce the constitutional and other rights of the parties and assures them a fair hearing.

2 New Subparagraph; Oversight Commission on Children's Services; Study of Child Protection Statutes. Amend RSA 170-G:19, III by inserting after subparagraph (e) the following new subparagraph:

(f) Review the child protection act under RSA 169-C, identify other statutes that promote the best interest of the child, determine compliance with applicable federal regulations governing child protection, and identify any statutory changes needed to improve child protection in New Hampshire.

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill amends the purpose statement of RSA 169-C, the child protection act, and directs the oversight commission on children's services to study the child protection act and related statutes that promote the best interest of the child.

Majority committee amendment adopted.

The question now being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment. Rep. Spillane requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Woodcock, Stephen

Butler, Edward
Knirk, Jerry

Crawford, Karel
Marsh, William

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Schapiro, Joe
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Porter, Marjorie
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Snow, Kendall
Stevens, Deb
Ulery, Jordan
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Balch, Chris
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Chretien, Jacqueline
Cornell, Patricia
Desjardin, Kathy
Fedolfi, Jim
Graham, John
Heath, Mary
Jack, Martin
Klein-Knight, Nicole
Mangipudi, Latha
Murphy, Nancy
Petrigno, Peter
Query, Joshua
Rung, Rosemarie
Sofikitis, Catherine
Smith, Timothy
Vail, Suzanne
Wilhelm, Matthew

Bouldin, Andrew
Baroody, Benjamin
Bordy, William
Cleaver, Skip
Cote, David
DiSilvestro, Linda
Freitas, Mary
Griffith, Willis
Herbert, Christopher
Judy, Jean
Komi, Richard
McGhee, Kat
Nutter-Upham, Frances
Pickering, Daniel
Newman, Ray
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St. John, Michelle
Telerski, Laura
Van Houten, Constance
Williams, Kermit

Griffin, Barbara
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Bosman, James
Cohen, Bruce
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Dutzy, Sherry
Gidge, Kenneth
Hamer, Heidi
Indruk, Greg
King, Mark
Long, Patrick
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Luneau, David
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Schamberg, Thomas
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Wells, Kenneth

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Schultz, Kristina
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Le, Tamara
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McMahon, Charles
Owens, Becky
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Webb, James

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Janvrin, Jason
Lovejoy, Patricia
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Spang, Judith
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Flanagan, Jack
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 Edwards, Jess
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 Love, David
 Melvin, Charles
 Pratt, Kevin
 Torosian, Peter
 Wallace, Scott

DeClercq, Edward
 Gay, Betty
 Janigian, John
 Griffin, Mary
 Packard, Sherman
 Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
 True, Chris
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 Pearson, Mark
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 Roy, Terry
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Perreault, Mona

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Callum, John
 Stapleton, Walter

Laware, Thomas
 Smith, Steven

Lucas, Gates

and the majority committee report was adopted and ordered to third reading.

HB 702-FN, relative to licensing of supervised visitation centers. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Patrick Long for the Majority of Children and Family Law. The committee confirms that with three supervised visitation centers passed in the budget, standards should apply. This bill outlines the standards with which supervised visitation centers should comply, and requires that public funded visitation centers demonstrate that they are following these standards. Vote 11-2.

Rep. Linda Camarota for the Minority of Children and Family Law. The minority believes passage of this bill is premature, that it is in need of change in language. The committee discussed the meaning of "demonstrates compliance" and who would oversee visitation center compliance. A related bill - HB 565 has been retained in the Finance Committee to flesh out directions for DHHS issuing RFPs for supervised visitation centers, which would clarify visitation center standards and oversight which can be validated.

Majority Amendment (2813h)

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

AN ACT relative to requirements for supervised visitation centers.

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

1 New Subdivision; Supervised Visitation Centers. Amend RSA 170-G by inserting after section 21 the following new subdivision:

Supervised Visitation Centers

170-G:22 Supervised Visitation Centers. A supervised visitation center shall insure adherence to the Guiding Principles of Safe Havens; Supervised Visitations and Safe Exchange Grant Program developed by the United States Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women. No state, county, or municipal agency or any other political subdivision shall purchase from or otherwise provide financial support to supervised visitation centers unless the supervised visitation center demonstrates compliance with such guiding principles of safe havens.

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires supervised visitation centers to comply with certain guiding principles of safe havens. Majority committee amendment adopted.

Majority committee report adopted and referred to the Committee on Executive Departments and Administration.

HB 308, establishing a condominium dispute resolution board. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Kermit Williams for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. This bill, with the amendment, will create a board to mediate disputes between condominium boards and residents, patterned after the Manufactured Housing Board, which has been in place for more than 20 years. We have heard from condominium residents that disputes are hard to resolve if the only solution is going to Superior Court. This bill would create an affordable solution, while limiting cases to specific categories to make the caseload manageable. Vote 14-5.

Amendment (2727h)

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Subdivision; Condominium Dispute Resolution Board. Amend RSA 356-B by inserting after section 70 the following new subdivision:

Condominium Dispute Resolution Board

356-B:71 Board Established; Members; Terms; Chairperson.

I. There is hereby created a condominium dispute resolution board consisting of the following members:

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

(b) Three members, appointed by the governor, who are resident owners of condominiums in New Hampshire and from 3 different executive council districts. Members appointed under this subparagraph shall not be members of their respective condominium board.

(c) Two members, appointed by the governor, who are members of a condominium association board in New Hampshire, and from 2 different executive council districts, from a list of 3 persons nominated by the New England chapter of the Community Associations Institute.

(d) One member, appointed by the governor, who represents a condominium association management company, from a list of 3 persons nominated by the New England chapter of the Community Associations Institute.

(e) One member of the New Hampshire Bar Association, appointed by the president of the association.

II. No more than 3 members of the board shall be involved professionally or employed in the condominium industry.

III. Non-legislative members of the board shall serve 3-year terms and until a successor is appointed, except that the initial appointments shall be staggered: 2 members shall be appointed to one-year terms, 2 members shall be appointed to 2-year terms, and 3 members shall be appointed to 3-year terms. Legislative members shall serve a term coterminous with their term in office.

IV. The chairperson for the board shall be chosen from among the members at the initial organizational meeting and shall serve at the pleasure of the members of the board.

V. If there is a vacancy on the board, the provisions of RSA 21:33-a and 21:34 shall apply to all members.

VI. If any member of the board is absent for 3 consecutive meetings, without cause, the board shall inform the appointing authority in writing and the appointing authority shall appoint a new member to the board within 60 days from the receipt of the written notification.

VII. The board shall hold meetings at least every 90 days and may meet more frequently as deemed necessary by the board.

356-B:72 Quorum, Disqualification of Members; Compensation.

I. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum to conduct hearings, and a vote of at least 4 members present and voting in favor shall be required to adopt and approve any matter under consideration.

II. As a board member, one may disqualify oneself relative to any matter before the board, or if the board votes that any member has or may have a conflict of interest in any matter before the board, that member shall be disqualified to sit as a board member on the particular matter. The board may hear the matter if it has a quorum. If the board does not have a quorum, the governor shall appoint an additional public member to hear the particular matter pending before the board.

III. The legislative members of the board shall receive legislative mileage for meetings of the board. The remaining members shall receive mileage at the state employee rate for meetings of the board.

356-B:73 Jurisdiction; Procedure.

I. The board shall hear and determine matters involving condominium unit owner complaints related to: failure by the condominium association to follow its declaration and bylaws; failure to follow proper voting procedures as defined in RSA 356-B:39; other actions not in compliance with condominium instruments or the condominium act, RSA 356-B. Any matters relating to time share interests shall not be under the jurisdiction of the board.

II. Nothing in this subdivision shall preclude the right of the board to use the services of a mediator to resolve a dispute.

III.(a) Any condominium unit owner may petition the board by filing a complaint with the board and paying a \$250 filing fee which shall be used to defray the costs of the board. Prior to filing a complaint, the petitioner shall provide 10 days notice to the opposite party of intent to file. After review of the claim and a decision by the board that the matter has merit and is not frivolous, the board shall schedule a hearing. If the board finds the claim to be frivolous or without merit, it shall dismiss the complaint and explain in writing to the petitioner its reasons for dismissing the complaint.

(b) The board shall serve notice, in writing, of the time and place of the hearing upon all appropriate parties at least 20 days prior to the date of the hearing. The notice shall inform both parties to the complaint that they may choose to be represented by counsel.

(c) All hearings held by the board shall be held pursuant to RSA 541-A:31 through RSA 541-A:36 unless such proceedings are specifically inconsistent with the provisions of this subdivision. All hearings of the board shall be subject to the provisions of RSA 91-A. The board shall not be bound by common law or statutory rules of evidence but may admit all testimony having a reasonable probative value. It may exclude evidence which, in the opinion of the board, is immaterial, irrelevant, or unduly repetitious.

356-B:74 Decisions; Judicial Review and Enforcement.

I. When the board makes its decision, an order shall be made in writing and shall include findings of facts. The findings of facts shall be accompanied by a concise and explicit statement of the underlying facts supporting the findings. The parties shall be notified by mail of any decision or order.

II. A decision of the board may be appealed, by either party following a request for rehearing, by applying for an appeal to the superior court for the county in which either party resides in accordance with the procedures set forth in RSA 677:2-14, inclusive.

III. If no timely appeal is taken pursuant to paragraph II, the decision of the board shall become final. The board shall file a certified abstract of any final decision with the clerk of the superior court in the county of residence of the complainant. The clerk of such court shall enter judgment thereon, and such judgment may be enforced as with any final judgment of the superior court.

356-B:75 Meetings and Records. The board shall hold meetings in Concord, New Hampshire or in any other location deemed appropriate by the board. The records of the board shall be maintained at the office of professional licensure and certification.

356-B:76 Legal Assistance Provided by the Department of Justice. The civil bureau of the department of justice shall act as counsel for the board, and assist in judicial filings and actions as necessary.

356-B:77 Notification and Cooperation Required. The board shall notify the consumer protection and antitrust bureau, department of justice, that the board may accept and act on written complaints properly forwarded to it by such bureau relative to condominium association actions and condominium unit owner complaints.

356-B:78 Rulemaking. The board, under the direction of the bureau chief of the consumer protection and antitrust bureau, shall adopt rules under RSA 541-A relative to the administration of this subdivision.

356-B:79 Annual Report. The board shall submit to the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the senate president, not later than March 31 of each year, a report of its activities during the preceding calendar year. The report shall include, but not be limited to, the number of complaints received, by category according to RSA 356-B:73, and the number and percent of complaints accepted and rejected. The report may also include recommendations for improvements, including rule or statutory changes.

Committee amendment adopted.

Committee report adopted and ordered to third reading.

HB 462-FN, relative to digital electronic product repair. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Greg Indruk for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. This bill requires manufacturers of digital electronic products to provide independent repair facilities with diagnostic and repair information for such products. The majority of the committee recognizes the intuitive appeal of this bill but found many difficult to answer questions when digging into the legislation's details. For instance, what are the security implications of forcing manufacturers to provide programming tools and security lock workarounds to unknown third parties? Might these tools be used to gain unauthorized access to personal devices or subvert copywrite protections (Digital Rights Management), make unsafe modifications to products or reverse engineer trade secrets? Many additional concerns were raised in committee, including questions regarding the broad scope of the present legislation, its applicability to products sold outside of NH but used in the state, unknown effects on future innovations and the rapidly changing landscape of parts programs offered to independent repair providers by manufacturers. While the majority sympathizes with the desire to improve access to repair services and parts it also contemplates the real dangers posed to consumers by acting too quickly on broad legislation that needs even further review. In particular, the committee sees a need to closely review and balance the consumer interests of security, safety, privacy and access to innovative products against the general desire to enhance repair options. As such, the committee believes this bill requires interim study. Vote 17-2.

Committee report adopted.

HB 685-FN, relative to ambulance billing, payment for reasonable value of services, and prohibition on balance billing. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Christy Bartlett for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. The issue of compensation for ambulance services continues to be brought forward each term by various interests with a great deal of testimony. The facts remain that most ambulance services are not paid adequately for the services they provide by either Medicaid, the lowest; Medicare, still very low; or the insurance carriers, not close to actual costs. The municipal services are usually provided through the fire departments and these departments must respond to any emergency requested. The committee heard testimony that the EMT services can take as long as 4-8 hours, depending on the response time required, services needed and transport distance. The rural areas of the state are affected more than urban areas. Private ambulance services have the same issues, but little recourse. Where the towns or cities can support the additional costs through taxes, there are contributions made. The committee heard from many services about their efforts to bill clients and the difficulty in collecting the difference between the reimbursements and the "balance bills." The insurance carriers acknowledged that there are problems and the response the committee heard was that there may be movement to try to resolve some of the differences. There are still significant hurdles to overcome and the bill was amended to provide a study committee to continue these discussions. Vote 13-5.

Amendment (2779h)

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

AN ACT establishing a committee to study reimbursement for ambulance services by insurance carriers in New Hampshire.

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

1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study reimbursement for ambulance services by insurance carriers in New Hampshire.

2 Membership and Compensation.

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

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

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

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

3 Duties. The committee shall study the current manner in which ambulance services are reimbursed by insurance carriers in New Hampshire. The committee shall further review how this process can be improved to ensure that providers, both those under contract and those not under contract with an insurance carrier, can be reimbursed at a reasonable rate. Any process shall ensure that the insured person is not billed for fees or amounts other than copayments, deductibles, or coinsurance for covered ambulance services.

4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house member. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

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

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study reimbursement for ambulance services by insurance carriers in New Hampshire.

Committee amendment adopted.

Committee report adopted and ordered to third reading.

HB 739, requiring parity in the spend-down requirements for mental health and medical expenses. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Christy Bartlett for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. This bill clarifies for the Department of Health and Human Services the requirement that mental health spend-down and medical spend-down for Medicaid eligibility must be applied equally. Through testimony from clients affected and from the department manager, there has been confusion over a long period of time about how these expenses should be handled. These are clients who have both significant financial challenges plus the need for mental health treatment and have been denied benefits they are due. Though there may be a training issue, it has been agreed through working with the department, to provide for further clarification with a re-write of the pamphlet shared with clients and online, a formal training process of internal staff and a report due to the oversight committee showing the progress made. The amendment makes the changes effective on passage of the bill with an interim report and a final report. Vote 15-3.

Amendment (2793h)

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

AN ACT clarifying Medicaid spend-down requirements and requiring a report to the oversight committee on health and human services.

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

1 New Section; Spend-Down Requirements for Medical Expenses. Amend RSA 167 by inserting after section 4-d the following new section:

167:4-e Spend-down Requirements for Medical Expenses. For the purposes of off-setting the Medicaid spend-down requirements, mental health expenses shall be included as medical expenses.

2 Report to Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services

I. The department of health and human services shall submit an interim report on or before October 1, 2020, to the oversight committee on health and human services, established pursuant to RSA 126-A:13, relative to actions taken to ensure the uniform application of spend-down requirements. The report shall include a description of how spend-down requirements were addressed in remedial staff training programs, updates to the policy manual, and updates to the brochure and any other department publications.

II. The department shall submit a final report by October 1, 2021, on the application of spend-down requirements. The report shall include data indicating how spend-down requirements have been applied since the interim report was filed.

3 Effective date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill declares that for purposes of off-setting the Medicaid spend-down requirements, mental health expenses shall be included as medical expenses.

Committee amendment adopted.

Committee report adopted and ordered to third reading.

SB 63, relative to sharing of insurer rebates with enrollees. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Garrett Muscatel for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. This bill seeks to provide additional transparency and assurances around the issue of prescription drug rebates. The committee heard that the out of pocket costs associated with prescription drugs have skyrocketed in recent years, making it difficult for Granite Staters to afford the medications they need to survive. One factor in this cost is manufacturer rebates to insurers, and as is typical in this industry, where the rebate goes is unclear. This bill, with the amendment, requires insurers to either pass through rebates at the point of sale, lowering costs at the pharmacy, or to demonstrate to the Insurance Department how the received rebates will be used to lower premiums or cost sharing, ensuring that rebates go to benefit Granite Staters with health insurance, not corporate profits. Insurers that fail to comply with this section will be fined in accordance with other New Hampshire insurance laws, and the majority of the language comes from legislation passed in Maine earlier this year. The committee feels that this bill is necessary to improve the transparency of the pharmaceutical industry and is a first step towards lowering drug costs in our state. Vote 16-3.

Amendment (2794h)

Amend RSA 415-A:7, II-IV as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing them with the following:

II. All rebates remitted by or on behalf of a pharmaceutical manufacturer, developer or labeler, directly or indirectly, to an insurer, or to a pharmacy benefits manager under contract with an insurer, related to its prescription drug benefits shall be remitted in one or both of the following ways:

(a) Remitted directly to the covered person at the point of sale to reduce the out-of-pocket cost to the covered person associated with a particular prescription drug;

(b) Remitted to, and retained by, the insurer. Rebates remitted to the insurer shall be applied by the insurer in its plan design and in future plan years to offset the premium for covered persons.

III. Beginning November 1, 2020 and annually thereafter, an insurer shall file with the commissioner a report in the manner and form determined by the commissioner demonstrating the manner in which the insurer has complied with this section.

IV. Any insurer that violates any provision of this section may, at the discretion of the commissioner, be subject to subparagraph (a) or (b), or both:

(a) Its certificate of authority may be indefinitely suspended or revoked.

(b) A civil fine not to exceed \$2,500 may be imposed for each violation. Repeated violations of the same provision shall constitute separate civil offenses.

V. In making the disclosures required under this section, an insurer shall not be required by the department to publish or otherwise reveal information regarding the amount of rebates it receives, including, but not limited to, information regarding the amount of rebates it receives on a product-, manufacturer-, or pharmacy-specific basis. Such information is protected as a trade secret, is not a public record subject to disclosure under RSA 91-A:1, and shall not be disclosed directly or indirectly. An insurer shall impose the confidentiality provision of this section on any vendor or third party that performs health care or administrative services on behalf of the insurer that may receive or have access to rebate information.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires insurers to file an annual report to the department of insurance that they are making available to their enrollees a percentage of rebates.

Committee amendment adopted.

Committee report adopted and ordered to third reading.

HB 201-FN, increasing penalties for buyers under the law regarding trafficking in persons. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Nancy Murphy for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill increases the penalty from a class B to class A felony for a person who pays, agrees to pay or offers to pay to engage in sexual contact with a human trafficking victim under age 18 or to observe a sexually explicit performance involving a person under the age of 18. The committee noted that human trafficking, prostitution, rape, and sex with children are all illegal in NH. The committee felt the enhanced penalty, which the Attorney General's Office clarified still allows for judicial discretion in sentencing, was appropriate. As the protection of the most vulnerable members of our society, our children, must be a NH priority and given the vulnerability of children, their reliance upon adults for their safety and well-being, and the potential life-long ramifications of their victimization and sexual exploitation, the committee supports passage of this bill. Vote 16-4.

The question being adoption of the committee report of Ought to Pass.

Rep. Steven Smith requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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and the committee report was adopted and ordered to third reading.

HB 687-FN, relative to extreme risk protection orders. WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

Statement in support of Ought to Pass with Amendment: This bill was filed to create a new kind of court order called an “Extreme Risk Protection Order” (ERPO). ERPO’s, currently law in 17 other states and Washington, DC, are designed to temporarily limit a person’s access to firearms if they pose a serious risk of using them to harm themselves or others. This bill was written with input from a broad coalition of stakeholders from around the state. Stakeholders included concerned legislators, NAMI NH, the NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, and parents of young adults who had exhibited warning signs that they posed a significant risk of causing personal injury to themselves or others, and for when those parents and local law enforcement found themselves powerless to do anything to prevent the young adults’ suicide. Under the bill, law enforcement officers and family or household members who recognize warning signs of danger could enlist the help of a court by filing a petition asking the court to issue an ERPO. The procedure for seeking an ERPO is closely modeled after NH’s existing domestic violence protection order law (RSA 173-B), but is different in that it is a civil, not criminal court order, one that focuses solely on limiting a person’s access to firearms. ERPO’s are meant to provide a tool for law enforcement and family members to address dangerous situations where gaps in current law prevent them from doing so.

Rep. Nancy Murphy

Statement in support of Inexpedient to Legislate: Members of the Committee supporting a recommendation of Inexpedient to Legislate do so for a number of reasons centering on concerns that the procedures in the bill do not provide a citizen with an opportunity to respond to the accusations that the person is a risk to himself/herself or other persons and they believe the bill violates the Second, Fourth and Fifth Amendment rights of Granite Staters. Some members of the public who contacted the committee to oppose HB 687 were particularly concerned that the bill allowed ex-parte hearings, to be conducted over the telephone. Some believe the process may be abused by disgruntled relatives (because HB 687 includes a broad definition of family member) who have grudges and are willing to use the courts and law enforcement officers to settle a grudge. Some believe HB 687 allows guns to be confiscated before the accused gun owner has an opportunity to attend a hearing and explain to the court why his or her guns should not be confiscated. Even if the gun owner does attend the hearing and wins, the financial cost of competent legal counsel could very well devastate the gun owner. Concerns were also raised that law enforcement agencies can charge a fee for storage of firearms and cannot be held liable for any damage to said firearms.

Rep. John Burt

Rep. Murphy moved Ought to Pass with Amendment and offered floor amendment (2790h).

Floor Amendment (2790h)

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

1 Statement of Purpose. The general court finds that allowing family or household members or law enforcement officers to petition for a court order to temporarily restrict access to firearms by individuals who are found to pose an immediate risk to themselves or others would advance public safety. This act shall not apply in cases of domestic abuse or stalking where the petitioner is eligible to petition for relief under RSA 173-B or RSA 633:3-a.

2 New Chapter; Extreme Risk Protection Orders. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 159-D the following new chapter:

**CHAPTER 159-E
EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDERS**

159-E:1 Definitions. In this chapter:

I. “Extreme risk protection order” means a temporary, ex parte, or final order issued pursuant to this chapter to temporarily restrict access to firearms by individuals who are found to pose an immediate or significant risk to themselves or others.

II. “Family or household member” means:

(a) A spouse, ex-spouse, person cohabiting with another person, and a person who cohabited with another person in the preceding 24 months but who no longer shares the same residence.

(b) A parent or other person related by consanguinity or affinity, other than a minor child who resides with the respondent.

III. “Firearm” means any weapon, including a starter gun, which will, is designed to, or may be readily converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive.

IV. “Intimate partner” means a person who is currently or who, in the preceding 24 months, has been involved in a romantic relationship with another, whether or not such relationship was ever sexually consummated.

V. “Law enforcement officer” means a sheriff or deputy sheriff of any county, a state police officer, a constable or police officer of any city or town, or a conservation officer.

VI. “Petitioner” means a law enforcement officer, family or household member, or intimate partner of the respondent who files a petition for an extreme risk protection order under this chapter.

VII. "Respondent" means an individual who is identified as the respondent in a petition filed under this chapter.

159-E:2 Jurisdiction and Venue.

I. The district division of the circuit court shall have jurisdiction over all proceedings under this chapter.

II. The petitioner may commence proceedings pursuant to RSA 159-E:3 in the county or district where either the petitioner or the respondent resides.

III. Proceedings under this chapter may be transferred to another court upon the motion of any party or of the court as the interests of justice or the convenience of the parties may require.

159-E:3 Commencement of Proceedings; Petition; Hearing.

I. A petitioner may seek relief under this chapter by filing a petition, in the county or district where the petitioner or respondent resides, alleging that the respondent poses a significant risk of causing bodily injury to himself or herself or others by having a firearm or any ammunition in his or her custody or control or by purchasing, possessing, or receiving a firearm or any ammunition.

II. A petition for an extreme risk protection order shall:

(a) Be accompanied by a written affidavit, signed by the petitioner under oath. The affidavit shall contain specific factual allegations regarding the factors that give rise to petitioner's belief that respondent poses a significant risk of causing bodily injury to himself or herself or others by having a firearm or any ammunition in his or her custody or control or by purchasing, possessing, or receiving a firearm or any ammunition.

(b) Identify the quantities, types, and locations of all firearms and ammunition the petitioner believes to be in the respondent's current ownership, possession, custody, or control.

(c) Identify if there is a known existing protection order in effect against the respondent under RSA 173-B or any other applicable statute.

(d) Identify what steps if any have been taken to voluntarily remove firearms from the respondent.

III. Any person who files a petition under this chapter containing allegations the petitioner knows to be false, or who files a petition with intent to harass the respondent, shall be subject to criminal penalties, as set forth in RSA 159-E:11.

IV. Notice of the pendency of the action and of the facts alleged against the respondent shall be given to the respondent, either personally or as provided in paragraph V. The petitioner shall be permitted to supplement or amend the petition only if the respondent is provided an opportunity prior to the hearing to respond to the supplemental or amended petition. All petitions filed under this chapter shall include the home and work telephone numbers of the respondent, if known. Notice of the whereabouts of the petitioner may be kept confidential by order of the court for good cause shown. Any answer by the respondent shall be filed with the court and a copy shall be provided to the petitioner by the court.

V. No filing fee or fee for service of process shall be charged for a petition or response under this section, and the petitioner or respondent may proceed without legal counsel. A law enforcement officer shall serve process under this section. Any proceeding under this chapter shall not preclude any other available civil or criminal remedy.

VI. The clerk of the circuit court shall supply forms for petitions and for relief under this chapter designed to facilitate pro se proceedings. All such petitions shall contain the following statement: "I swear that the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that making a false statement on this petition will subject me to criminal penalties."

VII. The findings of facts shall be final, but questions of law may be transferred from the circuit court to the superior court.

VIII.(a) The court shall hold a hearing within 7 days of the filing of a petition under this section or within 4 days of service of process upon the respondent, whichever occurs later.

(b) The time frame established in this paragraph may be extended for an additional 7 days upon motion by the respondent for good cause shown. A recusal by the judge or any act of God or closing of the court that interferes with the originally scheduled hearing shall not be cause for the dismissal of the petition. The court shall reschedule any hearing under this section in an expeditious manner.

IX. In any proceeding under this chapter, the court shall not be bound by the technical rules of evidence and may admit evidence which it considers relevant, reliable, and material.

159-E:4 Temporary Relief.

I. A petitioner may request, and the court may enter, a temporary extreme risk protection order with or without actual notice to respondent. The court shall issue a temporary extreme risk protection order if it finds, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the respondent poses an immediate and significant risk of causing bodily injury to himself or herself or others by having a firearm or any ammunition in his or her custody or control or by purchasing, possessing, or receiving a firearm or ammunition.

II. If a temporary extreme risk protection order is requested, the court shall hold a temporary ex parte risk protection order hearing in person or by telephone on the day the petition is filed or on the business day immediately following the day the petition is filed.

III. The court shall determine, by a preponderance of the evidence, whether there is reason to believe that the respondent poses an immediate risk of causing bodily injury to himself or herself or others by having a firearm or any ammunition in his or her custody or control or by purchasing, possessing, or receiving a firearm or ammunition. The court shall consider any relevant, reliable, and material evidence.

IV. Temporary orders issued under this section shall prohibit the respondent from purchasing, possessing, or receiving any firearms and ammunition for the duration of the order and shall further direct the respondent to relinquish to a law enforcement officer all firearms and ammunition in the control, ownership, or possession of the respondent or any other person on behalf of the respondent, and any license to carry a loaded pistol or revolver issued to the respondent under RSA 159:6, for the duration of the protective order. The court shall require proof, which may be in the form of a verbal attestation under oath or sworn affidavit, that the respondent has surrendered any firearms or ammunition owned by the respondent or in his or her custody, control, or possession.

V. The court may issue such temporary orders by telephone or facsimile. Such telephonically issued orders shall be made by a circuit court judge to a law enforcement officer and shall be valid in any jurisdiction in the state. Such orders shall be returnable to the circuit court where the petitioner resides, unless otherwise ordered by the issuing judge. If non-telephonic temporary orders are made ex parte, the party against whom such relief is issued may file a written request with the clerk of the court and request an expedited hearing on such orders. Such hearing shall be held no less than 3 business days and no more than 5 business days after the request is received by the clerk. Such hearing may constitute the final hearing under RSA 159-E:3, VIII.

VI. A temporary extreme risk protection order shall expire upon the hearing on a final extreme risk protection order under RSA 159-E:3, VIII.

VII. The court may subsequently issue a search warrant authorizing a law enforcement officer to search for and seize any and all firearms and ammunition in the respondent's possession, custody or control, if there is probable cause to believe respondent has firearms or ammunition and if the court has reason to believe that such firearms or ammunition have not been relinquished by the respondent.

VIII. The court shall state the particular reasons for denying or granting the petitioner's request for a temporary extreme risk protection order.

159-E:5 Relief.

I. After notice to respondent and a hearing, and upon a showing by the petitioner that there is clear and convincing evidence that the respondent poses a significant and ongoing risk of causing bodily injury to himself or herself or others by having a firearm or any ammunition in his or her custody or control or by purchasing, possessing, or receiving a firearm or ammunition, the court shall issue an extreme risk protection order for a period not to exceed 12 months.

II. An extreme risk protection order issued under this section shall prohibit the respondent from purchasing, possessing, or receiving any firearms and ammunition for the duration of the order and shall further direct the respondent to relinquish to a law enforcement officer all firearms and ammunition in the control, ownership, or possession of the respondent, and any license to carry a loaded pistol or revolver issued to the respondent under RSA 159:6 for the duration of the order.

III. In determining whether there is clear and convincing evidence to believe that the respondent poses an immediate risk of causing bodily injury to himself or herself or others by having a firearm or any ammunition in his or her custody or control or by purchasing, possessing, or receiving a firearm or ammunition, the court shall consider any relevant, reliable, and material evidence.

IV. A person, including an officer of the court, who offers evidence or recommendations relating to a petition filed under this chapter either shall present the evidence or recommendations in to the court in a sworn written affidavit, with copies to each party and his or her attorney, if one is retained, or shall present the evidence under oath at a hearing at which all parties are present.

V. During the hearing, the court shall determine if a mental health evaluation or chemical dependency evaluation is appropriate and may order such evaluation if the court finds there is clear and convincing evidence that the respondent has a serious mental illness or recurring mental health condition that is likely to lead to the respondent being a danger to themselves or others. A mental health evaluation ordered pursuant to this paragraph shall comply with the requirements of RSA 135-C.

VI. The court may subsequently issue a search warrant authorizing a law enforcement officer to search for and seize all firearms and ammunition in the respondent's possession, custody, or control, if there is probable cause to believe respondent has firearms or ammunition and if the court has probable cause to believe that such firearms or ammunition have not been relinquished by the respondent. The court shall require proof, which may be in the form of a verbal attestation under oath or sworn affidavit, that the respondent has surrendered any firearms or ammunition owned by the respondent or in his or her custody, control, or possession.

159-E:6 Contents of Extreme Risk Protection Orders.

I. An extreme risk protection order issued under this chapter shall include all of the following:

(a) A statement of the grounds supporting the issuance of the order.

- (b) The date the order was issued.
- (c) The date the order expires.
- (d) Whether a mental health evaluation or chemical dependency evaluation of the respondent is required and, if so, when the results of said evaluation must be provided to the court.
- (e) The address of the court in which any responsive pleading should be filed.
- (f) A description of the requirements for the surrender of all firearms and ammunition in the control, ownership, or possession of the respondent under RSA 159-E:8.
- (g) The following statement:

“To the subject of this extreme risk protection order: This order will remain in effect until the date noted above. If you have not done so already, you shall surrender immediately to the (insert name of local law enforcement agency) all firearms and ammunition that you own or that are in your custody, control, or possession and any license to carry a loaded pistol or revolver issued to you under RSA 159:6. You may seek the advice of an attorney as to any matter connected with this order.”

II. If the court issues a temporary extreme risk protection order under RSA 159-E:4, the court shall inform the respondent, in writing, that he or she is entitled to request an expedited hearing as provided in RSA 159-E:4, V. The court shall provide the respondent with a form to request such a hearing.

III. If the court issues an extreme risk protection order under RSA 159-E:5, the court shall inform the respondent, in writing, that he or she is entitled to request a hearing to vacate the order in the manner provided in RSA 159-E:10. The court shall provide the respondent with a form to request a hearing to vacate.

IV. The court shall state the particular reasons for granting or denying the petitioner’s request for an extreme risk protection order.

159-E:7 Notification; Reporting of Orders.

I. A copy of any order made under this chapter shall be promptly transmitted to the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction to enforce such order and, if such person has been issued a license to carry a loaded pistol or revolver under RSA 159:6, notice shall also be promptly made to the issuing authority of the license.

II. Extreme risk protection orders, including temporary extreme risk protection orders, shall be promptly served on the respondent by the law enforcement officer. Modifications, extensions, and any order vacating an extreme risk protection order shall be sent to the respondent’s last address of record. The respondent shall be responsible for informing the court of any changes of address. Law enforcement agencies shall establish procedures whereby a law enforcement officer at the scene of an alleged violation of such an order may be informed of the existence and terms of such order.

III. The clerk of the court shall enter any order issued under this chapter into a statewide judicial information system on the same day such order is issued. The order shall remain in the information system as long as the order remains in effect.

IV. The clerk of the court shall forward a copy of any order issued under this section the same day such order is issued to the department of safety, which in turn shall forward a copy to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or its successor agency, for inclusion in the National Instant Criminal Background Check database.

V. Any court-ordered changes, extensions, or modifications to the order shall be effective upon issuance of such changes, extensions, or modifications and shall be mailed or otherwise provided to the appropriate law enforcement agency, issuing authority, and transmitted to the department of safety within 24 hours of the entry of such changes, extensions, or modifications.

159-E:8 Surrender of Firearms and Ammunition.

I. Upon issuance of any extreme risk protection under this chapter, including a temporary ex parte extreme risk protection order, the court shall order the respondent to surrender to the local law enforcement agency all firearms and ammunition owned by the respondent or in his or her custody, control, or possession and any license to carry a loaded pistol or revolver issued to the respondent under RSA 159:6.

II. The law enforcement officer serving an extreme risk protection order under this section, including a temporary extreme risk protection order, shall request that the respondent immediately surrender all firearms and ammunition owned by the respondent or in his or her custody, control, or possession and any license to carry a loaded pistol or revolver issued to the respondent under RSA 159:6. The law enforcement officer shall take possession of all firearms and ammunition and any license to carry a loaded pistol or revolver issued to them under RSA 159:6, which are surrendered. Alternatively, if personal service by a law enforcement officer is not possible or is not required because the respondent was present at the extreme risk protection order hearing, the respondent shall surrender any firearms and ammunition owned by the respondent or in his or her custody, control, or possession and any license to carry a loaded pistol or revolver issued to them under RSA 159:6, held by the respondent, in a safe manner to the control of the local law enforcement agency immediately after being served with the order by service or immediately after the hearing at which the respondent was present.

III. A law enforcement officer may, pursuant to RSA 159-E:4 and 159-E:5, seek a search warrant from a court of competent jurisdiction to search for and seize any and all firearms and ammunition owned by the respondent or in his or her possession, custody or control if the officer has probable cause to believe that said firearms or ammunition have not been surrendered.

IV. At the time of surrender, a law enforcement officer taking possession of any firearm or ammunition owned by the respondent or in his or her custody, control, or possession, or any license to carry a loaded pistol or revolver issued to respondent under RSA 159:6, shall issue a receipt identifying all firearms and the quantity and type of ammunition that have been surrendered, and any license surrendered and shall provide a copy of the receipt to the respondent. Within 72 hours after service of the order, the law enforcement officer serving the order shall file the original receipt with the court and shall ensure that his or her law enforcement agency retains a copy of the receipt.

V. Notwithstanding RSA 595-A, upon the sworn statement or testimony of any person alleging that the respondent has failed to comply with the surrender required by any order issued under this chapter, the court shall determine whether probable cause exists to believe that the respondent has failed to surrender any firearms or ammunition owned by the respondent in his or her custody, control, or possession. If the court finds that probable cause exists, the court shall issue a warrant describing the firearms or ammunition owned by the respondent or in his or her custody, control or possession and authorizing a search of the locations where any such firearms or ammunition are reasonably believed to be found and the seizure of any such firearms or ammunition discovered pursuant to such search.

VI. If a person other than the respondent claims title to any firearms or ammunition surrendered or seized pursuant to this section and he or she is determined by the law enforcement agency to be the lawful owner of the firearm or ammunition, the firearm or ammunition shall be returned to him or her, if:

(a) The lawful owner agrees to store the firearm or ammunition in a manner such that the respondent does not have access to or control of the firearm or ammunition; and

(b) The law enforcement agency conducts a background check to determine that the lawful owner is not prohibited under state or federal law from possessing the firearm or ammunition.

VII. Upon the issuance of any extreme risk protection order, the court shall order a new hearing date and require the respondent to appear no later than 3 business days after the issuance of the order. The court shall require proof that the respondent has surrendered any firearms or ammunition owned by the respondent or in his or her custody, control, or possession. The court may cancel the hearing upon a satisfactory showing that the respondent is in compliance with the surrender order.

VIII. All law enforcement agencies shall develop policies and procedures regarding the acceptance, storage, and return of firearms, ammunition, or licenses required to be surrendered under this section.

159-E:9 Return and Disposal of Firearms and Ammunition.

I. If an extreme risk protection order is vacated or ends without extension, a respondent may request, by motion to the court, the return of any and all firearms and ammunition that has been surrendered to or seized by the law enforcement pursuant to this chapter. Upon receipt of such a motion, the court shall schedule a hearing no later than 15 days after the expiration of the order. The court shall provide written notice to the petitioner who shall have the right to appear and be heard, and to the law enforcement agency which has control of the firearms and ammunition. The scope of the hearing shall be limited to:

(a) Establishing whether the respondent is subject to any state or federal law or court order that prohibits the respondent from owning or possessing a firearm or ammunition; and

(b) Under circumstances where the petitioner has requested an extension of the extreme risk protection order, pursuant to subsection 10 of this chapter, whether the petitioner has established by clear and convincing evidence that the respondent continues to pose a significant risk of causing bodily injury to himself or herself or others by having a firearm or any ammunition in his or her custody or control or by purchasing, possessing, or receiving a firearm or ammunition.

II. If the court finds that the respondent is not subject to any state or federal law or court order prohibiting the ownership or possession of firearms, and, if applicable, the court denies the petitioner's request to extend the extreme risk protection order, the court shall issue a written order directing the law enforcement agency to return the requested firearms and ammunition to the respondent.

III. Law enforcement agencies shall not release firearms and ammunition without a court order granting such release. The law enforcement agency may charge the respondent a reasonable fee for the storage of any firearms and ammunition taken surrendered or seized to an extreme risk protection order. The fee shall not exceed the actual cost incurred by the law enforcement agency for the storage of the firearms and ammunition. The respondent may make alternative arrangements with a federally-licensed firearms dealer for the storage of firearms, at the respondent's own expense, upon approval of the court. Such firearms shall be turned over to the appropriate law enforcement agency for transfer to the storage facility. Retrieval of such firearms shall be through the law enforcement agency responsible for their transfer to the storage facility pursuant to a court order as prescribed in this paragraph.

IV. No law enforcement agency shall be held liable for alleged damage or deterioration due to storage or transportation to any firearms and ammunition and specified deadly weapons held by a law enforcement agency, so long as due care is used.

V. If an extreme risk protection order is vacated or ends without extension, the licensing authority, if it has suspended a license to carry a loaded pistol or revolver issued to respondent under RSA 159:6 pursuant to this section, shall reinstate such license only after confirming that the respondent is currently eligible to have such license.

VI. The court shall provide written notice, sent via the United States Postal Service to the last known address of the petitioner before the return of any firearm and ammunition surrendered or seized pursuant to this chapter.

159-E:10 Termination and Extension of Orders.

I. The respondent may submit one written request for a hearing to vacate an extreme risk protection order issued under RSA 159-E:5, starting after the date of the issuance of the order, and may request one additional hearing after every extension of the order, if any.

(a) Upon receipt of the request for a hearing to vacate an extreme risk protection order, the court shall set a date for a hearing. Notice of the request shall be served on the petitioner as provided in RSA 159-E:7. The hearing shall occur no sooner than 14 days and no later than 30 days after the date of service of the request upon the petitioner.

(b) The respondent shall have the burden of proving by clear and convincing evidence that the respondent no longer poses a significant risk of causing bodily injury to himself or herself or others by having a firearm or any ammunition in his or her custody or control or by purchasing, possessing, or receiving a firearm or ammunition. The court shall consider any relevant, reliable, and material evidence.

(c) If the court finds after the hearing that the respondent has met his or her burden of proof, the court shall vacate the order.

(d) The law enforcement agency holding any firearm or ammunition or license to carry a loaded pistol or revolver that has been surrendered or seized pursuant to this section shall be notified of the court order to vacate the extreme risk protection order. The court shall also provide notice as required by RSA 159-E:7, V.

II. The court shall notify the petitioner of the impending expiration of an extreme risk protection order. Notice shall be received by the petitioner at least 30 days before the date the order is set to expire.

III. The petitioner may, by motion, request an extension of an extreme risk protection order at any time within 30 days before the end of the order.

(a) Upon receipt of the motion to extend, the court shall schedule a hearing to be held no later than 14 days after the date the motion to extend is filed. The respondent shall be personally served with notice of the motion to extend as provided in RSA 159-E:7.

(b) In determining whether to extend an extreme risk protection order issued under this section, the court shall consider any relevant, reliable, and material evidence.

(c) If the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that the requirements for issuance of an extreme risk protection order as provided in RSA 159-E:5 continue to be met, the court shall extend the order.

(d) The court may extend an extreme risk protection order for a period that it deems appropriate, up to and including but not exceeding 12 months, subject to an order to vacate as provided in paragraph I or to another extension order by the court.

(e) The court shall also provide notice of the extension of the order as required in RSA 159-E:7, V.

159-E:11 Violation of Extreme Risk Protection Order; Penalties.

I. In addition to other applicable charges and penalties, a person shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor if such person knowingly files a petition under this chapter containing false allegations, or if such person files a petition with intent to harass the respondent.

II. In addition to other applicable charges and penalties, a person shall be guilty of a class B felony if he or she knowingly violates an extreme risk protection order issued under this chapter by having in his or her possession, custody, or control any firearm or ammunition while the order is in effect.

III. A person who completes and signs an application for purchase of a firearm and who knows that such purchase is illegal because he or she is subject to an extreme risk protection order shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor for a first offense and a class B felony for a second or subsequent offense.

159-E:12 Orders Enforceable.

I. Any extreme risk protection order issued under this chapter shall be effective throughout the state.

II. Any comparable extreme risk protection order issued by any other state, tribal, or territorial court, including an ex parte order, shall be deemed valid if the issuing court had jurisdiction over the parties and matter under the law of the state, tribe, or territory, and the person against whom the order was made was given reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard. There shall be a presumption of validity where an order appears facially valid.

III. Any valid extreme risk protection order, as defined in paragraph II, shall be accorded full faith and credit throughout the state.

159-E:13 Standard Forms.

I. The administrative office of the courts shall develop instructions and informational brochures, standard petition forms, and extreme risk protection order forms. The standard petition and order forms shall

be developed after September 20, 2020 for use by January 1, 2021, for all petitions filed and orders issued under this chapter. The instructions, brochures, forms, and handbook shall be prepared in consultation with interested persons, judges, and law enforcement personnel. Materials shall be based on best practices and available electronically online to the public.

(a) The instructions shall be designed to assist petitioners in completing the petition and shall include a sample of a standard petition and order for protection forms.

(b) The instructions and standard petition shall include a means for the petitioner to identify, with only lay knowledge, the firearms the respondent may own, possess, receive, or have in his or her custody or control. The instructions shall provide pictures of types of firearms that the petitioner may choose from to identify the relevant firearms, or an equivalent means to allow petitioners to identify firearms without requiring specific or technical knowledge regarding the firearms.

(c) The informational brochure shall describe the use of and the process for obtaining, modifying, and terminating an extreme risk protection order under this chapter, and provide relevant forms. The brochure shall provide plain language explanations of these processes for both petitioners and respondents. The brochure shall also clearly explain the legal requirements and processes for the relinquishment and return of firearms pursuant to an extreme risk protection order.

(d) The extreme risk protection order form shall include, in a conspicuous location, notice of criminal penalties resulting from violation of the order, and the following statement: "You have the sole responsibility to avoid or refrain from violating this order's provisions. Only the court can change the order and only upon written application."

(e) The court staff handbook shall allow for the addition of a community resource list by the court clerk.

II. The clerk of the circuit court may create a community resource list of crisis intervention, mental health, substance abuse, interpreter, counseling, and other relevant resources serving the county in which the court is located. The court may make the community resource list available as part of or in addition to the informational brochures described in paragraph I.

III. The administrative office of the courts shall distribute a master copy of the petition and order forms, instructions, and informational brochures to all court clerks and shall distribute a master copy of the petition and order forms to all clerks of the circuit courts. Distribution of all documents shall, at a minimum, be in an electronic format or formats accessible to all courts and court clerks in the state.

IV. The administrative office of the courts shall determine the significant non-English-speaking or limited-English-speaking populations in the state. The administrator shall then arrange for translation of the instructions and informational brochures required by this section to be developed after September 20, 2020, which shall contain a sample of the standard petition and order for protection forms, into the languages spoken by those significant non-English-speaking populations and shall distribute a master copy of the translated instructions and informational brochures to all clerks of the circuit court by January 1, 2021.

V. The administrative office of the courts shall update the instructions, brochures, standard petition, and extreme risk protection order forms, and court staff handbook as necessary, including when changes in the law make an update necessary.

159-E:14 Reporting.

I. No later than January 31 of each year, clerks of the circuit courts shall report to the administrative office of the courts the following information:

(a) The total number of petitions for an extreme risk protection order, and the total number of those petitions that requested the order be issued ex parte during the previous year.

(b) The total number of temporary extreme risk protection orders issued and the total number denied during the previous year.

(c) The total number of extreme risk protection orders issued and the total number denied during the previous year.

(d) The total number of extreme risk protection orders vacated upon petition by the respondent during the previous year.

(e) The total number of extreme risk protection orders extended during the previous year.

II. No later than April 1 of each year the administrative office of the courts shall compile and publish on its website a report which aggregates the information received pursuant to paragraph I and lists each category by county and type of court.

3 Effective Date.

I. RSA 159-E:13, as inserted by section 2 of this act, shall take effect September 20, 2020.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect January 1, 2021.

Rep. Murphy spoke in favor.

Rep. Abbas spoke against and yielded to questions.

Rep. Baldasaro requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Griffith, Willis
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Jeudy, Jean
Leishman, Peter
McGhee, Kat
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Pickering, Daniel
Newman, Ray
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Malloy, Dennis
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Fargo, Kristina**CARROLL**DesMarais, Edith
Woodcock, Stephen**CHESHIRE**Berch, Paul
Fenton, Donovan
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Schapiro, Joe
Von Plinsky, Sparky

Kanzler, Harrison

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Meador, David
Swinburne, Sandy
Pearson, William**COOS**

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Sykes, George**HILLSBOROUGH**Backus, Robert
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Bouchard, Donald
Connors, Erika
Desjardin, Kathy
Gidge, Kenneth
Hamer, Heidi
Indruk, Greg
Klein-Knight, Nicole
Murray, Megan
Mullen, Sue
Pedersen, Michael
Porter, Marjorie
Rung, Rosemarie
Sofikitis, Catherine
Smith, Timothy
Van Houten, Constance
Woodbury, DavidBalch, Chris
Bernet, Jennifer
Chretien, Jacqueline
Cornell, Patricia
DiSilvestro, Linda
Goley, Jeffrey
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Schmidt, Janice
Komi, Richard
Mangipudi, Latha
Murphy, Nancy
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Query, Joshua
Newman, Sue
St. John, Michelle
Telerski, Laura
Vann, Ivy**MERRIMACK**Carson, Clyde
Fox, Samantha
Luneau, David
Pimentel, Roderick
Saunderson, George
Soucy, Timothy
Wells, KennethDoherty, David
Fulweiler, Joyce
MacKay, James
Richards, Beth
Schamberg, Thomas
Wallner, Mary Jane
Woods, Gary**ROCKINGHAM**Bunker, Lisa
Coursin, David
Eisner, Mary
Murray, Kate
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Read, EllenBushway, Patricia
Cushing, Robert Renny
Gilman, Julie
Le, Tamara
McConnell, Liz
Somssich, Peter**STRAFFORD**Chase, Wendy
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Keans, Sandra
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Schmidt, Peter
Spang, Judith
Wall, Janet

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Levesque, Cassandra
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Horrigan, Timothy
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Ruprecht, Dennis

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Ladd, Rick

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Danielson, David
Flanagan, Jack
Greene, Bob
Jack, Martin
Marzullo, JP
Nunez, Hershel
Prout, Andrew
Sanborn, Laurie
Warden, Mark

Alexander, Joe
Burns, Charles
Erf, Keith
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and floor amendment (2790h) was adopted.

The question now being adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment.

Rep. Abramson spoke against.

Reps. Burt and Welch spoke against and yielded to questions.

Reps. Altschiller and Meuse spoke in favor.

Rep. Baldasaro requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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and the motion was adopted and ordered to third reading.

The House recessed at 12:25 p.m.

RECESS

The House reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

(Speaker Shurtleff in the Chair)

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

HB 705-FN, increasing the cap on assistance for victims of crime and relative to the rights of victims of crime. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Robert Renny Cushing for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill as amended is the result of an extensive consultative process that did a deep dive into the current crime victims statutes. Over the summer and fall the subcommittee met with an array of stakeholders, including representatives of the Attorney General's Office, the Department of Corrections, the Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, the Office of Victim/Witness Advocate, the Crime Victims Assistance Commission, ACLU-NH, UNH School of Law and others, who all agreed on the proposed language of the amendment. The bill increases the maximum recovery for crime victims from the victims' compensation fund; establishes confidentiality procedures for information used to support restitution to the victims' compensation fund; expands the offenses covered by the crime victims' bill of rights; expands the rights available to crime victims; requires the Department of Justice to develop a crime victims' rights card and establish professional guidelines for victims' assistance providers. In addition, the bill establishes a commission on the needs of crime victims and the enforcement of crime victims' rights, which will be tasked with, among other things, developing an effective mechanism to the enforcement of victims rights. The committee urges passage of this bill as amended. Vote 17-3.

Amendment (2806h)

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

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

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

1 New Paragraphs; Department of Justice; Office of Victim/Witness Assistance. Amend RSA 21-M:8-b by inserting after paragraph VII the following new paragraphs:

VIII. The office of victim/witness assistance shall develop a crime victims' rights card that describes in clear fashion a summary of the rights of crime victims under New Hampshire victims' rights laws and other information helpful to victims of crime. The office shall oversee the printing and the distribution of the card to first responders to provide to victims as soon as practicable.

IX. The office of victim/witness assistance shall develop and publish a set of professional guidelines for victims' assistance providers in the state of New Hampshire.

2 Department of Justice; Claimant Eligibility and Compensation. Amend RSA 21-M:8-h, V to read as follows:

V. The claimant may be reimbursed for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses, medical expenses, funeral expenses, counseling expenses, rehabilitative expenses, expenses associated with the victim's participation in post-conviction proceedings and victim-offender dialogue programs or other restorative justice programs, and lost wages directly resulting from the crime. Claimants eligible under subparagraph I(a)(4) may be reimbursed for the costs of removing the tattoo with an identifying mark. No reimbursement shall be paid unless the claimant has incurred reimbursable expenses of at least \$100. There shall be a [~~\$30,000~~] **\$40,000** maximum recovery per claimant per incident. If expenses paid through the victims' assistance program fund are later covered by insurance settlements, civil suit settlements, or restitution, or through any other source, the claimant shall reimburse the fund for the amount of expenses recovered.

3 Department of Justice; Claimant Eligibility and Compensation. Amend RSA 21-M:8-h, VIII to read as follows:

VIII. Any person who was a victim of a crime under investigation by the cold case homicide unit as established in ~~[New Hampshire Laws 2009, 269:1]~~ **RSA 21-M:8-m** shall be eligible for victim's compensation regardless of the date of the crime. ~~[Compensation under this paragraph shall be limited to counseling expenses and expenses associated with the victim's participation in pre- and post-conviction proceedings incurred after the effective date of this paragraph.]~~

4 New Paragraph; Department of Justice; Claimant Eligibility and Compensation. Amend RSA 21-M:8-h by inserting after paragraph XI the following new paragraph:

XII. Notwithstanding paragraph II, any person who was a child victim of physical or sexual abuse, or any person who was a child when a parent or sibling was a victim of homicide, shall be eligible for victims compensation regardless of the date of the crime. Compensation under this paragraph shall be limited to counseling expenses and expenses associated with the victim's participation in pre- and post-conviction proceedings incurred after the effective date of this paragraph.

5 Department of Justice; Rights of Crime Victims. Amend RSA 21-M:8-k to read as follows:

21-M:8-k Rights of Crime Victims.

I. As used in this section:

(a) "Victim" means a person who suffers direct or threatened physical, emotional, psychological or financial harm as a result of the commission or the attempted commission of a crime. "Victim" also includes the immediate family of any victim who is a minor or who is incompetent, or the immediate family of a homicide victim, or the surviving partner in a civil union.

(b) "Crime" means a violation of a penal law of this state for which the offender, upon conviction, may be punished by imprisonment for more than one year or an offense expressly designated by law to be a felony; **a misdemeanor sexual offense; an offense listed in RSA 173-B:1, I; a violation of a protective order under RSA 458:16, III; or after arraignment, a violation of a protective order issued under RSA 173-B.**

II. To the extent that they can be reasonably guaranteed by the courts and by law enforcement and correctional authorities, and are not inconsistent with the constitutional or statutory rights of the accused, crime victims are entitled to the following rights:

(a) The right to be treated with fairness and respect for ~~[their]~~ **the victim's safety**, dignity, and privacy throughout the criminal justice process.

(b) The right to be informed about the criminal justice process and how it progresses.

(c) The right to be free from intimidation and to be reasonably protected from the accused throughout the criminal justice process, **including the right to relocate for the victim's safety.**

(d) The right to ~~[be notified of all court proceedings]~~ **reasonable and timely notice of all court proceedings, including post-conviction proceedings, and administrative proceedings including parole and probation.**

(e) The right ~~[to attend trial and all other court proceedings the accused has the right to attend]~~ **on the same basis as the accused to attend trial and all other court proceedings, including post-conviction proceedings.**

(f) The right to confer with the prosecution and to be consulted about the disposition of the case, including plea bargaining.

(g) The right to have inconveniences associated with participation in the criminal justice process minimized.

(h) The right to be notified if presence in court is not required.

(i) The right to be informed about available resources, financial assistance, and social services.

(j) The right to **full and timely** restitution, as granted under RSA 651:62-67 or any other applicable state law, or victim's compensation, under RSA 21-M:8-h or any other applicable state law, for their losses.

(k) The right to be provided a secure, but not necessarily separate, waiting area during court proceedings.

(l) The right to be advised of case progress and final disposition.

(m) The right of confidentiality of the victim's address, place of employment, and other personal information.

(n) The right to the prompt return of property when no longer needed as evidence.

(o) The right to have input in the probation presentence report impact statement.

(p) The right to appear and ~~[make a written or oral victim impact statement at the sentencing of the defendant or, in the case of a plea bargain, prior to any plea bargain agreement. No victim shall be subject to questioning by counsel when giving an impact statement]~~ **be heard at any disposition and any proceeding involving the release, plea, sentencing, or parole of the accused, including the right to be notified of, to attend, and to make a written or oral impact statement at the sentence review hearings and sentence reduction hearings. No victim shall be subject to questioning by counsel when being heard.**

(q) The right to be notified of an appeal, an explanation of the appeal process, the time, place and result of the appeal, and the right to attend the appeal hearing.

(r) The right to be notified of, to attend, and to make a written or oral victim impact statement at the sentence review hearings and sentence reduction hearings. No victim shall be subject to questioning by counsel when giving an impact statement.

(s) The right to be notified of any change of status such as prison release, permanent interstate transfer, or escape, and the date of the parole board hearing, when requested by the victim [~~through the victim advocate~~].

(t) The right to address or submit a written statement for consideration by the parole board on the defendant's release and to be notified of the decision of the board, when requested by the victim [~~through the victim advocate~~].

(u) The right to all federal and state constitutional rights guaranteed to all victims of crime on an equal basis, and notwithstanding the provisions of any laws on capital punishment, the right not to be discriminated against or have their rights as a victim denied, diminished, expanded, or enhanced on the basis of the victim's support for, opposition to, or neutrality on the death penalty.

(v) The right to access to restorative justice programs, including victim-initiated victim-offender dialogue programs offered through the department of corrections.

(w) The right to be informed of the filing of a petition for post-conviction DNA testing under RSA 651-D.

(x) The right to have the prosecuting attorney notify the victim's employer, if requested by the victim, of the necessity of the victim's cooperation and testimony in a court proceeding that may necessitate the absence of the victim from work for good cause.

II-a.(a) In any case where the victim informs the court that he or she requires assistance in making an oral or written impact statement permitted under this section, the court shall allow the victim to designate a representative to write or speak on the victim's behalf.

(b) The victim's impact statement shall not be limited to the injuries, harm, or damages noted in the information or indictment, but may include all injuries, harm, and damages suffered as a result of the commission or attempted commission of the crime whether or not the injuries, harm, or damages were fully determined or discovered at the time the information or indictment was filed.

III. Nothing in this section shall be construed as creating a cause of action against the state, a county or municipality, or any of their agencies, instrumentalities, or employees. Nothing in this section shall be construed as creating any new cause of action or new remedy or right for a criminal defendant.

IV. The attorney general shall annually provide copies of current crime victims statutes, if available as a single publication from a commercial publisher, without charge only upon request of the members of the house criminal justice and public safety committee and senate judiciary committee.

6 Department of Justice; Restitution to the Victims' Assistance Fund. RSA 21-M:8-1 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

21-M:8-1 Restitution to the Victims' Assistance Fund.

I. Notwithstanding RSA 651:63, a court may order restitution to the victims' assistance fund as part of a sentence, to the extent that moneys were awarded to the victim of the crime from the victims' assistance fund, if the court finds that:

(a) Restitution shall replenish the victims' assistance fund.

(b) The victims' assistance fund has not been reimbursed for the moneys expended from another source.

II. If restitution to the fund is ordered, the amount of assistance provided by the fund shall be established by copies of bills submitted to the victims' assistance commission reflecting the amount paid from the fund and stating that the services for which payment was made were for uninsured pecuniary losses.

III.(a) The victim's residential address, telephone number, and other contact information, and the victim's Social Security number shall be confidential and shall be redacted by the victims' assistance commission from any document used to establish the amount paid from the fund for the purpose of restitution.

(b) In cases involving stalking, sexual offenses, domestic violence, and homicide, in addition to the information listed in subparagraph (a), the victim's employer's name, telephone number, address, and other contact information; and the victim's medical or mental health provider's name, telephone number, address, and other contact information shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed for any purpose, absent a court order.

7 New Section; Department of Justice; Commission on the Needs of Victims of Crime and the Enforcement of Crime Victims' Rights. Amend RSA 21-M by inserting after section 8-m the following new section:

21-M:8-n Commission on the Needs of Victims of Crime and the Enforcement of Crime Victims' Rights.

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

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

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

(c) The attorney general, or designee.

(d) The chief justice of the superior court, or designee.

(e) The director of the department of justice, office of victim/witness assistance established in RSA 21-M:8-b, or designee.

(f) A representative of the department of justice, victim assistance commission established in RSA 21-M:8-g, appointed by the commission.

(g) The director of victims, services, department of corrections, appointed by the commissioner of the department of corrections.

(h) The executive director of the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, or designee.

(i) The executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of New Hampshire, or designee.

(j) The dean of the university of New Hampshire school of law, or designee.

(k) The executive director of the New Hampshire Public Defender, or designee.

(l) One member from the Association of County Attorneys, appointed by that association.

(m) A system-based victims' advocate, appointed by the director of the office of victim/witness assistance.

(n) Three member of the public who are victims/survivors of crime, one appointed by the governor, one appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, one appointed by the senate president.

II. The commission shall:

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

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

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

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

III. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the commission. 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. Ten members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

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

8 Crime Victim Employment Leave Act; Right to Leave Work. Amend RSA 275:62, I to read as follows:

I. ***Pursuant to the rights of crime victims under RSA 21-M:8-k, II(e)***, an employer shall permit an employee who is a victim of a crime to leave work so that the employee may attend court or other legal or investigative proceedings associated with the prosecution of the crime.

9 Unemployment Compensation; Disqualification for Benefits. Amend RSA 282-A:32, I(a)(3) to read as follows:

(3) ***Pursuant to the rights of crime victims under RSA 21-M:8-k, II(c)***, the individual reasonably believes that separation from employment is necessary to protect himself or herself or any member of his or her immediate family from domestic abuse, as defined in RSA 173-B:1. The existence of domestic abuse shall be verified by the department, through reasonable documentation, and the department shall keep such information confidential;

10 Repeal. RSA 21-M:8-n, establishing a commission on the needs of crime victims and the enforcement of crime victims rights, is repealed.

11 Effective Date.

I. Section 10 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2020.

II. Sections 1-6 and 8-9 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

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

Committee amendment adopted.

Committee report adopted and referred to the Committee on Finance.

SB 311-FN, relative to annulment of criminal records. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. John Bordenet for the Majority of Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill eliminates the fee for any person whose case was dismissed or not prosecuted. They may petition for annulment of the arrest or court record. A person who was less than 25 years of age and convicted of a simple-possession drug-related crime may petition for annulment of arrest, conviction and sentence. As amended, this bill makes no reference to annulment of criminal records while restitution is incomplete. Vote 17-3.

Rep. Daryl Abbas for the Minority of Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The amendment removed the egregious language that would have permitted criminals convicted of domestic violence charges to obtain an annulment of their conviction before paying full restitution to the victim. During a subcommittee hearing, it was suggested to bypass the continued debate with the objecting member, the subcommittee should amend the bill and remove the restitution language from the bill and it could be reincorporated during the conference committee. Therefore, the only way to guarantee the egregious language is not reincorporated into the bill is to vote it as Inexpedient to Legislate.

Majority Amendment (2799h)

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

1 Annulment of Criminal Records. Amend RSA 651:5, II and the introductory paragraph in RSA 651:5, II-a to read as follows:

II. For an offense disposed of before January 1, 2019 and any offense not subject to paragraph II-a, any person whose arrest has resulted in a finding of not guilty, or whose case was dismissed or not prosecuted, may petition for annulment of the arrest record or court record, or both, at any time, ***without payment of a fee***, in accordance with the provisions of this section. Any person who was convicted of a criminal offense whose conviction was subsequently vacated by a court may petition for annulment of the arrest record or court record, or both, in accordance with the provisions of this section. Nothing in this paragraph shall limit the provisions of subparagraph XI(b).

II-a.(a) For an offense disposed of on or after January 1, 2019, any person whose arrest has resulted in a finding of not guilty on all charges that resulted from the arrest, or whose case was dismissed or not prosecuted, shall have the arrest record and court record annulled ***without payment of a fee***:

2 New Paragraph; Annulment of Criminal Records. Amend RSA 651:5 by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

III-a. A person who was less than 25 years of age at the time of the commission of a simple possession drug-related crime for which he or she was convicted may petition for annulment of the record of arrest, conviction, and sentence pursuant to this section or when the person reaches 23 years of age, whichever is earlier. This paragraph shall not apply to the conviction for an offense listed in paragraph V.

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides for annulment of a criminal record without payment of a fee in certain cases and specifies a waiting period for the annulment of simple possession drug-related offenses.

Majority committee amendment adopted.

The question now being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.

Rep. Cushing offered floor amendment (0012h).

Floor Amendment (0012h)

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

1 Annulment of Criminal Records. Amend RSA 651:5, II and the introductory paragraph in RSA 651:5, II-a to read as follows:

II. For an offense disposed of before January 1, 2019 and any offense not subject to paragraph II-a, any person whose arrest has resulted in a finding of not guilty, or whose case was dismissed or not prosecuted, may petition for annulment of the arrest record or court record, or both, at any time, ***without payment of a fee***, in accordance with the provisions of this section. Any person who was convicted of a criminal offense whose conviction was subsequently vacated by a court may petition for annulment of the arrest record or court record, or both, in accordance with the provisions of this section. Nothing in this paragraph shall limit the provisions of subparagraph XI(b).

II-a.(a) For an offense disposed of on or after January 1, 2019, any person whose arrest has resulted in a finding of not guilty on all charges that resulted from the arrest, or whose case was dismissed or not prosecuted, shall have the arrest record and court record annulled ***without payment of a fee***:

2 New Paragraph; Annulment of Criminal Records. Amend RSA 651:5 by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

III-a. A person who was less than 25 years of age at the time of the commission of a simple possession drug-related crime for which he or she was convicted may petition for annulment of the record of arrest, conviction, and sentence pursuant to this section or when the person reaches 27 years of age, whichever is earlier. This paragraph shall not apply to the conviction for an offense listed in paragraph V.

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides for annulment of a criminal record without payment of a fee in certain cases and specifies a waiting period for the annulment of simple possession drug-related offenses.

Rep. Cushing spoke in favor.

Floor amendment (0012h) adopted.

Majority committee report adopted and ordered to third reading.

HB 677-FN-A, relative to discipline of students, addressing students' behavioral needs, and making an appropriation therefor. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Patricia Cornell for the Majority of Education. This bill establishes guidelines and policies for school districts regarding school discipline, consequences, and supports without penalizing the student academically. Funds are appropriated to support student behavioral health and wellness and address students' social, emotional, and behavioral needs. Vote 9-6.

Rep. Alicia Lekas for the Minority of Education. The minority appreciates all of the work put into this amendment. We are in complete agreement with section 1. We would prefer to see this divided. We support the policy in section 2, but we believe that this can be implemented without the state spending \$5 million.

Majority Amendment (2798h)

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

193:13 Suspension and Expulsion of Pupils.

I.(a) ~~[The]~~ **A** superintendent or ~~[chief administering officer]~~ **chartered public school director**, or a representative designated in writing by the superintendent **or chartered public school director**, ~~[is authorized to]~~ **may** suspend pupils from school for a period not to exceed 10 **consecutive** school days for: ~~[gross misconduct or for neglect or refusal to conform to the reasonable rules of the school and shall make educational assignments available to the suspended pupil during the period of suspension]~~

(1) Behavior that is detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of pupils or school personnel; or

(2) Repeated and willful disregard of the reasonable rules of the school that is not remediated through imposition of the district's graduated sanctions under paragraph X.

(b) The school board or **chartered public school board of trustees**, or a representative designated in writing ~~[of the school board is authorized]~~ **may**, following a hearing, ~~[to continue]~~ **extend** the suspension of a pupil ~~[for a period in excess of]~~ **up to 10 additional consecutive** school days **for an act that constitutes an act of theft, destruction, or violence as defined in RSA 193-D; bullying pursuant to school district policy when the pupil has not responded to targeted interventions and poses an ongoing threat to the safety or welfare of another student; or possession of a firearm, BB gun, or paintball gun.** The school board's **or board of trustee's** designee may be the superintendent or any other individual, but may not be the individual who suspended the pupil for the first 10 days under subparagraph (a). Any suspension shall be valid throughout the school districts of the state, subject to modification by the superintendent of the school district **or chartered public school** in which the pupil seeks to enroll.

(c) Any suspension in excess of 10 school days imposed under subparagraph (b) by any person other than the school board **or board of trustees** is appealable to the school board **or board of trustees**, provided that the superintendent, **school board, or board of trustees** received such appeal in writing within 10 days after the issuance of the decision being appealed. The school board **or board of trustees** shall hold a hearing on the appeal, but shall have discretion to hear evidence or to rely upon the record of a hearing conducted under subparagraph (b). The suspension under subparagraph (b) shall be enforced while that appeal is pending, unless the school board **or board of trustees** stays the suspension while the appeal is pending.

II. Any pupil may be expelled from school by the local school board **or board of trustees** **for an act that poses an ongoing threat to the safety of students or school personnel and that constitutes:** ~~[gross misconduct, or for neglect or refusal to conform to the reasonable rules of the school, or for an act of theft, destruction, or violence as defined in RSA 193-D:1, or for possession of a pellet or BB gun, rifle, or paint ball gun,]~~

(a) A repeated act under subparagraph I(b);

(b) Any act of physical or sexual assault that would be a felony if committed by an adult;

(c) Any act of violence pursuant to RSA 651:5, XIII;

(d) Criminal threatening pursuant to RSA 631:4, II(a); or

(e) Possessing a firearm.

III. A pupil who has been expelled [and the pupil] shall not attend school until [restored] reinstated by the local board or chartered public school board of trustees.

III-a. Before expelling a pupil under this section the local school board or chartered public school board of trustees shall consider each of the following factors:

(a) The pupil's age.

(b) The pupil's disciplinary history.

(c) Whether the pupil is a student with a disability.

(d) The seriousness of the violation or behavior committed by the pupil.

(e) Whether the school district or chartered public school has implemented positive behavioral interventions under paragraph IV.

(f) Whether a lesser intervention would properly address the violation or behavior committed by the pupil.

III-b. Any expulsion shall be subject to review by the pupil's school board of attendance or the board of trustees of the chartered public school's board that issued the expulsion if requested prior to the start of each school year and further, any parent or guardian has the right to appeal any such expulsion by the local board or board of trustees to the state board of education at any time while the expulsion remains in effect. All appeals of final action by the state board of education shall be in accordance with RSA 541.

III-c. Any expulsion shall be valid throughout the school districts of the state. However, upon application by the pupil, any school district or chartered public school may choose to admit an expelled pupil at the school district or chartered public school's sole discretion. The decision by a chartered public school or superintendent to accept a pupil under this paragraph shall not be binding upon any other school district or chartered public school until the pupil is reinstated by the pupil's local school board or chartered public school board of trustees.

[HH:] IV. Any pupil who brings or possesses a firearm as defined in section 921 of Title 18 of the United States Code in a safe school zone as defined in RSA 193-D:1 without written authorization from the superintendent or designee shall be expelled from school by the local school board for a period of not less than 12 months. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the local school district or chartered public school that expelled the student from providing educational services to such student in an alternative setting.

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

V. Any pupil expelled by a local school board under the provisions of the Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994 shall not be eligible to enroll in another school district in New Hampshire for the period of such expulsion. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the local school district that expelled the student from providing educational services to such students in an alternative setting.]

VI. A pupil expelled from school in another state under the provisions of the Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994 shall not be eligible to enroll in a school district in New Hampshire for the period of such expulsion. If the out-of-state expulsion is for an indefinite period of time, such pupil or the pupil's parent or guardian shall have the right to petition the pupil's local school board for enrollment upon establishing residency. If the pupil is denied enrollment, the pupil's expulsion shall be subject to review pursuant to paragraph III-b.

VII. The local school board or chartered public school shall adopt a policy which allows the superintendent or charter public school director to modify the expulsion and enrollment requirements under paragraphs V and VI on a case by case basis.

[VH] VIII. For purposes of paragraphs I, II, [and] III, and IV school board may be either the school board or a subcommittee of the board duly authorized by the school board.

IX. Nothing in this section shall prevent the superintendent of the pupil's local school district or chartered public school director from reinstating a suspended or expelled pupil.

X. The provisions of this section shall be construed in a manner consistent with RSA 186-C.

XI. School boards and chartered public schools shall establish policies on school discipline that contain a system of supports and consequences designed to correct student misconduct and promote behavior within acceptable norms. Such policies shall:

(a) Include a graduated set of age appropriate responses to misconduct that may include, but are not limited to, parent conferences, counseling, peer mediation, instruction in conflict resolution and anger management, parent counseling and training, community service, rearranging class schedules, restriction from extra curricular activities, detention, in-school supports and consequences, out-of-school suspension, and expulsion.

(b) Set forth standards for short term suspensions up to 5 days, short term suspensions up to 10 days, long term suspensions up to 20 days, and expulsion. Such standards shall make reference to the nature and degree of disruption caused to the school environment, the threat to the health and safety of pupils and school personnel, and the isolated or repeated nature of incidents forming the basis of disciplinary action.

XII. Each school district and chartered public school shall make its policy on school discipline:

(a) Available to parents at the beginning of each school year;

(b) Publicly available on the district, school administrative unit, or chartered public school website and in the student handbook; and

(c) Available to parents via a manner designed to ensure parental notification if the school district, school administrative unit, or chartered public school does not maintain a website and/or student handbook.

Amend RSA 198:64, I as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. To aid local school districts in meeting the needs of New Hampshire students, the bureau of student wellness, department of education, shall, from funds appropriated by the general court to carry out the provisions of this section, distribute and oversee the use of the funds to the school districts of the state using the allocation formula developed to distribute Title I funds and in accordance with this section. These funds shall only be distributed to New Hampshire public schools. The department of education shall also use a portion of the state set-aside funds received from the federal government under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to support student behavioral health and wellness under RSA 198:63.

Amend the bill by replacing section 4 with the following:

4 Effective Date.

I. RSA 193:13, I-X, as inserted by section 1 of this act, shall take effect July 1, 2021.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

Majority committee amendment adopted.

The question now being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.

Rep. Doherty spoke in favor.

Rep. Lascelles requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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 Mangipudi, Latha
 Murphy, Nancy
 Petrigno, Peter
 Query, Joshua
 Newman, Sue
 Stack, Kathryn
 Toomey, Dan
 Wilhelm, Matthew

Bouldin, Andrew
 Beaulieu, Jane
 Bosman, James
 Cohen, Bruce
 Dargie, Paul
 Davis, Fred
 Griffith, Willis
 Herbert, Christopher
 Jeudy, Jean
 Komi, Richard
 McGhee, Kat
 Nutter-Upham, Frances
 Pickering, Daniel
 Newman, Ray
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 Stevens, Deb
 Vail, Suzanne
 Williams, Kermit

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 Bergeron, Paul
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 Connors, Erika
 Desjardin, Kathy
 Freitas, Mary
 Hamer, Heidi
 Indruk, Greg
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 Murray, Kate
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 Lovejoy, Patricia
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 Sandler, Catt
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Comtois, Barbara
 Jurius, Deanna
 Spanos, Peter

Feeney, George
 Mackie, Jonathan
 Sylvia, Michael

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 Marsh, William

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Elliott, Robert
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Osborne, Jason
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Griffin, Mary
McMahon, Charles
Packard, Sherman
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Torosian, Peter
Wallace, Scott
Yokela, Josh

Abramson, Max
Bershtein, Alan
Thomas, Douglas
Dolan, Tom
Fowler, William
Harb, Robert
Janigian, John
Kolodziej, Walter
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Melvin, Charles
Piemonte, Tony
Roy, Terry
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Love, David
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Horgan, James
Pitre, Joseph

Keans, Sandra
Rooney, Abigail

Kittredge, Mac

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Smith, Steven

Laware, Thomas

Lucas, Gates

and the majority committee report was adopted and referred to the Committee on Finance.

HB 721-FN-L, relative to special education in towns with no public schools. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Tamara Le for the Majority of Education. In the unique situation where there is no grade level in a public school and the school board opts to tuition children to a non-sectarian, private school, the law (RSA 193:3, VII) places certain requirements on the private school. This bill, as amended, adds an additional requirement; that the receiving school have an "approved program" of special education as defined in RSA 186-C:2,II (not applicable to catastrophic aid or medically fragile student placements). This amendment ensures the least restrictive environment is adhered to for children who have individualized education programs (IEPs). This amendment prevents the unnecessary segregation and discrimination of special education students accessing the general education classroom. Vote 9-6.

Rep. Rick Ladd for the Minority of Education. As amended, this bill proposes that all private non-sectarian schools, approved to receive students from a local public school district in accordance with the school tuition program, must have a state board of education approved special education program. This is a significant change from criteria in current law. Presently, the school tuition program is designed to offer and provide students educational choice that best fits their instructional and curricular needs. School boards may tuition students to either public or non-sectarian private schools contingent upon those schools being in compliance with RSA 193-E:3-b. Within this framework, a student wanting an approved special education program due to an individualized education program (IEP) identified need may select either a public school having an approved special education program or a private non-sectarian school that may or may not have an approved special education program. The school tuition program guarantees a special education student the opportunity to attend an approved special education program. This bill as amended will restrict private non-sectarian school choice while thwarting local control, parental rights, and educational opportunity for students.

Majority Amendment (2796h)

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

1 Change of School; School Tuition Program. Amend RSA 193:3, VII(c)-(d) to read as follows:

(c) Be incorporated under the laws of New Hampshire or the United States; [and]

(d) Administer an annual assessment in reading and language arts, mathematics, and science as defined in RSA 193-C:6 to tuition program students. The assessment may be any nationally recognized standardized assessment used to measure student academic achievement, shall be aligned to the school's academic standards, and shall satisfy the requirements of RSA 193-C:6 for school tuition program students. The school's annual assessment results for tuition program students shall be submitted to the commissioner and school board. If the school enrolls 10 or more publicly-funded tuition program students and if the school's group assessment percentile score for tuition program students is less than the 40th percentile, the commissioner may require a site visit to determine if the school provides the opportunity for an adequate education in accordance with RSA 193-E:3-b. After the third consecutive year of a tuition program school being unable to demonstrate that it provides an opportunity for an adequate education, the school may be subject to revocation of tuition program status[-]; **and**

(e) Be an approved program as defined in RSA 186-C:2, II.

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires a private school that receives tuition program students to have an approved program of special education.

Majority committee amendment adopted.

The question now being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.

Rep. Tanner spoke in favor.

Rep. Cordelli spoke against, yielded to questions and requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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St. Clair, Charlie

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Knirk, Jerry

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Ticehurst, Susan

DesMarais, Edith
Woodcock, Stephen

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Abbott, Michael
Eaton, Daniel
Harvey, Cathryn
Morrill, David
Tatro, Bruce

Ames, Richard
Faulkner, Barry
Ley, Douglas
Parkhurst, Henry
Von Plinsky, Sparky

Berch, Paul
Fenton, Donovan
Mann, John
Schapiro, Joe
Pearson, William

Bordenet, John
Gomarlo, Jennie
Meader, David
Swinburne, Sandy
Weber, Lucy

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Desilets, Joel	DeSimone, Debra	Dolan, Tom	Doucette, Fred
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Green, Dennis	Guthrie, Joseph	Harb, Robert	Hobson, Deborah
Hoelzel, Kathleen	Osborne, Jason	Janigian, John	Janvrin, Jason
Katsakiores, Phyllis	Khan, Aboul	Kolodziej, Walter	Love, David
Lundgren, David	Griffin, Mary	Pearson, Mark	Major, Norman
McKinney, Betsy	McMahon, Charles	Melvin, Charles	Milz, David
O'Connor, John	Packard, Sherman	Piemonte, Tony	Potucek, John
Pratt, Kevin	Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine	Roy, Terry	Pearson, Stephen
Sytek, John	Torosian, Peter	True, Chris	Verville, Kevin
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Hayward, Peter	Horgan, James	Kittredge, Mac	Perreault, Mona
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Aron, Judy	Callum, John	Laware, Thomas	Lucas, Gates
Rollins, Skip	Stapleton, Walter	Smith, Steven	

and the majority committee report was adopted and ordered to third reading.

MOTION TO PRINT DEBATE

Rep. Baldasaro moved that the debate on **HB 721-FN-L**, relative to special education in towns with no public schools, be printed in the Permanent Journal.

Motion adopted.

DEBATE ON HB721-FN-L

Representative Cordelli: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Colleagues, please take a look at page 20 on your calendar for HB 721. Please read the minority report and the majority report. We all know what this bill is really about. This bill is an attack on private schools, religious schools and school choice. This bill amends current law for town tuitioning agreements. If a district does not have certain grade levels for their students, they make contract with another district or a nonsectarian private school with a tuitioning agreement to send their students to that school. This bill adds the requirement to any agreement that the receiving school must have an approved state special education program, approved by the State Board of Education and that goes for if it is a public school or a private school. Currently, the local school board is charged with the responsibility to qualify, approve and contract with another school to send their students and to have them provide the opportunity for an adequate education. But here's the real kicker. The new mandate for an approved special ed program is a requirement even if the district is not sending any special needs children to that new school district. What sense does that make? What is entailed with getting a special education program approved by the department? Let me go over a few of the items. This would be for any public or private schools. I said the State Department of Education has to review administrative staff and instructional staff, policy and procedures, fiscal aspects of the school, physical plant, compliance with state statutes and the State Board of Education rules, compliance with Federal statutes and regulations, review of complaint procedures, review of data systems and review of anything else mentioned in the special education rules. That's about half the list that is required. Again, these are new requirements being mandated for any private school that would enter into a town tuition agreement, whether there are special ed students or not. For special education services, we are required by federal law to provide the least restrictive environment, but this legislation has us provide the most restrictive environment for town tuitioning agreements. We all know what this is really about. Please vote red and Mister Speaker, I request a roll call vote.

Speaker Shurtleff: So noted. Will the member yield to a question? Rep. Abramson, you may inquire.

Representative Abramson: Thank you, Mister Speaker, and thank you for taking my question. It looks like this bill could increase costs for private schools. Could it be that some of these private schools could be closed down as a result of this legislation passing?

Representative Cordelli: Thank you for the question. I don't know if it would require them to close down, but it certainly might discourage them from entering into any town tuition agreements, which would be a detriment to the school district that does not have those grade levels and to the students themselves.

Speaker Shurtleff: The question before the House is the recommendation that the bill Ought to Pass as Amended. The Chair recognizes the member from Sunapee, Rep. Tanner to speak in support of the recommendation.

Representative Tanner: Thank you, Mister Speaker. There is a small rural town in my district that has a two-room schoolhouse, three teachers and 28 students and they cover K through 4. In 2018, a bill SB 8 was passed called the Croydon Bill that expanded the options of towns like this one so that a school board could enter into a contract with the nonsectarian public or private school to provide education to students in grades not offered in their towns. I supported SB 8 after much deliberation. I had faith in the local education agencies, the school boards, that those elected officials would oversee the use of public tax dollars for the education of all the children in their towns, that they would require accountability to meet the standards for an adequate education and ensure all the students would have an equal opportunity to enroll in those private schools receiving public funds. I expected that elected officials would take care to review schools with whom they contracted to make sure they would and could deliver an adequate education for all. Imagine hypothetically a student whose been with five or six other students in this school since kindergarten. Now in 4th grade, she is looking to 5th grade at a new school just like everyone else but she finds out because of her learning disability or her physical disability or even the status of her parents, she's not a good fit at the school where her classmates are going. The good fit is determined by the receiving school, picking and choosing who may attend their schools, what services they will provide, what additional costs the parents will have to provide for their students in terms of uniform, transportation, materials and other things. We are talking about an elementary student who is doing well, who is accepted by their peers, has friends but can't be with them because she is not a good fit. She is anxious as they are about the new arrangement in education, but she is separate from her friends. She isn't a good fit because she needs some accommodations and support. As with any bill that becomes law, there are consequences. Some may be intended. Many are unintended. When those consequences are brought to our attention, we need to act to make it right. Last term, a study committee was formed under HB 1493 to address these issues with the Croydon Bill. The committee report stated, "The committee recommends this bill for future legislation as a concept that codifies the responsibility of the local education agency to provide individual education program services in terms of SB 8. The committee agrees that the language needs clarification in terms of what exactly it means regarding attendance, choices and access in relation to nondiscrimination." The committee ends with the question, "Does limited access mean that if a child cannot attend the school does not meet the standard of ascending school. HB 721 is the legislation that addresses the consequences of SB 8. This bill offers a very simple correction that includes the involvement of the Department of Education in the process of school approval for contracts between nonsectarian private schools and the local school boards. It ensures that the federal law for placement of a student to a private nonsectarian school will include the standard of least restrictive environment and prevent the unlawful use of public tax dollars to discriminate and segregate certain classes of children from their peers. Special education is no longer a signal of inferiority but is a smarter and more effective way to empower each learning with the idea of an individualized learning plan or IEP. You wouldn't segregate a student who wears an insulin pump, send a child with asthma to another school separate from their peers just for clinical visits. Where public funding goes, the commitment to public education to accept all students should follow. With public funding, must go public accountability and a commitment to follow the state and federal laws for nondiscrimination. This bill achieves both. I urge you to support 721. Thank you, Mister Speaker.

Speaker Shurtleff: The question before the House is the recommendation that the bill Ought to Pass as Amended. Rep. Cordelli has requested a roll call vote. Is that sufficiently seconded? It is sufficiently seconded. This will be a roll call vote. Members will kindly take their seats. The question before the House is the recommendation that the bill Ought to Pass as Amended. This will be a roll call vote. The Chair recognizes Rep. Ladd for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Ladd: Thank you, Mister Speaker. If I know the school tuition program already guarantees a special education student the opportunity to attend an approved special education program. And, if I also know that a student with an IEP has the choice to select either a public school having an approved special education program or a private nonsectarian school that may have an affective learning program. If I believe this bill only serves to restrict private nonsectarian school choice, challenges local control, disregards parental rights and eliminates educational opportunities that best fit the multiple needs of all students, would I then press the red button to oppose this needless legislation? Thank you.

Speaker Shurtleff: The question before the House is the recommendation that the bill Ought to Pass as Amended. The Chair recognizes Rep. Mullen for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Mullen: Thank you, Mister Speaker. Mister Speaker, if I know that in towns lacking schools are a particular grade level, tuition agreements using public tax dollars have been made between communities and private nonsectarian schools. If I know that current law allows for contracted schools to deny a student entrance because they have the need for a special education services or accommodations which the school feels they cannot provide. And, I also know that every student in our state has the right to attend schools that can provide an adequate education in the least restrictive environment regardless of ability or disability, that communities already have the financial obligation to provide such services and that this bill allows that this responsibility can be met in a variety of ways, would I support HB 721's intent to minimize educational.

Speaker Shurtleff: Will the member suspend? I see a member getting ready to walk out. If you are not feeling well, by all means leave the chamber. I did not mean to embarrass you. We are in the voting mode. If the Sergeant-at-Arms would please assist if she needs it. Please proceed.

Representative Mullen: Would I support HB 721's intent to minimize educational discrimination by involving the Department of Education in both program development and oversight by pushing the green button?

Speaker Shurtleff: This will be a roll call vote. The question before the House is the recommendation that the bill Ought to Pass as Amended. If you are in favor, you'll press the green button. If you are opposed, you'll press the red button. Voting stations will be open for 30 seconds. Have all members present had an opportunity to vote? The House will be attentive to the state of the vote. With 214 members voting Yea and 152 Nay, the Yeas have it and the recommendation is adopted.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

SB 138, relative to the degree granting authority of Signum University. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. David Luneau for the Majority of Education. The education committee retained this bill in order to meet with members of the Department of Education and better understand the separate roles of the department's Higher Education Commission (HEC) and the legislature when it comes to institutes of higher education seeking approval to operate in the state. The HEC considers applications from such institutions to operate in the state and offer degree programs, and bases its decision against a set of evaluation standards specified in rules HEDC 400. The legislature's role is whether to approve the institution's degree granting authority per RSA 292:8-h, II. With respect to the case at hand, the HEC has approved the applicant to establish Signum University in the state as an online graduate program to focus primarily on the applicant's interest in the literature of J.R.R. Tolkien. In its approval, the HEC cited eleven areas of non-compliance to be addressed in reports due on December 31, 2018 and on December 31, 2020. The HEC also made as conditions of approval "receiving current information on the status of legislation regarding degree-granting authority and accreditation activities with the Distance Education Accreditation Commission (DEAC)." Based on testimony heard by the committee, to date, the applicant has addressed three of the eleven areas and has not yet received DEAC accreditation. The committee also heard the applicant's strong opposition to US Higher Education Act Title IV federal student financial aid programs. The committee believes the applicant's non-profit 501(c)(3) status is inconsistent with the objection to accept federal student financial aid, especially if the applicant expands the program to offer undergraduate degrees in the future. For at least these reasons, the majority of the committee feels it was premature to approve degree-granting authority. Vote 10-8.

Rep. Rick Ladd for the Minority of Education. This bill authorizes Signum University to grant degrees in New Hampshire. Signum is a new, nonprofit, and independent university with an innovative and completely online structure. The institution currently has one credit-bearing program which is a Master of Arts in Language and Literature and has been given a comprehensive approval by the NH Higher Education Commission comprised of university and college chancellors, presidents, and the commissioner that represent private and public post-secondary institutions. During the past ten years, the legislature has authorized four higher education institutions based upon review and approval from the Higher Education commission. The minority supports authorizing Signum University, as the committee has been given no cause or reason to do otherwise. Signum has complied with all requests from the Commission and is worthy of granting degrees in New Hampshire.

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

Rep. Ley moved that **SB 138**, relative to the degree granting authority of Signum University, be laid on the table.

Motion adopted.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

CACR 9, relating to redistricting. Providing that an independent redistricting commission shall be established to draw boundaries for state and federal offices. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Wayne Moynihan for the Majority of Election Law. This proposal to amend New Hampshire's Constitution directs that, decennially, an independent redistricting commission shall make an apportionment of representatives; which is to say that it shall establish the boundaries of electoral districts for state and federal elections; and shall then submit the redistricting plan to the legislature for approval. This proposal does not bind future legislatures to any commission's proposal, but it does offer a fairer and more open redistricting process. While the majority believes that the New Hampshire Constitution already allows for such a process, expressly integrating the idea into the constitution is advantageous for two reasons: every voter will have the chance to weigh in on the proposal; and, if such an idea is adopted, it will be protected for posterity. Vote 12-8.

Rep. Kathleen Hoelzel for the Minority of Election Law. This proposal would change the NH Constitution by requiring an independent redistricting commission to develop redistricting plans. This provision can easily and should be handled by statute and not a constitutional amendment at this time.

Majority Amendment (2742h)

Amend the resolution by replacing paragraphs I-IV with the following:

I. That the second part of the constitution be amended by inserting after article 8 the following new article:

[Art.] 8-a. [Independent Redistricting Commission.] An Independent Redistricting Commission whose function is to draw election district boundaries for all state, county, and federal elections in New Hampshire is essential to ensure a robust democratic process.

II. That article 9 of the second part of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

[Art.] 9. [Representatives Elected Every Second Year; Apportionment of Representatives.] There shall be in the Legislature of this State a House of Representatives, biennially elected and founded on principles of equality, and representation therein shall be as equal as circumstances will admit. The whole number of representatives to be chosen from the towns, wards, places, and representative districts thereof established hereunder, shall be not less than three hundred seventy-five or more than four hundred. As soon as possible after the convening of the next regular session of the Legislature, ~~[and at the session in 1971;]~~ and every ten years thereafter, the ~~[legislature]~~ **Independent Redistricting Commission** shall make an apportionment of representatives according to the last general census of the inhabitants of the State taken by authority of the United States or of this State **for submission to and approval by the Legislature**. In making such apportionment, no town, ward or place shall be divided nor the boundaries thereof altered.

III. That article 11 of the second part of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

[Art.] 11. [Small Towns; Representation by Districts.] When the population of any town or ward, according to the last federal census, is within a reasonable deviation from the ideal population for one or more representative seats, the town or ward shall have its own district of one or more representative seats. The apportionment shall not deny any other town or ward membership in one non-floterial representative district. When any town, ward, or unincorporated place has fewer than the number of inhabitants necessary to entitle it to one representative, the ~~[legislature]~~ **Independent Redistricting Commission plan submitted to and approved by the Legislature** shall form those towns, wards, or unincorporated places into representative districts which contain a sufficient number of inhabitants to entitle each district so formed to one or more representatives for the entire district. In forming the districts, the boundaries of towns, wards, and unincorporated places shall be preserved and contiguous. The excess number of inhabitants of a district may be added to the excess number of inhabitants of other districts to form at-large or floterial districts conforming to acceptable deviations. The ~~[legislature shall form the]~~ representative districts **shall be formed** at the regular session following every decennial federal census.

IV. That article 26 of the second part of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

[Art.] 26. [Senatorial Districts, How Constituted.] And that the State may be equally represented in the Senate, the **Independent Redistricting plan submitted to and approved by the Legislature** shall divide the State into single member districts, as nearly equal as may be in population, each consisting of contiguous towns, city wards and unincorporated places, without dividing any town, city ward or unincorporated place. The legislature shall form the single member districts at its next session after approval of this article by the voters of the state and thereafter at the regular session following each decennial federal census.

Amend the resolution by inserting after paragraph IV the following and renumbering the original paragraph V through X to read as VI through XI, respectively:

V. That article 65 of the second part of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

[Art.] 65. [Councilor Districts Provided for.] The **Independent Redistricting Commission shall submit to the legislature**, ~~[may, if the public good shall hereafter require it, divide]~~ **for approval, a plan dividing** the state into five districts, as nearly equal as may be, governing themselves by the number of population, each district to elect a councilor: And, in case of such division, the manner of the choice shall be conformable to the present mode of election in counties.

Amend the resolution by replacing paragraph VIII with the following:

VIII. That the wording of the question put to the qualified voters shall be:

“Are you in favor of amending the second part of the Constitution by inserting after article 8 a new article 8-a, and by amending articles 9, 11, 26, and 65 to read as follows:

[Art.] 8-a. [Independent Redistricting Commission.] An Independent Redistricting Commission whose function is to draw election district boundaries for all state, county, and federal elections in New Hampshire is essential to ensure a robust democratic process.

[Art.] 9. [Representatives Elected Every Second Year; Apportionment of Representatives.] There shall be in the Legislature of this State a House of Representatives, biennially elected and founded on principles of equality, and representation therein shall be as equal as circumstances will admit. The whole number of representatives to be chosen from the towns, wards, places, and representative districts thereof established hereunder, shall be not less than three hundred seventy-five or more than four hundred. As soon as possible after the convening of the next regular session of the Legislature, and every ten years thereafter, the Indepen-

dent Redistricting Commission shall make an apportionment of representatives according to the last general census of the inhabitants of the State taken by authority of the United States or of this State for submission to and approval by the Legislature. In making such apportionment, no town, ward or place shall be divided nor the boundaries thereof altered.

[Art.] 11. [Small Towns; Representation by Districts.] When the population of any town or ward, according to the last federal census, is within a reasonable deviation from the ideal population for one or more representative seats, the town or ward shall have its own district of one or more representative seats. The apportionment shall not deny any other town or ward membership in one non-floterial representative district. When any town, ward, or unincorporated place has fewer than the number of inhabitants necessary to entitle it to one representative, the Independent Redistricting Commission plan submitted to and approved by the Legislature shall form those towns, wards, or unincorporated places into representative districts which contain a sufficient number of inhabitants to entitle each district so formed to one or more representatives for the entire district. In forming the districts, the boundaries of towns, wards, and unincorporated places shall be preserved and contiguous. The excess number of inhabitants of a district may be added to the excess number of inhabitants of other districts to form at-large or floterial districts conforming to acceptable deviations. The representative districts shall be formed at the regular session following every decennial federal census.

[Art.] 26. [Senatorial Districts, How Constituted.] And that the State may be equally represented in the Senate, the Independent Redistricting plan submitted to and approved by the Legislature shall divide the State into single member districts, as nearly equal as may be in population, each consisting of contiguous towns, city wards and unincorporated places, without dividing any town, city ward or unincorporated place. The legislature shall form the single member districts at its next session after approval of this article by the voters of the state and thereafter at the regular session following each decennial federal census.

[Art.] 65. [Councilor Districts Provided for.] The Independent Redistricting Commission shall submit to the legislature, for approval, a plan dividing the state into five districts, as nearly equal as may be, governing themselves by the number of population, each district to elect a councilor: And, in case of such division, the manner of the choice shall be conformable to the present mode of election in counties."

Amend the resolution by replacing paragraph XI with the following:

XI. Voters' Guide.

AT THE PRESENT TIME, the state legislature revises the district boundaries for state representatives, state senators, executive councilors, county commissioners, and members of the United States Congress from New Hampshire every ten years according to the last United States census or state census.

IF THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED, election district boundaries for all state, county, and federal elections in the state shall be established by an independent redistricting commission with the approval of the legislature.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This constitutional amendment concurrent resolution establishes an independent redistricting commission to draw the boundaries for state, county, and federal elections.

Majority committee amendment adopted.

The question now being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.
Rep. William Pearson requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Von Plinsky, Sparky

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Mullen, Sue
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Query, Joshua
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Murphy, Nancy
Pickering, Daniel
Newman, Ray
Shaw, Barbara
Stack, Kathryn
Toomey, Dan
Wilhelm, Matthew

Backus, Robert
Bergeron, Paul
Bouchard, Donald
Connors, Erika
Desjardin, Kathy
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Williams, Kermit

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Luneau, David
Pimentel, Roderick
Saunderson, George
Soucy, Timothy
Wazir, Safiya

Doherty, David
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Richards, Beth
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Vallone, Mark

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Cali-Pitts, Jacqueline
Edgar, Michael
Murray, Kate
Malloy, Dennis
Pantelakos, Laura
Ward, Gerald

Bunker, Lisa
Coursin, David
Eisner, Mary
Le, Tamara
McBeath, Rebecca
Read, Ellen
Warner, Anne

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Gilman, Julie
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Mackie, Jonathan
Syvia, Michael

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Avellani, Lino
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Buco, Thomas
MacDonald, John

Comeau, Ed
Marsh, William

Cordelli, Glenn
Nelson, Bill

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Craig, Kevin	Furbush, Michael	Merner, Troy
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Gordon, Edward	Hennessey, Erin	Ladd, Rick	Migliore, Vincent Paul
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Boehm, Ralph	Burns, Charles	Burt, John	Camarota, Linda
Danielson, David	Erf, Keith	Fedolfi, Jim	Flanagan, Jack
Gagne, Larry	Gould, Linda	Graham, John	Greene, Bob
Gunski, Michael	Hinch, Richard	Hopper, Gary	Ober, Lynne
Lascelles, Richard	Marzullo, JP	McLean, Mark	Merlino, Timothy
Notter, Jeanine	Nunez, Hershel	Panasiti, Reed	Plett, Fred
Proulx, Mark	Prout, Andrew	Ober, Russell	Renzullo, Andrew
Rice, Kimberly	Sanborn, Laurie	Somero, Paul	Lekas, Tony
Ulery, Jordan	Warden, Mark	Whitemore, James	

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Allard, James	Forsythe, Robert	Hill, Gregory	Horn, Werner
Klose, John	Kotowski, Frank	McGuire, Carol	Pearl, Howard
Seaworth, Brian	Walsh, Thomas	Wolf, Dan	Yakubovich, Michael

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Barnes, Arthur	Bershtein, Alan	Costable, Michael	Davis, Dan
Thomas, Douglas	DeClercq, Edward	Desilets, Joel	DeSimone, Debra
Dolan, Tom	Doucette, Fred	Edwards, Jess	Elliott, Robert
Gay, Betty	Green, Dennis	Grote, Jaci	Guthrie, Joseph
Harb, Robert	Hobson, Deborah	Hoelzel, Kathleen	Osborne, Jason
Janigian, John	Janvrin, Jason	Katsakiores, Phyllis	Khan, Aboul
Kolodziej, Walter	Love, David	Griffin, Mary	Pearson, Mark
Major, Norman	McKinney, Betsy	McMahon, Charles	Melvin, Charles
Milz, David	O'Connor, John	Packard, Sherman	Piemonte, Tony
Potucek, John	Pratt, Kevin	Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine	Roy, Terry
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Rollins, Skip	Stapleton, Walter	Smith, Steven	

and the majority committee report failed lacking the necessary 3/5ths vote.

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

Rep. Edith DesMarais for the Majority of Election Law. This bill, with the amendment, is designed to modernize our voter registration process, making it more secure and accurate, and saving time and money. The bill allows the voter registration process to begin when a citizen obtains a driver's license and will also update the city and town clerk's records by transferring data acquired by the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) during the license renewal process. The bill is not intended to replace the current system of voter registration or same day voter registration. It simply adds another way to register and it streamlines the registration process by utilizing computer data collected by DMV to improve and support voter registration. The sharing of data from the DMV with the Secretary of State will allow voter lists to be updated regularly, which should make the registrars' work easier prior to elections. In states where similar bills have been enacted, there were savings incurred by the Secretary of State and at the local levels. In addition, enacting the bill should translate into shorter lines at the polls since it should cut down on the number of same day registrations. Vote 12-8.

Rep. Kathleen Hoelzel for the Minority of Election Law. This bill would automatically register you to vote upon getting a driver's license. It has lots of problems as our DMV clerks are not trained in the nuance of NH election laws, and this will add more time to each driver's license renewal or application at the DMV counters, with no additional staffing to an already busy department. Lastly it creates a conflict in the law that says that only Supervisors of the Checklist can add voters to the voter list, yet with this bill, the voter will be added by the Secretary of State, unless the supervisors specifically object to a person being added. This bill was opposed by both the Municipal Association and the NH Town and City Clerks Association.

Majority Amendment (2712h)

Amend RSA 654:15-a, III and IV as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing them with the following:

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

IV. The division of motor vehicles shall add a voter registration section to those online or paper forms used in connection with applying for a driver's license, a nondriver's picture identification card, or a record change related to a driver's license or nondriver's picture identification card, which shall collect information required for voter registration not already collected in such division of motor vehicles forms. The top of the voter registration section shall include a statement that reads: "Registration information is considered public information. If you are a victim of domestic violence or stalking, you may wish to contact the attorney general's office regarding the state program to vote by absentee ballot pursuant to RSA 7:46. The address of a program participant will not appear on any list of registered voters made available to the public. NH Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-866-644-3574. By signing and submitting this application, you are authorizing the division of motor vehicles to transmit this application to the secretary of state for voter registration purposes. YOU MAY DECLINE TO APPLY TO REGISTER. Both the location of the office through which you submit this application and your decision of whether or not to apply to register to vote will remain confidential and will be used for voter registration purposes only." A check box shall appear below such preprinted statement and next to the following statement: "Do not register me to vote or update my voter registration. I decline to register to vote or update my voter registration."

Amend RSA 654:15-a, X as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

X. The division of motor vehicles shall maintain a copy of the license application which may be audited for accuracy on a regular basis by the secretary of state.

Amend RSA 654:15-b, I as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. The division of motor vehicles shall transmit, via a secure electronic transmission, data collected relevant to voter registration, including data relating to age, residency, citizenship, place of birth, place last registered to vote, and driver's license or non-driver's picture identification card, as well as a signature image, for every citizen who applies to register to vote in accordance with RSA 654:15-a to the secretary of state. Such transmission shall be in a format that can be uploaded to the statewide centralized voter registration database, and that allows the city or town clerk or supervisor of the checklist to print the information on an 8.5 x 11 inch sheet of paper. Notwithstanding RSA 294-E and any other law to the contrary, the secretary of state, state agencies, and political subdivisions shall accept, use, and permit the use of the applicant's signature image for purposes of this subdivision.

Amend RSA 654:15-d through RSA 654:15-f as inserted by section 1 of the bill by deleting RSA 654:15-d and renumbering the original RSA 654:15-e and RSA 654:15-f to read as RSA 654:15-d and RSA 654:15-e, respectively. Majority committee amendment adopted.

The question now being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.

Rep. Prudhomme-O'Brien spoke against.

Rep. DesMarais spoke in favor.

Rep. Notter requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Spanos, Peter

Feeney, George
Mackie, Jonathan
Sylvia, Michael

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Avellani, Lino
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Buco, Thomas
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Nelson, Bill

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Hunt, John

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Gordon, Edward
Migliore, Vincent Paul

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Massimilla, Linda

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Lekas, Alicia
Boehm, Ralph
Dargie, Paul
Flanagan, Jack
Graham, John
Hopper, Gary
Marzullo, JP
Nunez, Hershel
Prout, Andrew
Rung, Rosemarie
Ulery, Jordan

Alexander, Joe
Burns, Charles
Dutzy, Sherry
Gagne, Larry
Greene, Bob
Ober, Lynne
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Sanborn, Laurie
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Griffin, Barbara
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Erf, Keith
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Gunski, Michael
Lascelles, Richard
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Plett, Fred
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Somero, Paul
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Barry, Richard
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Notter, Jeanine
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Allard, James
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Fulweiler, Joyce
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McGuire, Carol
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Abbas, Daryl
Baldasaro, Al
Chirichiello, Brian
DeClercq, Edward
Doucette, Fred
Guthrie, Joseph
Osborne, Jason
Khan, Aboul
Pearson, Mark
McMahon, Charles
Packard, Sherman
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Torosian, Peter
Vose, Michael
Welch, David

Abrami, Patrick
Barnes, Arthur
Costable, Michael
Desilets, Joel
Elliott, Robert
Harb, Robert
Janigian, John
Kolodziej, Walter
Maggiore, Jim
Melvin, Charles
Piemonte, Tony
Roy, Terry
True, Chris
Wallace, Scott
Weyler, Kenneth

Abramson, Max
Bershtein, Alan
Davis, Dan
DeSimone, Debra
Gay, Betty
Hobson, Deborah
Janvrin, Jason
Love, David
Major, Norman
Milz, David
Potucek, John
Pearson, Stephen
Vallone, Mark
Warner, Anne
Yokela, Josh

Acton, Dennis
Cali-Pitts, Jacqueline
Thomas, Douglas
Dolan, Tom
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Verville, Kevin
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Fontneau, Timothy
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Horgan, James
Rooney, Abigail

Kittredge, Mac
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Aron, Judy
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and the majority committee report was adopted and referred to the Committee on Finance.

MOTION TO VACATE

Rep. Long moved that the House vacate the reference of **HB 1351**, relative to immunity from arrest or prosecution for certain alcoholic beverage violations for a person under 21 years of age who reports a situation involving risk of alcohol overdose, to the Committee on Children and Family Law.

On a division vote, with 338 members having voted in the affirmative, and 26 in the negative, the motion was adopted.

The Speaker referred **HB 1351** to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

SB 8, establishing an independent redistricting commission. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Connie Lane for the Majority of Election Law. This bill, with the amendment, establishes an independent redistricting commission that is charged with conducting an open and transparent process enabling full public consideration of and comment upon the redistricting of county, state and federal electoral districts. It is intended to put the interest of voters, constituents, and communities of common interest ahead of purely political considerations. Historically, NH has conducted redistricting by establishing committees composed of members of the NH House and Senate. In NH, as in other states, the process of redistricting has become a bitterly contested, expensive, and litigated partisan battle. This bill creates a framework in statutory law

which will enable NH to have the next redistricting process conducted by an independent commission composed of 15 citizens, selected from a pool of citizens who fulfill the qualifications set out in the bill. The commission is independent, but the process continues to involve the Secretary of State and the elected leadership of both the NH House and Senate. The process leaves the ultimate decision to adopt the commission's plan to the legislature as our NH Constitution requires. Twenty-one other states have adopted an independent process for redistricting. Vote 18-2.

Rep. Barbara Griffin for the Minority of Election Law. The bill as proposed in an exact duplicate of the unsuccessful efforts of HB 706 to enact an independent redistricting commission. The commission is an attempt to shift the responsibility for redistricting from the elected members of this body to unelected and unaccountable individuals. The effort to do so is done under a claim to avoid gerrymandering, a rare occurrence in this state's process, a process that is by its nature political. Independent commissions in other states are expressly authorized by their constitution, as compared to our Constitution that directs us to determine districts. While the bill allegedly continues that responsibility by sending the plan to this body for a vote, the process creates a checkered path to inevitable litigation, anticipated by the bill. HB 706 was vetoed by the Governor and that veto was sustained by this House. The minority does not believe that any other outcome can be reasonably anticipated and finding the bill Inexpedient to Legislate will allow time for more fruitful work for our constituents.

Majority Amendment (2802h)

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

1 New Chapter; Independent Redistricting Commission. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 662-A the following new chapter:

CHAPTER 662-B INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

662-B:1 Independent Redistricting Commission Established. There is hereby established a New Hampshire independent redistricting commission ("commission"), that shall convene no later than July 1, 2021, and every 10 years thereafter, in order to:

I. Conduct an open and transparent process enabling full public consideration of and comment on the drawing of district lines.

II. Draw district lines according to the redistricting criteria specified in this chapter.

III. Conduct its business with integrity and fairness.

662-B:2 Eligibility to Serve on the Commission. A person shall be eligible for appointment to the commission if the person is eligible to register to vote in New Hampshire and if the person does not currently hold office in the United States House of Representatives, New Hampshire senate, New Hampshire house of representatives, executive council, or a county commission.

662-B:3 Appointment of Commissioners.

I. The secretary of state shall identify the pool of eligible commissioners. He or she shall, to the extent practicable, notify all eligible persons and invite them to apply. These efforts may include:

- (a) Advertising the application period and criteria in daily newspapers in the state.
- (b) Advertising the application period and criteria on the home page of state agency websites.
- (c) Requesting media to publicize the commission's search for eligible members.
- (d) Publicizing the application period and criteria in the New Hampshire house and senate calendars.

II.(a) A person who is eligible to serve as a member of the commission may submit an application to the secretary of state no later than February 1 of each year ending in the number one. Such application shall include the following information:

- (1) Whether the applicant has registered as a lobbyist in the preceding 10 years.
- (2) What elective offices, if any, the applicant has held in New Hampshire in the preceding 10 years.
- (3) If the applicant has voted in a state primary election or presidential primary election in New Hampshire in the preceding 6 years, which political party's ballots the applicant has taken.

(4) The applicant's party affiliation, if applicable.

(b) From all eligible applications received, the senate and house leaders from the majority party in the house shall nominate 10 applicants from the majority party in the house, and the senate and house leaders from the largest minority party in the house shall nominate 10 applicants from the largest minority party in the house. The senate and house leaders from the majority party in the house shall chose 5 members from the 10 applicants so selected from largest minority party in the house to serve on the commission. The senate and house leaders from the largest minority party in the house shall chose 5 members from the 10 applicants so selected from the majority party in the house to serve on the commission.

(c) The 10 commissioners so selected shall together select 5 commissioners from the applicants who are not members of the majority party in the house or the largest minority party in the house. The 10 commissioners may not initiate communications or reply to communications about the selection process of the

remaining 5 commissioners with outside persons attempting to influence commissioners or commission action. The process of selecting the 5 commission members not affiliated with the majority party in the house or the largest minority party in the house is not subject to the right-to-know law in RSA 91-A.

III. In the event of substantial neglect of duty, gross misconduct in office, or inability to discharge the duties of office, a member of the commission may, after being served written notice and given an opportunity for a response, be removed by a vote of 11 members of the commission. A finding of substantial neglect of duty or gross misconduct in office may result in referral to the New Hampshire attorney general for criminal prosecution.

IV. Vacancies on the commission shall be filled when they occur by the commission selecting, by a vote of 11 members, a new member from among the original pool of applicants of the same political party as the vacated commissioner seat still willing to serve or by seeking a replacement in the same manner as initial appointments.

V. The term of office of commission members expires 2 years after the final enactment of the redistricting plan into law.

662-B:4 Commission Meetings.

I. The commission shall act in public meetings by the affirmative vote of at least 9 members.

II. All meetings of the commission shall be open to the public. The commission shall publicly post notice of its meetings on the commission website and other appropriate outlets at least 7 days prior to such meetings. All records of the commission, including all communications to or from the commission regarding the work of the commission, shall be made available for public inspection.

III. The commission shall hold at least one public meeting in each county prior to drawing any maps and at least one public meeting in each county after releasing any proposed maps.

IV. The commission shall create a website that shall provide, at a minimum, a description of the role of the commission in the redistricting process, timely information to the public about the time, place, and purpose of each meeting of the commission, reports, minutes, and such other information that will support an open and transparent process.

V. The commission shall provide a meaningful opportunity for all persons to participate in the public meetings. Meetings shall be held only in spaces that are accessible under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended.

VI. Commission meetings shall be adequately advertised and planned so as to encourage attendance and participation across the state. This includes scheduling meetings outside of regular work hours.

VII. The commission shall be considered a public body subject to RSA 91-A. No documents created or received by the commissioners or staff as part of official duties, including emails and text messages, shall be exempt from disclosure for any privilege other than attorney-client privilege.

VIII. Commissioners and staff may not initiate communications or reply to communications about commission business with outside persons attempting to influence commissioners or commission action outside of public meetings. To the extent that commissioners and staff receive such communications, the identity of the person or group and the subject of the communication shall be publicly disclosed on the commission website.

662-B:5 Developing Redistricting Maps.

I. During the map drawing process, any member of the public may submit maps or portion of maps for consideration by the commission in a portable document format suitable for archiving (PDF/A) format, or other format approved by the secretary of state. These submissions shall be made publicly available and shall include the name of the person making the submission. Electronically submitted maps may be posted on the commission website.

II.(a) The commission shall post proposed maps in a manner determined by the commission, provided that such display shall include posting on the commission website for a minimum of 7 days for public comment and by distribution to the news media in a manner designed to achieve the widest public access reasonably possible before establishing a final plan. Additionally, the efforts to achieve access may include but not be limited to:

- (1) Advertising the availability of the proposed maps in daily newspapers in the state.
- (2) Advertising the availability of the proposed maps on the home page of state agency websites.
- (3) Requesting media to publicize the availability of the proposed maps.

(b) When releasing a proposed map, the commission shall also release the data used to create the plan, such as population data, geographic data, and election data.

III. The commission shall issue with the proposed and final maps written evaluations that measure the maps against external metrics, and may include efficiency gap and compactness. These metrics shall cover all criteria set forth in RSA 662-B:6.

IV.(a) No later than December 20 of any year ending in one, the commission shall submit final plans for New Hampshire county commission, house, senate, executive council, and congressional districts to the senate president, speaker of the house of representatives, and senate and house minority leaders.

(b) If a chamber of the legislature fails to pass the final plans for any of the districts, the commission shall review the legislative record. The commission shall then amend the final plans after reviewing the legislative record, and resubmit the plans to the legislature.

(c) When the legislature passes final redistricting plans the plans shall be filed with the secretary of state.
662-B:6 Redistricting Criteria.

I. The commission shall establish single or multi-member districts for the New Hampshire county commissions, house of representatives, and single member districts for the New Hampshire senate, executive council, and United States representative, using the following criteria as set forth in the following order of priority:

(a) Districts shall comply with the United States Constitution and all applicable federal laws. Districts shall be drawn on the basis of total population.

(b) Districts shall comply with the New Hampshire constitution and all applicable state laws.

(c) Districts shall form single boundaries and shall not be bisected or otherwise divided by other districts, and shall respect the geographic integrity of political boundaries to the extent practicable without violating the requirements of state law or any preceding subdivisions.

(d) Districts shall be drawn in compact shapes and shall avoid jagged edges and extensions.

(e) Commissioners shall consider the integrity of communities of interest to the extent practicable. For purposes of this section a community of interest is defined as an area with recognized similarities of interests, including but not limited to racial, ethnic, economic, social, cultural, geographic or historic identities. Communities of interest shall not include common relationships with political parties or political candidates.

II.(a) The plan as a whole shall not have the intent or the effect of unduly favoring or disfavoring any political party, incumbent, or candidate for political office.

(b) Districts shall not have the intent or the effect of unduly favoring or disfavoring any racial or language group.

662-B:7 Failure of Legislature to Reach Consensus. If a redistricting plan is not enacted, any registered voter may file a petition with the New Hampshire supreme court. The supreme court may appoint a special master to create the relevant plans, upon its determination that no redistricting plan will be validly enacted in time for the upcoming election. If the court creates a redistricting plan, nothing in this section shall prevent a subsequent legislature from enacting an otherwise lawful redistricting plan.

662-B:8 Judicial Review. Any registered voter in this state may file a petition, within 45 days after adoption of a final map on the grounds that the plan violates any federal or state law.

662-B:9 Compensation. Members of the commission shall receive mileage reimbursement at the federal rate for expenses incurred in connection with the duties performed pursuant to this chapter.

662-B:10 Financial Independence.

I. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the governor may draw a warrant out of sums not otherwise appropriated to fund expenses of the commission established pursuant to this chapter.

II. For each subsequent biennium preceding the decennial census, the governor shall include in his or her budget recommendation appropriations sufficient to meet the estimated expenses of the commission, including but not limited to adequate funding for a statewide outreach program to solicit broad public participation in the redistricting process and adequate office space available for the operation of the commission.

662-B:11 Secretary of State to Provide Support. The secretary of state shall provide such administrative and staff support as is necessary for the commission to perform its duties.

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

Majority committee amendment adopted.

The question now being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.

Rep. Lane spoke in favor.

Rep. Baldasaro requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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St. Clair, Charlie

CARROLL

Burroughs, Anita
Knirk, Jerry

Butler, Edward
Ticehurst, Susan

DesMarais, Edith
Woodcock, Stephen

Kanzler, Harrison

CHESHIRE

Abbott, Michael
Eaton, Daniel

Ames, Richard
Faulkner, Barry

Berch, Paul
Fenton, Donovan

Bordenet, John
Gomarlo, Jennie

Harvey, Cathryn
Morrill, David
Tatro, Bruce
Weber, Lucy

Ley, Douglas
Parkhurst, Henry
Thompson, Craig

Mann, John
Schapiro, Joe
Von Plinsky, Sparky

Meador, David
Swinburne, Sandy
Pearson, William

COOS

Hatch, William
Tucker, Edith

Laflamme, Larry
Thomas, Yvonne

Moynihan, Wayne

Noel, Henry

GRAFTON

Abel, Richard
Diggs, Francesca
Ford, Susan
Maes, Kevin
Nordgren, Sharon
Stringham, Jerry

Adjutant, Joshua
Dontonville, Roger
French, Elaine
Massimilla, Linda
Osborne, Richard
Smith, Suzanne

Almy, Susan
Egan, Timothy
Gordon, Edward
Mulligan, Mary Jane
Ruprecht, Dennis
Sykes, George

Campion, Polly
Fellows, Sallie
Josephson, Timothy
Muscatel, Garrett
Stavis, Laurel
Weston, Joyce

HILLSBOROUGH

Bouldin, Amanda
Baroody, Benjamin
Bordy, William
Cleaver, Skip
Cote, David
DiSilvestro, Linda
Gidge, Kenneth
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Schmidt, Janice
Klee, Patricia
Long, Patrick
Mombourquette, Donna
Pedersen, Michael
Porter, Marjorie
Rung, Rosemarie
Sofikitis, Catherine
Smith, Timothy
Van Houten, Constance
Woodbury, David

Bouldin, Andrew
Beaulieu, Jane
Bosman, James
Cohen, Bruce
Danielson, David
Dutzy, Sherry
Goley, Jeffrey
Heath, Mary
Jack, Martin
Klein-Knight, Nicole
Murray, Megan
Mullen, Sue
Petrigno, Peter
Query, Joshua
Newman, Sue
St. John, Michelle
Telerski, Laura
Thomas, Wendy

Backus, Robert
Bergeron, Paul
Bouchard, Donald
Connors, Erika
Dargie, Paul
Davis, Fred
Griffith, Willis
Herbert, Christopher
Jeudy, Jean
Komi, Richard
Mangipudi, Latha
Murphy, Nancy
Pickering, Daniel
Newman, Ray
Shaw, Barbara
Stack, Kathryn
Toomey, Dan
Wilhelm, Matthew

Balch, Chris
Bernet, Jennifer
Chretien, Jacqueline
Cornell, Patricia
Desjardin, Kathy
Freitas, Mary
Hamer, Heidi
Indruk, Greg
King, Mark
Leishman, Peter
McGhee, Kat
O'Brien, Michael
Piedra, Israel
Riel, Cole
Snow, Kendall
Stevens, Deb
Vail, Suzanne
Williams, Kermit

MERRIMACK

Bartlett, Christy
Ebel, Karen
Karrick, David
MacKay, James
Richards, Beth
Schamberg, Thomas
Turcotte, Alan
Wells, Kenneth

Buchanan, Ryan
Ellison, Arthur
Kotowski, Frank
McWilliams, Rebecca
Rodd, Beth
Schuett, Dianne
Wallner, Mary Jane
Wolf, Dan

Carson, Clyde
Fox, Samantha
Lane, Connie
Moffett, Howard
Rogers, Katherine
Schultz, Kristina
Walz, Mary Beth
Woods, Gary

Doherty, David
Fulweiler, Joyce
Luneau, David
Pimentel, Roderick
Saunderson, George
Soucy, Timothy
Wazir, Safiya

ROCKINGHAM

Abramson, Max
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DiLorenzo, Charlotte
Gilman, Julie
Murray, Kate
Malloy, Dennis
Pantelakos, Laura
Ward, Gerald

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Cali-Pitts, Jacqueline
Edgar, Michael
Grossman, Gaby
Le, Tamara
McBeath, Rebecca
Read, Ellen
Warner, Anne

Bunker, Lisa
Coursin, David
Eisner, Mary
Grote, Jaci
Lovejoy, Patricia
McConnell, Liz
Somssich, Peter

Bushway, Patricia
Cushing, Robert Renny
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Maggiore, Jim
Meuse, David
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Bixby, Peter
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Kenney, Cam
Schmidt, Peter
Spang, Judith
Wall, Janet

Cannon, Gerri
Fargo, Kristina
Higgins, Peg
Levesque, Cassandra
Rich, Cecilia
Towne, Matthew

Chase, Wendy
Fontneau, Timothy
Horrigan, Timothy
Smith, Marjorie
Salloway, Jeffrey
Treleaven, Susan

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Keans, Sandra
Opderbecke, Linn
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Vincent, Kenneth

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Aldrich, Glen
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and the majority committee report was adopted and referred to the Committee on Finance.

MOTION TO PRINT DEBATE

Rep. Pickering moved that the debate on **SB 8**, establishing an independent redistricting commission, be printed in the Permanent Journal.

Motion adopted.

DEBATE ON SB 8

Representative Lane: Thank you, Mister Speaker. I am here today to ask you to do the right thing for New Hampshire voters and vote for independent redistricting commission. We have an opportunity before us with SB 8 to put the interest of New Hampshire voters before our own, a chance to let the voters

choose their elected officials rather than the other way around. Across New Hampshire voters are asking for a fair voting process. They want a transparent process for designing their districts. One that does not require herculean efforts for one party to be elected to office. One that does not let us as politicians choose our voters. We should be brave enough to let go of years of manipulating districts to ensure that one party is favored during the elective process. Gerrymandering is not rare in New Hampshire as the Governor stated in his veto message of HB 706 and as stated in the minority report to this bill. Quite the contrary, it has been the norm for decades. After the 1990 consensus the state was forced to admit to the New Hampshire Supreme Court that its plan violated the equal protections laws of both the New Hampshire and the United States Constitutions. The 2000 redistricting plan resulted in at least 4 lawsuits in federal and state courts. One issue involving the town that lasted 8 years. In 2010, the prime draftsman of the redistricting plan publicly acknowledge that it was drawn to favor one party. There were at least 5 lawsuits involving cities, towns and legislators against the state which resulted in a suspension of the filing period for the 2012 elections which disrupted the entire election process. And, if this embarrassing legacy is not enough to convince you that we have a problem, a report by New Hampshire public radio in 2016 crunched 30 years of election data and concluded that our New Hampshire Senate and Executive Council Districts are heavily gerrymandered. Clearly, we have a broken system and this bill offers us a bipartisan solution. An identical former version of this bill, HB 706, unanimously passed the body on the other side of the wall behind me and was unanimously passed by the House Election Committee. The bill before you, SB 8, passed 18-2 by the House Election Law Committee last Fall. The bill has been drafted to include us, the legislators, every step of the redistricting process. It contains the constitutional requirements for redistricting and the criteria that the commission must consider in its work. We are not abrogating our duties by establishing this commission. We will have the final vote on the map after a fair and transparent process. We get to participate in the choosing of the members of the commission and if we don't like their report and their map, we can vote it down and start again. No one says that the Governor abrogated his constitutional duty to choose judges when he created the Judicial Selection Commission through an executive order to assist him in that process. That commission helps him perform his duty. The same principle applies here. By enacting this bill we are establishing a commission to assist us with our constitutional duty to redistrict the state and we will be doing that in a way that puts the interest of New Hampshire voters before our own as legislators seeking easy reelection. There are a few things more important than protecting our constituents right to vote in a free and fair election. Please vote for SB 8, which creates a system that puts our constituents' voices first rather than the self interest in the party that will hold the majority of this body in 2021. Give our constituents a fair map and trust them to make the right decision at the ballot box. Thank you.

Speaker Shurtleff: Rep. Baldasaro has requested a roll call vote. Is that sufficiently seconded? It is sufficiently seconded. This will be a roll call vote. Members will kindly take their seats. The question before the House is the recommendation that the bill Ought to Pass as Amended. This will be a roll call vote. The Chair recognizes Rep. Barbara Griffin for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Barbara Griffin: Thank you, Mister Speaker. If I know that the responsibility of redistricting by our constitution is ours, yours and mine, a responsibility that should not be avoided. And, if I know that the process of redistricting for a political event, elections, will always be partisan notwithstanding the process and we should embrace such a system that has worked for our governments in this state for hundreds of years. And, if I know that the size of our districts, yours and mine 3500, provides the most representative form of governance in this country making gerrymandering of districts rare and as evidence by the results of litigation...

Speaker Shurtleff: The House will be in order.

Representative Barbara Griffin: ...as evidence by the results of litigation that have upheld the previous maps drawn by the constitutional method that we currently use and that the process as proposed to you, while purporting to avoid litigation, in fact anticipates it throughout by providing for the process. And, finally Mister Speaker, if I know that this body in the first year of this session, addressed the exact same issue with the exact same words in a bill that resulted in a sustained veto and that I do not want to start off this session by adopted Einstein's definition of insanity, would I now press the red button and defeat this bill?

Speaker Shurtleff: The House will be in order. The question before the House is the recommendation that the bill Ought to Pass as Amended. The Chair recognizes Rep. Lane for a parliamentary inquiry.

Representative Lane: Thank you, Mister Speaker. If I know that voters desire a fair and transparent redistricting process, not one done behind closed doors designed to reelect the majority party. If I know that SB 8 is the result of a very hardworking bipartisan effort to achieve a fair and transparent process. And, if I know that nothing is more important than the right to vote in a free and fair election where voters get a real opportunity to vote for a candidate of their choice, then I would put the voters before our own self-interest and press the green button. Thank you

Speaker Shurtleff: This will be a roll call vote. The question before the House is the recommendation that the bill Ought to Pass as Amended. If you are in favor, you'll press the green button. If you are opposed, you'll press the red button. Voting stations are open for 30 seconds. Have all members present had an opportunity to vote? The House will be attentive to the state of the vote. With 224 members voting Yea and 141 voting Nay, the Yeas have it and the recommendation is adopted. This bill will also be going to Finance.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

HB 371, adding cats to the definition of commercial kennel. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. John O'Connor for the Majority of Environment and Agriculture. The original bill was to extend an exemption to cats that currently exists for dogs in RSA 437:1 and 437:7. The committee retained the bill because there were other bills moving forward that affected the same areas of statute. During the budget process major changes to the "pet vendor" definition occurred in HB 4 that were not vetted through either chamber of the legislature. The committee shared its concern during the budget process and submitted a signed petition to the Finance committee conveying unease with the proposed language. The language moved forward and became law. A subcommittee was formed which reviewed the new language from HB 4 and developed a revision to it, as contained in the committee approved amendment, that accomplishes the desired result of animal transfer reporting without placing onerous regulatory burdens on the dedicated companion animal breeder community that exists all across rural NH. Vote 14-4.

Rep. Jane Beaulieu for the Minority of Environment and Agriculture. The bill, as amended, would increase the number of dogs from 25 to 35 and cats from 25 to 50 that a person may transfer per year without being licensed by the state. The minority believes these changes are unreasonable and unjustified.

Majority Amendment (2744h)

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

AN ACT relative to the definition of pet vendor.

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

1 Pet Vendor; Definition. Amend RSA 437:1, IV to read as follows:

IV. "Pet vendor" means any person, firm, corporation, or other entity that transfers [25] **35** or more dogs, [25] **50** or more cats, 30 or more ferrets, or 50 or more birds, live animals or birds customarily used as household pets to the public, with or without a fee or donation required, and whether or not a physical facility is owned by the licensee in New Hampshire, when transfer to the final owner occurs within New Hampshire, between July 1 and June 30 of each year. Pet vendor also means any person, firm, corporation, or other entity that transfers amphibians, reptiles, fish, or small mammals customarily used as household pets to the public in quantities set in rules adopted by the department, with or without a fee or donation required, and whether or not a physical facility is owned by the licensee in New Hampshire between July 1 and June 30 of each year. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to alter or affect the municipal zoning regulations that a pet vendor shall conform with under RSA 437:3.

2 Pet Vendor; Exceptions. Amend RSA 437:7 to read as follows:

437:7 Exceptions. The license provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to breeders of dogs **or cats** that do not meet the definition of pet vendor in RSA 437:1, veterinarians, or the transfer of livestock or poultry.

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill increases the number of dogs and cats that may be transferred in order to qualify as a pet vendor. Majority committee amendment adopted.

Majority committee report adopted and ordered to third reading.

HB 646-FN, relative to labeling, signage, and restrictions on the sales and use of bee-toxic pesticides. **MAJORITY: REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Andrew Bouldin for the Majority of Environment and Agriculture. This bill seeks to address the dramatic decrease in bee populations seen in recent years in New Hampshire. It would classify certain pesticides as "bee-toxic" and prohibit their use in agriculture. The committee heard passionate testimony from many stakeholders, but concerns were raised that there is a lack of concrete scientific proof that pesticides are a major cause of pollinator decline in New Hampshire. Although amendments were considered that would have restricted a particular class of pesticide to licensed applicators only, the committee ultimately decided that the bill required further study. Vote 13-6.

Rep. Kevin Verville for the Minority of Environment and Agriculture. This bill was retained and the subcommittee was unable to come forward with a proposal that could be recommended by the committee. It is highly unlikely that required scientific evidence of efficiency of this bill will become available within the next few years. For this reason, there seems little reason to send this bill to interim study. Majority committee report adopted.

HB 221, renaming Columbus Day as Indigenous People's Day. **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

Statement in support of Ought to Pass: This bill, as introduced, had two main purposes: to remove the honor of a holiday in Christopher Columbus' name, and to replace it with a holiday in honor of the indigenous peoples of our land. Many NH localities have already renamed the second Monday in October as Indigenous People's Day, as have 4 other US states. The case against Christopher Columbus is compelling, and, therefore, the majority of the committee believes he does not deserve the honor of a holiday. Columbus never stepped foot upon what is now U.S. soil. His treatment of indigenous peoples of the Americas was deplorable, imbued with violent genocide at worst, and colonial subjugation of indigenous culture at best. All childhood stories that did not address these facts merely glossed over the historic atrocities of European colonialism he began upon the Americas, and obscured the essential historical truths that need to be told. The question then is: what do we call this holiday instead? The bill's sponsors, and some members of the committee, believe the just thing to do is rename it Indigenous People's Day. An amendment from the floor may be forthcoming with an alternative to this. But as the bill stands with the amendment, the committee offers no recommendation for renaming the holiday to the full body at this time.

Rep. Kristina Schultz

Statement in support of Inexpedient to Legislate: Indigenous peoples of New Hampshire should be celebrated with their own special holiday and NOT as a replacement to Columbus Day. The committee understands the sensitivity that surrounds Christopher Columbus, but could not agree to the replacement as Indigenous People's Day.

Rep. Reed Panasiti

Rep. Schultz moved Ought to Pass.

Rep. Sofikitis spoke in favor and yielded to questions.

Rep. McGuire spoke against and yielded to questions.

MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLERep. Cali-Pitts moved that **HB 221**, renaming Columbus Day as Indigenous People's Day, be laid on the table.

Rep. William Pearson requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Greene, Bob
Hopper, Gary
Marzullo, JP
Notter, Jeanine
Plett, Fred
Renzullo, Andrew
Somero, Paul
Warden, MarkBackus, Robert
Boehm, Ralph
Danielson, David
Goley, Jeffrey
Gunski, Michael
Ober, Lynne
McLean, Mark
Nunez, Hershel
Proulx, Mark
Rice, Kimberly
Lekas, Tony
Whittemore, James

MERRIMACK

Allard, James
Horn, Werner
McGuire, Carol
Seaworth, Brian

Ebel, Karen
Karrick, David
Pearl, Howard
Soucy, Timothy

Forsythe, Robert
Klose, John
Saunderson, George
Walsh, Thomas

Hill, Gregory
Kotowski, Frank
Schuett, Dianne
Wolf, Dan

ROCKINGHAM

Abbas, Daryl
Baldasaro, Al
Cali-Pitts, Jacqueline
Thomas, Douglas
Dolan, Tom
Eisner, Mary
Harb, Robert
Janigian, John
Love, David
Major, Norman
Milz, David
Potucek, John
Pearson, Stephen
True, Chris
Wallace, Scott
Weyler, Kenneth

Abrami, Patrick
Bershtein, Alan
Chirichiello, Brian
DeClercq, Edward
Doucette, Fred
Elliott, Robert
Hobson, Deborah
Janvrin, Jason
Griffin, Mary
McKinney, Betsy
O'Connor, John
Pratt, Kevin
Somssich, Peter
Vallone, Mark
Ward, Gerald
Yokela, Josh

Abramson, Max
Bushway, Patricia
Costable, Michael
Desilets, Joel
Edgar, Michael
Green, Dennis
Hoelzel, Kathleen
Katsakiores, Phyllis
Pearson, Mark
McMahon, Charles
Packard, Sherman
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine
Sytek, John
Verville, Kevin
Webb, James

Acton, Dennis
Cahill, Michael
Davis, Dan
DeSimone, Debra
Edwards, Jess
Guthrie, Joseph
Osborne, Jason
Khan, Aboul
Maggiore, Jim
Melvin, Charles
Piemonte, Tony
Roy, Terry
Torosian, Peter
Vose, Michael
Welch, David

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Fargo, Kristina
Perreault, Mona
Spang, Judith

Hayward, Peter
Pitre, Joseph
Wuelper, Kurt

Horgan, James
Rooney, Abigail

Kittredge, Mac
Salloway, Jeffrey

SULLIVAN

Aron, Judy
O'Hearne, Andrew
Tanner, Linda

Callum, John
Rollins, Skip

Laware, Thomas
Stapleton, Walter

Lucas, Gates
Smith, Steven

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BELKNAP**

Howard, Raymond

CARROLL

Buco, Thomas
Kanzler, Harrison

Burroughs, Anita
Knirk, Jerry

Butler, Edward
Ticehurst, Susan

DesMarais, Edith
Woodcock, Stephen

CHESHIRE

Ames, Richard
Gomarlo, Jennie
Morrill, David
Thompson, Craig

Bordenet, John
Harvey, Cathryn
Schapiro, Joe
Von Plinsky, Sparky

Eaton, Daniel
Ley, Douglas
Swinburne, Sandy
Pearson, William

Fenton, Donovan
Mann, John
Tatro, Bruce
Weber, Lucy

COOS

Hatch, William

Laflamme, Larry

Moynihan, Wayne

Noel, Henry

GRAFTON

Abel, Richard
Diggs, Francesca
French, Elaine
Muscatel, Garrett
Stavis, Laurel
Weston, Joyce

Adjutant, Joshua
Dontonville, Roger
Josephson, Timothy
Nordgren, Sharon
Stringham, Jerry

Almy, Susan
Egan, Timothy
Maes, Kevin
Osborne, Richard
Smith, Suzanne

Campion, Polly
Ford, Susan
Mulligan, Mary Jane
Ruprecht, Dennis
Sykes, George

HILLSBOROUGH

Bouldin, Amanda
Bernet, Jennifer
Chretien, Jacqueline
Cote, David
Davis, Fred
Hamer, Heidi
Schmidt, Janice
Klee, Patricia
Murray, Megan
Murphy, Nancy

Bouldin, Andrew
Bordy, William
Cleaver, Skip
Dargie, Paul
Freitas, Mary
Harriott-Gathright, Linda
Jack, Martin
Klein-Knight, Nicole
Mangipudi, Latha
O'Brien, Michael

Balch, Chris
Bosman, James
Cohen, Bruce
Desjardin, Kathy
Griffith, Willis
Heath, Mary
Judy, Jean
Komi, Richard
McGhee, Kat
Pedersen, Michael

Beaulieu, Jane
Bouchard, Donald
Connors, Erika
Dutzy, Sherry
Hall, Brett
Indruk, Greg
King, Mark
Long, Patrick
Mombourquette, Donna
Pickering, Daniel

Piedra, Israel
Riel, Cole
Sofikitis, Catherine
Smith, Timothy
Vann, Ivy
Woodbury, David

Porter, Marjorie
Rung, Rosemarie
St. John, Michelle
Telerski, Laura
Thomas, Wendy

Query, Joshua
Shaw, Barbara
Stack, Kathryn
Vail, Suzanne
Wilhelm, Matthew

Newman, Ray
Snow, Kendall
Stevens, Deb
Van Houten, Constance
Williams, Kermit

MERRIMACK

Bartlett, Christy
Ellison, Arthur
Luneau, David
Richards, Beth
Schultz, Kristina
Wazir, Safiya

Buchanan, Ryan
Fox, Samantha
MacKay, James
Rodd, Beth
Turcotte, Alan
Wells, Kenneth

Carson, Clyde
Fulweiler, Joyce
McWilliams, Rebecca
Rogers, Katherine
Wallner, Mary Jane
Woods, Gary

Doherty, David
Lane, Connie
Pimentel, Roderick
Schamberg, Thomas
Walz, Mary Beth

ROCKINGHAM

Altschiller, Debra
DiLorenzo, Charlotte
Murray, Kate
McBeath, Rebecca
Read, Ellen

Bunker, Lisa
Gay, Betty
Le, Tamara
McConnell, Liz
Warner, Anne

Coursin, David
Gilman, Julie
Lovejoy, Patricia
Meuse, David

Cushing, Robert Renny
Grossman, Gaby
Malloy, Dennis
Pantelakos, Laura

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Bixby, Peter
Ellis, Donna
Higgins, Peg
Levesque, Cassandra
Rich, Cecilia
Vincent, Kenneth

Cannon, Gerri
Fontneau, Timothy
Horrigan, Timothy
Smith, Marjorie
Sandler, Catt
Wall, Janet

Chase, Wendy
Gourgue, Amanda
Keans, Sandra
Opderbecke, Linn
Towne, Matthew

Conley, Casey
Grassie, Chuck
Kenney, Cam
Schmidt, Peter
Treleaven, Susan

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Oxenham, Lee

Sullivan, Brian

and the motion was adopted.

REGULAR CALENDAR CONT'D

HB 387, clarifying change of use occupancy classifications. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Kathy Desjardin for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill provides that compliance with additional state and local building code requirements shall not be required for issuance of a certificate of occupancy unless the occupancy classification has changed or unless the property is undergoing a substantial renovation. The committee agreed that this was a worthy goal, however the majority believes that the definition of "substantial renovation" in the bill has some technical problems. The variation in the assessed value of buildings in different regions of the state presents a problem and this term conflicts with terminology used in building codes. This bill needs further work. Vote 10-8.

On a division vote, with 206 members having voted in the affirmative, and 139 in the negative, the committee report was adopted.

HB 506-FN-L, establishing state holidays for elections. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Jaci Grote for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill requires employers, if practical, to allow an employee up to three hours to vote. This bill applies only for biennial general elections and does not mandate pay to the employee during this time. The intent of the bill is to demonstrate civic commitment on the part of the employer and employee. Some workers do not know their schedule with enough notice to arrange for absentee balloting. This bill gives additional access to voting rights. Vote 10-4.

Amendment (2854h)

Amend the bill by replacing the title with the following:

AN ACT relative to allowing employees time to vote in biennial general elections.

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

1 New Section; State Holidays; Biennial General Elections.

Amend RSA 288 by inserting after section 1 the following new section:

288:1-a Biennial General Election; Time to Vote.

I. All employers shall, when practicable, allow employees up to 3 hours away from work to cast ballots on biennial general election days.

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows employers to allow employees to take time away from work to vote in biennial general elections. Rep. Read requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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Cleaver, Skip
Flanagan, Jack
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Nunez, Hershel
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Sanborn, Laurie
Stack, Kathryn
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Beaulieu, Jane
Connors, Erika
Freitas, Mary
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Melvin, Charles
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Horrigan, Timothy
Perreault, Mona
Salloway, JeffreyGrassie, Chuck
Kenney, Cam
Pitre, Joseph
Sandler, Catt**SULLIVAN**Aron, Judy
Stapleton, WalterCallum, John
Smith, Steven

Oxenham, Lee

Rollins, Skip

and the committee amendment was adopted.

The question now being adoption of the committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.

On a division vote, with 211 members having voted in the affirmative, and 148 in the negative, the committee report was adopted and ordered to third reading.

HB 546-FN, relative to the regulation of art therapists. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Jaci Grote for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill was heard early in the session and retained to review the structure of the bill as well as the licensing procedure. The subcommittee met 5 times and sought counsel from local mental health centers, worked with professionals who are working in this field and obtained comments from the New England Art Therapy Association. The amendment replaces the bill and adds art therapists to the list of mental health practitioners that are regulated by the Board of Mental Health Practice under RSA 330-A. It inserts art therapists into the definition of “mental health discipline,” defines the scope of practice of art therapy, identifies the licensure requirements for this profession that include a master or PhD education, allows for reciprocity for professions who meet the licensure standards and exempts art teachers who do not represent themselves as art therapists from the requirements. This bill allows for art therapists to be paid by insurance for their work and invites more mental healthcare workers to our state. Art therapists provide an important source of therapy for those individuals who have difficulties articulating their needs such as children who have disabilities, children in crisis and those suffering from PTSD. Vote 15-3.

Amendment (2836h)

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

1 New Paragraph; Mental Health Practice; Definitions; Art Therapy. Amend RSA 330-A:2 by inserting after paragraph I the following new paragraph:

I-a. “Art therapy” means the integrated application of psychotherapeutic principles and methods with evidence-based use of art, including art media, the creative process, and produced artwork, to accomplish individualized goals within a therapeutic relationship between a client and an art therapist.

2 Definitions; References Added. Amend RSA 330-A:2, V-VIII to read as follows:

V. “Mental health discipline” means the disciplines of those licensed as pastoral psychotherapists, clinical social workers, clinical mental health counselors, [and] marriage and family therapists, **and art therapists**.

VI. “Mental health practice” means the observation, description, evaluation, interpretation, diagnosis, and modification of human behavior by the application of psychological and systems principles, methods, and procedures for the purpose of preventing or eliminating symptomatic, maladapted, or undesirable behavior and of enhancing interpersonal relationships, work and life adjustments, personal effectiveness, behavioral health, and mental health, as well as the diagnosis and treatment of the psychological and social aspects of physical illness, accident, injury, or disability. Mental health practice may include, but shall not be limited to, those services based on diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders and psycho-educational or consultative techniques integral to the treatment of such disorders when diagnosis is specified in the most current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, published by the American Psychiatric Association, or an equivalent of such manual as determined by the board. Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, no person licensed or registered under this chapter shall assess the need for medications, prescribe medications, or otherwise practice medicine as defined in RSA 329.

VII. “Mental health practitioner” means persons licensed under this chapter as pastoral psychotherapists, clinical social workers, clinical mental health counselors, [or] marriage and family therapists, **or art therapists**. For purposes of this chapter, the term clinical social worker shall include independent clinical social worker.

VII-a. “Professional conduct investigator” means a trained mental health practitioner licensed by the board who acts as the agent of the board under the guidance of the board investigator and is authorized to discover facts and make reports to the board.

VIII. “Psychotherapist” means a clinical social worker, pastoral psychotherapist, clinical mental health counselor, [or] marriage and family therapist, **or art therapist** licensed under this chapter who performs or purports to perform psychotherapy. This definition shall include psychiatrists licensed as physicians under RSA 329 and advanced registered nurse practitioners licensed under RSA 326-B:18 as psychiatric nurse practitioners.

3 Board of Mental Health Practice; Art Therapist Added. Amend RSA 330-A:3, I to read as follows:

I. There shall be a board of mental health practice composed of the following members: one licensed pastoral psychotherapist, one licensed clinical social worker, one licensed marriage and family therapist, one licensed clinical mental health counselor, one member from a community mental health center, one member from a community health center, **one licensed art therapist**, and 3 public members. The members shall be appointed to a term of 3 years by the governor with the approval of the council. The members of the board shall elect a chairperson on an annual basis. No discipline’s representative and no individual public member shall serve as chairperson for more than 2 years consecutively.

4 Board Meetings; Quorum. Amend RSA 330-A:9, I to read as follows:

I. The board shall hold regular annual meetings. Other meetings of the board shall be held at such times and upon such notice as the rules of the board provide. [~~Five~~] **Six** members shall constitute a quorum.

5 New Paragraph; Board Responsibilities; Rulemaking. Amend RSA 330-A:10 by inserting after paragraph X the following new paragraph:

X-a. Ethical standards, including those promulgated by the Art Therapy Credentials Board, required to be met by each licensed art therapist, and how a license may be revoked for violations of these standards.

6 Fees; Reference Added. Amend RSA 330-A:12, I to read as follows:

I. The board shall establish fees pursuant to RSA 541-A for review of applicants for licensure; supervisory agreements; applications for licensed pastoral psychotherapist, independent clinical social worker, clinical mental health counselor, [and] marriage and family therapist, **and art therapist**; renewal of license; renewal of dual license; reinstatement of license; inactive license status; reactivation of an inactive license; examination of applicants; transcribing and transferring records; and other services, including investigations and hearings conducted under this chapter.

7 New Sections; Art Therapists; Scope of Practice; Licensure. Amend RSA 330-A by inserting after section 21 the following new sections:

330-A:21-a Art Therapists; Scope of Practice. The scope of practice of a licensed professional art therapist includes, but is not limited to:

I. The use of psychotherapeutic principles, art media, and the creative process to assist individuals, families, or groups in:

(a) Increasing awareness of self and others;

(b) Coping with symptoms, stress, and traumatic experiences;

(c) Enhancing cognitive abilities; and

(d) Identifying and assessing clients' needs in order to implement therapeutic intervention to meet developmental, behavioral, mental, and emotional needs.

II. The application of art therapy principles and methods in the diagnosis, prevention, treatment, and amelioration of psychological problems and emotional or mental conditions that include, but are not limited to:

(a) Clinical appraisal and treatment activities during individual, couples, family, or group sessions which provide opportunities for expression through the creative process.

(b) Using the process and products of art creation to facilitate clients' exploration of inner fears, conflicts, and core issues with the goal of improving physical, mental, and emotional functioning and well-being.

(c) Using diagnostic art therapy assessments to determine treatment goals and implement therapeutic art interventions which meet developmental, mental, and emotional needs.

III. The employment of art media, the creative process, and the resulting artwork to assist clients to:

(a) Reduce psychiatric symptoms of depression, anxiety, post traumatic stress, and attachment disorders.

(b) Enhance neurological, cognitive, and verbal abilities, develop social skills, aid sensory impairments, and move developmental capabilities forward in specific areas.

(c) Cope with symptoms of stress, anxiety, traumatic experiences, and grief.

(d) Explore feelings, gain insight into behaviors, and reconcile emotional conflicts.

(e) Improve or restore functioning and a sense of personal well-being.

(f) Increase coping skills, self-esteem, awareness of self, and empathy for others.

(g) Improve management of anger and guilt.

(h) Improve school performance, family functioning, and the parent/child relationship.

330-A:21-b Art Therapists; Requirements for Licensure. The board shall issue an art therapist license to any person who meets all of the following requirements or their equivalent:

I. Has a masters or doctoral degree from an accredited college or university in a program in art therapy that was either approved by the American Art Therapy Association or accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs at the time of the degree was conferred, or a substantially equivalent program as determined by the board pursuant to paragraph V. An applicant holding a doctoral degree shall have completed the equivalent of 90 graduate credit hours in a program in art therapy or course of study in art therapy from an accredited college or university approved by the board.

II. Has completed not less than 2 years and 3,000 hours of supervised experience in art therapy by a board-approved licensee.

(a) An applicant holding a doctoral degree shall complete one year of the supervised experience after the award of the doctoral degree pursuant to rules adopted by the board.

(b) Supervised hours accepted for licensure in New Hampshire as a mental health practitioner by the board of mental health practice under this chapter, a master licensed alcohol and drug counselor (MLADC) by the board of licensing for alcohol and other drug use professionals under RSA 330-C, or a psychologist licensed by the board of psychology under RSA 329-A, may be substituted for up to 1,500 hours of the required 3,000 hours of supervised clinical experience. Where substitution of the full 1,500 hours is denied by the board, the applicant shall be provided the rationale for the board's denial. The board shall not deny the substitution of hours solely based on the applicant's clinical supervisor holding a license in a discipline other than art therapy.

III. Has passed the examination of the Art Therapy Credentials Board.

IV. Has paid the license fee established by the board.

V. The board may determine that a program is substantially equivalent to an approved or accredited program in art therapy if it included approximately 60 semester credit hours, or quarter-credit equivalent, of graduate level coursework and not less than 700 hours of supervised field experience. Program content and coursework shall include graduate-level training in:

- (a) Theory and practical applications of art therapy.
- (b) Human growth and development.
- (c) Testing and assessments.
- (d) Art therapy appraisal, diagnosis, and assessments.
- (e) Ethical and legal issues of mental health counseling.
- (f) Matters of cultural and social diversity.
- (g) Group therapy.
- (h) Lifestyle and career development.
- (i) Research and program development.

8 Unlawful Practice; References Added. Amend RSA 330-A:23, I and II to read as follows:

I. Except as provided in RSA 330-A:34, it shall be unlawful for any person to be engaged in mental health practice unless that person is licensed by the board, working as a candidate under the direct supervision of a person licensed by the board, or engaged in the practice of other mental health services as an alternative provider as defined in RSA 330-A:2, I. The license or the registration of such person shall be current and valid. It shall be unlawful for any person to practice as or to refer to oneself as a pastoral psychotherapist, a clinical social worker, a clinical mental health counselor, [or] a marriage and family therapist, **or an art therapist**, or use the word "psychotherapist," or any variation thereof, in such person's title unless that person is licensed by the board or working as a candidate under the direct supervision of a person licensed by the board. Psychiatrists licensed under RSA 329 and psychiatric nurse practitioners licensed under RSA 326-B:18 may refer to themselves as psychotherapists.

II. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, any person who violates paragraph I or paragraph III of this section or who violates any of the other provisions of this chapter relating to pastoral psychotherapy, clinical social work, clinical mental health counseling, [or] marriage and family therapy, **or art therapy**, or, having had his or her license suspended or revoked, shall continue to represent himself or herself as a licensed pastoral psychotherapist, clinical social worker, clinical mental health counselor, [or] marriage and family therapist, **or art therapist**, or as a psychotherapist, shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor if a natural person, and a felony if any other person, and each violation shall be deemed a separate offense.

9 New Section; Prior Credentialing; Art Therapists. Amend RSA 330-A by inserting after section 33 the following new section:

330-A:33-a Prior Credentialing; Art Therapists. A credentialed art therapist who, on or before January 1, 2022, submits an application upon such form and in such manner as determined by the board, pays the required application fee, and provides documentation to the board that he or she has met the following requirements, shall be issued a license by the board:

I. Has engaged in the practice of professional art therapy or in education and training of students in art therapy for not less than 5 years, and has been so engaged in this state for at least 2 years prior to submitting an application, as determined by the board; and

II. Has not had a professional license or credential refused, revoked, suspended, or restricted and does not have a complaint, allegation, or investigation pending in any regulatory jurisdiction in the United States or in another country for unprofessional conduct, unless the board finds that the conduct has been corrected or that mitigating circumstances exist that prevent resolution.

10 New Subparagraph; Persons Exempted. Amend RSA 330-A:34, I by inserting after subparagraph (e) the following new subparagraph:

(f) The activities of an art teacher who does not represent himself or herself as an art therapist.

11 Insurance Coverage; Treatment of Mental Illnesses and Emotional Disorders; Art Therapists Added. Amend RSA 415:18-a, I-V to read as follows:

I.(a) Each insurer that issues or renews any policy of group accident or health insurance providing benefits for medical or hospital expenses, shall provide to each group, or to the portion of each group comprised of certificate holders of such insurance who are residents of this state and whose principal place of employment is in this state, coverage for expenses arising from the treatment of mental illnesses and emotional disorders which, in the professional judgment of:

- (1) Psychiatrists;
- (2) Licensed psychologists;
- (3) Licensed pastoral psychotherapists;
- (4) Psychiatric/mental health advanced practice registered nurses;

- (5) Licensed clinical mental health counselors;
- (6) Licensed alcohol and drug counselors;
- (7) Licensed marriage and family therapists;
- (8) Licensed clinical social workers; ~~and~~
- (9) Licensed, psychiatrist-supervised physician assistants; *and*
- (10) Licensed art therapists**

are subject to significant improvement through short-term therapy, and benefits for expenses arising from diagnosis and evaluation of all other mental illnesses and emotional disorders.

(b) Benefits arising from treatment, diagnosis and evaluation of mental illnesses and disorders shall be at least as favorable to the certificate holder as the minimum benefits specified in paragraphs II, III, and IV.

(c) Policies written pursuant to this section shall include coverage for expenses arising from treatment for chemical dependency, including alcoholism, up to a specified limit which may be defined in terms of a dollar amount or a maximum number of days or visits. Coverage for expenses arising from treatment for chemical dependency, including alcoholism, shall include both an inpatient and an outpatient benefit for detoxification and rehabilitation.

II. In the case of policies or certificates providing benefits for hospital expenses on other than a major medical basis, benefits arising from treatment, diagnosis and evaluation of mental illnesses and disorders based upon confinement in a licensed or accredited general hospital, including psychiatric inpatient facilities included under the license of such a hospital, shall be at least as favorable as benefits provided for any other illness in such a hospital. Benefits based upon confinement in a public mental hospital shall be at least as favorable as benefits provided for confinement in a licensed or accredited general hospital.

III. In the case of policies or certificates providing benefits for medical expenses on other than a major medical basis:

(a) Benefits arising from treatment, diagnosis and evaluation of mental illnesses and disorders for services of a psychiatrist, licensed psychologist, licensed pastoral psychotherapist, psychiatric/mental health advanced practice registered nurse, licensed clinical mental health counselor, licensed alcohol and drug counselor, licensed marriage and family therapist, licensed clinical social worker, *or licensed art therapist* who customarily bills patients directly, or of a licensed, psychiatrist-supervised physician assistant whose billing goes through their place of employment, shall be subject to terms and conditions at least as favorable as those which apply to the benefits for the services of physicians for other illnesses. The ratio of the benefits to the fees reasonably and customarily charged for the services of such:

- (1) Psychiatrists;
- (2) Licensed psychologists;
- (3) Licensed pastoral psychotherapists;
- (4) Psychiatric/mental health advanced practice registered nurses;
- (5) Licensed clinical mental health counselors;
- (6) Licensed alcohol and drug counselors;
- (7) Licensed marriage and family therapists;
- (8) Licensed clinical social workers; ~~or~~
- (9) Licensed, psychiatrist-supervised physician assistants; *or*
- (10) Licensed art therapists**

shall be substantially the same as the ratio of the benefits for services of physicians for other illnesses to the fees reasonably and customarily charged for the services of such physicians for other illnesses.

(b) Each insurer, including health maintenance organizations pursuant to RSA 420-B, that issues or renews any policy of group accident or health insurance providing benefits for medical or hospital expenses shall provide to each group, or to the portion of each group comprised of certificate holders of such insurance who are residents of this state and whose principal place of employment is in this state, benefits arising from treatment, diagnosis and evaluation of mental illnesses and disorders for services rendered at a community mental health center or psychiatric residential program approved by the department of health and human services. Those benefits shall be subject to terms and conditions at least as favorable as those which apply to the benefits for the treatment of other illnesses. The ratio of the benefits to the full reasonable charges for the services of such a center or program shall be substantially the same as the ratio of the benefits for services of physicians for other illnesses to the fees reasonably and customarily charged for the services of such physicians for other illnesses.

(c) Benefits arising from treatment, diagnosis and evaluation of mental illnesses and disorders for outpatient services rendered at a public mental hospital shall be subject to terms and conditions at least as favorable as those which apply to the benefits for the treatment of other illnesses. The ratio of the benefits to the fees reasonably and customarily charged for the services of such a hospital shall be substantially the same as the ratio of the benefits for services of physicians for other illnesses to the fees reasonably and customarily charged for the services of such physicians for other illnesses.

(d) Benefits arising from treatment, diagnosis and evaluation of mental illnesses and disorders for outpatient services under this paragraph need not be provided for the first or second visit providing such a limitation applies in the case of services for other illnesses. Benefits for outpatient treatment may be otherwise limited to not less than 15 full hours of treatment in any consecutive 12-month period.

IV.(a) In the case of policies or certificates providing benefits for hospital and medical expenses on a major medical basis, benefits arising from treatment, diagnosis and evaluation of mental illnesses and disorders shall be subject to deductibles and coinsurance at least as favorable as those which apply to the benefits for any other illness, provided that benefits payable for expenses incurred in any consecutive 12-month period may be limited to an amount not less than \$3,000 per covered individual, and to a lifetime maximum of not less than \$10,000 per covered individual.

(b) In this paragraph, covered major medical expenses include the reasonable charges for services and treatment on an inpatient, outpatient or partial hospitalization basis by:

- (1) A psychiatrist;
- (2) A licensed psychologist;
- (3) A licensed pastoral psychotherapist;
- (4) A psychiatric/mental health advanced practice registered nurse;
- (5) A licensed clinical mental health counselor;
- (6) A licensed alcohol and drug counselor;
- (7) A licensed marriage and family therapist;
- (8) A licensed clinical social worker;
- (9) A licensed, psychiatrist-supervised physician assistant;
- (10) **A licensed art therapist;**
- (11) A licensed general hospital;**
- ~~[(11)]~~ **(12) A public or licensed mental hospital; or**
- ~~[(12)]~~ **(13) A community mental health center or psychiatric residential program approved accord-**

ing to rules adopted by the commissioner of the department of health and human services.

IV-a. Each insurer that issues or renews any policy of group accident or health insurance providing benefits for medical or hospital expenses shall offer to each group, or to the portion of each group comprised of certificate holders of such insurance who are residents of this state and whose principal place of employment is in this state, the option of purchasing, for a separate and identifiable premium, additional coverage for expenses incurred as a result of treatment or counseling by a licensed clinical social worker.

V. In this section:

(a) "Psychiatrist" means a licensed physician who is board-certified or board-eligible according to the most recently promulgated regulations of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

(b) "Psychologist" means a person who:

- (1) Is licensed under RSA 329-B as a psychologist;
- (2) Is certified or licensed under a statute in another state which meets or exceeds the standards under RSA 329-B; or
- (3) Is certified or licensed in another state and is listed in the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology.

(c) "Licensed pastoral psychotherapist" means an individual who is licensed as a pastoral psychotherapist under RSA 330-A and is a fellow or diplomat in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors.

(d) "Psychiatric/mental health advanced practice registered nurse" means an individual who is licensed as an advanced practice registered nurse in psychiatric mental health nursing under RSA 326-B:18, who is defined by and whose scope of practice is described under the rules adopted pursuant to RSA 326-B, and who is a licensed registered nurse, educationally prepared in nursing at a minimum of the master's level, and certified in the specialty by a recognized national certifying agency, such as the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

(e) "Licensed clinical social worker" means an individual who is licensed as a clinical social worker under RSA 330-A:18.

(f) "Licensed clinical mental health counselor" means an individual who is licensed as a clinical mental health counselor under RSA 330-A:19.

(g) "Licensed marriage and family therapist" means an individual who is licensed as a marriage and family therapist under RSA 330-A:21.

(h) "Licensed alcohol and drug counselor" means an individual who is licensed as an alcohol and drug counselor under RSA 330-C and is practicing solely within the scope of practice of a licensed alcohol and drug counselor.

(i) "Mental or nervous conditions" or "mental illness and emotional disorders" means mental disorders, as defined in the most recent edition of the American Psychiatric Association's "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders" (DSM), excluding those disorders designated by a "V Code" and those disorders designated as criteria sets and axes provided for further study in the DSM. This term shall not include chemical dependency, including alcoholism.

(j) "Licensed, psychiatrist supervised physician assistant" means an individual who is licensed as a physician assistant under RSA 328-D whose supervising physician is a licensed psychiatrist.

(k) "License art therapist" means an individual who is licensed as an art therapist under RSA 330-A:21-b.

12 Coverage for Children's Early Intervention Services; Art Therapists. Amend RSA 415:18-s to read as follows:
 415:18-s Coverage for Children's Early Intervention Services. Each insurer that issues or renews any policy of group accident or health insurance providing benefits for medical, rehabilitation, or hospital expenses, shall provide to each group, or to the portion of each group comprised of certificate holders of such insurance who are residents of this state, coverage for expenses arising from the services of licensed and credentialed occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech-language pathologists, [and] clinical social workers, **and art therapists** working with children from birth to 36 months of age with an identified developmental disability and/or delay as specified in rules adopted pursuant to RSA 171-A:18, IV as long as the providing therapist receives a referral from the child's primary care physician if applicable. The benefits included in this section may be subject to deductibles, copayments, co-insurance, or other terms and conditions of the policy, and may have a cap of \$3,200 per child per year not to exceed \$9,600 by the child's third birthday. Notwithstanding any provision of law or rule to the contrary, the coverage under this section shall apply to the medical assistance program, pursuant to RSA 161 and RSA 167.

13 Coverage for Treatment of Pervasive Developmental Disorder or Autism; Art Therapists. Amend RSA 417-E:2, I(c) to read as follows:

(c) Direct or consultative services provided by a licensed professional including a licensed psychiatrist, licensed advanced practice registered nurse, licensed psychologist, [or] licensed clinical social worker, **or licensed art therapist**; and

14 Repeal. RSA 326-L, relative to the regulation of professional art therapy, is repealed.

15 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill adds the licensure and regulation of art therapists under the board of mental health practice and allows art therapy treatment to be covered under insurance for mental illness and emotional disorders. The bills repeal the current provisions for regulating art therapists.

Committee amendment adopted.

The question now being adoption of the committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.

Rep. Grote spoke in favor.

Rep. McGuire spoke against, yielded to questions and requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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and the committee report was adopted and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

CACR 1, relating to alcohol and drug abuse prevention. Providing that a portion of liquor commission revenue be used for alcohol and drug abuse prevention. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. David Huot for Finance. This proposed constitutional amendment would require five percent of the Liquor Commission gross profits from the sale of liquor to be used exclusively for alcohol and other drug abuse, prevention, treatment and recovery services. Placing a percentage requirement in the constitution could easily become problematic and the proposal would be unlikely to gather sufficient support for enactment. Vote 20-0. Committee report adopted.

HB 168-FN-A, making an appropriation to the FRM victims' contribution recovery fund. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Mary Beth Walz for the Majority of Finance. The premise of this legislation is that New Hampshire is at fault and responsible for the FRM (Financial Resources Management) victims losing all their assets and as such the state should pay ten-million dollars in restitution. This is an incorrect premise. The victims have had their day in Federal Bankruptcy court, in New Hampshire Superior Court and in New Hampshire Supreme Court. The NH courts found that the victims failed to establish that they had a claim against the state, and both the Superior and the Supreme court dismissed their complaints. The US Bankruptcy court followed the statutory priorities and there was not money left to reimburse the victims. If the state were to use taxpayer dollars to reimburse the victims, when the courts have found they have no such obligation, this payment would set a precedent that could expose the state to enormous costs in the future. This is the latest in a series of bills trying to use taxpayer dollars to reimburse the victims. The proponents have tried to use general funds, and various fees paid to the state, each with their own rationale as to why it is a good idea. Regardless of where the proponents try to draw the money from or what they call the source, it is still taxpayer money, and still sets an untenable precedent. Vote 13-7.

Rep. Kenneth Weyler for the Minority of Finance. Almost all of the bills retained by the Committee on Finance were included in the resulting budget. The funding in HB 168 was not, not even one dollar. The Governor's budget included \$1.5 million per year. The funds were to be contributed by the Secretary of State from the Securities Bureau, which he oversees. These funds are earmarked for investors' education, and should not be used for any other purpose. The use of the funds for FRM settlement would be appropriate.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate.
Rep. Weyler spoke against and yielded to questions.
Rep. Walz spoke in favor and requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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and the majority committee report was adopted.

HB 327-FN-A, making an appropriation to the community college system to continue the math learning communities program in partnership with New Hampshire high schools. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Susan Ford for Finance. The community colleges had a grant to offer a math class to high school students in New Hampshire but the funding for this program is no longer available. The committee recognizes the need for this class and offers an amendment to insure that this program be implemented when funding becomes available. Vote 16-4.

Amendment (2792h)

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

1 Appropriation; Community College System of New Hampshire. There is hereby appropriated to the community college system of New Hampshire the sum of \$1 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 for the purpose of continuing the math learning communities program in partnership with New Hampshire high schools. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

Committee amendment adopted.

Committee report adopted and ordered to third reading.

HB 352-FN-A, appropriating funds to the department of environmental services for the purpose of funding eligible wastewater projects under the state aid grant program. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Patricia Lovejoy for Finance. This bill was for full funding of eligible completed wastewater treatment projects under the state aid grant program. These items were fully funded in the budget; therefore this bill is not needed. Vote 19-1.

Committee report adopted.

HB 709-FN-A-L, relative to the formula for determining funding for an adequate education. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Susan Ford for Finance. The Education Commission has been charged with determining the best way to fund an adequate education making this bill unnecessary. Vote 20-0.

Committee report adopted.

HB 712-FN, relative to a family and medical leave insurance program. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Mary Jane Wallner for Finance. This bill would establish a family and medical leave insurance program that would provide up to 12 weeks per year of paid leave at 60% wage replacement for care of oneself or a family member. It would cover private sector workers covered by unemployment insurance, state employees, and be available to municipal employees. It would be paid for by employers who would remit premiums (averaging \$5/week for the average employee) to the Department of Employment Security when they pay their quarterly unemployment premiums. Employers would pay the premiums and be authorized to recoup all or some of the cost of those premiums as a payroll deduction from employees. The bill would ensure people who take the benefit are not retaliated against for using the benefit and would mirror, not expand, the job protection provisions of the federal Family and Medical Leave Act. In this budget cycle the State Treasurer would transfer \$3.5 million start-up costs of the program. This would be loaned to the fund and repaid over 5 years so the program would end up being entirely paid for by the insurance premiums. Vote 13-7.

Amendment (2786h)

Amend RSA 282-B:3, I as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. This chapter applies to the state and nongovernmental employers beginning January 1, 2021, provided that any employer may instead exercise a business option of: participating in a self-insured plan, self-insuring, purchasing insurance, providing benefits, or any combination thereof, upon employer application and certification by the commissioner or authorized representative that the employer will provide an equivalent benefit to all of its employees. If the employer is subject to a collective bargaining agreement, this chapter shall apply to the employer upon the effective date of the first successor collective bargaining agreement following January 1, 2021 to permit the employer and the union to negotiate the premium rate share under RSA 282-B:3, II. Political subdivisions of the state may opt into this chapter upon certification by the authorized representative that this chapter's insurance benefits are at least equivalent to the benefits provided under the collective bargaining agreement, provided the applicable bargaining unit has first ratified this option. Beginning January 1, 2021, this chapter shall be a mandatory subject of bargaining for collective bargaining agreements. Employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement in a political subdivision of the state may opt into this chapter if the political subdivision has not.

Amend RSA 282-B:6, I as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. An employee shall be limited up to 12 weeks of FMLI in any benefit year. An employee shall have had premium payments remitted as a percent of his or her wages for at least 6 months to be eligible for benefits and shall have worked in employment resulting in wages in the amount of at least 1,040 multiplied by the applicable minimum wage, in either the "base period" or "alternative base period," as those terms are defined in RSA 282-A:2.

Amend RSA 282-B:10 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

282-B:10 Sustainability Mechanism. The commissioner shall continuously monitor the solvency of the fund. Should the commissioner determine at any time that the solvency of the fund is in jeopardy, or that the fund is in excess of necessary funds, the commissioner shall provide the advisory council with data supporting such solvency determination and may prospectively, effective in a future calendar quarter, reduce FMLI premiums in RSA 282-B:3, II, decrease the benefits payable in RSA 282-B:6, III, or decrease the allowable length of leave in RSA 282-B:6, I, or any combination thereof, provided such prospective changes are no greater than or less than 10 percent of those required under this chapter. If the commissioner thereafter determines such changes are no longer necessary for fund solvency the commissioner shall reverse such changes. Advance notice of any and all changes pursuant to this paragraph shall be provided to all covered employers and employees.

Amend RSA 282-B:11 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

282-B:11 Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program; Funding Transfer and Repayment. The state treasurer shall transfer funds from the general fund to the department of employment security for payment of the initial administrative and implementation costs associated with this chapter. In the first year the family and medical leave insurance program becomes operational, the treasurer shall transfer \$3,500,000. In the second year of operation, the treasurer shall transfer \$12,000,000. Within the first 5 years after the family and medical leave insurance program becomes operational, the department shall repay the general fund transfers in installments from funds deducted from the family medical leave insurance fund as follows: 10 percent in year 3, 40 percent in year 4, and 50 percent in year 5. The department shall have the option of prepaying the full amount at any time.

Amend the bill by replacing section 4 with the following:

4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

Committee amendment adopted.

The question now being adoption of the committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.
Rep. Edwards requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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and the committee report was adopted and ordered to third reading.

HB 366, adding opioid addiction, misuse, and abuse to qualifying medical conditions under therapeutic use of cannabis. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Jerry Knirk for the Majority of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. As amended, this bill adds Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) to the list of qualifying conditions for certification for the use of therapeutic cannabis, with significant restrictions. There is evidence that CBD, the major non-psychoactive component of cannabis, is beneficial in reducing craving for opioids and reducing opioid withdrawal symptoms. It thereby reduces the risk of relapse and inhibits opioid-seeking behavior without the increased risk of OUD associated with the use of whole plant cannabis, as is used illegally. The certifying provider can direct the Alternative Treatment Center (ATC) to provide CBD-predominant cannabis products. Due to the complexity of OUD treatment with cannabis products, the majority of the committee feels that certification should be restricted to specific practitioners with a specialized knowledge of addiction treatment. The amendment does this and further restricts certification to the treatment of only the associated symptoms of craving and/or withdrawal in OUD. Vote 14-7.

Rep. William Marsh for the Minority of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. It was reported in the American Journal of Psychiatry in 2017 in an article titled "Cannabis use and risk of prescription opioid use disorder in the United States" that cannabis users had 3.5 times greater odds of any opioid use and 2.6 times greater odds of new-onset opioid use 3 years later. It is therefore not rational to approve cannabis for the treatment of opioid addiction. Therefore, the minority feels this bill should be voted Inexpedient to Legislate.

Majority Amendment (2775h)

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Subparagraph; Use of Cannabis for Therapeutic Purposes; Definitions. Amend RSA 126-X:1, IX(b) by inserting after subparagraph (3) the following new subparagraph:

(4) Opioid use disorder, with the following restrictions:

(a) When certified only by a DATA 2000 waived clinician providing medication assisted treatment for opioid use disorder or a certified addiction medicine or addiction psychiatry physician; and

(b) With associated symptoms of cravings and/or withdrawal.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill adds opioid use disorder to the qualifying medical conditions under the use of cannabis for therapeutic purposes law.

Majority committee amendment adopted.

The question now being adoption of the majority committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.
Rep. Wendy Thomas requested a roll call; sufficiently seconded.

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and the majority committee report was adopted and ordered to third reading.

HB 461-FN, adding qualifying medical conditions to the therapeutic use of cannabis law. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Jerry Knirk for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. This bill intended to add anxiety, insomnia and Lyme disease to the list of qualifying symptoms and conditions for certification for the use of therapeutic cannabis. The majority of studies demonstrate that THC alone, or in combination with CBD may improve sleep quality, decrease sleep disturbance, and decrease sleep latency, possibly with fewer side effects than currently used standard medications. There is a lack of sufficient evidence for adding anxiety or Lyme disease. There is evidence that cannabis can induce anxiety, especially at high doses and can have dangerous interactions with standard pharmacologic treatment. There is only anecdotal evidence for the use of cannabis in Lyme disease or other tick-borne illnesses and current statute allows certification for some of the symptoms of Lyme disease already. The amendment removes anxiety and Lyme disease from the original bill. Vote 17-4.

Amendment (2754h)

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

1 Use of Cannabis for Therapeutic Purposes; Definitions. Amend RSA 126-X:1, IX(a)(2) to read as follows:

(2) A severely debilitating or terminal medical condition or its treatment that has produced at least one of the following: elevated intraocular pressure, cachexia, chemotherapy-induced anorexia, wasting syndrome, agitation of Alzheimer's disease, severe pain that has not responded to previously prescribed medication or surgical measures or for which other treatment options produced serious side effects, constant or severe nausea, moderate to severe vomiting, seizures, [or] severe, persistent muscle spasms, *or moderate to severe insomnia*; or

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 30 days after its passage.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill adds moderate to severe insomnia to the definition of "qualifying medical condition" for the purposes of the use of cannabis for therapeutic purposes law.

Committee amendment adopted.

Committee report adopted and ordered to third reading.

HB 690-FN, removing the work requirement of the New Hampshire granite advantage health care program. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Joe Schapiro for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. When this bill was discussed during the 2019 session it was clear that, while there was strong sentiment opposing a work requirement on principle, there was also strong sentiment that a compromise made during the prior year to renew expanded Medicaid should be respected and given an opportunity to succeed. Therefore, the bill was retained. In the meantime the landscape has changed considerably. At the beginning of July, Governor Sununu delayed implementation of the work requirement due to difficulties contacting and signing up targeted Medicaid recipients. Later that month a federal judge ruled that the federal government had misused its authority in approving the new requirement, halting any further attempts at implementation. Subsequent reports have indicated that NH spent \$187,000 in state funds attempting to get Medicaid recipients in compliance with the work requirement. The US Government Accountability Office reported that NH spent \$4.4 million in state and federal dollars combined, attempting to implement the work requirement. The initial intent of this statute was never to deny people health care coverage, but rather to encourage self-reliance and independence. Nevertheless, it is now clear to the majority that this policy puts residents' health at risk, is administratively unworkable and presents an enormous financial liability for the state of NH. Vote 14-7.

Committee report adopted and ordered to third reading.

HB 305, relative to the duties of the registers of probate. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Edward Gordon for the Majority of Judiciary. This bill would restore duties to Registers of Probate which were eliminated by the legislature when the Circuit Court was created. Since then, many changes have occurred, including electronic filing of probate matters and centralization of case processing. While probate cases are still organized by county, much of the processing is done in Concord. This creates huge cost saving and reduces processing time. Returning traditional duties to the Registers of Probate would reverse the efficiencies that have been already put in place, would increase costs and would reduce the quality of service we provide to our citizens. Vote 12-5.

Rep. Kurt Wuelper for the Minority of Judiciary. Since the Registers of Probate is a constitutional office, the legislature is duty bound to honor the office by either describing appropriate duties or removing the office from the constitution.

The question being adoption of the majority committee report of Inexpedient to Legislate.

Rep. Horrigan spoke against.

Rep. Gordon spoke in favor and yielded to questions.

Majority committee report adopted.

HB 513, relative to allowing the use of therapy animals or facility dogs for therapeutic purposes in proceedings involving children or certain other persons. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Cam Kenney for the Majority of Judiciary. This bill allows children and other individuals who have been involved in tragic experiences, such as neglect or abandonment, to use facility dogs in court. The studies have shown that the presence of a facility dog can relieve stress, making a more comfortable environment for someone extremely anxious in court. The facility dog must be graduated from an assistance dog organization that holds the highest standard of training and that is a member of Assistance Dog International, ensuring they will behave appropriately in court. The dog will be accompanied by a certified trainer, who has received training and has knowledge of court protocols. After the court reviews and approves the need of a facility dog for an individual, they will follow certain procedures to make sure to the greatest extent possible that the jury is not influenced by the presence of the dog. During voir dire, either party may inquire of a prospective juror whether the prospective juror believes that the presence of a dog might create undue sympathy or otherwise serve as prejudice to the defendant. Included in court approved procedures, the facility dog and witness will enter and be positioned before the jury enters. These measures will keep the legal process fair, as well as make sure individuals impacted by traumatic experiences receive appropriate support. Vote 9-7.

Rep. Michael Sylvia for the Minority of Judiciary. This bill provides that certain people may have the assistance of a facility dog when testifying at trial in some types of cases. This bill is poorly written and favors some types of crimes above others. Those who may have access to a facility dog are: a victim or witness under the age of 18, a person with an intellectual disability (not defined and will open the person to attack by the defense), a victim of a sexual offense (requires an assumption that the witness is telling the truth - assumptions will be openings for appeals), or a witness to a sexual assault. This bill as written focuses on sexual offenses, certainly terrible, but has no regard for murders, beatings, robbery, etc. The primary reason to oppose this bill is the fact that it will open every one of these trials, that would use such facility dogs, to appeals on the violation of due process.

Majority Amendment (2710h)

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

AN ACT relative to allowing the use of facility dogs for therapeutic purposes in proceedings involving children or certain other persons.

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Section; Facility Dogs; Victim and Witness Testimony. Amend RSA 516 by inserting after section 7-a the following new section:

516:7-b Facility Dogs; Victim and Witness Testimony.

I. In this section:

(a) "Facility dog" means a dog that has:

(1) Graduated from a program offered by an assistance dog organization that is a member of Assistance Dogs International or a similar nonprofit organization that sets the highest standard of training for dogs for the purpose of reducing stress in a victim or witness under the age of 18, a person who has an intellectual disability, a victim of a sexual offense, or a witness to a sexual offense, by enhancing the ability of such victim or witness to speak in a judicial proceeding by providing emotional comfort in a high stress environment; and

(2) Received training from an organization described in subparagraph (1).

(b) "Certified handler" means a person who has received training from an organization accredited by Assistance Dogs International, the American Kennel Club, Therapy Dogs, Incorporated, or an equivalent organization which offers the person's animal for assistance purpose and has received additional training on the protocols and policies of courts, the expected roles of the person's animal assistance team, and the expected interaction so as not to interfere with the collection of evidence or the effective administration of justice.

II. When taking the testimony of a victim or witness under the age of 18, a person who has an intellectual disability, a victim of a sexual offense, or a witness to a sexual offense, the court may allow the use of a facility dog in any proceeding involving a sexual offense, child abuse, abandonment, or neglect. When considering whether to allow a victim or witness under the age of 18, a person who has intellectual disability, a victim of a sexual offense, or a witness to a sexual offense to testify with the assistance of a facility dog, the court shall consider the current age of the victim or witness, the age of the victim or witness when the offense occurred, the interests of the victim or witness, the rights of the parties to the litigation, and any other factor the court deems relevant to the issue of whether the victim or witness should be afforded access to a therapy or facility dog when testifying.

III. Subject to the New Hampshire rules of civil procedure, New Hampshire rules of evidence, or other rule of the supreme court, if requested by either party in a criminal trial or hearing and if a facility dog is available within the jurisdiction of the judicial district in which the criminal case is being adjudicated, a vic-

tim or witness under the age of 18, a person who has an intellectual disability, a victim of a sexual offense, or a witness to a sexual offense, shall be afforded the opportunity to have a facility dog accompany him or her while testifying in court.

IV. Before the introduction of a facility dog into the courtroom and outside the presence of the jury, the party desiring to utilize a facility dog shall file a motion certifying to the court the following information:

(a) The credentials of the facility dog;

(b) That the facility dog is adequately insured;

(c) That a relationship has been established between the victim or witness under the age of 18, a person who has an intellectual disability, a victim of a sexual offense, or a witness to a sexual offense, and the facility dog in anticipation of testimony; and

(d) That the presence of the facility dog may reduce anxiety experienced by the victim or witness under the age of 18, a person who has an intellectual disability, a victim of a sexual offense, or a witness to a sexual offense, while testifying in the criminal trial or hearing.

V.(a) If the court grants the motion under paragraph IV, the facility dog shall be accompanied by the certified handler of the facility dog to the witness stand with the witness in the absence of the jury.

(b) The jury shall be seated subsequent to the witness and facility dog taking their places in the witness stand.

(c) In the course of jury selection, with the court's approval under rules of the New Hampshire rules of criminal procedure, either party may voir dire prospective jury members on whether the presence of a facility dog to assist a victim or witness under the age of 18, a person who has an intellectual disability, a victim of a sexual offense, or a witness to a sexual offense, would create undue sympathy for the child witness or in any way serve as a prejudice to the defendant.

(d) In a criminal trial involving a jury in which the facility dog is utilized, the court shall present appropriate jury instructions that are designed to prevent prejudice for or against any party.

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill defines and allows the use of facility dogs in certain court proceedings involving children or certain other persons.

Majority committee amendment adopted.

Majority committee report adopted and ordered to third reading.

HB 661, relative to a private right of action for toxin exposure. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Mark McLean for the Majority of Judiciary. This bill as introduced sought to provide a private right of action for toxin exposure. While this is an area of law that certainly requires review, the majority of the committee felt that the bill as submitted was too broad and complex to be practical. The committee therefore chose to narrow the scope to provide a right of action to seek medical monitoring in the event of significant exposure to toxins caused by the negligent activity of a defendant. Medical monitoring claims are relatively new to the legal landscape, and have only really emerged in the last few decades. Nevertheless, our expanding understanding of the long-term negative health effects of toxic exposure guarantees that it is an issue the courts will need to deal with on a growing basis. With this in mind, the bill provides guidance and clarity relative to the rights and responsibilities of all parties involved in a monitoring claim. The committee was careful to base the legal standard on the growing body of case law in the area, preserving the need to show negligence and causation on the part of the defendant, and requiring that the plaintiff demonstrate an increased health risk from significant exposure that requires monitoring for which tests exist. The final amended bill holds negligent chemical users accountable, protects users who operate in good faith and compliance with the law, and provides a much-needed legal remedy for monitoring to those who are exposed. Vote 16-3.

Rep. Michael Sylvia for the Minority of Judiciary. This bill allows for a claim for medical monitoring damages. This bill is unnecessary as stated in the purpose of the bill, which "is consistent with currently existing common law." Not only is there already a remedy at law to address the concerns of the sponsors, but the minority believes this bill shifts a burden onto the people where the state has failed to exercise its duty to protect. When one citizen (or corporation) harms another citizen of this state, the state is required to intervene. The news that drives this legislation is reports of wide-scale harm to numerous citizens. The solution offered here is 'sue them', which is already an available path.

Majority Amendment (2766h)

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

AN ACT relative to claims for medical monitoring.

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

1 New Chapter; Claims for Medical Monitoring. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 125-S the following new chapter:

CHAPTER 125-T
CLAIMS FOR MEDICAL MONITORING

125-T:1 Purpose. The general court finds that a claim for medical monitoring is consistent with currently existing common law in the state of New Hampshire and other jurisdictions. The purpose of this chapter is to make the remedy of medical monitoring damages more uniform and better address the needs of those exposed.

125-T:2 Definitions. In this chapter:

I. "Exposure" means ingestion, inhalation, contact with skin or eyes, or any other physical contact.

II. "Hazardous or toxic substance" means any chemical or biological substance that is categorized as toxic, or an equivalent, by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or the Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry (ATSDR) of the United States Department of Health and Human Services. Chemical or biological substances which are not so categorized may be proven to be hazardous or toxic by a preponderance of the evidence by expert testimony.

125-T:3 Elements of Claim.

I. In order to prove a claim for medical monitoring damages, the plaintiff must show by a preponderance of the evidence for each of the following that:

(a) The defendant negligently caused significant exposure to a proven hazardous or toxic substance;

(b) The plaintiff now suffers from an increased risk of illness, disease, or latent disease. The plaintiff does not need to prove that the illness, disease, or latent disease is certain or likely to develop as a result of the exposure;

(c) The increased risk under subparagraph (b) makes the need for diagnostic testing reasonably necessary; and

(d) Medical tests exist to detect the illness, disease, or latent disease.

II. A claim for medical monitoring damages may be made without proof of present physical injury or symptoms.

III. Present or past health status shall not be at issue in a claim for medical monitoring.

125-T:4 Damages.

I. Damages shall be limited to reasonably necessary periodic examinations and related costs. The costs and necessity of such examinations shall be proven by expert testimony.

II. If medical monitoring relief is awarded, a court may place the award into a court-supervised program administered by one or more medical professionals.

III. Upon an award of medical monitoring damages, the court may award to the plaintiff reasonable attorney's fees and other litigation costs reasonably incurred.

125-T:5 Statute of Limitation. Medical monitoring claims shall be made with 3 years of the effective date of this chapter or discovery of exposure. The date when the hazardous or toxic substance was released is immaterial for purposes of this section.

125-T:6 Severability. If any provision of this chapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the chapter which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this chapter are declared to be severable.

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes the elements of a claim for medical monitoring and the damages that may be awarded. Majority committee amendment adopted.

Majority committee report adopted and ordered to third reading.

HB 532, relative to payment for earned but unused vacation or personal time. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Michael Cahill for Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. After considering the data on the frequency of claims, and the ambiguity and variety of employer policies in this area, the Labor Committee voted to require that earned vacation hours be treated as earned wages, and paid upon termination. Vote 14-2.

Amendment (2851h)

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

1 New Section; Day's Work; Days of Rest; Vacation Time. Amend RSA 275 by inserting after section 35 the following new section:

275:35-a Vacation Time. An employer that offers paid vacation time to its employees shall comply with the following:

I. Inform employees in writing of any policy regarding accrual or use of vacation time and any limits on accrual or use. In the absence of an accrual system, unused time shall be paid on a prorated basis.

II. Provide a means through which vacation time requests and approvals are processed.

III. Provide employees with an accounting of vacation time used and vacation time remaining.

2 New Paragraph; Protective Legislation; Wages. Amend RSA 275:43 by inserting after paragraph V the following new paragraph:

V-a. Upon termination of employment for any reason, an employer shall, no later than the next regular pay period, pay an employee for unused vacation time.

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

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires an employer to pay its employees for earned but unused vacation time.

Committee amendment adopted.

Committee report adopted and ordered to third reading.

RESOLUTION

Rep. Ley offered the following: RESOLVED, that the House now adjourn from the early session, that the business of the late session be in order at the present time, that the reading of bills be by title only and resolutions by caption only and that all bills ordered to third reading be read a third time by this resolution, and that all titles of bills be the same as adopted, and that they be passed at the present time, and when the House adjourns today it be to meet, Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Motion adopted.

LATE SESSION

Third Reading and Final Passage

HB 590-FN, relative to the authority of the New Hampshire attorney general to enforce certain consumer protection laws.

HB 251, establishing a committee to study criminal records check policies for nonpublic schools and private entities that receive public funds.

HB 431, relative to election officers at additional polling places.

SB 44, relative to election procedures, delivery of ballots, and assents to candidacy.

SB 45, relative to electioneering at polling places.

HB 376, establishing a committee to study best practices for companion animal groomers.

HB 355, relative to regulation by the New Hampshire real estate commission.

HB 667-FN, relative to testing private wells.

HB 565-FN, establishing a committee to study supervised visitation centers.

HB 640-FN, establishing a public boat access donation program for operators of non-motorized boats and requiring the fish and game department to prepare a report relating to such program.

HB 250, requiring reports by the board of dental examiners.

HB 578-FN, relative to services for the developmentally disabled.

SB 255-FN, relative to dementia training for direct care staff in residential facilities and community-based settings.

SB 209, establishing a commission to create a New Hampshire recovery monument.

HR 7, condemning the use of government shutdowns.

HB 319-FN, authorizing Friends of Seabrook Rail Trail to issue decals for multi-use plates and establishing an oversight commission on multi-use decal plates.

HB 626-FN, relative to penalties for overtaking and passing a school bus.

HB 563-FN, relative to the fees for failing to register certain motor vehicles and establishing a commission to study the registration of trailers, semi-trailers, and other vehicles.

HB 377, relative to the best interests of the child under the child protection act.

HB 308, establishing a condominium dispute resolution board.

HB 685-FN, establishing a committee to study reimbursement for ambulance services by insurance carriers in New Hampshire.

HB 739, clarifying Medicaid spend-down requirements and requiring a report to the oversight committee on health and human services.

SB 63, relative to sharing of insurer rebates with enrollees.

HB 201-FN, increasing penalties for buyers under the law regarding trafficking in persons.

HB 687-FN, relative to extreme risk protection orders.

SB 311-FN, relative to annulment of criminal records.

HB 721-FN-L, relative to special education in towns with no public schools.

HB 371, relative to the definition of pet vendor.

HB 506-FN-L, relative to allowing employees time to vote in biennial general elections

HB 327-FN-A, making an appropriation to the community college system to continue the math learning communities program in partnership with New Hampshire high schools.

HB 712-FN, relative to a family and medical leave insurance program.

HB 366, adding opioid addiction, misuse, and abuse to qualifying medical conditions under therapeutic use of cannabis.

HB 461-FN, adding qualifying medical conditions to the therapeutic use of cannabis law.

HB 690-FN, removing the work requirement of the New Hampshire granite advantage health care program.

HB 513, relative to allowing the use of facility dogs for therapeutic purposes in proceedings involving children or certain other persons.

HB 661, relative to claims for medical monitoring.

HB 532, relative to payment for earned but unused vacation or personal time.

RECESS MOTION

Rep. Ley moved that the House stand in recess for the purposes of the introduction of bills, receiving Senate messages, enrolled bill amendments and enrolled bill reports.

Motion adopted.

The House recessed at 4:25 p.m.

RECESS