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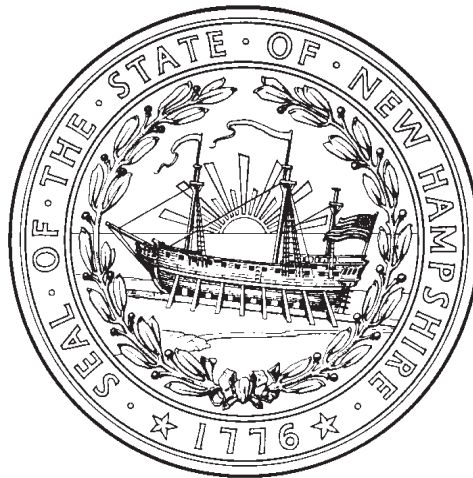
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**First Year of the 169th Session of the
New Hampshire General Court**

SENATE CALENDAR

**THE SENATE WILL MEET IN SESSION ON THURSDAY,
MAY 1, 2025 AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE SENATE CHAMBER**

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Thursday, May 1, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

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SB 17-FN, relative to insurance cost-sharing calculations.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Health and Human Services, SJ 6**

SB 20-FN, relative to payment by the state of a portion of retirement system contributions of political subdivision employers.**01/31/2025, Finance, SJ 4**

SB 21-FN, relative to establishing a New Hampshire state trooper recruitment loan debt relief program and making an appropriation therefor.**03/20/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 8**

SB 35-FN, making an appropriation for rail trail project matching funds.**01/31/2025, Finance, SJ 4**

SB 38-FN, relative to state recognition of biological sex.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion Ought to Pass, Judiciary, SJ 9**

SB 59-FN, establishing a recruitment incentive program within the community college system for public safety communicators and dispatchers and making an appropriation therefor.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

SB 64-FN, relative to an appropriation to the department of justice for the purpose of funding the New Hampshire child advocacy centers.**01/31/2025, Finance, SJ 4**

SB 70-FN, creating a mobile driver's license and non-driver identification card.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

SB 81-FN, increasing the annual real estate transfer tax revenue contribution and making an appropriation to the affordable housing fund.**03/20/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 8**

SB 86-FN, relative to the housing finance authority's affordable housing guarantee program.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 9**

SB 113-FN-A, making appropriations to the department of health and human services for homeless services and homeless prevention.**01/31/2025, Finance, SJ 4**

SB 114-FN-A, making appropriations to the department of health and human services to support community and transitional housing through community mental health centers.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

SB 115-FN, making an appropriation for regional drinking water infrastructure.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

SB 116-FN, relative to the Pillsbury Lake Village District community water system, and making an appropriation therefor.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

SB 117-FN-A, making an appropriation to the department of education to fund the online tutoring program.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

SB 120-FN, relative to insurance coverage for biomarker testing.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Health and Human Services, SJ 6**

SB 122-FN, relative to financial eligibility for the Medicare savings program.**03/20/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 8**

SB 125-FN, relative to clinical eligibility criteria for nursing facility and home and community based care.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 9**

SB 127-FN-A, relative to public guardianship and the office of the public guardian and making appropriations to the department of health and human services.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 9**

SB 128-FN, relative to children's mental health services for persons 18 years of age and younger.**03/20/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 8**

SB 131-FN-A, relative to long-term care eligibility and making an appropriation therefor.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 9**

SB 132-FN, relative to health insurance coverage for prosthetics.**03/20/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 8**

SB 135-FN, relative to rate setting parity for Medicaid state plan case management services.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 9**

SB 137-FN, relative to hospital stays covered under the state Medicaid plan.**03/20/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 8**

SB 158-FN, raising the funding cap for the New Hampshire community development finance authority.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

SB 168-FN-LOCAL, regulating online gambling and directing net proceeds to the education trust fund, the general fund, and to reimburse municipalities for elderly, disabled, blind, and deaf tax exemptions.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion Committee Amendment # 2025-0390s, Ways and Means, SJ 6**

SB 181-FN, relative to workers' compensation for firefighters with cancer.**03/20/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 8**

SB 199-FN, relative to establishing a new recruitment and retention program for new New Hampshire state troopers.**03/20/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 8**

SB 227-FN, relative to site setbacks for landfills.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion Rerefer to Committee, Energy and Natural Resources, SJ 6**

SB 238-FN, establishing the adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) prevention and treatment program and making an appropriation to the department of health and human services for this purpose.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

SB 239-FN, appropriating funds to the fish and game department for continuing environmental review and to cover a deficit for previously instituted salary increases.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

SB 240-FN-A, making an appropriation to the department of environmental services for eligible water projects.**02/13/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 5**

SB 242-FN, relative to the cost of living adjustments for certain group II retirees in the New Hampshire retirement system.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

SB 244-FN-A, relative to expanding access to primary health care services, increasing the size of the health care workforce, and making appropriations therefor.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 9**

SB 246-FN, providing maternal depression screening for new mothers; increasing access to health care services for new mothers; enabling new parents to attend infant pediatric medical appointments; and developing a plan for perinatal peer support certification.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 9**

SB 255-FN, establishing and developing crisis stabilization services.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion Ought to Pass, Finance, SJ 9**

SB 264, relative to the therapeutic cannabis program.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion Ought to Pass, Judiciary, SJ 9**

SB 274-FN, establishing a 4-year pilot program to improve rail trails in New Hampshire, including the establishment of 2 funds, the rail trails program fund and the emergency trail repair fund, and making appropriations therefor.**03/20/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 8**

SB 276-FN, relative to raising the research and development tax credit.**03/20/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 8**

SB 277-FN, relative to the application of utility property taxes and statewide education property taxes to electric generating facilities.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 9**

SB 279-FN, establishing the housing champion business loan program and making appropriations to the department of business and economic affairs and the business finance authority.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 9**

SB 286-FN, creating the New Hampshire office of film and creative media.**03/20/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 8**

SB 288, establishing an advisory council on the system of care for healthy aging in New Hampshire.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Health and Human Services, SJ 9**

SB 290-FN, relative to the definition of "torture" in animal abuse cases.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion Rerefer to Committee, Judiciary, SJ 6**

SB 296, increasing the percentage of nonpublic school scholarships awarded to students who qualify for the federal free and reduced-price meal program.**03/13/2025, Pending Motion Committee Amendment # 2025-0794s, Education Finance, SJ 7**

SB 303, directing the commissioner of the department of education to compile a report on the effects of the dissolution of the United States Department of Education on New Hampshire and its residents.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion Inexpedient to Legislate, Executive Departments and Administration, SJ 9**

SB 304, directing the commissioner of the department of business and economic affairs to assemble a report on the effects of tariffs on Canada and New Hampshire residents.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion Inexpedient to Legislate, Executive Departments and Administration, SJ 9**

HB 51, relative to hemp-derived cannabinoids and the definition of cannabis in therapeutic cannabis.**04/17/2025, Pending Motion Inexpedient to Legislate, Judiciary, SJ 10**

HB 53, permitting qualifying patients and designated caregivers to cultivate cannabis for therapeutic use.**04/17/2025, No Pending Motion, Judiciary, SJ 10**

HB 75-FN, legalizing cannabis for persons 21 years of age or older.**04/17/2025, Pending Motion Inexpedient to Legislate, Judiciary, SJ 10**

CONSENT CALENDAR REPORTS

EDUCATION

HB 68, making best interest placements within the same school district mandatory in the absence of a valid reason to deny the placement.

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 5-0.

Senator Sullivan for the committee.

HB 68 would require superintendents to approve student reassignment requests within the same school district unless a valid reason is provided. The bill also mandates that written explanations be given for denials and that failure to follow these procedures results in automatic approval of the request. The bill was re-referred back to committee in concurrence with the prime sponsor's request to do so.

HB 108, relative to bullying and cyberbullying across multiple school districts.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Prentiss for the committee.

HB 108 clarifies that in cases of bullying or cyberbullying involving students across multiple school districts, all affected districts must investigate and are encouraged to collaborate. The investigation must be initiated by the first district to become aware of the incident. If the incident spans multiple states, the first New Hampshire district to learn of it must notify the attorney general's office.

HB 494-FN, relative to the math learning communities program.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Ward for the committee.

House Bill 494-FN establishes the Math Learning Communities program to support students struggling with math by offering courses that progress through Algebra 2 concepts. The program includes professional development for teachers and annual reporting on student outcomes. The Community College System of New Hampshire will administer the program in partnership with public high schools.

HB 653-FN, establishing a pilot program within the department of education to implement alternatives to restraint and seclusion of students.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

HB 653-FN establishes a pilot program within the Department of Education to implement evidence-based alternatives to the use of restraint and seclusion in schools. The program will provide training, technical assistance, and professional development to selected schools across various demographics and report outcomes over a defined period. The committee amendment simply removes any mention of specific evidence-based clearing houses.

HB 741-FN, allowing parents to send their children to any school district they choose.

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 4-1.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

House Bill 741-FN would establish a statewide open enrollment program, allowing parents to enroll their children in any public school in New Hampshire regardless of district residency. The bill outlines transfer policies, prohibits discrimination in admissions, and shifts 80% of per-pupil funding to the receiving district. The committee voted to continue discussion on this legislation.

HB 753-FN, relative to expedited due process hearings to enforce special education rights.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Sullivan for the committee.

HB 753-FN would require that expedited due process hearings related to special education rights follow the same maximum timeline as regular due process hearings. The bill aims to clarify scheduling expectations and ensure consistency in hearing procedures.

HB 754-FN, establishing automatic discovery in due process hearings for actions seeking to enforce special education rights.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Ward for the committee.

HB 754-FN establishes automatic discovery requirements in special education due process hearings, mandating that school districts provide a standard set of core documents to the hearing officer and parents at least five business days prior to the pre-hearing conference. The bill aims to streamline proceedings while preserving the right to additional discovery.

HB 763-FN, relative to school emergency plans for sports related injuries.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Prentiss for the committee.

HB 763-FN updates emergency planning requirements for school sports-related injuries, mandating that schools maintain accessible and properly maintained AEDs at athletic venues and have staff trained in CPR on-site during school-sponsored sports activities. The bill appropriates \$80,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to help schools implement these cardiac emergency response plans. The committee amendment adds the creation of a dedicated AED Fund, allowing the state to accept gifts, grants, and donations to support the procurement and distribution of AEDs to schools, ensuring ongoing financial support for emergency preparedness.

ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

HB 107, relative to political advertising printed in newspapers, periodicals, or billboards.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

HB 107 would remove the requirement to mark political advertising printed in newspapers, periodicals, or billboards as “political advertising.” The bill seeks to address instances when the owner of a newspaper inadvertently omits the words “political advertisement” from an ad. Rather than removing the requirement to address this issue, the committee decided it would be more appropriate to amend the bill to address the penalties for omitting these words. For these reasons, the Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee recommends Ought to Pass with Amendment on HB 107.

HB 124, enabling a municipal forest committee or conservation commission to offer surplus money to the municipality for deposit in the municipal unreserved fund balance.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Rochefort for the committee.

HB 124 allows town forest committees to transfer surplus funds to a municipality’s selectboard. This would give local governments more financial flexibility by allowing towns to address needs like infrastructure or public services without raising taxes. As written, the bill provides two separate bodies with the authority to distribute these funds. With that in mind, the committee felt that amending the language to use the broader term “expending authority” would be a more appropriate way to capture the bill’s intent. For these reasons, the Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee recommends Ought to Pass with Amendment.

HB 168, relative to including municipal public works facilities as eligible capital facilities for the assessment of impact fees.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Rochefort for the committee.

HB 168 allows municipalities to include public works facilities in impact fee assessments. Currently, municipalities are allowed to collect impact fees for several capital facilities. However, public works facilities are not one of those. This bill would add public works facilities to the statute, enabling towns to distribute the costs of development-driven infrastructure improvements fairly, ensuring new growth doesn't overburden existing resources. For this reason, the Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee recommends Ought to Pass.

HB 288, limiting how far in advance of an election an absentee ballot may be requested.
Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

HB 288 limits how far in advance an absentee ballot may be requested. The committee believes that a shorter request window helps town clerks manage ballot distribution more efficiently, thereby reducing administrative errors and costs associated with an extended request window. For these reasons, the Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee recommends Ought to Pass on HB 288.

HB 474, requiring a second witness at the counting of write-in votes.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

This bill requires a second person, who is another sworn-in election official, to count write-in votes. Adding a second official ensures greater accountability, reduces the risk of mistakes, and builds public trust in the results. For these reasons, the Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee recommends Ought to Pass on HB 474.

HB 554, relative to the placement of political advertising on municipal property.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

HB 554 enables and clarifies the instances when municipal property may be used for political signs in accordance with local and state laws, rules, and ordinances. The committee amendment replaces the language of HB 554 with the language of SB 45, a similar bill passed by the Senate earlier this year. For these reasons, the Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee recommends Ought to Pass with Amendment on HB 554.

HB 569, relative to the establishment of county-wide communication districts.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Rochefort for the committee.

HB 569 allows counties to establish county-wide communications districts if they choose to do so. Currently, many of New Hampshire's more rural counties are struggling with limited broadband access. This would enable counties to collaborate with municipalities and providers to tailor solutions to their specific county needs. For this reason, the Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee recommends Ought to Pass on HB 569.

HB 626, directing the secretary of state to implement a vulnerability disclosure program for certain election systems.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

HB 626 would direct the Secretary of State to implement a vulnerability disclosure program for certain election systems and give the Cyber Security Committee oversight of that process. The bill would allow outside security researchers to assess New Hampshire's voting systems to help identify potential vulnerabilities. The Committee amendment allows the Secretary of State to address any vulnerabilities that may be found before disclosing those vulnerabilities to the public. For these reasons, the Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee recommends Ought to Pass with Amendment.

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

HB 250, enabling local governing bodies to regulate the muzzling of dogs.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 2-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

HB 250 enables local governments to adopt regulations concerning the muzzling of vicious dogs, in addition to licensing and restraining them. It clarifies that such regulations apply only to dogs owned or kept within the municipality and allows penalties up to \$50 for violations. The bill also reallocates existing dog licensing fees, adjusting how fees are categorized based on the dog's age and whether it is spayed or neutered. These updates aim to enhance local control and improve public safety.

HB 272, exempting certain agricultural practices from municipal noise regulation.
Ought to Pass, Vote 3-0.
Senator McConkey for the committee.

HB 272 exempts farms, agriculture, and farming activities from municipal and city noise ordinances in New Hampshire. The bill removes “quiet hours” language from existing statutes, making local noise regulations unenforceable against agricultural practices as defined in RSA 21:34-a. However, this exemption does not apply to agritourism activities.

HB 355, relative to the membership of the solid waste working group.
Ought to Pass, Vote 3-0.
Senator Rosenwald for the committee.

HB 355 updates the membership of New Hampshire’s solid waste working group and extends its reporting deadlines. The bill replaces the representative of the Northeast Recycling Council with one from the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. It also postpones the interim report deadline to November 1, 2026, and the final report to November 1, 2031. The repeal date of the working group is extended accordingly.

HB 723-FN, repealing the multi-use energy data platform.
Re-refer to Committee, Vote 2-0.
Senator Pearl for the committee.

HB 723-FN repeals all statutes related to the creation and operation of New Hampshire’s multi-use energy data platform, which was intended to centralize energy data from electric and natural gas utilities. This repeal removes requirements for utilities to develop, maintain, and operate the platform. The bill is expected to result in an indeterminable decrease in expenditures for the state, counties, and municipalities, as the platform’s development was projected to cost between \$4.6 million and \$7 million, with annual operating costs over \$270,000.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 55, relative to the Selective Service Compliance Act.
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 4-0.
Senator Gannon for the committee.

HB 55 relocates the Selective Service Registration Awareness and Compliance Act from RSA chapter 187-A to chapter 112. The bill also removes the state university’s requirement to enforce Selective Service registration.

HB 183, relative to reporting requirements for emergency medical services personnel.
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 4-1.
Senator Reardon for the committee.

HB 183 requires emergency medical services units and providers to submit incident reports to the Division of Fire Standards and Training and Emergency Medical Services within seven days. The Committee felt that a seven-day period was too long to maintain the standard of care.

HB 210, establishing a commission to study the state flag and its history.
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.
Senator McGough for the committee.

HB 210 establishes a commission to study the state flag, its history, and vexillological principles to determine if the state flag should be redesigned. The majority of the Committee felt this was unnecessary and due to the language of the commission established would necessarily mandate a new State of NH flag, as opposed to a more unbiased examination of the current design and its tradition in the State. While some modifications or improvements to existing design may be preferred, the majority of the Committee felt a complete redesign would be ill-advised and rushed with the short timeframe defined in the bill.

HB 227-FN, relative to licensure for psychotherapy activities or services.
Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.
Senator Pearl for the committee.

HB 227-FN repeals the licensing exemption for psychotherapy activities or services of certain persons in the employ of a state, county, or municipal agency, other political subdivision, or duly chartered educational institution.

HB 248, relative to notice and update requirements regarding state employee investigations.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.
Senator Pearl for the committee.

HB 248 outlines procedures for handling the suspension of state employees by providing written notice and periodic updates. The committee amendment removes the requirement for periodic updates. It also defines certain terms including public at large, direct benefit, and special interest for purposes of legislative ethics and recusal requirements.

HB 268-FN, relative to hearings before the board of tax and land appeals.
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.
Senator Pearl for the committee.

HB 268-FN codifies the Board of Tax and Land Appeals' authority to hold hearings at its hearing room in Concord and allows parties to request that hearings be held electronically or telephonically. This bill further states that the hearings may be held in the hearing room in Concord in lieu of the county where the declaration was filed upon agreement of the parties if the board determines that there is a lack of available space in the respective county courthouse.

HB 282-FN, increasing the maximum benefits for first responders critically injured in the line of duty.
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.
Senator Reardon for the committee.

HB 282-FN increases the maximum total compensation paid to all claimants for first responder's critical injury benefits from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 per biennium. Funding for this benefit would be provided via a warrant from the governor, and would come out of the general fund.

HB 331, relative to the secretary of state's procedures for enrolled bills.
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.
Senator Reardon for the committee.

HB 331 requires the Secretary of State to publish the location of enrolled bills and resolutions on its public website. The Committee felt that this bill, as written, would not effectuate the intended goal of increasing transparency without unintended consequences.

HB 435, relative to the definition of professional engineer.
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.
Senator McGough for the committee.

HB 435 clarifies that the "practice of engineering" for purposes of the regulation of professional engineers does not include any professional service or creative work performed in the fields of information technology, information security, electronics, digital systems, or computing. The committee heard testimony that this language would be disruptive and confusing to the profession and therefore finds it inexpedient to legislate.

HB 445, establishing a study commission to examine the causes of and ways to alleviate the shortage of law enforcement officers in New Hampshire.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.
Senator Gannon for the committee.

HB 445 establishes a commission to study the causes of and ways to alleviate the shortage of law enforcement officers in New Hampshire, provides duties thereto, and provides for its repeal. The committee amendment adds representatives to the commission from the Teamsters Local 633 of New Hampshire, the Department of Corrections, the Adjutant General's office, the Sheriff's Association, and the Animal Control Officers Association.

HB 469, relative to membership of the public deposit investment pool advisory committee.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.
Senator Pearl for the committee.

HB 469 requires a member of the Municipal Managers Association of New Hampshire to sit on the Public Deposit Investment Pool Advisory Committee. The committee amendment restores the NH Bankers Association's representation and adds a requirement that the contract to manage the pool be submitted to the Governor and Executive Council for approval.

HB 470, relative to the use of general anesthesia, deep sedation, and moderate sedation in dental treatment. Re-refer to Committee, Vote 4-0.

Senator McGough for the committee.

HB 470 modifies the rulemaking authority of the Board of Dental Examiners, including to allow dentists to administer moderate sedation to patients under the age of thirteen without a second anesthesia provider, provided they meet certain standards for doing so. Since this bill was introduced the Board of Dental Examiners has changed their rules setting specific competency parameters and a minimum number of cases per year (10) to maintain proficiency and permission to do these procedures, so the Committee felt it appropriate to see the effects of those new rules before taking final action on this legislation.

HB 509-FN, relative to the contents of the attorney general's annual report detailing state forfeiture information for the preceding fiscal year.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 4-0.

Senator Reardon for the committee.

HB 509-FN changes the requirements for the annual report from the attorney general concerning forfeitures of personal property. The Committee felt that this bill could have unintended expenses for the State.

HB 538-FN, reallocating positions in the liquor commission.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Reardon for the committee.

HB 538-FN adds the Division of Finance and Audit as the fourth division of the Liquor Commission and adds the director of that division to the list of non-classified positions in statute. This bill also updates the title of "chief operating officer" to "director of administration" and removes "commissioner" from the statutory list of non-classified positions.

HB 552-FN, relative to coverage of children under the state retiree insurance plan.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

HB 552-FN removes the requirement that young adult children covered under a retired state employee's insurance plan be full-time students. The premiums would be one hundred percent paid by the state employee insurance plan member.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

HB 357, relative to the department of health and human services' rulemaking authority regarding immunization requirements.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

This bill limits childhood immunization requirements to diseases identified in statute. The bill removes the authority of the commissioner of health and human services to adopt rules requiring immunization for additional childhood diseases. The Committee does not feel it is best to move forward with this legislation due to the potential unintended consequences of this legislation.

HB 679, relative to immunization requirements.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 4-1.

Senator Prentiss for the committee.

This bill provides that no childhood immunization requirement shall require a vaccine that has not been shown in clinical trials to prevent transmission of any disease. Vaccines are tested in clinical trial for safety and efficacy, while prevention of transmission may be observed over time. Because this may impact the availability of new vaccinations and affect vaccines currently on the childhood schedule, the Committee does not feel it is best to move forward with this legislation.

HB 705, relative to health care cost transparency.

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 5-0.

Senator Long for the committee.

This bill requires health plans to disclose specific pricing information regarding covered items and services. The bill is contingent upon finalization of federal guidance under Presidential Executive Order 14221. In anticipation of that federal guidance, the Committee feels it is best to re-refer this bill.

HB 731-FN, relative to supportive housing options for individuals with developmental disabilities.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.
Senator Avar for the committee.

This bill provides a limited license exemption for certain supportive housing options for individuals with disabilities located within a larger facility or apartment building. This legislation is based on the work of the Committee to Study the Impact of the Housing Crisis on People with Disabilities. An amendment has been adopted to clarify that this effort is not exempt from both state and local zoning and safety ordinances.

JUDICIARY

HB 59-FN, relative to the assault of a firefighter, emergency medical care provider, or law enforcement officer.
Re-refer to Committee, Vote 5-0.
Senator Gannon for the committee.

House Bill 59-FN establishes felony-level offenses for assaults upon first responders and law enforcement officers, which may constitute prima facie evidence for detention. To knowingly cause serious bodily harm, or bodily harm upon first responders or law enforcement shall be first degree assault and second-degree assault, respectively. The Committee recommends re-referral to contemplate impacts on bail and corrections.

HB 62-FN, relative to protection of persons from domestic violence and military protective orders.
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.
Senator Altschiller for the committee.

House Bill 62-FN closes a gap in RSA 173-B to permit people experiencing domestic violence who have sought the military protective orders, currently only enforceable on military installations, to admit said protective orders as evidence in civil domestic violence court proceedings. The bill further requires the adjutant general to provide victims of sexual assault or harassment within the National Guard financial assistance for travel expenses to participate in proceedings.

HB 109-FN, relative to false reports to law enforcement.
Re-refer to Committee, Vote 5-0.
Senator Gannon for the committee.

House Bill 109-FN is written to enhance the criminality and associated penalties for knowingly false allegations of misconduct, or criminal conduct against law enforcement officers acting in their official duty. Under the bill, false claims shall constitute a misdemeanor, whereas false claims of criminal conduct shall constitute a class A misdemeanor. The Senate Judiciary Committee re-referred the bill to committee for further deliberation.

HB 146-FN, relative to the use of body-worn cameras.
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.
Senator Reardon for the committee.

House Bill 146-FN sought to expand upon the circumstances in which retention of body worn camera footage is required. Under the bill, recordings related to violation level offenses would be subject to retention. The Senate Judiciary Committee does not recommend passage over concerns related to costs and burdens for municipal departments

HB 195-FN, relative to the expectation of privacy in the collection and use of personal information.
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.
Senator Abbas for the committee.

House Bill 195-FN establishes an expectation of privacy regarding personal information given to or held by third party services. Disclosure to, and or the opt-in consent of the pertinent individual would be required before information may be shared. The Senate Judiciary Committee does not recommend passage given concerns surrounding the impact upon law enforcement and their ability to investigate.

HB 218-FN, relative to providing victims of crime with a free police report of the investigation.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.
Senator Altschiller for the committee.

House Bill 218-FN, as amended, provides victims of crimes with the right to request, and receive a free copy of the initial report filed by law enforcement, among other documents related to the case. Law Enforcement shall have discretion toward the release of materials associated with an investigation based upon its status.

HB 240-FN-L, relative to nonpayment of dog licensing fees.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-0.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

House Bill 240-FN-L amends RSA 466:14, relative to warrants for the forfeiture of unlicensed dogs. Traditionally, an unlicensed dog shall be subject to a warranted forfeiture within 20 days of June 20th. HB 240 sought to make the issue of a warrant optional for the municipality and is not recommended for passage by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

HB 291-FN, relative to the penalty for incorrect application of fertilizers.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

House Bill 291-FN modified the penalties for the misapplication of fertilizers for initial and subsequent offenses. The Senate Judiciary Committee does not recommend passage given that a first offense shall be a written warning; Written warnings are not considered an offense when determining a subsequent offense, which presents concerns surrounding efficacy.

HB 405, establishing a commission to study human trafficking within illicit massage businesses and relative to prostitution and related offenses.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Altschiller for the committee.

House Bill 405-FN establishes a study commission to study human trafficking within illicit massage businesses. The commission shall study prior efforts to combat human trafficking conducted by illicit massage businesses, explore statewide interstate collaboration with best practices for supporting victims of human trafficking and additionally explore potential regulation and licensure, consumer protections and labor violations as well as community-based approaches for preventing illicit massage businesses from forming in the state. HB 405 additionally updates the state's prostitution statute in cases where someone knowingly allows a place under their control to be used for acts of trafficking by raising the current misdemeanor penalty to a felony level offense.

HB 468-FN, establishing the crime of and penalties for unlawful use of unmanned aircraft systems.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Altschiller for the committee.

House Bill 468-FN establishes the crime of unlawful use of unmanned aircraft systems, and penalties thereto. Operations which violate FAA rules/airspace, interfere with law enforcement, are negligent or directly harmful, or incur upon State, Federal, or Correctional facilities shall be unlawful. Penalties may range from violations for initial offenses, to felonies for significantly disruptive or dangerous operations.

HB 482-FN, relative to the penalty for driving over 100 miles per hour.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

House Bill 482-FN, a request of the State Department of Safety, enhances the penalties for driving over 100 miles per hour. The fine for an initial violation shall be no less than \$750 plus penalty assessment and shall be \$1000 plus penalty for subsequent offenses. Additionally, the period of licensure revocation is extended to 90 days for initial violations.

HB 602, requiring certain offenders to participate in a victim impact program.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Reardon for the committee.

House Bill 602-FN provides a definition and guidelines for a qualified online victim impact panel program to present stories of victims and offenders regarding alcohol, drugs, and impairment. Certain offenders will be required to participate in the course should they be convicted or enter a guilty plea.

HB 670-FN, adjusting the minimum fine for attacks by nuisance dogs.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Reardon for the committee.

House Bill 670-FN increases the fines for menacing and vicious dog offenses to \$200 - \$1000 dependent upon the severity or repetitiveness of the offense. Further, for vicious offenses, the owner of the dog in question shall be liable for all medical bills sustained by the attacked party.

HB 697-FN, relative to witness fees in criminal cases.

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 4-0.

Senator Reardon for the committee.

HB 697-FN sought to provide mileage reimbursement for civilian witnesses in court proceedings when required to return to testify in the same proceeding. The Senate Judiciary Committee recommends re-referral, given the unintended inclusion of additional compensation measures among other considerations.

HB 776-FN, relative to the crime of aggravated driving while intoxicated.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

House Bill 776-FN, a request of the State Department of Safety, includes wrong-way driving as an aggravating factor to escalate a Driving While Intoxicated offense. The Senate Judiciary Committee recommends passage to mitigate increasing wrong-way driving incidents.

WAYS AND MEANS

HB 163, relative to state funds.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Fenton for the committee.

This bill represents the results of a collaborative effort between the Joint Committee on Dedicated Funds, the State Treasurer, and the State Comptroller to update the structure of the dedicated funds list in RSA 6:12. The bill defines new categories of dedicated funds, restructures the placement of dedicated funds within the chapter, repeals outdated fund references, and clarifies certain categories of funds. These changes will make the list easier to maintain going forward as well as help with proper accounting. The committee amendment addresses a need from the Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services by establishing a fund into which eligible agency income identified by the CFO may be deposited to supplement general funds provided to manage and operate armories and other national guard facilities.

HB 302, relative to enabling the state treasury to invest in precious metals and digital assets.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-1.

Senator Lang for the committee.

This bill is enabling legislation that gives the State Treasurer the authority to invest state funds in precious metals and digital assets. The bill includes various safeguards including capping the amount of funds that can be invested in these particular areas at 5% and requiring that the digital assets have a market capitalization of over \$500 billion, averaged over the previous year.

HB 591-FN, expanding hours for keno gaming on weekends.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Murphy for the committee.

HB 591 as amended by the Senate Ways and Means Committee will expand the hours during which a licensee may operate keno games to align with the business' hours of operation.

HB 617, relative to the homestead right.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Sullivan for the committee.

HB 617 expands the homestead right for homeowners in New Hampshire by increasing the exemptions. The exemption is currently set at \$120,000 for single individuals and \$240,000 for a married couple. The committee heard testimony that the homestead exemption right has not been raised since 2015. This bill corrects the statute to align more closely with the average price of a dwelling. As amended by the committee, HB 617 would raise the homestead exemption for single individuals from \$120,000 to \$350,000. The amendment also adjusts certain language in the bill in order to be more inclusive of those who jointly own a home but are not married by increasing the homestead exemption for all persons with an interest therein from \$240,000 to \$500,000.

HB 647-FN, relative to the fee for a newborn lifetime hunting and fishing license.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Rosenwald for the committee.

HB 647 will allow the Director of the Fish and Game Commission to set the rate for lifetime hunting and fishing licenses for newborns through the administrative rulemaking process. The fee is currently set in statute; however, this change will allow the Director to set the fee based on actuarial analysis of the value.

HB 658-FN, raising the cap on certain reimbursements from the oil discharge and disposal cleanup fund.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.
Senator Lang for the committee.

HB 658-FN was requested by the Oil Fund Disbursement Board. The bill reauthorizes the collection of oil import license fees as established in RSA 146-A, adjusts the fee amounts, and increases the monetary reimbursement limit available to low-income homeowners to upgrade substandard home heating oil tanks. The committee amendment changes the effective dates, resulting in the continued collection of the oil import fees at current rates for six months. This will allow sufficient time to implement a new fee structure.

HB 737-L, creating local options for games of chance.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.
Senator Lang for the committee.

HB 737 gives local municipalities an option to vote to prohibit the operation of games of chance within their boundaries upon receipt of a petition signed by at least 25 registered voters. The Ways and Means committee amendment does several things. First, it allows the legislative body of a city to vote to put the question of whether or not to allow the operation of games of chance within that city on the ballot. The question can also be placed on a ballot in a city upon receipt of a petition signed by at least 5% of registered voters. Second, beginning on January 1, 2027, Keno will automatically be permitted unless a municipality votes to prohibit it between now and that date. Third, the amendment makes changes to charitable gaming licensing fees and reporting requirements as requested by the Lottery Commission to eliminate confusion that arose after the law regarding licenses for games of chance operators was changed in 2023 to a 3-year license. The law, however, still required a yearly attestation and that created confusion. This will remove the yearly attestation filing, making it a true 3-year license.

REGULAR CALENDAR REPORTS

EDUCATION

HB 76-FN, relative to tracking special education complaints.
Ought to Pass, Vote 3-1.
Senator Sullivan for the committee.

HB 90-FN, relative to the definition of part-time teachers.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-1.
Senator Prentiss for the committee.

HB 319-FN, relative to the responsibility of local school districts to provide transportation for pupils in kindergarten.
Ought to Pass, Vote 3-1.
Senator Ward for the committee.

HB 440, relative to educator licensing.
Ought to Pass, Vote 3-1.
Senator Abbas for the committee.

HB 571, including Constitution Day in patriotic exercises required of public schools.
Ought to Pass, Vote 3-1.
Senator Ward for the committee.

HB 667-FN, relative to health education and requiring the viewing of certain videos demonstrating gestational development from embryo to fetus through birth by public school students.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-1.
Senator Sullivan for the committee.

HB 749-FN, requiring instruction on communism in public high schools.
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2.
Senator Altschiller for the committee.

ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

HB 230-L, relative to the adoption of public health ordinances by municipalities.
Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2.
Senator Gray for the committee.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 85-FN, relative to temporary licensure for student respiratory therapists.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-1.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

HB 214-FN, relative to the regulation of recreational therapists and respiratory care practitioners.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator McGough for the committee.

JUDICIARY

HB 190-FN, relative to therapeutic cannabis possession limits.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

HB 198-FN, relative to legalizing certain quantities of cannabis and establishing penalties for the smoking or vaping of cannabis in public.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

HB 207-FN, relative to repealing the prohibition on the possession or sale of blackjacks, slung shots, and metallic knuckles except by or to minors.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

HB 226-FN, relative to the use of drug checking equipment.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

HB 380-FN, relative to penalties for criminal violations of the therapeutic use of cannabis.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

HB 551-FN, repealing the license to sell pistols and revolvers.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

WAYS AND MEANS

HB 451-FN, establishing the paint product stewardship program.

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 4-1.

Senator Lang for the committee.

AMENDMENTS

Senate Executive Departments and Administration

April 23, 2025

2025-1723s

09/06

Amendment to HB 85-FN

Amend RSA 326-E:3-a, II as inserted by section 3 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. A student who has obtained a temporary student license and who is employed in a healthcare setting may render respiratory care services only under the direct supervision of a licensed respiratory care practitioner for a period of 2 months following the date of issuance. After the 2 months have expired, only general supervision by a licensed respiratory care practitioner of the employed student at that healthcare setting shall be required. The scope of practice of the student respiratory therapist is limited to those activities for which there is documented evidence of competency and under conditions specified by rule, pursuant to RSA 541-A.

Senate Education

April 23, 2025

2025-1731s

11/11

Amendment to HB 90-FN

Amend RSA 189:39-c, I(d) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(d) Is authorized to teach an approved college dual or concurrent enrollment course in the high school that has the same quality and rigor as the courses offered on-campus at the sponsoring college or university.

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs
 April 15, 2025
 2025-1616s
 05/11

Amendment to HB 107

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Identification of Political Advertising; Rates. Amend RSA 664:16 to read as follows:

664:16 Identification of Political Advertising; Rates.

I. Political advertising printed in newspapers[;] **or** periodicals[~~;-or billboards~~] shall be marked at the beginning [~~or at the end~~] thereof "Political Advertising." No person or business organization publishing a newspaper or periodical, operating a radio or television station, or selling billboard space shall charge an advertising rate to any candidate, political committee, party, or cause that is different from that charged to any other candidate, political committee, party, or cause.

II. Notwithstanding RSA 664:21, whoever violates paragraph I shall be guilty of a violation and the fine shall be no more than \$50. Any subsequent violation within a 5-year period of the first violation shall be subject to a \$1,000 civil penalty.

2025-1616s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill removes the requirement to mark political advertising printed in billboards as "Political Advertising." It also provides for the issuance of fines for violations of such requirements.

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs
 April 22, 2025
 2025-1707s
 07/05

Amendment to HB 124

Amend RSA 31:113 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

31:113 Appropriations Authorized. For the purposes of establishing or maintaining a city or town forest, a city or town may raise and appropriate such funds as it deems necessary. The proceeds from said forest shall be placed in a special forest maintenance fund and shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, unless otherwise voted by the legislative body of such city or town. **Notwithstanding RSA 31:95-b, if the fund expending authority determines that the special forest maintenance fund has a surplus, such committee or commission may, after a majority vote to do so, offer the surplus to the municipality for deposit in the unreserved fund balance. The legislative body of the municipality shall vote to accept the surplus for deposit.**

Senate Ways and Means
 April 16, 2025
 2025-1631s
 07/05

Amendment to HB 163

Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) as inserted by section 2 of the bill by inserting after subparagraph (402) the following new subparagraph:

(403) Moneys deposited into the New Hampshire armories or other national guard facilities fund established in RSA 110-B:32-b.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 9 the following and renumbering the original section 10 to read as 11:

10 New Section; Public Defense and Veterans' Affairs; Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services; New Hampshire National Guard Training Center Funds. Amend RSA 110-B by inserting after section 32-a the following new section:

110-B:32-b New Hampshire Armories or Other National Guard Facilities Fund. There is established a fund to be known as the New Hampshire armories or other national guard facilities fund, which shall exclude the New Hampshire national guard training center funds. The money in this fund shall be nonlapsing and shall be continually appropriated to the department of military affairs and veterans services. This fund shall be used to supplement general funds provided to manage and operate the facilities related to rentals other than federal program income. Agency income identified by the chief financial officer of the New Hampshire national guard as eligible for this fund shall be deposited into the fund. Funds may be released for their stated purpose at the discretion of the adjutant general.

2025-1631s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Defines new categories of dedicated funds.

II. Restructures the placement of dedicated funds within the chapter.

III. Repeals outdated fund references and clarifies certain categories of funds.

IV. Establishes the New Hampshire armories or other national guard facilities fund in the department of military affairs and veterans services.

Senate Judiciary

April 23, 2025

2025-1711s

07/09

Amendment to HB 218-FN

Amend RSA 21-M:8-k, II(i) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(i) ~~[The right to be informed]~~ ***After the initial contact between a victim and a law enforcement agency responsible for investigating a crime, the agency shall promptly inform the victim about available resources, financial assistance, and social services[.], and the right of a victim to request a copy of the law enforcement report and other documents related to the case, including the right to receive a free copy of the initial incident report. The release of any documents associated with the investigation shall be at the discretion of the law enforcement agency based on the status of the case.***

Senate Executive Departments and Administration

April 17, 2025

2025-1724s

05/09

Amendment to HB 248

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

AN ACT relative to notice requirements regarding state employee investigations and relative to legislative ethics requirements.

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

1 New Section; Department of Administrative Services; Personnel; Suspension Notice and Investigation Updates. Amend RSA 21-I by inserting after section 42 the following new section:

21-I:42-a Suspension Notice and Investigation Updates. If any state employee is suspended with pay from duty, they shall receive written notice detailing the reasons for the suspension within 7 days of the suspension date. This section shall not apply to employees covered under collective bargaining agreements.

2 New Paragraph; Legislative Ethics Committee; Definition of Public at Large. Amend RSA 14-B:1 by inserting after paragraph III-b the following new paragraph:

III-c. "Public at large" means any reasonably large group of individuals or organizations that is similarly situated and likely to incur similar benefits or detriments as a result of legislation, including but not limited to, professions or occupations, owners of widely held forms of property, or participants in a commercial marketplace.

3 Legislative Ethics Committee; Definition of Special Interest. Amend RSA 14-B:1, V(a) to read as follows:

(a) A financial interest exists where a legislator or household member ***is an employee of, or receives compensation from, an individual or organization which*** could stand to gain or lose anything of material value as a result of the official activity.

4 New Paragraph; Gifts, Honorariums, and Expense Reimbursement Requirements for Legislators and Legislative Employees; Definition of Direct Benefit. Amend RSA 14-C:2 by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

II-a. “Direct benefit” or “direct detriment” means a financial benefit that flows to the legislator or household member without any intervening action by an independent actor, consumer, or other instrumentality or action that is not under the control of the legislator or household member. A “direct benefit” or “direct detriment” does not include a benefit or detriment that affects a marketplace or program in which the legislator or household member participates as a member of the public at large.

5 New Paragraph; Recusal for Conflicts of Interest; Definition of Organization. Amend RSA 14-C:4-a by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

III. For the purposes of this section:

(a) The “organization” is the client and not the person, partnership, firm, or corporation acting as lobbyist.

(b) A person who registers as a lobbyist pursuant to RSA 15:1 does not exercise substantial influence over the affairs of the organization unless he or she also satisfies the test set forth in RSA 14-C:4-c through 14-C:4-e.

6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 90 days after its passage.

2025-1724s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Outlines procedures for handling the suspension of state employees by providing written notice.

II. Defines certain terms including public at large, direct benefit, and special interest for purposes of legislative ethics and recusal requirements.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources

April 22, 2025

2025-1697s

11/08

Amendment to HB 250

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

AN ACT enabling local governing bodies to regulate the muzzling of dogs and increasing the fee to license certain dogs.

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

1 City or Town Bylaws; Restraint of Dogs. Amend RSA 466:39 to read as follows:

466:39 City or Town Bylaws. The local governing body may make such additional bylaws and regulations concerning the licensing, ***muzzling of vicious dogs as defined in RSA 466:31, II(g)***, and restraining of dogs as it deems reasonable, and may affix penalties not exceeding \$50 for a breach thereof. Such bylaws and regulations shall relate only to dogs owned or kept in such city or town, and the annual fee required for a license shall in no case be more than \$1 in addition to the sum hereby required.

2 Fees; Licensing of Dogs. Amend RSA 466:4, I(a) to read as follows:

I.(a) The fee for every license for a year or portion of a year shall be:

(1) ~~[\$4.50]~~ **\$4.75** for dogs at least 4 months old but less than 7 months old which are not spayed or neutered and \$4.50 for a neutered male or spayed female dog 7 months old or older; provided, however, that the owner or keeper of such spayed female dog or neutered male dog shall comply with the provisions of RSA 466:1-a to the satisfaction of the clerk of the town or city in which such dog is owned or kept; or

(2) ~~[\$7]~~ **\$7.25** for any unneutered male or unspayed female dog 7 months old or older.

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

2025-1697s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill enables local governing bodies to regulate the muzzling of dogs.

This bill also increases the licensing fee for certain dogs.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration

April 16, 2025

2025-1630s

09/05

Amendment to HB 445

Amend RSA 105:13-e, II as inserted by section 1 of the bill by inserting after subparagraph (j) the following new subparagraphs:

(k) A representative from the Teamsters Local 633 of New Hampshire, appointed by the Teamsters.

(l) A representative from the department of corrections, appointed by the commissioner.

(m) A representative from the adjutant general's office, appointed by the adjutant general.

(n) A representative from the New Hampshire Sheriff's Association, appointed by the association.

(o) A representative from the Animal Control Officers Association of New Hampshire, appointed by the association.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration

April 16, 2025

2025-1633s

07/05

Amendment to HB 469

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

AN ACT relative to the operation of the public deposit investment pool and the membership of its committee.

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

1 The State and Its Government; State Treasurer and State Accounts; Public Deposit Investment Pool.
Amend RSA 6:45, II to read as follows:

II. The public deposit investment pool shall be operated under contract with a private investment advisor, approved by the state treasurer and advisory committee. The state treasurer and advisory committee shall ~~[choose an investment advisor]~~ **evaluate investment advisors** by requesting proposals from advisors and reviewing such proposals based on criteria established by the state treasurer~~[-]~~ **and advisory committee, subject to a competitive bidding process. Such contract shall be submitted to the governor and executive council for final approval.**

2 New Subparagraph; State Treasurer and State Accounts; Public Deposit Investment Pool; Public Deposit Investment Pool Advisory Committee. Amend RSA 6:47, I by inserting after subparagraph (g) the following new subparagraph:

(h) One member appointed by the Municipal Managers Association of New Hampshire.

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

2025-1633s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Requires the state treasurer and public deposit investment pool advisory committee to evaluate investment advisors by requesting proposals from advisors and reviewing such proposals based on criteria established by the state treasurer and advisory committee.

II. Requires a member of the Municipal Managers Association of New Hampshire to sit on the public deposit investment pool advisory committee.

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs
 April 15, 2025
 2025-1615s
 08/11

Amendment to HB 554

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

AN ACT clarifying the placement of advertising signs on state-owned property.

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Placement and Removal of Political and Other Advertising. RSA 664:17 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

664:17 Placement and Removal of Political and Other Advertising.

I. No advertising, including but not limited to political advertising, shall be placed on or affixed to any private property without the owner's consent. No advertising, including but not limited to political advertising, shall be placed on or affixed to any state-owned public property. This paragraph shall not apply to advertising that is placed on or affixed to state-owned rights-of-way with the consent of the owner of the land over which the right-of-way passes so long as the advertising does not obstruct the safe flow of traffic or violate any other applicable law.

II. All political advertising shall be removed by the candidate no later than the second Friday following the election unless the election is a primary and the advertising concerns a candidate who is a winner in the primary.

III. Signs shall not be placed on or affixed to utility poles or highway signs.

IV. No person shall remove, deface, or knowingly destroy any political advertising which is placed on or affixed to public property or any private property except for removal by the owner of the property, persons authorized by the owner of the property, or a law enforcement officer removing improper advertising.

V. Political advertising placed on or affixed to any public property may be removed by state, city, or town maintenance or law enforcement personnel.

VI. Political advertising removed prior to election day by state, city, or town maintenance or law enforcement personnel shall be kept until one week after the election at a place designated by the state, city, or town so that the candidate, or a member of the candidate's campaign or local political committee of the same party may retrieve the items.

2025-1615s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill clarifies the conditions under which political advertising may be placed on municipal property.

Senate Ways and Means
 April 16, 2025
 2025-1628s
 05/11

Amendment to HB 591-FN

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

AN ACT relative to hours for keno gaming.

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Operation of Keno Games. Amend RSA 284:47, I to read as follows:

I. A licensee may operate keno games at its business **during the business' hours of operation** [between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1 a.m].

2025-1628s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill expands permitted keno hours of operation.

Senate Ways and Means
 April 23, 2025
 2025-1727s
 09/05

Amendment to HB 617

Amend RSA 480:1, I as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. Every person is entitled to [~~\$120,000~~] **\$350,000** worth of his or her homestead, or of his or her interest therein, as a homestead. The homestead right created by this chapter shall exist in manufactured housing, as defined by RSA 674:31, which is owned and occupied as a dwelling by the same person but shall not exist in the land upon which the manufactured housing is situated if that land is not also owned by the owner of the manufactured housing. ***The homestead right shall also apply to the person's ownership interest in any mobile home, housing cooperative, and condominium, so long as the property is occupied as a dwelling.***

Amend RSA 480:1, III as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

III. Notwithstanding paragraph I, homestead exemptions, totaling not more than \$500,000, may be held or claimed, or \$350,000 for a single person under this section.

Amend the bill by replacing section 3 with the following:

3 Levy of Executions on Real Estate; Notice of Homestead Exemption. Amend RSA 529:20-a to read as follows:

529:20-a Notice of Homestead Exemption. Along with the notice required under RSA 529:20, the party in whose name the execution has issued shall provide to any person who resides or appears to reside on the real estate to be sold, the following notice by certified mail:

NOTICE

IF YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE OWNS AND RESIDES IN THIS PROPERTY, YOU AND/OR YOUR SPOUSE MAY BE ENTITLED TO A HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO RSA 480:1. THIS EXEMPTS [~~\$120,000~~] **\$350,000** FOR A SINGLE PERSON AND [~~\$240,000~~] **\$500,000** FOR [~~A MARRIED COUPLE~~] **ALL PERSONS WITH AN INTEREST THEREIN.**

IN ORDER TO CLAIM THIS EXEMPTION, YOU MUST NOTIFY THE SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE REAL ESTATE IS SITUATED AND THE JUDGMENT CREDITOR OF THE AMOUNT OF YOUR HOMESTEAD CLAIM IN WRITING. IF YOU DO SO BEFORE THE SALE, THE SHERIFF MUST PAY YOU THE AMOUNT OF YOUR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION BEFORE PAYING THE JUDGMENT CREDITOR FROM THE PROCEEDS OF THE SALE. IF, HOWEVER, THE JUDGMENT CREDITOR FILES A MOTION IN COURT CHALLENGING YOUR ENTITLEMENT TO OR THE AMOUNT OF THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION, THE SHERIFF SHALL NOT DISTRIBUTE THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE UNTIL FURTHER ORDER OF THE COURT.

IF YOU DO NOT NOTIFY THE SHERIFF AND THE CREDITOR OF YOUR EXEMPTION UNTIL AFTER THE SALE, THE CREDITOR NEED NOT PAY YOU THE AMOUNT OF YOUR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION UNTIL THE EXPIRATION OF THE ONE-YEAR PERIOD DURING WHICH YOU MAY REDEEM THE PROPERTY PURSUANT TO RSA 529:26.

IF THE SHERIFF RECEIVES YOUR NOTICE OF HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION PRIOR TO THE SALE, THE SHERIFF MAY NOT SELL THE PROPERTY FOR LESS THAN THE AMOUNT OF THE CLAIMED HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION WITHOUT FURTHER ORDER OF THE COURT.

2025-1727s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill modifies the amount of the homestead right and adds additional exemptions for its usage.

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs
 April 22, 2025
 2025-1696s
 07/09

Amendment to HB 626

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

1 Secretary of State; Chief Election Officer; Duty to Investigate System Vulnerabilities. Amend RSA 652:23 to read as follows:

652:23 Chief Election Officer.

I. The secretary of state shall be the chief election officer for the state. The secretary of state shall provide information regarding voter registration procedures and absentee ballot procedures for all voters, including absent uniformed services voters, absent voters temporarily residing outside the United States, and federal ballot only voters domiciled outside the United States. Instructional and informational materials published by the secretary of state for clerks to provide such voters shall include information on how to communicate electronically with election officials.

II. *Within 180 days of the effective date of this paragraph, the secretary of state shall implement and operate a public vulnerability disclosure program which substantially meets or exceeds the recommendations contained within the publication "Guide to Vulnerability Reporting for America's Election Administrators" published by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the United States Department of Homeland Security, to make it easier for security researchers and the general public to report security vulnerabilities appropriately. The secretary shall work with the cybersecurity advisory committee established in RSA 21-R:16.*

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

2025-1696s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill directs the secretary of state to implement a vulnerability disclosure program for certain election systems.

Senate Education

April 16, 2025

2025-1625s

05/11

Amendment to HB 653-FN

Amend subparagraph I(b)(1) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(1) Programs shall have a designation of "evidence-based" provided by a national clearinghouse used by the New Hampshire Children's Behavioral Health Resource Center.

Senate Ways and Means

April 17, 2025

2025-1642s

08/05

Amendment to HB 658-FN

Amend the bill by replacing section 6 with the following:

6 Effective Date.

I. Section 3 of this act shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

II. Section 4 of this act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 2035.

III. The remainder of this act shall take effect June 30, 2025.

Senate Education

April 24, 2025

2025-1737s

05/08

Amendment to HB 667-FN

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

AN ACT relative to health education and requiring the viewing of certain videos demonstrating gestational development.

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Paragraph; Studies; Health Curriculum. Amend RSA 189:10 by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

II-a. The health curriculum shall include age appropriate and medically accurate sexuality education including the presentation of a high quality computer generated animation or ultrasound video that shows the development of the heart, brain, and other vital organs in early fetal development.

Senate Judiciary
April 23, 2025
2025-1712s
08/06

Amendment to HB 670-FN

Amend RSA 466:31-a as inserted by section 1 of the bill by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

IV. Nothing in this section is intended to limit any civil recovery that an individual may claim under RSA 466:19, or as otherwise allowed by law.

Senate Health and Human Services
April 16, 2025
2025-1632s
05/11

Amendment to HB 731-FN

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following and renumbering the original section 2 to read as 3:

2 Department of Health and Human Services; Community Living Facilities. Amend RSA 126-A:19 to read as follows:

126-A:19 Community Living Facilities.

I. The commissioner shall develop a statewide program of community living facilities for persons with developmental disabilities or mental illnesses. The commissioner shall be responsible for the selection, certification, and monitoring of such community living facilities in accordance with rules adopted by the commissioner pursuant to RSA 541-A.

II. The commissioner shall also be responsible for prior approval of all individual residential placements and shall adopt rules relative to monitoring the care, treatment, and habilitation provided to all residents of community living facilities.

(a) Rates for enhanced family care residents shall be set according to the severity of the resident's disability.

(b) Placements of children shall be consistent with RSA 170-A, 170-C, and 170-E, as appropriate.

(c) Approval by the commissioner of an individual for placement in a community living facility shall be based on a finding by the commissioner that the community living facility is the least restrictive environment appropriate to the needs of the individual. "Least restrictive environment" means the facility, program, or service which least inhibits a person's freedom of movement, freedom of choice, and participation in the community, while achieving the purposes of habilitation and treatment.

III. No community living facility certified under this section shall be exempt from state or local zoning ordinances, or exempt from state or local safety ordinances.

2025-1632s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides a limited license exemption for certain supportive housing options for individuals with disabilities located within a larger facility or apartment building. The bill also clarifies that community living facilities certified by the department of health and human services are not exempt from state and local zoning and safety ordinances.

Senate Ways and Means
 April 16, 2025
 2025-1638s
 11/08

Amendment to HB 737-LOCAL

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

AN ACT creating local options for games of chance, authorizing keno throughout the state, and changing charitable gaming license fees and reporting requirements.

Amend RSA 287-D:32, I(a) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(a) In a town, the question shall be placed on the warrant of an annual town meeting under the procedures set out in RSA 39:3, and shall be voted on a ballot. In a city, the legislative body may vote to place the question on the official ballot for any regular municipal election, or, in the alternative, shall place the question on the official ballot for any regular municipal election upon submission to the legislative body of a petition signed by 5 percent of the registered voters.

Amend RSA 287-D:32, I(d) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(d) In municipalities where games of chance are currently operating, the wording of the question shall be substantially as follows: "Shall we prohibit additional games of chance operations with a physical facility within the town or city?"

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 1 with the following:

2 Keno; Administration and Enforcement. Amend RSA 284:42 to read as follows:

284:42 Administration and Enforcement. The lottery commission shall administer and enforce this subdivision ~~[in any town or city that has voted to allow such gaming]~~.

3 Keno; License Applications. Amend RSA 284:45, VI(a)(10) and (b) to read as follows:

(10) A lottery retailer licensed pursuant to RSA 284:21-h, if the city, town or unincorporated place where the retailer is located has **not** voted pursuant to RSA 284:51, to ~~[allow]~~ **prohibit** the sale of keno. Lottery retailers licensed to sell keno under this subparagraph shall not display keno on an active screen at the retailer.

(b) Document that the keno games will only be operated in towns and cities that have **not** voted to ~~[allow]~~ **prohibit** the operation of keno games pursuant to RSA 284:51.

4 Keno; Local Option. RSA 284:51 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

I. Any town or city may prohibit the operation of keno games according to the provisions of this subdivision, in the following manner:

(a) In a town, the question shall be placed on the warrant of an annual town meeting under the procedures set out in RSA 39:3, and shall be voted on a ballot. In a city, the legislative body may vote to place the question on the official ballot for any regular municipal election, or, in the alternative, shall place the question on the official ballot for any regular municipal election upon submission to the legislative body of a petition signed by 5 percent of the registered voters.

(b) The selectmen, aldermen, or city council shall hold a public hearing on the question at least 15 days but not more than 30 days before the question is to be voted on. Notice of the hearing shall be posted in at least 2 public places in the municipality and published in a newspaper of general circulation at least 7 days before the hearing.

(c) The wording of the question shall be substantially as follows: "Shall we prohibit the operation of keno games within the town or city?"

II. If a majority of those voting on the question vote "Yes," keno games shall not be operated within the town or city.

III. If the question is not approved, the question may later be voted upon according to the provisions of paragraph II at the next annual town meeting or regular municipal election.

IV. A municipality that has voted to prohibit the operation of keno games may consider rescinding its action in the manner described in paragraph II of this section.

V. An unincorporated place may prohibit the operation of keno games by majority vote of the county delegation, after a public hearing is held.

VI. The lottery commission shall maintain a list of municipalities where keno is prohibited.

5 New Section; Operation Permitted. Amend RSA 284 by inserting after section 51 the following new section:

284:51-a Operation Permitted. A licensee shall be permitted to operate keno games at its business pursuant to this subdivision, provided that no license shall be issued to an entity operating within a municipality which has voted to prohibit keno pursuant to RSA 284:51.

6 Facilities License Application; Specific Requirements. Amend RSA 287-D:7, III to read as follows:

III. Licenses shall expire 3 years after being issued~~[-, provided that the licensee shall annually file with the commission a statement disclosing any changes to the information required in the license application no later than December 31 of each year]~~. The licensee shall immediately notify the commission in the event the licensee is subject to arrest or conviction of any criminal offense.

7 Game Operator Employer License Application; Specific Requirements. Amend RSA 287-D:8, VI to read as follows:

VI. Licenses shall expire 3 years after being issued~~[-, provided that the licensee shall annually file with the commission a statement disclosing any changes to the information required in the license application no later than December 31 of each year]~~. The licensee shall immediately notify the commission in the event the licensee is subject to arrest or conviction of any criminal offense.

8 Primary Game Operator License Application; Specific Requirements. Amend RSA 287-D:9, VI to read as follows:

VI. The primary game operator license shall expire ~~[on the last day of the month of the licensee's birthday]~~ 3 years after it is issued~~[-, provided that the licensee shall annually file with the commission a statement disclosing any changes to the information required in paragraph I with the commission no later than the last day of the month of licensee's birthday]~~. The licensee shall immediately notify the commission in the event the licensee is subject to arrest or conviction of any criminal offense.

9 Secondary Game Operator License Application; Specific Requirements. Amend RSA 287-D:10, III to read as follows:

III. A secondary game operator license shall expire ~~[on the last day of the month of the licensee's birthday]~~ 3 years after it is issued~~[-, provided that the licensee shall annually file with the commission a statement disclosing any changes to the information required in paragraph II with the commission no later than the last day of the month of the licensee's birthday]~~. The licensee shall immediately notify the commission in the event the licensee is subject to arrest or conviction for any criminal offense.

10 License Fees. Amend RSA 287-D:13, II-V to read as follows:

II. A facility license shall be ~~[\$250 per year]~~ ***\$750 per 3-year license period.***

III. A game operator employer license shall be ~~[\$750 per year]~~ ***\$2,250 per 3-year license period.***

IV. A primary game operator license shall be ~~[\$100 per year, to be paid with the application the first year and paid in the subsequent 2 years with the filing of the annual notice of changes form required under RSA 287-D:9, VI]~~ ***\$300 per 3-year license period.***

V. A secondary game operator license shall be ~~[\$30 per year, to be paid with the application the first year and paid in the subsequent 2 years with the filing of the annual notice of changes form required under RSA 287-D:10, III]~~ ***\$90 per 3-year license period.***

11 Effective Date.

I. Sections 2, 3, and 5 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

2025-1638s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Gives municipalities a local option to vote to prohibit the operation of games of chance within their boundaries.

II. Automatically permits Keno unless a municipality votes to prohibit it, giving local governments the option to ban games of chance within their boundaries.

III. Makes changes to charitable gaming licensing fees and reporting requirements.

Senate Education

April 16, 2025

2025-1622s

11/05

Amendment to HB 763-FN

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following and renumbering the original sections 2-3 to read as 4-5, respectively:

2 New Section; School Health Services; AED Fund. Amend RSA 200 by inserting after section 40-c the following new section:

200:40-d AED Fund. There is hereby established in the state treasury the automated external defibrillator (AED) fund. The nonlapsing fund shall be kept separate and distinct from all other funds and shall be continually appropriated to the department of safety, division of fire and standards and training and emergency medical services for the purposes of this section. The fund shall be used to provide financial support for the procurement and distribution of AEDs to schools in accordance with emergency plans for sports related injuries under RSA 200:40-c. The division may accept gifts, grants, donations, and other moneys for this purpose.

3 New Subparagraph; Application of Receipts; Dedicated Fund. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by inserting after subparagraph (399) the following new subparagraph:

(400) Moneys deposited in the AED fund under RSA 200:40-d.

2025-1622s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill further specifies requirements for emergency plans for sports related injuries and appropriates \$80,000 each fiscal year of the biennium to the division of fire standards and training and emergency medical services to aid in funding and distributing AEDs to schools, in order that they may comply with requirements for AEDs according to emergency plans for sports related injuries. The bill also establishes a dedicated fund administered by the division of fire standards and training and emergency medical services to assist schools in procuring AEDs.

HEARINGS

All Standing Committee hearings will be live streamed on the NH Senate's YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/NewHampshireSenatelivestream>

Links are also available on the Senate Meeting Schedule.



FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2025

CAPITAL BUDGET, Room 100, SH

Sen. McConkey (C), Sen. Gray (VC), Sen. Carson, Sen. Watters, Sen. Fenton

9:00 a.m.

Agency Presentations

Treasury Department

Department of Administrative Services

Department of Health and Human Services

Department of Education

Fish and Game Department

Department of Environmental Services

Department of Transportation

Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

FINANCE, Room 103, SH

Sen. Gray (C), Sen. Innis (VC), Sen. Carson, Sen. Birdsell, Sen. Pearl, Sen. Lang, Sen. Rosenwald, Sen. Watters

AGENCY BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

1:00 p.m. Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services

1:15 p.m. Veterans Home

1:35 p.m. University System of New Hampshire

2:05 p.m. Community College System of New Hampshire

2:25 p.m. Department of Information Technology

2:45 p.m. Break

3:00 p.m. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

3:20 p.m. Department of Justice

3:40 p.m. Lottery Commission

MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025

CAPITAL BUDGET, Room 100, SH

Sen. McConkey (C), Sen. Gray (VC), Sen. Carson, Sen. Watters, Sen. Fenton

9:00 a.m.

Agency Presentations

Department of Safety

EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION

FINANCE, Room 103, SH

Sen. Gray (C), Sen. Innis (VC), Sen. Carson, Sen. Birdsell, Sen. Pearl, Sen. Lang, Sen. Rosenwald, Sen. Watters

AGENCY BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

1:00 p.m. YDC Claims Administration and Settlement Fund

1:15 p.m. Office of Professional Licensure and Certification

1:30 p.m. DHHS: Office of the Commissioner

2:15 p.m. DHHS: Division of Medicaid Services

3:00 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. Glencliff Home

3:30 p.m. New Hampshire Hospital

3:45 p.m. Hampstead Hospital

4:00 p.m. DHHS: Division of Public Health Services

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2025

COMMERCE, Room 100, SH

Sen. Innis (C), Sen. Ricciardi (VC), Sen. Murphy, Sen. McGough, Sen. Fenton, Sen. Reardon

9:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION

10:00 a.m.

HB 633-FN, creating a legislative study committee to investigate the implementation of housing investment trusts in New Hampshire.

(THE PREVIOUS HEARING FOR HB 633-FN WAS RECESSED ON APRIL 10TH)

10:10 a.m.

HB 77-FN, prohibiting certain licensees from electronically recording or storing personal information obtained from an identification card.

10:20 a.m.

HB 81, relative to consumption of beverages or liquor in areas not approved for service by the liquor commission.

10:30 a.m.

HB 276, establishing a liquor license where beverages, wine, and liquor can be sold without food.

10:40 a.m.

HB 505-FN, allowing the sale of freeze dried foods produced in homestead food operations.

10:50 a.m.

HB 310, establishing a commission to study the creation of a regulatory framework for stable tokens, tokenized real-world assets, and blockchain-based trusts in New Hampshire.

11:00 a.m.

HB 639-FN, relative to the use of and disputes over blockchain and digital currencies.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

EDUCATION, Room 101, LOB

Sen. Ward (C), Sen. Sullivan (VC), Sen. Abbas, Sen. Prentiss, Sen. Altschiller

9:15 a.m.

HB 394, relative to the powers and duties of cooperative school district budget committees and the role of cooperative school district board member representatives on such committees.

9:30 a.m.

HB 431, establishing a commission to study the costs of special education.

9:45 a.m.

HB 699, relative to special education definitions.

10:00 a.m.

HB 361, prohibiting mandatory mask policies in schools.

10:15 a.m.

HB 50, relative to intentional or knowing violation of the prohibition on teaching discrimination.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, Room 103, LOB

Sen. Gray (C), Sen. Lang (VC), Sen. Rochefort, Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Sen. Long

9:15 a.m.

HB 151, relative to the term for supervisors of the checklist.

9:30 a.m.

HB 154, enabling voters to request to have their ballots hand-counted.

9:45 a.m.

HB 217, relative to absentee ballots.

10:00 a.m.

HB 270, requiring the preservation of electronic ballot counting device memory chips.

10:15 a.m.

HB 274, relative to the verification of voter rolls annually.

10:30 a.m.

HB 481, relative to moving the state primary date.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES, Room 103, SH

Sen. Avarad (C), Sen. Pearl (VC), Sen. McConkey, Sen. Watters, Sen. Rosenwald

9:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION

FINANCE, Room 103, SH

Sen. Gray (C), Sen. Innis (VC), Sen. Carson, Sen. Birdsell, Sen. Pearl, Sen. Lang, Sen. Rosenwald, Sen. Watters

AGENCY BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

1:00 p.m.	DHHS: Division of Behavioral Health
1:30 p.m.	DHHS: Division of Economic Stability
2:15 p.m.	DHHS: Division of Long Term Supports and Services
3:00 p.m.	Break
3:15 p.m.	DHHS: Division for Children, Youth and Families
4:00 p.m.	Fish and Game Department

JUDICIARY, Room 100, SH

Sen. Gannon (C), Sen. Abbas (VC), Sen. McConkey, Sen. Altschiller, Sen. Reardon

1:00 p.m.	HB 514-FN , allowing private persons to sue for violations of election laws.
1:10 p.m.	HB 188-FN , relative to contempt of the general court.
1:20 p.m.	HB 584-FN , relative to public health, safety, and state sovereignty.
1:30 p.m.	HB 71-FN , prohibiting the use of the facilities of a public elementary school, a public secondary school, or an institution of higher education to provide shelter for aliens who have not been admitted into the United States and relative to department of health and human services contracts.
1:40 p.m.	HB 511-FN , relative to cooperation with federal immigration authorities.
	EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025**WAYS AND MEANS**, Room 100, SH

Sen. Lang (C), Sen. Murphy (VC), Sen. Sullivan, Sen. Rosenwald, Sen. Fenton

REVENUE PRESENTATIONS

9:00 a.m.	Department of Revenue Administration
10:00 a.m.	Lottery Commission
10:30 a.m.	NH Lodging and Restaurant Association
11:00 a.m.	NH Association of Realtors
	EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025**EDUCATION FINANCE**, Room 100, SH

Sen. Murphy (C), Sen. Innis (VC), Sen. Carson, Sen. Ward, Sen. Rosenwald, Sen. Altschiller

Note: The Committee will meet at 2:00 p.m. or 15 minutes following the end of session.

2:00 p.m.	EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION
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TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025**FINANCE**, Room Reps Hall, SH

Sen. Gray (C), Sen. Innis (VC), Sen. Carson, Sen. Birdsell, Sen. Pearl, Sen. Lang, Sen. Rosenwald, Sen. Watters

1:00 p.m.	HB 1-A , making appropriations for the expenses of certain departments of the state for fiscal years ending June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2027.
1:00 p.m.	HB 2-FN-A-L , relative to state fees, funds, revenues, and expenditures.
	Live streaming of the hearing will be available via YouTube. Link: https://youtube.com/live/NJQzsAIsIDI?feature=share

Individuals looking to register their position may do so remotely. Link: <https://gc.nh.gov/remotecommittee/senate.aspx>

Individuals who wish to speak will need to sign up in person.

The hearing begins at 1:00 pm. A dinner break will occur at 5:00 pm. Testimony will resume at 6:00 pm.

TRANSPORTATION, Room 101, LOB

Sen. Ricciardi (C), Sen. McConkey (VC), Sen. Ward, Sen. Fenton, Sen. Prentiss

1:00 p.m. **HB 612-FN**, enabling the division of motor vehicles to create a temporary traditional driver's license for youth operators about to turn 21.

1:15 p.m. **HB 713-FN**, relative to mile markers along Route 112.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

MEETINGS

FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2025

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND RECOVERY (RSA 12-J:1)

9:30 a.m. Executive Council Chambers Regular Meeting
Room 207, SH

SOLID WASTE WORKING GROUP (RSA 149-M:61)

9:30 a.m. NHDES Regular Meeting
Room 208C
29 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH
Remote attendance option:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3435858814888164108>

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 126-A:13)

1:00 p.m. Room 205-207, LOB Regular Meeting

MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025

NEW HAMPSHIRE PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD (RSA 126-BB:2)

9:30 a.m. DHHS Brown Building Auditorium Regular Meeting
129 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH

NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL ON SUICIDE PREVENTION (RSA 126-R:2)

10:00 a.m. National Guard Regular Meeting
Edward Cross Training Center
722 Riverwood Drive
Pembroke, NH

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2025

JOINT LEGISLATIVE PERFORMANCE AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 17-N:1)

10:00 a.m. Room 212, LOB Regular Meeting

MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025

JOINT LEGISLATIVE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE (RSA 17-I:1)

11:00 a.m. Room 100, SH Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025

STATE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 115-A:2)

5:00 p.m.	Edward Cross Training Center Facility 722 Riverwood Drive Pembroke, NH	Regular Meeting
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FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2025

STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (SIEC) (RSA 21-P:48, IV)

9:00 a.m.	Marine Patrol Bureau 31 Dock Road Gilford, NH	Regular Meeting
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COMMISSION TO STUDY THE INCIDENCE OF POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER IN FIRST RESPONDERS (RSA 281-A:17-e)

10:00 a.m.	NH Fire Academy 98 Smokey Bear Blvd. Concord NH	Regular Meeting
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MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025

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

9:00 a.m.	25 Hall Street Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 485-F:4)

9:00 a.m.	NHDES 29 Hazen Drive Concord, NH	Construction Project Subcommittee
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NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 485-F:4)

10:00 a.m.	NHDES 29 Hazen Drive Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2)

9:00 a.m.	Room 306-308, LOB	Regular Meeting
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FISCAL COMMITTEE (RSA 14:30-a)

11:00 a.m.	Room 210-211, LOB	Regular Meeting
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NEW HAMPSHIRE-IRELAND TRADE COUNCIL (RSA 12-O:22-a)

1:30 p.m.	Department of Business & Economic Affairs Suite 100 100 North Main Street Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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COMMISSION TO STUDY ENVIRONMENTALLY-TRIGGERED CHRONIC ILLNESS (RSA 126-A:73-a)

3:00 p.m.		Regular Meeting
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Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86117818803?pwd=cWRXdGwQnQvc2ZRbkNOBhGhGc3M0dz09>

Meeting ID: 861 1781 8803

Passcode: 669915

MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025

ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a)

9:30 a.m.	Department of Revenue Administration Training Room 109 Pleasant Street Concord, NH	Assessing Reference Manual Subcommittee
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COMMISSION TO STUDY THE USE OF OHRVS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 215-A:44-a)

10:00 a.m.	NH Automobile Dealers' Association 507 South St. Bow, NH Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 248 126 539 996 Passcode: 3c2oK6kL	Regular Meeting
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STATE COMMISSION ON AGING (RSA 19-P:1)

10:00 a.m.	NH Hospital Association 125 Airport Road Concord, NH Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87430173115?pwd=bUFR3I5emt3NGVueDBYYW9SZThLUT09	Regular Meeting
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NEW HAMPSHIRE CANADIAN TRADE COUNCIL (RSA 12-O:22)

2:00 p.m.	Room 100, SH	Regular Meeting
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TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025

STATE HEALTH ASSESSMENT AND STATE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 126-A:88)

9:00 a.m.	New Hampshire Hospital Association Foundation for Healthy Communities Room 1 125 Airport Road Concord, NH https://brandeis.zoom.us/j/91924404723?pwd=iGGIYA5u57zTlaudZ0RDbb1ZkoAQm6.1 Meeting ID: 919 2440 4723 Password: 039529 Dial-in number: 1-646-558-8656	Regular Meeting
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FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2025

PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE (RSA 187-A:28-a)

10:00 a.m.	Room 100, SH	Regular Meeting
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MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025

NH LAND AND COMMUNITY HERITAGE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS (RSA 227-M:4)

2:00 p.m.	Department of Agriculture, Markets, & Food Granite Place South Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025

NH BRAIN AND SPINAL CORD INJURY ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 137-K:2)

2:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Join via Microsoft Teams:

https://us-east-2.protection.sophos.com/?d=microsoft.com&u=aHR0cHM6Ly90Z-WFtcy5taWNyb3NvZnQuY29tL2wvbWVldHVwLWpvaW4vMTk1M2FtZWV0aW5nX01UWTRPV0ZtWlRFdFl6Z3daaTAwWW1Ga0xXSTJNVEl0TW1aaE9XTTNa-REV4WIRBNSU0MHRocmVhZC52Mi8wP2NvbnRleHQ9JTdiJTlyVGlkJTlyJTN-hJTlyZjE1MTc2NGItM2E5NS00ZWVjLTg1M2QtNDgwZWE0ZWl2ZWViJTlyJTJj-JTIyT2lkJTlyJTNhJTlyNGY1ODgzMjctNThkZC00ZGM0LWFiNzktZmY2NmU3MWNlOGEOJTlyJTdk&i=NjcxOTAzNDU0MzFjZTY3NDM4NTE2NzQz&t=TWRVUEx5RzdVSskROTIldHlFQmJ1ZHVXSdIEdGNxOG5aS3hlT2pkdjBOUT0=&h=816521060dae4b738ea51c3bb6e996f8&s=AVNPUEhUT0NFTkNSWVBUSVa6hlleCB5RzLgF8saGSspRmo5Ku0z_i2iqPgDJ3KJxeA

Meeting ID: 227 535 414 182 5

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MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025

STATE COMMISSION ON AGING (RSA 19-P:1)

10:00 a.m.

NH Hospital Association

Regular Meeting

125 Airport Road

Concord, NH

Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87430173115?pwd=bUFR3I5emt3NGVVueDBYYW9SZThLUT09>

MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2025

CAPITAL PROJECT OVERVIEW COMMITTEE (RSA 17-J:2)

9:00 a.m.

Room 100, SH

Regular Meeting

LONG RANGE CAPITAL PLANNING AND UTILIZATION COMMITTEE (RSA 17-M:1)

9:30 a.m.

Room 100, SH

Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2025

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE USE OF OHRVS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 215-A:44-a)

10:00 a.m.

Fish & Game Department

Regular Meeting

629 Main St, Ste B

Lancaster, NH

Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 268 956 476 29

Passcode: sb2oU3S3

MONDAY, JULY 21, 2025

STATE COMMISSION ON AGING (RSA 19-P:1)

10:00 a.m.

NH Hospital Association

Regular Meeting

125 Airport Road

Concord, NH

Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87430173115?pwd=bUFR3I5emt3NGVVueDBYYW9SZThLUT09>

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FISCAL NOTE ADDITIONS AND UPDATES HAVE BEEN AMENDED TO THE BILLS ON THE WEB SITE AND ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SENATE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR THE FOLLOWING 2025 BILLS:

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ENROLLED BILL AMENDMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SENATE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR 2025 BILLS:

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LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE

The Legislative Ethics Committee, at its meeting on April 7, 2025, voted to formally issue the following interpretive rulings, which are printed below in their entirety.

INTERPRETIVE RULING 2025-4

Defining Substantial

(April 7, 2025)

The Legislative Ethics Committee has received several inquiries regarding the application of HB 1388 which was enacted in 2024. This legislation requires recusal from participation in legislative activities under certain circumstances. Those circumstances are set forth in RSA 14-C:4-a. In response to the inquiries, the Committee has issued and published Advisory Opinions and Interpretive Rulings in order to assist legislators in their compliance with the new provisions.

The statute has two parts, Part I and Part II. Part II addresses conflicts arising from the employment of the legislator, or a member of the legislator's household. Part I involves a legislator, or a member of the legislator's household, who has a personal conflict of interest and "could reasonably be expected to incur a direct and **substantial** financial benefit or detriment as a result." (emphasis added) The word "substantial" was not defined by the legislation and seems to be subject to different interpretations. What may appear substantial to one person may seem insignificant to another. There clearly needs to be some standard for this provision to be enforceable.

In order to address this dilemma, the Committee has looked to the prior actions of the legislature for direction. The legislature previously enacted 14-C:2, IV, (a) (3) which places a limit on gifts which may be received by a legislator to \$250 in a calendar year. This appears to be what the legislature believed was the break point at which a legislator's judgment might be compromised.

While the Committee has no authority to legislate, it does have the responsibility to interpret and apply the new recusal provisions. To do so, the Committee will adopt the prior standard set by the legislature in applying the term "substantial". Any yearly amount under \$250 shall be presumed non-substantial. Anything over \$250 shall be presumed to be substantial as applied to the recusal statute. ***The Committee emphasizes that this is a presumptive standard and is subject to the facts and circumstances of any specific case.*** If the General Court finds it warranted, it may further define "substantial."

Please note that this interpretive ruling applies for the purpose of recusal. It does not change current requirements regarding disclosure of conflicts.

For the Committee,
Edward M. Gordon
Chairman

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INTERPRETIVE RULING 2025-5 Ethics Scenarios (April 7, 2025)

The Committee believes that the following hypothetical scenarios may be helpful in understanding the conflict of interest disclosure procedure and recusal requirements and knowing when disclosing financial interests on the Financial Disclosure Form, filing a Declaration of Intent Form, making a verbal disclosure, or recusing are required. ***The Committee is issuing these scenarios to provide general guidance. Individual circumstances may dictate specific responses that differ from those presented below. The Committee is available to provide advice with respect to specific situations as they arise.***

(1) A legislator is a retired state employee belonging to Group 1 of the New Hampshire Retirement System ("NHRS"). A bill would provide a cost of living adjustment ("COLA") to all NHRS retirees for amounts up to \$50,000 but not affecting contribution levels or future expected benefits of members who have not yet retired.

Financial Disclosure Form's "Checklist"? - Yes. The Committee has previously held that legislators, or legislators who have a household member, who are retired NHRS members collecting benefits or active members making contributions, have a financial interest which must be disclosed on the Financial Disclosure Form filed at the beginning of the legislative biennium. The membership should be reported under "(g) The New Hampshire Retirement System."

Verbal disclosure? - No. The legislator will recuse and will not be participating in verbal advocacy.

Declaration of Intent? - Yes. The legislator is required to report recusal.

Recusal? - Yes. As the retired legislator would qualify to receive the proposed COLA, the legislator could reasonably be expected to incur a direct and substantial financial benefit. Recusal would be required by RSA 14-C:4-a, I, and the legislator would be required to refrain from participating in any legislative activities involving the bill.

(2) A legislator is the parent of a child who is currently enrolled in the New Hampshire public school system. Under current law, the legislator's income exceeds the threshold that allows participation in the Education Freedom Account ("EFA") program. A bill would remove that income cap and allow the legislator's child to become eligible to participate in the EFA program.

Financial Disclosure Form's "Checklist"? - No.

Verbal disclosure? - No.

Declaration of Intent? – No.

Recusal? No. Parents who have children attending NH public schools constitute a sufficiently broad cross-section of society. The legislator's financial interest would not be considered *distinct from* nor *greater than* the public at large.

(3) A legislator serves on the governing board of nonprofit entity. The legislator receives no compensation for serving on the board. The nonprofit receives revenue from charitable gaming. There is a bill that caps charitable gaming grants to such entities at \$50,000 per year.

Financial Disclosure Form's "Checklist"? – No. Only "financial interests" are required to be reported on the Financial Disclosure Form. In this example, the legislator is not compensated for serving on the board and therefore has no financial interest. However, the legislator presumably has a **fiduciary** responsibility for the welfare of the nonprofit entity. This creates a **non-financial personal interest** in the outcome of the legislation. The legislator would be required to either disclose this non-financial personal interest on the **General Disclosure of Non-Financial Personal Interests Form** or file a **Declaration of Intent Form** prior to participating in official activities related to the bill.

Verbal disclosure? – Yes. When a legislator becomes aware of a non-financial personal interest in the outcome of a matter the legislator is required to make a verbal disclosure prior to engaging in verbal advocacy at any meeting of the general court or county delegation.

Declaration of Intent? -Yes, if the legislator had not previously reported the non-financial personal interest on the General Disclosure of Non-Financial Personal Interests Form.

Recusal? – No. Recusal is not required for non-financial personal interests.

(4) A legislator serves in an uncompensated capacity on the board of a for-profit nursing home. A bill increases Medicaid rates for long term care.

Financial Disclosure Form's "Checklist"? – No, because the legislator is not compensated for serving on the board. The legislator does not have a financial interest but may have a non-financial personal interest that could be reported on the General Disclosure of Non-Financial Personal Interests Form.

Verbal disclosure? – Yes. When a legislator becomes aware of a non-financial personal interest in the outcome of a matter the legislator is required to make a verbal disclosure prior to engaging in verbal advocacy at any meeting of the general court or county delegation.

Declaration of Intent? Yes, if the legislator had not previously reported the non-financial personal interest on the General Disclosure of Non-Financial Personal Interests Form.

Recusal? - No. Recusal is not required for non-financial personal interests.

(5) A legislator owns rental properties in NH. A bill would require landlords to give at-will tenants a 60-day notice of intent to evict.

Financial Disclosure Form's "Checklist"? – Yes. The ownership should be reported under "(d) Real estate, including brokers, agents, developers, and landlords."

Verbal disclosure? – Yes. When a legislator becomes aware of a financial interest in the outcome of a matter the legislator is required to make a verbal disclosure prior to engaging in verbal advocacy at any meeting of the general court or county delegation.

Declaration of Intent? – No. A declaration of intent form is not required if no benefit or detriment could reasonably be expected to accrue to the legislator, or the legislator's household member, as a member of a business, profession, occupation, or other group, to any greater extent than to any other member of such business, profession, occupation, or other group, provided that disclosure of the legislator's or household member's membership is made in the Financial Disclosure Form.

Recusal? – No. In this scenario, although the legislator-landlord might incur a financial detriment if prevented from executing immediate eviction of a tenant, the potential financial detriment cannot be "reasonably expected" as is required for making recusal mandatory pursuant to RSA 14-C: 4-a, I.

(6) A legislator owns several rental properties in NH. A bill would limit annual rent increases to the rate of inflation, as calculated by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Financial Disclosure Form's "Checklist"? – Yes. The ownership should be reported under "(d) Real estate, including brokers, agents, developers, and landlords."

Verbal disclosure? – No. The legislator will recuse and will not be participating in verbal advocacy.

Declaration of Intent? – Yes, to report recusal.

Recusal? – Holding several units of rental units in the state would likely result in a direct and substantial benefit or detriment and recusal would be required.

(7) A legislator holds title to property subject to current use taxation. There is a bill that would change the formula for taxation, decreasing the amount of taxes to be paid.

Financial Disclosure Form's "Checklist"? – Yes. The ownership should be reported under "(h) The current use land assessment program."

Verbal disclosure? – No. The legislator will recuse and will not be participating in verbal advocacy.

Declaration of Intent? – Yes, to report recusal.

Recusal? – Yes. The Committee has previously held that the current use tax system constitutes a financial interest, and therefore a potential conflict of interest, with respect to any official activity pertaining to the tax. The bill can be expected to have a "direct and substantial" financial impact on the legislator, making recusal mandatory.

However, not all current use bills would necessarily require recusal. For example, a change in property classifications, type of vegetation, or method for filing current use liens would probably not have a direct or substantial financial impact. Recusal might not be required in those circumstances, although the legislator would still have a duty to disclose.

For the Committee,
Edward M. Gordon
Chairman

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FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2025

The Senate is cordially invited to join NFI North and Connected Families to an open house and breakfast on Friday, May 2, from 8:30 to 11:00am. Please drop by for fresh coffee and breakfast and learn about the impact of SB 128 and other mental health issues facing New Hampshire. The event will be hosted at the Philbrook Center, 121 S Fruit St., Concord, NH 03301.

Senator Regina Birdsell, Majority Leader

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025

The New Hampshire Women's Foundation cordially invites all legislators to join them for lunch on Wednesday, May 7 at 12:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 21 Centre Street, Concord. The Women's Foundation invests in equality and opportunity for women and girls and provides grants to nonprofit organizations in all regions of New Hampshire. This lunch is an opportunity to meet some of the Foundation's grantees and learn more about the work they do serving women and girls in your community. RSVP is not required, but your response to Devan Quinn at Devan@nhwomensfoundation.org is appreciated.

Senator Sharon M. Carson, Senate President
Senator Rebecca Perkins Kwoka, Minority Leader

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TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025

Please join us for the 15th Annual Campaign for Legal Services Kickoff Breakfast, celebrating a legacy of bipartisan public and private support for access to justice in New Hampshire. Governor Ayotte will be the keynote speaker and Nina Gardner will be recognized. Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at the Grappone Center (70 Constitution Ave in Concord). Registration and coffee will begin at 7:00 AM. The program starts at 8:00 AM sharp and we'll have you on your way by 9:00 AM! RSVP to dmckinney@nhla.org by May 6th.

Senator Sharon M. Carson, Senate President
Senator Rebecca Perkins Kwoka, Minority Leader

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THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025

The New Hampshire Beverage Association will be holding a legislative luncheon on Thursday, May 15, 2025 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in the State House cafeteria. New Hampshire Beverage Association members are companies licensed to manufacture and distribute soft drinks, juices, teas, and bottled water. They provide almost 1,000 jobs and create a direct economic impact of \$841 million in New Hampshire. Please stop by to learn more about their efforts to increase sustainability and sample various new products.

Senator Sharon M. Carson, Senate President
 Senator Rebecca Perkins Kwoka, Minority Leader

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FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025

The New Hampshire Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Association cordially invites you to attend the 33rd Annual New Hampshire Fallen Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Ceremony. This Ceremony is being held to honor the Law Enforcement Officers throughout the State of New Hampshire who have made the ultimate sacrifice and died in the line of duty while protecting the citizens of the State. The Ceremony will be held on Friday, May 16, 2025, beginning promptly at 10:00 a.m., at the Memorial Site in front of the Legislative Office Building. The Ceremony will proceed rain or shine. Please do not hesitate to contact Colonel Kevin Jordan at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, 603-271-3128, should you have any questions.

Senator Sharon M. Carson, Senate President

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THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2025

The NH Oral Health Coalition invites you to our 2025 Legislative Luncheon “#Oral Health Matters: It’s All Connected” hosted on May 29 from 11:30 to 1:30 in the NH State House cafeteria. This year’s event includes oral health and dental providers and programs from your local communities that serve those needing affordable and accessible care. Additionally, we will celebrate the NH Smiles – Medicaid Adult Dental Benefit on its 3rd birthday. Please RSVP to Gail Brown gbrown@NHOralHealth.org or 603-415-5550. See you there. All Senators and their staff members are welcome.

Senator Cindy Rosenwald

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THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025

The NH Retail Lumber Association invites legislators and staff to lunch on the plaza Thursday, June 5th. Please join your local building materials suppliers at your noontime break for food truck fare and the opportunity to learn about the independent building material industry in New Hampshire.

Senator Regina Birdsell, Majority Leader

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SENATE SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 15, 2025	Deadline for Policy Committees to ACT on all House bills with a fiscal impact, except bills exempted pursuant to Senate Rule 4-5.
Monday, May 26, 2025	Memorial Day (State Holiday)
Thursday, June 05, 2025	Deadline to ACT on all House bills.
Thursday, June 12, 2025	Deadline to FORM Committees of Conference.
Thursday, June 19, 2025	Deadline to SIGN Committee of Conference Reports.
Thursday, June 26, 2025	Deadline to ACT on Committee of Conference Reports.
Friday, July 04, 2025	Independence Day (State Holiday)
Monday, September 01, 2025	Labor Day (State Holiday)
Tuesday, November 11, 2025	Veterans' Day (State Holiday)
Thursday, November 27, 2025	Thanksgiving Day (State Holiday)
Friday, November 28, 2025	Day after Thanksgiving (State Holiday)
Thursday, December 25, 2025	Christmas Day (State Holiday)