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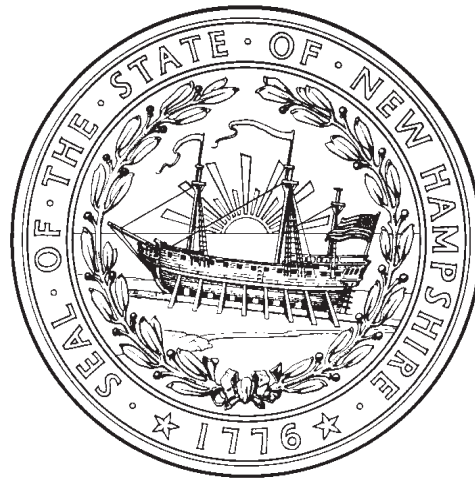
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First Year of the 169th Session of the
New Hampshire General Court

SENATE CALENDAR ADDENDUM

**THE SENATE WILL MEET IN SESSION ON THURSDAY,
MAY 15, 2025 AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE SENATE CHAMBER**

The Senate Session on Thursday, May 15, 2025, in the Senate Chamber will be
live streamed at the following link:

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Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR REPORTS

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

HB 187-FN, relative to restraining orders sought by a parent on behalf of a minor child.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-0.

Senator Sullivan for the committee.

House Bill 187-FN expands the language to allow a parent or guardian to file a restraining order on behalf of a child if someone committing the abuse is outside of the family or household.

HB 273, relative to a parent's access to their minor child's library records.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-0.

Senator Sullivan for the committee.

House Bill 273 allows parents to access a minor child's library records. Amendment 2025-2048s clarifies that a parent does not need to share the same address as a child but does need to be listed on the library account to access the records.

HB 320-FN, relative to enforcement of marital property settlements.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-0.

Senator Long for the committee.

House Bill 320-FN mandates that courts enforce final divorce settlements or decrees unless a party demonstrates, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the agreement is invalid due to factors such as fraud, misrepresentation, undue influence, or subsequent illegality. This provision aims to provide greater certainty and finality in divorce proceedings.

HB 486-FN, relative to grandparents' visitation rights.

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 3-0.

Senator Long for the committee.

House Bill 486-FN expands the criteria for a courts consideration to grant grandparents visitation rights. The committee members believed that the legislation was not ready for passage and recommended to re-refer it.

COMMERCE

HB 280, relative to wage payments.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 6-0.

Senator McGough for the committee.

This bill would have repealed the weekly or biweekly payment of wage methods and authorized employers to choose any payment method for their employees. By repealing RSA 275:43, numerous requirements would be removed, including paying in legal tender, ensuring a financial institution is convenient to a place of employment if wages are paid via check, and ensuring there is notification of deductions or fees when they are deducted from pay cards. Given the broad parameters, the Department of Labor expressed concerns in resolving disputes when they arise. As much as the Commerce committee supports the rights of employers to self-determine how to conduct business and pay employees, this bill was not quite ready for prime time, and enough significant concerns were raised by parties on all sides to find it inexpedient to legislate at this time.

HB 467, defining “social districts” and enabling municipalities to create social districts.
Ought to Pass, Vote 6-0.

Senator McGough for the committee.

This bill would define “social districts” and enable municipalities to create them. These districts would be in a public common area where alcoholic beverages would be allowed to be carried and consumed in designated containers. Municipalities would work with the New Hampshire Liquor Commission to ensure requirements are abided by, and there are plans for safety within these districts. Similar legislation has had tremendous success in cities like Savannah, Las Vegas and in North Carolina, Michigan, and Georgia. The committee finds this bill will enhance the retail experience and be great for business in New Hampshire.

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

Ought to Pass, Vote 6-0.

Senator Fenton for the committee.

This bill would create a legislative study committee to investigate the implementation of housing investment trusts in New Hampshire. The trusts would be a 501(c)(3) charity and would use private investments to acquire properties, providing families with flexible financing options. Since the Committee did not hear from certain state agencies and believes action could be taken without governmental involvement, we believe a study committee is appropriate to further study this issue.

EDUCATION

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

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 4-1.

Senator Altschiller for the committee.

This bill would have allowed a person aggrieved by the intentional or knowing violation of the prohibition on teaching discrimination to initiate civil action against the offending school or district. Additionally, it would deem the intentional or knowing violation of this prohibition by an educator, a violation of the educator code of conduct while expanding the definition of educator to include administrators and specialists in addition to teachers. A similar bill has passed in the Senate and the Committee believes both are not needed at this time.

HB 292, establishing a commission to study school administrative unit consolidation.

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 5-0.

Senator Ward for the committee.

This bill would create a commission to study the issue of school administrative unit consolidation. The Committee determined that the Senate version of this legislation thoroughly addresses the concerns raised regarding the study of SAU consolidation. Due to complexities that may arise through this study, HB 292, though not needed at this time, will be re-referred to the Committee.

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

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 5-0.

Senator Prentiss for the committee.

This bill would establish a commission to study the cost of special education in public schools. The Prime Sponsor of the bill testified that the current amended version completely replaced the original legislation, and she no longer supports it. Additionally, aspects of this amended version are already being addressed by other legislative bodies. Committee members determined that more work needs to be done before HB 431 is ready for passage.

HB 484, relative to reallocation or repurposing of career and technical education classroom space by local school districts.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-1.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

This bill authorizes the allocation and re-purposing of career and technical education classrooms by local school districts. Currently, once funds are accepted from the state for CTE classrooms, they must be used for that purpose exclusively. This legislation allows for flexibility, after twenty years, so that the states investment can be utilized by schools for all student needs.

HB 752, relative to procedures for the closing of a charter school.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Ward for the committee.

This bill as amended adds to the procedures for the closing of a chartered public school and requires records to be kept either by a chartered public school, or in the event of its closure, by the Department of Education, for 60 years. Additionally, it establishes the closed charter schools fund for the collection of transcript request fees. The NH Board of Education will establish rules for preserving the records, and furnishing copies, including fees.

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

HB 123, relative to yield taxes on property enrolled or registered for the purpose of generating carbon offset credits.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-1.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

This bill, as amended, addresses recent concerns about the impacts of carbon sequestration programs on New Hampshire forest lands and related industries. It establishes a study commission with broad scope and membership which is directed to provide its final report by November 1, 2027. It provides an election for landowners who desire to implement a payment in lieu of tax under the longstanding provisions of RSA 79:5. Finally, it provides a moratorium on the enrollment or registration of any New Hampshire forest land in any new carbon offset project during the period of the study commission. Projects that are already enrolled or registered as of July 1, 2025 are exempt from the moratorium, but are required to file a notice of certain actions, such as commitment of annual growth for credits under the carbon program, with the Department of Revenue Administration and the local municipality.

HB 171, establishing a moratorium on the issuance of permits for new landfills.

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 4-1.

Senator Avard for the committee.

HB 171 establishes a moratorium on the issuance of permits for new landfills in New Hampshire. During the moratorium, the Department of Environmental Services may accept and review applications for completeness but cannot process them further. The bill would allow for expansions or modifications of existing landfills permitted before December 1, 2022, under specific conditions. The term “site” is defined to include parcels owned by landfill operators or affiliates as of that date.

HB 189, defining “clean energy” and the department of energy’s 10-year state energy strategy to include new technology small-scale nuclear energy, renewable energy, and fuel diversity; and, removing references to the energy efficiency and sustainable energy board.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Watters for the committee.

HB 189 defines “clean energy” to include low-greenhouse gas sources such as small-scale nuclear and renewable energy. It incorporates this definition into the Department of Energy’s 10-year state energy strategy. The bill emphasizes fuel diversity and the inclusion of new technologies in planning New Hampshire’s future. It also removes references to the Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Energy Board from the development process.

HB 221, relative to assessment of cost effectiveness of the systems benefit charge.

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 5-0.

Senator McConkey for the committee.

HB 221 modified how New Hampshire assesses the cost-effectiveness of programs funded by the systems benefit charge, which supports energy efficiency and other utility programs. It requires the Public Utilities Commission to base its evaluations on the most recent Avoided Energy Supply Cost Study for New England, as well as any evaluation, measurement, and valuation studies. For the program years through 2026, the Granite State Test will be the primary measure of cost-effectiveness, with the Total Resource Cost test used as a secondary metric. Starting in 2027, the Commission may adopt new or modified tests through an adjudicative process, provided changes are finalized at least 12 months before implementation. The bill also mandates that electric system savings fall below 65% of their total planned energy savings.

HB 416-FN, prohibiting the intentional disposal of yard waste into the surface waters of the state.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.
Senator Rosenwald for the committee.

HB 416-FN prohibits the intentional disposal of yard waste into the surface waters of New Hampshire. It amends existing law to include yard waste among items that cannot be dumped in or near surface waters. First-time violations are treated as violations, while repeat offenses can be classified as misdemeanors or felonies depending on the violator. Enforcement authority is granted to peace officers and the Department of Environmental Services, which may also recover cleanup costs from violators.

FINANCE

HB 658-FN, raising the cap on certain reimbursements from the oil discharge and disposal cleanup fund.
Ought to Pass, Vote 8-0.
Senator Pearl for the committee.

This bill reallocates the fees within the various programs that the Oil Discharge and Disposal Cleanup Fund manages to more align with the projected uses based on a 10-year actuarial review.

HB 739-FN, relative to excess funds paid to municipalities for use in school districts.
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 8-0.
Senator Lang for the committee.

This bill requires municipalities to remit any excess statewide education property tax to the state for deposit in the Education Trust Fund. Due to the existing lawsuit, committee members felt it would be premature to act on the bill.

HB 763-FN, relative to school emergency plans for sports related injuries.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 8-0.
Senator Rosenwald for the committee.

This bill further specifies requirements for emergency plans for sports related injuries and appropriates \$1 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.

REGULAR CALENDAR REPORTS

JUDICIARY

HB 511-FN, relative to cooperation with federal immigration authorities.
Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2.
Senator Gannon for the committee.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

HB 132-FN, relative to liability for familial support under RSA chapter 165, aid to assisted persons.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-0.
Senator Sullivan for the committee.

HB 560, relative to parental access to a minor child's medical records.
Ought to Pass, Vote 2-1.
Senator Sullivan for the committee.

COMMERCE

HB 577, relative to modifying the definition of ADUs.
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-1.
Senator Innis for the committee.

HB 639-FN, relative to the use of and disputes over blockchain and digital currencies.
No Recommendation, Vote 3-3.
Senator Innis for the committee.

HB 649-FN, removing the requirement for physical safety inspections and on-board diagnostic tests for passenger vehicles and eliminating funding for the motor vehicle air pollution abatement fund.
No Recommendation, Vote 3-3.
Senator McGough for the committee.

EDUCATION

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.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2.

Senator Sullivan for the committee.

HB 676, relative to the composition and responsibilities of the parent and education service provider advisory commission, and establishing education freedom account impact and parent satisfaction surveys.

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 3-2.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

HB 699, relative to special education definitions.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2.

Senator Sullivan for the committee.

HB 768, allowing public schools to contract with any approved private school.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2.

Senator Sullivan for the committee.

ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

HB 356, enabling school districts to adopt partisan school district elections.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2.

Senator Perkins Kwoka for the committee.

HB 613, relative to enabling local political subdivisions to vote and set a reduced default budget option.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2.

Senator Gray for the committee.

FINANCE

HB 282-FN, increasing the maximum benefits for first responders critically injured in the line of duty.

Ought to Pass, Vote 8-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

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

Ought to Pass, Vote 8-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

AMENDMENTS

Senate Energy and Natural Resources

May 13, 2025

2025-2133s

08/06

Amendment to HB 123

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

AN ACT defining pre-sequestration timber tax revenue, establishing a moratorium on carbon sequestration and establishing a commission to study the effects of carbon sequestration in New Hampshire forests upon state and local tax revenue, effective forest management, and the health of New Hampshire's logging industry.

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

1 New Paragraph; Taxation; Forest Conservation and Taxation; Definitions. Amend RSA 79:1 by inserting after paragraph VIII the following new paragraph:

IX. "Pre-sequestration timber tax revenue" means the average of the amounts any municipality received in timber tax revenue from the owner of a parcel of land for the 5 full tax years preceding the tax year in which the owner or the owner's predecessor in interest entered into a legally binding commitment to enroll or register the timber on such land in a carbon sequestration program or to otherwise dedicate the timber on such land to carbon sequestration.

2 Taxation; Forest Conservation and Taxation. RSA 79:5 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

79:5 General Tax; Credits in Certain Cases.

I. Whenever it shall appear to the assessing officials that a town or city is unreasonably deprived of revenue because of the failure of an owner to cut standing wood or timber when it shall have arrived at the degree of maturity most suitable for its use, such standing wood or timber shall be taxed in the same manner as general property and be subject to the same rights of appeal, the intent being to prevent the holding of standing wood or timber indefinitely without the payment of any taxes. If such standing wood or timber is taxed under the provision of this section, such taxes shall be a credit against any yield tax later imposed.

II. As an alternative to the imposition of the tax provided for in paragraph I, in any tax year the owner may make a payment in lieu of taxes to the town or city equal to the difference between the pre-sequestration timber tax revenue and the actual timber tax paid by the landowner in that year. For any tax year for which the owner elects to make a payment in lieu of taxes under this paragraph, the owner shall notify the town or city in writing of the owner's election on or before December 31 preceding such tax year.

3 New Subdivision; Carbon Sequestration Programs Study Commission. Amend RSA 79 by inserting after section 31 the following new subdivision:

Carbon Sequestration Programs Study Commission

79:32 Carbon Sequestration Programs Study Commission. There is established a commission to study the impacts of the growing practice of dedicating tracts of New Hampshire forests to sequestration of carbon emissions.

79:33 Membership and Compensation.

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

(a) Two members of the house of representatives, one of whom shall be from the ways and means committee and one of whom shall be at large, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

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

(c) The commissioner of the department of revenue administration, or designee.

(d) The commissioner of the department of natural and cultural resources, or designee.

(e) One Coos county commissioner, or designee.

(f) One municipal official with experience in administration of the timber yield tax, appointed by the New Hampshire Municipal Association.

(g) One public member with experience owning and operating a family-owned tree farm, appointed by the Governor.

(h) One public member, designated by the current Fee Owner as that term is defined in that certain Grant of Conservation Easement, dated as of October 9, 2003, applicable to approximately 146,400 acres located in Coos County.

(i) One public member with experience owning and operating forest land, designated by the New Hampshire timberland owner's association.

(j) One public member, designated by the New Hampshire Retail Lumber Association.

(k) One public member, designated by the New Hampshire Home Builders Association.

(l) One licensed forester, appointed by the president of the senate.

II. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the commission.

79:34 Duties. The commission shall study:

I. For existing agreements or other arrangements under which New Hampshire landowners have committed any standing timber on their property to the sequestration of carbon emissions through registration with a carbon credit offset registry or similar program, the length of such commitment and any restrictions on or disincentives against logging of such timber.

II. The state and local tax impact of committing New Hampshire forest tracts to carbon sequestration.

III. Whether the state's current system of taxation fairly and proportionally taxes the transactions by which New Hampshire forest tracts are committed to carbon sequestration and the fair market value of those tracts.

IV. Whether other statutory provisions interfere with the power of cities and towns under RSA 79:5 to tax standing timber that has been committed to carbon sequestration.

V. Whether the purchasers of carbon credits generated by carbon sequestration in New Hampshire forests should be taxed by the state for the benefit those credits confer.

VI. The impact on sound forest management practices, including minimization of forest fire risk.

VII. The impact on New Hampshire's logging industry.

VIII. The effect carbon sequestration has on the state and national timber industry and its competitiveness with the timber industries of other states and countries.

79:35 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the senate member. The first meeting of the commission shall be held before September 15, 2025. Six members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

79:36 Report. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library before November 1, 2027. The commission shall inform the secretary of state and the director of the office of legislative services when its report has been submitted.

79:37 Moratorium. Between July 1, 2025, and the date upon which the carbon sequestration programs study commission submits its report pursuant to RSA 79:36, no owner of standing timber in New Hampshire on a parcel of more than 500 acres shall enter into, or exercise any unexercised right pursuant to, any agreement or other arrangement to commit any part of such timber or its annual growth to the sequestration of carbon emissions through enrollment or registration with a carbon credit offset program or otherwise. Any such exercise, agreement, or other arrangement shall be void. Any subdivision of an owner's land of 500 acres or less after the effective date of this act shall be subject to the prohibitions in this paragraph. Nothing in this section shall be construed to impair any such owner's existing, legally binding commitment of such timber or annual growth to the sequestration of carbon emissions. If an owner reports, enrolls, registers, or otherwise commits any annual growth to or with a carbon credit offset program the owner shall report such report, enrollment, registration, or other commitment to the department of revenue administration and the tax assessor of the town or city in which the annual growth took place and shall provide documentation establishing that such commitment of annual growth is not subject to the prohibitions in this paragraph. In the application of this paragraph, the owner shall have the burden of establishing that such timber or annual growth is the subject of such a legally binding commitment as of the effective date of this section.

4 Repeal.

I. RSA 79:5, II, relative to payments in lieu of taxes is repealed.

II. RSA 79:32 through 79:37, relative to the carbon sequestration programs study commission, is repealed.

5 Effective Date.

I. Section 4 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2027.

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

2025-2133s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Defines pre-sequestration timber tax revenue and allows for payment in lieu of taxes on such revenue.

II. Establishes a moratorium on carbon sequestration contracts.

III. Establishes a commission to study carbon sequestration programs.

Senate Children and Family Law
 May 9, 2025
 2025-2046s
 11/06

Amendment to HB 132-FN

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

AN ACT eliminating liability for support and recovery over certain indigent relations.

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

1 Aid to Assisted Persons; Recovery of Expenses and Court Costs Limited. Amend RSA 165:20 to read as follows:

165:20 Recovery of Expense. If a town, city, or county acting as agent for a town under RSA 165:34 spends any sum for the support, return to his home, or burial of an assisted person having a residence in another town or city, ~~[or for an assisted person having relations able to support him under RSA 165:19;]~~ such sum may be recovered from the town, city or relation so chargeable or from a county acting as agent for the town under RSA 165:34. ~~[In any civil action brought under this section to recover such sum, the court shall award costs to the prevailing party].~~

2 Repeal. The following are repealed:

I. RSA 165:19, relative to liability for support.

II. RSA 166:12, relative to rights of actions.

III. RSA 166:24, relative to recovery of expense and court costs.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

2025-2046s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill repeals the statutory provision requiring that the relation of any poor person in the line of father, mother, stepfather, stepmother, son, daughter, husband, or wife shall assist or maintain such person when in need of relief and limits or eliminates counties' authority to recover costs for public assistance, including legal actions for reimbursement, expense recovery from municipalities and relatives, and claims against estates of deceased recipients.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources
 May 13, 2025
 2025-2140s
 06/09

Amendment to HB 189

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

AN ACT relative to the department of energy's 10-year state energy strategy and removing references to the energy efficiency and sustainable energy board.

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Section; Statutory Construction; Clean Energy. Amend RSA 21 by inserting after section 54 the following new section:

21:55 Clean Energy. "Clean energy" means minimal to no greenhouse gas emitting sources, including nuclear and other renewable sources.

2025-2140s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Defines "clean energy" to mean small-scale nuclear and renewable energy and makes it part of the department of energy's 10-year state energy strategy.

II. Removes reference to the energy efficiency and sustainable energy board.

Senate Children and Family Law
 May 9, 2025
 2025-2048s
 11/09

Amendment to HB 273

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

1 New Paragraph; Library User Records; Confidentiality; Access to Library Records of Minors. Amend RSA 201-D:11 by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

II-a. All library records related to a minor's current borrowing of printed library materials and audio-visual materials, such as DVDs and CDs, shall be available to the parent or legal guardian of the minor when requested by the parent or legal guardian listed on the library account.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources
 May 13, 2025
 2025-2141s
 06/05

Amendment to HB 416-FN

Amend RSA 485-A:15, II as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. For any violation of this section any authorized member or agent of the department of environmental services [shall] **may** order the immediate removal of material involved in the violation, by the person responsible for the material in question. ***The authority to enforce this section shall extend to all peace officers in the state of New Hampshire, as defined by RSA 594:1, III.***

Amend RSA 485-A:15, V as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

V. Any person who purposely or knowingly violates paragraph I shall be guilty of a class B felony.

Senate Education
 May 13, 2025
 2025-2145s
 08/11

Amendment to HB 752

Amend RSA 194-B:16-a, IV-V as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

IV. The department shall establish a fee schedule association sufficient to cover related costs for the maintenance and furnishing of records pursuant to this section.

V. The department, upon request of the individual concerned and receipt of required fees, shall furnish a certified copy of the individual's record.

VI. All transcript request fees collected by the department under this section shall be deposited into a non-lapsing fund at the department, and shall be used for managing the storage and retrieval of closed charter school transcripts.

VII. The state board of education may adopt rules under RSA 541-A concerning the preserving of the records, and furnishing copies, including fees.

VIII. There is hereby established in the department of education the closed charter schools fund. The fund shall be comprised of transcript fees collected by the department after the closure of a charter school. The fund shall be non-lapsing and shall be continually appropriated to the department.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following and renumbering the original section 3 to read as 4:

3 New Subparagraph; Closed Charter School Fund. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by inserting after subparagraph (399) the following new subparagraph:

(400) Moneys collected in the closed charter schools fund established in RSA 194-B:16-a, VIII.

2025-2145s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill adds to the procedures for the closing of a chartered public school, requires records to be kept either by a chartered public school, or in the event of its closure, by the department of education, for 60 years, and establishes the closed charter schools fund for the collection of transcript request fees.

Senate Finance

May 9, 2025

2025-2076s

07/06

Amendment to HB 763-FN

Amend paragraph I as inserted by section 4 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund to the division of fire standards and training and emergency medical services the sum of \$1 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 for the purpose of creating funds for which public and non-public schools may apply in order to implement cardiac emergency response preparedness plans for school athletic events and practices. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

2025-2076s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill further specifies requirements for emergency plans for sports related injuries and appropriates \$1 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.

Senate Education

May 13, 2025

2025-2149s

06/08

Amendment to HB 768

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

AN ACT allowing public schools to contract with any approved nonpublic school.

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Duty to Provide Education. Amend RSA 189:1-a, IV to read as follows:

IV. Pursuant to RSA 193:3, VI, a school board may execute a contract with any approved [~~nonsectarian private~~] **nonpublic** school approved by the school board as a school tuition program as defined in RSA 193:3, VII to provide for the education of a child who resides in the school district, and may raise and appropriate money for the purposes of the contract, if the school district does not have a public school at the pupil's grade level and the school board decides it is in the best interest of the pupil.

2025-2149s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows public schools to enter into contracts with any approved nonpublic school, including religious schools.