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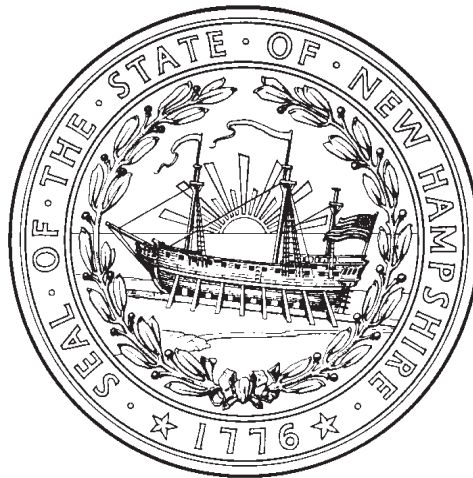
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**Second Year of the 169th Session of the
New Hampshire General Court**

SENATE CALENDAR

**THE SENATE WILL MEET IN SESSION ON THURSDAY,
MARCH 12, 2026 AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE SENATE CHAMBER**

The Senate Session on Thursday, March 12, 2026, in the Senate Chamber

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Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 123-FN, requiring coverage of ear acupuncture as a treatment for substance misuse under the state Medicaid plan.**01/29/2026, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 2**

SB 474, relative to the effective date of the law regarding collection and reporting of abortion statistics.**02/19/2026, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Health and Human Services, SJ 4**

SB 479-FN, allowing alternative treatment centers to operate for profit.**02/19/2026, Pending Motion Inexpedient to Legislate, Judiciary, SJ 4**

SB 483-FN-A, making a contingent appropriation to the department of health and human services for recruitment and benefit grants for child care employers.**03/05/2026, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 5**

SB 553-FN, relative to penalties for attempting to elude pursuit by law enforcement.**01/29/2026, Pending Motion Interim Study, Judiciary, SJ 2**

SB 561, relative to change of address for certain game operator employer licensees.**03/05/2026, Pending Motion Inexpedient to Legislate, Ways and Means, SJ 5**

SB 635-FN, establishing a health reimbursement arrangement tax credit program and making an appropriation for improvements in the department of revenue administration's information management system.**03/05/2026, Pending Motion Refer to Finance Rule 4-5, Ways and Means, SJ 5**

SB 651-FN-A, relative to the legalization and regulation of cannabis and making appropriations therefor.**02/05/2026, Pending Motion Inexpedient to Legislate, Judiciary, SJ 3**

SB 654-FN, creating tax credits for businesses that have on-site child care services and for businesses that provide health care coverage for certain employees.**03/05/2026, Pending Motion Refer to Finance Rule 4-5, Ways and Means, SJ 5**

SB 662-FN-A, making an appropriation to the department of natural and cultural resources for renovations to the Northwood Meadows Lake Dam.**03/05/2026, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 5**

HB 186-FN-A, relative to the legalization and regulation of cannabis and making appropriations therefor.**03/05/2026, Pending Motion Inexpedient to Legislate, Judiciary, SJ 5**

CONSENT CALENDAR REPORTS

COMMERCE

SB 509, preventing municipalities from limiting dead-end road length if compliant with the state fire code. Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 6-0.

Senator Innis for the committee.

This bill would prohibit municipalities from imposing length restrictions on dead-end roads or cul-de-sacs in subdivision approvals or building permits when the proposed road design complies with applicable State Fire Code requirements. Similar legislation was passed by the Senate; therefore, the Committee felt this bill was no longer necessary.

SB 669-FN, relative to on-premises licenses for licensed barbershops and salons.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 6-0.

Senator Murphy for the committee.

Barbershops and salons can currently purchase a liquor license for \$100 per year that allows them to give away one free drink to each customer. This bill, as drafted, would raise the fee to \$480. It was the sponsor's intent to allow those hair-service licensees to sell that one drink if they wish, rather than give

it away, but the bill as introduced did not accomplish that goal. The committee amendment addresses this error by keeping the existing license unchanged, but would also create a second tier license at \$480 that would meet the sponsor's intent. Licensees would still be limited to one drink per customer, and would face the same training requirement already applied to all other liquor license types.

EDUCATION

SB 403, requiring all schools to start the school year after Labor Day.

Interim Study, Vote 4-1.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

SB 403 mandates that all schools start their year after Labor Day. The bill does not allow local school boards to choose the start date; instead, it would be set by the state. The committee concluded that a one-size-fits-all solution created logistical challenges. Therefore, the committee recommended referring the bill to interim study.

SB 574, establishing a commission to study the efficiency and structure of school administrative units.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-1.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

SB 574, as amended, establishes a commission within the department of education to study the efficiency and structure of school administration units (SAUs) for the purposes of identifying opportunities for SAU consolidation, restructuring, and property tax relief.

HB 709-FN, allowing parents or guardians to admit their children into any school district where they pay any property or school district taxes.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator Ward for the committee.

This bill allows parents or guardians to admit their children into any school district where they pay any property tax or school district taxes.

HB 1373, relative to background check disqualifications for applicants seeking educator credentials.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Sullivan for the committee.

House Bill 1373 extends criminal history record checks for applicants seeking educator credentials. The additional crimes include Negligent Homicide, Second Degree Assault, Domestic Violence, Felony Robbery, Felony Forgery, and Felony False Academic Documentation.

HB 1808-FN-A, establishing the position of academic research and improvement performance data analyst in the department of education and making an appropriation therefor.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Prentiss for the committee.

This bill establishes the position of academic research and performance data analyst in the department of education and makes an appropriation for it. This position will collect and analyze data to: measure student progress, evaluate program and instructional effectiveness, guide curriculum development and resource allocation, and promote accountability.

ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

HB 244, updating and recodifying the municipal enforcement of the building and fire code.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

HB 244 restructures the state building and fire code by repealing specific sections of the RSA and reenacting them with minor changes elsewhere in the RSA. The bill also includes grammatical and spelling corrections. The amendment simply corrects the bill's incorrect statutory references.

HB 281, requiring electronic voter checklists to be supplied in a sortable format.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Long for the committee.

HB 281 requires electronic voter checklists to be provided in a sortable format. The amendment removes language that the committee considered potentially burdensome for election officials, while still supporting the bill's main goal of promoting transparency and improving elections.

HB 317, preventing a supervisor of the checklist from verifying a person's identity without identification, even if they personally know that person.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

HB 317 prevents certain election officials from verifying a voter's identity without proper ID, even if they personally know that individual. The amendment aims to preserve election officials' ability to verify identities while enhancing voter integrity by requiring a form in which officials must attest to how they know the individual.

HB 463, relative to the composition of the board of recount in elections for the select board and for the school board.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 4-0.

Senator Lang for the committee.

HB 463 prohibits candidates running for select board or school board from serving on a board of recount in an election where they are on the ballot. The committee expressed concerns about the bill's mechanics, application, and consistency and, as a result, recommends it as Inexpedient to Legislate.

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

SB 443, relative to wastewater engineering.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Rosenwald for the committee.

SB443 grants rulemaking authority to establish requirements for the review and approval of wastewater infrastructure plans and specifications, including the sewer connection permit program. It was introduced at the request of the department of environmental services.

SB 449-FN, relative to the participation of large customer-generators in net metering.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Watters for the committee.

SB449 as amended, requires electric distribution utilities to offer alternative net metering tariffs to eligible customer-generators in line with the Public Utility commission's net metering rules. It also authorizes energy storage alongside net metering and directs the Department of Energy to establish rules for the installation and interconnection of such systems.

SB 475, including a determination of the best interest of the animal in the definition of foster home.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

SB475 creates a new definition of foster home to include residential homes that could be in the best interest of an animal. The amendment makes technical changes and includes clarifying language to include "pregnant and lactating animals" as valid recipients of foster care.

SB 536-FN, relative to the solid waste facility site evaluation committee.

Interim Study, Vote 4-1.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

SB536-FN would have established a new process for sighting a landfill and establishing a Solid Waste Sight Evaluation Committee. The committee has other bills in process addressing the same process and decided this bill was not needed.

SB 537, repealing the authorization for the public utilities commission to approve alternative forms of regulation.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator Avarad for the committee.

Senate Bill 537 proposed to repeal the statutory authority allowing the Public Utilities Commission to implement alternative forms of utility regulation, thereby restricting oversight to the traditional rate-of-return framework. If enacted, the bill would eliminate incentive-based or nonstandard regulatory plans. The committee decided to make a motion of interim study because the legislation was not yet ready for passage.

SB 538-FN, extending net metering eligibility terms for municipal energy projects.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Watters for the committee.

SB 538-FN will establish long-term eligibility for certain customer-generators to receive net energy metering compensation as approved by the public utilities commission. It also outlines conditions for transitioning to future tariffs. Amendment 1001s would add a deadline for applications requiring they be submitted before December 31st 2031.

SB 595, relative to the establishment of a remediation pathway for water systems required to undergo frequent testing.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator McConkey for the committee.

SB 595 removes sanctions imposed on community water systems for missing or submitting a late water test result. Systems will no longer be required to increase testing frequency due to a missed or late test. Amendment 1002S adds language directing the department to waive penalties for late submissions and to allow corrective action without additional enforcement measures.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

SB 470-FN, relative to the expungement of certain disciplinary matters.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

SB 470-FN allows licensees to petition for expungement of disciplinary records if the disciplinary action occurred more than three years before the petition, did not result in permanent revocation of licensure, and the licensee has had no further disciplinary actions, no pending investigations, and remains in good standing.

SB 640-FN, relative to the use of artificial intelligence to provide services requiring a professional license.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

SB 640-FN prohibits the use of Artificial Intelligence to provide services that require a professional license. The bill permits the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification to collect fees when enforcing this and establishes the framework for how Artificial Intelligence may be used by licensed professionals in their practice. The amendment narrows the original bill's focus to unlicensed practice and the use of Artificial Intelligence. It also establishes a commission to review the implementation of this statute, so as to understand its effect.

HB 610-FN, relative to repealing the office of the consumer advocate.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

HB 610-FN alters both the structure and goals of the Office of the Consumer Advocate. The amendment strikes sections 1-4 of the bill, only retaining the establishment of the Residential Ratepayers Advisory Board which will provide oversight to the Office of the Consumer Advocate.

HB 1110, relative to the New Hampshire real estate practice act.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Reardon for the committee.

HB 1110 makes several clarifications regarding real estate licensing. It specifies that educational requirements for real estate licensure are measured in credit hours. It also states that inactive licensed principal or managing brokers are not required to maintain a surety bond, that annulled convictions are not considered for disciplinary proceedings, and that prohibited discrimination also applies to rental activity and not just sales activity. Lastly, the bill updates statutory cross-references for accuracy and consistency.

HB 1119, relative to the regulation of funeral directors.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

HB 1119 establishes the state licensing process for the position of associate funeral director, allowing those who hold the position to perform all relevant duties except that of embalming.

HB 1159, relative to updating the state building code.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

HB 1159 updates the state building code to align with new recommendations from the State Building Code Review Board. The amendment changes the effective date from sixty days after passage to July 1st, 2026.

HB 1160, relative to the county-state finance commission.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Reardon for the committee.

HB 1160 amends the membership of the County-State Finance Commission by allowing the DHHS commissioner the option to appoint a designee, allowing some members to continue serving until a successor is appointed, and providing the Speaker of the House with greater flexibility regarding which members the Speaker may appoint. The bill further clarifies some statutory language and amends duties of the commission.

HB 1310, relative to state licensed or certified real estate appraisers.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Reardon for the committee.

HB 1310 revises the standards under which New Hampshire certified appraisers may serve as supervisors for apprentice real estate appraisers. The bill also limits the amount of continuing education that applicants for relicensing or recertification may complete as students in certain board-approved educational programs. Additionally, the amendment authorizes the issuance of temporary licenses to individuals licensed in other states and clarifies the applicable statutory authority for disciplinary actions.

HB 1379, relative to the reporting date for the annual complaint data.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-0.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

HB 1379 modifies the publication date of the annual special education complaint and findings report from July 1st to September 1st of each year.

FINANCE

SB 408-FN, relative to health insurance coverage for prosthetics.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 7-0.

Senator Rosenwald for the committee.

This bill requires health insurance policies to provide coverage for adult prosthetics, including activity-specific prosthetic devices. Current law requires such coverage for children's prosthetics. The Senate Finance Committee amended SB 408-FN to apply this additional coverage to the State of New Hampshire's Employee Health Benefit Plan under RSA 21-I. It also moves the effective date from January 1, 2027 to January 1, 2028.

SB 491-FN, enabling students to utilize education freedom account funds to pay for certain career and technical education funding.

Ought to Pass, Vote 6-0.

Senator Watters for the committee.

SB 491-FN grants authority to the Department of Education to set separate budgets for CTE tuition and transportation. The bill ensures the EFA organization will inform students about CTE.

SB 494-FN, relative to the state fire code, fire incident reporting and investigations, and the duties of the state fire marshal.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

SB 494-FN makes statutory updates relative to the State fire code, makes updates to incident reporting and investigations, and adds additional duties to the State Fire Marshal's Office. The bill also requires the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification (OPLC) to share information for current and past licensees with the State Fire Marshal relating to duties transferred from the OPLC to the Fire Marshal's Office.

SB 511-FN, relative to state park fees for state residents.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 7-0.

Senator Innis for the committee.

SB 511-FN requires the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources to establish state park entry fees for New Hampshire residents at no more than 50 percent of the fees charged to non-residents. The bill also allows the Department to create separate fee schedules for specific uses within state parks, such as

camping, facility rental, parking, and boat rentals, and permits discounted or waived rates for veterans and school or student groups. The Senate Finance Committee amended the title of SB 511-FN to more clearly reflect the bill's intent.

SB 540-FN, relative to portable solar generation devices.

Ought to Pass, Vote 6-0.

Senator Watters for the committee.

SB 540-FN defines "portable solar generation devices" and exempts them from interconnection and net-metering requirements. The bill prohibits electric distribution utilities from requiring approval, fees, or additional equipment for these devices, establishes safety and code-compliance standards, limits utility liability, and authorizes the State Building Code Review Board to establish standards.

SB 600-FN, requiring the governor to submit and present a quarterly fiscal year budget report about the general and education trust funds to the general court fiscal committee.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

Beginning October 1, 2026, the Office of the Governor shall submit and present a quarterly fiscal year budget status report regarding the General and Education Trust Funds to the Joint Legislative Fiscal Committee. This report will enable better informed decisions regarding requested off-budget appropriations.

SB 606-FN, relative to insurance coverage for biomarker testing.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

SB 606-FN requires the New Hampshire Medicaid Program to provide coverage for biomarker testing under certain circumstances.

SB 608-FN, relative to family caregiver support in certain programs and child care support for kinship caregivers.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 6-0.

Senator Watters for the committee.

SB 608-FN requires the Department of Health and Human Services to seek approval from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to include family caregiver support services under the Acquired Brain Disorder (ABD) and Choices for Independence (CFI) waiver programs. In addition, the bill eliminates the child care scholarship cost share for children in kinship care. The Senate Finance Committee amended SB 608-FN to require approval from the Joint Legislative Fiscal Committee, upon receipt of federal approval, for any expenditures pursuant to SB 608-FN.

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

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 6-1.

Senator Innis for the committee.

This bill creates an act to protect blockchain technology and its users by amending definitions related to decentralized autonomous organizations and establishes a blockchain dispute docket to oversee blockchain related disputes. The Senate Finance Committee amended the bill by clarifying the definition of digital asset exchange, and made clear certain actions shall not be deemed to be offering or selling a security pursuant to RSA 421-B.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SB 453, authorizing advanced practice registered nurses and physician associates to make certain certifications.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Prentiss for the committee.

This bill would increase access to and efficiency within health care by adding advanced practice registered nurses and physician associates as medical professionals who can document a medical necessity. This includes vehicle equipment waivers for individuals with disabilities. Currently, these standard waivers can only be provided by physicians, which can create delays for individuals with disabilities. This bill also would allow them to exempt a child from certain required immunizations if they find that the immunization may be detrimental to the child's health.

SB 478-FN, relative to strengthening prescription drug affordability and pharmacy benefits manager accountability.

Interim Study, Vote 4-1.

Senator Prentiss for the committee.

This bill regulates prescription drug costs and increases transparency and accountability by banning spread pricing, adopting pass through pricing, and ensuring all manufacturer rebates go towards lowering premiums or point-of-sale costs. Since this subject matter has been addressed in another bill, the Committee recommends referring this bill to interim study.

SB 544-FN, limiting changes to prescription drug formularies under health benefit plans.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-1.

Senator Prentiss for the committee.

As introduced, this bill limits modification of prescription drug coverage to the renewal date for the health benefit plan. The bill also provides for continued coverage of certain prescription drugs if they were previously covered under the plan. A committee amendment has been adopted to enhance existing processes in statute to address this issue.

SB 546-FN, relative to health carrier network access monitoring.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

This bill requires health insurance carriers to adhere to the same standards of timeliness and accessibility that they have to adhere to on the health benefit exchange. The bill directs carriers to adopt network access compliance protocols consistent with the secret shopper audit requirements established by CMS for qualified health plan issuers. In anticipation of rulemaking from the Insurance Department, the Committee believes it is best to refer this bill to interim study at this time.

SB 547-FN, relative to regulation and transparency of pharmacy benefit manager practices.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Rochefort for the committee.

This bill amends the definitions of pharmacy benefit manager and rebate and adds additional terms governing pharmacy benefit manager business practices. The bill states that pharmacy benefit managers have a fiduciary duty to the health carrier clients and are prohibited from retaining any portion of spread pricing. While the Committee recognizes the merits of this legislation, we find it best to refer this bill to interim study, as the subject matter is being addressed in a different bill.

SB 612-FN, relative to clinical eligibility criteria for nursing facility and home and community based care.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Avarad for the committee.

This bill modifies long-term care eligibility by adding mobility to the list of activities of daily living. The bill also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to obtain a determination of an applicant's need for long-term care from the applicant or a participant's primary care physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse, and to consider information from other health care providers. As there is work currently being done outside of the legislature to address this issue, the Committee finds it best to refer this bill to interim study at this time.

SB 614-FN, establishing pooled risk management programs for the benefit of child care centers and foster family homes.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

As amended, this bill establishes a multiple-caregiver self-insured risk coverage arrangement for nonprofit and for-profit providers and servicers of child care, day care, foster care placement, and behavioral health services. It also establishes reporting requirements for such arrangements. The bill also authorizes the commissioner of the Insurance Department to verify such arrangements, as well as issue penalties and adopt rules relative to such arrangements.

SB 615-FN, relative to the use and regulation of EBT cards and SNAP eligibility.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Long for the committee.

As amended, this bill establishes a commission to study the use and regulation of SNAP in New Hampshire. This will allow stakeholders with nuanced perspectives to come together and discuss potential improvements and enhancements that could be made to the SNAP program.

SB 665-FN, requiring pharmacies to charge consumers the lowest available price for prescription drugs. Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.
Senator Rochefort for the committee.

As amended, this bill requires written agreement to be formed between pharmacy benefits managers and health carriers before pharmacy benefits managers can operate. The bill amends pharmacy benefits manager reporting and examination requirements. The bill raises the value of the maximum administrative fine that can be levied for violations of the state's pharmacy benefits manager laws. The committee amendment reflects stakeholder collaboration on several bills addressing pharmacy benefits managers.

SB 666-FN, relative to consumer protection, transparency, and oversight of certain health care transactions and establishing a study committee to analyze health insurance providers, their practices, policies, premiums, management, and the impact to consumers.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Prentiss for the committee.

This bill defines and regulates material health care transactions and requires notice to the Department of Justice of health care transactions that change the control of a health care entity, which may reasonably be expected to affect competition, cost of health care services, or access to care. It also establishes a legislative committee to study health insurance providers, their practices, policies, premiums, management, and the impact to consumers. Given the complexity of this issue and the resources needed by the Charitable Trusts Unit, the Committee believes this bill is not ready at this time.

SB 670-FN-A, establishing a developmental services oversight commission; relative to membership and duties of the incapacitated and vulnerable adult fatality review committee; relative to reporting requirements regarding the death of a child in residential care; and relative to the registry of founded reports of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of vulnerable adults.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Rochefort for the committee.

As amended, this bill establishes a developmental services oversight commission, revises reporting and investigation requirements regarding reports of abuse of vulnerable adults, and revises notification and reporting requirements regarding abuse of minors in institutional residential settings. The intent of this bill is to ultimately strengthen reporting and oversight to prevent such abuse from happening in the future.

JUDICIARY

SB 464-FN, relative to civil rights enforcement.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

Senate Bill 464-FN would modify the state's civil rights enforcement statute by requiring that prohibited conduct be substantially motivated by hostility toward a victim's protected characteristic. The committee determined that additional work with stakeholders and the Department of Justice was necessary to ensure the statute is neither underinclusive nor overly difficult to enforce.

SB 466-FN, relative to the possession of a firearm without a serial number.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-1.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

Senate Bill 466-FN as introduced makes it a class A felony to change, alter, remove, or obliterate the name of the maker, model, manufacturer's number, or other identifying mark on a firearm. The committee amendment clarifies that the prohibition does not apply to antique firearms as defined under federal law.

SB 485-FN, relative to the licensure, regulation and taxation of hemp-based derivative products.

Interim Study, Vote 4-0.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

Senate Bill 485 as introduced establishes a comprehensive regulatory framework for hemp-derived cannabinoid products, including definitions, licensing requirements for suppliers, wholesalers, and retailers through the Liquor Commission, product testing and labeling standards, restrictions on sales to individuals under 21, and a 5 percent wholesale tax on sales of such products. The committee recommends the bill for Interim Study after determining that the bill's scope and complexity warranted additional time to review the regulatory structure, licensing framework, and tax provisions before moving forward with legislation.

SB 667-FN, relative to the assault of emergency room personnel.
Interim Study, Vote 4-1.
Senator Gannon for the committee.

SB 667-FN creates a felony-level offense for the knowing assault of medical personnel in the line of duty. The committee recommends that this bill be referred to interim study to resolve issues with the language of the bill and to allow for research into the security needs of medical facilities.

REGULAR CALENDAR REPORTS

EDUCATION

SB 431, relative to violations of the prohibition on teaching discrimination.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2.

Senator Sullivan for the committee.

SB 658-FN, authorizing the department of education to establish a safe and resilient schools advisory council.

Interim Study, Vote 3-2.

Senator Ward for the committee.

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

SB 493, relative to cyanobacteria and other emerging environmental water quality issues.

Interim Study, Vote 3-2.

Senator McConkey for the committee.

SB 597-FN, relative to utility rate increases to inflation-adjusted thresholds and performance incentive metrics for utilities.

Interim Study, Vote 3-2.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

FINANCE

SB 404-FN, relative to economic revitalization zone tax credits.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

SB 446-FN, requiring animal care center operators to notify dog owners when a dog will be left unattended and to report injuries to animals or people which occur on the premises of the animal care center.

Ought to Pass, Vote 6-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

SB 517-FN, relative to the responsibility of local school districts to provide meals to students during school hours, reimbursing schools for meals provided to students at no cost, and making an appropriation therefor.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0.

Senator Lang for the committee.

SB 566-FN, relative to recruiting incentive programs for the national guard.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

SB 583-FN, directing the department of education to create an education funding transparency data and reporting system.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0.

Senator Lang for the committee.

SB 605-FN, relative to special assessment requests from pooled risk management programs.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 6-1.

Senator Gray for the committee.

SB 616-FN, relative to reporting requirements under the right to try act.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

SB 631-FN, authorizing the sale of toll credits to fund a newly established noise barrier construction fund for the design and construction of noise barrier projects.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0.

Senator Rosenwald for the committee.

HB 246-FN-A, directing the state conservation committee to implement the conservation district climate resilience grant program and making an appropriation therefor.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

HB 704-FN-A, making an appropriation to the retired senior volunteer program.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SB 549-FN, prohibiting the state or local government from distributing or funding organizations that distribute drug paraphernalia.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Long for the committee.

SB 664-FN, limiting hospital executive compensation in communities designated as distressed place-based economies under certain circumstances.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-1.

Senator Rochefort for the committee.

JUDICIARY

SB 519-FN, relative to the use of unmanned aerial systems.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Reardon for the committee.

SB 557-FN, prohibiting the sale of kratom products to anyone under 21 years of age and providing for the regulation of the sale of kratom products.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Altschiller for the committee.

SB 626-FN, restricting right-to-know requests to persons domiciled or maintaining a permanent residence in New Hampshire and requiring proof of domicile or residency to file right-to-know requests.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

SB 657-FN, relative to the oversight of artificial intelligence.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-1.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

TRANSPORTATION

SB 668-FN, authorizing a historic marker on a highway for the purpose of acknowledging the abuse of former residents of the youth development center.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2.

Senator Ricciardi for the committee.

AMENDMENTS

Senate Finance

March 4, 2026

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Amendment to SB 408-FN

Amend RSA 415:18-ff, II as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. Each insurer that issues or renews a policy of group or blanket accident or health insurance providing benefits for medical or hospital expenses shall provide coverage for prosthetic devices, including activity-specific prosthetic devices, for individuals over 19 years of age who are residents of this state and covered by such insurance. The insurer may limit coverage for activity-specific prosthetic devices to one activity-specific prosthetic device every 5 years. Medically necessary prosthetic devices shall not be subject to any annual limits. Coverage under this section shall be subject to such other terms and conditions of the policy that may apply. This section shall also apply to the state of New Hampshire's employee health benefit plan under RSA 21-I.

Amend the bill by replacing section 3 with the following:

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2028.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources
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Amendment to SB 449-FN

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

AN ACT relative to relative to the participation of large customer-generators in net metering and relative to energy storage in connection with net metering.

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

1 Limited Electrical Energy Producers Act; Definition; Eligible Customer Generator. RSA 362-A:1-a, II-b is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

II-b. "Eligible customer-generator" or "customer-generator" means an electric utility customer who owns, operates, or purchases power from an electrical generating facility either powered by renewable energy or which employs a heat led combined heat and power system, with a total peak generating capacity, or maximum nameplate rating, of up to and including one megawatt, except as provided for a municipal host as defined in paragraph 11-c and as provided for an industrial customer as defined in paragraph 11-g, that is located behind a retail meter on the customer's premises, provided it is interconnected and operates in parallel with the electric grid, and is used to offset the customer's own electricity requirements. Energy storage, as defined in RSA 374-H:1, III, may be added to and charged solely from such a generation facility without affecting the generation facility's size determination relating to its eligibility meter. Incremental generation added to an existing generation facility, that does not itself qualify for net metering, shall qualify if such incremental generation meets the qualifications of this paragraph and is metered separately from the non-qualifying facility.

2 New Paragraph; Definition; Industrial Customer. Amend RSA 362-A:1-a by inserting after paragraph II-f the following new paragraph:

II-g. "Industrial customer" means a customer generator with a total peak generating capacity of greater than one megawatt and less than 5 megawatts used to offset the electricity requirements of one industrial entity with one or more accounts, provided that all accounts are located within the same utility franchise service territory. In the event of excess annual generation by the industrial customer above the industrial customer's annual electricity use, such net excess exported generation shall be subject to the payment adjustment process within the Puc 900 rules.

3 New Paragraph; Net Metering. Amend RSA 362-A:9 by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

II-a. Each electric distribution utility shall make available alternative tariffs for net metering to eligible customer-generators in accordance with Order No. 26,029 dated June 23, 2017, and the net metering rules adopted by the commission. Any eligible customer-generator that has submitted an interconnection application to a distribution utility on or before December 31, 2031 and that is used to offset the electricity requirements of an industrial customer that first receives compensation under an Order No. 26,029 alternative tariff shall remain eligible to receive that tariff for the longer of 20 years from the first year in which compensation is received, or until January 1, 2040. If, during these terms, the commission adopts new net metering tariffs through an adjudicated proceeding, any eligible customer-generator that has submitted an interconnection application to a distribution utility on or before December 31, 2031 and that is used to offset the electricity requirements of an industrial customer that elects to participate in a new net metering tariff shall be eligible to receive that tariff until the date that is 20 years from the first date on which the eligible customer-generator received net metering compensation. Eligible customer-generators on an Order No. 26,029 alternative tariff may opt to transition to a new net metering tariff established in such a proceeding, provided however, once a customer-generator transitions to a new tariff, they may not revert to an Order No. 26,029 alternative tariff. Upon expiration of eligibility under an Order No. 26,029 alternative tariff, an eligible customer generator may transition to the tariff available at that time.

4 New Paragraph; Customer Energy Storage Definitions. Amend RSA 374-H:1 by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

II-a. "Department" means the department of energy.

5 Customer Energy Storage Systems. Amend the introductory paragraph for RSA 374-H:2, I to read as follows:

I. The ~~commission~~ department shall adopt rules ~~[or approve tariffs]~~ clarifying policy for the installation~~;~~ **and** interconnection~~;~~ ~~and use~~ of energy storage systems by customers of utilities, ***while the commission may approve tariffs and issue orders in adjudicated proceedings that are consistent with such rules and pertain to the use of and utility compensation for such energy storage systems. The department and the commission*** ~~[and]~~ shall incorporate the following principles into the rules ~~[or approved tariffs]~~ ***and orders, respectively:***

6 New Paragraph; Net Metering. Amend RSA 362-A:9 by inserting after paragraph XXIII the following new paragraph:

XXIV. The PUC may determine terms and conditions for how a customer-generator may use and be compensated for exports to the grid for energy storage added to and charged solely from renewable energy generation sources in conjunction with net metering and related tariff provisions.

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

2026-1000s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Directs electric distribution utilities to make available alternative tariffs for net metering to eligible customer-generators in accordance with PUC Order 26,029 and net metering rules adopted by the commission.

II. Authorizes energy storage in connection with net metering and directs the department of energy to adopt rules relative to the installation and interconnection of such energy storage systems.

Senate Judiciary

March 4, 2026

2026-1043s

09/08

Amendment to SB 466-FN

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Public Safety and Welfare; Changing Marks on a Firearm. Amend RSA 159:13 to read as follows:

159:13 Changing Marks. No person shall change, alter, remove, or obliterate the name of the maker, model, manufacturer's number, or other mark of identification on any pistol or revolver, ***or any other firearm, except for an antique firearm as defined in 18 U.S.C. section 921(a)(16).*** Possession of any such firearms upon which the same shall have been changed, altered, removed, or obliterated shall be presumptive evidence that such possessor has changed, altered, removed, or obliterated the same. Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a ~~[misdemeanor]~~ ***class A felony.***

2026-1043s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill makes it a class A felony to change, alter, remove or obliterate the name of the maker, model, manufacturer's number, or other mark of identification on a firearm other than an antique firearm.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources

March 3, 2026

2026-1005s

07/08

Amendment to SB 475

Amend RSA 437:1, VI as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

VI. “Foster home” means a private residence in New Hampshire associated with and inspected by a pet vendor licensed under RSA 437:3 that is used to provide temporary physical custody and care at such private residence for the pet vendor’s animals, including pregnant or lactating animals, when it is deemed to be in the best interests of that animal’s health, safety, and wellbeing as determined by a New Hampshire licensed veterinarian.

Senate Finance
March 3, 2026
2026-1032s
08/07

Amendment to SB 511-FN

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

AN ACT relative to state park fee discounts for state residents.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources
March 3, 2026
2026-1001s
04/07

Amendment to SB 538-FN

Amend the bill by replacing section 2 with the following:

2 New Paragraph; Net Metering. Amend RSA 362-A:9 by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

II-a. Each electric distribution utility shall make available alternative tariffs for net metering to eligible customer-generators in accordance with Order No. 26,029 dated June 23, 2017, and the net metering rules adopted by the commission. Any eligible customer-generator that has submitted an interconnection application to a distribution utility on or before December 31, 2031 and that is used to offset the electricity requirements of a group consisting exclusively of one or more customers who are political subdivisions that first receives compensation under an Order No. 26,029 alternative tariff shall remain eligible to receive that tariff for the longer of 20 years from the first year in which compensation is received, or until January 1, 2040. If, during these terms, the commission adopts new net metering tariffs through an adjudicated proceeding, any eligible customer-generator that has submitted an interconnection application to a distribution utility on or before December 31, 2031 and that is used to offset the electricity requirements of a group consisting exclusively of one or more customers who are political subdivisions that elects to participate in a new net metering tariff shall be eligible to receive that tariff until the date that is 20 years from the first date on which the eligible customer-generator received net metering compensation. Eligible customer-generators on an Order No. 26,029 alternative tariff may opt to transition to a new net metering tariff established in such a proceeding, provided however, once a customer-generator transitions to a new tariff, they may not revert to an Order No. 26,029 alternative tariff. Upon expiration of eligibility under an Order No. 26,029 alternative tariff, an eligible customer-generator may transition to the tariff available at that time.

Senate Health and Human Services
March 4, 2026
2026-1038s
09/07

Amendment to SB 544-FN

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

AN ACT relative to managed care laws.

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

1 Managed Care Law; Prescription Drugs. Amend RSA 420-J:7-b, III-IV to read as follows:

III. Every health plan that provides prescription drug benefits shall provide written notice in a conspicuous font and size to covered persons affected by deletions to the plan list or plan formulary, provide an explanation of the exception process by which a covered person can access nonformulary medically necessary prescription drugs, and provide a toll-free telephone number through which a covered person can request ad-

ditional information. For purposes of this paragraph, covered persons affected by deletions to the plan list or plan formulary shall include those covered persons for whom the health plan has provided coverage for the deleted prescription drugs during the 12-month period immediately prior to the deletion. Upon notification to covered persons, the health benefit plan shall allow at least ~~[45]~~ **60** days before implementation of any formulary deletions; provided, however, that advance notice shall not be required if the federal Food and Drug Administration has determined that a prescription drug on the health benefit plan's formulary is unsafe. For purposes of this section, "conspicuous font and size" shall mean a font that is at least ~~[12]~~ **14** point in size and in an easily legible font. If a covered person avails himself or herself of the exception process as outlined in 420-J:7-b, II, the medication shall be covered by the health plan until there is a resolution of the exception process. ***Any denial of an exceptions request shall be considered an adverse determination.***

IV. Every health benefit plan that provides prescription drug benefits shall maintain, as part of its records, all of the following information, which shall be made available to the commissioner upon request:

(a) ~~[the]~~ ***The*** complete drug formulary or formularies of the plan, if the plan maintains a formulary, including a list of the prescription drugs on the formulary of the plan by major therapeutic category with an indication of whether any drugs are preferred over the other drugs.

(b) ***Documentation regarding any changes to the formulary including the date the formulary was changed and the reason for the change.***

(c) ***The complete maximum allowable cost list for each pharmacy subject to the maximum allowable cost list.***

(d) ***Documentation regarding any changes to the maximum allowable cost list including, but not limited to, the date the maximum allowable cost list was changed and when impacted pharmacies were notified of the change.***

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

2026-1038s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill amends pharmacy benefits manager reporting and examination requirements.

Senate Health and Human Services

March 4, 2026

2026-1040s

09/05

Amendment to SB 549-FN

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

AN ACT requiring certain syringe service program entities to provide options for disposal of used syringes and needles.

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

1 New Paragraph; Syringe Service Programs; Authorized. Amend RSA 318-B:43 by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

II-a.(a) Any entity operating a syringe service program in New Hampshire that involves the provision of sterile needles and syringes shall provide options for the disposal of used syringes, needles, and other related paraphernalia. Such options shall be free to the public.

(b) Any organization required to provide options for the disposal of used syringes, needles, and other related paraphernalia shall undertake an annual marketing campaign to inform the public concerning the free disposal options.

(c) At the time of each quarterly report required by subparagraph II(f), each entity operating a syringe service program in New Hampshire shall report to the department whether they are required to provide options for disposal as outlined in this paragraph, and if so, shall demonstrate their compliance. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A establishing a fine schedule for failure to comply with this reporting requirement.

(d) No municipality may adopt any local ordinance or other rule to prohibit any activity authorized by this paragraph.

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

2026-1040s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires certain syringe service program entities to provide options for disposal of used syringes and needles and establishes reporting requirements. This bill further prohibits local ordinances or rules prohibiting any conduct authorized.

Senate Judiciary

March 4, 2026

2026-1052s

07/09

Amendment to SB 557-FN

Amend RSA 318-B:53, I as inserted by section 3 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. A person shall not prepare, distribute, sell, possess, or advertise any of the following:

(a) A kratom product that is a conventional food or beverage or labeled as a conventional food or beverage product.

(b) A kratom product that contains any substance that is poisonous, harmful, or injurious to health.

(c) A kratom product that contains a substance other than a non-psychoactive substance necessary for the preparation, processing, or manufacturing of said product.

(d) A kratom product containing 7-hydroxymitragynine at levels of 0.05 percent.

(e) A kratom extract that contains levels of residual solvents higher than is allowed in the U.S. Pharmacopeia 467.

(f) A kratom product containing any synthetic or semi-synthetic alkaloids including synthetic or semi-synthetic mitragynine, synthetic or semi-synthetic 7-hydroxymitragynine, or any other synthetically or semi-synthetically derived compounds of the kratom plant.

(g) A kratom product that contains a heavy metal that exceeds any of the following limits in parts per million:

(1) Arsenic less than 2.

(2) Cadmium less than 0.82.

(3) Lead less than 1.2.

(4) Mercury less than 0.4.

(h) A kratom product in any form that is combustible or intended to be used for vaporization, aerosolization, or injection.

(i) A kratom product in any form that mimics a candy product or is manufactured, packaged, or advertised in a way that can be reasonably considered to appeal to individuals under 21 years of age.

(j) A kratom product not contained in child-resistant packaging that meets the standards set forth in 16 C.F.R 1700.15(b) when tested in accordance with 16 C.F.R 1700.20. All persons holding valid licenses pursuant to this subdivision shall ensure that kratom and/or any kratom product sold by the licensee and intended for human consumption shall meet requirements related to child-resistant packaging.

(k) A kratom product that contains a concentration ratio that is:

(1) Greater than 150 milligrams of mitragynine per serving;

(2) Greater than 0.05 milligrams 7-hydroxymitragynine per gram; or

(3) Greater than 0.5 milligrams 7-hydroxymitragynine per serving.

(l) A kratom product that contains more than one percent of 7-hydroxymitragynine by percentage of total kratom alkaloids.

(m) A kratom or a kratom product that does not provide clearly visible labeling including, but not limited to:

- (1) A recommendation to consult a health care professional prior to use;
- (2) A statement that kratom may be habit forming;
- (3) A statement that kratom is not safe for use while pregnant or breastfeeding;
- (4) A warning that the product may result in dangerous medication interactions;
- (5) The following statement: "These statements have not been evaluated by the United States Food and Drug Administration. This product is not intended to diagnose, treat, cure, or prevent any disease.";
- (6) The net quantity of contents declared in numerical count, such as the number of capsules, or in volume or weight in United States customary system terms;
 - (A) The amount of mitragynine and/or 7-hydroxymitragynine contained in a serving in said kratom product;
 - (B) A recommended amount of the kratom product per serving; and
 - (C) A recommended number of servings that can be safely consumed in a 24-hour period.
- (7) The total amount of mitragynine and 7-hydroxymitragynine contained in the kratom product;
- (8) A statement that this product should be stored safely and out of the reach of children;
- (9) The name and physical non-post office box address of the manufacturer.

Senate Education
 March 3, 2026
 2026-1011s
 12/09

Amendment to SB 574

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

1 New Section; School Administrative Unit Study Commission. Amend RSA 194-C by inserting after section 12 the following new section:

194-C:13 School Administrative Unit Study Commission.

I. There is established a commission to study the efficiency of existing school system structures. The commission shall be administratively attached to the department of education.

II. Notwithstanding RSA 14:49, the commission shall consist of the following members:

- (a) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.
- (b) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.
- (c) The commissioner of the department of education, or designee.
- (d) A superintendent, appointed by the New Hampshire School Administrators Association.
- (e) A member of a local school board, appointed by the New Hampshire School Boards Association.
- (f) A business office administrator, appointed by the New Hampshire Association of School Business Officials.

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

IV. The commission shall:

- (a) Review existing demographic and enrollment shifts statewide;
- (b) Identify the number of school administrative units (SAUs) statewide, the cost per pupil in each SAU, and how SAUs can adjust their resource allocations to help reduce property taxes;
- (c) Identify states that have consolidated or restructured their school systems;
- (d) Examine impediments to consolidations and potential school closures; and
- (e) Solicit testimony from any person or organization with relevant information or expertise.

V. 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 first-named senate member. The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 30 days of the effective date of this section. Five members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

VI. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2026.

2 Prospective Repeal. RSA 194-C:13, relative to the school administrative unit study commission, is repealed.

3 Effective Date.

I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect on November 1, 2026.

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

2026-1011s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a commission within the department of education to study the efficiency and structure of school administrative units (SAUs) for the purposes of identifying opportunities for SAU consolidation and restructuring as well as property tax relief.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources
March 3, 2026
2026-1002s
07/08

Amendment to SB 595

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

AN ACT relative to rulemaking for transient non-community water systems.

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Drinking Water Rules. Amend RSA 485:3, I(c) to read as follows:

(c) Criteria and procedures to assure compliance with the levels or methods determined under subparagraph (b), including quality control monitoring and testing procedures and standards to ensure compliance with such levels or methods; criteria and standards to ensure proper operation and maintenance of the system; requirements as to the minimum quality of water which may be delivered to the consumer; and requirements with respect to siting new facilities. Such rules shall be no less ***or no more*** stringent than the most recent national Primary Drinking Water Regulations in effect, as issued or promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. ***The department shall waive the lateness penalty for transient non-community water systems and allow such systems to remain on a quarterly sampling schedule for samples submitted late, consistent with the criteria and procedures in 40 C.F.R. Section 141.854 et seq.***

2026-1002s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires rules made by the department of environmental services relative to drinking water include an option for sampling of transient non-community water systems under certain circumstances.

Senate Finance
 March 4, 2026
 2026-1050s
 05/09

Amendment to SB 608-FN

Amend the bill by inserting after section 5 the following and renumbering the original section 6 to read as 7:

6 Fiscal Committee Approval. Upon receipt of federal approval required by this act, the department of health and human services shall seek approval from the joint legislative fiscal committee at its next scheduled meeting for any expenditures pursuant to sections 1, 3, 4, and 5 of this act.

Senate Health and Human Services
 March 4, 2026
 2026-1044s
 12/09

Amendment to SB 614-FN

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

AN ACT establishing multiple-caregiver self-insured risk coverage arrangements for nonprofit and for-profit providers and servicers.

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Chapter; Multiple-Caregiver Self-Insured Risk Coverage Arrangements. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 405-B, the following new chapter:

CHAPTER 405-C

MULTIPLE-CAREGIVER SELF-INSURED RISK COVERAGE ARRANGEMENTS

405-C:1 Purpose. This chapter provides authority for 2 or more nonprofit and for-profit providers and servicers of child care, day care, foster care placement, and behavioral health services to participate in a joint self-insurance risk coverage arrangement covering liability risks. The joint self-insurance arrangements authorized under this chapter permit eligible entities to jointly self-insure liability risks, jointly purchase insurance and reinsurance, and contract for risk management, claims, and administrative and legal services.

405-C:2 Definitions.

I. "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the New Hampshire insurance department.

II. "Covered entity" means a nonprofit or for-profit provider or servicer of child care, day care, foster care placement, and behavioral health services.

III. "Department" means the New Hampshire insurance department.

IV. "Liability risks" mean risk of loss sustained by an entity and the risk of claims arising from the tortious or negligent conduct or any error or omission of the entity, its officers, employees, agents, or volunteers as a result of a claim that may be made against the entity.

V. "Multiple-caregiver self-insured risk coverage arrangement" means a formal arrangement which is established or maintained by or on behalf of 2 or more eligible entities for the purpose of jointly covering liability risk.

VI. "Nonprofit organization" means any entity that is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), 501(c)(6) or 501(c)(12) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as amended.

VII. "Self-insurance" means a formal arrangement of advance funding and management of entity financial exposure to risk of loss that is not entirely transferred through the purchase of an insurance policy or contract.

405-C:3 Declaration of Status; Tax Exemption.

I. Any arrangement authorized and meeting the standards required under this chapter is not an insurance company, reciprocal insurer, or insurer under the laws of this state, and administration of any activities of the arrangement shall not constitute doing an insurance business for purposes of regulation or taxation. Such self-insurance arrangements shall not be subject to the premium tax under RSA 400-A:32 and shall not be subject to assessment with respect to the administration fund under RSA 400-A:39.

II. Any such arrangement operating under this chapter, whether or not a body corporate, trust, or charter, may sue or be sued, make contracts, hold and dispose of real property, borrow money, contract debts, and pledge assets in its name.

III. Joint self-insurance arrangements shall be governed by this chapter and shall be exempt from this title, except for the provisions of:

- (a) RSA 400-A:16, relative to investigations;
- (b) RSA 400-A:17 through RSA 400-A:24, relative to hearings and appeals;
- (c) RSA 400-A:37, relative to examinations;
- (d) RSA 402-B relative to insurance claims adjusters;
- (e) RSA 402-H relative to third-party administrators;
- (f) RSA 402-J, relative to producer licensing; and
- (g) RSA 417:1 through 417:31 relative to unfair trade practices and fraud investigations.

IV. This section does not apply to or provide exemptions for insurance companies issuing policies to cover the arrangement, third-party administrators, insurance producers, or other licensees subject RSA title XXXVII servicing the joint self-insurance arrangement.

405-C:4 Exemptions. This chapter does not apply to a non-profit or for-profit entity that:

- I. Individually self-insures for property and liability risks;
- II. Participates in a risk pooling arrangement, including a risk retention group or a risk purchasing group, regulated under RSA 405-A, or is a captive insurer authorized in its state of domicile; or
- III. Comprises only units of local government or is a group that comprises local governments joined by an interlocal agreement authorized by RSA 5-B.

405-C:5 Agreement to Form; Authorized Activities.

I. A covered entity may join or form a self-insured risk coverage arrangement together with one or more other covered entities and may jointly purchase insurance or reinsurance with one or more other covered entities for liability risks as permitted under this chapter. Covered entities may contract for or hire personnel to provide risk management, claims, and administrative and legal services in accordance with this chapter.

II. The agreement to form a self-insured risk coverage arrangement may include the organization of a separate legal entity with powers delegated to the entity. Any such separate legal entity shall be in compliance with all applicable New Hampshire laws.

III. If provided for in the organizational documents, a joint self-insured risk coverage arrangement may, in conformance with this chapter:

- (a) Contract or otherwise provide for risk management and loss control services;
- (b) Contract or otherwise provide legal counsel for the defense of claims and other legal services;
- (c) Jointly purchase insurance and reinsurance coverage in a form and amount as provided for in the organizational documents;
- (d) Obligate the participants to pledge funds or revenues to secure the obligations or pay the expenses of the arrangement, including the establishment of a reserve fund for coverage, and any additional assessment if the reserve fund or the arrangement's revenue or assets are insufficient to cover the liabilities; and
- (e) Possess any other powers and perform all other functions reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

405-C:6 Formation. Before the establishment of a multiple-caregiver self-insured risk coverage arrangement, the covered entities shall obtain the approval of the commissioner. The entity or entities proposing the creation of the arrangement shall submit, as part of the application, a plan of management and operation to the commissioner that provides at a minimum, the following information:

- I. The risk or risks to be covered, including any coverage definitions, terms, conditions, and limitations;

II. The amount and method of funding the covered risks, including the initial capital and proposed rates and projected premiums;

III. The proposed claim reserving practices;

IV. The proposed purchase and maintenance of insurance or reinsurance in excess of the amounts retained by the joint self-insurance arrangement;

V. The legal form of the program including, but not limited to, any constitution, articles of incorporation, bylaws, charter, trust, or other agreement among the participating entities;

VI. The agreements with participants in the arrangement defining the responsibilities and benefits of each participant and management;

VII. The proposed accounting, depositing, and investment practices of the arrangement;

VIII. Evidence satisfactory to the commissioner showing that the arrangement will be operated in accordance with sound actuarial principles. The commissioner shall not approve the arrangement unless the commissioner determines that the plan is designed to provide sufficient revenues to pay current and future liabilities, as determined in accordance with sound actuarial principles;

IX. A designation of the individual to whom service of process must be forwarded by the commissioner on behalf of the arrangement, including that individual's name and address;

X. All contracts between the program and private persons providing risk management, claims, or other administrative services;

XI. A professional analysis of the feasibility of the creation and maintenance of the program;

XII. A legal analysis or an Internal Revenue Service opinion on the federal income tax exposure or liability of the program; and

XIII. Such additional information as the commissioner may reasonably require to determine compliance with this chapter.

405-C:7 Minimum General Eligibility; Prohibitions.

I. Each multiple-caregiver self-insured risk coverage arrangement shall meet the following minimum eligibility requirements, and any additional requirements as the commissioner may require:

(a) The arrangement shall qualify as a non-profit or for-profit entity;

(b) The arrangement shall be established or maintained by or on behalf of two or more properly licensed homogeneous entities providing at least one of the services of child care, day care, foster care placement, or behavioral health services, which shall be governed by formal governance documents, which may include any one or more of the following:

(1) A charter;

(2) A constitution,

(3) Bylaws; or

(4) A trust.

(c) The arrangement shall be operated by officers or a board of trustees which shall have complete fiscal control over the arrangement and which shall be responsible for all operations of the arrangement. The officers or trustees selected shall be owners, partners, officers, directors, or employees of participating entities in the arrangement. An officer or trustee may not be an owner, officer, or employee of the administrator or service company of the arrangement. The officers or trustees shall have the authority to approve applications of entities for participation in the arrangement, provided that any entity that terminates its participation shall be prohibited from rejoining for a period a two years.

(d) Appropriate action by ordinance, resolution or other action pursuant to law of the governing bodies of the participating entities shall be necessary before any such agreement may enter into force.

(e) The arrangement shall not be offered nor advertised to the public generally.

(f) The arrangement shall be operated in accordance with sound actuarial principles.

II. The following activities shall be prohibited:

(a) An employee or official of a participating nonprofit corporation in a joint self-insurance arrangement shall not directly or indirectly receive anything of value for services rendered in connection with the operation and management of the arrangement other than the salary and benefits provided by his or her employer or the reimbursement of expenses reasonably incurred in furtherance of the operation or management of the arrangement.

(b) An employee or official of a participating covered entity shall not accept or solicit anything of value for personal benefit or for the benefit of others under circumstances in which it can be reasonably inferred that the employee's or official's independence of judgment is impaired with respect to the management and operation of the arrangement.

(c) No joint self-insurance arrangement approved under this chapter shall require that any civil action or alternative dispute resolution procedure brought in connection to the self-insurance arrangement be brought in a jurisdiction other than New Hampshire.

405-C:8 Filing of Application. The covered entities of a proposed multiple-caregiver self-insurance risk coverage arrangement shall file with the commissioner an application for approval, upon a form furnished by the commissioner, which shall include or have attached the following:

I. A copy of the constitution, bylaws, articles of incorporation, charter, or trust agreement.

II. The names and addresses of the officers or trustees of the arrangement, who are subject to approval by the commissioner upon the presentation of sufficient evidence to:

(a) To be competent;

(b) Have not been found to be guilty of, or to have pled guilty or no contest to a felony, or a crime involving moral turpitude;

(c) Have not had any type of professional license revoked in this or any other state; and

(d) Have not improperly manipulated assets, accounts, or specific excess insurance or to have otherwise acted in bad faith.

III. A copy of a fidelity bond in an amount equal to not less than 10 percent of the funds handled annually and issued in the name of the arrangement covering its officers, trustees, employees, administrator, or other individuals managing or handling the funds or assets of the arrangement. In no case may such bond be less than \$1,000 or more than \$500,000 except that the commissioner may prescribe an amount more than \$500,000 after due notice and opportunity for a hearing.

IV. A plan of management and operation providing the information required in RSA 405-C:6.

V. Such additional information as the commissioner may reasonably require to determine compliance with this chapter.

405-C:9 Approval or Disapproval.

I. Within 120 days of receipt of an application, the commissioner shall either approve or disapprove an application for a license for the formation of the arrangement. If the commissioner denies a request for approval, the commissioner shall specify in detail the reasons for denial.

II. The arrangement shall not engage in an act or practice that in any respect significantly differs from the management and operation plan that formed the basis for the commissioner's approval of the program unless the program first notifies the commissioner in writing and obtains the commissioner's approval. The commissioner shall approve or disapprove the proposed change within 60 days of receipt of the notice. If the commissioner denies a requested change, the commissioner shall specify in detail the reasons for the denial.

405-C:10 Reporting Requirements. Each joint self-insurance arrangement shall file a report verified by the oath of an officer or trustee, annually within 4 months of the end of the fiscal year or within such extension of time as the commissioner for good cause may grant, with the commissioner providing:

I. Details of any changes in the articles of incorporation, bylaws, charter, trust agreement, or other agreement among the participating entities;

II. List of all current officers or trustees;

III. A description of the program structure, including participants' retention, excess insurance or reinsurance limits and attachment points;

IV. An actuarial analysis, performed by a member of the American Academy of Actuaries qualified in the coverage area being evaluated, assessing the adequacy of plan funds and the reserves necessary to be maintained to meet expenses of all incurred and incurred but not reported claims and other projected needs of the arrangement;

V. A list of contractors and service providers;

VI. The financial and loss experience of the arrangement; and

VII. Such additional information as the commissioner may reasonably require to determine compliance with this chapter.

405-C:11 Service of Process Through Insurance Commissioner. Every joint self-insurance program governed by this chapter shall file with the commissioner a written stipulation, agreeing that legal process affecting the arrangement, served on the commissioner shall have the same effect as if served personally on the company within the state. Service of such process shall be made by leaving a copy of the process in the hands of the commissioner or in their office.

405-C:12 Suspension, or Revocation of Program License; Appeal.

I. The commissioner may suspend or revoke the approval of any arrangement for any one or more of the following causes:

(a) The license issued to the arrangement was obtained by fraud;

(b) There were one or more material misrepresentations in the application for the license;

(c) The holder of such license has shown itself untrustworthy or incompetent relative to the management or operation of the arrangement;

(d) The arrangement has failed to meet the financial requirements of this chapter or has violated any lawful order or rules;

(e) The arrangement has refused to be examined or to produce its accounts, records and files for examination, or if any of its officers has refused to give information with respect to its affairs or to perform any other legal obligation as to such examination, when so required by the commissioner;

(f) The arrangement has failed to pay any final judgment rendered against it in this state within 60 days after the judgment became final;

(g) The arrangement no longer meets the requirements for the authority originally granted; or

(h) The arrangement has violated any lawful order or rule of the commissioner, provision of this chapter, or other applicable law.

II. Before the commissioner shall suspend or revoke the license of any licensee subject to this chapter, the aggrieved arrangement shall be entitled to a hearing in accordance with RSA 400-A:17.

405-C:13 Termination of Arrangement. If an arrangement is terminated for any reason, it shall pay all outstanding claims, debts, and obligations. The arrangement may retain sufficient funds to provide coverage for such additional period as the officers or trustees of the arrangement consider prudent. In addition, the officers or trustees may purchase such additional insurance as they consider necessary for protection against potential future claims. Any funds remaining in the arrangement after satisfaction of all obligations upon termination shall be paid to participating entities as of the termination date in some equitable manner meeting with the approval of the commissioner, including, without ruling out other alternatives, equally on a per capita basis to each participating entity that is covered under the arrangement as of the effective date of termination.

405-C:14 Financial Condition, Loss Reserves, Reinsurance, or Working Capital; Determination of Inadequacy.

I. The commissioner may, upon reasonable notice, conduct an examination of the loss reserves, financial condition, specific excess insurance, and working capital of a multiple-caregiver self-insured risk coverage

arrangement. If the commissioner preliminarily finds that the reserves, specific excess insurance, or financial condition may be inadequate, or that the arrangement does not have a combined working capital in an amount establishing the financial strength and liquidity of the arrangement to pay claims promptly and showing evidence of the financial ability of the arrangement to meet its obligations, the commissioner shall notify the arrangement of such inadequacy. Upon being so notified, the arrangement shall within 30 days file with the commissioner all information which, in the belief of the arrangement, proves the reasonableness and adequacy of the condition noted as being inadequate.

II. If the commissioner determines, after reviewing the information filed, that an inadequate condition exists, the arrangement shall implement, within 30 days, a plan to correct the inadequacy and shall file proof of reasonable improvement or adequate condition with the commissioner within 6 months of the implementation of the plan. If the commissioner is satisfied that the plan submitted to improve the inadequate condition of the arrangement is sufficient, they shall so notify the arrangement. The arrangement shall report quarterly to the commissioner until the causes of the inadequate condition have been corrected.

405-C:15 Rehabilitation, Dissolution. Any rehabilitation, liquidation, conservation, or dissolution of an arrangement shall be conducted under the supervision of the commissioner, who shall have all power with respect thereto granted to it under the laws governing the rehabilitation, liquidation, conservation, or dissolution of insurers.

405-C:16 Penalties.

I. Subject to other provisions in this chapter, any arrangement that fails to obtain and maintain a valid approval from the commissioner while operating or maintaining a multiple-caregiver self-insured risk coverage arrangement shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$5,000 or more than \$50,000 for each violation.

II. The commissioner may issue a cease and desist order if they find any person operating or maintaining an arrangement without a currently effective certificate of approval.

405-C:17 Rulemaking Authority. The commissioner may adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, as may be necessary to effect the purposes of this chapter.

2026-1044s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Establishes a multiple-caregiver self-insured risk coverage arrangement for nonprofit and for-profit providers and servicers of child care, day care, foster care placement, and behavioral health services.

II. Establishes reporting requirements for such arrangements.

III. Authorizes the commissioner of the insurance department to verify such arrangements, including whether the arrangements are to be suspended or terminated.

IV. Authorizes the commissioner of the insurance department to issue penalties and adopt rules relative to such arrangements.

Senate Health and Human Services

March 4, 2026

2026-1045s

07/09

Amendment to SB 615-FN

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

AN ACT establishing a commission to study the use and regulation of SNAP in New Hampshire.

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

1 New Section; Commission to Study the Use and Regulation of SNAP Established. Amend RSA 161 by inserting after section 14 the following new section:

161:15 Commission to Study the Use and Regulation of SNAP Established.

I. There is established a commission to study the use and regulation of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in New Hampshire.

II. Notwithstanding RSA 14:49, II(c), the members of the commission shall be as follows:

- (a) Two members of the senate, where at least one member is a member of the senate health and human services committee, appointed by the president of the senate.
- (b) Two members of the house of representatives, where at least one member is a member of the house health, human services, and elderly affairs committee, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.
- (c) Two people who are currently receiving SNAP benefits, appointed by the governor.
- (d) A representative of a family resource center, appointed by Family Support NH.
- (e) Two representatives of the department of health and human services, appointed by the commissioner.
- (f) The governor, or designee.
- (g) A representative from the beverage industry, appointed by the president of the senate.
- (h) A representative from the grocers' industry, appointed by the president of the senate.
- (i) A representative from convenience store industry, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.
- (j) A representative from the New Hampshire Food Bank, appointed by that organization.
- (k) A representative from the Double Up Food Bucks program, appointed by that program.
- (l) A representative of New Futures, appointed by that organization.
- (m) A representative of the Business and Industry Association, appointed by the association.
- (n) A representative of the New Hampshire Farmers' Market Association, appointed by the association.
- (o) A representative from New Hampshire Hunger Solutions, appointed by that organization.
- (p) A representative of NH Legal Assistance, appointed by that organization.
- (q) A representative from the New Hampshire Medical Association, appointed by that organization.
- (r) One representative from a New Hampshire school, appointed by the NH School Administrator's Association or the New Hampshire School Boards Association.

III. Members of the commission shall serve without compensation, except that legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the commission.

IV. The commission shall:

- (a) Research the practicality and feasibility of changing SNAP, including potential consequences from the federal government.
- (b) Study how to prioritize SNAP dollars going to healthy food, including the feasibility of healthy eating educational campaigns.
- (c) Study the economic impacts of snap changes to various industries, including costs to grocery stores, liquor stores, New Hampshire food banks, and convenience stores.
- (d) Work with the department of health and human services to examine the prevalence of fraud, waste, and abuse within the SNAP program in New Hampshire, and determine what the department would require to identify fraud, waste, and abuse in the SNAP program.
- (e) Study the impact of a waiver on New Hampshire retailers considering:
 - (1) The cost of compliance with a waiver to individual retailers and the state;
 - (2) The potential impact on retailers and state tax revenues due to decreased cross border sales and economic activity; and
 - (3) The impact to New Hampshire residents of rural areas and cities should the proposed waiver limit the ability of retailers to accept SNAP payments.

V. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named senate member. The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.

VI. The commission shall submit an interim report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2026. The commission shall submit a final report on or before November 1, 2027.

2 Repeal. RSA 161:15, relative to the commission to study SNAP, is repealed.

3 Effective Date.

I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2027.

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

Senate Judiciary

March 4, 2026

2026-1055s

07/09

Amendment to SB 626-FN

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

AN ACT restricting right-to-know requests to New Hampshire citizens.

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

1 New Paragraph; Public Officers and Employees; Access to Government Records and Meetings; Definitions. Amend RSA 91-A:1-a by inserting after paragraph I the following new paragraph:

I-a. "Citizen" means a person who is domiciled or owns property, or both, in this state and in any city, town, or other political subdivision of this state, which can be demonstrated by reasonable proof of domicile or property ownership analogous to the documents allowed to prove domicile pursuant to RSA 654:12, I(c). Media requestors, as defined in RSA 91-A:4, IX, attorneys licensed to practice law in New Hampshire requesting on behalf of a client, and employees of businesses with their principal place of business in New Hampshire acting on behalf of their employer are exempt from the domicile requirements of this paragraph, except that an attorney licensed to practice law in New Hampshire who submits a request shall represent a citizen of New Hampshire.

2 Public Officers and Employees; Access to Government Records and Meetings; Minutes and Records Available for Public Inspection. Amend RSA 91-A:4, IV(a) to read as follows:

(a) Each public body or agency shall, upon request **by a citizen** for any governmental record reasonably described, make available for inspection and copying any such governmental record within its files when such records are immediately available for such release.

2026-1055s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill restricts right-to-know requests to New Hampshire citizens, subject to certain exceptions, and defines a citizen as a person domiciled or owning property in the state.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration

March 4, 2026

2026-1051s

09/07

Amendment to SB 640-FN

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

1 Office of Professional Licensure and Certification; Unlicensed Practice. RSA 310:13 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

310:13 Unlicensed Practice; Use of Artificial Intelligence.

I. Whoever, including but not limited to individuals and entities, not being licensed or otherwise authorized to practice according to the laws of this state, advertises oneself as engaging in a profession licensed by the office of professional licensure and certification, engages in activity requiring professional licensure, or in any way holds oneself out as qualified to do so, or calls oneself a licensed professional, or provides goods or services requiring professional licensure, or whoever does such acts after receiving notice that such person's license to practice has been suspended or revoked, is engaged in unlawful practice. The office may, for purposes of verifying licensure, request to see the license of anyone who advertises oneself as engaging in a profession licensed by the office, engages in activity requiring professional licensure, or in any way holds oneself out as qualified to do so, or calls oneself a licensed professional, or whoever does such acts after receiving notice that such person's license to practice has been suspended or revoked, at the place of business, or where such business is being conducted, of such individual. After providing notice and opportunity to be heard in accordance with RSA 310:10, and upon making an affirmative finding of unlawful practice, the office shall impose a civil penalty of \$10,000 per violation. Each violation of unlicensed or unlawful practice shall be deemed a separate offense. The board, the attorney general, or a prosecuting attorney of any county or municipality where the act of unlawful practice takes place may maintain an action to enjoin any person or entity from continuing to do acts of unlawful practice. The action to enjoin shall not replace any other civil, criminal, or regulatory remedy. An injunction without bond is available to any board.

II. For any order issued in resolution of a disciplinary proceeding by the board, where the board has found unlawful practice, the board may require the respondent who is the subject of such finding to pay the office the reasonable cost of investigation and prosecution of the proceeding, but which shall not exceed \$10,000. This sum may be imposed in addition to any otherwise authorized administrative fines levied by the board as part of the penalty. The investigative and prosecution costs shall be assessed by the office and any sums recovered shall be credited to the office's fund and disbursed by the office for any future investigations of complaints and activities that violate this chapter or rules adopted under this chapter.

III. No individual, corporation, or other entity or person may provide, advertise, or otherwise offer mental health services requiring professional licensure to the public in this state through artificial intelligence unless those services are provided by a New Hampshire licensed mental health professional. Artificial intelligence shall not independently provide therapeutic communication directly to a client without the involvement of a New Hampshire licensed mental health professional. This paragraph does not preclude a New Hampshire licensed mental health professional, operating within their scope of practice, from utilizing FDA-authorized and/or HIPPA compliant artificial intelligence tools for a client under their care provided the New Hampshire licensed professional exercises due diligence.

IV.(a) For the purposes of this paragraph:

(1) "Artificial intelligence" means any computer-based system, software, or algorithm designed to perform tasks that typically require human cognitive functions, including but not limited to natural language processing, pattern recognition, decision-making, or predictive analytics.

(2) "Licensed professional" means a person holding a valid license in this state, or through a license compact, to provide therapy or psychotherapy services.

(3) "Peer support" means nonclinical services provided by individuals with lived experience of mental health conditions or recovery from substance use disorders, intended to offer encouragement, understanding, and guidance without clinical intervention.

(4) "Religious counseling" means faith-based counseling provided by clergy, pastoral counselors, or other religious leaders acting within the scope of their religious duties, provided the services are not represented as clinical therapy or psychotherapy.

(5) "Therapeutic communication" means any verbal, nonverbal, or written interaction intended to diagnose, treat, or address an individual's mental, emotional, or behavioral health concerns, including but not limited to:

(i) Direct interactions with clients for the purpose of understanding or reflecting their thoughts, emotions, or experiences.

(ii) Providing guidance, therapeutic strategies, or interventions designed to achieve mental health outcomes.

(iii) Offering emotional support, reassurance, or empathy in response to psychological distress.

(iv) Collaborating with clients to develop or modify treatment plans or therapeutic goals.

(v) Delivering behavioral feedback intended to promote psychological growth or address mental health conditions.

(6) "Therapy or psychotherapy services" means services provided to diagnose, treat, or improve an individual's mental health or behavioral health, but does not include religious counseling or peer support.

(b) No person, corporation, or entity may provide, advertise, or otherwise offer therapy or psychotherapy services or therapeutic communication, including through Internet-based artificial intelligence, to the public in this state unless those services are provided by a New Hampshire licensed mental health professional.

(c) This paragraph does not apply to:

(1) Religious counseling; or

(2) Peer support.

V.(a) A commission is established to continue reviewing the implementation of this section to better understand the impacts of this section.

(b) Notwithstanding RSA 14:49, the commission shall be comprised of:

(1) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

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

(3) A member appointed by the National Association of Social Workers New Hampshire.

(4) A member appointed by the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy.

(5) A member appointed by the New Hampshire Psychological Association.

(6) A member appointed by the New Hampshire Community Behavioral Health Association.

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

(d) The commission shall review the implementation of the policy changes induced by this section to better understand the impacts.

(e) 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 first-named senate member. The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 30 days of the effective date of this section. Five members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

(f) 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 on or before November 1, 2026.

2 Repeal. RSA 310:13, V, relative to commission to study the implementation of the section, is repealed.

3 Effective Date.

I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2026.

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

Senate Judiciary
March 4, 2026
2026-1060s
07/08

Amendment to SB 657-FN

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

AN ACT creating a study commission to oversee the use of artificial intelligence in the state.

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

1 New Subdivision; Artificial Intelligence Analysis. Amend RSA 21-M by inserting after section 19 the following new subdivision:

Artificial Intelligence Oversight

21-M:20 Artificial Intelligence Oversight Commission.

I. There is established a commission to study the broader commercial and political effects of artificial intelligence (AI) in New Hampshire.

II. Notwithstanding RSA 14:49, II(c), the members of the commission shall be as follows:

- (a) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.
- (b) Two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.
- (c) The attorney general, or designee.
- (d) The secretary of state, or designee.
- (e) The commissioner of the department of labor, or designee.
- (f) The commissioner of the department of education, or designee.
- (g) The commissioner of the department of health and human services, or designee.
- (h) One member appointed by the governor, who shall have expertise in technology or AI.
- (i) One member of the general public, appointed by the governor.

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

IV. The commission shall:

- (a) Study how AI development and implementation affects:
 - (1) Workforce composition and employment patterns;
 - (2) Wages and compensation;
 - (3) Education, training, and skill requirements;
 - (4) Health care delivery and patient outcomes;
 - (5) Consumer protections, including fairness, privacy, and transparency; and
 - (6) Political and campaign communications, including advertisements, messaging, and microtargeting using AI, and the potential for misleading or manipulative content.
- (b) Make recommendations regarding policies, regulations, or legislation to mitigate the negative impacts and maximize the public benefits of AI.

V. 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 first-named senate member. The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Six members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

VI. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before the first of each November.

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

2026-1060s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill creates a study commission to oversee the use of artificial intelligence in the state.

Senate Health and Human Services
 March 4, 2026
 2026-1047s
 07/09

Amendment to SB 665-FN

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

AN ACT relative to pharmacy benefits managers and managed care laws.

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

1 Pharmacy Benefits Managers; Definitions. Amend RSA 402-N:1, VIII to read as follows:

VIII.(a) "Pharmacy benefits manager" means a person, business, or other entity, including a wholly or partially owned or controlled subsidiary of a pharmacy benefits manager ***or licensed health insurer***, that, pursuant to a contract with a health carrier, manages the prescription drug coverage provided by the health carrier ***for health coverage as defined in RSA 420-G:2, IX***, including, but not limited to, providing claims processing services for prescription drugs, performing drug utilization review, processing drug prior authorization requests, adjudication of grievances or appeals related to prescription drug coverage, contracting with network pharmacies, and controlling the cost of covered prescription drugs.

(b) "Pharmacy benefits manager" shall not include any:

(1) Health care facility licensed in this state;

(2) Health care professional licensed in this state;

(3) Consultant who only provides advice as to the selection or performance of a pharmacy benefits manager; ***or***

(4) Service provided to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services[~~;~~***or***].

~~[(5) Health insurer licensed in this state if the health insurer or its subsidiary is providing pharmacy benefits management services exclusively to its own insureds.]~~

2 Pharmacy Benefits Managers; Registration to do Business; Rulemaking; Penalties. Amend RSA 402-N:2, III to read as follows:

III. If the commissioner finds after notice and hearing that any person has violated any provision of this chapter, or ~~[rules adopted pursuant to this chapter]~~ ***insurance laws of this state***, the commissioner may order:

(a) ~~[For each separate violation, a penalty in the amount of \$2,500]~~ ***An administrative fine not to exceed \$10,000 per violation. Each day of non-compliance shall be considered a separate violation.***

(b) Revocation or suspension of the pharmacy benefits manager registration.

3 New Section; Written Agreements. Amend RSA 402-N by inserting after section 2 the following new section:

402-N:2-a. Written Agreement.

I. No pharmacy benefits manager shall act as such without a written agreement between the pharmacy benefits manager and the health carrier. The written agreement shall be retained as part of the official records of both the health carrier and the pharmacy benefits manager for the duration of the agreement and for 5 years thereafter. The agreement shall contain all provisions required by this chapter, except insofar as those requirements do not apply to the functions performed by the pharmacy benefits manager.

II. The written agreement shall include the following:

(a) A statement of duties that the pharmacy benefits manager is expected to perform on behalf of the health carrier.

(b) A statement that the pharmacy benefits manager has a fiduciary duty to health carrier.

(c) A statement that the pharmacy benefits manager shall maintain and make available to the health carrier complete books and records of all transactions performed on behalf of the health carrier.

(d) The instructions for how the pharmacy benefits manager will undertake the duties delegated by the health carrier.

III. In cases in which pharmacy benefits manager administers benefits for more than 100 covered lives in New Hampshire on behalf of the health carrier, the health carrier shall, at least semi-annually, conduct an on-site or virtual audit of the operations of the pharmacy benefits manager.

4 Pharmacy Benefits Manager Reporting. RSA 402-N:6 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

402-N:6 Pharmacy Benefits Manager Reporting.

I. Each pharmacy benefits manager shall submit to the commissioner semi-annually a report containing a list of health benefit plans it administered and the rebates it collected from pharmaceutical manufacturers that were attributable to patient utilization in the state of New Hampshire during the prior calendar year. The report submitted to the commissioner shall, at a minimum, include the following information:

- (a) The aggregate dollar amount spent on drugs prior to rebates;
- (b) The aggregate dollar amount of all rebates that pharmacy benefit manager received from all pharmaceutical manufacturers;
- (c) The aggregate dollar amount of all administrative fees that the pharmacy benefit manager received;
- (d) The aggregate dollar amount of all health carrier administrative service fees that the pharmacy benefit manager received;
- (e) The aggregate dollar amount of all rebates that the pharmacy benefit manager received from all pharmaceutical manufacturers and did not pass through to health plans or health carriers;
- (f) The aggregate dollar amount of all administrative fees that the pharmacy benefit manager received from all pharmaceutical manufacturers and did not pass through to health plans or health carriers;
- (g) The aggregate retained rebate percentage; and
- (h) Across all of the pharmacy benefit manager's contractual or other relationships with all health plans or health carriers, the highest aggregate retained rebate percentage, the lowest aggregate retained rebate percentage, and the mean aggregate retained rebate percentage.

II. Information reported to the commissioner pursuant to this section shall be confidential and protected from disclosure under the commissioner's examination authority and shall not be considered a public record subject to disclosure under RSA 91-A. Based on this reporting, the commissioner shall make public aggregated data on the overall amount of rebates collected on behalf of covered persons in the state, but shall not release data that identifies a specific health carrier or pharmacy benefit manager.

III. The commissioner shall prescribe the format of the report and procedure for filing the report. Any forms, templates, or guidance regarding the report required by the section shall be exempt from the requirements of RSA 541-A.

IV. This section shall not apply to data related to Medicaid, the Medicaid Care Management program, the Ryan White HIV/AIDS program administered by the department of health and human services, self-funded plans, the state employee health benefit plan, or any other plan outside the jurisdiction of the commissioner.

5 Pharmacy Benefits Managers; Authority to Examine and Directly Bill Pharmacy Benefits Managers for Examinations. RSA 402-N:7 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

402-N:7 Authority to Examine and Directly Bill Pharmacy Benefits Managers for Examinations.

I. The acts of the pharmacy benefits manager shall be considered the acts of the health carrier on whose behalf it is acting. A pharmacy benefits manager may be examined as if it were the health carrier pursuant to RSA 400-A:37 and the commissioner may directly bill a pharmacy benefits manager for the costs of any examination.

II. The commissioner may investigate the acts of a pharmacy benefits manager pursuant to RSA 400-A:16.

III. The pharmacy benefits manager shall make all records and books of account available to the examiners or consultants and shall otherwise facilitate the performance of the examination or investigation.

6 New Section; Pharmacy Benefits Manager; Legislative Intent. Amend RSA 402-N by inserting after section 1 the following new section:

402-N:1-a Legislative Intent. This chapter is enacted for the purpose of regulating insurance and pharmacy benefits manager practices within the state to the maximum extent permitted by federal law, consistent with prevailing United States Supreme Court precedent.

7 Managed Care Law; Provider Contract Standards. Amend RSA 420-J:8, XV to read as follows:

XV.(a) All contracts between a carrier or pharmacy benefit manager and a contracted pharmacy shall include:

(1) The sources used by the pharmacy benefit manager to calculate the drug product reimbursement paid for covered drugs available under the pharmacy health benefit plan administered by the carrier or pharmacy benefit manager.

(2) A process to appeal, investigate, and resolve disputes regarding the maximum allowable cost pricing. The process shall include the following provisions:

(A) A provision granting the contracted pharmacy or pharmacist at least 30 business days following the initial claim to file an appeal;

(B) A provision requiring the carrier or pharmacy benefit manager to investigate and resolve the appeal within 30 business days;

(C) A provision requiring that, if the appeal is denied, the carrier or pharmacy benefit manager shall:

(i) Provide the reason for the denial; and

(ii) Identify the national drug code of a drug product that may be purchased by contracted pharmacies at a price at or below the maximum allowable cost; and

(D) A provision requiring that, if an appeal is granted, the carrier or pharmacy benefits manager shall within 30 business days after granting the appeal:

(i) Make the change in the maximum allowable cost; and

(ii) Permit the challenging pharmacy or pharmacist to reverse and rebill the claim in question.

(3) All claims adjudications, appeals, and utilization review processes shall comply with the requirements of RSA 420-J and rules promulgated thereunder.

(b) For every drug for which the **health carrier or** pharmacy benefit manager establishes a maximum allowable cost to determine the drug product reimbursement, the **health carrier or** pharmacy benefit manager shall:

(1) Include in the contract with the pharmacy information identifying the national drug pricing compendia or sources used to obtain the drug price data.

(2) Make available to a contracted pharmacy the actual maximum allowable cost for each drug.

(3) Review and make necessary adjustments to the maximum allowable cost for every drug for which the price has changed at least every 14 days.

(c) [Repealed.]

(d) [Repealed.]

(e) Grant at least 7 days' advance notice of the initial on-site audit for each audit cycle. A pharmacy that requests an additional 7 days prior to the commencement of an audit shall be granted 7 additional days.

8 Managed Care Law; Prescription Drugs. Amend RSA 420-J:7-b, III-IV to read as follows:

III. Every health plan that provides prescription drug benefits shall provide written notice in a conspicuous font and size to covered persons affected by deletions to the plan list or plan formulary, provide an explanation of the exception process by which a covered person can access nonformulary medically necessary prescription drugs, and provide a toll-free telephone number through which a covered person can request additional information. For

purposes of this paragraph, covered persons affected by deletions to the plan list or plan formulary shall include those covered persons for whom the health plan has provided coverage for the deleted prescription drugs during the 12-month period immediately prior to the deletion. Upon notification to covered persons, the health benefit plan shall allow at least ~~[45]~~ **60** days before implementation of any formulary deletions; provided, however, that advance notice shall not be required if the federal Food and Drug Administration has determined that a prescription drug on the health benefit plan's formulary is unsafe. For purposes of this section, "conspicuous font and size" shall mean a font that is at least ~~[12]~~ **14** point in size and in an easily legible font. If a covered person avails himself or herself of the exception process as outlined in 420-J:7-b, II, the medication shall be covered by the health plan until there is a resolution of the exception process. ***Any denial of an exceptions request shall be considered an adverse determination.***

IV. Every health benefit plan that provides prescription drug benefits shall maintain, as part of its records, all of the following information, which shall be made available to the commissioner upon request:

(a) ~~[the]~~ ***The*** complete drug formulary or formularies of the plan, if the plan maintains a formulary, including a list of the prescription drugs on the formulary of the plan by major therapeutic category with an indication of whether any drugs are preferred over the other drugs.

(b) ***Documentation regarding any changes to the formulary including the date the formulary was changed and the reason for the change.***

(c) ***The complete maximum allowable cost list for each pharmacy subject to the maximum allowable cost list.***

(d) ***Documentation regarding any changes to the maximum allowable cost list including, but not limited to, the date the maximum allowable cost list was changed and when impacted pharmacies were notified of the change.***

9 Managed Care Law; Retroactive Denials Prohibited; Exceptions. Amend RSA 420-J:8-b, III to read as follows:

III. A health carrier shall notify a health care provider at least 15 days in advance of the imposition of any retroactive denials of previously paid claims. The health care provider shall have 6 months from the date of notification under this paragraph to determine whether the insured has other appropriate insurance, which was in effect on the date of service. Notwithstanding the contractual terms between the health carrier and provider, the health carrier shall allow for the submission of a claim that was previously denied by another insurer due to the insured's transfer or termination of coverage. ***If the health care provider files an appeal within 15 days of the date of the notice by the health carrier, the recoupment of the previously paid claim shall occur only after the appeal and external review process has concluded.***

10 New Subparagraphs; Standards for Accident and Health Insurance; Establishing Excess Cost Sharing. Amend RSA 415-A:7, I by inserting after subparagraph (b) the following new subparagraphs:

(c) "Pharmacy benefits manager" means "pharmacy benefits manager" as defined in RSA 402-N:1, VIII.

(d) "Spread pricing" means the model of drug pricing in which the pharmacy benefit manager charges a health benefit plan a contracted price for drugs, and the contracted price for the drugs differs from the amount the pharmacy benefit manager directly or indirectly pays the pharmacist or pharmacy for the drugs, pharmacist services, or drug and dispensing fees.

11 Standards for Accident and Health Insurance; Establishing Excess Cost Sharing. Amend RSA 415-A:7, IV(b) to read as follows:

(b) A civil fine not to exceed ~~[\$2,500]~~ **\$10,000** may be imposed for each violation. Repeated ***or continuing*** violations of the same provision shall constitute separate civil offenses.

12 New Paragraphs; Standards for Accident and Health Insurance; Establishing Excess Cost Sharing. Amend RSA 415-A:7 by inserting after paragraph V the following new paragraphs:

VI. An insurer providing health coverage as defined in RSA 420-G:2, IX to a group shall disclose at the time the plan is sold how rebates will be treated in accordance with this section and, if a pharmacy benefits manager is used to administer the prescription drug benefit, whether spread pricing is used to compensate the pharmacy benefits manager.

VII. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the use of spread pricing.

13 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

2026-1047s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Requires written agreement to be formed between pharmacy benefits managers and health carriers before benefits managers can operate.

II. Amends pharmacy benefits manager reporting and examination requirements.

III. Raises the value of the maximum administrative fine that can be levied for violations of the state's pharmacy benefits manager laws.

Senate Commerce

March 3, 2026

2026-1021s

09/07

Amendment to SB 669-FN

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 On-Premises License; Salon or Barbershop. Amend RSA 178:21, III to read as follows:

III. The commission may issue a license to a business currently licensed through the office of professional licensure and certification, pursuant to RSA 313-A:19, as a salon or barbershop, as defined under RSA 313-A:1, to serve one alcoholic beverage to customers who are receiving services from said establishment. ***Such licenses shall be designated either as a tier 1 license or a tier 2 license.***

(a)(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 179:44, a ***tier 1*** licensee under this paragraph may serve alcoholic beverages and liquor [for free] ***without charge for on-premises consumption***, which shall be limited to one drink per customer in the amount not to exceed one 16-ounce glass of beverage, 6-ounce glass of wine, or 1 1/2 ounces of liquor per person ***per appointment***.

(2) The fee for a tier 1 license under this paragraph shall be \$100.

(3) The licensee shall keep records of the patron served. Such records shall be retained by the licensed facility and shall be made available to the commission upon request.

(b)(1) [The fee for the license under this paragraph shall be \$100.] A tier 2 licensee may sell alcoholic beverages and liquor for on-premises consumption only, which shall be limited to one drink per customer in the amount not to exceed one 16-ounce glass of beverage, 6-ounce glass of wine, or 1 1/2 ounces of liquor per person per appointment.

(2) The fee for a tier 2 license shall be \$480.

(3) Sales authorized under this paragraph shall be incidental to the provision of barbering or cosmetology services and shall not constitute a standalone bar or restaurant operation.

(4) The licensee shall keep records of alcoholic beverages sold under this paragraph, which shall be retained by the licensed facility and shall be made available to the commission upon request.

(c) Nothing in this section shall allow the commission to issue a license to a salon or barbershop located within a private residence.

(d) For the purposes of this section, persons under the age of 21 years shall be allowed in the salon but shall not be offered nor consume any alcoholic beverage or liquor.

(e) The licensee shall complete the management training seminar offered by the commission.

(f) The liquor commission shall submit an annual report to the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate by November 1 of each year listing the number of licenses applied for, granted, and denied, the number of inspections performed, and the total number of violations which occurred within the reporting year.

2026-1021s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This increases separates the on-premises license for barbershops and salons into two tiers, one which allows for a single sale and one which allows for service without charge, and requires the liquor commission to make an annual report to the legislature regarding the issuance of licenses and the number of violations which occurred.

Senate Health and Human Services

March 4, 2026

2026-1046s

07/09

Amendment to SB 670-FN-A

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

AN ACT establishing a developmental services oversight commission; relative to reporting requirements regarding the death of a child in residential care; and relative to the registry of founded reports of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of vulnerable adults.

Amend the bill by deleting section 3 and renumbering the original sections 4-7 to read as 3-6, respectively.

Amend the bill by replacing section 3 with the following:

3 New Paragraphs; Elderly and Adult Services; Reports and Investigation of Adult Abuse. Amend RSA 161-F:46 by inserting after paragraph III the following paragraphs:

IV. Any residential service provider caring for vulnerable adults shall notify the commissioner or designee, the bureau of licensing and certification, the attorney general, and the state's federal protection and advocacy agency in cases involving serious bodily injury or death. For purposes of this section, a residential services provider is a provider licensed or certified to provide services to vulnerable adults that are:

- (a) Supported by the 1915c home and community-based Medicaid waiver program;
- (b) At a state-owned or state-operated facility, including, but not limited to, New Hampshire hospital and Glenclyff home; or
- (c) At Hampstead hospital and residential treatment facility.

V. The notification shall be provided within 7 days of the death or serious bodily injury and shall include the following information:

- (a) The resident's name, age, and last known address.
- (b) The date of death or incident resulting in serious bodily injury.
- (c) The name(s) and contact information for the residential services provider and vendor, if applicable.
- (d) The name and contact information of the resident's next of kin and, if under guardianship, the guardian's name and contact information.
- (e) A description of the injuries sustained, medical care administered, and, if applicable, the suspected cause of death.

VI. The department shall annually notify each area agency as defined in RSA 171-A:2, I-b, community mental health program as defined in RSA 135-C:2, IV, state-owned or operated facility, including, but not limited to, New Hampshire Hospital and Glenclyff Home, Hampstead Hospital and Residential Treatment Facility, and each certified residential services provider of their responsibilities under this section and provide contact information for the agencies to be notified.

VII. The commissioner may adopt rules under RSA 541-A relative to enforcement of this section.

2026-1046s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a developmental services oversight commission, revises reporting and investigation requirements regarding reports of abuse of vulnerable adults, and revises notification and reporting requirements regarding abuse of minors in institutional residential settings.

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs
 March 3, 2026
 2026-1025s
 09/08

Amendment to HB 244

Amend the bill by replacing section 4 with the following:

4 State Building Code. Amend RSA 155-A:2, VI to read as follows:

VI. For any municipality which has not adopted an enforcement mechanism under RSA [674:51] **155-A:3**, the contractor of the building, building component, or structure shall notify the state fire marshal concerning the type of construction before construction begins excluding one- and 2-family dwellings. Any municipality that has adopted an enforcement mechanism under RSA [674:51] **155-A:3** may contract with a local enforcement agency or a qualified third party for these services as an alternative to establishing the position of building [inspector] **official** under RSA [674:51, II(e)] **155-A:3**, and such agency or third party shall have the same authority as a building [inspector] **official** as provided in that section.

Amend the bill by replacing section 7 with the following:

7 Local Amendments; Application. Amend RSA 155-A:3, VII to read as follows:

VII. The state building code established in RSA 155-A shall be effective in all municipalities, as defined in RSA [672:10] **155-A:1, XI**, in the state, without further local modification, except as permitted by this section, and shall be enforced as provided in RSA 155-A:7. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no local legislative body shall enact or enforce any ordinance, adopt or enforce any rule, or implement any regulation that amends, overrides, or deviates from the state building code, or addresses any subject included in the state building code, except as otherwise permitted by this section or other statute, on or after the effective date of this section. All municipalities with an enforcement mechanism shall enforce and comply fully with the state building code without further local modification, except as otherwise permitted by this section or other statute

Amend the bill by replacing section 8 with the following:

8 Local Amendments; Application. Amend RSA 155-A:3, IX and X to read as follows:

IX. No municipality [~~or local land use board~~], as defined in RSA [672:7] **155-A:1, XI**, shall enforce any ordinance, regulation, code, or administrative practice requiring the installation of automatic fire suppression sprinklers in any new or existing detached one- or two-family dwelling unit in a structure used only for residential purposes, or in existing buildings that contain, or will contain, no more than four dwelling units, unless fire sprinklers are existing or are required by a nonresidential occupancy.

X. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no municipality, **as defined in RSA 155-A:1, XI**, [~~or local land use board~~] shall enforce any existing ordinance, regulation, code, or administrative practice requiring the installation or use of automatic fire suppression sprinklers in any manufactured housing unit, as defined in RSA 674:31, situated in a manufactured housing park, as defined in RSA 205-A:1, II. Nothing in this paragraph shall affect the ability of an applicant for a local land use permit to include the installation of fire suppression sprinklers pursuant to RSA 674:36, [IV] **VI**, or affect the validity or enforceability of such inclusion.

[X-] XI. No county, city, town, village district, local land use board, or other subdivision of this state shall adopt any ordinance, regulation, code, or administrative practice that prohibits or restricts a person or entity from installing a safe and commercially available heating or other energy system of their choice, or from engaging the services of an energy provider of their choice to install, connect, or resupply such energy system. In this paragraph, "energy provider" means a qualified and licensed distributor of oil, propane, natural gas, or other company or entity that supplies energy or related services to the public.

XII. The building official shall have the authority to order occupants to vacate a building, structure, or other premises if the inspector determines, based on reasonable information and belief, that there is imminent danger of failure or collapse, or the condition of such premises otherwise constitutes a clear and imminent danger to the life or safety of occupants or other persons and that protection of life or safety requires vacating the premises. Such an order shall be subject to the procedures of RSA 147:16-a, which shall supersede inconsistent provisions contained in any local code or code adopted by reference.

XIII. The provisions of paragraph I shall not apply to a residence which is occupied by the owner and his or her immediate family, unless the condition of such premises constitutes a clear and imminent danger to the life or health of persons other than the occupant or occupants.

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs
March 3, 2026
2026-1020s
07/05

Amendment to HB 281

Amend RSA 657:15, III as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

III. Candidates whose names appear on the ballot for statewide office and persons bearing a notarized request from candidates whose names appear on the ballot for statewide office may obtain a statewide list of absentee voter applicants, excluding voters who have presented to the supervisors of the checklist valid protective orders pursuant to RSA 173-B from the secretary of state. Information on the statewide absentee voter list shall be limited to voter name and address where registered, voter ID number, voter's party, the type of election the absentee ballot was requested in, the date the absentee ballot was requested, the date the absentee ballot was sent or handed to the voter, and the date that the absentee ballot envelope was returned.

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs
March 3, 2026
2026-1015s
07/09

Amendment to HB 317

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

AN ACT allowing a supervisor of the checklist to verify a person's identity, with identification, if they personally know that person.

Amend RSA 659:13, I(c) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(c)(1) If the voter does not have a valid photo identification, the ballot clerk shall direct the voter to see the supervisor of the checklist.

(2) A moderator, clerk, or supervisor may verify a voter's identity if such moderator, clerk, or supervisor personally knows the voter.

(3) The supervisor of the checklist shall review the voter's qualifications and determine if the voter's identity can be verified. If the supervisor of the checklist determines that the voter's qualifications and identity are established, the voter shall be allowed to vote. If the supervisor of the checklist determines that the voter's qualifications and identity have not been established, the voter shall not be allowed to vote. A voter not allowed to vote as a result of the determination of the supervisor of the checklist may take an immediate appeal to the superior court as provided in RSA 654:12, V.

(4) A moderator, clerk, or supervisor of the checklist that verifies a voter's identity pursuant to subparagraph (2) shall be required to complete and retain the following form:

Attestation Of Identity For A Registered Voter On Election Day

(Note: the voter must be listed on the checklist at the voting location.)

I _____ (Printed Name), in accordance with the authority granted to me in RSA 659:13, I(c) as a moderator, clerk, supervisor of the checklist (circle one) do attest under the penalty of perjury that:

_____ (Printed Name of Voter) _____ (NH Voter Identification Number)

Is known to me as stated here:

_____ Signature _____ Office

I _____, in accordance with the authority granted to me in RSA 659:13, I(c) as a moderator or clerk (circle one) do attest under the penalty of perjury that I have witnessed the above attestation and believe it to be true and in accordance with the provisions of RSA 659:13, I(c).

_____ Signature _____ Office

2026-1015s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows a supervisor of the checklist to verify a person's identity, with identification, if they personally know that person.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration

March 4, 2026

2026-1056s

07/09

Amendment to HB 610-FN

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

AN ACT relative to the residential ratepayers advisory board.

Amend the bill by deleting sections 1-4 and renumbering the original sections 5-6 to read as 1-2, respectively.

2026-1056s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill makes changes to the composition and objectives of the residential ratepayers advisory board.

Senate Finance

March 4, 2026

2026-1048s

07/09

Amendment to HB 639-FN

Amend RSA 359-V:1, V as inserted by section 3 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

V. "Digital asset exchange" means any platform or network established for purchasing, selling, staking, or exchanging digital assets.

Amend RSA 359-V:3, IV and V as inserted by section 3 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

IV. A person engaging in the act of digital asset mining or staking solely with that person's own funds or digital assets and not the funds or digital assets of another, shall not be deemed to be offering or selling a security pursuant to RSA 421-B.

V. A digital asset exchange that offers to provide staking as a service to any person shall not be deemed to be offering or selling a security pursuant to RSA 421-B provided that:

(a) The digital assets staked do not leave the control of the digital asset exchange; or

(b) The digital assets remain under the control of the person who owns them. Nothing in this chapter shall preclude the secretary of state or the secretary of state's designee from instituting appropriate proceedings against a person or digital asset exchange that falsely claims to be offering digital asset staking as a service under RSA 421-B.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration

March 4, 2026

2026-1058s

04/07

Amendment to HB 1159

Amend the bill by replacing section 2 with the following:

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

Senate Executive Departments and Administration
 March 4, 2026
 2026-1061s
 09/08

Amendment to HB 1310

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 State Licensed or Certified Real Estate Appraisers; Classes of Licensure or Certification. Amend RSA 310-B:6, I(a) to read as follows:

(a) Apprentice. The apprentice real estate appraiser classification shall consist of those persons who do not meet the requirements under subparagraph (b), (c), or (d), but are in the process of completing the requirements for one of the classifications of a real estate appraiser. Apprentice real estate appraisers shall be required to work under the supervision of a New Hampshire certified appraiser who has been certified for at least 2 years ***and has not been subject to any disciplinary action as described in RSA 310-B:5-a within any jurisdiction within the 3 years prior to supervisory approval***, until the requirements for licensure or certification have been met.

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

3 New Section; State Licensed or Certified Real Estate Appraisers; Temporary License or Certificate. Amend RSA 310-B by inserting after section 11 the following new section:

310-B:11-a Temporary License or Certificate.

After application and payment of a fee, the office shall issue a temporary license or certificate to an individual who is either licensed or certified in another jurisdiction if the application complies with rules adopted by the board pursuant to RSA 541-A.

2026-1061s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Amends the standard for which New Hampshire certified appraisers can serve as supervisors for apprentice real estate appraisers, and limits how much continuing education for applicants for relicensing or recertification can be as a student in certain educational processes and programs approved by the board.

II. Allows for the issuance of a temporary license or certificate for individuals licensed or certified in another state.

HEARINGS

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

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

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TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026

COMMERCE, Room 100, SH

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

9:30 a.m.

Hearing on proposed Amendment #, 2026-1065s relative to employee leasing companies, workers' compensation coverage options, and a minimum wage exemption for minor league baseball players, to SB 655, relative to employee leasing companies and workers' compensation coverage options.

9:40 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION

EDUCATION, Room Map Room, SL

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

- 9:15 a.m. **HB 1467-FN**, relative to the New Hampshire seal of civic excellence and engagement program.
- 9:30 a.m. **HB 1574-FN**, relative to the extension of free and reduced price breakfast and lunch for students under the age of 22 and making an appropriation therefor.
- 9:45 a.m. **HB 1503**, allowing the department of education to allocate funds to create a database of maps of public schools for emergency use cases.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1202**, relative to dual and concurrent enrollment requirements for courses at institutions within the community college system of New Hampshire.
- 10:15 a.m. **HB 1270**, clarifying the definition of part-time teacher.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1792-FN**, prohibiting school districts and personnel from the instruction of critical race theory and LGBTQ+ ideologies in schools as well as establishing a private right of action for violations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS**, Room 122-123, SH

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

- 9:15 a.m. **HB 1246**, relative to planning board members serving on other local boards.
- 9:30 a.m. **HB 488**, relative to limiting conflicts of interest and concentrations of power for municipal board and committee members.
- 9:45 a.m. **HB 1296**, relative to the conditions for, and procedures for the adoption of, the elderly tax exemption.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1044**, relative to the filling of vacancies in the office of a county commissioner.

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. **HB 1199**, enabling the fish and game department to create a permit and fee for the use of fish and game staff by other state agencies and departments.
- 9:10 a.m. **HB 1603-FN**, requiring the executive director of the department of fish and game to adopt rules relative to procedures for verifying accuracy of records collected relative to threatened and endangered wildlife and ensuring landowner permission is granted for the gathering of such record.
- 9:20 a.m. **HB 1539-FN**, authorizing electric utilities to issue AAA-rated bonds for the purpose of storm cost recovery and infrastructure resilience.
- 9:30 a.m. **HB 1205**, prohibiting state and county owned lands from participating in carbon sequestration projects.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**FINANCE**, Room 103, SH

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

- 1:25 p.m. **HB 1624-FN**, relative to the elimination of certain special funds.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 1088-FN-A**, transferring funding for the water well board from the general fund to a special nonlapsing fund.
- 1:40 p.m. **HB 1435-FN**, relative to changes to the Winnepesaukee river basin control replacement fund.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**JUDICIARY**, Room 100, SH

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

- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1697-FN**, exempting certain firearms and firearm accessories manufactured and retained in New Hampshire from federal regulation.

- 1:15 p.m. **HB 1365**, relative to applications for licenses to carry a loaded pistol or revolver.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 609-FN**, relative to the general court's authority over the sale, purchase, ownership, use, possession, transportation, licensing, permitting, taxation, and other matter pertaining to firearms, stun guns, Tasers, pepper spray devices, knives and other self-defense tools.
- 1:45 p.m. **HB 1444-FN**, relative to the purchase or acquisition of certain unmanned aircraft systems.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 206-FN**, relative to government agent entries into secured premises.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 103, SH

Sen. Pearl (C), Sen. McGough (VC), Sen. Gannon, Sen. Altschiller, Sen. Reardon

- 9:00 a.m. **HB 1768-FN**, exempting honorably discharged New Hampshire veterans from metered parking fees at state parks upon presenting acceptable proof of status and raising the value of individual gifts and donations that may be received by the division of parks and recreation without the approval of the governor or the executive council.
- 9:10 a.m. **HB 1415-FN**, establishing a special veterans license plate and creating a fund and administrative programs from the proceeds of the sale of such plates and establishing the New Hampshire first for veterans program and authority.
- 9:20 a.m. **HB 1287**, relative to special number plates for veterans and eligibility therefore.
- 9:30 a.m. **HB 1328-FN**, relative to alcohol and other drug use professionals and relative to the qualifications to obtain certain occupational licenses.
- 9:40 a.m. **HB 1472**, relative to the suspension period in cases involving the administrative appeals unit relative to licensure or certification concerning lead paint poisoning prevention.
- 9:50 a.m. **HB 1033**, establishing a commission to study the legislative bill enrollment process.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, Room 100, SH

Sen. Rochefort (C), Sen. Avard (VC), Sen. Birdsell, Sen. Prentiss, Sen. Long

- 9:00 a.m. **SB 504**, relative to the practice of pharmacy and the dispensing of certain medications by pharmacists.
- 9:15 a.m. **SB 647**, authorizing the department of insurance to participate in a cooperative procurement group via an intergovernmental agreement for a prescription drug discount program.
- 9:30 a.m. **SB 607**, relative to short-term, limited duration health insurance policies
- 9:45 a.m. **SB 456**, establishing the commission for children's futures.
- 10:00 a.m. **SB 520**, relative to breast surgeries for minors.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

MEETINGS

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026

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

9:00 a.m. Room 234, GP Regular Meeting

CARBON SEQUESTRATION PROGRAMS STUDY COMMISSION (RSA 79:32)

10:00 a.m. Room 154, GP Regular Meeting

NEW HAMPSHIRE-IRELAND TRADE COUNCIL (RSA 12-O:22-a)

10:00 a.m.	Department of Business and Economic Affairs, 100 North Main Street, Suite 100, Concord, NH 03301	Regular Meeting
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MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026**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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NH COLLEGE TUITION SAVINGS PLAN ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 195-H:2)

10:00 a.m.	Farnum Hall Boardroom 28 College Drive Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026**COMMISSION TO STUDY STABLE TOKENS, TOKENIZED REAL-WORLD ASSETS, AND BLOCK-CHAIN-BASED TRUSTS FRAMEWORKS (RSA 383:26)**

10:00 a.m.	NH Banking Department Conference Room Suite 200 53 Regional Drive Concord, NH https://nh-token-commission.org	Regular Meeting
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SUBCOMMITTEE ON ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND OTHER RELATED DEMENTIA (RSA 126-A:15-a)

1:00 p.m.	Map Room, SL	Regular Meeting
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026**NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 485-F:4)**

9:00 a.m.	NHDES 29 Hazen Drive Concord, NH	Source Water Protection Subcommittee
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ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a)

9:30 a.m.	Department of Revenue Administration Training Room 109 Pleasant Street Concord, NH	Equalization Subcommittee
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FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026**COMMISSION TO STUDY THE USE OF OHRVS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 215-A:44-a)**

10:00 a.m.	DNCR 172 Pembroke Road Concord, NH Microsoft Teams Need help? Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 256 997 218 991 69 Passcode: tS9vd3Kj Dial in by phone +1 603-931-4944,,554600200# United States, Concord	Regular Meeting
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SENATE LEGISLATIVE FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE (RSA 17-E:5)

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

JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FACILITIES (RSA 17-E)

11:10 a.m. Room 100, SH Regular Meeting
 (or immediately following
 Senate Legislative Facilities)

HOUSE LEGISLATIVE FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE (RSA 17-E:5)

11:45 a.m. Room 100, SH Regular Meeting
 (or immediately following
 Joint Legislative Facilities)

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

2:00 p.m. REMOTE Regular Meeting

This meeting will take place by remote conference.

To listen in please follow the instructions below:

Please register for the Commission on the Environmental
 and Public Health Impacts of Perfluorinated Chemicals
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MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026

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

9:00 a.m. Room 228, GP Regular Meeting

The You Tube link to view the meeting livestream is:

<https://youtube.com/live/wIYOkF-vY-8?feature=share>

NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS HOME BOARD OF MANAGERS (RSA 119:3-a)

9:00 a.m. New Hampshire Veterans Home Regular Meeting
 Tarr South Conference Room
 139 Winter Street
 Tilton, NH

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

9:30 a.m. Room 228, GP Regular Meeting
 The You Tube link to view the meeting livestream is;
<https://youtube.com/live/IZRro8WydBI?feature=share>

COMMISSION TO STUDY COSTS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION (RSA 186-C:1-a)

10:00 a.m. Room 231, GP Regular Meeting

NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 485-F:4)

10:00 a.m. NHDES Regular Meeting
 29 Hazen Drive
 Concord, NH

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>
 Meeting ID: 874 3017 3115

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026**LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR THE EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT AND ASSESSMENT PROGRAM. (RSA 193-C:8-a)**

1:00 p.m. Room 232, GP Regular Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026**ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a)**

9:30 a.m. Training Room, Department of Revenue Subcommittee Meeting
 Administration, 109 Pleasant Street,
 Concord

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2026**OVERSIGHT COMMISSION ON CHILDREN'S SERVICES (RSA 21-V:10)**

9:00 a.m. Room 103, SH Regular Meeting

FISCAL COMMITTEE (RSA 14:30-a)

11:00 a.m. Room 230, GP Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 126-A:13)**

9:30 a.m. Room 158, GP Regular Meeting

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://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3435858814888164108>

EDUCATION FREEDOM SAVINGS ACCOUNT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 194-F:12)

10:00 a.m. Room 231, GP Regular Meeting

MOUNT WASHINGTON COMMISSION (RSA 227-B:3)

10:00 a.m. The Glen House, Glen, NH Regular Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2026**COUNTY-STATE FINANCE COMMISSION (RSA 28-B:1)**

10:00 a.m. Brown Building Regular Meeting
129 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026**STATE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 115-A:2)**

5:00 p.m. Edward Cross Training Complex Regular Meeting
722 Riverwood Drive
Pembroke, NH

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026**THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ADDICTION, TREATMENT AND PREVENTION (RSA 12-J:1)**

9:30 a.m. New Hampshire Department of Justice Regular Meeting
Press Room
1 Granite Place
Concord, NH

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026**ADVISORY COUNCIL ON CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (RSA 188-E:10-b)**

9:00 a.m. 25 Hall Street Regular Meeting
Concord, NH

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026**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>
Meeting ID: 874 3017 3115

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026**STATE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 115-A:2)**

5:00 p.m. Edward Cross Training Complex Regular Meeting
722 Riverwood Drive
Pembroke, NH

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026**LONG-TERM SEACOAST COMMISSION ON DRINKING WATER (RSA 485-F:6)**

2:00 p.m. New Hampshire Department of Regular Meeting
Environmental Services (NHDES)
Portsmouth Regional Office
Room A
Pease International Tradeport
222 International Drive
Suite 175
Portsmouth, NH

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026

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>
 Meeting ID: 874 3017 3115

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026

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

5:00 p.m. Edward Cross Training Complex Regular Meeting
 722 Riverwood Drive
 Pembroke, NH

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2026

THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ADDICTION, TREATMENT AND PREVENTION (RSA 12-J:1)

9:30 a.m. Executive Council Chambers Regular Meeting
 Room 208, SH

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026

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>
 Meeting ID: 874 3017 3115

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

2:00 p.m. Canterbury Shaker Village Regular Meeting
 288 Shaker Road
 Canterbury, NH

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2026

THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ADDICTION, TREATMENT AND PREVENTION (RSA 12-J:1)

9:30 a.m. Executive Council Chambers Regular Meeting
 Room 208, SH

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026

THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ADDICTION, TREATMENT AND PREVENTION (RSA 12-J:1)

9:30 a.m. Executive Council Chambers Regular Meeting
 Room 208, SH

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2026

THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ADDICTION, TREATMENT AND PREVENTION (RSA 12-J:1)

9:30 a.m. Executive Council Chambers Regular Meeting
 Room 208, SH

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2026 PENDING VETO MESSAGES:**SENATE BILLS: 268**

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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 2026 BILLS:

SENATE BILLS: 27, 33, 49, 83, 88, 103, 404, 424, 432, 446, 457, 478, 481, 484, 485, 491, 492, 494, 502, 505, 506, 515, 524, 531, 534, 538, 540, 543, 545, 547, 550, 557, 559, 565, 567, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 589, 590, 591, 597, 600, 601, 602, 603, 608, 610, 611, 614, 615, 616, 618, 620, 622, 625, 627, 628, 631, 632, 633, 635, 636, 637, 645, 651, 652, 657, 666, 669

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ENROLLED BILL AMENDMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SENATE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR 2026 BILLS:

HOUSE BILLS: 451, 705

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SENATE BILLS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

SENATE BILLS: 15, 27, 33, 34, 36, 49, 83, 94, 103, 134, 182, 186

HOUSE BILLS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

HOUSE BILLS: 59, 109, 126, 191, 221, 222, 292, 340, 481, 510, 639, 649, 707, 751, 1168, 1190

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NOTICES

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2026

All members and staff are invited to attend a complimentary lunch hosted by the New Hampshire Food Bank, to be held on Thursday, March 12 from noon to 1:30 PM in the State House Cafeteria. The Food Bank, a program of Catholic Charities New Hampshire, distributed more than 20 million pounds of non-perishable food items, fresh produce and protein (the equivalent of nearly 17 million meals) to more than 400 partner agencies located in communities throughout New Hampshire in 2025. Come and hear more about NHFB's critical work.

Senator Regina Birdsell, Senate Majority Leader

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THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026

New Futures invites all legislators to lunch on Thursday, March 19th, in the State House Cafeteria. Please drop by for box lunches from The Works and to learn more about current issues impacting Granite Staters. We will share valuable perspectives and experiences from families across the state during this casual, drop-in event.

Senator David Watters

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026

All legislators and staff are cordially invited to join the New Hampshire Automobile Dealers Association (NHADA) for our annual Legislative Crossover Reception on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 3:30 p.m. (or following the end of the session day) at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 172 North Main Street, Concord. NHADA has historically hosted this event which offers legislators a wonderful opportunity to unwind and enjoy the company of fellow legislators and staff in a fun, social gathering.

Senator Regina Birdsell, Senate Majority Leader

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026

In honor of National Physicians Week (March 25-31) and National Doctors’ Day (March 30), the New Hampshire Medical Society invites you to join us for coffee & sweet treats at the State House cafeteria on March 26th from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. As part of our White Coat Day, physicians from across New Hampshire will be at the State House and are looking forward to connecting with you. This gathering offers a meaningful opportunity to talk and recognize the compassion, dedication and leadership physicians bring to patients and communities throughout our state. Please stop by to enjoy refreshments, meet local physicians and help us celebrate the professionals who care for Granite Staters every day. We hope to see you there!

Senator David Rochefort

SENATE SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 26, 2026	CROSSOVER - Deadline to ACT on all Senate bills.
Thursday, April 30, 2026	Deadline for Policy Committees to ACT on all House bills with a fiscal impact, except bills exempted pursuant to Senate Rule 4-5.
Thursday, May 14, 2026	Deadline to ACT on all House bills.
Thursday, May 21, 2026	Deadline to FORM Committees of Conference.
Monday, May 25, 2026	Memorial Day (State Holiday)
Thursday, May 28, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.	Deadline to SIGN Committee of Conference Reports.
Thursday, June 04, 2026	Deadline to ACT on Committee of Conference Reports.
Friday, July 03, 2026	Independence Day (Observed) (State Holiday)
Monday, September 07, 2026	Labor Day (State Holiday)
Wednesday, November 11, 2026	Veterans’ Day (State Holiday)
Thursday, November 26, 2026	Thanksgiving Day (State Holiday)
Friday, November 27, 2026	Day after Thanksgiving (State Holiday)
Friday, December 25, 2026	Christmas Day (State Holiday)