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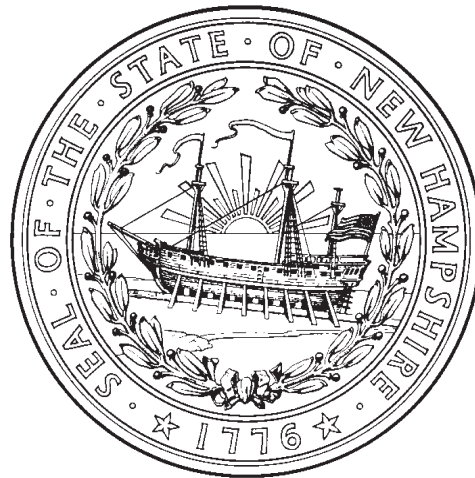
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**Second Year of the 169th Session of the
New Hampshire General Court**

SENATE CALENDAR

**THE SENATE WILL MEET IN SESSION ON THURSDAY,
APRIL 23, 2026 AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE SENATE CHAMBER**

The Senate Session on Thursday, April 23, 2026, in the Senate Chamber
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Thursday, April 23, 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 404-FN, relative to economic revitalization zone tax credits.**03/12/2026, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

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.**03/12/2026, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

SB 466-FN, relative to the possession of a firearm without a serial number.**03/12/2026, Pending Motion Committee Amendment # 2026-1043s, Judiciary, SJ 6**

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 476, relative to consumer health care cost transparency.**03/26/2026, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Health and Human Services, SJ 7**

SB 478-FN, relative to strengthening prescription drug affordability and pharmacy benefits manager accountability.**03/12/2026, Pending Motion Interim Study, Health and Human Services, SJ 6**

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 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.**03/12/2026, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

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 558, relative to the appointment of the youth development center claims administrator.**03/26/2026, Pending Motion Inexpedient to Legislate, Judiciary, SJ 7**

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 566-FN, relative to recruiting incentive programs for the national guard.**03/12/2026, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

SB 583-FN, directing the department of education to create an education funding transparency data and reporting system.**03/12/2026, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

SB 612-FN, relative to clinical eligibility criteria for nursing facility and home and community based care.**03/12/2026, Pending Motion Interim Study, Health and Human Services, SJ 6**

SB 613, relative to licensing requirements for health care facilities established within a 15 mile radius of a critical access hospital.**03/26/2026, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Health and Human Services, SJ 7**

SB 616-FN, relative to reporting requirements under the right to try act.**03/12/2026, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

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.**03/12/2026, Pending Motion Committee Amendment # 2026-1055s, Judiciary, SJ 6**

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.**03/12/2026, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

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 645-FN, relative to income eligibility for the New Hampshire child care scholarship program and reallocating certain revenue to fund the program.**03/26/2026, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 7**

SB 650, relative to use of cannabis products for therapeutic purposes by alternative treatment centers.**03/26/2026, Pending Motion Interim Study, Judiciary, SJ 7**

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 659, relative to education financing.**03/26/2026, Pending Motion Ought to Pass, Education Finance, SJ 7**

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**

SB 664-FN, limiting hospital executive compensation in communities designated as distressed place-based economies under certain circumstances.**03/12/2026, Pending Motion Ought to Pass, Health and Human Services, SJ 6**

HB 54-FN, allowing alternative treatment centers to operate for-profit.**04/09/2026, Pending Motion Interim Study, Judiciary, SJ 8**

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**

HB 246-FN-A, directing the state conservation committee to implement the conservation district climate resilience grant program and making an appropriation therefor.**03/12/2026, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

HB 704-FN-A, making an appropriation to the retired senior volunteer program.**03/12/2026, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

HB 1566-FN-A, directing the department of health and human services to seek clarification from the Administration for Children and Families regarding the use of TANF reserve funds and repealing the requirement that the department of health and human services' biennial budget request include funding for certain child care workforce programs.**04/16/2026, Pending Motion Interim Study, Health and Human Services, SJ 9**

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.**04/09/2026, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 8**

CONSENT CALENDAR REPORTS

COMMERCE

HB 1072, relative to employer notice of department of labor investigations.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Murphy for the committee.

This bill would require the commissioner of the Department of Labor to give at least 30 days' written notice before any visit or inspection, including the purpose, complaint status, and alleged violation. This bill also would require at least 30 days for establishments to respond to document or interview demands, regardless of complaint status. With the approval of the Attorney General's Office, shorter notices would be permitted if an establishment has violated labor laws within the past 36 months; if there is an imminent risk to health or safety; or if it is likely that notice would lead to the destruction or interference of evidence.

HB 1073, clarifying when the secretary of state shall complete the registry of New Hampshire decentralized autonomous organizations.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Murphy for the committee.

At the request of the Secretary of State's Office, this bill would extend their timeframe for establishing a registry of decentralized autonomous organizations (DAOs) to January 1, 2027. During the initial

Request for Proposal (RFP) process, the Department found that the two responses they received were not adequate. The Department agreed to work with stakeholders, including the InterOperability Lab at the University of New Hampshire, to determine what would be included in the revised RFP and how to move the project forward.

HB 1127, relative to the uniform voidable transactions act.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Reardon for the committee.

This bill would align with changes recommended by the Uniform Law Commission by repealing the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act and replacing it with the Uniform Voidable Transactions Act. Under this Act, transfers of property from any debtor could be voided by a creditor if the former intended to hinder, delay, or defraud the latter. This Act also would establish a preponderance of evidence standard and clarify that the governing law would be in the jurisdiction of the debtor. To address concerns raised by the Trust Council, state law would dictate transfers to qualified trusts and use a clear and convincing evidence standard.

HB 1196-FN, repealing the state housing champion designation and grant program.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator Murphy for the committee.

This bill would have repealed the Housing Champion Designation and Grant Program. Since its inception, more than half of the state's total permitted units have come from 28 Housing Champion communities. Given the Program is still in its infancy, and housing remains a top priority for many residents and businesses, the Committee felt this bill was not necessary at this time.

HB 1197-FN, making technical corrections to certain insurance laws.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

At the request of the Insurance Department, this bill would make numerous technical corrections to insurance laws. This bill would raise the fine for producers who are unresponsive to Department requests from \$2,500 to \$5,000; provide the commissioner with discretion to deny a license to an individual who has committed a misdemeanor; allow the Department to approve or analyze new standalone dental coverage or group vision products; and align both the Continuing Care Retirement Communities and homestead exemption statutes.

HB 1726-FN, relative to the sale of surplus state-owned land.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Fenton for the committee.

This bill would require proceeds from the sale or lease of surplus state-owned land to be credited to the originating department's fund. Presently, for example, the Department of Transportation has nearly 700 parcels of land on their books. These parcels could be used to build residential developments, gas stations, or convenience stores. In addition to the underlying bill, the Committee Amendment would establish a commission to study the sale of state-owned property.

EDUCATION

HB 1093, relative to public charter schools and governmental land use exemptions.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

House Bill 1093 grants chartered public schools governmental-use status for land-use purposes and subjects them to the same municipal notification requirements as other governmental entities. This bill clarifies the statute to ensure a consistent and uniform interpretation of the law across jurisdictions.

HB 1256, removing the authority of the state librarian to award scholarships to students attending graduate library schools.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-1.

Senator Sullivan for the committee.

This bill removes the authority of the state librarian to award scholarships to attend a graduate library school accredited by the American Library Association. The state librarian has not awarded a scholarship to attend a graduate library school in over 25 years.

HB 1529, repealing the reading recovery training program.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Ward for the committee.

This bill repeals the reading recovery training program, which is no longer used within or recommended by the New Hampshire Department of Education.

HB 1827-FN-A, requiring the department of education to conduct a confidential criminal history record check on all prospective educational personnel.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Altschiller for the committee.

This bill requires the Department of Education to conduct confidential criminal history record checks on all prospective educational personnel. While the committee agreed with the policy objective of closing a loophole, concerns were raised about the potential fiscal impact of the legislation which the committee felt should be addressed by the Finance Committee.

HB 1836-FN, relative to the input-based accountability system requirements and enforcement.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 4-1.

Senator Prentiss for the committee.

This bill would require the Department of Education to withhold state funding from schools or districts that fail to submit the required input-based school accountability system report. The committee concluded that the proposed penalty was overly severe.

EDUCATION FINANCE

HB 564, relative to the adoption of school administrative unit budgets.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Ward for the committee.

HB 564 as amended requires School Administrative Units (SAUs) to separate out their budgetary needs for a school year and put them in a separate warrant article. This bill will enable voters in a school district to know what the administrative costs are to educate their children versus the educational costs. The Committee felt that this bill is about increasing transparency in the budget process because voters will have a clear understanding of the difference between the two categories. The amendment allows any unassigned general fund balance to be returned to the school district.

HB 656, relative to the authority of local school districts to accept federal grants.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Murphy for the committee.

This bill deals with the acceptance of federal or state grant funding by a local school district. It requires that these funds must be disclosed in an annual report by the school board or in the notice of a hearing as well as in the minutes of the hearing. The purpose is to give taxpayers an understanding of the obligations attached to the acceptance of these federal or state grants. The Committee felt that this bill will increase the transparency of the types of funding being received in school districts.

HB 1121, defining the cost of an adequate education.

Interim Study, Vote 4-0.

Senator Murphy for the committee.

This bill defines the specific employee positions that are to be used to calculate the cost of an adequate education, including teachers, librarians, and custodians, but not nurses. The committee believed that the core definition of “adequate education” was previously addressed in HB 1815, and that more time was needed to ascertain the outcome of that new law. Therefore, as the concept has some merit but is not yet ready for legislation, the committee supported the Interim Study motion.

HB 1495, allowing a reimbursement anticipation note to be used as collateral in certain circumstances.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Murphy for the committee.

This bill allows school districts to borrow and categorize funds as revenue, so long as they are only used for the same purpose as anticipated funds. It also allows a reimbursement anticipation note to be used as collateral in certain circumstances, and it tightens how monies can be used to pay to services, such as special education.

HB 1563-FN-L, relative to the special education aid formula and the administration and monitoring of state special education aid.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Murphy for the committee.

This bill requires the department of education to distribute aid to school districts for pupils whose special education costs exceed a certain dollar value, but only up to a certain threshold. It also creates considerations for calculating costs associated with a special education student's education. In addition, the bill requires each school district seeking special education aid reimbursements to submit a certified report for each student for whom reimbursement is requested.

ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

HB 1298, relative to the disposal of electronic ballot counting device external memory devices.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

This bill requires that external memory devices in certain electronic ballot-counting machines be destroyed using the same procedures as ballots. The amendment addresses the committee's concerns about the disposal of external cards and clarifies that their disposal should match that of ballots, absentee ballot applications, affidavit envelopes, and lists.

HB 1306, relative to the counting of absentee ballots.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

This bill establishes the absentee ballot certificate and requires that the moderator and clerk perform specific counts of absentee ballots, which must be recorded on the certificate. The amendment addresses the Secretary of State's concerns about adding additional forms for the moderator and clerk to complete on election day.

HB 1526, relative to the adopting of a municipal budget committee and electing members thereof.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Rochefort for the committee.

This change updates the process for adopting, rescinding, and electing a municipal budget committee. It also revises the timeline for appointing the initial members of a cooperative school district budget committee. The committee felt that the bill addresses important issues; however, it also felt the bill needs some work before it is ready to move forward.

HB 1575, relative to the determination of the default budget by the budget committee.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Lang for the committee.

This bill makes the budget committee responsible for determining the default budget for any local political subdivision that has adopted the official ballot referenda form of meeting under RSA 40:14 and has also established a municipal budget committee under RSA 32:14.

HB 1711-FN, relative to governmental land uses.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator Long for the committee.

This bill defines "agents" in connection with the government's use of certain lands and requires a public hearing for any change or new use of these lands. The committee raised concerns about the bill's broad, vague language and is concerned that, if passed, it might be applied to any public land, which could lead to significant issues.

HB 1759, relative to the disqualification of a member of a local land use board.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator Perkins Kwoka for the committee.

This bill states that a land use board's decision regarding member disqualification is legally binding, not merely advisory, and that recusal is required if the majority finds disqualification justified. The committee believes that since this process is already established by law and best handled locally, the bill is unnecessary.

HB 1807-FN, relative to mandatory reports to voters.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.
Senator Lang for the committee.

This bill changes the format and content of the mandatory report sent to voters before any meeting where a school district approves a budget. The committee amendment removes inflation-related language, which doesn't accurately reflect the budget's actual spending, and updates the administrator figure to an average cost. These updates aim to give voters a clearer, more accurate estimate of budgeted spending.

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

HB 1425-FN, relative to the development of an online wetlands permit processing system.
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.
Senator McConkey for the committee.

House bill 1425-FN simplifies the Department of Environmental Services' permitting procedures by supporting the shift to online permitting systems and allowing rules that enable more flexible permitting to better respond to emergencies and natural disasters.

HB 1620, requiring the removal of residential heating oil underground after 12 consecutive months of non-use except in certain circumstances.
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.
Senator McConkey for the committee.

House Bill 1620 requires the removal of underground residential heating oil tanks when a heating system is changed or when the owner does not intend to use the tank in the future. The legislation also establishes a new definition for underground heating oil storage tanks and is expected to have minimal financial impact.

JUDICIARY

HB 1051, modifying the procedures and requirements for school bus driver criminal history records checks and expanding the personnel subject to such checks.
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.
Senator Altschiller for the committee.

House Bill 1051, as amended by the House, modifies the procedures for criminal history record checks for school transportation personnel by expanding the requirement to include school bus drivers, transportation vehicle drivers, bus monitors, designated volunteers, and contracted service providers. The bill establishes a centralized process through the Department of Education, requires fingerprinting, creates a secure system for background checks including use of national databases, and sets a 5-year validity period for clearances.

HB 1308-FN, relative to increasing the penalty for passing a stopped school bus.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.
Senator Abbas for the committee.

House Bill 1308-FN, as amended by the House, increases penalties for unlawfully passing a stopped school bus, authorizes the use of school bus camera footage to identify violators, and establishes escalating fines, license suspensions, and potential jail time for repeat offenses. The committee amendment modifies the use of bus camera footage by removing limitations on who may subpoena such recordings, allowing any party in litigation to access the footage.

TRANSPORTATION

HB 1421-FN, modifying title exemptions for motor vehicles manufactured before the year 2000.
Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.
Senator Fenton for the committee.

House Bill 1421-FN exempts vehicles over 20 years old from the certificate of title requirement, applying the exemption on a rolling basis as vehicles reach that age. This change is intended to reduce administrative burden by automatically extending the exemption over time.

HB 1466-FN, relative to obtaining a certificate of title for certain trailers.
Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.
Senator Fenton for the committee.

HB 1466-FN will broaden title exemptions to cover certain boats and trailers over 3,001 pounds that are more than 10 years old and permits owners of otherwise title-exempt vehicles to voluntarily obtain a title with proper documentation. It also specifies which documents are acceptable for this process and makes clear that temporary registrations do not qualify.

HB 1537-L, relative to the use of high resolution cameras to identify school bus stop light violators.
Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.
Senator Fenton for the committee.

This bill would allow school buses to use onboard video cameras (with a warrant) to help investigate drivers who illegally pass a stopped bus, since identifying violators is otherwise difficult. The footage would provide evidence, such as license plates, to support enforcement and resolve disputes, addressing growing safety concerns around reckless or inattentive driving near school buses.

HB 1549, establishing that titles, bills of sale, and identification documents are required only at initial registration or transfer of ownership.
Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.
Senator Ward for the committee.

This bill clarifies that vehicle owners only need to show proof of ownership and ID when first registering a vehicle in New Hampshire or when ownership changes. It confirms that for annual renewals, prior registration is enough and no additional documents are required unless something has changed.

WAYS AND MEANS

HB 1301-FN, increasing certain mooring fees and directing such funds to the cyanobacteria mitigation loan and grant fund.
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 4-0.
Senator Murphy for the committee.

This bill would have increased certain annual mooring fees for inland waterbodies by \$25 and directed a portion of the revenues to the Cyanobacteria Mitigation Loan and Grant Fund and a portion to the Navigation Safety Fund. The committee believes that a more comprehensive, long-term solution is needed rather than a fee increase that would be paid by only a small group of people.

REGULAR CALENDAR REPORTS

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

HB 1323-FN, relative to parental alienation.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 2-1.
Senator Abbas for the committee.

EDUCATION

HB 1571-FN-A, requiring the department of education to review statewide academic standards and curricula.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-1.
Senator Abbas for the committee.
HB 1828-FN, requiring the department of education to establish an auditing process relative to teacher preparation programs at the post-secondary educational level.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-1.
Senator Prentiss for the committee.

ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

HB 1600-FN, relative to access to the centralized voter registration database on election days.
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.
Senator Lang for the committee.

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

HB 1086-FN, creating a committee to study neonicotinoid seed treatments.
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2.
Senator Pearl for the committee.
HB 1766-FN, relative to cruelty to livestock.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.
Senator Pearl for the committee.

TRANSPORTATION

HB 1758, relative to school bus drivers' certificates.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.
Senator Ricciardi for the committee.

WAYS AND MEANS

HB 629-FN, raising the cost of a boat decal fee and allocating the funds collected by such fees to the dam maintenance fund.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-1.

Senator Sullivan for the committee.

HB 1477-FN, relative to the permitting and regulation of anchored seasonal floating platforms on public waters.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-1.

Senator Sullivan for the committee.

HB 1602-FN, creating a safe battery recycling stewardship program.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-0.

Senator Murphy for the committee.

AMENDMENTS

Senate Education Finance

April 13, 2026

2026-1468s

07/05

Amendment to HB 564

Amend the bill by inserting after section 4 the following and renumbering the original sections 5-7 to read as 6-8, respectively:

5 New Section; School Administrative Units; Unassigned Funds. Amend RSA 194-C by inserting after section 9-b the following new section:

194-C:9-c Unassigned Funds. At the end of the fiscal year, any unassigned general fund balance shall be apportioned and returned to the constituent school districts. The apportionment shall be on the same basis used by the school administrative unit and certified to the constituent districts for the purpose of raising the funds at the preceding annual district meetings.

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs

April 14, 2026

2026-1507s

07/07

Amendment to HB 1298

Amend RSA 33-A:3-a, XXXVI-XXXVII as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

XXXVI. Elections-federal elections: ballots and absentee ballot applications, affidavit envelopes, lists, and electronic ballot counting device external storage devices: by the town clerk until the contest is settled and all appeals have expired or at least 22 months after the election, whichever is longer. Extra electronic ballot counting device external storage devices programmed for, but not used during the election are exempt from preservation. ***The external storage devices of electronic ballot counting devices, including those that capture digital images, shall be disposed of in the same manner as ballots, absentee ballot applications, affidavit envelopes, and lists. Disposal may be achieved by either physically destroying the storage device or by secure erasure that permanently destroys all election-related data on the storage device, including election programming, vote tallies, and digital images.***

XXXVII. Elections-not federal: ballots and absentee ballot applications, affidavit envelopes, lists, and electronic ballot counting device external storage devices: by the town clerk until the contest is settled and all appeals have expired or at least 60 days after the election, whichever is longer. Extra electronic ballot counting device external storage devices programmed for, but not used during the election are exempt from preservation. ***The external storage devices of electronic ballot counting devices, including those that capture digital images, shall be disposed of in the same manner as ballots, absentee ballot applications, affidavit envelopes, and lists. Disposal may be achieved by either physically destroying the storage device or by secure erasure that permanently destroys all election-related data on the storage device, including election programming, vote tallies, and digital images.***

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs
 April 14, 2026
 2026-1506s
 08/09

Amendment to HB 1306

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

1 New Section; Absentee Ballot Certificate. Amend RSA 657 by inserting after section 23 the following new section:

657:23-a Absentee Ballot Certificate.

I. The secretary of state shall prepare and distribute to each town or ward clerk 2 copies of the absentee ballot certificate. When the absentee ballots are counted, the clerk shall certify on the certificate the total number of absentee ballots received, as well as all counts required under paragraph II. One copy shall be retained by the clerk for his or her records; and one copy shall be forwarded by the clerk to the secretary of state within 72 hours of the close of elections.

II. Absentee ballots shall be counted for the following:

- (a) Total absentee ballots received by the clerk.
- (b) Total number of absentee ballots mailed/and delivered by the clerk.
- (c) Total number of absentee ballots spoiled before the opening of the polls.
- (d) Total number of absentee ballots emailed to UOCAVA voters.
- (e) Total number of absentee ballots remaining before the opening of the polls.

2 Pre-Election Certificate. Amend RSA 658:32 to read as follows:

658:32 Pre-Election Certificate. The secretary of state shall prepare and distribute to each town or ward clerk 3 copies of the pre-election certificate. When the ballots are counted, the moderator and clerk shall certify thereon the total number of ***official and absentee*** ballots received. One copy shall be retained by the moderator for his or her records; one copy shall be retained by the clerk for his or her records, and one copy shall be forwarded by the clerk to the secretary of state with the election returns pursuant to RSA 659:75.

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

2026-1506s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill creates the absentee ballot certificate and requires certain counts of absentee ballots to be performed by the clerk and recorded on the absentee ballot certificate.

Senate Judiciary
 April 14, 2026
 2026-1513s
 05/09

Amendment to HB 1308-FN

Amend RSA 265:54, I-a as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I-a. Testimony under oath from the school bus driver or other witness that a vehicle failed to stop and remain stopped as required by paragraph I shall be sufficient evidence to prove that the owner of the vehicle was driving and has violated the provisions of paragraph I, unless such evidence is rebutted or contradicted. ***The camera footage from the bus may be used as evidence to identify the vehicle owner or operator and shall be made available by subpoena. The owner of a vehicle cited for a school bus law violation shall also have access to the recording or to a copy of the recording, if requested.***

Senate Children and Family Law
 April 3, 2026
 2026-1339s
 09/05

Amendment to HB 1323-FN

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Paragraph; Parental Rights and Responsibilities; Definition Added. Amend RSA 461-A:1 by inserting after paragraph IV the following new paragraph:

IV-a. "Parental alienation" means a pattern of behavior, conduct, or speech that would damage the relationship of the child and a parent, resulting in the child's fear, negative perception, rejection, or hostility toward their other parent. This includes, but is not limited to, communicating disparaging remarks to a child about their other parent, manipulating or coercing a child, and unjustified interference with parenting time. "Parental alienation" shall not include protective actions taken in good faith based on reasonable belief of abuse or neglect under RSA 169-C, a petition for a restraining order filed in good faith pursuant to RSA 458:16 or RSA 461-A:10, or a petition filed in good faith for a civil protection order pursuant to RSA 633:3-a or RSA 173-B.

Amend the bill by replacing sections 3-4 with the following:

3 Parental Rights and Responsibilities; Judicial Enforcement of Parenting Plan; Family Access Motion. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 461-A:4-a, IV to read as follows:

IV. Upon a *written* finding by the court pursuant to a motion for a family access order, *a motion alleging parental alienation*, or a motion for contempt that its order for parenting time has been substantially and materially violated, without good cause, the court shall order a remedy, which may include, but not be limited to:

4 Parental Rights and Responsibilities; Decision-making Responsibility. Amend RSA 461-A:5, III to read as follows:

III. Where the court finds that abuse as defined in RSA 173-B:1, I, *or parental alienation as defined in RSA 461-A:1, IV-a*, has occurred, the court shall consider such abuse *or parental alienation* as harmful to children and as evidence in determining whether joint decision-making responsibility is appropriate. In such cases, the court shall make orders for the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities that best protect the children or the abused spouse or both. If joint decision-making responsibility is granted despite evidence of abuse *or parental alienation*, the court shall provide written findings to support the order.

Amend the bill by replacing section 6 with the following:

6 Parental Rights and Responsibilities; Modification. Amend RSA 461-A:11, I(b) to read as follows:

(b) If the court finds *by a preponderance of the evidence that parental alienation has occurred or* repeated, intentional, and unwarranted interference by a parent with the residential responsibilities of the other parent, the court may order a change in the parental rights and responsibilities ~~[without the necessity of]~~ *upon a* showing *of* harm to the child, if the court determines that such change would be in accordance with the best interests of the child.

Amend the bill by replacing section 8 with the following:

8 Parental Rights and Responsibilities; Attorneys' Fees in Contempt and Parental Alienation Cases. Amend RSA 461-A:15 to read as follows:

461-A:15 Attorneys' Fees in Contempt *and Parental Alienation* Cases. In any proceeding under this chapter in which a party alleges, and the court finds, that the other party has failed without just cause to obey a prior order, *including cases of parental alienation*, the court shall award reasonable costs and attorneys' fees to the prevailing party.

Amend the bill by replacing section 12 with the following:

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

Senate Education
 April 14, 2026
 2026-1519s
 12/07

Amendment to HB 1571-FN-A

Amend RSA 193-E:2-a, II-b as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II-b. The statewide academic standards, as defined in RSA 193-E:2-a, VI(b), shall be reviewed for possible revision every 10 years, beginning in July 2027. The department of education shall initiate a revision of these standards, as well as the current science standards, to ensure alignment with high-quality criteria that emphasize rigor, clarity, and relevance. The revised standards shall reflect a coherent progression of knowledge, skills, and competencies across grade levels. The development process shall include meaningful participation by students, parents, and educators, consistent with the intent of RSA 193-C:1, III.

2026-1519s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires the department of education to revise the statewide academic standards decennially beginning in July 2027.

Senate Commerce
 April 14, 2026
 2026-1504s
 08/07

Amendment to HB 1726-FN

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

AN ACT relative to the sale of surplus state-owned land and establishing a commission to study the sale of state-owned property.

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

2 Purpose Statement. The purpose of section 3 of this act is to strengthen fiscal responsibility and improve the efficient management of stateowned assets. Outdated systems and untapped property reduce the effectiveness of state operations and limit public benefit. By applying fiscal prudence and commonsense stewardship to the disposition of surplus state land, the state can modernize its processes and realize longterm gains. Modest, welltargeted reforms to the way surplus land is identified and sold have the potential to stimulate economic activity, generate revenue for the state, and return valuable property to local tax rolls. The commission established in this act seeks to study how stateowned property may be best utilized, including examining opportunities to prioritize housing and the development of related infrastructure such as water and wastewater systems.

3 New Section; Commission to Study the Sale of State-Owned Property. Amend RSA 4 by inserting after section 39-g the following new section:

4:39-h Commission to Study the Sale of State-Owned Property.

I. There is established a commission to study the sale of state-owned property for the purpose of building housing and infrastructure which supports such housing.

II. Notwithstanding RSA 14:49, 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 commissioner of the department of environmental services, or designee.
- (d) The commissioner of the department of transportation, or designee.
- (e) The commissioner of the department of administrative services, or designee.
- (f) One member of the public, appointed by the president of the senate.

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) Investigate the sale of stateowned property for the purpose of building housing and the infrastructure that supports such housing.

(b) Request the assistance of any state department, commission, board, agency, or institution if, in the course of conducting its study, the committee determines that such assistance would further the goals of the investigation.

(c) Include in the report required under paragraph VI recommendations regarding the sale of state-owned property for the purpose of building housing and supporting infrastructure, including consideration of ways to expedite the return of such property to the tax base of the municipality in which it is located.

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. Four 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 November 1, 2026.

4 Repeal. RSA 4:39-h, relative to commission to study the sale of state owned property, is repealed.

5 Effective Date.

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

II. Section 4 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2026.

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

2026-1504s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires that proceeds from the sale or lease of surplus state-owned land be credited to the originating department's fund.

This bill also establishes a commission to study the sale of state-owned property.

Senate Transportation

April 14, 2026

2026-1524s

09/08

Amendment to HB 1758

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Drivers' Licenses; School Bus Driver's Certificate. Amend RSA 263:29 to read as follows:

263:29 School Bus Driver's Certificate.

I. The owner of any school bus or provider of school transportation vehicle services transporting children to and from any private or public school, or the owner of any bus owned or used by a religious organization or a nonprofit organization used exclusively as a bus for the transportation of its members in connection with functions of the organization, shall submit to the authorities in the town or city or to the organization which pays for said transportation a list of names of the persons who are to drive the buses or school transportation vehicles used in such transportation. Such authority shall submit the list of names to the department requesting an investigation of each driver's criminal and motor vehicle record. If such driver is found to be qualified to bear the responsibility of such transportation, the division shall cause said driver to be examined under the rules adopted pursuant to RSA 265:58. No person shall drive a school bus or school transportation vehicle unless he **or she** has satisfactorily passed the special examination for said driving **or has provided proof of being currently certified to drive a school bus in a qualifying jurisdiction** and received from the division a special school bus driver's certificate for a school bus or school transportation vehicle. The director may revoke such special school bus driver's certificate for good cause shown.

II. The director of the division of motor vehicles may evaluate the school bus driver credentialing standards, training, and testing of other states in the United States to determine which states meet or exceed the requirements established by New Hampshire rules.

III. In this section:

(a) “Qualifying jurisdiction” means any state that the director of the division of motor vehicles determines meets the standard set forth in paragraph II.

(b) “State” means any state, territory, or possession of the United States and the District of Columbia.

2026-1524s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides an alternative path to obtaining a school bus driver’s certificate through being currently certified as a school bus driver in a jurisdiction that the director of the division of motor vehicles determines meets or exceeds the requirements established by New Hampshire rules.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources

April 9, 2026

2026-1432s

12/09

Amendment to HB 1766-FN

Amend RSA 644:8, IV-b(a)-(c) as inserted by section 3 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

IV-b.(a) Any person charged with cruelty to animals under RSA 644:8 paragraphs III or III-a concerning livestock may have his or her livestock confiscated by the arresting officer. No animal shall be confiscated unless a person is charged under this section, except when there is probable cause to believe the livestock’s life is in imminent danger. The investigating officer for a case involving livestock as defined in RSA 427:38, III shall be accompanied by the state veterinarian or designee, to include New Hampshire department of agriculture, markets, and food staff, or a licensed veterinarian, or other qualified staff from an animal shelter facility approved by the state veterinarian, in person or by video who shall determine whether there is probable cause to believe that the livestock should be confiscated. Livestock confiscated without a warrant where a charge has not been filed shall be returned within 10 days.

(b) The department of justice shall develop a form to be distributed to any person charged with cruelty to animals under RSA 644:8, paragraphs III or IIIa, concerning livestock. The form shall inform the person of their right to have the confiscated livestock examined by a veterinarian licensed under RSA 332B, chosen by the person charged, at the person’s expense.

(c) Courts shall give cases in which livestock have been confiscated by an arresting officer priority on the court calendar, as outlined in RSA 644:8, IV(a)(3).

Amend RSA 644:8, IV-c(a) as inserted by section 3 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

IV-c.(a) Except as provided in RSA 644:8, IV(b), any appropriate law enforcement officer or municipal animal control officer may take into temporary protective custody any livestock when the owner or caretaker is not present and there is probable cause to believe that it has been or is being abused or neglected in violation of paragraphs III or III-a when there is a clear and imminent danger to the livestock’s health or life and there is not sufficient time to obtain a court order. Such officer shall leave a written notice indicating the type and number of livestock taken into protective custody, the name of the officer, the time and date taken, the reason it was taken, the procedure to have the livestock returned and any other relevant information. Such notice shall be left at the location where the livestock was taken into custody. The officer shall provide for proper care and housing of any livestock taken into protective custody under this paragraph. For any livestock confiscated without a warrant where a charge has not been filed, the confiscated livestock shall be returned within 10 days. If, after 10 days, the livestock has not been returned or claimed, the officer shall petition the municipal or district court seeking either permanent custody or a one-week extension of custody or shall file charges under this section. If a week’s extension is granted by the court and after a period of 14 days the livestock remains unclaimed, the title and custody of the livestock shall rest with the officer on behalf of the officer’s department. The department may dispose of the livestock in any lawful and humane manner as if it

were the rightful owner. If after 14 days the officer or the officer's department determines that charges should be filed under this section, the officer shall petition the court. An owner of livestock taken into protective custody shall have the right as referenced in subparagraph IV(b).

Amend RSA 644:8, IV-c(d) as inserted by section 3 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(d) No person, other than the state veterinarian or their designee, or an employee of a government agency with jurisdiction to investigate violations of this section, and which is conducting an investigation under this section, may take part during any investigation into a complaint conducted pursuant to this section. No person who may be called upon to take custody of any livestock seized as a result of a complaint under this section may participate in the decision to seize any livestock. The act of making or forwarding a complaint does not make a person part of an investigation and does not render that person ineligible to take animals into custody.

Amend RSA 644:8, IV-c(f) as inserted by section 3 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(f) No custodian of livestock in temporary protective custody under this section shall spay or neuter or otherwise permanently alter the confiscated livestock in his or her custody pending final disposition of the court case unless a treating veterinarian deems such procedure necessary to save the life of the livestock or the owner of the livestock agrees in writing to the procedure or treatment. If the treating veterinarian believes that livestock which has been confiscated is in a state of suffering and that the cost to alleviate the suffering will exceed the amount of allowable reimbursement as set by Agr 3504.01(c)(8), unless the owner pays for the care or surrenders the animal outright or for care by an animal shelter facility, the animal shall be euthanized.

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs

April 14, 2026

2026-1508s

07/07

Amendment to HB 1807-FN

Amend RSA 189:76, III and IV as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

III. The first line ~~[graph]~~ **indicator** shall be titled "Average Cost Per Pupil" and shall display the district's annual cost-per-pupil over the previous 10 years. The second line ~~[graph]~~ **indicator** shall be titled "Average Teacher Salary" and shall display the district's yearly average teacher salary over the previous 10 years. ~~[A good faith effort shall be made to adjust each annual statistic for inflation using the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Inflation Calculator or equivalent resource.]~~ Each yearly statistic shall be clearly labeled. In each **line** graph, the upper and lower boundaries of the **dual** y-axis ~~[must]~~ **shall** be capped at the nearest thousand dollars.

IV. The third line **indicator** graph shall be titled "**Average** Administrator Salaries" and shall display ~~[annual totals of all salaries paid to administrators employed or contracted by the district and corresponding school administrative unit]~~ **the district's yearly average administrator salary** over the previous 10 years. Administrators serving multiple districts may have annotation showing how their salary is apportioned among the multiple districts. ~~[A good faith effort shall be made to adjust each annual statistic for inflation using the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Inflation Calculator or equivalent resource.]~~ Each yearly total shall be clearly labeled. The upper and lower boundaries of the **dual** y-axis ~~[must]~~ **shall** be capped at the nearest hundred thousand dollars.

Senate Education

April 14, 2026

2026-1509s

12/09

Amendment to HB 1828-FN

Amend RSA 189:58-a, II as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. The department of education shall include in existing professional educator preparation program (PEPP) reviews an auditing process requiring that institutions of higher education provide metrics that document the degree to which every applicable educator preparation program at an institution of higher education is effectively teaching the science of reading and shall publish the audit results on the department's website.

HEARINGS

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

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

Links are also available on the Senate Meeting Schedule.



TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026

COMMERCE, Room 100, SH

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

- 9:30 a.m. **HB 1010**, relative to multi-family residential development on commercially zoned land.
- 9:45 a.m. **HB 1103**, allowing municipalities to utilize community revitalization tax relief credits on a wider variety of properties and structures.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1079**, allowing accessory dwelling units to be built within or attached to certain non-conforming structures.
- 10:15 a.m. **HB 1540**, relative to municipal health ordinances and accessory dwelling units.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 1681**, relative to the definition, inspection, and local approval of tiny houses and yurts as innovative housing structures.
- 10:45 a.m. **HB 1112**, relative to snow removal responsibilities in lease agreements.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 1295**, relative to eligibility requirements for charitable and nonprofit housing projects.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

EDUCATION, Map Room, SL

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

- 9:15 a.m. **HB 1358**, establishing a commission to study transitioning all public schools to public charter schools.
- 9:25 a.m. **HB 1374**, relative to the procedures for withdrawal from a cooperative school district.
- 9:35 a.m. **HB 1448**, prohibiting the use of the World Economic Forum materials within state curriculum.
- 9:45 a.m. **HB 1268**, modifying the structure and administration of home education programs.

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 1695**, preventing any guide or explanation regarding the effect of a proposed constitutional amendment from appearing on the ballot.
- 9:30 a.m. **HB 1184-FN**, relative to the issuance of no trespass orders on municipal or school district property.
- 9:45 a.m. **HB 1195**, relative to municipal zoning requirements for child day care providers.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1213**, relative to the number, selection, and terms of town highway agents and relative to the appointment of an expert highway agent.
- 10:15 a.m. **HB 1224**, relative to the default budget for official ballot town meetings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES, Room 103, SH

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

- 9:00 a.m. **HB 1140**, enabling certain disabled persons to hunt from a motor vehicle.
- 9:10 a.m. **HB 1141**, relative to permitting and fee authority for mining and prospecting.
- 9:20 a.m. **HB 1275**, relative to the effects of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances on agriculture.
- 9:30 a.m. **HB 1128**, restricting the use of weather modification technologies to declared emergencies.
- 9:40 a.m. **HB 1577**, relative to the disclosure of utility customer data to municipalities for emergency response planning.

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

- 1:30 p.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION**

JUDICIARY, Room 100, SH

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

- 1:00 p.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION**
- 1:10 p.m. **HB 1489**, relative to interstate depositions and discovery.
- 1:20 p.m. **HB 1124**, relative to the right to compute.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 1217**, permitting classification of individuals based on biological sex under certain limited circumstances.
- 1:40 p.m. **HB 1299**, permitting classification of individuals based on biological sex under certain limited circumstances and establishing that certain biological sex distinctions do not qualify as discrimination.
- 1:50 p.m. **HB 1447**, restricting the use of certain public and private facilities on the basis of sex and establishing that such restriction does not qualify as discrimination.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**TRANSPORTATION**, Room 122-123, SH

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

- 1:00 p.m. **HB 113**, relative to OHRV operation on certain highways within the town of Windsor.
- 1:10 p.m. **HB 1078-FN**, creating a gold star family and gold star father license plate.
- 1:20 p.m. **HB 1483-FN**, creating a motor vehicle license plate for amateur radio operators.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 1698**, relative to electronic credentials.
- 1:40 p.m. **HB 1594-FN**, establishing a weight-based tiered registration fee schedule for electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles.
- 1:50 p.m. **HB 2026**, relative to the state 10-year transportation improvement plan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW***WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026*****EDUCATION FINANCE**, Room 122-123, SH

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

- 11:30 a.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION**

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 103, SH

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

- 9:00 a.m. Hearing on proposed Nongermane Amendment #, 2026-1485s relative to the membership of the agriculture in the classroom committee and repealing the repeal of the produce safety chapter., to **HB 1511**, relative to the membership of the agriculture in the classroom committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, Room 100, SH

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

10:00 a.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION****WAYS AND MEANS**, Room 122-123, SH

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

9:00 a.m. Hearing on proposed Amendment #, 2026-1482s reducing the rate of the business enterprise tax and appropriating funds to the department of health and human services for licensed nursing facilities, to **HB 155-FN**, reducing the rate of the business enterprise tax.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW***TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026*****ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**, Room 103, SH

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

9:00 a.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION****MEETINGS*****FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026*****ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2)**

9:00 a.m. Room 100, SH Regular Meeting

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

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

CARBON SEQUESTRATION PROGRAMS STUDY COMMISSION (RSA 79:32)

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

LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE (RSA 14-B:2)

10:00 a.m. Room 122-123, SH Regular Meeting

MOUNT WASHINGTON COMMISSION (RSA 227-B:3)

10:00 a.m. Cog Railway Service Shop
3168 Base Station Road
Mount Washington, NH Regular Meeting

FISCAL COMMITTEE (RSA 14:30-a)

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

FOSTER CARE OVERSIGHT SUBCOMMITTEE (RSA 21-V:10)

12:00 p.m. Room 103, SH Organizational Meeting

COMMISSION TO STUDY ENVIRONMENTALLY-TRIGGERED CHRONIC ILLNESS (RSA 126-A:73-a)

3:00 p.m. Remote Only Regular Meeting
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86117818803?pwd=cWRXdGwQnQvc2ZRbkNOBhGc3M0dz09>
Meeting ID: 861 1781 8803
Passcode: 669915

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026

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

9:00 a.m.	New Hampshire Veterans Home Tarr South Conference Room 139 Winter Street Tilton, NH	Regular Meeting
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OVERSIGHT COMMISSION ON CHILDREN'S SERVICES (RSA 21-V:10)

10:00 a.m.	Room 100, SH	Ad Hoc Committee on the Sununu Youth Services Center
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STATE COMMISSION ON AGING (RSA 19-P:1)

10:00 a.m.	NH Hospital Association 125 Airport Road Concord, NH Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87430173115 Meeting ID: 874 3017 3115	Regular Meeting
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THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026

COMMERCE, Room 100, SH

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

9:00 a.m.	Subcommittee on Housing Work Session
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FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026

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

9:30 a.m.	NHDES Room 208C 29 Hazen Drive Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026

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

10:00 a.m.	Room 100, SH	Regular Meeting
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2026

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, MAY 1, 2026

TEMPORARY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO STUDY, MONITOR, AND SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF CORRECTIVE MEASURES IDENTIFIED IN THE 2025 LEGISLATIVE BUDGET ASSISTANT AUDIT (HB 2, Chapter 141:369, Laws of 2025)

1:00 p.m.	Room 234, GP	Regular Meeting
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TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026

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

5:00 p.m.	Edward Cross Training Complex 722 Riverwood Drive Pembroke, NH	Regular Meeting
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026

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

9:30 a.m.	Department of Revenue Administration Training Room 109 Pleasant Street Concord, NH	Assessment Review Standards Subcommittee
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FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026

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

10:00 a.m.	DNRC 172 Pembroke Road Concord, NH Microsoft Teams Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 218 299 554 481 60 Passcode: em2nw222 Dial in by phone +1 603-931-4944,,840445040# United States, Concord Find a local number Phone conference ID: 840 445 040# Join on a video conferencing device Tenant key: nhgov@m.webex.com Video ID: 118 522 708 3 https://www.webex.com/msteams?confid=1185227083&tenantkey=nhgov&domain=m.webex.com	Regular Meeting
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JOINT LEGISLATIVE PERFORMANCE AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 17-N:1)

1:00 p.m.	Room 234, GP	Regular Meeting
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MONDAY, MAY 11, 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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NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 485-F:4)

10:00 a.m.	NHDES 29 Hazen Drive Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026

LONG-TERM SEACOAST COMMISSION ON DRINKING WATER (RSA 485-F:6)

2:00 p.m.	New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Portsmouth Regional Office Room A Pease International Tradeport 222 International Drive Suite 175 Portsmouth, NH	Regular Meeting
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MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026

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

10:00 a.m.	NH Hospital Association 125 Airport Road Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
	Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87430173115	
	Meeting ID: 874 3017 3115	

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026

COMMISSION TO STUDY REVENUE ALTERNATIVES TO THE ROAD TOLL, ROAD TOLL REGISTRATION CHARGES, AND REVENUE ALTERNATIVES TO VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES, INCLUDING ELECTRIC VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES, TO FUND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE STATE'S HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES AND THEIR RESULTING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ENVIRONMENT (RSA 21-J:49)

10:00 a.m.	Room 228, GP	Regular Meeting
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MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026

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

9:00 a.m.	Room 228, GP	Regular Meeting
	Youtube Livestream Link:	
	https://youtube.com/live/L-coHTbuC9s?feature=share	

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

9:30 a.m.	Room 228, GP	Regular Meeting
	Youtube Livestream Link:	
	https://youtube.com/live/fBwSD4cZvcs?feature=share	

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026

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

5:00 p.m.	Edward Cross Training Complex 722 Riverwood Drive Pembroke, NH	Regular Meeting
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MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2026

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

10:00 a.m.	Room 232, GP	Regular Meeting
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NH COLLEGE TUITION SAVINGS PLAN ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 195-H:2)

10:00 a.m.	Granite Edvance 3 Barrell Court Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2026

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

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

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NOTICES

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026

The Cooperative Credit Union Association, in partnership with New Hampshire's credit unions, will host a luncheon at The Barley House on Thursday, April 23rd, beginning at 12:00 p.m. All members of the Senate are cordially invited to attend. This event will provide an opportunity to engage with representatives from local credit unions and discuss issues of mutual interest.

Senator Regina Birdsell, Senate Majority Leader

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THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026

The New Hampshire Suicide Prevention Council would like to cordially invite all Senators to a hearty hot breakfast on Thursday, April 23rd from 8am-9am in the basement of St. Paul's Church (21 Centre St., across from the State House) to learn about the Council and suicide prevention. RSVP (encouraged but not required) to Holly Stevens, co-chair of the SPC policy subcommittee, at hstevens@naminh.org.

Senator Debra Altschiller

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FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026 AND SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026

On behalf of the New Hampshire Farm, Forest & Garden Expo Board of Directors, the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food (NHDAMF) invites all New Hampshire legislators to attend the Farm, Forest, and Garden Expo. The 2026 Expo will take place on May 1 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and on May 2 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

This year's theme, From Soil to Sawdust: How New Hampshire Makes Ag Happen, highlights the people on the front lines transforming the Granite State's natural resources into the food we eat, the tools we use, and the products that support everyday life. This event provides an excellent opportunity to connect with the individuals and practices that keep New Hampshire thriving. More information is available at <https://www.nhfarmandforestexpo.org/>.

For tickets, stop by NHDAMF at 1 Granite Place, Suite 211, in Concord, or email Rebecca.W.Ross@agr.nh.gov.

Senator Howard Pearl

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THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026

The New Hampshire Breastfeeding Task Force will host a legislative event on May 7 from 12pm – 2pm in the New Hampshire State House Cafeteria, where refreshments will be provided. The event will raise awareness about the critical role of International Board-Certified Lactation Consultants (IBCLCs) in supporting breastfeeding families across New Hampshire and highlight ongoing efforts to explore state licensure during the 2026–2027 legislative session. Printed materials will be available describing the Task Force’s mission, the credentials and scope of practice of IBCLCs, and the many ways these professionals serve our communities and families across the state.

Senator Denise Ricciardi
Senator Sue Prentiss

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THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026

Legislators & staff are cordially invited to the annual Walmart lunch and health screening in the State House cafeteria on Thursday, May 14th starting at 11:30 a.m.

Senator Tim Lang

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THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026

The NH Oral Health Coalition invites you to our Legislative Reception “Speaking Tooth to Power” on May 14th at St. Paul’s Church’s Ordway Room from 12:00 to 1:30. Light lunch and desserts will be served. This is your opportunity to meet the oral health and dental providers bringing lower cost, accessible care into your communities. RSVP to Christina Wellbeloved at cwellbeloved@NHOralHealth.org or 603-415-5550. See you there! All Senators and their staff are welcome.

Senator Cindy Rosenwald

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THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026

NH/VT Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) is part of a national construction industry trade association representing more than 23,000 members. Founded on the merit shop philosophy, ABC helps New Hampshire contractors develop people, win work, and deliver that work safely, ethically and profitably for the betterment of the communities in which ABC and its members work. Please join local contractors on the State House Plaza on Thursday, May 21, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for hands on demonstrations of the trades, craft training, safety equipment and technology used every day to literally build New Hampshire. Lunch will be served!

Senator Regina Birdsell, Senate Majority Leader

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FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026

The New Hampshire Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Association cordially invites you to attend the 34th Annual New Hampshire Fallen Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Ceremony. This Ceremony is being held to honor the Law Enforcement Officers throughout the State of New Hampshire who have made the ultimate sacrifice and died in the line of duty while protecting the citizens of the State. The Ceremony will be held on Friday, May 22, 2026, beginning promptly at 10:00 a.m., at the Memorial Site in front of the Legislative Office Building. The Ceremony will proceed rain or shine. Please do not hesitate to contact Colonel Kevin Jordan at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, 603-271-3128, should you have any questions.

Senator Sharon M. Carson, Senate President

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SENATE SCHEDULE

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)