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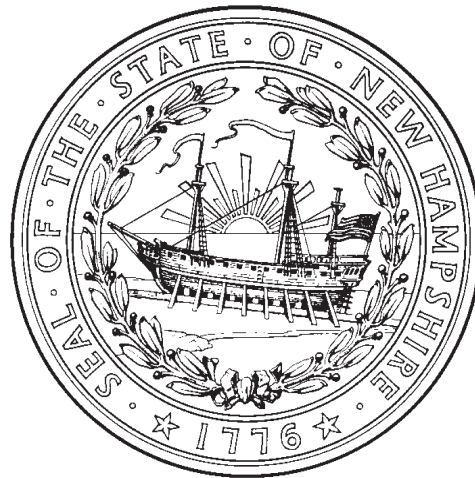
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**Second Year of the 169th Session of the
New Hampshire General Court**

SENATE CALENDAR

**THE SENATE WILL MEET IN SESSION ON THURSDAY,
MAY 7, 2026 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE SENATE CHAMBER**

The Senate Session on Thursday, May 7, 2026, in the Senate Chamber will be
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Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 9:00 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 real-locating 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 1121, defining the cost of an adequate education.**04/23/2026, Pending Motion Interim Study, Education Finance, SJ 10**

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 1600-FN, relative to access to the centralized voter registration database on election days.**04/23/2026, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Election Law and Municipal Affairs, SJ 10**

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 297-FN, relative to providing self-funded employer health benefit plans access to their claims data.
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Innis for the committee.

At the request of the Insurance Department, this bill would require the Department to provide an employer sponsoring a self-funded health benefit plan with access to a report based on de-identified claims data from their plan. Under RSA 420-G:11, V, self-funded employers must opt in to receive de-identified claims data through the Comprehensive Health Care Information System (CHIS). By increasing voluntary compliance, employers can help improve their employee health benefit plans. Importantly, data would be de-identified and aggregated to ensure employees who might have higher utilization are not singled out.

HB 396, relative to the processing of beef cows, swine, sheep, and goats at facilities not certified by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Innis for the committee.

This bill would allow farms to send a limited number of beef cows, swine, sheep, and goats to be processed per month by a farm or a producer at a facility that is not certified by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Bringing animals to a USDA facility can be lengthy and arduous leading to animals undergoing stress, which can impact the quality of the meat. It is also very difficult for small farms to get an appointment, some take up to 2 years, at USDA facilities. This bill would make it easier for small farmers to do business as well as open the market for consumers to purchase affordable, locally grown food. The Committee Amendment clarified that products would be labeled as “initially processed” rather than “slaughtered.” It also would require the Department to develop through rulemaking an annual training program for farmers.

HB 1010, relative to multi-family residential development on commercially zoned land.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Murphy for the committee.

This bill would establish adequate infrastructure criteria for multi-family dwelling units on commercially zoned land. The Committee Amendment would replace the entirety of the underlying bill. When a planning board determines adequacy, they may consider a traffic impact study or require an applicant to receive permission from an owner of a public water system to connect to the system. A planning board may deny an application if the volume of traffic is not supported by the road design; an applicant is unable to secure a source of water; or an applicant is unable to properly dispose of wastewater and sewage.

HB 1079, allowing accessory dwelling units to be built within or attached to certain non-conforming structures.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-1.

Senator Murphy for the committee.

This bill would expand the definition of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) to allow them to be built within nonconforming structures. If a municipality changes standards, such as setbacks or lot coverage, an existing structure can become nonconforming. This bill would reduce the burden placed on property owners, and make it easier to build detached ADUs, by defining an ADU built before July 1, 2025, as an existing structure. If an individual demonstrated substantial development, they would be able to receive a 7-year exemption from any changes made by a municipality. The Committee Amendment would remove the inadvertent repeal of RSA 674:73 in Section 3.

HB 1103, allowing municipalities to utilize community revitalization tax relief credits on a wider variety of properties and structures.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Ricciardi for the committee.

This bill would allow municipalities to utilize Community Revitalization Tax Relief credits for certain housing structures and new structures. Providing greater flexibility would enable municipalities to continue to revitalize buildings in downtown areas, identify buildings that could be turned into residential housing, and lower carrying costs which is critical for the development of affordable housing. To align with the federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program, the Committee Amendment would extend tax assessment relief from 11 years to 15 years for workforce housing.

HB 1112, relative to snow removal responsibilities in lease agreements.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-1.

Senator Fenton for the committee.

This bill, with respect to tenancies, would establish a standard for who is responsible for the removal of snow and ice in certain scenarios. In a lease, a landlord could assign this responsibility to themselves or their tenant. If the responsibility is not specified, a landlord would be responsible for common areas. If an area is private or exclusively used by a tenant, they would be responsible. Given this is already common practice, stakeholders did not believe this bill would affect the market.

HB 1207-FN, relative to certain laws applicable to state chartered banks, credit unions, trust companies, and other consumer credit entities subject to the authority of the banking department.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Innis for the committee.

At the request of the Banking Department, this bill sought to simplify, streamline, and update the statutory fee mechanisms that determine how the Department is funded. Examinations, which are conducted every 18 months, would be changed to a flat fixed fee for chartered entities. For licensed entities, fees charged for license applications would be adjusted to inflation. The Committee Amendment would clarify that the fixed annual fee would apply to all state chartered institutions, including depository banks, credit unions, trust companies, and family trust companies.

HB 1262-FN, relative to home heating oil and propane contracts and sales.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.
Senator Reardon for the committee.

As amended, with input from the industry and the Attorney General's Office, this bill would update requirements for home heating oil, kerosene, and propane dealers by expanding contract-disclosure rules, modifying prepaid-contract protections, setting requirements for tank removal and refunds, limiting service-termination fees, and designating violations as unfair or deceptive acts. This bill sought to increase competition, lessen the burden on smaller companies who are not subject to complaints, and provide consumers with greater transparency.

HB 1285, establishing a commission to study if New Hampshire may implement an R-PACER program.
Interim Study, Vote 5-0.
Senator Reardon for the committee.

This bill would have established a commission to study if New Hampshire should implement a Residential Property Assessed Clean Energy or Resiliency (R-PACER) program. The Committee felt there were too many unanswered questions, such as who would be responsible for administering the program and if it has been successful in other states.

HB 1295, relative to eligibility requirements for charitable and nonprofit housing projects.
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.
Senator Ricciardi for the committee.

This bill would have restricted eligibility requirements for charitable, nonprofit housing project tax exemptions. This tax preference has been unchanged since April 1992, and facilities throughout the state have relied on it when financing or deciding to build or renovate. Given the need for housing for seniors, and the far-reaching impact this would have on all nonprofit housing, the Committee believed this bill should be Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1406, relative to health carrier recordkeeping requirements in utilization review, including specifications regarding the use of artificial intelligence.
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 4-1.
Senator Ricciardi for the committee.

This bill would have added specific requirements for when AI can be used in medical situations. Insurance carriers do not use AI to deny claims; instead, it is used to detect fraud, waste, and abuse. When a clinical judgment has been made, it must be signed off by a human. The Insurance Department has already established regulatory guardrails around the use of AI. They are also in the process of updating their INS 2000 and INS 1300 rules related to utilization review and claim processing, respectively.

HB 1502, governing special bank and credit union deposits.
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.
Senator Reardon for the committee.

This bill, which is model legislation from the Uniform Law Commission, would regulate deposits held at banks and credit unions that are used for a specific, contingent purpose on behalf of a beneficiary. Special deposits are protected opt in escrow agreements. When a special deposit has been made, it must provide for at least two beneficiaries as well as contingencies. This bill would add a tool to a financial institution's toolkit for the benefit of consumers and small businesses.

HB 1523-FN, relative to disclosure requirements for condominium associations.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.
Senator Reardon for the committee.

This bill would establish disclosure requirements for homeowners' associations similar to what exists for condominium associations. Requirements would include disclosure of shareholder responsibilities, personnel salary, conflicts of interest, and how money is spent. To avoid potential violations, and provide greater flexibility, the Committee Amendment would extend the timeframe for when records should be provided from 5 days to 15 days.

HB 1540, relative to municipal health ordinances and accessory dwelling units.
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.
Senator Ricciardi for the committee.

This bill would clarify that municipalities retain authority to enforce local health ordinances related to septic safety and maintenance when regulating accessory dwelling units. The economy and businesses in lake communities depend on water quality. Properly functioning septic systems are important, and when systems are overloaded or fail, excess nutrients can lead to cyanobacteria blooms.

HB 1554-FN, requiring insurance carriers to provide peer-to-peer review at any stage of prior authorization and mandating disclosure of reviewer credentials.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator Ricciardi for the committee.

This bill would have required insurance carriers to provide peer-to-peer review at any stage of prior authorization, established qualifications for reviewing providers, and required disclosure of such information to the treating provider. In 2024, the Legislature made reforms to the prior authorization process in SB 561-FN. Given these reforms recently took effect, and rulemaking is still ongoing by the Insurance Department, the Committee felt this bill was unnecessary.

HB 1681, relative to the definition, inspection, and local approval of tiny houses and yurts as innovative housing structures.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-1.

Senator Murphy for the committee.

This bill would establish definitions, set inspection and permitting requirements, authorize municipal property tax assessments, and regulate the transportation of factory-built innovative housing structures (IHS), including tiny houses, tiny houses on wheels, and yurts. Given the cost of housing, IHS would provide an affordable alternative option. The Committee Amendment would provide municipalities with flexibility in determining how these structures are taxed.

HB 1765-FN, enabling wine and beverage manufacturers to offer tastings of and sell products of certain New Hampshire wine and beverage manufacturers.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Innis for the committee.

This bill would enable wine and beverage manufacturers to offer tastings and sales of products from other New Hampshire-based wine and beverage manufacturers. Expanding choices would benefit businesses, consumers, and distributors alike. The Committee Amendment would prohibit an employee from authorizing intentional damage caused by the application of stickers, tags, markings, or other materials, to a product's label or packaging. If a product was defaced without the knowledge of the licensee, they would not be subject to penalties.

EDUCATION

HB 1155, repealing the home education advisory council.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

House Bill 1155 would repeal the Home Education Advisory Council. The Council was repealed by different legislation; therefore, the bill is unnecessary at this time.

HB 1774-FN, relative to qualifying scholarship granting organizations and federal workforce Pell grants.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Prentiss for the committee.

House Bill 1774-FN, as amended, allows the Department of Revenue Administration to participate in the federal income tax credit for individuals' contributions to qualified scholarship-granting organizations. The legislation also directs the Department of Education to create a qualifying scholarship-granting organization and the governor to approve workforce training programs for federal workforce Pell Grants.

HB 1832-FN, adding students with a parent or guardian on active military duty to the education freedom accounts priority guidelines.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Altschiller for the committee.

House Bill 1832-FN would add students residing in New Hampshire with at least one parent or guardian on active military duty to the priority guidelines list for education freedom accounts. The legislation was deemed unnecessary because an existing compact already addressed the issue.

ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

HB 1021, amending the date to provide written notice to a municipality of a taxpayer's election to be assessed under the low-income housing tax credit program.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

This bill aligns the low-income housing tax credit program with the rest of the tax credit programs by moving the application deadline from October to April. The amendment simply modifies the effective date to ensure that taxpayers will not lose the opportunity to receive this tax credit in 2027.

HB 1131, relative to the official ballot referendum form of town meetings.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Lang for the committee.

This bill, as amended, amends the method for adopting the official ballot referendum form of meeting by placing the adoption question at the beginning of the warrant. By placing the question first on the warrant, more voters will have the opportunity to participate in the vote, and therefore, there will be a better representation of the town's preferences.

HB 1184-FN, relative to the issuance of no trespass orders on municipal or school district property.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-1.

Senator Lang for the committee.

HB 1184 outlines procedures for issuing, extending, and challenging no trespass orders on public property. It also includes safeguards for affected individuals, such as the right to a hearing and an appeal. The committee amendment clarifies the appeal process and gives the local governing body sufficient time to convene and affirm the trespass order before it expires.

HB 1187-FN, relative to the time in which candidates for state representative may file their candidacy for a special election.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Rochefort for the committee.

This bill, as amended, allows candidates for state representative in a special election to file with their town or city clerk for 3 days and provides remedies if a candidate lives in a town whose town office is not open for at least 2 hours on at least 3 days each week.

HB 1195, relative to municipal zoning requirements for child day care providers.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-1.

Senator Lang for the committee.

This bill defines child care centers for local zoning purposes and provides that municipalities shall allow the operation of child care centers, with limited exceptions, by right on commercial land, provided they comply with the licensing standards established by the Department of Health and Human Services.

HB 1213, relative to the number, selection, and terms of town highway agents and relative to the appointment of an expert highway agent.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator Rochefort for the committee.

This bill updates how towns determine the number of highway agents, their selection, and term lengths. It allows towns to revoke an expert agent's appointment and establishes rules for managing these appointments. The Committee notes that road agents and localities effectively maintain New Hampshire's roads and staff repairs as needed, and therefore, the Committee believes this bill is unnecessary.

HB 1224, relative to the default budget for official ballot town meetings.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Long for the committee.

This bill amends the definition of default budget to include salary and benefit reductions of vacant positions, subject to an exception. The Committee would like more time to work on this bill and, therefore, recommends a referral to Interim Study.

HB 1234, identifying certain school district offices as incompatible for purposes of school district elections.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Long for the committee.

HB 1234 bans filing for candidacy in multiple incompatible school district offices. The committee amendment aims to address concerns that certain school officials might be unable to serve on certain boards. For instance, a school board member who is about to retire should still be eligible to run for a budget committee seat if the election occurs after their retirement date, but they must file before retiring.

HB 1319, enabling towns, village districts, or school districts to adopt or rescind a local fiscal accountability committee for towns and schools.

Interim Study, Vote 4-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

HB 1319 would permit towns, village districts, or school districts to establish or remove a local fiscal accountability committee for towns and schools. The committee believes that municipalities can already create an ad hoc committee to handle these matters, making this bill redundant. Additionally, the committee also wants to evaluate the effect of HB 1575 before making additional changes.

HB 1331, enabling the Derry town council to incorporate the Derry Cooperative School District as a department of the town through a charter amendment.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Rochefort for the committee.

HB 1331 authorizes the Derry Town Council to incorporate the Derry Cooperative School District as a department of the town through a charter amendment. The committee considers this a matter of local control, and passing the bill would allow the Town of Derry to hold a vote and make an independent decision.

HB 1355, relative to eliminating the default budget from the official ballot referenda.

Interim Study, Vote 4-0.

Senator Lang for the committee.

HB 1355 removes the requirement that towns and school districts using the official SB 2 ballot process include a default budget in the operating budget warrant article and also introduces new procedures if voters reject the proposed operating budget. The committee notes that this bill may conflict with recently passed HB 1575 and therefore recommends a Referral to Interim Study.

HB 1601-FN, requiring the secretary of state to create a voter education program that includes information on recent changes to voting laws.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

This bill requires the Secretary of State to develop a voter education program focused on recent changes to voting laws. Existing statutes already direct the Secretary of State to conduct voter education initiatives. The Secretary of State's Office provided a list of current voter outreach activities it is implementing. Consequently, the committee recommends an Interim Study for HB 1601.

HB 1604-FN, requiring suitable public facilities such as schools and town halls be made available as polling places upon request by local election officials.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Long for the committee.

This bill requires that suitable public facilities, including schools and town halls, be made available as polling places when requested by local authorities. The Committee believes this bill needs further work and, therefore, recommends a referral to Interim Study.

HB 1695, preventing any guide or explanation regarding the effect of a proposed constitutional amendment from appearing on the ballot.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Perkins Kwoka for the committee.

This bill would prevent any guide or explanation regarding the effect of a proposed constitutional amendment from appearing on the ballot. The Committee believes that voters should understand what they are voting on and requests additional time to refine the bill's wording; therefore, it recommends an Interim Study on HB 1695.

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

HB 215-FN, requiring a landfill permit applicant to submit a report listing potential harms and benefits of the project.

Interim Study, Vote 3-2.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

HB 215 would have required landfill applicants to submit a report to DES outlining the potential harms and benefits of a proposed project, in order to determine whether the landfill would serve the public interest. The Committee concluded that the issue would be more appropriately addressed through other legislation and recommended that the bill not be passed in its current form.

HB 219-FN, relative to changes to the minimum electric renewable portfolio standards.

Interim Study, Vote 4-0.

Senator Rosenwald for the committee.

House bill 219 would have eliminated class II solar energy projects from the renewable energy portfolio and re-classify solar energy projects under class I. The committee recognized the public opposition and ultimately decided the bill was not ready for passage.

HB 1138, limiting the placement of out-of-state waste going into New Hampshire landfills.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Rosenwald for the committee.

House bill 1138 would have restricted the intake of out-of-state solid waste in NH landfills to no more than 30 percent of its total intake. The committee ultimately decided that potential litigation under the interstate commerce clause would pose significant financial risks to the State.

HB 1140, enabling certain disabled persons to hunt from a motor vehicle.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

House Bill 1140 makes language and technical changes to expand the pool of individuals eligible to hunt from a motor vehicle. It clarifies that individuals who are paraplegic, as well as those who have lost one or both lower extremities, are included under the provisions of RSA 207:7.

HB 1141, relative to permitting and fee authority for mining and prospecting.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Watters for the committee.

House bill 1141 would streamline the permitting process for mining projects, ensuring environmental protection and improving efficiency. The bill consolidates the permit process and transfers authority from DNCR to NHDES which has more extensive experience managing environmental permits. The amendment addresses concerns regarding cultural artifacts found on site.

HB 1275, relative to the effects of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances on agriculture.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Avard for the committee.

House Bill 1275 grants farmers immunity from civil liability for damages arising from claims related to PFAS sludge contamination found on their land. It is intended to protect farmers who unknowingly operate on contaminated property.

HB 1542-FN, directing alternative compliance payments to the renewable energy fund to be refunded to ratepayers.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator McConkey for the committee.

House bill 1542 as amended would establish a committee to study New Hampshire's electric renewable portfolio standard and the renewable energy fund. The committee will study and make recommendations on the value of the portfolio to ratepayers. It would also evaluate if the renewable portfolio continues to serve its original purpose.

HB 1577, relative to the disclosure of utility customer data to municipalities for emergency response planning.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Watters for the committee.

House Bill 1577 allows public utilities to share individual customer data with municipal emergency management authorities for emergency purposes. It enables municipalities to identify and maintain a list of vulnerable residents who rely on continuous electrical service for their health and safety, ensuring they receive priority assistance during power outages. The committee amendment offers a clarification that aligns with utilities internal processes that streamline the coordination.

HB 1622-FN, requiring the state to develop additional solid waste disposal capacity.

Interim Study, Vote 4-1.

Senator McConkey for the committee.

House bill 1622 would have mandated a state preference for expansion of existing permitted landfills over landfill development on greenfield sites. The committee decided that the language would be better implemented into another bill rather than it passing as a stand-alone.

HB 1676, limiting consumer access to certain high-risk rodenticides.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

House Bill 1676 proposed prohibiting the sale of rodenticides to individuals who are not licensed or registered with DAMF. The Committee determined that oversight should remain with the Pesticide Control Board, noting that the issue was already being addressed at that level and that additional state involvement was unnecessary.

HB 1718-FN, relative to authorizing energy storage in connection with net metering.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

House bill 1718 affirms that energy storage may be added to a net-metered distributed generation facility and that energy discharged from storage may be compensated under net-metering rules. The amendment makes technical changes to bifurcate the roles and responsibilities of DOE and the PUC.

HB 1775-FN, relative to utility ownership of natural gas and nuclear power generation facilities.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Watters for the committee.

HB 1775 would allow electric utilities to invest in or own natural gas and nuclear power generation facilities. The committee amended the bill to make technical revisions that clarify how reliable, dispatchable, and controllable power generation is coordinated with distributed energy resources

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 1097, requiring legislative approval of the amendment or permanent removal of historical markers.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

HB 1097 requires that any amendment to, or permanent removal of, historical markers by the department of natural and cultural resources be first approved by the joint legislative historical committee.

HB 1109, relative to notice and update requirements regarding state employee investigations.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Reardon for the committee.

HB 1109 outlines procedures for handling the suspension of certain state and local employees by providing written notice and periodic updates. The amendment clarifies language of the underlying bill, ensuring there is written notice provided when a suspension of a public employee occurs, however provides that this is not done in a manner which may prejudice the case. Additionally, the Nongermane amendment codifies that certain positions in the department of corrections are in group II retirement system status. While this has been the case, and the incumbents have been paying into the group II retirement system, this amendment codifies the practice for clarity.

HB 1115, adding a definition of citizen of New Hampshire and expanding the number of persons eligible for the New Hampshire medal of honor.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Reardon for the committee.

HB 1115 expands the number of persons eligible for the New Hampshire medal of honor. As amended, section 1 of the legislation is removed, which would have codified a definition for "citizen of New Hampshire" to be applied throughout state statute.

HB 1132, prohibiting the display of certain flags and banners in public schools and public charter schools and establishing penalties for the display of prohibited flags and banners.

Interim Study, Vote 3-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

HB 1132 would prohibit the display of certain flags and banners in public schools and public charter schools. While the goal to depoliticize schools is commendable, the bill's prohibition casts a wide net and would benefit from further refinement to better define its scope and specifics.

HB 1211, relative to the scope of review of state agency interpretations.

Interim Study, Vote 3-0.

Senator Reardon for the committee.

HB 1211 states that in cases involving state agencies, courts must interpret any remaining ambiguity in a way that limits agency power and maximizes individual liberty. There were concerns about the legislature requiring otherwise neutral arbiters to preemptively lean one way or another using standards that were not clearly defined. The committee ultimately concluded that the existing system was not producing issues that warranted intervention.

HB 1269, relative to qualifications to practice acupuncture.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Reardon for the committee.

HB 1269 simplifies the process for out-of-state licensees to practice in New Hampshire by modifying academic requirements to align with other states. The legislation also adds an acupuncture detoxification specialist to the acupuncture board and updates the name of the certification commission from the NCCAOM to the NCBAHM. The committee amendment replaces one existing acupuncturist board seat with an acupuncture detoxification specialist to keep the membership at an odd number.

HB 1286, relative to the practice of dentistry and when radiographic examinations are required.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator Altschiller for the committee.

HB 1286-FN proposed dental patients who wanted to decline radiographic examinations could sign a waiver of liability in order to continue receiving dental care. Periodic radiographic examinations are included in the dental scope of practice and given the critical diagnostic role that radiographic examinations play in dentistry, this bill was found to be inexpedient to legislate.

HB 1312, relative to the authority of various boards.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

HB 1312 concerns the authority of boards under the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification. It authorizes these boards to establish subcommittees, subject to OPLC rules. It also removes the authority of boards of registration in optometry to modify the list of approved pharmaceuticals used by optometrists and removes the board of accountancy's authority to establish fines by rule. As amended, the bill allows optometry boards to update the approved pharmaceuticals list when updating formularies, moves approval of medical imaging and radiation therapy programs to the OPLC executive director (with advisory input from the board of medical imaging and radiation therapy), and adjusts duties and authority of the family mediator certification board.

HB 1328-FN, relative to alcohol and other drug use professionals and relative to the qualifications to obtain certain occupational licenses.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

HB 1328-FN amends the membership of the board of licensing for alcohol and other drug use professionals, eliminates the license type of licensed clinical supervisor, modifies the qualifications for licensure for recreational therapists, and amends the qualifications for speech-language assistants. The amended bill provides for a delayed repeal of the licensed clinical supervisor license to respect those who have earned and maintained it. Those provisions take effect July 1, 2030; all other sections of the legislation take effect 60 days after passage.

HB 1407, enabling veterinary technicians to provide rabies vaccinations while indirectly supervised by a veterinarian.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Lang for the committee.

HB 1407 enables veterinary technicians to provide rabies vaccinations while indirectly supervised by a veterinarian. The legislation was amended to allow this only under the direct supervision of veterinarians. This ensures that a licensed veterinarian is on the premises of the facility when the veterinary technicians are providing rabies vaccinations.

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.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Reardon for the committee.

HB 1415-FN authorizes a special veterans license plate and establishes a fund and administrative programs from the proceeds of the sale of such plates. This bill also establishes the first for veterans program, a program designed to attract, retain, and support veterans in the state. The amendment ensures consistency in fee requirements, that all relevant departments are named, that funds are to be nonlapsing, and amends the language so that funds are sent to the correct location.

HB 1426-FN, requiring the department of environmental services to employ certified personnel in each program area.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Lang for the committee.

HB 1426-FN would require the department of environmental services to employ or contract certified personnel in each program area that requires a license or certification. The committee determined that non-legislative approaches could address the initial underlying issue and expressed concern about the burden the legislation would place on the Department of Environmental Services.

HB 1458-FN, relative to the licensing of massage establishments and massage, reflexology, structural integration, and Asian bodywork facilities.

Interim Study, Vote 3-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

HB 1458-FN would establish a licensure requirement for massage and related bodywork facilities, including reflexology, structural integration, and Asian bodywork. It also would establish standards for the operation of such facilities. This bill is recommended for interim study to allow the committee to prioritize the other legislation before it, which also addresses establishing a licensure framework for these facilities.

HB 1511, relative to the membership of the agriculture in the classroom committee.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

HB 1511 as introduced to the Senate removes a representative of the Granite State Dairy Promotion from the agriculture in the classroom committee. As amended by the committee, the legislation revises the membership of the Agriculture in the Classroom Committee to better address issues identified during the legislative process, including challenges with meeting quorums and appointing new members. The amendment also adds "New Hampshire Day at The Big E" as a day of observance proclaimed by the Governor. Finally, the amended version removes the prospective repeal of RSA 426-A, relative to produce safety.

HB 1544, prohibiting the use of scented products in public areas of state buildings.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-0.

Senator Reardon for the committee.

HB 1544 prohibits the use of scented products in public areas of state buildings, as these products can be an irritant or trigger a reaction in citizens with certain medical conditions.

HB 1555-FN, relative to the administration and enforcement of the state fire code.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

HB 1555-FN allows the state fire marshal to hear de novo appeals of local fire chief decisions within set timelines and grants them statewide authority to approve, deny, or allow project-specific alternatives and code modifications under the state building code. The committee amendment updates the effective date from July 2, 2026 to July 1, 2027.

HB 1569-FN, repealing the directive that the state sell the Anna Philbrook Center for Children property in Concord.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-0.

Senator Reardon for the committee.

HB 1569-FN repeals the requirement that the state sell the Anna Philbrook Center property located in Concord, New Hampshire. The Department of Health and Human Services has made it clear that they still require the beds and space the Philbrook Center makes available to accommodate for the needs of the state. The revenue which would have come from the sale will be partially offset by income from third-party contracts as the Center continues to be used.

HB 1631-FN, relative to the contents of the attorney general's annual report detailing state forfeiture information for the preceding fiscal year.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

HB 1631-FN changes the requirements for the annual report from the attorney general concerning forfeitures of personal property. The committee determined that the bill required further revision and has recommended interim study.

HB 1705-FN, establishing an employee assistance program for small town and volunteer first responders.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Altschiller for the committee.

HB 1705-FN helps address a lack of access to existing mental health resources in communities across the state, specifically to support first responders. The legislation establishes a fund to cover the costs of enrolling and supporting first responders from small communities into the state-provided employee assistance program (EAP) and outlines eligibility, enrollment, and reporting requirements for the department of health and human services.

HB 1727, relative to the inter-agency data sharing for the purpose of distributing summer electronic benefit transfer (EBT) benefits.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Reardon for the committee.

HB 1727 would require the New Hampshire Departments of Education and the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services to enter into an agreement allowing the Department of Education to share student addresses with DHHS to help administer the federal Summer EBT program. While there were concerns about the changing of federal forms with the original bill, the amended legislation works around these issues by creating a separate system for automatic enrollment into Summer EBT programs for eligible students, provided their parent or guardian do not opt out.

HB 1805-FN, relative to physical fitness performance requirements for certified law enforcement officers.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 4-1.

Senator Lang for the committee.

HB 1805-FN would make modifications to the physical fitness requirements for law enforcement officers and would require law enforcement agencies to adopt an officer wellness program to support law enforcement officers' wellness. Given the profession's stress and physical demands, the legislation could have unintended negative health effects on police officers. Maintaining the current physical fitness standards was determined to be best for officer health and readiness, as well as to meet public expectations, particularly in the absence of clear consensus among stakeholders.

FINANCE

HB 164-FN, relative to local records retention.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 7-0.

Senator Lang for the committee.

This bill requires the State Archivist to design a publicly available website for storing and allowing public access to local electronic records and guidelines. The Senate Finance Committee amended HB 164-FN by reducing the appropriation to \$50,000 and making the funds nonlapsing.

HB 1194-FN, relative to credits for assessments paid by insurers and relative to the application of criminal gambling statutes.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0.

Senator Lang for the committee.

This bill modifies how insurance companies can claim tax credits for assessments paid to the NH Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association in an effort to limit large, unpredictable revenue losses in years with high assessments. It further clarifies when credits can be taken and that the credits cannot be carried forward. HB 1194-FN also includes housekeeping language as it pertains to the conduct of a sports book, or participation in sports wagering authorized by RSA 287-I.

HB 1433-FN, creating a child care tax credit for qualifying businesses.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

This bill establishes the Child Day Care Creation Tax Credit applicable to the Business Enterprise Tax (BET) and the Business Profits Tax (BPT). A business may claim a credit equal to 50 percent of allowable expenditures with the aggregate tax credit capped at \$5 million. A business must be a licensed program, expand or create seats that were not available prior to January 1, 2027, and be approved for the credit by the Department of Revenue Administration.

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.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 7-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

This bill authorizes school boards to extend free and reduced meal program eligibility for students with an individualized education program (IEP) that are already age 21, but attending school until the age of 22. It directs the state to reimburse school boards from the General Fund for free and reduced price meals for such eligible students. The Senate Finance Committee amended HB 1574-FN to include an appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Services for the purpose of supporting administrative cost impacts resulting from federal legislative cost-share changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

HB 1576-FN, relative to the enforcement of criminal restitution obligations.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0.

Senator Rosenwald for the committee.

This bill provides for new mechanisms for the enforcement of criminal restitution obligations, including mandatory financial reevaluation and additional penalties for noncompliance. Due to Governor and Executive Council approval of a contract for a new restitution management system, the requirements of HB 1576-FN can be absorbed within existing Department of Corrections' resources. There is no expected fiscal impact to state revenues or expenditures.

HB 1723-FN, requiring utilities and electric grid operators to assess and report the vulnerability of high-voltage transformers to geomagnetic and electromagnetic disturbances, and to recommend mitigation measures to protect the state electric infrastructure.

Interim Study, Vote 7-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

This bill sought to direct the Department of Energy to investigate the vulnerability of electric transmission transformers and other system components to geomagnetic and electromagnetic disturbances, and to report its findings and recommendations. As HB 1723 would authorize the Department to fund the cost of the investigation through a special assessment on electric utilities, thus passing the not to exceed cost of \$350,000 onto ratepayers, the Senate Finance Committee recommended Interim Study on the bill.

HB 1756-FN, allowing organizations to file for property tax exemptions once and receive those exemptions unless and until a town assessor finds the organization ineligible for an exemption.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

This bill permits designated charitable organizations to submit a one-time application for property tax exemptions. Once granted, the exemption remains in effect unless a town assessor determines the property no longer qualifies. Applicants must provide updated documentation upon request.

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.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 7-0.

Senator Watters for the committee.

This bill sought to exempt vehicles displaying a New Hampshire veteran license plate from metered parking fees at state parks. The Senate Finance Committee amended HB 1768-FN to allow the Division of Parks and Recreation to solicit and receive monetary and in-kind donations, and to acknowledge such donations through limited sponsor recognition. The bill also raises 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 Executive Council.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

HB 241-FN, relative to health insurance coverage of pain management services for the management of chronic pain.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Rochefort for the committee.

This bill requires health carriers to develop, in accordance with guidelines established by the Insurance Department, a program to provide access to a broad spectrum of covered pain management services for the management of chronic pain. A committee amendment has been adopted to reflect stakeholder collaboration with the bill's prime sponsor.

HB 1719-FN, removing Hepatitis B from the list of diseases for which immunization is required under state law. Interim Study, Vote 3-1.

Senator Long for the committee.

This bill removes Hepatitis B from the list of diseases for which childhood immunization is required. A majority of the Committee finds it best to refer this bill to interim study.

HB 1797-FN, relative to eligibility for public assistance, including the New Hampshire employment program, family assistance program, and SNAP.

Interim Study, Vote 3-1.

Senator Long for the committee.

This bill strengthens work requirements for SNAP eligibility, directs the Department of Health and Human Services to enter into data-sharing agreements with other state agencies to verify SNAP benefit eligibility, directs the Department to verify eligibility of enrollees that make exclusively out-of-state purchases, and prohibits the Department from using their discretion to set more lenient standards for SNAP eligibility or exemptions than those outlined in federal law.

HB 1809-FN, establishing a medical psilocybin advisory board to assess the advantages and disadvantages of the use of psilocybin for therapeutic purposes.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 4-0.

Senator Avaré for the committee.

This bill establishes a medical psilocybin advisory board to assess the advantages and disadvantages of the use of psilocybin for therapeutic purposes. The Committee finds it best to not move forward with this legislation at this time.

JUDICIARY

HB 1206, clarifying the equity jurisdiction of the judicial branch family division.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator Reardon for the committee.

House Bill 1206 as introduced clarifies the equity jurisdiction of the judicial branch family division by modifying statutory language governing when the court may exercise its equitable powers. Having considered how the law would be applied in practice and understanding that the bill would not meaningfully address broader issues related to due process and evidentiary standards in family court, the Committee found the bill Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1236-FN, relative to recordings of custodial interrogations.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Reardon for the committee.

House Bill 1236-FN as introduced requires custodial interrogations to be electronically recorded and establishes a presumption that unrecorded statements are inadmissible in criminal or juvenile proceedings unless law enforcement provides a reasonable justification. The Committee Amendment replaces the bill with language authorizing county departments of corrections to utilize body-worn cameras in carrying out their functions.

HB 1361, relative to the procedure concerning search warrant inventories.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Reardon for the committee.

House Bill 1361 as introduced modifies procedures for creating inventories during the execution of search warrants by allowing a law enforcement officer, rather than solely the warrant applicant, to be present for the inventory and permitting inventories for electronically obtained information to be completed without a witness when submitted electronically.

HB 1422, relative to the time to petition for a new trial.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Reardon for the committee.

House Bill 1422, as amended by the House, extends the time to petition for a new trial by creating an exception to the 3-year filing limit in criminal cases where the petitioner alleges newly discovered evidence and actual innocence, including evidence based on new forensic testing or scientific developments. The bill establishes procedures for courts to review such petitions, including a prima facie screening and appointment of counsel for indigent petitioners, and requires the state to reactivate victim services during the proceedings.

HB 1489, relative to interstate depositions and discovery.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Reardon for the committee.

House Bill 1489 as introduced repeals and reenacts the state's foreign depositions law to adopt the Uniform Interstate Depositions and Discovery Act, establishing procedures for issuing and enforcing subpoenas across state lines and streamlining the process for obtaining out-of-state discovery. The bill also updates provisions governing the appointment and authority of deposition commissioners.

HB 1492-FN, relative to the regulation and appeal of motor vehicle towing from public highways.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Reardon for the committee.

House Bill 1492-FN, as amended by the House, extends the time to appeal towing and impoundment fees, requires invoices to include notice of appeal rights, and prohibits the Division of Motor Vehicles from suspending a driver's license for unpaid towing or storage fees owed to a private entity. The Committee amendment retains these provisions and further revises procedures governing the state police tow list, including requirements for tow businesses and employees, disciplinary processes, and operational standards for participation.

HB 1499-FN, relative to additional grounds for eviction under the landlord and tenant statute.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Altschiller for the committee.

House Bill 1499-FN, as amended by the House, establishes additional grounds for eviction, including when a tenant uses another person's personal identification to obtain or maintain a tenancy or when a tenant or occupant has certain recent criminal convictions, while prohibiting eviction based on convictions disclosed prior to the start of the tenancy. The Committee amendment clarifies that disclosure through a landlord-conducted background check also precludes eviction on those grounds, specifies that evictions under these provisions apply only to the individual responsible rather than the entire household, and removes the provision allowing eviction based on any felony-level conviction within the prior 5 years.

HB 1522-FN, relative to amending and adding definitions related to the protection of persons from domestic violence.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Altschiller for the committee.

House Bill 1522-FN as introduced adds to the types of abuse courts may consider when determining whether to issue a domestic violence protective order by including nonconsensual dissemination of private sexual images and defining coercive control as a pattern of conduct. The Committee amendment modifies the bill to allow courts to consider coercive control as part of the overall analysis rather than as an independent predicate act and further authorizes the domestic violence fatality review committee to review cases regardless of potential or pending civil litigation.

HB 1598-FN, relative to notice and proceedings for tenants and landlords engaged in eviction processes. Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.
Senator Reardon for the committee.

House Bill 1598, as amended by the House, modifies landlord-tenant eviction procedures by shortening timelines, requiring expedited hearings, limiting continuances and stays, and establishing additional requirements for pleadings, discovery, and notice, with the goal of streamlining eviction proceedings for nonpayment of rent or material lease violations. The Committee amendment narrows certain provisions related to tenant conduct and prohibited practices and adjusts language governing landlord access to premises in the event of repairs and lawful functions commonly associated with the ownership of rental property.

HB 1651-FN, establishing sexual assault orders of protection and relative to sexual assault survivors' rights. Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.
Senator Altschiller for the committee.

House Bill 1651-FN, as amended by the House, establishes a civil process for sexual assault protective orders, allowing victims to seek relief in circuit court under procedures similar to domestic violence cases, and expands sexual assault survivors' rights, including requiring preservation of evidence collection kits for the longer of the statute of limitations or 20 years and providing additional notice regarding the status of such evidence.

TRANSPORTATION

HB 113, relative to OHRV operation on certain highways within the town of Windsor. Interim Study, Vote 5-0.
Senator Ricciardi for the committee.

House Bill 113 would have authorized the Windsor Board of Selectmen to permit the use of OHRVs on the state-owned Windsor Road. The committee determined that the bill was not yet ready for passage, citing insufficient relevant information to support its approval at this time.

HB 1078-FN, creating a gold star family and gold star father license plate. Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.
Senator Ricciardi for the committee.

As amended, HB 1078-FN revises and expands New Hampshire's Gold Star license plate program to include Gold Star mothers, fathers, and immediate family members of service members killed in the line of duty, with clear eligibility and documentation requirements. It standardizes plate design while allowing personalized plate combinations and ensures plates are issued at no additional cost beyond regular registration fees.

HB 1095, relative to the maximum weight of utility terrain vehicles. Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.
Senator Ricciardi for the committee.

This bill will update outdated weight limits for ATVs and OHRVs by raising the cap to 3,499 pounds, reflecting modern vehicle designs and anticipated future electric models. The committee recommended the bill ought to pass with amendment, balancing modernization with a defined weight limit rather than eliminating it entirely.

HB 1226, relative to restricting the issuance of identification documents by unauthorized individuals. Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.
Senator Fenton for the committee.

This bill limits the ability of the director of the Division of Motor Vehicles to manufacture, advertise for sale, sell, or possess any fictitious, facsimile or simulated license to drive a motor vehicle to individuals who are U.S. citizens performing official duties under state or federal law. The Committee finds it best to not move forward with this legislation because it could interfere with legitimate law enforcement operations, including coordination across jurisdictions.

HB 1362, relative to motor vehicle equipment specifications.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Fenton for the committee.

As amended, this bill would update vehicle safety standards following the repeal of the inspection program. HB 1362 adds language to RSA 266 related to suspension, brake lining, and tire tread standards.

HB 1483-FN, creating a motor vehicle license plate for amateur radio operators.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Prentiss for the committee.

This bill would create a special license plate or decal to recognize amateur radio operators for their public service, particularly their role in emergency communications during disasters and public safety events

HB 1594-FN, establishing a weight-based tiered registration fee schedule for electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Ward for the committee.

House Bill 1594 establishes a weight-based registration fee structure for electric vehicles, ensuring fees more accurately reflect the varying impact different vehicle weights have on road wear. The bill also reduces disproportionately high registration fees for electric vehicles weighing under 1,000 pounds.

HB 1698, relative to electronic credentials.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator McConkey for the committee.

HB 1698-FN clarifies that the Division of Motor Vehicles cannot compel an individual to create, maintain or display electronic credentials. It also stipulates that any business cannot be required to accept an electronic credential.

REGULAR CALENDAR REPORTS

COMMERCE

HB 1043, relative to employer discretion in offering minimum payment options to employees.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2.

Senator Murphy for the committee.

HB 1245-FN, relative to voluntary portable benefits plans for independent contractors.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2.

Senator Innis for the committee.

HB 1336-FN, relative to regulated conditional deposits.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2.

Senator Murphy for the committee.

HB 1588-FN, establishing special assessment districts and expands the housing infrastructure grant program to allow for municipal upgrades linked to new housing and making an appropriation therefor.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-1.

Senator Murphy for the committee.

HB 1630-FN, prohibiting the sale of nitrous oxide and certain inhalants for recreational purposes.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2.

Senator Fenton for the committee.

EDUCATION

HB 112-FN, requiring students in the university and community college systems of New Hampshire to pass the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services civics naturalization test, take a course that covers fundamental American documents as part of the general education curriculum, or pass a civics course competency test.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

HB 1268, modifying the structure and administration of home education programs.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

HB 1358, establishing a commission to study transitioning all public schools to public charter schools.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2.

Senator Sullivan for the committee.

HB 1374, relative to the procedures for withdrawal from a cooperative school district.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

HB 1448, prohibiting the use of the World Economic Forum materials within state curriculum.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

HB 1573, permitting excused absences for students participating in civic engagement or attending a career or technical education event.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2.

Senator Ward for the committee.

HB 1792-FN, prohibiting school districts and personnel from the instruction of critical race theory and LG-BTQ+ ideologies in schools as well as establishing a private right of action for violations.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

HB 1817-FN, relative to access to curricular courses and cocurricular programs within school districts.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2.

Senator Ward for the committee.

EDUCATION FINANCE

HB 121-FN, relative to school district financial requirements and district probation processes.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-2.

Senator Murphy for the committee.

HB 1610, allowing school districts to annually retain year-end unassigned general funds.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-2.

Senator Murphy for the committee.

HB 1816-FN, relative to the intervention of the department of education into a school or school district during a financial emergency.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-2.

Senator Murphy for the committee.

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

HB 1189-FN, establishing a solid waste site evaluation committee.

Interim Study, Vote 3-2.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

HB 1478-FN, requiring the department of environmental services to revise the rules for proposed new landfills.

Interim Study, Vote 4-1.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

HB 1738-FN, relative to ratepayer benefits from the regional greenhouse gas initiative.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-1.

Senator Avar for the committee.

FINANCE

HB 1421-FN, modifying title exemptions for motor vehicles manufactured before the year 2000.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0.

Senator Innis for the committee.

HB 1466-FN, relative to obtaining a certificate of title for certain trailers.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0.

Senator Lang for the committee.

HB 1571-FN-A, requiring the department of education to review statewide academic standards and curricula.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

HB 1597-FN, relative to business profits tax expense deductions.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 7-0.

Senator Lang for the committee.

HB 1818-FN, requiring the department of education to use its 10-year school facilities plans to plan and project out building consolidation projects.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0.

Senator Lang 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, Vote 7-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

HB 232-FN, relative to the rights of conscience for medical professionals.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-1.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

HB 1772-FN-A, relative to prescribing ibogaine for investigational use only.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Rochefort for the committee.

JUDICIARY

HB 1064-FN, relative to liability of governmental units.

Interim Study, Vote 3-2.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

HB 1217, permitting classification of individuals based on biological sex under certain limited circumstances.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

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.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

HB 1419, establishing a commission to study whether a court with specialized jurisdiction over corporate, commercial, and equitable matters should be established.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

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.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

HB 1793-FN, prohibiting public colleges and universities from regulating the possession or carrying of firearms and non-lethal weapons on campus.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

TRANSPORTATION

HB 1252, requiring the department of safety to only administer tests for commercial driver's licenses in English and prohibiting the assistance of an interpreter during such tests.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2.

Senator McConkey for the committee.

HB 2026, relative to the state 10-year transportation improvement plan.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Ricciardi for the committee.

WAYS AND MEANS

HB 155-FN, reducing the rate of the business enterprise tax.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Lang for the committee.

HB 1102-FN, increasing the research and development tax credit cap.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Murphy for the committee.

AMENDMENTS

Senate Education
 April 28, 2026
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Amendment to HB 112-FN

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

1 New Section; University System of New Hampshire; Civics Graduation Requirement. Amend RSA 187-A by inserting after section 16-c the following new section:

187-A:16-d Civics Graduation Requirement.

I. Every undergraduate student admitted or transferring to an institution in the university system of New Hampshire on or after July 1, 2027, shall, as a requirement for graduation, and in addition to any other baccalaureate degree graduation requirements:

(a) Successfully complete the 128-question 2020 version of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services naturalization test with a score of 70 or better; or

(b) Successfully complete a civics course as part of the general education curriculum.

II. University system of New Hampshire institutions shall establish procedures to administer, certify, and record results of this assessment for students needing to satisfy this requirement. Exchange students, foreign nationals, military personnel on full-time active duty or part-time service, or a veteran pursuant to RSA 110-D:3, II or XX shall be exempt from this section.

III. Any person who graduated from a New Hampshire high school on or after January 1, 2026, or who graduated from a New Hampshire community college with an associate degree on or after January 1, 2028, shall be deemed to have met the requirements of this section.

IV. Institutions are required to provide accommodations and may modify the naturalization examination for a student with a disability in accordance with the student's 504 plan or existing disability accommodations.

2 New Section; Community College System of New Hampshire; Civics Graduation Requirement. Amend RSA 188-F by inserting after section 6-a the following new section:

188-F:6-b Civics Graduation Requirement.

I. Every student admitted or transferring to an institution in the community college system of New Hampshire on or after July 1, 2027, shall, as a requirement for graduation with an associate degree and in addition to any other degree graduation requirements:

(a) Successfully complete the 128-question 2020 version of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services naturalization test with a score of 70 or better; or

(b) Successfully complete a civics course as part of the general education curriculum.

II. Community college system of New Hampshire institutions shall establish procedures to administer, certify, and record results of this assessment for students needing to satisfy this requirement. Exchange students, foreign nationals, military personnel on full-time active duty or part-time service, or a veteran pursuant to RSA 110-D:3, II or XX shall be exempt from this section.

III. Any person who graduated from a New Hampshire high school on or after January 1, 2026, shall be deemed to have met the requirements of this section.

IV. Institutions are required to provide accommodations and may modify the naturalization examination for a student with a disability in accordance with the student's 504 plan or existing disability accommodations.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2027.

Senate Education Finance
 April 22, 2026
 2026-1629s
 09/05

Amendment to HB 121-FN

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

AN ACT requiring chartered public schools, school administrative units, and cities or school districts not audited under RSA 671:5 to be audited by an independent public accountant after the end of the fiscal year and requiring the results of such audits to be made available to the public.

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

1 Education; District Taxes; Reports Required; Cities, School Districts, and School Administrative Units. RSA 198:4-d is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

198:4-d Reports Required; Cities, School Districts, and School Administrative Units. The governing body of each city, school district, chartered public school, and school administrative unit shall submit to the commissioner of the department of education in a searchable electronic format the following reports pursuant to rules adopted under RSA 541-A by the commissioner of revenue administration which establish the form and content of such reports:

I. A report filed by the governing body of each city, school district, and chartered public school shall certify the appropriations voted by the meeting of the appropriate legislative body, whether city council, mayor and council, or mayor and board of aldermen, or by each annual or special school district meeting, along with estimated revenues. This report shall be filed within 20 days of the close of the meeting.

II. A report filed by the governing body of each city, school district, and chartered public school shall revise all the estimated revenues for the year. This report shall be filed by September 1 of each year. The revised estimates by school districts for the adequate education grants calculated under RSA 198:41 shall be considered the most accurate within 5 percent of the amount estimated pursuant to RSA 198:40-a.

III. A financial report for each city, school district, and chartered public school shall be filed showing the summary of receipts and expenditures, according to uniform classifications, during the preceding fiscal year, and a balance sheet showing assets and liabilities at the close of the year. This report shall be submitted on or before September 1 of each year. Each statistical report submitted under this section shall include a certification signed by the chairperson of the school district's governing body or the chairperson of the board of trustees of approved public academies that states: "I certify, under the pains and penalties of perjury, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that all of the information contained in this document is true, accurate and complete."

IV. The department of education and the department of revenue administration together shall develop and maintain school accounting standards which shall be used by districts, chartered public schools, and school administrative units for financial reporting purposes.

V. The budget committee in school districts operating under the municipal budget law shall file the budget within 20 days of the close of the annual or special meeting.

VI. Chartered public schools, school administrative units, and cities or school districts not audited under RSA 671:5, shall be audited by an independent public accountant in accordance with RSA 21-J:19, II.

VII. If a city or school district is audited under RSA 671:5, the procedures in RSA 41:31-a through 41:31-d shall be followed.

VIII. Audit reports created under paragraphs VI and VII shall include balance sheets; a breakdown of revenue sources; an itemized list of all employees or staff on payroll and their pay, benefits, other post-employment benefits and pension liabilities; an itemized list of assets, debts, bonds, lease agreements, and capital improvement investment projects. The audit report for the last completed fiscal year shall be submitted to the department within 9 months of the end of the fiscal year. The commissioner of the department of education shall verify that the report appears complete within 3 months of receipt, comparing it against those submitted in prior years. The department may grant extensions as needed to address any disputed items. Deficiencies shall be corrected no later than 12 months from the date of the submission. The commissioner shall withhold state grant funding, not including RSA 198:40-a funding, allocated to any non-compliant city, school district, chartered public school, or school administrative unit until the audit or financial report is completed and submitted to the department, and any questions are answered to the commissioner's satisfaction.

IX. The department of education and reporting entities shall make reports filed under this section available to the public on their websites in a searchable electronic format.

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

2026-1629s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires chartered public schools, school administrative units, and cities or school districts not audited under RSA 671:5 to be audited by an independent public accountant after the end of the fiscal year and for the results of such audits to be made available to the public.

Senate Ways and Means

April 23, 2026

2026-1652s

07/05

Amendment to HB 155-FN

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

AN ACT relative to business enterprise tax returns and appropriating funds to the department of health and human services for licensed nursing facilities.

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

1 Business Enterprise Tax; Returns. Amend RSA 77-E:5, I to read as follows:

I. Every business enterprise having gross business receipts in excess of [~~\$250,000~~] **\$375,000** as defined by RSA 77-E:1, X, during the taxable period or the enterprise value tax base of which is greater than [~~\$250,000~~] **\$375,000** shall, on or before the fifteenth day of the third month in the case of enterprises required to file a United States partnership tax return, the fifteenth day of the fifth month in the case of enterprises required to file a United States exempt organization return, and the fifteenth day of the fourth month in the case of all other business enterprises, following expiration of its taxable period, make a return to the commissioner. For tax years beginning January 1, [~~2015~~] **2027**, the commissioner shall biennially adjust these threshold amounts rounding to the nearest \$1,000 based on the 2-year (24-month) percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, Northeast Region as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, United States Department of Labor using the amount published for the month of June in the year prior to the start of the tax year. All returns shall be signed by the business enterprise or by its authorized representative, subject to the pains and penalties of perjury and the penalties provided in RSA 21-J:39.

2 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services. The sum of \$2,500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, which shall be nonlapsing, is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services for the purpose of supporting nursing home Medicaid per diem rate stabilization. The funds shall be drawn first from excess Medicaid enhancement tax revenues above the estimates contained in the operating budget and any other accounts for fiscal year 2026, and then, in the event that available Medicaid enhancement tax revenues are insufficient, from state general funds. The department is authorized to accept and expend any matching federal funds without prior approval of the fiscal committee. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for the general fund share, if any, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

3 Effective Date.

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

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

2026-1652s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Raises the amount of income needed before businesses are required to file a business enterprise tax return with the department of revenue administration.

II. Appropriates funds to the department of health and human services for certain licensed nursing facilities.

Senate Finance
 April 22, 2026
 2026-1627s
 07/08

Amendment to HB 164-FN

Amend the bill by replacing section 6 with the following:

6 Appropriation. The sum of \$50,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 is hereby appropriated to the secretary of state, division of archives and records management for the creation and maintenance of a publicly accessible website for the retention and public access to local electronic records, and the implementation of provisions of this act. Such funds shall be non-lapsing. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Senate Health and Human Services
 April 22, 2026
 2026-1624s
 05/07

Amendment to HB 232-FN

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

1 New Subdivision; Request for Reasonable Accommodation Not to Participate in Abortion Services. Amend RSA 151 by inserting after section 53 the following new subdivision:

Request for Reasonable Accommodation Not to Participate in Abortion Services

151:54 Request for Reasonable Accommodation Not to Participate in Abortion Services; Notice and Reporting Requirements.

I. Any health care institution in New Hampshire that provides abortion services shall annually provide their employees who provide abortion services with written notification of the following:

(a) That an employee who provides abortion services may request a reasonable accommodation of a sincerely held religious belief or moral conviction that conflicts with the employee's direct participation in an abortion;

(b) That if the employee has the reasonable belief that their request for reasonable accommodation did not pose an undue hardship on their employer, and the request was denied, the employee may file a complaint with the attorney general's office; and

(c) That if the employee feels they have been discriminated against by their employer for their sincerely held religious belief or moral conviction that conflicts with the employee's direct participation in an abortion, the employee may file a complaint with the attorney general's office.

II. The attorney general's office shall annually create a report on the number of substantiated reports their office has received under this section. This report shall be provided annually to the senate president, the speaker of the house, and the governor, with the first report due on January 1, 2028.

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

2026-1624s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires health care institutions to provide employees who provide abortion services with written notification of their right to request a reasonable accommodation of a sincerely held religious belief or moral conviction that conflicts with the employee's direct participation in an abortion and the option to file a complaint with the attorney general if they believe their request for accommodation was wrongfully denied. The bill also directs the attorney general to create an annual report regarding the number of substantiated complaints it receives.

Senate Health and Human Services
 April 22, 2026
 2026-1622s
 05/07

Amendment to HB 241-FN

Amend RSA 420-J:7-f, I as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. Health carriers shall develop, in accordance with guidelines established by the insurance department, a program to provide access to a broad spectrum of covered pain management services, including, but not limited to, non-medication, nonsurgical treatment modalities, and non-opioid medication treatment options that serve as alternatives to opioid prescribing, including restorative therapies, behavioral health approaches, or integrative health therapies, such as acupuncture, chiropractic and osteopathic treatments, massage, or movement therapies. This plan shall be approved by the department as a component of the form filing and approval process.

Amend RSA 420-J:7-f, IV and V as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

IV. Health carriers shall not require a covered person to obtain prior authorization for access to the program of pain management.

V. Carriers may establish utilization controls, including prior authorization or step therapy requirements, for clinically appropriate non-opioid drugs approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for the treatment or management of pain, but they shall not be more restrictive or extensive than the least restrictive or extensive utilization controls applicable to any clinically appropriate opioid drug.

Senate Commerce
 April 28, 2026
 2026-1719s
 07/08

Amendment to HB 396

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

AN ACT relative to the processing of cattle, swine, sheep, and goats at facilities not certified by the United States Department of Agriculture.

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

1 Exemptions; Food Service Licensure. Amend RSA 143-A:5, IX to read as follows:

IX. A farm owned or operated by any person, firm, or corporation that raises bison, elk, [or] red deer, **cattle, swine, sheep, or goats** for human consumption, and the direct sale within this state of the carcasses, parts, **and** meat~~[-and meat food products]~~ of such animals, **and meat food products of uninspected bison, elk, cattle, swine, sheep, goats, or red deer** when slaughtered and processed in accordance with RSA 427:2-a, IV, to the consumer from such farm, at the producer's farm stand, and by the producer at farmers' markets, or when sold to a licensed restaurant in accordance with RSA 143-A:20.

2 Uninspected Bison, Elk, or Red Deer; Cattle, Swine, Sheep, and Goats Included. Amend RSA 143-A:18 to read as follows:

143-A:18 Definition of Uninspected Bison, Elk, [or] Red Deer, **Cattle, Swine, Sheep, or Goats**.

For purposes of this subdivision, "uninspected bison, elk, [or] red deer, **cattle, swine, sheep, or goats**" means carcasses, parts, meat~~[-and meat food products]~~ of bison, elk, [or] red deer, **cattle, swine, sheep, or goats, and meat food products of bison, elk, or red deer** slaughtered and processed ~~[in accordance with RSA 427:16, XI]~~ and sold or to be sold ~~[as provided in RSA 427:2-a, IV]~~.

3 Labeling; Meat from Uninspected Bison, Elk, or Red Deer; Cattle, Swine, Sheep, and Goats Included. Amend RSA 143-A:19 to read as follows:

143-A:19 Labeling; Meat from Uninspected Bison, Elk, [or] Red Deer, **Cattle, Swine, Sheep, and Goats**.

All packaging containing uninspected bison, elk, [or] red deer, **cattle, swine, sheep, or goats** shall be clearly labeled to include a description of the product, the name, address, and telephone number of the farm where the product originates, and the date of slaughter.

4 Purchase of Uninspected Bison, Elk, or Red Deer by Licensed Restaurants; Cattle, Swine, Sheep, and Goats Included. Amend RSA 143-A:20 to read as follows:

143-A:20 Purchase of Uninspected Bison, Elk, [or] Red Deer, **Cattle, Swine, Sheep, or Goats** by Licensed Restaurants.

I. A licensed restaurant, as defined in RSA 143-A:14, II, may purchase from bison, elk, [or] red deer, **cattle, swine, sheep, or goat** producers uninspected bison, elk, [or] red deer, **cattle, swine, sheep, or goat** that is labeled in accordance with RSA 143-A:19.

II. For at least 90 days from the date of each purchase, the licensed restaurant shall keep on file the receipt of purchase to include the product purchased, the date of purchase, the name of the producer, the name and address of the farm, and phone number.

III. The licensed restaurant shall clearly label any menu item containing uninspected bison, elk, or red deer with the following statement: "This product was [slaughtered] **initially processed** at the farm and is exempt from state and federal inspection."

III-a. The licensed restaurant shall clearly label any menu item containing uninspected cattle, swine, sheep, or goat with the following statement: "This product was initially processed at the farm and is exempt from state inspection."

5 Purchase of Uninspected Bison, Elk, or Red Deer by Retailers; Cattle, Swine, Sheep, and Goats Included. Amend RSA 143-A:20-a to read as follows:

143-A:20-a Purchase of Uninspected Bison, Elk, [or] Red Deer, **Cattle, Swine, Sheep, or Goat** by Retailers.

I. A retailer may purchase from bison, elk, [or] red deer, **cattle, swine, sheep, or goat** producers uninspected bison, elk, [or] red deer, **cattle, swine, sheep, or goat** that is labeled in accordance with RSA 143-A:19 for resale.

II. For at least 90 days from the date of each purchase, the retailer shall keep on file the receipt of purchase to include the product purchased, the date of purchase, the name of the producer, the name and address of the farm, and phone number.

III. The retailer shall clearly label any product containing uninspected bison, elk, or red deer with the following statement: "This product was [slaughtered] **initially processed** at the farm and is exempt from state and federal inspection."

IV. The retailer shall clearly label any product containing uninspected cattle, swine, sheep, or goat with the following statement: "This product was initially processed at the farm and is exempt from state inspection."

6 Exemptions; Cattle, Swine, Sheep, and Goats. Amend RSA 427:2-a, IV to read as follows:

IV. The slaughter of bison, elk, [or] red deer, **cattle, swine, sheep, or goats** on a farm for purposes of sale, as provided in RSA 143-A:5, IX, shall be exempt from the provisions of this subdivision requiring inspection of the slaughter of animals and preparation of the carcasses, parts thereof, meat **of such animals**, and meat food products **of bison, elk, or red deer** for sale within this state to the public. The slaughter of a bison, elk, [or] red deer, **cattle, swine, sheep, or goats** under this paragraph shall be permitted only:

(a) When the owner of the bison, elk, [or] red deer, **cattle, swine, sheep, or goat** designates a slaughter area on the farm premises **which is maintained in sanitary condition**.

(b) When the bison, elk, [or] red deer, **cattle, swine, sheep, or goat** is slaughtered in a humane method, as defined in RSA 427:33, III, by the owner [or], the owner's full time or seasonal employee, **or the owner's agent**.

(c) ~~[From September 1 to April 30:~~

~~(d)]~~ When no more than 12 hours passes from the time of slaughter to the [placement] **storage** of the carcass ~~[in a refrigerated facility]~~ at or below 41 degrees Fahrenheit.

~~[(e)]~~ **(d)** When a veterinarian licensed under RSA 332-B conducts an ante-mortem examination of each **non-amenable** herd on an annual basis and the documents related to his or her examination are kept on file with all relevant information including:

- (1) Species being inspected;
- (2) Herd condition; and
- (3) Location and time of inspection.

~~[(f)]~~ **(e)** When such ***non-amenable*** animal is transported to and processed at a facility that is eligible to conduct custom exempt activities as regulated by the USDA pursuant to 21 U.S.C. section 623(a) and associated departmental regulations.

~~[(g)]~~ **(f)** When the owner of the bison, elk, or red deer retains the original copy of the report made in ~~[subparagraph (e)]~~ **subparagraph (d)**. A copy of such report shall accompany the bison, elk, or red deer carcass to the processing facility. The processing facility shall retain a copy of the report for one year.

~~[(h)]~~ **(g)** When bison, elk, or red deer meat is ground for sale, ground meat from every second animal processed shall be tested by the processing facility for Escherichia coli and salmonella at the owner's expense. All aspects of the testing, including sampling, shall be done in a manner that complies with standards and procedures of the USDA, and may include the services of an outside laboratory. The owner of the meat shall not sell it until he or she is in receipt of the test result that indicates the product is safe to eat. The test result shall be kept by the owner for at least one year.

~~[(i)]~~ **(h)** Prior to sale, as provided in RSA 143-A:5, IX, it is labeled as required in RSA 143-A:19.

~~[(j)]~~ **(i)** When the elk or red deer are sourced, kept, and propagated consistent with the rules pursuant to RSA 207:14, RSA 212:25, and RSA 436:24.

~~[(k)]~~ **(j)** When, in the event any atypical death of a red deer or elk on the farm, that animal's carcass is tested for chronic wasting disease under rules established by the department of fish and game and the resulting test is negative.

V. No more than the following number of animals shall be processed per month under this paragraph:

(a) Three cattle.

(b) Five swine.

(c) Ten sheep or goats, or a combination thereof.

7 Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food; Rulemaking. The department of agriculture, markets, and food, shall adopt rules under RSA 541-A relative to providing an annual training program for farmers to include, but not be limited to, training about safety, food quality, and product labeling and distribution.

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

2026-1719s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows for a limited number of cattle, swine, sheep, and goats to be processed per month by a farm or a producer at a facility that is not certified by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Senate Commerce

April 28, 2026

2026-1712s

04/05

Amendment to HB 1010

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

1 Multi-Family Residential Development on Commercially Zoned Land; Amendment to Zoning Regulations; Conversion of Multi-Family Dwelling Units Permitted. Amend RSA 674:80 to read as follows:

674:80 Amendment to Zoning Regulations.

I. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, municipalities shall allow ***by right*** multi-family ~~[residential development]~~ ***dwelling units, as defined in RSA 674:43, I*** on commercially zoned land, provided that adequate infrastructure, including roads, water, and sewage systems, shall be available ~~[or provided]~~ to support the development. ***Where infrastructure is not adequate it may be provided by the applicant in accordance with regulations. In determining whether infrastructure is adequate, the planning board may:***

(a) For road infrastructure, require a traffic impact study to ascertain the potential impacts to the existing traffic conditions in the vicinity of the project, including but not limited to, the ability of existing road infrastructure to accommodate increased vehicular traffic, the availability of sidewalks, and infrastructure to ensure pedestrian safety.

(b) For water infrastructure, require that the applicant receive permission from the owner of a public water system to connect to the system or, in the absence of a public water system, develop a water supply in accordance with RSA 482-B and RSA 485 as applicable.

(c) For sewage infrastructure, require that the applicant receive permission from the operator of a public sewer within the boundary prescribed by RSA 147:8 or as negotiated between the applicant and operator to connect to the system.

II. The planning board may deny an application submitted pursuant to paragraph I, if the planning board determines that:

(a) The volume of traffic is not supported by the road design at the conclusion of construction, or the developments layout and design does not ensure pedestrian safety;

(b) The applicant is unable to secure a source of water; or

(c) The applicant is unable to dispose of wastewater and sewage in accordance with regulations.

III. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to prohibit municipalities from restricting residential development in zones where industrial and manufacturing uses are permitted which may result in impacts that are incompatible with residential use, such as air, noise, **dust, glare, vibration**, odor, or transportation impacts.

[HH:] **IV.** A municipality may require all available ground floor space or a percentage thereof to be dedicated to retail or similar uses.

[IV:] **V.** A municipality shall provide an exemption to any requirements regarding setbacks, height, or frontage of a building being converted to multi-family or mixed-use through adaptive reuse, provided that the building's floor area, height, and setbacks do not change.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026 at 12:01 a.m.

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs
April 21, 2026
2026-1597s
05/07

Amendment to HB 1021

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

1 Taxation; Appraisal of Taxable Property; Residential Property Subject to Housing Covenant Under the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program. Amend RSA 75:1-a, I to read as follows:

I. To make an election for an appraisal of property subject to a housing covenant under the low-income housing tax credit program, the taxpayer shall, ~~[by October 1 preceding the tax year for which the election is sought]~~ **on or before April 15**, provide written notice to the municipality of the taxpayer's election to be assessed under this section, using a form prepared by the department of revenue administration. A property that as of April 1 of the tax year is under construction shall not be eligible to apply for assessment under this section.

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

Senate Transportation
April 22, 2026
2026-1620s
07/05

Amendment to HB 1078-FN

Amend RSA 261:87-c, IV(b) and (c) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(b) Proof of relationship to the deceased service member, such as a birth certificate; or

(c) A marriage certificate, a United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefit letter, or a certification letter from the VA.

Senate Commerce
 April 28, 2026
 2026-1710s
 04/09

Amendment to HB 1079

Amend the bill by deleting section 3 and renumbering the original section 4 to read as 3.

Senate Transportation
 April 22, 2026
 2026-1615s
 07/08

Amendment to HB 1095

Amend the bill by replacing section 3 with the following:

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

Senate Ways and Means
 April 22, 2026
 2026-1642s
 07/05

Amendment to HB 1102-FN

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

AN ACT increasing the research and development tax credit cap and relative to state park fees for state residents.

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

1 Taxation; Business Profits Tax; Credits. Amend RSA 77-A:5, XIII (a)(1) to read as follows:

(1) The aggregate of tax credits issued by the commissioner to all taxpayers claiming the credit shall not exceed [~~\$7,000,000~~] **\$10,000,000** for any fiscal year.

2 Taxation; Business Profits Tax; Credits. Amend RSA 77-A:5, XIII(a)(2)(C) to read as follows:

(C) [~~\$50,000~~] **\$100,000**.

3 State Park System; Fees for Park System; Residency. Amend RSA 216-A:3-g, I to read as follows:

I. Fees for the use of park areas shall be designed to recover a reasonable portion of budget expenses consistent with the purposes of RSA 216-A:1 and 216-A:3. ***Provided, however, that fees charged to New Hampshire residents to enter state parks collected via a website or by a person stationed within the park shall be no more than 50 percent of the entry fees charged to nonresidents. The commissioner of the department of natural and cultural resources, or his or her designee, may elect to set separate fee schedules for residents and nonresidents for specific uses within any state park, including camping, facility rental, parking, or boat rental, provided that where separate fee schedules are created for any given service or product, residents shall be charged no more than 90 percent of the fee charged to nonresidents. Residency may be indicated by state-issued identification, utility or tax bills, vehicle registrations, student identification, or vehicle license plates. The commissioner, or his or her designee, may also provide discounted or waived rates for veterans, as well as for school or student groups, in recognition of their service or educational purpose.*** The general court does not intend that all park facilities be self-supporting.

4 Effective Date.

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

II. Section 3 of this act shall take effect April 1, 2027.

III. The remainder of this act shall take effect January 1, 2028.

2026-1642s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

- I. Raises the aggregate value of all research and development tax credits that can be claimed.
- II. Raises the hard cap on the research and development tax credit an entity can claim.
- III. Requires the commissioner of the department of natural and cultural resources to set state park entry fees for New Hampshire residents at no more than 50 percent of the fees charged to nonresidents.
- IV. Allows separate fee schedules for specific uses within state parks.
- V. Permits discounted or waived rates for veterans and school or student groups.

Senate Commerce
 April 28, 2026
 2026-1717s
 07/09

Amendment to HB 1103

Amend RSA 79-E:4-c as inserted by section 3 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

79-E:4-c Housing Opportunity Zone. A city or town may adopt the provisions of this section by vote of its legislative body, in accordance with the procedures described in RSA 79-E:3, to establish a housing opportunity zone. To be eligible for tax relief under this section, the qualifying structure and property shall be located within the housing opportunity zone established by the municipality. ~~[No less than one-third of the housing units constructed shall be designated for households with an income of 80 percent or less of the area median income as measured by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, or the housing units in a qualifying structure shall be designated for households with incomes as provided in RSA 204-C:57, IV]~~ ***Municipalities may further establish criteria for the public benefits, goals, and measures that promote housing affordability for tax relief located within a designated housing opportunity zone.*** A qualifying structure under this section shall be eligible for tax assessment relief, ***beginning upon issuance of the certification of occupancy or completion of construction of new housing units,*** for a period of up to ~~[10 years, beginning upon issuance of the certification of occupancy]~~ ***7 years if no workforce housing, as defined by RSA 674:58, is created, or up to 15 years, if workforce housing is created.***

Senate Executive Departments and Administration
 April 23, 2026
 2026-1645s
 09/05

Amendment to HB 1109

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

AN ACT relative to notice requirements regarding public employee suspensions and investigations and transferring certain positions in the department of corrections to group II retirement system status.

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

1 New Subdivision; Protective Legislation; Notice of Suspension of Public Employees. Amend RSA 275 by inserting after section 83 the following new subdivision:

Notice of Suspension of Public Employees

275:84 Suspension Notice and Investigation Updates to Public Employees.

I. If any public employee is suspended from duty, with or without pay, the public employee shall receive written notice, within 7 days of the suspension date, stating the cause of the suspension and anticipated duration, if known. The suspended public employee shall be provided with periodic updates regarding the status of their suspension every 90 days until a final decision is made.

II. This section shall apply to all public employees unless the public employee is employed under a collective bargaining agreement negotiated pursuant to RSA 273-A and that agreement establishes procedures related to disciplinary actions including suspension.

III. For the purposes of this section:

- (a) “Public employee” shall have the same meaning as in RSA 273-A:1, IX; and
- (b) “Public employer” shall have the same meaning as in RSA 273-A:1, X.

2 Department of Corrections; Authorization for Transfer to Group II.

I. Pursuant to the provision of RSA 100-A:3, IX, the following positions in the department of corrections classified as group I positions are deemed to have met the requirement of RSA 100-A:1, VII(b) and shall be transferred to group II status in the New Hampshire retirement system:

Position Title	Position Number
Administrator II hazard	41469
Chaplain II hazard	44264
Clinical mental health counselor	12862
Clinical mental health counselor	16330
Clinical mental health counselor	30338
Clinical mental health counselor	40893
Clinical mental health counselor	42256
Corrections counselor/case manager	44263
Electrician hazard	12940
Media generalist II	12859
Media generalist I hazard	41531
Media generalist I	44318
Prison shop manager II	12876
Program coordinator hazard	44304
Program coordinator hazard	44837
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3 Effective Date.

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

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

2026-1645s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Requires a public employer to provide written notice to a public employee of the cause of their suspension and its anticipated duration, if known, requires periodic updates to the public employee until a final decision is made, and exempts public employees covered by collective bargaining agreements that establish disciplinary procedures from the notice requirement.

II. Transfers certain positions in the department of corrections to group II retirement system status.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration

April 22, 2026

2026-1633s

12/09

Amendment to HB 1115

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

AN ACT expanding the number of persons eligible for the New Hampshire medal of honor.

Amend the bill by deleting section 1 and renumbering the original sections 2 and 3 to read as 1 and 2, respectively.

2026-1633s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill expands the number of persons eligible that may be awarded the New Hampshire medal of honor.

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs

April 21, 2026

2026-1595s

07/08

Amendment to HB 1131

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

1 Government of Town Meeting; Optional Form of Meeting-Official Ballot Referenda; Method of Adopting Official Ballot Referendum Form of Meeting. Amend RSA 40:14, III to read as follows:

III. The local political subdivision shall place the question on the warrant of the annual meeting under the procedures set out in RSA 39:3 or RSA 197:6. ***The question shall be placed first on the warrant.*** Voting on the question shall be by ballot, but the question shall not be placed on the official ballot used to elect officers. Polls shall remain open and ballots shall be accepted by the moderator for a period of not less than one hour following the completion of discussion on the question.

2 Municipal Finance Act; Procedure for Authorizing Bonds or Notes in Excess of \$100,000. Amend RSA 33:8-a, II to read as follows:

II. All articles appearing in the warrant which propose a bond or note issue exceeding \$100,000 shall appear in consecutive numerical order and shall be acted upon prior to other business except the election of officers, action on the adoption, revision, or amendment of a municipal charter, ***adoption of the official ballot referendum form of town meeting***, and zoning matters or as otherwise determined by the voters at the meeting. Polls shall remain open and ballots shall be accepted by the moderator on each such article, for a period of not less than one hour following the completion of discussion on each respective article. A separate ballot box shall be provided for each bond article to be voted upon pursuant to this section.

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

2026-1595s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires that questions proposing to adopt an official ballot referendum form of meeting be placed first on annual meeting warrants.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources
 April 28, 2026
 2026-1723s
 04/09

Amendment to HB 1141

Amend the bill by replacing section 5 with the following:

5 New Paragraph; Mining and Prospecting Activities; Rulemaking. Amend RSA 485-A:17 by inserting after paragraph VIII the following new paragraph:

VIII-a. The requirements for mining and prospecting activities permitted under RSA 485-A:17, including requirements for financial assurance, reclamation, and public hearings. Such rules for public hearings shall also include a deadline by which the department shall issue a decision after the public hearing.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 7 the following and renumbering the original sections 8 through 12 to read as 9 through 13, respectively:

8 Discovery of Remains and Notification of Authorities; Permitted Mining or Prospecting Activities. Amend RSA 227-C:8-a, II to read as follows:

II. If the unmarked human burials or human remains are encountered as a result of construction, **mining or prospecting activities permitted under RSA 485-A**, or agricultural activities, disturbance of the remains shall cease immediately and shall not resume without authorization from either the county medical examiner or the state archaeologist, as provided in RSA 227-C:8-b, III or IV.

Amend the bill by replacing section 13 with the following:

13 Effective Date.

I. Sections 9 through 12 of this act shall take effect 2 years after its passage.

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

2026-1723s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill adds definitions for mining-related terms, authorizes rulemaking for permitting, reclamation, and fees based on mineral volume, ceases disturbance of human remains encountered during permitted mining or prospecting activities, and establishes a transition period for pending applications under the current law.

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs
 April 28, 2026
 2026-1738s
 09/05

Amendment to HB 1184-FN

Amend the bill by replacing section 2 with the following:

2 New Section; Criminal Trespass; Order Against Trespass on Public Property. Amend RSA 635 by inserting after section 2 the following new section:

635:2-a Order Against Trespass on Public Property.

I.(a) A governing body responsible for public property, or a person designated by the governing body, may issue an emergency no trespass order (NTO) directing a person to leave or not enter specified public property when immediate action is reasonably necessary to protect public safety, prevent substantial disruption of governmental operations, or prevent damage to public property.

(b) An emergency NTO issued under this paragraph shall:

- (1) Be in writing;
- (2) State the date and time of issuance;
- (3) Identify the specific public property to which the order applies;

- (4) Provide a brief statement of the factual basis for the emergency issuance;
- (5) State the expiration date and time of the NTO; and
- (6) State that the person may request a hearing on the NTO.

(c) An emergency NTO shall be effective immediately but shall expire automatically no later than 45 days after issuance, unless approved pursuant to paragraph II.

II.(a) If the governing body seeks to continue an NTO beyond the initial NTO period, the governing body shall approve the NTO by at least a majority vote taken by roll call vote at a duly noticed public meeting, or at a non-public session if permitted under RSA 91-A and requested by the individual subject to the NTO.

(b) Any NTO issued or approved under this section shall include:

- (1) The date of issuance;
- (2) The specific public property to which the order applies;
- (3) A clear explanation of the reason for the NTO;
- (4) The duration of the NTO;
- (5) A statement informing the individual of the right to request a hearing to contest the NTO;
- (6) Instructions on how to request a hearing; and
- (7) A statement informing the individual of the right to appeal an adverse decision to the superior court.

III.(a) An individual issued an NTO shall have the right to a hearing upon written request. The request shall be made no later than 10 days from the date of issuance or governing body approval of the NTO.

(b) The governing body shall hold the hearing at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

(c) If a hearing is not held within the timeframe required under this paragraph, the NTO shall be automatically vacated, unless the delay is attributable to the individual requesting the hearing.

IV. Following the hearing, the governing body shall issue a written decision, which shall state whether the NTO is:

- (1) Rescinded;
- (2) Modified; or
- (3) Continued for a defined period.

V. An individual subject to an NTO may appeal a final decision of the governing body to the superior court. Any appeal shall be filed within 30 days of the written decision.

VI. All NTOs issued under this section shall expire by operation of law upon reaching their authorized duration and shall not be renewed except in compliance with this section.

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs
 April 21, 2026
 2026-1596s
 07/08

Amendment to HB 1187-FN

Amend RSA 655:81, III as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

III. Under RSA 655:15, state representative candidates may file with the secretary of state, except that a state representative candidate may file with his or her appropriate town or city clerk under RSA 655:15, in which case the town or city clerk shall forward each declaration of candidate to the secretary of state on the same day on which the declaration is filed. During the week of filing, if the town or city clerk's office shall not be open for at least 3 days and for at least 2 hours on those days, the clerk shall post contact information for the clerk, deputy clerk, or another election official who the clerk has authorized to accept the declaration of candidacy. The dates and times town and city clerks' offices are open for filing during the filing period and any additional contact information shall be listed on the secretary of state's website; and

Senate Commerce
 April 28, 2026
 2026-1718s
 07/05

Amendment to HB 1207-FN

Amend RSA 383:11, I-a as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I-a. Notwithstanding paragraph I, the commissioner shall not charge or collect from a New Hampshire state-chartered depository bank, credit union, trust company, or family trust company the examination fee set forth in paragraph I in connection with a regular examination of such institution under RSA 383:9-d, RSA 383-C:14-1401, or RSA 383-D:11-1101 that commences on or after July 1, 2027. Beginning in the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2027, and in each fiscal year thereafter, the commissioner shall charge and collect an annual fixed base fee from New Hampshire state-chartered institutions as follows:

(a) From each state-chartered depository bank, credit union, trust company, or similar entity, except family trust companies, an annual fixed base fee in the amount of \$23,000.

(b) From each state-chartered family trust company, an annual fixed base fee in the amount of \$11,000.

Amend RSA 383:11, V as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

V. A state chartered institution that is dissolved or converted before the close of a fiscal year, shall be responsible for payment of its pro rata share of the assessment for that fiscal year. ***If the state-chartered institution has not yet made payment of the annual fixed base fee for that fiscal year, it shall also be responsible for payment of the annual fixed base fee.*** Prior to approving the dissolution or conversion of the institution, the commissioner, in the commissioner's discretion, shall [either]:

(a) Charge and collect payment of the annual fixed base fee set forth in paragraph I-a prior to the approval of the dissolution or conversion; and either

~~[(a)]~~ ***(1) Impose requirements to ensure payment of the assessment after the approval of the dissolution or conversion; or***

~~[(b)]~~ ***(2) Collect payment of the assessment as calculated under paragraph II prior to approval of the dissolution, or if the calculation of the assessment is not yet available and the commissioner determines the last assessment imposed as well as the institution's share of the last assessment imposed, is reflective of the institution's obligation for the current fiscal year, the commissioner may instead collect payment of the assessment based on a pro rata portion of the last assessment imposed on the institution.***

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs
 April 28, 2026
 2026-1732s
 08/07

Amendment to HB 1234

Amend RSA 671:18 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

671:18 Qualifications.

I. To become a candidate for any school district office, a person must be a registered voter in the district. No person shall simultaneously hold more than one of the following offices: member of school board, school district moderator, school district treasurer, school district auditor, school district clerk, or budget committee member-at-large under RSA 32:15 covering the school district, or advisory budget or finance committee member under RSA 32:24 covering the school district. No person employed on a salaried basis by a school administrative unit or by any school district within a school administrative unit shall be a school board member or budget committee member-at-large under RSA 32:15. Salaried positions shall include, but are not limited to, the following: teacher, custodian, administrator, secretary, school bus driver (if paid by the district), school lunch worker and teacher's aide.

II. No person shall at the same time file a declaration of candidacy for any 2 or more elected offices that are incompatible under paragraph I.

Senate Judiciary
 April 30, 2026
 2026-1768s
 09/05

Amendment to HB 1236-FN

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

AN ACT relative to the use of body-worn cameras in county departments of corrections.

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

1 New Paragraph; County Department of Corrections; Body-worn Cameras. Amend RSA 30-B:1 by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

IV. A county is authorized to utilize body-worn cameras pursuant to RSA 105-D in carrying out its functions both within and outside a correctional facility.

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

2026-1768s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes a county department of corrections to utilize body-worn cameras in carrying out its functions both within and outside a correctional facility.

Senate Transportation
 April 28, 2026
 2026-1736s
 12/05

Amendment to HB 1252

Amend the bill by deleting section 3 and renumbering the original section 4 to read as 3.

2026-1736s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Codifies the recent enforcement of a federal requirement that the administration of the skills test for commercial driver's licenses only be conducted in English and that interpreters are not permitted for the administration of the skills test.

II. Extends the same requirements for the administration of the knowledge test for commercial driver's licenses.

III. Directs the department of safety to adopt rules regarding the requirement and to provide notice and an opportunity for hearing to current licensees required to pass an examination in English in order to maintain their license.

IV. Provides an exemption for the use of interpreters for the knowledge and skills test where such individual or licensee qualifies or previously qualified for a federal exemption pursuant to 49 C.F.R. part 391.

Senate Commerce
 April 28, 2026
 2026-1713s
 09/05

Amendment to HB 1262-FN

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

1 Petroleum Sales Contracts. Amend RSA 339:79 to read as follows:

339:79 Requirements for Guaranteed Price Plans, [and] Prepaid Contracts for Petroleum, ***and Contracts and Sales for Petroleum.***

I. A contract with a consumer that offers a guaranteed price plan, requires prepayment by the consumer, or similar contracts shall be in writing and shall disclose the terms and conditions of the plan. A solicitation for such a guaranteed price plan that could become a contract upon response from a consumer shall also be in writing with the terms and conditions, ~~[disclosed in plain language]~~ **including any pre-buy fees or ancillary charges. Any contract shall also include:**

(a) Dealer contact information for written or electronic communication in the event that a consumer wishes to make a notification to the dealer for discontinuation of the contract; and

(b) The contact information for the New Hampshire department of justice consumer protection hotline.

II. A contract for the retail sale of home heating oil, kerosene, or liquefied petroleum gas to a consumer shall also indicate the total amount of money to be paid by the consumer, the gallons committed by the fuel dealer to be delivered under the contract, the price per gallon, the payment terms, **and disclose all fees, including tank rental fees, early termination fees, and other ancillary fees**, the duration of the contract, the remedies enforceable by the dealer against a non-performing consumer, and that the contract is secured as provided in this section, **if applicable**. The information required by this section shall be in plain language and shall be printed ~~[in no less than 12-point boldface type of uniform font after the price of service described]~~ **clearly and conspicuously**.

III. A contract that requires prepayment by the consumer shall comply with paragraphs I and II of this section. Such contract also:

(a) Shall not be advertised or solicited by the dealer in any manner to advertise, solicit, or promote the details of prepaid contracts being offered to consumers, nor shall the dealer solicit or promote pre-buy services independent of all the services offered by the dealer, earlier than May 1 or later than October 31 of the year in which the heating fuel season begins. Such contracts may be signed prior to May 1 only at the request of the consumer.

(b) Shall require dealers to ~~[reimburse consumers]~~ **provide consumers the option of reimbursement** at the contract price for any undelivered pre-purchased fuel~~[, within 30 days after the contract ends, unless the dealer and consumer agree to different terms]~~ **and any prorated pre-buy fees, within 30 calendar days after the contract ends**.

(c) Shall include a clear explanation of the means by which the dealer will meet the obligations of the contract for the entire contract period, including supplier agreements, futures contracts, bonding, a line of credit or liquid product inventory.

(d) Shall not falsely claim coverage. Any dealer who falsely claims coverage or fails to maintain coverage until the completion of the contract shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor, in addition to other penalties as provided in ~~[paragraph VI]~~ **this section**.

IV. No home heating oil, kerosene, or liquefied petroleum gas dealer shall enter into a prepaid contract to provide home heating oil, kerosene, or liquefied petroleum gas to a consumer unless that dealer has, within 7 days of the acceptance of the contract, obtained and maintained any one of the following:

(a) A firm commitment in the form of a futures contract or other commitment that guarantees that the dealer may purchase, at a fixed price, heating oil, kerosene, or liquefied petroleum gas in an amount not less than 75 percent of the maximum number of gallons that the dealer is committed to deliver pursuant to all prepaid contracts entered into by the dealer. The amount of such futures contract may be reduced to reflect any amount of home heating oil, kerosene, or liquefied petroleum gas already delivered to and paid for by the consumer;

(b) A surety bond, made payable to the attorney general, in an amount not less than 50 percent of the total amount of funds paid to the dealer by consumers pursuant to prepaid heating oil, kerosene, or liquefied petroleum gas contracts;

(c) A letter of credit, made payable to the attorney general, from an FDIC-insured institution in an amount that represents 100 percent of the cost to the dealer of the maximum number of gallons that the dealer is committed to deliver pursuant to all prepaid contracts entered into by the dealer. The cost shall be calculated at the time the contracts are entered into; or

(d) A liquid product inventory of home heating oil, kerosene, or liquefied petroleum gas in an amount equal to 75 percent of the outstanding volume in gallons that the dealer is obligated to deliver under the terms of prepaid contracts in force.

V. Paragraph IV of this section shall not apply to budget plans under which consumers pay their yearly heating costs by making equal monthly payments.

V-a. A home heating oil, kerosene, or liquefied petroleum gas dealer who offers prepaid contracts under this section shall register the dealer's intent to offer such contracts with the secretary of state by May 1 of each year. Registration shall be on a form provided by the secretary of state and shall indicate which securitization method or combination of methods listed in paragraph IV are used to secure the contracts.

V-b. A home heating oil, kerosene, or liquefied petroleum gas dealer who offers prepaid contracts under this section shall file an annual report with the secretary of state by December 1 of each year demonstrating how the dealer has satisfied the requirements of this section, including how the prepaid contracts are secured. The report shall be made on a form provided by the secretary of state. The form shall conspicuously bear the warning that making a false statement on the form shall constitute an unfair or deceptive act or practice in violation of RSA 358-A. The report shall be signed by the dealer. If the dealer is a corporation, the report shall be signed by either the president or an officer of the corporation and shall include a list of all of the members of the board of directors of the corporation. The secretary of state may not charge a fee for the form or for filing the report.

VI. A dealer's obligations regarding the removal or transfer of dealer-owned tanks shall be as follows:

(a) If a consumer with a dealer-owned above-ground tank provides electronic or written notification of discontinuance of the contract to a home heating oil, kerosene, or liquefied petroleum gas dealer, the dealer shall have 30 calendar days from the date of notification or as soon as weather and access to the tank allow, to remove the dealer-owned tank and associated equipment, or transfer ownership of the tanks and associated equipment to another dealer. If the dealer cannot remove the tank within 30 calendar days, the dealer shall, in writing, inform the customer of the reason for the delay and provide regular updates as to when the removal will be completed.

(b) If a consumer with a dealer-owned underground tank provides electronic or written notification of discontinuance of the contract to a liquefied petroleum gas dealer, the dealer shall have 30 calendar days from the date of notification or as soon as weather and access to the tank allow, to remove the dealer-owned tank and associated equipment or shall make every reasonable attempt to transfer ownership of the dealer-owned tank and associated equipment to the consumer or another dealer. If a dealer cannot transfer ownership or remove the tank within 30 calendar days, the dealer shall, in writing, inform the consumer of the reasons for the delay and provide regular updates as to when the removal or transfer will be completed.

(c) The sale of any dealer-owned tank and associated equipment under this section shall be at the price agreed to in a then pre-existing written contract, or if there is no pre-existing written contract, for the fair market value of a tank and associated equipment in such current condition.

VII. No dealer may charge a rental, lease, or minimum use fee for a heating fuel tank that is owned by another company or the consumer.

VIII. Within 30 calendar days of the date when the dealer or consumer terminates service and the dealer is notified the dealer-owned tank has been disconnected, the dealer shall:

(a) Refund to the consumer or a third party who paid on the consumer's behalf, for the amount of propane remaining in the tank at the rate of the actual price per gallon paid for the most recent delivery of propane, less any payments due to the dealer from the consumer. Any refund shall be by cash, check, direct deposit, charge back, or in the same method or manner of payment used to make payments to the dealer. Unless requested by the consumer, a dealer shall not provide a refund in the form of reimbursement or credit to any account with the dealer. No contract shall contain a provision whereby refunds are provided in the form of reimbursement or credit to any account with the dealer.

(b) If the quantity of propane remaining in the dealer-owned propane storage tank cannot be determined with certainty, the dealer shall, within, 30 days, refund the consumer, in accordance with subparagraph VIII(a) for 80 percent of the dealer's best reasonable estimate of the quantity of fuel remaining in the tank, less any payments due from the consumer. The dealer shall refund

the remainder of the amount due as soon as the quantity of fuel left in the tank can be determined with certainty, but no later than 14 calendar days after the removal of the tank or restocking of the tank at the time of reconnection, whichever occurs first.

IX. For residential propane service:

(a)(1) Dealers shall not charge any fees, charges, surcharges or penalties related to termination of propane service, including but not limited to fees to remove the dealer's storage tank from the premises (excluding actual excavation costs), to pump out or restock heating fuel from a dealer-owned tank, or to terminate service, regardless of current ownership of the premises or the tank; and only if:

(A) The heating fuel aboveground storage tank has been located on the consumer's premises for 24 months or more; or

(B) The heating fuel underground storage tank has been located on the consumer's premises for 60 months or more.

(2) Subparagraph IX(a) shall not restrict the dealer from imposing fees or charges to the consumer for early termination or failure to perform under a contract subject to RSA 339:79, I.

(b) Dealers shall provide the consumer with the option to purchase an underground propane storage tank and associated equipment at any time during the term of service at a price agreed to in a pre-existing written contract or if there is no pre-existing written contract, at the fair market value for a tank and associated equipment in such condition.

(c) Prior to the commencement of service, a dealer shall notify the consumer of its terms of service and provide a written disclosure itemizing all fees and their stated duration that are applicable to the consumer based on stated usage and other pertinent information. After establishing service, a dealer may increase a fee or add a new fee only by providing written notification to the consumer. New or amended fees shall take effect no sooner than 60 days after the dealer mails or delivers the notice to the consumer. The dealer may only charge the consumer fees that are contained in the written disclosure. The information required by this section shall be in plain language and shall be printed clearly and conspicuously.

X. Failure to comply with *any provision* of this section shall constitute an unfair or deceptive act or practice in violation of RSA 358-A **and shall be subject to any of the enforcement provisions of RSA 358-A.**

2 Regulation of Business Practices for Consumer Protection; Acts Unlawful. Amend RSA 358-A:2, XVI to read as follows:

XVI. Failing to deliver home heating fuel in accordance with a prepaid contract **or an agreement whereby the dealer provides automatic delivery to a consumer.**

3 New Paragraph; Petroleum Sales Contracts; Definitions; Clear and Conspicuously. Amend RSA 339:78 by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

IV. "Clearly and conspicuously" means, regardless of the medium, the information is presented in such size, color, contrast, and duration compared to the other information with which it is presented, that it is readily apparent, readable, and understandable.

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

2026-1713s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill updates requirements for home heating oil, kerosene, and propane dealers by expanding contract-disclosure rules, modifying prepaid-contract protections, setting requirements for tank removal and refunds, limiting service-termination fees, and designating violations as unfair or deceptive acts.

Senate Education
April 28, 2026
2026-1737s
12/09

Amendment to HB 1268

Amend the bill by replacing section 2 with the following:

2 Access to Public School Programs by Nonpublic, Public Chartered Schools, or Home Educated Pupils; Home Schools Cross-Reference Added. Amend RSA 193:1-c, II to read as follows:

II. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a parent to establish a home education program which exceeds the requirements of RSA 193:1 **or RSA 193-A**.

Amend RSA 193-A:4, II as inserted by section 3 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. The resident district superintendent shall work with parents upon request in meeting the goals of their home education program. No superintendent, school board, school principal, other school district official, local official, or state official shall propose, adopt, or enforce any policy or procedure governing home educated students except for policies related to the courses and programs described in RSA 193:1-c.

Amend RSA 193-A:4 as inserted by section 3 of the bill by deleting RSA 193-A:4, VI and RSA 193-A:4, VII and renumbering the original RSA 193-A:4, VIII and RSA 193-A:4, IX to read as RSA 193-A:4, VI and RSA 193-A:4, VII, respectively.

2026-1737s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Replaces the current framework for home education programs in New Hampshire by modifying the definitions, administration, and requirements of such programs.

II. Establishes a parental right to home education for his or her own child, and a right to maintain privacy in information related to the administration of their home education program.

III. Removes cross-references to both the previous framework for home education programs and considerations of education in the assessment of child neglect.

IV. Directs the state board of education to repeal certain administrative rules relative to the prior framework.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration

April 23, 2026

2026-1651s

05/09

Amendment to HB 1269

Amend the bill by replacing section 2 with the following:

2 Acupuncture; Board Membership. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 328-G:3, I(a) to read as follows:

(a) ~~[Four]~~ **Three** acupuncturists, **and one certified acupuncture detoxification specialist**, appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the council, who shall:

Senate Energy and Natural Resources

April 21, 2026

2026-1593s

04/09

Amendment to HB 1275

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

AN ACT relative to the effects of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances on agriculture and exempting certain per- and polyfluoroalkyl products from use restrictions.

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 2 with the following:

3 New Subparagraph; Solid Waste Management; Regulation of Advanced Recycling; Consumer Products; Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substance Use Restricted. Amend RSA 149-M:64, II(a) by inserting after subparagraph (5) the following new subparagraph:

(6) Products authorized by or under contract with the United States Department of Defense that are or may be covered by the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), 22 C.F.R. parts 120-130, or the Export Administration Regulations (EAR), 15 C.F.R. part 730, et seq.

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

2026-1593s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Grants immunity from civil liability to farmers for damages resulting from claims based on harms caused by certain per and poly fluorinated alkyl substances present in soil, water, or agricultural products.

II. Requires the department of environmental services to develop concentration-based standards for PFAS in biosolids at land-application sites.

III. Exempts certain per and polyfluoroalkyl products from use restrictions.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration

April 22, 2026

2026-1637s

09/05

Amendment to HB 1312

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

2 Optometry; Definitions. Amend RSA 327:1, III(c)-(m) to read as follows:

(c) Miotic agents [~~approved pursuant to RSA 327:6-a, VI~~].

(d) Antibiotics, [~~sulfonamides~~] **sulfonamides**, and combinations thereof, which are topically applied or orally administered to treat or alleviate the effects of disease or abnormal conditions of the human eye, adnexa, and eyelids, or structures posterior to the iris[~~, approved pursuant to RSA 327:6-a, VI~~].

(e) Anti-allergy medications, including but not limited to antihistamines, decongestants, and mast-cell stabilizers which are topically applied.

(f) Anesthetics and dyes which are topically applied.

(g) Ocular lubricants and hypertonic agents which are topically applied.

(h) Orally administered analgesic agents used for the purpose of alleviating pain caused by a disease or abnormal condition of the human eye or eyelid, or structures posterior to the iris. This may include class III and IV controlled substances [~~approved pursuant to RSA 327:6-a, VI and included in the formulary~~].

(i) Other pharmaceutical agents, any solely diagnostic agents, and diagnostic agents combined with pharmaceutical agents as defined in this paragraph and **included in the formulary** [~~as approved~~] pursuant to RSA 327:6-a, VI.

(j) Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agents [~~approved pursuant to RSA 327:6-a, VI~~].

(k) Anti-glaucoma agents provided that an optometrist may dispense or prescribe such agents if the optometrist has met the requirements of RSA 327:6-c.

(l) Corticosteroids which are topically applied[~~, as approved by the board~~].

(m) Antivirals [~~which are approved pursuant to RSA 327:6-a, VI~~].

3 Optometry; Authorization for Pharmaceutical Agents. Amend RSA 327:6-a, VI to read as follows:

VI. [~~To the extent approval of pharmaceuticals is referenced in RSA 327:1, III,~~] The board shall have the authority to review and [~~approve pharmaceuticals~~] **update the formulary for pharmaceutical agents as described in RSA 327:1, III(i)** for use by optometrists certified to use pharmaceutical agents in the practice of optometry.

4 Office of Professional Licensure and Certification; Rulemaking Authority. Amend RSA 310:6, II to read as follows:

II. Such organizational and procedural rules necessary to administer the boards in the office, including rules governing the administration of complaints and investigations, hearings, disciplinary and non-disci-

plinary proceedings, manufactured housing dispute resolution, inspections, payment processing procedures, **board subcommittees**, and application procedures. For purposes of this paragraph, “manufactured housing dispute resolution” means a program for the timely resolution of disputes between manufacturers, retailers, and installers of manufactured homes, including the issuance of appropriate orders, regarding responsibility for the correction or repair of defects in manufactured homes for defects that are reported during the one-year period beginning on the date of installation.

5 Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy; Rulemaking Authority. Amend RSA 328-J:7, XII to read as follows:

XII. Standards for educational ~~[program approval by the executive director]~~ **programs which shall be no less stringent than the standards approved by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology, Joint Review Committee on Education in Nuclear Medicine Technology, or Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs.**

6 New Paragraph; Family Mediators; Definitions. Amend RSA 328-C:2 by inserting after paragraph VI the following new paragraph:

VI-a. “Office” or “OPLC” means the office of professional licensure and certification.

7 Family Mediators; Board. Amend RSA 328-C:4, I(d) to read as follows:

(d) Three certified family mediators, ~~[nominated by the New Hampshire Conflict Resolution Association and]~~ appointed by the governor with the consent of the council.

8 Family Mediators; Board. Amend RSA 328-C:4, III to read as follows:

III.(a) The board shall hold 6 regular meetings each year, ~~[one each in January, March, May, June or July or August, September, and November,]~~ and special meetings at such times as it may deem necessary. Annually, in January, the board shall establish a time of day and day of the month for the regular meetings.

(b) ~~[If a regular meeting cannot occur on the designated day because of a lack of a quorum, weather conditions, or an emergency, it shall be rescheduled within the specified month.]~~

(c) A quorum shall be ~~[3]~~ **a majority of the members currently serving on the board.**

9 Family Mediators; Qualifications. Amend RSA 328-C:5, VI-VII to read as follows:

VI. Certification of a mediator or a mediator training program shall be valid for ~~[3]~~ **2** years from the date of issuance, and shall expire ~~[3]~~ **2** years from the date of issuance, unless renewed pursuant to **RSA 310:8 and** rules adopted by the board pursuant to RSA 541-A.

VII. If timely and sufficient application has been made in accordance with ~~[board rules for renewal of certification]~~ **RSA 310:8, III**, the existing certification shall not expire until the ~~[board]~~ **office** has taken final action on the application for renewal. If the application is either untimely or insufficient, ~~[it]~~ **the license** shall ~~[lapse]~~ **expire** and be subject to reinstatement in accordance with **RSA 310:8 and** rules adopted by the board pursuant to RSA 541-A.

10 Family Mediators; Confidentiality of Information. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 328-C:5-a, I to read as follows:

I. Unless waived by the person to whom the information pertains, the following information relative to certified family mediators, applicants for certification, qualified interns, and formerly certified family mediators which may be in the possession of the **office or the** board shall be confidential and shall not be subject to disclosure, except as provided in paragraph II, absent an order of the court:

11 Family Mediators; Continuing Education. Amend RSA 328-C:6 to read as follows:

328-C:6 Continuing Education. To renew a certification, each family mediator shall provide evidence of attendance within the last ~~[3]~~ **2** years of at least ~~[24]~~ **16** hours of continuing education approved by the board. A certified family mediator training program seeking renewal shall provide evidence that it has met any reporting requirements established under RSA 328-C:4-a and that each of the family mediators associated with the program has met the annual continuing education requirements.

12 Repeal. The following are repealed:

I. RSA 309-B:4, VI(h), relative to board of accountancy rulemaking on administrative fines.

II. RSA 328-J:8, relative to medical imaging and radiation therapy educational programs.

III. RSA 328-C:4-a, I, relative to compiling and maintaining a public list of certified family mediators and certified family training programs.

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

2026-1637s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Authorizes boards under the purview of the office of professional licensure and certification to establish subcommittees, subject to rules established by the office.

II. Removes the authority of the board of registration in optometry to modify the list of approved pharmaceuticals for use by optometrists, except to update the formulary for pharmaceutical agents.

III. Moves the approval of medical imaging and radiation therapy educational programs to the rulemaking authority of the executive director of the office of professional licensure and certification, in consultation with the advisory board of medical imaging and radiation therapy.

IV. Modifies the duties of the board of family mediator certification and reallocates certain authority to the office of professional licensure and certification.

V. Removes the authority of the board of accountancy to establish administrative fines by rule.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration

April 22, 2026

2026-1632s

09/08

Amendment to HB 1328-FN

Amend the bill by replacing section 7 with the following:

7 Effective Date.

I. Sections 3 and 6 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2030.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Senate Commerce

April 28, 2026

2026-1724s

09/08

Amendment to HB 1336-FN

Amend RSA 540-A:7, I(b) as inserted by section 4 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(b) If any portion of a security deposit was paid by a third party on behalf of the tenant, the landlord may return any refundable portion of such contribution to the third party in accordance with the third party's written instructions, provided a copy of such instructions was delivered to the tenant in writing or by electronic communication prior to the commencement of the tenancy. Absent any agreement to the contrary, the landlord shall make any deductions first from tenant-paid funds and second from any known third-party funds. The landlord shall furnish an itemized statement of any deductions from third-party funds within 30 days of a written request by the third party. A landlord who, in good faith, apportions third-party funds in compliance with this section shall be discharged of liability related to such apportionment. Unless otherwise directed by the municipality, any security deposit funds paid by a municipality under RSA 165, together with any interest required by law and less any lawful deductions, shall be returned directly to the municipality within 30 days after termination of the tenancy. A landlord who, in good faith, returns such funds directly to a municipality shall be discharged of liability to any other party for the return of those specific municipal funds.

Senate Education
 April 28, 2026
 2026-1727s
 07/09

Amendment to HB 1358

Amend RSA 194-B:21-a, II as inserted by section 1 of the bill by inserting after subparagraph (e) the following new subparagraph:

- (f) One member representing the special education committee, appointed by the governor.

Senate Transportation
 April 22, 2026
 2026-1613s
 05/09

Amendment to HB 1362

Amend RSA 266:48-a as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

266:48-a Tire Tread Depth; Measurement Requirements.

I. No person shall drive a motor vehicle upon any way unless each tire mounted thereon has a minimum tread depth of not less than $\frac{2}{32}$ of an inch.

II. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, this section shall not apply to:

- (a) Commercial motor vehicles, as defined in RSA 259:12-e, that exceed 10,000 pounds in weight.
- (b) School buses, as defined in RSA 259:96, that exceed 10,000 pounds in weight.
- (c) Mixed use school buses, as defined in RSA 259:96-a, that exceed 10,000 pounds in weight.

Amend RSA 266:28-a as inserted by section 2 of the bill by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

III. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, this section shall not apply to:

- (a) Commercial motor vehicles, as defined in RSA 259:12-e, that exceed 10,000 pounds in weight.
- (b) School buses, as defined in RSA 259:96, that exceed 10,000 pounds in weight.
- (c) Mixed use school buses, as defined in RSA 259:96-a, that exceed 10,000 pounds in weight.

Amend RSA 266:118, I(a) as inserted by section 3 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

- (a) Steering linkage free-play exceeds the manufacturer's specifications.

Amend the bill by replacing section 4 with the following:

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

Senate Education
 April 28, 2026
 2026-1731s
 12/09

Amendment to HB 1374

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

AN ACT modifying the procedures for withdrawal from a cooperative school district and the discontinuance of elementary and high schools and requiring the review of school district operating documents by school boards.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following and renumbering the original section 3 to read as 13:

3 New Sections; Discontinuance of Schools; Municipal Preservation Option. Amend RSA 194 by inserting after section 3-e the following new sections:

194:3-f Discontinuance of Schools. No elementary school, as defined in RSA 189:25, or high school, as defined in RSA 194:23, shall be discontinued, or the location thereof be changed, except by a majority vote of voters residing in all municipalities that are served by the school or district. Upon written petition to the school board by 20 or more legal voters of the towns or district in which such elementary or high school is located, the school board or cooperative school board shall hold an open public meeting for the purpose of voting on the question of discontinuance of the elementary or high school. Notice of the meeting shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation at least 7 days before the meeting. Voting shall be by ballot with the use of a checklist, after reasonable opportunity for public comment in an open public meeting, as defined in RSA 189:74. The question on the ballot shall be in substantially the following form:

“Shall the school district authorize the discontinuation of _____ school, ceasing the school’s operation?”
Yes ____ No _____

I. If a majority of voters present and voting vote in the affirmative for the discontinuation of an elementary or high school, then the elementary or high school shall be closed by the district effective no later than one day prior to the start of the following school year, with the exception of where the operation of the elementary or high school has been preserved pursuant to RSA 194:3-g.

II. If a majority of voters present and voting vote in the negative for the discontinuation of an elementary or high school, then the elementary or high school shall continue to operate.

III. A separate ballot shall be required where more than one elementary school or high school closure is being voted on at the same meeting.

194:3-g Municipal Preservation Option. If a majority of voters residing in all municipalities that are served by a school or district vote in the affirmative for the discontinuance of such elementary or high school pursuant to RSA 194:3-f, the municipality in which the elementary or high school is located shall be permitted to continue the operation of the school in accordance with this section.

I. For the purposes of this section:

(a) Elementary schools are the same as defined in RSA 189:25.

(b) High schools are the same as defined in RSA 194:23.

(c) “Governing body” means the board of aldermen or city council in the case of a city and the board of selectmen in the case of a town.

II. If the majority of voters residing in all municipalities that are served by a school or district elect to close an elementary or high school, the governing body of the municipality in which the school is located shall by a majority vote on a warrant article at a regular or special town meeting elect whether to preserve and continue the operation of the school.

(a) If the majority vote of the governing body elects to not preserve and continue the operation of the school, the school shall be closed pursuant to RSA 194:3-f, I.

(b) If a majority vote of the governing body elects to preserve and continue the operation of the school, the governing body shall within 60 days negotiate and enter into an operating agreement with the school district including, but not limited to:

(1) Accountability and governance relative to the duty to provide an adequate public education in accordance with RSA 189:1-a and RSA 193-E;

(2) Apportionment of costs and collective bargaining requirements relative to staffing in accordance with RSA 273-A;

(3) Apportionment of operating and capital outlay costs and the formula used for determining the apportionment of such costs;

(A) This subparagraph shall not be construed to require the modification of the duty of town districts to raise and appropriate funds relative to the maintenance of high schools pursuant to RSA 194:34;

(B) This subparagraph shall not be construed to require the modification of joint maintenance agreements, as defined in RSA 194:21;

(4) Apportionment of costs relative to the transportation of pupils in accordance with RSA 189:6;

(5) The transfer and conveyance of title to any land or property where the school is located and any associated costs relative to the transfer and conveyance of title; and

(6) Attendance of non-resident pupils within the municipality where the school is located, and whether the school be modified as an open enrollment school pursuant to RSA 194-D.

(c) If the governing body and school district fail to negotiate and enter into an operating agreement within 60 days immediately following the majority vote of the governing body prescribed in 194:3-g, II(b), the state board of education shall conduct a hearing and issue a final decision on the matter pursuant to RSA 21-N:11, III.

III. If any provision of this section or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the section which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions of this section are severable.

4 New Section; School Administrative Units; School Closures. Amend RSA 194-C by inserting after section 3 the following new section:

194-C:3-a School Closures. All school administrative units shall comply with the requirements of RSA 194:3-f and RSA 194:3-g relative to the closure of elementary and high schools.

I. For the purposes of this section:

(a) Elementary schools are the same as defined in RSA 189:25.

(b) High schools are the same as defined in RSA 194:23.

II. Single district school administrative units shall be exempt from the requirements of RSA 194:3-g if the single district school administrative unit serves only a single municipality.

5 New Section; Cooperative School Districts; School Closures. Amend RSA 195 by inserting after section 10 the following new section:

195:10-a School Closures. All cooperative school districts shall comply with the requirements of RSA 194:3-f and RSA 194:3-g relative to the closure of elementary and high schools.

I. For the purposes of this section:

(a) Elementary schools are the same as defined in RSA 189:25.

(b) High schools are the same as defined in RSA 194:23.

II. It shall be prohibited for any cooperative school district articles of agreement to circumvent the requirements of RSA 194:3-f and RSA 194:3-g.

6 Applicability. On the effective date of this act, all cooperative school district articles of agreement that violate the requirements of RSA 194:3-f and RSA 194:3-g shall be amended to comply with said sections.

7 AREA Schools; Discontinuance of Schools; Reference Removed. Amend RSA 195-A:9 to read as follows:

195-A:9 Discontinuance of Schools Replaced by an Area School. Upon the date of operating responsibility of an area school, the school buildings of the various sending districts and receiving district which formerly served the same grades as the area school and have been rendered surplus thereby under the approved plan, shall automatically be deemed closed and discontinued notwithstanding ~~the provisions of RSA 194:35 or any other applicable statute~~ **any other provision of law**, unless the school district in which any such building is located shall have expressly voted to devote the same to some different educational use.

8 New Section; Report on District Activity. Amend RSA 189 by inserting after section 29-b the following section:

189:29-c Report on District Activity. Every 3 years following the effective date of this section, the school board of every school district shall:

I. Review the existing contracts, debts, funding, policies, and salaries of the school district; and

II. Provide a written report to the school district including findings and recommendations relative to such district activity.

9 New Paragraph; School Administrative Units; Organization and Duties; Duty to Review Plans and Contracts Added. Amend RSA 194-C:5 by inserting after paragraph III the following paragraph:

IV. Every 3 years following the effective date of this paragraph, the school board of each school administrative unit shall:

(a) Review the approved and unapproved plans for organization, reorganization, withdrawal, and merger as described in RSA 194-C:2;

(b) Review existing and continuing contracts entered into by the school administrative unit; and

(c) Provide a written report to all school districts within the school administrative unit including the board's findings indicating whether changes to such plans and contracts are recommended.

10 Cooperative School Districts; School Board; Powers and Duties Modified. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 195:5 to read as follows:

195:5 School Board; Powers and Duties. The cooperative school board elected at the organization meeting shall organize and take office at the close of such meeting and proceed to assume its responsibilities and duties with respect to the administration and planning of the new cooperative school district; provided, however, that the cooperative board shall have no administrative authority as to the schools in the pre-existing districts until the date of operating responsibility. Thereafter all cooperative school district officers shall assume office at the close of the annual meeting. The cooperative school board shall have the same powers and duties as school boards in school districts as prescribed by RSA 189, ***with the exception of the additional duty to review documents as described in RSA 195:5-a***. Except as provided in this chapter, all the provisions of this chapter or of any other general law relating to or affecting school districts in the state shall apply to cooperative school districts organized as herein provided.

11 New Section; Additional Duty to Review Documents. Amend RSA 195 by inserting after section 5 the following new section:

195:5-a Additional Duty to Review Documents. Every 3 years following the effective date of this section, the cooperative school board for each cooperative school district shall:

I. Review the bylaws, articles of agreement, and any other existing arrangements for the cooperative school district; and

II. Publish in a newspaper generally circulated within the cooperative school district the board's findings indicating whether changes to such documents are recommended.

12 Repeal. RSA 194:35, relative to the discontinuance of high schools, is repealed.

2026-1731s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Modifies the procedure for withdrawal from a cooperative school district to allow a majority of voters in a single withdrawing district to elect to withdraw.

II. Clarifies that a supermajority of voters in a withdrawing district voting in favor of withdrawal shall constitute conclusive evidence of the withdrawal of the district.

III. Requires that voters residing in all municipalities that are served by a school district vote on the closure of schools.

IV. Establishes an option for the governing bodies of municipalities to preserve the operation of a school located within the municipality where the majority of voters residing in all municipalities served by the district elected to close such school.

V. Requires the governing bodies of municipalities to enter into an operating agreement with the district where such option to preserve the operation of a school has been exercised.

VI. Authorizes the state board of education to conduct hearings and issue final decisions relative to whether a school shall be closed or its operation shall be continued in circumstances where an operating agreement has not been entered into.

VII. Requires school administrative units and cooperative school districts comply with the provisions of the act.

VIII. Requires every 3 years school boards of single district school districts, cooperative school districts, and school administrative units review operating documents for each district and provide findings and recommendations resulting from such review.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration

April 29, 2026

2026-1749s

07/09

Amendment to HB 1407

Amend RSA 436:100, III as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

III. Vaccination against rabies may be performed either by a veterinarian licensed to practice in New Hampshire or by a veterinary technician, as defined in rules adopted by the board of veterinary medicine under RSA 541-A, working under the direct supervision of such veterinarian.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration

April 22, 2026

2026-1644s

07/05

Amendment to HB 1415-FN

Amend RSA 261:97-g as inserted by section 3 of the bill by deleting RSA 261:97-g, IV and renumbering the original RSA 261:97-g, V to read as RSA 261:97-g, IV.

Amend RSA 261:97-g, III as inserted by section 3 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

III. Plates shall be renewed on an annual basis for \$30 per set, which shall be in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee and any other number plate fees otherwise required. Of this sum, the department shall retain an amount as is necessary to recover production and administrative costs as approved by the fiscal committee of the general court. The remaining funds shall be paid to the state treasurer and distributed as provided in RSA 261:97-h. The cost of replacement number plates shall be identical to the cost of initial number plates and the revenue from replacement number plates shall be distributed in the same manner as revenue derived from initial number plates.

Amend RSA 261:97-i, VI and VII as inserted by section 3 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

VI. Funds transferred to the department of health and human services shall be used in support of promoting veteran, service members and family members, including physical and mental health, suicide prevention, substance use disorder, housing stability, and age friendly services and support.

VII. Funds transferred from the New Hampshire first for veterans number plate fund which remain unexpended at the end of the fiscal year shall be nonlapsing and shall be continually appropriated.

Amend RSA 261:97-k as inserted by section 3 of the bill by deleting RSA 261:97-k, IV(c) and renumbering the original RSA 261:97-k, IV(d) to read as RSA 261:97-k, IV(c).

Amend RSA 110-B:95 as inserted by section 4 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

110-B:95 New Hampshire First For Veterans Authority.

I. There is hereby established the New Hampshire first for veterans authority, which shall act as a both a public and private entity. The authority shall be constituted as a public instrumentality of the state. The authority and power conferred by this subdivision shall be deemed and held to be the performance of public and essential governmental functions. The authority shall be a nonprofit corporation organized under RSA 292.

II. The authority shall be governed by a board of directors composed of 11 members. A chairperson shall be elected from among the members.

III. Board members shall be as follows:

(a) One member 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) Five members of the veterans council, appointed by the governor.
- (d) The commissioner of the department of military affairs and veteran services, or designee.
- (e) The chair of the New Hampshire state veterans advisory committee, or designee.
- (f) A member of the New Hampshire military leadership team, appointed by the adjutant general.

IV.(a) The terms of state agency members, member of the senate, and members of the house of representatives shall be coterminous with their respective terms in office.

(b) Members appointed by the governor may be removed from office for cause by the governor. Cause for removal shall include incapacity or failure to perform a member's duties. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term of the office in the same manner as the original appointment. Legislative members shall be entitled to mileage reimbursement at the legislative rate.

V. Five members shall constitute a quorum. Decisions shall be made by a majority of those present and voting. The board shall meet quarterly and at such other times as may be deemed necessary by the chairperson.

VI. Board members shall not be subject to civil liability for acts performed in accordance with their duties under this subdivision.

Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 110-B:101, III as inserted by section 4 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

III. Financial assistance to eligible applicants shall be provided through grants, block grants, and loans. Up to 50 percent of financial assistance provided each year may be provided through loans. Principal and interest paid on such loans shall be deposited in the New Hampshire first for veterans number plate fund established in RSA 261:97-h. Financial assistance may only be expended on eligible resources for the following purposes:

Senate Judiciary
April 30, 2026
2026-1767s
07/09

Amendment to HB 1419

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

AN ACT establishing a committee to study whether a court with specialized jurisdiction over corporate, commercial, and equitable matters should be established.

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

1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study the feasibility, benefits, and risks of establishing a business court or an otherwise enhanced business docket with specialized jurisdiction over corporate, commercial, and equitable matters.

2 Membership and Compensation.

I. The members of the committee shall consist of three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; one of whom shall be a member of the minority party.

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

3 Duties. The committee shall:

(a) Study the feasibility, benefits, and risks of establishing a court of chancery with specialized jurisdiction over corporate, commercial, and equitable matters;

(b) Examine reforms to the business corporation act and related statutes, including the potential adoption of provisions modeled after, or improving upon, Delaware general corporation law;

(c) Evaluate mechanisms for recruiting, appointing, and retaining chancellors and vice chancellors with deep corporate law expertise, including term lengths, compensation, and appointment processes;

(d) Investigate partnerships with the university of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce school of law, or other local and regional institutions, to create clerkship pipelines, research centers, and academic programs focused on corporate governance;

(e) Assess the fiscal impact on state revenues from franchise taxes, filing fees, and related incorporation services, and recommend strategies to make New Hampshire attractive for incorporation;

(f) Develop strategies for branding and marketing New Hampshire as a premier jurisdiction for corporate governance; and

(g) Recommend any additional statutory or constitutional changes necessary to establish a sustainable and competitive framework and business climate within the state.

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

5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, the chief justice of the supreme court, and the state library on or before November 1, 2026.

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

2026-1767s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study whether a court with specialized jurisdiction over corporate, commercial, and equitable matters should be established.

Senate Judiciary
April 30, 2026
2026-1764s
04/05

Amendment to HB 1492-FN

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

AN ACT relative to the regulation and appeal of motor vehicle towing from public highways and relative to the removal of abandoned vehicles by law enforcement.

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

1 Fees for Removal and Impoundment of Motor Vehicles. Amend RSA 262:35-a to read as follows:

262:35-a Review of Fees for Removal and Impoundment.

I. All fees charged for the removal and storage of any vehicle caused to be removed by an authorized official pursuant to RSA 262:32 or RSA 262:40-a shall be reasonable, and may reflect market variables, including, but not limited to, distance traveled to and from the storage facility, vehicle size and weight, the amount of time needed to remove and store the vehicle, any special equipment needed, and personnel costs. If the owner or other person lawfully entitled to possession of the vehicle wishes to challenge the reasonableness of the fee charged, the owner or other person may pay over to the custodian of the vehicle an amount equal to the towing and storage charges to secure the release of the vehicle, and, within ~~[15]~~ **30** days of the ~~[release of the vehicle]~~ **receipt of the invoice**, request in writing a review by the commissioner of safety. The commissioner of safety or designee shall review the claim to determine if there are sufficient grounds to conduct a hearing to determine whether the charge was reasonable. If the commissioner or designee determines that a hearing is necessary, the hearing shall be scheduled by the bureau of hearings within 20 days after review by the commissioner, at which time the extent of removal and storage fees shall be determined. The commissioner or designee shall approve or disapprove of the decision of the bureau of hearings within 7 days after the hearing was held. Notwithstanding RSA 262:25, any person aggrieved by a decision of the commissioner or designee under this section may appeal the decision to the superior court in the same manner as that prescribed in RSA 263:75, II and III. If no request for review is filed within the ~~[15-day]~~ **30-day** period, the owner or other person lawfully entitled to possession of the vehicle shall be deemed to have waived all rights to review under this section and shall be liable for the total amount billed.

II. Nothing in this section shall prevent a review of the reasonableness of the towing or other action as may be permitted by laws of this state by a court of competent jurisdiction.

III. Any time that a person is storing a vehicle pursuant to the provisions of this subdivision, the person may remove any items from within the vehicle that are not a part of or accessories to the vehicle. The person may hold any such items, other than wallets, purses, life essential clothing, mail, legal documents, car seats, eyeglasses, medicine, medical equipment, or house keys pending payment of any fees due under this subdivision. If fees remain unpaid after [20] **30** days, the person may dispose of the items.

2 Abandoned Vehicles; Procedure for Removal and Impoundment. Amend RSA 262:33, II and III to read as follows:

II. Whenever a vehicle is towed pursuant to RSA 262:31-a or RSA 262:32 the owner or other person lawfully entitled to the possession of the vehicle shall be entitled to recover said vehicle and release of the above lien by payment of all reasonable towing and storage charges. If the owner or other person lawfully entitled to possession of the vehicle wishes to challenge whether there was sufficient grounds for towing and impoundment, he or she may pay over to the custodian of the vehicle an amount equal to the towing and storage charges to secure the release of such vehicle, and, within [15] **30** days of the [towing and impoundment] **receipt of the invoice**, request in writing a hearing.

III. The hearing shall be held before the head of the law enforcement agency which employs the authorized official who caused the vehicle to be removed and stored, or his or her designee. In the event such agency head or his or her designee determines sufficient grounds did not exist for the removal and storage of the vehicle, the law enforcement agency shall reimburse the owner or other person lawfully claiming possession for any amount paid to the custodian to secure release of the vehicle, **or, if payment has not yet been made, order that the vehicle be immediately released from impoundment, with the agency assuming full liability of the lien.**

3 Requirements for Placement on the Tow List. Amend RSA 106-B:30, XVIII to read as follows:

XVIII. The tow business shall provide state police with a complete updated list of all rates for the services it performs related to the towing and storage of vehicles, on the letterhead of the business, and shall update such list when prices change. State Police shall not set the fees for these services nor use the rate schedule provided in determining placement on a rotation schedule. ~~[Price lists shall remain confidential except when determining the reasonable fee in a requested hearing conducted by the department of safety.]~~

4 New Section; Notice of Right to Dispute Towing and Storage Charges. Amend RSA 262 by inserting after section 35-a the following new section:

262:35-b Notice of Right to Dispute Towing and Storage Charges.

I. This section shall apply to any tow of a motor vehicle performed at the direction of a law enforcement officer within the state. This section shall not apply to any tow conducted pursuant to a private property agreement, municipal contract, or municipal ordinance.

II. An invoice for towing or storage of a motor vehicle shall clearly indicate the process for appealing the reasonableness of such charges. Such notice shall be provided on the invoice and may include an Internet website address or scannable code linking to additional information.

III. Any towing service that fails to provide the notice required in paragraph II shall be guilty of a violation and shall be fined \$100 for each violation. Repeated violations of this section may be referred to the department of safety for review and for any action authorized under the law.

5 State Police; Use of Tow List. Amend RSA 106-B:27, IV to read as follows:

IV. The director of state police with the approval of the commissioner of safety may adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A consistent with relevant provisions of this subdivision setting forth minimum qualifications of tow companies and their employees to participate in the state police tow list, including qualifications, training, and minimum standards for equipment, response times, storage and release of towed vehicles and their contents, and criminal history and motor vehicle record checks off ~~[tow truck drivers]~~ **employees.**

6 Definitions; Removal of Abandoned Vehicles. Amend RSA 106-B:28 to read as follows:

106-B:28 Definitions.

In this subdivision:

I. “Employee” means any individual employed by the tow business who may physically respond roadside to a state police tow call for service.

II. “Heavy duty wrecker” means a wrecker intended and suitably equipped for towing vehicles in excess of 10,000 pounds gross weight, such as a tractor-trailer, large truck, or similar vehicle but excluding carriers and flatbeds, and meeting the following requirements, provided that come-a-longs, chains, or other similar devices shall not be used as substitutes for winch and cable:

- (a) A truck chassis having a minimum gross vehicle weight rating of not less than 54,500 pounds;
- (b) Tandem axles, or a cab-to-axle length of not less than 102 inches;
- (c) A combined winch capacity of not less than 50,000 pounds, as rated by the winch manufacturer;
- (d) A single winch in good operating condition with a capacity of 50,000 pounds, as rated by the winch manufacturer, or if equipped with 2 winches, a combined rating of 50,000 pounds;
- (e) A manufactured wheel-lift in good operating condition, with retracted lifting capacity of not less than 20,000 pounds, as rated by the lift manufacturer, with safety chains or a tow bar of equal capacity;
- (f) A winch cable rated as specified by the winch manufacturer, in good condition;
- (g) Light and air brake hookups for the towed vehicle; and
- (h) Additional safety equipment as specified in this chapter and consistent with United States Department of Transportation inspection requirements.

[H:] III. “Light/Medium duty wrecker” means a wrecker intended and suitably equipped for safely towing vehicles weighing 26,000 pounds or less gross weight, including passenger cars, pickup trucks, motorcycles, small trailers, and similar vehicles, that meets the following requirements, provided that come-a-longs, chains, or other similar devices shall not serve as substitutes for a winch and cable:

- (a) A minimum gross vehicle weight rating of not less than 14,500 pounds;
- (b) Individual boom capacity of not less than 8,000 pounds, as rated by the boom manufacturer;
- (c) Individual power takeoff or hydraulic power or electric winch capacity of not less than 8,000 pounds, as rated by the manufacturer, and wire rope of a capacity and length consistent with the device manufacturer;
- (d) A manufactured wheel-lift with a retracting lifting capacity of not less than 3,500 pounds, as rated by the manufacturer, with safety chains;
- (e) Dual rear wheels;
- (f) Two chock blocks that will prevent rolling or slippage of the wrecker; and
- (g) Additional safety equipment as specified in this chapter and consistent with United States Department of Transportation inspection requirements.

[H:] IV. “Recovery vehicle” means a motor vehicle consisting of a commercially available truck chassis equipped with a commercially manufactured tow body or bed and that is rated and issued a serial number by the manufacturer, designed and equipped for and used in the towing or recovery of vehicles, in good condition and capable of towing a vehicle by means of a tow bar, sling, or wheel lift, and capable of recovering a vehicle by means of a hoist, winch, or towline.

[FV:] V. “Rollback carrier” means a flatbed vehicle in good condition that meets the following requirements, provided that come-a-longs, chains, or similar devices shall not be used as substitutes for a winch and cable:

- (a) A minimum gross vehicle weight rating of at least 19,500 pounds;
- (b) A specially equipped chassis with a ramp on wheels and a hydraulic lift with a capacity to haul or tow another vehicle;
- (c) At least one 8,000 pound winch, as rated by the winch manufacturer, with at least 50 feet of cable, as recommended by the winch manufacturer; and
- (d) Additional safety equipment as specified in this chapter and consistent with United States Department of Transportation inspection requirements.

[V-] **VI.** “Tow business” means a person, enterprise, partnership, company, LLC, or other corporation having a registered trade name, an active New Hampshire tax identification number, an active New Hampshire workers’ compensation insurance policy or exemption papers, an active New Hampshire employment security account, and that meets all state and local legal requirements including, but not limited to, those related to payment of business related taxes, fees, and insurance coverage, and that regularly engages in the impoundment, recovery, transport, or storage of towed or abandoned vehicles, or in the disposal of abandoned vehicles.

[VI-] **VII.** “Tow list” means a list or lists of qualified New Hampshire businesses compiled by the division of state police and used by them to dispatch wreckers and recovery and road service vehicles to tow, recover, and temporarily store a vehicle when the owner, driver, or other person responsible for the vehicle is not present or wishes to have the vehicle removed and expresses no choice or preference of a specific tow business, or when public safety requires the law enforcement official in charge at the scene to clear the vehicle from the location believing, in his or her sole opinion, the vehicle is causing a public hazard or safety issue or is stolen, unregistered, was involved in a crime, or is in violation of a statute that requires immediate removal.

[VII-] **VIII.** “Vehicle storage area” means a suitable yard or enclosed building where a qualified tow business keeps or stores towed or impounded vehicles.

[VIII-] **IX.** “Wrecker” for purposes of this chapter and except where the context clearly indicates otherwise, means a tow truck, road service vehicle, or carrier and recovery vehicle used by tow businesses on the state police tow list.

7 Use of Tow List. Amend RSA 106-B:29, X to read as follows:

X. A tow business may terminate or temporarily suspend its designation as a service provider and be removed from the rotation list by providing prompt written notice to state police ~~[communications]~~. In the event of unforeseen circumstances such as death, fire, bankruptcy, or loss of equipment from accident or failure, a tow business on the tow list shall timely notify the director of state police in writing of its intent to suspend its designation as a service provider. If and when it desires to return to service, such tow company shall send a new application to the director. If approved to resume operation, they shall be placed at the bottom of the rotation list.

8 Use of Tow List. Amend RSA 106-B:29, XV to read as follows:

XV. A tow business shall not sell, assign, transfer, pledge, surrender, encumber, or dispose of its place on the rotation list. By applying to be placed on the list, a tow business agrees to respond to all state police calls 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If for any reason the business cannot respond to a call, it rotates to the bottom of the list. Businesses that develop a pattern of non-response to calls ***or fail to meet the response times outlined in RSA 106-B:30*** may be subject to removal from the rotation list ***or actions outlined in RSA 106-B:34***.

9 Requirements for Placement on the Tow List. Amend RSA 106-B:30, II-III to read as follows:

II. The tow business shall provide as part of its application a list of all ~~[tow truck operator personnel]~~ ***employees***, including full name, current address, date and place of birth, driver’s license number and type, and any restrictions, ***and*** license expiration date~~[-, and social security number]~~. The application shall be updated with ***the*** state police ~~[communications]~~ within 5 days of whenever a new employee is hired, or an employee leaves the employ of the business.

III. The application shall include an individual form approved by the director of state police for each ~~[tow truck operator]~~ ***employee*** and for the owner and manager of the business and any supervisors, listing under penalty of unsworn falsification their full name, date and place of birth, driver license number and type and any restrictions or limitations, and a listing of all motor vehicle offense convictions in this or any other state or Canadian province including type, court, and year in the preceding 5 years, and a list of any criminal convictions in this or any other state or Canadian province within the past 10 years, including type of offense, year of conviction, court, and sentence imposed, and whether the person is currently on probation or parole or has ever been a registered sex offender or subject to a domestic violence protective order. Nothing in this paragraph shall restrict the employer or state police in case of doubt from verifying the information through a record check or checks.

10 Requirements for Placement on the Tow List. Amend RSA 106-B:30, V to read as follows:

V. If an ~~[operator]~~ ***individual*** is ~~[employed by]~~ ***an employee of*** more than one listed towing company, each company shall maintain an independent and separate driver file on such individual. When ~~[a driver, manager,~~

~~or supervisor]~~ **an employee** ceases employment at the business or a new such employee is hired, the company shall notify the state police director in writing within 10 days and include a copy of the application including a copy of the form described in paragraph III. It shall be the responsibility of the operator to maintain appropriate records of driving times showing full compliance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

11 Requirements for Placement on the Tow List. Amend RSA 106-B:30, VIII to read as follows:

VIII. Wreckers dispatched shall arrive at the scene within 30 minutes of being called, except for cases where the travel distance, posted speeds, or traffic and weather conditions and volume of traffic make this unreasonable. For heavy duty calls the company shall respond within a maximum of 60 minutes regardless of the time of day. If the time exceeds the above limit and the tow business does not provide state police communications or the trooper in charge at the scene with a valid reason for the delay within that time, a second rotation wrecker may be dispatched. If a second wrecker is requested before the arrival of the initially dispatched rotation wrecker, the initially requested wrecker shall forfeit the call and leave the incident scene. Repeated tardiness may result in suspension or removal from the rotation list ***or any other disciplinary action as outlined in RSA 106-B:34. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for imminent concerns related to public health, safety, or welfare, the director may order the immediate suspension of the tow business at their discretion, and without a hearing. Any such suspension shall be subject to the hearing requirements and timelines set forth in RSA 541-A:30, III.***

12 Requirements to Remain on the Tow List. Amend RSA 106-B:31, XIII to read as follows:

XIII. State troopers or other designated department of safety personnel may be assigned at the discretion of the state police director to conduct reviews from time to time of towing businesses, their records, and equipment to ensure compliance with relevant rules and laws and make a recommendation~~[through the state police communications commander]~~ to the director as to the level of compliance and any appropriate action. Tow businesses participating in the tow list shall make, during normal business hours, their records, vehicles, facility, and equipment available for examination for such reviews by troopers or other department of safety employees. In cases of non-compliance, the state police ~~[communications commander]~~ shall recommend appropriate action to the director, which may include a verbal or written reprimand, suspension, or revocation from continued participation in the rotating list. Such action is discretionary and shall be based on the nature and seriousness of the discrepancy and any prior record of the business.

13 Compliance Action; Disciplinary Enforcement. RSA 106-B:34 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

106-B:34 Compliance Action; Disciplinary Enforcement.

I. Participation in the state police tow list is a privilege and not a right. The director of the division of state police shall administer the state police tow list and shall ensure that towing, storage, roadside emergency service, and vehicle recovery performed at the direction or request of the division of state police are conducted in compliance with state law and rules adopted pursuant to RSA 541-A, and in a manner that promotes public safety and maintains the confidence of the motoring public.

II. The director may take disciplinary action upon a finding, supported by satisfactory evidence, that a tow business or tow business employee has violated:

- (a) The provisions of RSA 106-B:29 through RSA 106-B:33; or
- (b) Any rule adopted pursuant to this subdivision.

III. Disciplinary actions authorized under this section may include:

- (a) A verbal or written warning;
- (b) Suspension of a tow business, a tow business employee, or both, from participation in the state police tow list for a period not to exceed 2 years; or
- (c) Removal from the state police tow list. Tow businesses that are removed are eligible to reapply to the state police tow list after a period of not less than 2 years.

IV. In determining the appropriate disciplinary action, the director shall consider the seriousness of the violation, any prior history of violations, and any resulting harm to the public or to property.

V. Any person aggrieved by a disciplinary action imposed under this section may appeal the decision to the department of safety bureau of hearings and thereafter to the superior court in accordance with RSA 106-B:31, XIV.

14 Effective Date.

I. Sections 1-4 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

2026-1764s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill extends deadlines for disputing towing and storage fees and requires invoices to include information on how to challenge charges. This bill also revises the procedures and processes concerning the maintenance of and utilization of a list of contracted tow companies used by the division of state police for the removal of vehicles.

Senate Judiciary

April 30, 2026

2026-1772s

12/09

Amendment to HB 1499-FN

Amend RSA 540:2, II(k)(1)-(2) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(k)(1) The tenant or any occupant of the rented premises has been convicted of any of the following:

(A) Improper entry by alien under 8 U.S.C. section 1325(a) and the conviction is less than 3 years prior to the service of the eviction notice;

(B) Any offense which requires registration as a “sexual offender” as defined by RSA 651-B:1, IV, unless registration is no longer required prior to the service of the eviction notice; or

(C) Any offense which requires registration as an “offender against children” as defined by RSA 651-B:1, VI, unless registration is no longer required prior to the service of the eviction notice.

(2) Any conviction disclosed in writing by the tenant or occupant to the landlord or disclosed via a criminal background check run by the landlord prior to the start of any tenancy shall prevent the landlord from later terminating the tenancy for any specific conviction disclosed. If the landlord does not conduct a background check or request disclosure on the tenant application form, the landlord shall not be entitled to the grounds for eviction established by subparagraph II(k)(1).

Amend the bill by replacing section 2 with the following:

2 New Paragraph; Termination of Tenancy. Amend RSA 540:2 by inserting after paragraph VIII the following new paragraph:

IX. Any eviction brought pursuant to RSA 540:2, II(j) or (k) shall name as defendant only the person or persons alleged to have violated RSA 540:2, II(j) or (k) without naming remaining members of the household and the court may enter judgment against only the named defendants.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration

April 27, 2026

2026-1681s

08/07

Amendment to HB 1511

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

AN ACT relative to the membership of the agriculture in the classroom committee, the annual proclamation of “New Hampshire Day at the Big E,” and repealing the repeal of the produce safety chapter.

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

1 The Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food; Agriculture in the Classroom; Agriculture in the Classroom Committee. RSA 425:25, III is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

III. The committee shall consist of the following members, and additional representatives may be appointed pursuant to a majority vote of the sitting committee members up to a maximum of 15 total members:

(a) The director of the university of New Hampshire cooperative extension, or designee.

(b) The commissioner of the department of agriculture, markets, and food, or designee.

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

(d) The dean of the college of life sciences and agriculture, university of New Hampshire, or designee.

(e) A representative of the New Hampshire Farm Bureau Federation, appointed by its board of directors.

(f) A representative of the Granite State Association of FFA, appointed by its advisory council.

(g) A representative of the New Hampshire Association of Agricultural Educators, appointed by its executive committee.

(h) Up to 8 additional members who have a background in agriculture, appointed by a majority vote of the committee.

2 Agriculture in the Classroom; Report to the Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food. Amend RSA 425:25, VI to read as follows:

VI. The committee shall submit an annual report of finances and activities ~~[of]~~ **to** the commissioner **of the department of agriculture, markets, and food** in a manner and form and containing such information as the commissioner may require.

3 New Section; New Hampshire Day at The Big E. Amend RSA 4 by inserting after section 13-ee the following new section:

4:13-ff New Hampshire Day at the Big E. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation observing the third Friday after Labor Day as “New Hampshire Day at The Big E” in recognition of the more than a century of support the Eastern States Exposition, Home of The Big E, has given to promoting agriculture and cooperation in the New England states.

4 Repeal. The following are repealed:

I. 2018, 323:28 and 2018, 323:29, I, relative to the repeal of the produce safety chapter.

II. 2021, 21:1, I, relative to the extended effective date of the repeal of produce safety chapter.

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

2026-1681s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Reconfigures the membership of the agriculture in the classroom committee.

II. Proclaims the third Friday after labor day as “New Hampshire Day at the Big E”.

III. Removes a representative of the Granite State Dairy Promotion from the agriculture in the classroom committee.

IV. Removes the prospective repeal of RSA 426-A, relative to produce safety.

Senate Judiciary

April 30, 2026

2026-1770s

09/07

Amendment to HB 1522-FN

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

AN ACT relative to amending and adding definitions related to the protection of persons from domestic violence and relative to the domestic violence fatality review committee.

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Protection of Persons from Domestic Violence; Definitions. Amend RSA 173-B:1, I to read as follows:

I. “Abuse” means the commission or attempted commission of one or more of the acts described in subparagraphs (a) through ~~[(h)]~~ **(i)** by a family or household member or by a current or former sexual or intimate partner, where such conduct is determined to constitute a credible present threat to the petitioner’s safety. ***In its analysis of abuse, the court may consider the presence of coercive control as defined in***

paragraph II-a. The court may **also** consider evidence of such acts, regardless of their proximity in time to the filing of the petition, which, in combination with recent conduct, reflects an ongoing pattern of behavior which reasonably causes or has caused the petitioner to fear for his or her safety or well-being:

- (a) Assault or reckless conduct as defined in RSA 631:1 through RSA 631:3.
- (b) Criminal threatening as defined in RSA 631:4.
- (c) Sexual assault as defined in RSA 632-A:2 through RSA 632-A:5.
- (d) Interference with freedom as defined in RSA 633:1 through RSA 633:3-a.
- (e) Destruction of property as defined in RSA 634:1 and RSA 634:2.
- (f) Unauthorized entry as defined in RSA 635:1 and RSA 635:2.
- (g) Harassment as defined in RSA 644:4.
- (h) Cruelty to animals as defined in RSA 644:8.

(i) Nonconsensual dissemination of private sexual images as defined in RSA 644:9-a.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following and renumbering the original section 4 to read as 5:

4 Department of Justice; Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee. Amend RSA 21-M:16-a, VI to read as follows:

VI. The committee's review of a case shall not be initiated until such time as the law enforcement criminal investigation has been completed or fully adjudicated, whichever comes later. ~~[Additionally, if, in the opinion of the attorney general, there exists the potential for civil litigation, the committee's review of a case shall not be initiated before 3 years from the date of the incident under review.]~~ **Any potential or pending civil litigation shall not preclude the committee's review of a case and shall not constitute a basis for any organization, agency, or person to withhold records or testimony that are requested or compelled by the committee pursuant to this section.**

2026-1770s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Adds to the types of abuse the court can consider in determining whether to issue a domestic violence order of protection.

II. Enables the department of justice's domestic violence fatality review committee to review a case even if there is actual or potential civil litigation.

Senate Commerce

April 28, 2026

2026-1711s

04/09

Amendment to HB 1523-FN

Amend RSA 292:8-m, III(b)(2) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(2) Upon 15 days' notice in a record reasonably identifying the specific records of the association requested.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources

April 28, 2026

2026-1726s

04/07

Amendment to HB 1542-FN

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

AN ACT establishing a committee to study New Hampshire's electric renewable portfolio standard and the renewable energy fund.

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

1 Committee Established. There is established a study committee on New Hampshire's electric renewable portfolio standard under RSA 362-F and the renewable energy fund under RSA 362-F:10.

2 Membership and Compensation.

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

(a) Three members of the house of representatives, at least one of whom is currently serving on the house committee on science, technology, and energy, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

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

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

3 Duties. The committee shall study and make recommendations on the following matters:

I. The extent to which the current class structure of the renewable portfolio standard under RSA 362-F continues to serve its original purpose of providing a market for technologies that increase the fuel diversity of New Hampshire's electricity generation, which supports for low-emission energy technologies that are not yet commercially self-sustaining, and whether that class structure remains the appropriate policy instrument given technological changes since the policy was enacted.

II. Whether to maintain a class-based renewable portfolio standard or transition to the energy standard design recommended by the department of energy in its 2025 review of the renewable portfolio standard, and if such a change could be made at a cost that is beneficial to the ratepayers.

III. The effect of the integration of additional qualifying resources.

IV. The benefits to ratepayers delivered by the renewable energy fund and the feasibility of returning surplus revenue directly to ratepayers or redirecting funds to higher value programs.

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

5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the policy committees in the house and senate with jurisdiction over renewable energy, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2026.

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

2026-1726s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study New Hampshire's electric renewable portfolio standard and the renewable energy fund.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration

April 23, 2026

2026-1650s

05/09

Amendment to HB 1555-FN

Amend the bill by replacing section 3 with the following:

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2027.

Senate Education

April 28, 2026

2026-1729s

12/05

Amendment to HB 1573

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

AN ACT permitting excused absences for student participation in certain activities and mandating the state board of education to grant school reassignment requests for students demonstrating a manifest educational hardship.

Amend RSA 193:1-d, II as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. For the purposes of this section:

(a) “Civic event” means:

(1) Any event, activity, hearing, or meeting held by a federal, state, county, or local government office, agency, or body; or

(2) Any educational program, competition, or award ceremony sponsored or hosted by a patriotic or national organization, listed in 36 U.S.C., Subtitle II, Part B.

(b) “Career or technical education event,” or “CTE event,” means:

(1) State, regional, or national competitions or conferences sponsored by CTE student organizations recognized by the state board of education pursuant to RSA 186:11, XXXVIII;

(2) Agricultural fairs where students are exhibiting livestock or project work; or

(3) Individual job shadows or workplace observations of no more than one school day per employer.

Amend RSA 193:1-d, III(c) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(c) Students attending multi-day civics or CTE programs may have absences for such programs excused with proof of attendance.

(d) Nothing in this section shall prevent schools from requiring students to complete schoolwork missed due to an excused absence.

(e) Except as provided under paragraph III(b), students seeking more than 2 excused absences per academic year for ongoing participation in the same civic or CTE activity shall enroll in an extended learning opportunity. All absences to engage in an extended learning opportunity plan approved by the student’s school shall be excused, contingent on the student completing any schoolwork missed.

Amend RSA 193:1-d, IV(b) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(b) A letter of excusal signed by a government or event official.

Amend RSA 186:11, XXXVIII as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

XXXVIII. Civic and Career Technical Education. The state board of education shall develop and maintain rules pursuant to RSA 193:1-d civic and CTE events, such as testifying on legislation; serving on membership on statutory or executive New Hampshire youth advisory councils; and attending local government meetings or hearings, to count as alternative academic credit in public, public charter, and private secondary schools that serve as public schools under RSA 193:3, VII, including fulfillment of the civic education graduation requirement. In addition, the board shall develop and maintain a list of recognized career and technical education organizations that shall be used to determine if an absence shall be excused under RSA 193:1-d, II(b)(1). The initial list of recognized career and technical education organizations shall include, at minimum: 4-H; Future Farmers of America (FFA); Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA); SkillsUSA; Future Health Professionals (HOSA); DECA; and the Technology Student Association (TSA). This list shall be reviewed annually and shared with school administrators.

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 2 with the following:

3 New Subparagraph; Change of School or Assignment; Best Interest of Student; Manifest Educational Hardship; Procedure for Appeals Modified. Amend RSA 193:3, II by inserting after subparagraph (g) the following new subparagraphs:

(1) Pursuant to this subparagraph, if the state board of education finds that the student has a manifest educational hardship, the state board of education shall grant the parent’s or guardian’s request to re-assign the student to another public school, public academy, or an approved private school within the district, or to a public school, public academy, or an approved private school in another district.

(2) The student shall be enrolled in the receiving public school, public academy, or approved private school, subject only to the limitations set forth in RSA 193:3, III-a(d) and the admission requirements described in RSA 193:3, III-a(f).

4 School Attendance; Legal Residence Required; Exceptions; Cross-Reference Added. Amend RSA 193:12, I to read as follows:

I. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person shall attend school, or send a pupil to the school, in any district of which the pupil is not a legal resident, without the consent of the district or of the school board except as otherwise provided in this section, **RSA 193:3**, or [in] RSA 193:28.

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

2026-1729s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Permits excused absences for students that are participating in civic engagement activities and career or technical education (CTE) activities so long as parental notice is provided to schools and other requirements are met.

II. Directs the state board of education to develop rules, a list of recognized CTE organizations, and alternative academic credits relative to participation in civic or CTE activities.

III. Mandates that the state board of education, on appeal, grant a parent's or guardian's request to re-assign their student to another public school, public academy, or an approved private school where such parent or guardian demonstrates the student has a manifest educational hardship.

IV. Adds a statutory cross-reference to the exceptions for legal residence requirements relative to school attendance.

Senate Finance
April 22, 2026
2026-1607s
12/09

Amendment to HB 1574-FN

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

AN ACT relative to the extension of the free and reduced price breakfast and lunch programs and supporting administrative costs for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and making appropriations therefor.

Amend the bill by replacing section 3 with the following:

3 Appropriation; Department of Education. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$80,000 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 to the department of education for the purpose of implementing and administering the extended school meal eligibility and reimbursement program established under this act. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant from the education trust fund to satisfy the state's obligation under this act the amount not otherwise appropriated.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 4 the following and renumbering the original section 5 to read as 6:

5 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services.

I. The general court recognizes the importance of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and its vital role in the state to reduce food insecurity. On July 4, 2025, Pub. L. 119-21 was signed into law, which changed the federal cost share contribution for administrative costs to support state operations from 50 percent to 25 percent. New Hampshire's operating budget for the biennium ending June 30, 2027 is projected to experience a \$4,400,000 general fund impact as a result of the change in policy at the federal level. Due to the timing of the federal legislation, the legislature did not have an opportunity to address budgetary impacts.

II. There is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services the sum of \$4,400,000 for the state fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 for the purpose of supporting the administrative cost impacts resulting from federal legislative cost-share changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

2026-1607s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Authorizes school boards to extend free and reduced meal program eligibility for students with an individualized education program (IEP) that are already age 21 but attending school until the age of 22.

II. Directs the state to reimburse school boards from the general fund for free and reduced price meals for such eligible students.

III. Makes an appropriation to the department of health and human services for the purpose of supporting administrative cost impacts resulting from federal legislative cost-share changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Senate Energy and Natural Resources

April 21, 2026

2026-1599s

04/09

Amendment to HB 1577

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Customer Data in Emergency Situations. Amend RSA 363:38, V(b) to read as follows:

(b) Nothing in this section shall preclude a service provider from disclosing a customer's individual data to a third party for system, grid, or operational needs, ***coordination with a municipality's authorized public safety officials***, or the research, development, and implementation of new rate structures and tariffs, demand response, customer assistance, energy management, or energy efficiency programs, provided that the service provider for contracts entered into after January 1, 2017, has required by contract that the third party implement and maintain reasonable security procedures and practices appropriate to the nature of the information, to protect the personal information from unauthorized access, use, destruction, modification, or disclosure, and to prohibit the use of the data for a secondary commercial purpose not related to the primary purpose of the contract without the express consent of the customer. ***Disclosure of a customer's data to a municipality's authorized public safety officials shall be exempt under RSA 91-A:5, IV.***

2026-1599s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows service providers to share individual customer data with a municipality's authorized public safety officials for emergency coordination purposes.

Senate Commerce

April 28, 2026

2026-1720s

07/09

Amendment to HB 1588-FN

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

AN ACT relative to the regulation of accessory parking for vehicles by local legislative bodies and multi-family housing within commercial districts by municipalities.

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

1 Zoning; Grant of Power; Parking Ordinances. Amend RSA 674:16, VII to read as follows:

VII. In its exercise of the powers granted under this subdivision, the local legislative body of a city, town, or county in which there are located unincorporated towns or unorganized places may regulate accessory parking for vehicles, but shall not require more than one residential parking space per unit ***or require that the parking space per unit be garaged.***

2 Multi-Family Residential Development on Commercially Zoned Land; Amendment to Zoning Regulations; Conversion of Multi-Family Dwelling Units Permitted. Amend RSA 674:80, IV to read as follows:

IV. A municipality ~~[shall provide an exemption to any requirements regarding setbacks, height, or frontage of a building being converted to multi-family or mixed-use through adaptive reuse, provided that the building's floor area, height, and setbacks do not change]~~ ***shall not impose additional requirements for multifamily housing proposed to be located within commercial districts in existence as of July 1, 2026, or expanded or created after that date, beyond those specifically allowed under this section, except for frontage, setbacks, and height requirements; provided that such requirements shall not differ from what is allowed for commercial development.***

V. ***A municipality shall allow pre-existing nonconforming structures to be converted to multi-family dwelling units or mixed use provided that the structure's envelope is not altered to further violate zoning district dimensional requirements.***

VI. ***Any owner of commercially-zoned property improperly denied an application for multi-family housing, or who is subjected to requirements beyond those allowed in this section, and who is thereby required to file suit against the municipality in order to exercise the property rights thus recognized, shall be entitled to be reimbursed reasonable attorney's fees incurred as a direct result.***

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

2026-1720s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Allows local legislative bodies to regulate accessory parking for vehicles so long as they do not require that the parking space per unit be garaged.

II. Prevents municipalities from imposing additional requirements for multifamily housing within commercial districts in existence as of July 1, 2026, with some exceptions.

Senate Finance

April 23, 2026

2026-1640s

04/09

Amendment to HB 1597-FN

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Expense Deductions; Cap Increase. Amend RSA 77-A:3-a to read as follows:

77-A:3-a Expense Deductions.

In determining gross business profits before net operating loss and special deductions, a business organization shall calculate expense deductions as permitted under Section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code as provided in RSA 77-A:1, XX, except that for property placed in service on or after January 1, 2018, a business organization shall calculate expense deductions not to exceed \$500,000; ***for property placed in service on or after January 1, 2027, a business organization shall calculate expense deductions not to exceed \$1,000,000; for property placed in service on or after January 1, 2029, a business organization shall calculate expense deductions not to exceed \$1,500,000; for property placed in service on or after January 1, 2031, a business organization shall calculate expense deductions not to exceed \$2,000,000; and for property placed in service on or after January 1, 2033, a business organization shall calculate expense deductions not to exceed \$2,500,000.***

2026-1640s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill increases the expense deduction cap by adding phased-in caps of \$1,000,000 in 2027, \$1,500,000 in 2029, \$2,000,000 in 2031, and \$2,500,000 in 2033.

Senate Judiciary

April 30, 2026

2026-1771s

07/09

Amendment to HB 1598-FN

Amend RSA 540-A:2, II as inserted by section 4 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. No tenant, members of the tenant's household, guests, or other occupants of the premises shall willfully damage the property of the landlord or willfully deny tenants their right to quiet enjoyment of their tenancies.

Amend RSA 540-A:4, VII(e)(5) as inserted by section 5 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(5) If the court finds that the occupant sublet from the tenant but the lease between the landlord and the tenant prohibits subletting, and the occupant failed to establish being an implied tenant, the plaintiff may dispose of any remaining personal property as they see fit after 48-hours notice to the occupants. Notwithstanding RSA 540-A:4, [VH(e)(4)] ***VII(e)(4)***, in such cases damages shall not be awarded to the plaintiff.

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 5 with the following:

6 Prohibited Practices And Security Deposits; Prohibited Practices; Certain Specific Acts Prohibited. Amend RSA 540-A:3, V to read as follows:

V. No tenant shall willfully [~~refuse the landlord access to the premises to make necessary repairs~~] ***prevent completion of necessary repairs***, or ***refuse the landlord access*** to perform other reasonable and lawful functions commonly associated with the ownership of rental property, at a reasonable time after notice which is adequate under the circumstances.

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

Senate Education Finance
April 22, 2026
2026-1635s
08/07

Amendment to HB 1610

Amend the bill by replacing sections 2-3 with the following:

2 Applicability. RSA 198:4-b, as amended by section 1 of this act, shall rescind all existing indefinite authorizations to retain unassigned general funds as previously authorized under RSA 198:4-b, II and shall apply to the setting of tax rates for the fiscal year ending in June 30, 2027.

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

Senate Commerce
April 28, 2026
2026-1709s
04/08

Amendment to HB 1681

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Subdivision; Innovative Housing Structures. Amend RSA 674 by inserting after section 80 the following new subdivision:

Innovative Housing Structures

674:81 Definitions. As used in this subdivision:

I. "Dwelling site" means the property where the innovative housing structure is or will be located when used as a dwelling unit.

II. "Innovative housing structure" or "IHS" means a unique single residential unit such as a tiny house, tiny house on wheels, or a yurt.

III. "Off-site construction" means, for the purposes of this subdivision, any tiny house of closed construction, which is made or assembled in manufacturing facilities off the building site, for installation, or assembly and installation, on the building site. This definition shall not be construed to include any structure labeled in accordance with the Federal Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, nor shall it include

any recreational vehicle or park trailer as defined in American National Standards Institute A119.2, Standard for Recreational Vehicles, or American National Standards Institute A119.5, Standard for Park Trailers, or any building type not subject to the requirements of nationally recognized model building codes.

IV. “Tiny house” means a detached building used or intended to be used for human habitation, providing permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation that:

- (a) Is 600 square feet or less in floor area, excluding lofts;
- (b) Complies with the tiny home provisions of the state building code; and
- (c) Is constructed on a stable ground surface or foundation.

V. “Tiny house on wheels” or “THOW” means a tiny house built on a trailer chassis without motive power. A THOW shall not be considered a camp trailer or recreational vehicle when constructed for human habitation.

VI. “Yurt” means, for the purposes of this subdivision, a style of tiny house that is a round or similar shape and is a freestanding structure modeled after traditional nomadic dwellings, constructed with contemporary materials and engineering for use as a permanent or long-term residence.

674:82 Location and Use.

I. A municipality may permit an innovative housing structure to be placed or erected on an individual house lot where single-family dwellings are allowed, or to be used as an accessory dwelling unit pursuant to RSA 674:72, subject to all applicable land use requirements.

II. Innovative housing structures shall be treated as single-family dwellings or accessory dwelling units for zoning purposes and shall meet all applicable state laws and regulations regarding drinking water supply and wastewater treatment and disposal.

674:84 Transportation of Mobile Structures.

I. If an innovative housing structure is permanently built on a flatbed trailer chassis for transportation to the dwelling site, and the trailer conforms to all vehicle trailer requirements for roadworthiness, the builder may use:

- (a) A dealer plate; or
- (b) A temporary trailer plate issued by the department of motor vehicles.

II. Such plates may be used to move the structure from the building site to the dwelling site or, if sold, from one dwelling site to another.

Amend RSA 155-A:3-d, III as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

III. If an innovative housing structure is off-site construction, construction document review and inspections may be performed by:

- (a) The appointed building official in the New Hampshire municipality where the off-site construction facility is located, provided that the building official is certified as a residential building inspector by the International Code Council; or
- (b) The state fire marshal or designee through the Modular Building program.

Amend the bill by replacing section 6 with the following:

6 Building Code Review Board; State Building Code. The New Hampshire state building code review board shall amend the state building code to reflect the applicable provisions of section 1 through 5 of this act.

2026-1709s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes standards for innovative housing structures, including tiny houses, tiny houses on wheels, and yurts, authorizes their use as singlefamily or accessory dwellings, sets construction, inspection, and offsite manufacturing requirements, regulates transportation, and directs related rulemaking under the state building code and wastewater and modular building statutes.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources
 April 28, 2026
 2026-1714s
 04/08

Amendment to HB 1718-FN

Amend the bill by replacing section 4 with the following:

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

XXIV. The department may determine terms and conditions for how a customer-generator may use and be compensated for exports to the grid from energy storage added to renewable energy generation sources in conjunction with net metering and related tariff provisions. The department shall require such energy storage, if configured to allow electricity to be exported to the grid, to be charged only from such generation facility, unless charging is under the control of an entity other than the customer-generator or as otherwise authorized by the department in an adjudicated proceeding.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration
 April 29, 2026
 2026-1748s
 05/07

Amendment to HB 1727

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

AN ACT relative to student data sharing for the Summer EBT program.

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

1 New Paragraph; Food and Nutrition Programs; Summer EBT. Amend RSA 189:11 by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

IV.(a) Consistent with 42 U.S.C. 1762, school districts and school administrative units (SAUs) shall provide the department of health and human services with the name, date of birth, and household address of each student eligible for free or reduced-price meals for the purpose of automatic enrollment in the Summer EBT program.

(b) School districts and SAUs shall provide a distinct notice and opt-out form to the parent or guardian of each student concurrently with the annual application for free and reduced-price meals. If the application is provided in a paper format, the opt-out form shall be a separate physical insert. If provided electronically, the opt-out mechanism shall be a prominent, separate step within the process.

(c) If a student is determined eligible for free or reduced-price meals and the parent or guardian has not returned the opt-out form, the student shall be automatically enrolled in the Summer EBT program.

2 New Section; Department of Health and Human Services; Summer EBT. Amend RSA 161 by inserting after section 14 the following new section:

161:15 Summer EBT Implementation.

I. The department of health and human services shall establish and maintain a secure electronic mechanism to receive student data from school districts and school administrative units (SAUs) for the purpose of Summer EBT enrollment.

II. The department shall provide standardized language for the notice and opt-out form required under RSA 189:11, IV. The notice shall inform parents that completing the school meal application may result in automatic Summer EBT enrollment unless they affirmatively opt out.

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

2026-1748s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill creates a system for automatic enrollment of eligible students into the Summer EBT (Electronic Benefits Transfer) program, unless their parent or guardian opts out.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources
 April 28, 2026
 2026-1735s
 04/08

Amendment to HB 1738-FN

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

AN ACT relative to ratepayer benefits from the regional greenhouse gas initiative, extending net metering eligibility terms for municipal energy projects, enabling electric utilities to own, operate, and offer advanced nuclear resources, and purchased power agreements for electric distribution utilities and limitations on community customer generators.

Amend the bill by replacing section 4 with the following:

4 Cost Containment Allowances in Addition to the Budget. RSA 125-O:29 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

I. For the purposes of cost containment, the department shall make available for sale at one or more auctions up to the following amounts of allowances that shall be in addition to the budget allowance total for the given year under RSA 125-O:21, II, if:

(a) The CO2 allowance auction price equals or exceeds \$19.50 in 2027, up to 503,667 allowances and up to 503,667 additional allowances if it equals or exceeds \$29.25;

(b) The CO2 allowance auction price equals or exceeds \$20.87 in 2028, up to allowances and up to 503,667 additional allowances if it equals or exceeds \$31.30;

(c) The CO2 allowance auction price equals or exceeds \$22.33 in 2029, up to 503,667 allowances and up to 503,667 additional allowances if it equals or exceeds \$33.49;

(d) The CO2 allowance auction price equals or exceeds \$23.89 in 2030, up to 503,667 allowances and up to 503,667 additional allowances if it equals or exceeds \$35.83; or

(e) In any year thereafter, the CO2 allowance auction price equals or exceeds 1.07 multiplied by the auction price at which cost containment allowances were required to be made available in the previous calendar year rounded to the nearest whole cent, until further legislative action.

II. The allowances sold pursuant to paragraph I shall be replenished, such that the full 1,007,214 allowances, if needed, are available the following calendar year.

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 5 with the following:

6 Findings and Purpose. The general court finds that:

I. Through the passage of HB 315 of the 2021 regular session of the New Hampshire general court, the state of New Hampshire intended to make the benefits of group net metering available to municipalities across the state.

II. Despite strong interest from municipalities throughout New Hampshire seeking to construct distributed energy resources for the benefit of their communities, unforeseen interconnection delays have resulted in backlog, with many projects still waiting to come online. As the commercial operation date of these projects is pushed out, the available net metering term shrinks due to the termination of net metering in 2040 under current regulation. Without legislative intervention, many municipal net metering projects will cease to be economically viable.

III. The general court finds that a net metering term of 20 years is necessary for municipal projects to be financeable. Restoring a 20-year term for municipal net metering projects simply implements the intent of HB 315 of the 2021 regular session of the New Hampshire general court and ensures that cities and towns receive the benefits promised to them through that legislation.

7 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 the effective date of this act 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 20 years from the first day on which compensation is received.

8 Findings and Purpose. The general court finds that:

I. The cost of electricity supply in New Hampshire is higher than the national average and continues to create an economic burden on the state's citizens and businesses.

II. The cost of electricity in New England is driven by a number of factors, including the retirements of baseload generation resources, lack of adequate natural gas capacity in the winter, and increases in the cost of natural gas due to international factors.

III. The retention and development of reliable sources of low-cost electricity supply are critical to stabilizing and reducing the cost of electricity in New Hampshire.

IV. Market volatility is harming New Hampshire's residents and businesses.

V. To ensure that New Hampshire ratepayers can benefit from cost-effective energy sources, the general court finds that it is appropriate to allow the electric distribution utilities to issue requests for proposals to provide more diverse and long-term options for providing energy service to customers.

9 Coordination of Studies and Development Activities; Position Established. Amend RSA 162-B:4, III to read as follows:

III. The coordinator of nuclear development and regulatory activities shall have the duty to coordinate and produce the reports required by RSA 162-B:3, as well as coordinate the studies conducted, and the recommendations and proposals made, in this state with like activities in New England and other states and with the policies and regulations of the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission. ***These activities may include outreach programs to inform and educate the public, particularly regarding safety.***

10 Net Metering. Amend RSA 362-A:9, III and IV to read as follows:

III. Metering shall be done in accordance with normal metering practices. A single net meter that shows the customer's net energy usage by measuring both the inflow and outflow of electricity internally shall be the extent of metering that is required at facilities with a total peak generating capacity of not more than [100] **500** kilowatts. A bidirectional metering system that records the total amount of electricity that flows in each direction from the customer premises, either instantaneously or over intervals of an hour or less, shall be required at facilities with a total peak generating capacity of more than [100] **500** kilowatts. The bidirectional system may consist of one or more meters, as long as it can be used to appropriately meter and bill in compliance with utility tariffs and rules. Customer-generators shall not be required to pay for the installation of net meters, but shall pay for the installation of, or procure at their own cost if approved by the interconnecting utility, all bidirectional metering systems as outlined in utility interconnection tariffs or rules.

IV.(a) For facilities with a total peak generating capacity of not more than [100] **500** kilowatts, when billing a customer-generator under a net energy metering tariff that is not time-based, the utility shall apply the customer's net energy usage when calculating all charges that are based on kilowatt hour usage. Customer net energy usage shall equal the kilowatt hours supplied to the customer over the electric distribution system minus the kilowatt hours generated by the customer-generator and fed into the electric distribution system over a billing period.

(b) For facilities with a total peak generating capacity of more than [100] **500** kilowatts, the customer-generator shall pay all applicable charges on all kilowatt hours supplied to the customer over the electric distribution system, less a credit on default service charges equal to the metered energy generated by the customer-generator and fed into the electric distribution system over a billing period.

11 Net Energy Metering. Amend RSA 362-A:9, XIV(e) to read as follows:

XIV.(e) The department of energy, by rule or order, shall develop a process by which community solar developers can apply for designation as a community solar project for new solar arrays. Such projects designate their production for the benefit of households on the list required in subparagraph (d). Such projects will qualify for the low-moderate income solar addition as established in subparagraph (c) and shall specify the amount of

on-bill credit they can offer to low-moderate income households. Annually, the number of projects designated as low-moderate income community solar shall not exceed a total nameplate capacity rating of [6] **18** megawatts in the aggregate. If more than [6] **18** megawatts of projects apply for designation, the department of energy shall select the projects that offer the largest on-bill credit and that demonstrates project readiness.

12 Definitions. Amend RSA 362-A:1-a, II-c to read as follows:

II-c. "Municipal host" 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 a group consisting exclusively of one or more customers who are political subdivisions, provided that all customers are located within the same utility franchise service territory. A municipal host may be owned by either a public or private entity. For this definition, "political subdivision" means the state of New Hampshire or any city, town, county, school district, chartered public school, village district, school administrative unit, ~~[or any district or entity created for a special purpose administered or funded by any of the above-named governmental units]~~ **nonprofit educational institution, or any district or entity created for a special purpose administered or funded by any of the above-mentioned governmental units; such districts or entities include public housing authorities.**

13 New Paragraph; Definition; Nonprofit Educational Institution. Amend RSA 362-A:1-a by inserting after paragraph II-f the following new paragraph:

II-g. "Nonprofit educational institution" means a nonpublic, nonprofit elementary school, secondary school, or post-secondary institution such as a college or university, with approval to operate as a school by the state board of education or the department of education, that is exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, is organized and operated primarily for the purpose of providing direct instruction to enrolled students, and does not distribute profits to private shareholders or individuals.

14 New Paragraph; Electric Utility Restructuring; Definitions. Amend RSA 374-F:2 by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

II-a. "Advanced nuclear resource" (ANR) means generation IV nuclear technologies that include gas-cooled, lead-cooled, sodium-cooled, supercritical water-cooled, and molten salt and very high temperature reactors, small modular, thermal-only, and encased fuel pellet reactors, including any micro, mini, or small nuclear reactor having a generating capacity between 0 and 300 megawatts.

15 Definitions. Amend RSA 362-F:2, X-a to read as follows:

X-a. "Low-moderate income community solar project" means ground-mounted or rooftop solar arrays, **with a total peak generating capacity of up to and including 3 megawatts**, that directly benefit a group of at least 5 residential end-user customers, where at least a majority of the residential end-user customers are at or below 300 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, or directly benefit the residents of a public housing authority created pursuant to RSA 203, or a housing project as described in RSA 78-B:2, XXIII, where the electric bills are either paid directly by the residents or by the public housing authority or housing project, provided that at least a majority of the residents receiving the direct benefit are at or below 80 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI) calculated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. No more than 15 percent of the projected load for such project shall be attributable to non-residential end-user customers.

16 Purchased Power Agreements. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 374-F:11, I to read as follows:

I. Investor-owned electric distribution utilities may elect to develop and, no later than June 30, [2025] **2040**, issue a request for proposals for multi-year agreements for energy, in conjunction with or independent of any attendant environmental attributes from electric energy sources.

17 Purchased Power Agreements. Amend RSA 374-F:11, I(g) to read as follows:

(g) All megawatt hours procured through agreements made pursuant to this section shall come from **existing**, new, or incremental electric energy sources.

18 New Subparagraph; Purchased Power Agreements. Amend RSA 374-F:11, I(h) by inserting after subparagraph (2) the following new subparagraphs:

(3) "Existing electric energy sources" means all sources that currently provide energy to the ISO-NE regional markets, including nuclear power generation facilities located in the ISO-NE control area that commenced commercial operation before January 1, 2011.

(4) Upon the petition of one or more electric distribution utilities, and after notice and hearing, the public utilities commission may authorize such utility or utilities to enter into multi-year agreements with existing, new, or incremental electric energy sources up to a total of 3 million megawatt hours statewide, on an annual basis, if it finds such agreements to be just and reasonable and in the public interest.

(5) Further, any single source shall be eligible to procure an amount of energy not to exceed 1 million megawatt hours statewide, on an annual basis, except for advanced nuclear resources as defined in RSA 374-F:2, II-a, which may procure an amount not to exceed 2 million megawatt hours on an annual basis.

19 Purchased Power Agreements. Amend the introductory paragraph for RSA 374-F:11, II to read as follows:

II. Any investor-owned electric distribution utility electing to enter into an agreement pursuant to this section shall petition the public utilities commission for authorization to enter the agreement no later than June 30, [2026] **2041**.

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

2026-1735s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Changes the carbon dioxide emissions budget allowances for 2027 through 2030 and thereafter, and creates 2 cost containment allowance levels and the trigger price at which the department releases allowances for years 2027 through 2030 and thereafter.

II. Expands the purpose of RSA 374-G to include investment in natural gas and nuclear technologies for grid reliability.

III. Establishes long-term eligibility for certain customer-generators to receive net energy metering compensation under alternative tariffs approved by the public utilities commission and outlines conditions for those projects to transition to future tariffs.

IV. Defines “advanced nuclear resource” (ANR) and includes ANR options alongside renewable energy sources for utility services.

V. Sets limitations and guidelines for investments in distributed electric generation.

VI. Clarifies the coordinator’s duties in nuclear development and regulatory activities.

VII. Allows the department of energy or the electric distribution utilities, or both, to issue requests for proposals (RFPs) for multi-year agreements for energy, in conjunction with or independent of any attendant environmental attributes from electric energy sources, and coordinate with one or more New England states in issuing this RFP.

VIII. Modifies the scope and capacity limits of community solar projects, including expanding the annual cap for low-moderate income community solar projects from 6 MW to 18 MW.

IX. Allows group net metering members to sign agreements with multiple group hosts, as long as their combined allocated load does not exceed their total load.

X. Expands the definition of “political subdivision” to include public housing authorities and explains eligibility for participation in group net metering.

Senate Commerce

April 28, 2026

2026-1721s

07/08

Amendment to HB 1765-FN

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

AN ACT enabling wine and beverage manufacturers to offer tastings of and sell products of certain New Hampshire wine and beverage manufacturers and relative to defacing of controlled products.

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

3 New Section; Enforcement, Requirements and Penalties; Advertising; Prohibited Conduct; Defacing of Controlled Products. Amend RSA 179 by inserting after section 31 the following new section:

179:31-a Prohibited Conduct; Defacing of Controlled Products.

I. No off premise license holder, or an employee or agent of an off premise license holder acting within the scope of employment, shall intentionally deface, or cause or permit the defacing of, any controlled product or its packaging or labeling prior to sale or delivery to a consumer.

II. For purposes of this section, prohibited defacing shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) Intentionally removing, cutting, tearing, peeling off, or otherwise damaging any portion of the original label or packaging.

(b) Applying any sticker, tag, marking, or other material.

III. Nothing in this section shall prohibit:

(a) The placement of price tags, inventory control stickers, security devices, or similar markings used in the ordinary course of business.

(b) Actions expressly required by state or federal law, administrative rule, product recall notice, or lawful order of a regulatory agency.

IV. A licensee shall not be subject to suspension, revocation, or other administrative penalty under this chapter solely on the basis that a controlled product, its packaging, or its labeling has been defaced, if the defacing occurred without the licensee's authorization, direction, or knowing permission.

2026-1721s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Enables wine and beverage manufacturers to offer tastings of and to sell products of certain New Hampshire wine and beverage manufacturers.

II. Prohibits off premise license holders and employees or agents of off premise license holders from defacing any controlled product or its packaging or labeling prior to sale or delivery.

Senate Finance

April 29, 2026

2026-1745s

08/05

Amendment to HB 1768-FN

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

AN ACT relative to gifts and donations received by the division of parks and recreation.

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Paragraph; Fees for Park System; Acceptance of Donations by Division of Parks and Recreation. Amend RSA 216-A:3-g by inserting after paragraph V the following new paragraph:

V-a.(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the department of natural and cultural resources, through the division of parks and recreation, may solicit, receive, and procure monetary or in-kind donations.

(b) Donations received under this paragraph may be acknowledged through limited sponsor recognition, including the display of a name, logo, or identifying mark, as determined by the department, provided that such recognition is incidental to the donation, non-promotional in nature, and does not imply endorsement by the state.

(c) All monetary donations received under this paragraph shall be deposited in the state parks gifts and donations account established under RSA 216-A:3-o and expended in accordance with that section.

2026-1745s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows the division of parks and recreation to solicit and receive monetary and in-kind donations and to acknowledge such donations through limited sponsor recognition. The bill also raises 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.

Senate Health and Human Services

April 22, 2026

2026-1623s

05/09

Amendment to HB 1772-FN-A

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Section; Ibogaine; Administered Under FDA-approved Research Protocol. Amend RSA 329 by inserting after section RSA 329:1-h the following new section:

329:1-i Ibogaine; Administered Under FDA-approved Research Protocol. To the extent allowable by federal law, licensed physicians or qualified licensed practitioners may administer ibogaine under the framework of an FDA-approved research protocol.

2026-1623s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill permits licensed health care providers to administer ibogaine under the framework of an FDA-approved research protocol.

Senate Education

April 28, 2026

2026-1728s

07/09

Amendment to HB 1774-FN

Amend the bill by replacing section 2 with the following:

2 New Paragraph; Department of Revenue Administration; General Provisions; Duties of Commissioner. Amend RSA 21-J:3 by inserting after paragraph XXXIII the following new paragraph:

XXXIV. Make the annual election required under 26 U.S.C. section 25F, so that New Hampshire citizens may claim the federal tax credit as provided for in that section, beginning in taxable years ending after December 31, 2026.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources

April 28, 2026

2026-1705s

04/05

Amendment to HB 1775-FN

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Purpose; Electric Utility Investment in Distributed Energy Resources. Amend RSA 374-G:1 to read as follows:

374-G:1 Purpose. Distributed energy resources can increase overall energy efficiency and provide energy security and diversity by eliminating, displacing, or better managing traditional fossil fuel energy deliveries from the centralized bulk power grid, in keeping with the objectives of RSA 362-F:1. It is therefore in the public interest to stimulate investment in distributed energy resources in New Hampshire in diverse ways, including by encouraging New Hampshire electric public utilities to invest in renewable and clean distributed energy resources at the lowest reasonable cost to taxpayers benefiting the transmission and distribution system under state regulatory oversight. ***Reliable, dispatchable, and controllable power generation must also***

be available to provide all essential electric service when renewable distributed energy resources, including storage, are not sufficient. It is therefore in the public interest to stimulate investment in natural gas, hydrogen, and nuclear technologies, including battery storage, to ensure reliable and efficient energy in addition to renewable and clean distributed energy resources. Given the ability of nuclear technology to provide reactive power, it also ensures grid stability and supports voltage regulation.

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

3 Rate Filing; Authorization. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 374-G:5, I to read as follows:

I. A New Hampshire electric public utility may ***be eligible to*** seek rate recovery for its portion of investments in ~~[distributed]~~ ***natural gas and nuclear*** energy resources, ***in addition to renewable distributed energy resources***, from the commission by making an appropriate rate filing. At a minimum, such filing shall include the following:

4 Rate Filing; Authorization. Amend the introductory paragraph for RSA 374-G:5, II to read as follows:

II. Prior to authorizing a utility's recovery of investments made in ~~[distributed energy resources]~~ ***natural gas or nuclear distributed energy resources, or other distributed energy resources***, the commission shall determine that the utility's investment and its recovery in rates, as proposed, are in the public interest. Determination of the public interest under this section shall include giving a balanced consideration and proportional weight to each of the following factors:

2026-1705s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Expands the purpose of RSA 374-G to include investment in natural gas, hydrogen, and nuclear technologies for grid reliability.

II. Authorizes electric utilities to own or invest in such resources up to 10 percent of peak load.

III. Allows rate recovery eligibility for those investments.

IV. Repeals certain limitations on utility-funded generation equipment and prior investment restrictions.

Senate Education

April 29, 2026

2026-1744s

12/09

Amendment to HB 1792-FN

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

AN ACT relative to the prohibition on teaching discrimination.

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

1 Prohibition on Teaching Discrimination; Purposeful Mental State Added; Civil Remedy Removed. RSA 193:40 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

193:40 Prohibition on Teaching Discrimination.

I. No pupil in any public school in this state shall be purposefully taught, instructed, inculcated or compelled to express belief in, or support for, any one or more of the following:

(a) That one's age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, creed, color, marital status, familial status, mental or physical disability, religion or national origin is inherently superior to people of another age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, creed, color, marital status, familial status, mental or physical disability, religion, or national origin;

(b) That an individual, by virtue of his or her age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, creed, color, marital status, familial status, mental or physical disability, religion, or national origin, is inherently racist, sexist, or oppressive, whether consciously or unconsciously;

(c) That an individual should be discriminated against or receive adverse treatment solely or partly because of his or her age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, creed, color, marital status, familial status, mental or physical disability, religion, or national origin; or

(d) That people of one age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, creed, color, marital status, familial status, mental or physical disability, religion, or national origin cannot and should not attempt to treat others without regard to age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, creed, color, marital status, familial status, mental or physical disability, religion, or national origin.

II. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit discussing, as part of a larger course of academic instruction, the historical existence of ideas and subjects identified in this section.

III. Purposeful violation of this section by an educator shall be considered a violation of the educator code of conduct that justifies disciplinary sanction by the state board of education.

IV. For the purposes of this section, “educator” means a professional employee of any school district whose position requires certification by the state board pursuant to RSA 189:39. Administrators, specialists, and teachers are included within the definition of this term.

2 New Section; Educator Requirements and Prohibitions. Amend RSA 193 by inserting after section 40 the following new section:

193:40-a Educator Requirements and Prohibitions.

I. Educators, as defined in RSA 193:40, V, shall:

- (a) Act as the moderators of classroom discussion;
- (b) Allow ideas to be discussed openly when there is disagreement by means of the Socratic method of debate;
- (c) Only provide instruction on the academic theories, pedagogies and frameworks:
 - (1) Without endorsement; and
 - (2) Through a factual, objective, and age-appropriate lens that includes counterpoints and multiple viewpoints about the topic;
- (d) Consider ideological discrimination and the attribution of opinions and beliefs to an individual’s identity group membership as a form of bullying or harassment; and
- (e) Teach civic education in a manner that cultivates a neutral or patriotic disposition, emphasizing shared national values and constitutional principles.

II. Educators, as defined in RSA 193:40, V, shall not:

- (a) Mandate or encourage use of educator or student chosen names that are inconsistent with those on their birth records by students or other educators without consent of a parent or guardian;
- (b) Factor their agreement with a student’s position on a topic into the student’s grade; and
- (c) Deduct points from a student’s grade based on the position they take for an assignment.

III. The state board of education shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to educator requirements and prohibitions stated in this section, within 180 days of the effective date of this act.

IV. If any provision of this section or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the section which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

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

2026-1744s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Requires that educators must act purposefully in academic instruction in order for their actions to constitute teaching discrimination.

II. Removes the ability for aggrieved parties to both initiate a civil action against a school or school district and to pursue a remedy through the New Hampshire commission for human rights.

III. Requires educators to only provide instruction without endorsement and to consider ideological discrimination a form of bullying or harassment.

IV. Prohibits educators from using names for students which are inconsistent with the name as listed on a student's birth record without the consent of a parent or guardian.

V. Prohibits educators from factoring their agreement with a student's position on a topic in grading or in assessment of a student's academic performance.

VI. Requires the state board of education to adopt rules relative to such requirements and prohibited activities for educators.

Senate Judiciary

April 30, 2026

2026-1775s

07/09

Amendment to HB 1793-FN

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

AN ACT prohibiting public institutions of higher education from enacting rules or policies restricting the possession, carry, storage, or lawful use of non-lethal weapons on campus and establishing a committee to study the feasibility of allowing guns on campuses of public institutions of higher education.

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

1 New Subdivision; Prohibition on Restrictions of Weapons on College Campuses. Amend RSA 159 by inserting after section 27 the following new subdivision:

Prohibition on Restrictions of Weapons on College Campuses

159:28 Definitions. In this subdivision:

I. "Non-lethal weapons" means pepper spray, mace, stun guns, tasers, and other similar devices designed to incapacitate without causing fatal injury.

II. "Campus" refers to all land, buildings, facilities, and vehicles owned, leased, or controlled by a public institution of higher education in this state.

III. "Public institutions of higher education" means any public technical institute, public junior college, public senior college or university, law school, medical or dental school.

159:29 Prohibition on Restrictions of Non-Lethal Weapons on College Campuses. As allowable by state and federal law, no public institution of higher education shall enact rules, policies, or similar prohibitions restricting the possession, carry, storage, or lawful use of non-lethal weapons on campus.

2 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study the feasibility of allowing guns on campuses of public institutions of higher education..

3 Membership and Compensation.

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

(a) Three members of the house of representatives, with one member being from the minority party, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(b) Two members of the senate, with one member being from the minority party, appointed by the president of the senate.

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

4 Duties. The committee shall:

I. Investigate the cost to public institutions of higher education, as defined in RSA 159:28, III, if campus carry were to pass.

II. Study the feasibility of allowing full-time employees of public institutions of higher education, as defined in RSA 159:28, III, to carry weapons, and any potential costs or safety concerns related to allowing employees of public institutions of higher education, as defined in RSA 159:28, III, to carry weapons.

III. Study existing policies on different types of weapons at all public institutions of higher education, as defined in RSA 159:28, III, in New Hampshire.

IV. Study policies in other states regarding weapons on campuses of public institutions of higher education, as defined in RSA 159:28, III.

V. Study policies in other states and solicit, or attempt to solicit, testimony from representatives of public institutions of higher education, as defined in RSA 159:28, III, in those states for feedback as to whether their policies have had any impact on campus safety and costs to their public institutions of higher education, as defined in RSA 159:28, III.

VI. Study the safety concerns of allowing guns on campuses of public institutions of higher education, as defined in RSA 159:28, III, including safety assessments of campuses of public institutions of higher education, as defined in RSA 159:28, III, and potential changes to such assessments, should campus carry be implemented in future years.

VII. Determine what reasonable restrictions public institutions of higher education, as defined in RSA 159:28, III, would require should such a policy be implemented.

VIII. Solicit input from the university system of New Hampshire on current policies regarding firearms and other weapons on campuses of public institutions of higher education, as defined in RSA 159:28, III, and the potential impacts of changing such policies.

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

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

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

2026-1775s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits public institutions of higher education from enacting rules or policies restricting the possession, carry, storage, or lawful use of non-lethal weapons on campus and establishes a committee to study the feasibility of allowing guns on campuses of public institutions of higher education.

Senate Education Finance

April 22, 2026

2026-1636s

07/05

Amendment to HB 1816-FN

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

AN ACT relative to the intervention of the department of education into a school or school district during a financial emergency and requiring the state school board to establish rules governing the vetting of school district business administrator candidates.

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Sections; The State School Organization; State Board of Education; State Board Powers and Duties. Amend RSA 186 by inserting after section 5 the following new sections:

186:5-a Financial Emergency Powers of the State Board.

I. Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit either the department of education or the state board of education to take control of the daily operations of any local public school district or school, unless the financial and operational condition of the local public school district or school is deemed a financial emergency by the state board of education necessitating department intervention and oversight. In such an emergency, the commissioner of the department of education shall have authority to assist the school district or school in developing a recovery plan and to oversee such plan to leverage resources to address core financial needs. The recovery plan may consider:

- (a) Altering administrative practices and operating conditions;
- (b) Reallocating school district or school resources;
- (c) Renegotiating contracts and agreements; and

(d) Department oversight of school district or school governance, organizational structure, and/or administrative services identified in RSA 194-C:4, II for up to one year.

II. For purposes of this section, “school in financial emergency” or “school district in financial emergency” necessitates that immediate oversight providing corrective and technical assistance by the department is imperative for the school district or school to meet its financial, operational, and instructional responsibilities for all school-age children. The state board of education shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to implementing corrective and technical assistance to a school district or school in a state of financial emergency.

III. The department of education may request up to \$200,000 from the education trust fund into a nonlapsing reserve fund for the purpose of corrective and technical assistance necessary to implement a district financial emergency recovery plan pursuant to this section.

186:5-b Rules for Business Administrators.

I. The state board of education shall adopt rules under RSA 541-A that establish procedures school districts shall follow for vetting school district business administrator candidates and overseeing the work of business administrators.

II. Business administrators shall be subject to the educator code of conduct. Any business administrator found responsible for any outcome under RSA 186:5-a, I(a)-(f) shall be found to have violated the educator code of conduct.

2026-1636s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows the commissioner of the department of education to initiate and implement a district recovery plan if a school district’s financial and operational condition is deemed a financial emergency by the state board of education and requires the state school board to establish rules governing the vetting of school district business administrator candidates.

Senate Education
April 28, 2026
2026-1733s
07/09

Amendment to HB 1817-FN

Amend RSA 193:1-c, I as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. Nonpublic, public chartered school, **education freedom account**, or home educated pupils shall have access to curricular courses and cocurricular programs offered by the school district in which the pupil resides. The local school board shall adopt a policy regulating participation in curricular courses and cocurricular programs, provided that such policy shall not be more restrictive for non-public, public chartered school, **education freedom account**, or home educated pupils than the policy governing the school district’s resident pupils. In this section, “cocurricular” shall include those activities which are designed to supplement and enrich regular academic programs of study, provide opportunities for social development, and encourage participation in clubs, athletics, performing groups, and service to school and community. For purposes of allowing access as described in this section, a “home educated pupil” includes any pupil who is a “child with a disability” under RSA 186-C:2, I, until such time as such pupil has acquired a high school diploma or reached age 21 inclusive; but shall not include any other pupil who has graduated from a high school level program of home education, or its equivalent, or has attained the age of 21.

Senate Transportation
 April 30, 2026
 2026-1763s
 08/09

Amendment to HB 2026

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

AN ACT relative to the state 10-year transportation improvement plan and reconstruction of the Gregg Mill Road Bridge in the town of New Boston.

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 3 with the following:

4 Bow-Concord; Project Added Contingent upon the Passage of Senate Bill 627. Contingent upon the passage of Senate Bill 627 of the 2026 general legislative session, the project named Bow-Concord Project # 13742: Interstate 93 widening from south of Interstate 89 to Merrimack River Bridge shall be added to the 2027-2036 10-year transportation improvement plan with \$285,849,979.

5 Projects Added Contingent upon the Passage of Senate Bill 627. Contingent upon the passage of Senate Bill 627 of the 2026 general legislative session, the following projects shall be added to the 2027 - 2036 10-year transportation improvement plan with \$68,547,475:

I. Randolph Project: Installation of left-turn lane for US 2 eastbound traffic at Randolph Hill Road and left-turn lane for US 2 westbound traffic at Raycrest Drive.

II. Enfield Project: Construct a roundabout to address road skew/offset, reduce conflict points, reduce pedestrian crossing length and number, promote lower speeds and traffic calming, support operational efficiency, and improve multi-modal safety.

III. Plymouth Project: Improve sight distance and provide bicycle and pedestrian access on US 3.

IV. Marlborough Project: Stormwater and Pedestrian Infrastructure Improvements.

V. Hillsborough Project: Henniker Street Improvements.

VI. Madbury Project: Intersection safety improvements to NH 9 and French Cross Road intersection.

VII. Hooksett Project: Intersection Improvements at I-93 Exit 11 and Hackett Hill Road.

VIII. Plaistow Project: NH 121 A (Main Street) and North Avenue intersection improvements.

IX. Nashua Project: Ledge Street improvements, reconstructing approximately 200 feet of Canal retaining wall, approximately 475 feet of guardrail and approximately 1,000' of sidewalk.

X. Dover-Somersworth-Rochester Project # 29604: Complete streets improvements on NH 108 from Indian Brook Road to Innovation Drive.

XI. Dunbarton Project # 43535: Improvements to the intersection of NH 113. NH 77 and Jewett Road.

6 Contingency. If SB 627 of the 2026 general legislative session becomes law, sections 4 and 5 of this act shall take effect upon its passage and section 3 of this act shall not take effect. If SB 627 does not become law, section 3 of this act shall take effect upon its passage and sections 4 and 5 of this act shall not take effect.

7 New Boston; Gregg Mill Road Bridge; Land Transfer.

I. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, and in the interest of public safety and welfare, the following interests in land acquired by the state under the land conservation investment program, recorded at Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds Book 5446, Page 855, shall be transferred to the town of New Boston for the purpose of reconstructing the Gregg Mill Road Bridge:

(a) A permanent slope and structure easement of approximately 1,550 square feet on the parcel identified on the Town of New Boston Tax Map as Map 6, Lot 12-1.

(b) A permanent slope and structure easement of approximately 750 square feet, and a temporary construction easement of approximately 1,290 square feet expiring one year from project completion, on the parcel identified on the Town of New Boston Tax Map as Map 6, Lot 13.

II. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the department of natural and cultural resources and the town of New Boston may agree to additional transfers under a signed memorandum of agreement that are necessary to ensure the Gregg Mill Road Bridge is reconstructed. The council on resources and development, established under RSA 162-C, shall be notified of any additional transfers within 60 days of execution.

III. Compensation due to the state shall be the full fair market value of the interests transferred under paragraphs I and II, as determined by an appraisal completed by an appraiser licensed in the state of New Hampshire and approved by the department of natural and cultural resources. The appraisal shall also be reviewed by the department in determining just compensation for such acquisitions. Alternative compensation in the form of replacement land may be accepted provided all parties owning an interest in the property agree to such terms. Any monetary compensation shall be deposited in the land conservation endowment fund administered by the council on resources and development pursuant to RSA 162-C:7 and used for the purposes of the land conservation investment program.

8 Effective Date.

I. Sections 3-5 of this act shall take effect as provided in section 6 of this act.

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

2026-1763s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Adopts the state 10-year transportation plan for 2027-2036.

II. Authorizes the transfer of certain land acquired by the state under the land conservation investment program to the town of New Boston for the purpose of reconstructing the Gregg Mill Road Bridge.

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, MAY 5, 2026

ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, Room 122-123, SH

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

10:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 103, SH

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

9:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION

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

MEETINGS

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

MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026

LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE (RSA 14-B:2)

9:00 a.m.

Room 100, SH

Regular Meeting

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
Suite 200
53 Regional Drive
Concord, NH

Regular Meeting

OVERSIGHT COMMISSION ON CHILDREN'S SERVICES (RSA 21-V:10)

10:00 a.m.

Room 103, SH
Youth Services Center

Ad Hoc Committee on the Sununu

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

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

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

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

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026

COMMISSION TO STUDY STABLE TOKENS, TOKENIZED REAL-WORLD ASSETS, AND BLOCK-CHAIN-BASED TRUSTS FRAMEWORKS (RSA 383:26)

3:00 p.m. NH Banking Department Regular Meeting
 Suite 200
 53 Regional Drive
 Concord, NH

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2)

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

MOUNT WASHINGTON COMMISSION (RSA 227-B:3)

10:00 a.m. White Mountain National Forest Regular Meeting
 Headquarters
 Weeks Conference Room
 71 White Mountain Drive
 Campton, NH

FISCAL COMMITTEE (RSA 14:30-a)

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

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

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

10:00 a.m. Room 232, GP Regular Meeting

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 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

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026

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

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

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 Regular Meeting

722 Riverwood Drive
Pembroke, NH

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2026

CARBON SEQUESTRATION PROGRAMS STUDY COMMISSION (RSA 79:32)

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

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2026

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

10:00 a.m. Room 232, GP Regular Meeting

NH COLLEGE TUITION SAVINGS PLAN ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 195-H:2)

10:00 a.m. Granite Edvance Regular Meeting
3 Barrell Court
Concord, 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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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:

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NOTICES

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 7, 2026

Need a coffee? Want to learn about child care?

Senator Watters and New Futures invite legislators to stop by Revelstoke on May 7, anytime between 7:30 and 10:00 AM, to grab a coffee with a special code and learn how child care challenges are impacting New Hampshire families across the state.

Senator David Watters

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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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THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2026

The New Hampshire Snowmobile Association invites all Senators to join them on Thursday, June 4th from 8:00 am to 10:00 am in front of the State House for donuts, coffee, and conversation about the wonderful snowmobile season experienced by our local snowmobile clubs and what the future holds for the sport. Please stop by to meet the people, and the machines, that support the sport of snowmobiling and 7,000 miles of trails which are enjoyed by residents and tourists alike.

Senator David Rochefort
Senator Cindy Rosenwald

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SENATE SCHEDULE

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)