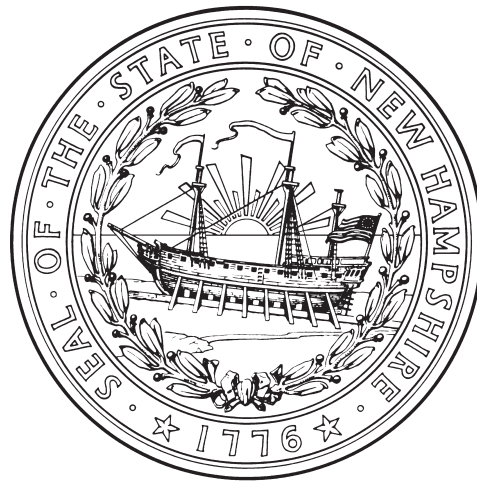


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HCR 2, declaring the development of advanced nuclear energy technology to be in the best interest of the state of New Hampshire and the United States.

HCR 4, relative to rejecting all offshore wind energy projects in the waters off the coast of New Hampshire and the Gulf of Maine.

HOUSE MESSAGE

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

HB 70-FN, relative to the use of electronic medical records.

HB 90-FN, relative to the definition of part-time teachers.

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

HB 118, (New Title) repealing certain committees and commissions.

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

HB 132-FN, (New Title) relative to liability for familial support under RSA chapter 165, aid to assisted persons.

HB 138-LOCAL, relative to tax impact notation on warrant articles with multi-year tax impacts.

HB 142, (New Title) relative to Gold Star Mother's Day.

HB 146-FN, relative to the use of body-worn cameras.

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

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

HB 165-FN, relative to the maximum amount of disaster relief funding provided to municipalities after a natural disaster.

HB 167-FN, prohibiting the sale of ski, boat, and board waxes that contain intentionally added per and poly-fluorinated alkyl substances.

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

HB 188-FN, relative to contempt of the general court.

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

HB 191-FN, (New Title) providing criminal and civil penalties for the transporting of an unemancipated minor in order to obtain a surgical procedure without parental permission.

HB 192-FN, relative to recommendations of the joint committee on employee classification.

HB 195-FN, relative to the expectation of privacy in the collection and use of personal information.

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

HB 210, establishing a commission to study the state flag and its history.

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

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

HB 228-LOCAL, relative to petitioned articles at annual or special town meetings.

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

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

HB 271-FN, relative to initial license requirements for licensed social work associates.

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

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

HB 296, relative to issuing building permits along private roads.

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

HB 316-FN, relative to reimbursement for ground ambulance services.

HB 324-FN, relative to prohibiting obscene or harmful sexual materials in schools.

HB 331, relative to the secretary of state's procedures for enrolled bills.

HB 354, relative to alternate certification pathways for career and technical education instructors.

HB 369-FN, relative to misdemeanor sexual assault prosecutions.

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

HB 406-FN, relative to the formation of fraudulent businesses.

HB 410-FN, (New Title) limiting local authority to adopt restrictions on the building and development of residential properties.

HB 416-FN, prohibiting the intentional disposal of yard waste into the surface waters of the state.

HB 428-LOCAL, prohibiting municipal amendments to the state building code.

HB 437, providing specific curative measures for undischarged mortgages.

HB 445, establishing a study commission to examine the causes of and ways to alleviate the shortage of law enforcement officers in New Hampshire.

HB 455, relative to reports by the department of health and human services regarding Medicaid enhancement for children and pregnant women.

HB 457, (New Title) relative to the occupancy of housing units.

HB 461, relative to department of safety and department of motor vehicle training and testing materials.

HB 467, defining "social districts" and enabling municipalities to create social districts.

HB 473-FN, criminalizing multiple forms of exposing children to controlled substances and allowing law enforcement to take a child into protective custody for screening and testing in an instance of suspected or actual criminal exposure to controlled substances.

HB 481, relative to moving the state primary date.

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

HB 489, allowing volunteer emergency workers to use a rear facing blue light on their private vehicles when involved in emergency service.

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

HB 507-FN, relative to the timeline for credentialing of mental health care providers.

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

HB 514-FN, allowing private persons to sue for violations of election laws.

HB 520, relative to authorizing hearing officers of the department of education to issue subpoenas.

HB 522-FN, relative to the expectation of privacy in personal information maintained by the state.

HB 528-FN, (New Title) amending the penalties for the possession and use of psilocybin for persons 18 years of age or older.

HB 546-FN, (New Title) relative to financial disclosures and the public reporting of those disclosures by the secretary of state.

HB 597, establishing a designated behavioral health access point within the enhanced 911 system.

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

HB 606, relative to a patient's right to medically appropriate care for reproductive disorders.

HB 616-FN, (New Title) relative to the confiscation of animals from persons suspected of or charged with abuse of animals and establishing a committee to study the animal cruelty statutes.

HB 632, permitting health care providers affiliated with the Veterans Administration to certify medical accommodations on behalf of veterans residing in New Hampshire.

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

HB 670-FN, (New Title) adjusting the minimum fine for attacks by nuisance dogs.

HB 694-FN, requiring leases of land, buildings, or space by state agencies to be at fair market value.

HB 701-FN, relative to a health care patient's right to try certain emergency health care treatment options.

HB 705, relative to health care cost transparency.

HB 707, (New Title) requiring the department of environmental services to revise the rules for proposed new landfills.

HB 731-FN, relative to supportive housing options for individuals with developmental disabilities.

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

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

HCR 10, calling for the repeal of the Jones Act.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

Senator Birdsell offered the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, That in accordance with the list in the possession of the Senate Clerk, the following legislation shall be by this resolution read a first and second time by the therein listed title and referred to the therein designated committee. Adopted in recess.

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Out of Recess. Call the Senate to Order.

MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM LATE SESSION

Senator Birdsell moved that the Senate adjourn from the Late Session.

Adopted. Adjournment from the Late Session.

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The Senate reconvened at 10:00 a.m., a quorum being present.

The Reverend Mark Warren, Chaplain to the Senate, offered the following prayer:

Good morning, Madam President. Good morning, Senators, guests, and staff. Let's pray. Almighty God, we lift up these members of the Senate, staff, and our Senate Clerk today and their families. We thank you for their willingness to serve the people of New Hampshire and for the time, energy, and dedication that they give. Bless their homes with peace, their work with purpose, and their hearts with wisdom. May they lead with integrity and compassion, always mindful of the people, municipalities, schools, and businesses that depend on their decisions. Strengthen them in times of challenge and encourage them in times of doubt. May their service honor you and bless this great state. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

Senator Innis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

FN REPORT FOR MARCH 27, 2025

W/F	Bill	Title	R/C	Committee	Full Name
Waive	HB 127	extending the closing date of the OHRV trails on the Connecticut River Headwaters property from September 30 to Columbus Day.	Consent	ENR	Energy and Natural Resources
Waive	HB 153	(New Title) establishing a committee to study adding statewide resources to assist with the investigation, training, prosecution, and prompt response of animal cruelty.	Consent	ENR	Energy and Natural Resources

Please Note: Senate Rule 4-5 requires every bill and joint resolution appropriating money, and every other bill which is accompanied by a fiscal note pursuant to RSA 14:44, which has been referred to another committee and found Ought to Pass by the Senate, shall be referred to the Senate Finance Committee for review, unless otherwise ordered by the Senate upon recommendation of the Chair of the Senate Finance Committee. Senator Gray has reviewed the bills on the Consent and Regular Calendars to be acted upon by the Senate on March 27, 2025, and his recommendations are listed on this FN Report. Bills listed as Waive should be sent to Third Reading and bills listed as Finance should be sent to the Senate Finance Committee. The recommendations are only applicable to bills found Ought to Pass.

Without objection, the FN Report is adopted.

CONSENT CALENDAR REPORTS REMOVED

ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

SB 222, by Senator Birdsell

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

SB 189, by Senator Rosenwald

SB 285, by Senator McGough

SB 301, by Senator Gray

FINANCE

SB 86-FN, by Senator Perkins Kwoka

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SB 247, by Senator Birdsell

JUDICIARY

SB 264, by Senator Abbas

WAYS AND MEANS

SB 275, by Senator Watters

CONSENT CALENDAR

Senator Birdsell moved that the Consent Calendar, with the relevant amendments as printed in the day's Calendar be adopted and that all such bills found Ought to Pass be ordered to Third Reading.

EDUCATION

SB 210, establishing a study committee to study the issue of school bullying.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-0. Senator Altschiller for the committee.

SB 210 establishes a study committee to examine school bullying and explore best practices for prevention. The committee will assess existing policies, resources, modern forms of bullying, and potential legislative actions to address bullying in New Hampshire schools. A report with findings and recommendations is due by November 1, 2025.

ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

HB 78, requiring a person to have a domicile in the district from which they serve as county commissioner.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Gray for the committee.

HB 78 requires a person to be domiciled in the county where they seek to hold the office of the county commissioner. This bill would bring the county commissioners' offices in line with other elected positions, ensuring that the citizens of all counties are represented by those who live in the county they represent. For this reason, the Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee recommends Ought to Pass on HB 78.

HB 110, authorizing counties to establish revolving fund accounts.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0. Senator Lang for the committee.

This bill is a practical extension of an existing policy for towns that promotes equity between local and county-level services while keeping public safety funding sustainable. Towns in New Hampshire are already permitted to establish a revolving fund to cover costs like officer details for construction projects. However, under current laws, county sheriffs who provide similar services do not have the same ability to establish such a fund. If enacted, HB 110 would create a fair and efficient system for managing county costs without the burden to taxpayers. The committee amendment changes the words "county delegation" to "county convention" for continuity within the current statutes. For these reasons, the Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee asks for your support for Ought to Pass with Amendment on HB 110.

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs

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Amendment to HB 110

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Section; County Public Safety Revolving Funds. Amend RSA 23 by inserting after section 22 the following new section:

23:23 County Public Safety Revolving Funds.

I. A county may, by vote of the county convention, establish a county public safety revolving fund for the provision of public safety services by county employees outside of the ordinary detail of such persons, including but not limited to public safety services in connection with special events, highway construction, and other construction projects, or for any other public safety purpose deemed appropriate by the county sheriff.

II. If a county establishes a county public safety revolving fund for the purposes identified in paragraph I, it shall deposit into the fund all or any part of the revenues from fees, charges, or other income derived from the activities or services supported by the fund to replenish the fund to the original appropriated amount. The county shall deposit any other revenues approved by the county convention into the revolving fund, provided that funds in excess of the original appropriated amount shall be deposited into the general fund. The money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year. The county treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the county commissioners. Such funds shall be expended only for the purposes for which the fund was created.

III. The county convention may, at the time it establishes a county public safety revolving fund or at any time thereafter, place limitations on expenditures from the fund including, but not limited to, restrictions on the types of items or services that may be purchased from the fund. No amount may be expended from a revolving fund established hereunder for any item or service for which an appropriation has been specifically rejected by the county convention during the same year.

IV. The provisions of this section shall not preclude the establishment of a county public safety revolving fund for any other purpose authorized by law.

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

SB 237, relative to the office of the consumer advocate and the site evaluation committee.

Inexpedient to Legislature, Vote 3-2. Senator Pearl for the committee.

SB 237 expands the role of the Office of the Consumer Advocate by adding its interests to the definition of “material interest” in Site Evaluation Committee proceedings. This change would allow the consumer advocate to actively participate in cases affecting residential utility consumers, especially concerning energy facility evaluation, siting, construction, and operation. The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee moved to inexpedient to legislate.

HB 127-FN, extending the closing date of the OHRV trails on the Connecticut River Headwaters property from September 30 to Columbus Day.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0. Senator McConkey for the committee.

HB 127 extends the annual closing date for Off-Highway Recreation Vehicle (OHRV) trails on the Connecticut Lakes Headwaters working forest property from September 30th to Columbus Day. This change allows for additional recreational opportunities, providing extended access for OHRV users during the early fall season. The fiscal impact of the bill is projected to be less than \$10,000 annually.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources

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Amendment to HB 127-FN

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Section; Connecticut Lakes Headwaters Working Forest; OHRV Trails Closure Date. Amend RSA 215-A by inserting after section 215-A:3-b the following new section:

215-A:3-c Connecticut Lakes Headway Working Forest OHRV Trail Annual Closure Date.

Notwithstanding any conservation easement provisions or other contracts, laws, or rules to the contrary, all existing OHRV trails on the Connecticut Lakes headwaters working forest property shall remain open through the second Monday in October, which is Columbus Day.

HB 153-FN, establishing a committee to study adding statewide resources to assist with the investigation, training, prosecution, and prompt response of animal cruelty.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Watters for the committee.

HB 153 establishes a committee to study the creation of statewide resources aimed at improving investigation, training, prosecution, and prompt responses to animal cruelty incidents. The committee will evaluate current training practices, explore optimal approaches for law enforcement and stakeholder education, and consider forming a dedicated resource group for responding swiftly to animal cruelty cases. Findings and recommendations would be due by November 1st, 2025.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

SB 200, relative to accepting a portrait of Sylvia Larsen.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Reardon for the committee

SB 200 authorizes the Joint Legislative Historical Committee to accept a portrait of Senator Sylvia Larsen. Sylvia Larsen was a ten-term state senator representing Senate District 15, as well as the President of the New Hampshire Senate from 2006 to 2010. The portrait would recognize Senator Larsen's years of legislative service to the State of New Hampshire.

FINANCE

SB 80-FN, consolidating licensing, auditing, and enforcement responsibilities for wholesale and retail e-cigarettes sales under the liquor commission.

Ought to Pass, Vote 6-0. Senator Lang for the committee.

This bill consolidates licensing, auditing, and enforcement responsibilities for wholesale and retail e-cigarette sales under the Liquor Commission. SB 80-FN would transfer licensing of retail, wholesale and manufacturing including licensing revenue from the Department of Revenue Administration to the Liquor Commission. The bill also provides for tobacco tax certificates to be issued by the Department of Revenue Administration and licenses issued by the Liquor Commission.

SB 87-FN, relative to one day liquor license requirements and making salons and barber shops eligible for on-premise licenses.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 6-0. Senator Watters for the committee.

This bill allows for-profit organizations to receive a one-day liquor license and makes barbershops, salons, and spas eligible for on-premises licenses. Nothing in RSA 178:22 V shall allow the Liquor Commission to issue a license to a salon or barbershop located within a private residence.

Senate Finance

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Amendment to SB 87-FN

Amend RSA 178:22, V(w) as inserted by section 3 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(w) The commission may issue a cocktail lounge license to a business currently licensed through the office of professional licensure and certification as a barber, hair salon, or spa to serve alcoholic beverages and liquor to customers who are receiving services from said establishment. The service of alcoholic beverages and liquor shall be limited to the scheduled appointment time of the patron receiving services.

(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 179:44, the license under this chapter will authorize the holder to serve alcoholic beverages and liquor for free or for a fee. The licensee shall keep records of the alcohol type, quantity, and patron served. Such records shall be retained by the licensed facility and shall be made available to the commission upon request.

(2) For the purposes of this subparagraph, persons under the age of 18 years shall be allowed in the cocktail lounge without a parent, legal guardian, or adult spouse.

(3) The fee for the cocktail lounge license under this section shall be \$480.

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

SB 97-FN, relative to intra-district public school transfers.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-1. Senator Pearl for the committee.

This bill authorizes parents to transfer their children to other schools within their resident district as long as such school has the capacity to accommodate the student. The school board of each school district shall adopt a policy addressing instances in which there are more requests to transfer to a school than there is ability to accommodate students, based on teacher to student ratio and existing school capacity.

SB 153-FN, relative to expedited driveway permitting of major entrances for residential use of 20 units or greater. Ought to Pass, Vote 6-0. Senator Pearl for the committee.

This bill creates an expedited driveway permit for major entrances for parcels of land for residential use of 20 units or greater.

SB 204-FN-A, relative to the responsibility of local school districts to provide meals to students during school hours, reimbursing schools for meals provided to students at no cost, and making an appropriation therefor. Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 6-0. Senator Lang for the committee.

This bill authorizes school boards the option to raise eligibility for free meals from 185% to 200%, and if the local school board opts into the increase, it requires the Department of Education to reimburse schools for the increased food costs through a state and local cooperative agreement at 50% state expense, and 50% local expense for those who choose to raise eligibility, and provides for a state appropriation therefor.

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Amendment to SB 204-FN-A

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

1 New Paragraphs; Food and Nutrition Programs. Amend RSA 189:11-a by inserting after paragraph VIII the following new paragraphs:

IX. Each school board may vote to raise eligibility for free meals to 200 percent of the federal poverty level. Meals served to students who meet the federal income eligibility guidelines shall continue to be reimbursed in accordance with federal law and regulations. Meals not reimbursed in accordance with federal law and regulations shall be reimbursed by the state of New Hampshire at a rate that covers 50 percent of the difference between the federal rate for a free meal and a reduced-price meal, or the difference between a free meal and a paid meal. The remainder of the costs shall be covered by the local district.

X.(a) The department of education shall adopt rules under RSA 541-A requiring school districts that opt into the optional program pursuant to paragraph IX to offer both online and physical applications for free school meals.

(b) The department of education shall provide administrative or technical assistance to school districts establishing an online application for free or reduced-price school meals, and whose school meal programs are approved to operate through the United States Department of Agriculture.

(c) School districts eligible for administrative or technical assistance or funding under this section shall be those approved to operate federal school meal programs through the United States Department of Agriculture and accepted by the department of education to participate in this expansion of free and reduced lunch benefits.

2 Appropriation; Department of Education; Food and Nutrition Program.

I. The amount of \$107,000 is appropriated to the department of education for the biennium ending June 30, 2026, for administrative costs related to providing administrative or technical assistance to school districts establishing an online application for free or reduced-price school meals. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

II. The amount of \$250,000 is appropriated to the department of education for the biennium ending June 30, 2026, for disbursement to school districts to be reimbursed at a 50 percent rate pursuant to RSA 189:11-a, X(a) and to purchase software related to the establishment of an online application for free or reduced-price school meals. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes school boards to raise eligibility for free meals, requires the department of education to reimburse schools who raise eligibility, and provides an appropriation therefor.

SB 228-FN, relative to the limitations on community customer generators.
Ought to Pass, Vote 6-0. Senator Watters for the committee.

A customer-generator may participate as a group member if it has not elected to become a group host. A customer-generator who is also a group member shall be eligible to offset total electric utility bill charges on an annual basis only after its on-site generation. Compensation under the net metering tariffs shall not exceed the total costs of the group members.

SB 243-FN, relative to the child care scholarship program.
Ought to Pass, Vote 6-0. Senator Birdsell for the committee.

The Department of Health and Human Services may suspend the Child Care Scholarship Presumptive Eligibility Pilot Program, with notice to providers and prospective applicants, if an active waitlist is maintained. The department shall reinstate the pilot program if such a waitlist ends during the duration of the pilot program. On or before May 1, 2028, the department shall provide a detailed report of the pilot program to the Legislature. By November 1, 2026, the department shall evaluate information regarding challenges in the application process and develop a plan for the implementation of improvements to ensure child care scholarship applicants do not face unnecessary burdens in the eligibility determination process.

SB 292-FN-A, authorizing a warrant for the funding of state special education aid.
Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0. Senator Lang for the committee.

This bill eliminates the proration provision for the determination of special education aid to school districts under RSA 186-C:18 and provides authority for the Department of Education to draw additional funds from the Education Trust Fund should appropriated amounts be insufficient to make full payments.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SB 248, establishing a committee to study palliative and hospice care in New Hampshire.
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Birdsell for the committee.

This bill establishes a committee to study palliative and hospice care in New Hampshire. This will seek to assess potential measures to support residents receiving palliative and hospice care, allowing them to move forward in an easier manner.

SB 252, relative to criteria for providing certain medical care through telemedicine.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0. Senator Prentiss for the committee.

As amended, this bill modifies the requirements for the use of telemedicine to prescribe non-opioids and opioids classified in schedules II through IV, including authorizing physician assistants and advanced practice registered nurses to do so. This will help build access to health care for incarcerated individuals through telemedicine. A committee amendment has also been adopted to clarify that the issuing of prescriptions for spectacle lenses or contact lenses not be included, as an in-person examination is needed for such eye care.

Senate Health and Human Services
March 19, 2025
2025-1139s
09/08

Amendment to SB 252

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

1 Physicians and Surgeons; Telemedicine for Non-Opioid or Opioid Controlled Drugs in Schedule II Through IV. Amend RSA 329:1-d, III to read as follows:

III. A physician licensed under this chapter may prescribe non-opioid and opioid controlled drugs classified in schedule II through IV by means of telemedicine [~~after establishing a physician-patient relationship with the patient~~]. When prescribing a non-opioid or opioid controlled drug classified in schedule II through IV by means of telemedicine a subsequent [~~in-person exam~~] **evaluation** shall be conducted by a practitioner licensed to prescribe the drug at intervals appropriate for the patient, medical condition, and drug, but not less than annually. [~~The prescription authority under this paragraph shall be limited to a physician licensed under this chapter, or a physician assistant in accordance with RSA 328-D:3-b, and~~] All prescribing shall be in compliance with all federal and state laws and regulations.

2 Physician Assistants; Telemedicine for Non-Opioid or Opioid Controlled Drugs in Schedule II Through IV. Amend RSA 328-D:3-b, XIII to read as follows:

XIII. A physician assistant may prescribe, dispense, order, administer, and procure drugs and medical devices. Physician assistants may plan and initiate a therapeutic regimen that includes ordering and prescribing non pharmacological interventions, including but not limited to durable medical equipment, nutrition, blood and blood products, and diagnostic support services including but not limited to home healthcare, hospice, and physical and occupational therapy. ***A physician assistant licensed under this chapter may prescribe non-opioid and opioid controlled drugs classified in schedule II through IV by means of telemedicine. When prescribing a non-opioid or opioid controlled drug classified in schedule II through IV by means of telemedicine a subsequent evaluation shall be conducted by a practitioner licensed to prescribe the drug at intervals appropriate for the patient, medical condition, and drug, but not less than annually. All prescribing shall be in compliance with all federal and state laws and regulations.***

3 New Paragraph; Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; Telemedicine for Non-Opioid or Opioid Controlled Drugs in Schedule II Through IV. Amend RSA 326-B:11 by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

III-a. An APRN licensed under this chapter may prescribe non-opioid and opioid controlled drugs classified in schedule II through IV by means of telemedicine. When prescribing a non-opioid or opioid controlled drug classified in schedule II through IV by means of telemedicine, a subsequent evaluation shall be conducted by a practitioner licensed to prescribe the drug at intervals appropriate for the patient, medical condition, and drug, but not less than annually. The prescription authority under this paragraph shall be limited to an APRN licensed under this chapter, and all prescribing shall be in compliance with all federal and state laws and regulations.

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

2025-1139s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill modifies the requirements for the use of telemedicine to prescribe non-opioids and opioids classified in schedules II through IV, including authorizing physician assistants and advanced practice registered nurses to do so.

SB 254, relative to controlled substance inventories.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Rochefort for the committee.

This bill removes the requirement that controlled substance inventories be done in the odd-numbered year. This is a technical change to existing statute that will bring New Hampshire law into alignment with federal law.

SB 257, establishing a committee to study state guidelines for Medicaid eligibility determinations.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0. Senator Long for the committee.

This bill establishes a committee to study state guidelines for Medicaid eligibility determinations. The intent of this committee is to further investigate alternative pathways to determine Medicaid eligibility. An amendment has been adopted to expand the duties of the committee and extend the reporting date by one year.

Senate Health and Human Services

March 19, 2025

2025-1127s

07/07

Amendment to SB 257

Amend the bill by replacing section 3 with the following:

3 Duties. The committee shall study the possibility of changing Medicaid eligibility determinations in New Hampshire from SSI 209b to SSA 1634 as 39 other states currently do. The committee shall examine the alternative pathways for Medicaid eligibility determinations, identify the states that provide Medicaid coverage automatically as part of the SSI application process (known as 1634 states), and those states, like New Hampshire, that apply more restrictive eligibility criteria than the SSI criteria (known as 209(b) states). The committee shall also consider the purpose of the system of care for healthy aging outlined in RSA 151-E:22 and RSA 151-E:23. The committee shall solicit information from the department of health and human services and county nursing homes as part of the study.

Amend the bill by replacing section 5 with the following:

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

The question is on the adoption of the Consent Calendar. Adopted.

SPECIAL ORDER

Without objection, the following bills are Special Ordered to the Beginning of the Regular Calendar. Adopted.

JUDICIARY

SB 38-FN, relative to state recognition of biological sex.

SB 268, permitting classification of individuals based on biological sex under certain limited circumstances.

EDUCATION

SB 211, relative to biological sex in student athletics.

REGULAR CALENDAR

JUDICIARY

SB 38-FN, relative to state recognition of biological sex.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2. Senator Gannon for the committee.

Senator Gannon moved to Lay on the Table. Adopted.

SB 268, permitting classification of individuals based on biological sex under certain limited circumstances. Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2. Senator Gannon for the committee.

Senate Judiciary

March 19, 2025

2025-1118s

05/09

Amendment to SB 268

Amend the bill by replacing section 2 with the following:

2 New Section; State Commission for Human Rights; Miscellaneous Provisions; State Recognition of Biological Sex. Amend RSA 354-A by inserting after section 25 the following new section:

354-A:25-a State Recognition of Biological Sex.

I. Nothing in RSA 5-C:87, RSA 260-263, RSA 354-A, or any other law or regulation shall mean that it is unlawful discrimination based on sex or gender identity for any person or organization, public or private, to classify based on biological sex with respect to the following matters:

(a) In the construction, maintenance, operation, and use of lavatory facilities or locker rooms designed for usage by multiple persons at the same time, even if such facilities have individual urinals, stalls, or similar apparatus.

(b) In athletic or sporting events or competitions in a sport or similar activity in which physical strength, speed, or endurance is generally recognized to give an advantage to biological males.

(c) In the operation, maintenance, and use of facilities designed for usage as prisons, houses of correction, juvenile detention or commitment centers, mental health hospitals or treatment centers and like facilities to which persons may be committed involuntarily.

II. "Biological sex" shall mean the male and female biological sexes. This section does not mean that any public or private entity is required by state statute to separate persons based upon biological sex.

2025-1118s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides a definition for "biological sex" and provides that certain designations by biological sex do not constitute unlawful discrimination.

The question is on the adoption of the Committee Amendment. Adopted.

Senator Murphy presiding.

Without objection, Senator Birdsell moved to call the question.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment.

A roll call was requested by Senator Altschiller, seconded by Senator Avar.

The following Senators voted Yes: Rochefort, Lang, McConkey, Gray, Innis, Ward, Ricciardi, McGough, Avar, Carson, Pearl, Sullivan, Birdsell, Abbas, Gannon, Murphy.

The following Senators voted No: Watters, Prentiss, Fenton, Rosenwald, Reardon, Long, Perkins Kwoka, Altschiller.

Roll Call, Yeas: 16 - Nays: 8. Adopted, bill ordered to Third Reading.

President Carson presiding.

EDUCATION

SB 211, relative to biological sex in student athletics.

Ought to Pass, Vote 2-1. Senator Ward for the committee.

Senator Prentiss offered a Floor Amendment.

Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5

March 25, 2025

2025-1373s

02/05

Floor Amendment to SB 211

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

1 Legislative Findings. The general court finds that:

I. The laws and the constitution of New Hampshire mandate that every young person have access to a comprehensive public education.

II. Sports programs are an essential part of a comprehensive public education.

III. Sports programs must be accessible, fair, and safe for all students.

IV. Athletics associations are best situated to determine eligibility requirements for participation in school sports programs.

2 New Sections; Participation in Sports Programs. Amend RSA 193 by inserting after section 38 the following new sections:

193:38-a Participation in Female-Designated Sports Programs. Under no circumstances should a student's status as transgender or non-transgender be the sole basis for exclusion from any sports program. However, eligibility requirements for participation in a female-designated sports program shall not constitute unlawful discrimination under RSA 193:38 where criteria for participation include the following:

I. A requirement that a student identify in daily life activities as female;

II. A determination that a student is not participating as a female for the sole purpose of competitive advantage;

III. A requirement that, within a sports season, a student may not transfer from a coed or male-designated sports program to a female-designated sports program, or from a female-designated sports program to a male-designated sports program; or

IV. Any additional criteria which are substantially related to the achievement of an important educational objective, provided that the criteria have a factual basis related to the designated sport, level of competition, education level, or age of the students in the program.

193:38-b Student Athlete Privacy. No later than September 1, 2025, all schools shall adopt a policy setting forth reasonable terms on which any student participating in a sports program who has a need or desire for increased privacy, regardless of the underlying reason, may access a single-stall restroom or private changing area.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

2025-1373s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits exclusion of student athletes solely based on the student's status as transgender or non-transgender from female-designated sports programs, subject to certain criteria, and requires that schools shall adopt policies to accommodate student athletes desiring increased privacy through access to single-stall restrooms or private changing areas.

The question is on the adoption of the Floor Amendment. Failed.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass.

A roll call was requested by Senator Avard, seconded by Senator Lang.

The following Senators voted Yes: Rochefort, Lang, McConkey, Gray, Innis, Ward, Ricciardi, McGough, Avard, Murphy, Pearl, Sullivan, Birdsell, Abbas, Gannon, Carson.

The following Senators voted No: Watters, Prentiss, Fenton, Rosenwald, Reardon, Long, Perkins Kwoka, Altschiller.

Roll Call, Yeas: 16 - Nays: 8. Adopted, bill ordered to Third Reading.

EDUCATION

SB 96, relative to mandatory disclosure by school district employees to parents.

Ought to Pass, Vote 2-1. Senator Ward for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass.

A roll call was requested by Senator Lang, seconded by Senator Abbas.

The following Senators voted Yes: Rochefort, Lang, McConkey, Gray, Innis, Ward, Ricciardi, McGough, Avard, Murphy, Pearl, Sullivan, Birdsell, Abbas, Gannon, Carson.

The following Senators voted No: Watters, Prentiss, Fenton, Rosenwald, Reardon, Long, Perkins Kwoka, Altschiller.

Roll Call, Yeas: 16 - Nays: 8. Adopted, bill ordered to Third Reading.

ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

SB 287, requiring applicants for absentee ballots to present a copy of their photo identification with their application.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2. Senator Rochefort for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass.

A roll call was requested by Senator Rochefort, seconded by Senator Pearl.

The following Senators voted Yes: Rochefort, Lang, McConkey, Gray, Innis, Ward, Ricciardi, McGough, Avard, Murphy, Pearl, Sullivan, Birdsell, Abbas, Gannon, Carson.

The following Senators voted No: Watters, Prentiss, Fenton, Rosenwald, Reardon, Long, Perkins Kwoka, Altschiller.

Roll Call, Yeas: 16 - Nays: 8. Adopted, bill ordered to Third Reading.

Recess. Out of recess.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

SB 303, directing the commissioner of the department of education to compile a report on the effects of the dissolution of the United States Department of Education on New Hampshire and its residents.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2. Senator Pearl for the committee.

Senator Pearl moved to Lay on the Table. Adopted.

SB 304, directing the commissioner of the department of business and economic affairs to assemble a report on the effects of tariffs on Canada and New Hampshire residents.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2. Senator Pearl for the committee.

Senator Pearl moved to Lay on the Table.

A roll call was requested by Senator Perkins Kwoka, seconded by Senator Altschiller.

The following Senators voted Yes: Rochefort, Lang, McConkey, Gray, Innis, Ward, Ricciardi, McGough, Avar, Murphy, Pearl, Sullivan, Birdsell, Abbas, Gannon, Carson.

The following Senators voted No: Watters, Prentiss, Fenton, Rosenwald, Reardon, Long, Perkins Kwoka, Altschiller.

Roll Call, Yeas: 16 - Nays: 8. Adopted.

FINANCE

SB 83-FN, establishing an elderly, disabled, blind, and deaf property tax exemption reimbursement fund, authorizing video lottery terminals, renaming the lottery commission, and creating a voluntary statewide self-exclusion database.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-1. Senator Lang for the committee.

Senate Finance

March 18, 2025

2025-1102s

07/02

Amendment to SB 83-FN

Amend RSA 287-J:1, III as inserted by section 4 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

III. "Gross video lottery revenue" means the total of all sums actually received by a VLT licensee from operation of video lottery terminals, minus the total of all sums actually paid out as winnings to patrons, less any free play paid to patrons. The maximum amount of free play that any one licensee can deduct from gross video lottery revenue shall be 12.5 percent in any calendar year.

Amend RSA 287-J:6, I - II as inserted by section 4 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. Each VLT licensee shall collect a sum equal to 32.5 percent of gross video lottery revenue for distribution under paragraph II.

II.(a) Each licensee shall distribute 35 percent of the amount collected under paragraph I to charitable organizations with whom the licensee contracts on each licensed game date. Each VLT licensee must contract with 2 licensed charitable organizations for each game date.

(b) The remainder of the total amount collected by the licensee under paragraph I shall be paid to the commission and distributed as follows:

(1) 25 percent to the special fund established under RSA 284:21-j for use as provided in that section;

(2) 25 percent to the elderly-disabled-blind-deaf exemption reimbursement fund established under RSA 72:42-a; and

(3) 50 percent to the general fund.

The question is on the adoption of the Committee Amendment. Adopted.

Senator Watters offered a Floor Amendment.

Sen. Watters, Dist 4

March 20, 2025

2025-1160s

07/02

Floor Amendment to SB 83-FN

Amend the bill by inserting the following and renumbering the original sections 1-8 to read as 2-9, respectively:

1 Purpose and Findings. The general court finds that, if video lottery terminals are to be authorized in New Hampshire, the revenues generated for the state general fund shall be used for funding group II retirement reforms to improve recruitment and retention for our law enforcement and first responders.

The question is on the adoption of the Floor Amendment.

A roll call was requested by Senator Watters, seconded by Senator Altschiller.

The following Senators voted Yes: Watters, Prentiss, Fenton, Rosenwald, Reardon, Long, Perkins Kwoka, Altschiller.

The following Senators voted No: Rochefort, Lang, McConkey, Gray, Innis, Ward, Ricciardi, McGough, Avard, Murphy, Pearl, Sullivan, Birdsell, Abbas, Gannon, Carson.

Roll Call, Yeas: 8 - Nays: 16. Failed.

Senator Altschiller offered a Floor Amendment.

Sen. Altschiller, Dist 24
March 25, 2025
2025-1369s
02/06

Floor Amendment to SB 83-FN

Amend RSA 287-J:6, I as inserted by section 4 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. Each VLT licensee shall collect a sum equal to 45 percent of gross video lottery revenue for distribution under paragraph II.

The question is on the adoption of the Floor Amendment.

A roll call was requested by Senator Altschiller, seconded by Senator Birdsell.

The following Senators voted Yes: Watters, Prentiss, Fenton, Rosenwald, Reardon, Long, Perkins Kwoka, Altschiller.

The following Senators voted No: Rochefort, Lang, McConkey, Gray, Innis, Ward, Ricciardi, McGough, Avard, Murphy, Pearl, Sullivan, Birdsell, Abbas, Gannon, Carson.

Roll Call, Yeas: 8 - Nays: 16. Failed.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment. Adopted, bill ordered to Third Reading.

SB 125-FN, relative to clinical eligibility criteria for nursing facility and home and community based care. Ought to Pass, Vote 6-0. Senator Birdsell for the committee.
Senator Avard offered a Floor Amendment.

Sen. Avard, Dist 12
March 24, 2025
2025-1317s
05/09

Floor Amendment to SB 125-FN

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Long-Term Care; Eligibility. Amend RSA 151-E:3 to read as follows:

151-E:3 Eligibility.

I. A person is ~~[medicaid]~~ **Medicaid** eligible for nursing facility services or Medicaid home and community-based care waiver services if the person is:

(a) Clinically eligible for nursing facility care because the person requires 24-hour care for one or more of the following purposes:

(1) Medical monitoring and nursing care when the skills of a licensed medical professional are needed to provide safe and effective services;

(2) Restorative nursing or rehabilitative care with patient-specific goals;

(3) Medication administration by oral, topical, intravenous, intramuscular, or subcutaneous injection, or intravenous feeding for treatment of recent or unstable conditions requiring medical or nursing intervention; or

(4) Assistance with 2 or more activities of daily living ~~[involving]~~ **which include but are not limited to** eating, toileting, transferring, **mobility**, bathing, dressing, and continence. **For purposes of this section "mobility" means the need to be physically steadied, assisted, or guided in ambulation, or unable to propel a wheelchair alone or appropriately and require the assistance of another person;** and

(b) Financially eligible as either:

(1) Categorically needy, as calculated pursuant to rules adopted by the department under RSA 541-A; or

(2) Medically needy, as calculated pursuant to rules adopted by the department under RSA 541-A.

II. Skilled professional medical personnel employed by or designated to act on behalf of the department shall determine clinical eligibility in accordance with the criteria in subparagraph I(a). The clinical eligibility determination shall be based upon an assessment tool, approved by the department, performed by skilled professional medical personnel employed by the department, or by an individual with equivalent training designated by the department. The department shall train all persons performing the assessment to use the assessment tool. For the purposes of this section, “skilled professional medical personnel” shall have the same meaning as in 42 C.F.R. section [432.50(d)(1)(ii)] **432.2**.

II-a. Subject to written approval by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, financial eligibility rules in paragraph II shall include eligibility if the person’s countable income is at or below the nursing facility special income standard, as defined in 42 C.F.R. 435.236, for the Medicaid program or the person incurs allowable medical expenses each month, including the anticipated cost of waiver services, which when deducted from the individual’s income would reduce the individual’s income to an amount that is no higher than the nursing facility special income standard. The department shall submit a request for such approval within 30 days of the effective date of this paragraph.

III. [Repealed.]

IV. If the skilled professional medical personnel employed by or designated to act on behalf of the department are unable to determine that an applicant is eligible following the clinical assessment tool pursuant to paragraph II, the ~~[skilled professional medical personnel]~~ **department** shall obtain **a determination for the need for long term care from the applicant’s primary care physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse. The department shall request information from and** give substantial weight to **other** clinical information provided by the applicant’s ~~[physician or nurse practitioner, including, but not limited to diagnosis, prognosis, and plan of care recommendations, and consider information from other licensed practitioners, including occupational or physical therapists, if available. All clinical information obtained shall also be used in the preparation of the initial support plan]~~ **other known health care providers, including but not limited to specialty care physicians, case management providers, or occupational or physical therapists, including diagnosis, prognosis, and plan of care recommendations. All clinical information obtained by the department shall be reviewed by skilled professional medical personnel employed by or designated to act on behalf of the department for an eligibility decision.**

2025-1317s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill modifies long-term care eligibility by adding mobility to the list of activities of daily living. The bill also requires the department of health and human services to obtain a determination of an applicant’s need for long term care from the applicant or participant’s primary care physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse, and to consider information from other health care providers.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment. Adopted.

Senator Gray moved to Lay on the Table. Adopted.

SB 127-FN-A, relative to public guardianship and the office of the public guardian and making appropriations to the department of health and human services.

Ought to Pass, Vote 6-0. Senator Pearl for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass. Adopted.

Senator Gray moved to Lay on the Table. Adopted.

SB 131-FN-A, relative to long-term care eligibility and making an appropriation therefor.

Ought to Pass, Vote 6-0. Senator Birdsell for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass. Adopted.

Senator Gray moved to Lay on the Table. Adopted.

SB 135-FN, relative to rate setting parity for Medicaid state plan case management services.
Ought to Pass, Vote 6-0. Senator Birdsell for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass. Adopted.

Senator Gray moved to Lay on the Table. Adopted.

SB 244-FN-A, relative to expanding access to primary health care services, increasing the size of the health care workforce, and making appropriations therefor.

Ought to Pass, Vote 6-0. Senator Rosenwald for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass. Adopted.

Senator Gray moved to Lay on the Table. Adopted.

SB 246-FN, providing maternal depression screening for new mothers; increasing access to health care services for new mothers; enabling new parents to attend infant pediatric medical appointments; and developing a plan for perinatal peer support certification.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0. Senator Birdsell for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass. Adopted.

Senator Pearl moved to Lay on the Table. Adopted.

SB 249-FN, relative to the uncompensated care and Medicaid fund.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-1. Senator Birdsell for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass. Adopted, bill ordered to Third Reading.

SB 255-FN, establishing and developing crisis stabilization services.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0. Senator Birdsell for the committee.

Senator Birdsell moved to Lay on the Table. Adopted.

SB 277-FN, relative to the application of utility property taxes and statewide education property taxes to electric generating facilities.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0. Senator Lang for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass. Adopted.

Senator Gray moved to Lay on the Table. Adopted.

SB 279-FN, establishing the housing champion business loan program and making appropriations to the department of business and economic affairs and the business finance authority.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0. Senator Rosenwald for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass. Adopted.

Senator Gray moved to Lay on the Table. Adopted.

SB 295-FN, relative to education freedom accounts.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-2. Senator Lang for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass.

A roll call was requested by Senator Birdsell, seconded by Senator Innis.

The following Senators voted Yes: Rochefort, Lang, McConkey, Gray, Innis, Ward, Ricciardi, McGough, Avard, Murphy, Pearl, Sullivan, Birdsell, Abbas, Gannon, Carson.

The following Senators voted No: Watters, Prentiss, Fenton, Rosenwald, Reardon, Long, Perkins Kwoka, Altschiller.

Roll Call, Yeas: 16 - Nays: 8. Adopted, bill ordered to Third Reading.

SB 300-FN, criminalizing the creation of child intimate visual representations.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0. Senator Lang for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass.

A roll call was requested by Senator Innis, seconded by Senator Lang.

The following Senators voted Yes: Rochefort, Lang, McConkey, Watters, Prentiss, Gray, Innis, Ward, Ricciardi, Fenton, McGough, Avard, Rosenwald, Reardon, Murphy, Pearl, Sullivan, Birdsell, Long, Perkins Kwoka, Abbas, Gannon, Altschiller, Carson.

The following Senators voted No: (None)

Roll Call, Yeas: 24 - Nays: 0. Adopted, bill ordered to Third Reading.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SB 138, relative to record requests by health care providers.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Birdsell for the committee.

Senator Birdsell offered a Floor Amendment.

Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19

March 26, 2025

2025-1393s

05/08

Floor Amendment to SB 138

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

AN ACT relative to record requests by health care providers and establishing a committee to study access to medical records in the state of New Hampshire.

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

2 Committee to Study Access to Medical Records Established.

I. There is established a committee to study access to medical records in the state of New Hampshire.

II. Notwithstanding RSA 14:49, the members of the committee shall be as follows:

(a) Two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

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

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

IV. The committee shall study the issues of cost, access, and transparency of patients' medical records in New Hampshire.

V. 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. Two members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

VI. 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, and the governor on or before November 1, 2025.

3 Effective Date.

I. Section 1 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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

2025-1393s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides that when a health care provider requests a patient's medical records, the records should be provided within 14 days of the request. The bill also establishes a committee to study patient access to medical records in the state.

The question is on the adoption of the Floor Amendment. Adopted.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment. Adopted, bill ordered to Third Reading.

SB 288, establishing an advisory council on long-term care within the department of health and human services. Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Birdsell for the committee.

Senator Ward offered a Floor Amendment.

Sen. Ward, Dist 8

March 24, 2025

2025-1326s

05/09

Floor Amendment to SB 288

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

AN ACT establishing an advisory council on the system of care for healthy aging in New Hampshire.

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

1 New Section; State Commission on Aging; Advisory Council on the System of Care for Healthy Aging in New Hampshire. Amend RSA 19-P by inserting after section 2 the following new section:

19-P:2-a Advisory Council on the System of Care for Health Aging in New Hampshire.

I. The commission shall establish an advisory council on the system of care for healthy aging in New Hampshire. The purpose of the advisory council shall be to:

- (a) Improve the well-being of older adults and caregivers;
- (b) Identify cost-savings and opportunities to increase collaboration, efficiency, and the effectiveness of the service array and service delivery system; and
- (c) Assist and advise the commissioner of the department of health and human services on the system of care principles and values and implementation of RSA 151-E:22 through 151-E:27.

II.(a) The director of the division of long-term supports and services, or the director's designee, and one member of the state commission on aging shall serve as the permanent co-chairpersons of the advisory council.

(b) Additional members of the advisory council representing diverse perspectives shall be appointed by the commission on aging and shall include older adults and family caregivers with relevant experience, members of agencies serving older adults including public, private, consumer advocacy, and non-profit organizations, and individuals with relevant policy expertise.

III. The advisory council shall meet at least quarterly and may meet more often at the call of the commission.

IV. The duties of the council shall include reviewing and making recommendations regarding all aspects of the implementation of the system of care for healthy aging established under RSA 151-E:22 through 151-E:27. Such duties shall also include addressing the availability of long term supports and services for individuals across the continuum of care, including but not be limited to:

(a) Reviewing and making recommendations that improve and shorten the timeline for accessing Medicaid long-term care benefits.

(b) Reviewing and making recommendations to remove barriers to hospital discharge for non-acute patients who require post hospital long-term supports and services.

(c) Gathering additional data to review the implementation of the system of care for healthy aging, including but not limited to:

(1) Licensed long-term care beds in service versus licensed long-term care beds not in service, and recommendations for optimal utilization of limited long-term care bed licenses to increase access to long-term care.

(2) Reviewing the availability of long-term services and supports for individuals requiring post hospital or nursing facility care service.

(3) Access to Medicaid Choices for Independence waiver services post hospital discharge and recommendations for optimal program utilization.

(4) Availability of long-term supports and services for non-Medicaid individuals.

(d) Working collaboratively with public and private stakeholders to strengthen the direct care workforce to meet the growing demand for long-term supports and services in New Hampshire.

(e) Advising the governor, the senate president, the speaker of the house, the oversight committee on health and human services, as established in RSA 126-A:13, and the commissioner of health and human services on any issue related to long-term services and supports within the system of care for healthy aging.

V. A summary of the advisory council's activities, findings, and recommendations shall be included in the commission's annual report submitted under RSA 19-P:3.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

2025-1326s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill directs the commission on aging to establish an advisory council on the system of care for healthy aging in New Hampshire.

The question is on the adoption of the Floor Amendment. Adopted.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment. Adopted.

Senator Birdsell moved to Lay on the Table. Adopted.

JUDICIARY

SB 260, relative to access to abortion care.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2. Senator Abbas for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Inexpedient to Legislate.

A roll call was requested by Senator Altschiller, seconded by Senator Fenton.

The following Senators voted Yes: Rochefort, Lang, McConkey, Gray, Innis, Ward, Ricciardi, McGough, Avar, Murphy, Pearl, Sullivan, Birdsell, Abbas, Gannon, Carson.

The following Senators voted No: Watters, Prentiss, Fenton, Rosenwald, Reardon, Long, Perkins Kwoka, Altschiller.

Roll Call, Yeas: 16 - Nays: 8. Adopted.

SB 265, repealing the provision related to religious use of land and structures.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2. Senator Abbas for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Inexpedient to Legislate. Adopted.

WAYS AND MEANS

SB 291, relative to the religious use of land property tax exemption.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0. Senator Sullivan for the committee.

Senate Ways and Means

March 4, 2025

2025-0769s

06/08

Amendment to SB 291

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Property Taxes; Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Exemption. Amend RSA 72:23, III to read as follows:

III. Houses of public worship, parish houses, church parsonages occupied by their pastors *or by designated church employees*, convents, monasteries, buildings and the lands ~~[appertaining to them]~~ *on the same lot* owned, used, and occupied directly for religious training, *including residential programs*, or housing used for other religious purposes by any regularly recognized and constituted denomination, creed or sect, organized, incorporated or legally doing business in this state and the personal property used by them for the purposes for which they are established. *Housing used for religious purposes includes up to 6 residential housing units or congregate housing units to be used for residential purposes, or both, on land owned on or before January 1, 2025, or owned for a period of not less than 5 years by a regularly recognized and*

constituted denomination, creed, or sect, organized, incorporated, or legally doing business in this state and wholly owned by the religious organization. The term “units” as used in this paragraph shall have the same meaning as “rental units” as defined in RSA 540:1-a, III.

The question is on the adoption of the Committee Amendment. Adopted.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment. Adopted, bill ordered to Third Reading.

CONSENT CALENDAR REPORTS REMOVED

PRESIDENT CARSON: We are at the conclusion of the Regular Calendar and will take up the bills that were removed from the Consent Calendar.

ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

SB 222, relative to moving the state primary date.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0. Senator Lang for the committee.

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs

March 19, 2025

2025-1119s

08/05

Amendment to SB 222

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 7 with the following:

8 Certification; Nomination Papers. Amend RSA 655:41, I to read as follows:

I. Each nomination paper shall be submitted to the supervisors of the checklist of the town or ward in which the signer is domiciled or is registered, and a majority of the supervisors shall certify whether or not the signer is a registered voter in said town or ward. The supervisors of the checklist shall certify nomination papers under this section in a timely fashion, so that their certification shall be complete for each candidate, together with any objections to the nomination papers submitted, no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday [2] **12** weeks before the **state general election** [primary]. Each nomination paper shall be submitted to the supervisors of the checklist no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday [5] **15** weeks before the [primary] **state general election**.

9 Filing Deadline; Nomination Papers. Amend RSA 655:43, I to read as follows:

I. [Nomination] **A candidate shall file the required number of certified nomination** papers [shall be filed] with the secretary of state no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday [one week before the primary] **11 weeks before the state general election**. Nomination papers to be filed shall be grouped by municipality. No nomination papers shall be accepted by the secretary of state unless the candidate shall have met the age and domicile qualifications for the office he or she seeks at the time of the general election and meets all the other qualifications at the time of filing; and if a candidate for the office of governor, executive councilor, state senator, or state representative, unless the candidate shall file with the nomination papers an affidavit of qualifications as provided in RSA 655:28 and 655:29; and if a candidate for United States senator or United States representative, unless the candidate shall meet the qualifications for office under RSA 655:3 and 655:4.

10 Objections; Nomination Papers. Amend RSA 655:44 to read as follows:

655:44 Objections. Nomination papers made in accordance with the provisions of this chapter shall be regarded as valid and shall be received by the secretary of state unless objection thereto is made in writing no later than the Monday following the last day for the filing of such papers. **The secretary of state shall notify the ballot law commission as required in RSA 665:6, II.**

11 Session for Correction. Amend RSA 654:27 to read as follows:

654:27 Session for Correction. In cities and towns, the supervisors of the checklist shall be in session for the correction of the checklist at some suitable place in the city or town on a day designated by the supervisors which shall be 6 to 13 days prior to the election and upon which all hearings shall be finally closed; provided that whenever more than one meeting is required within a 21-day period, the first required meeting may serve to fulfill the requirements of the remaining meetings. All sessions for the correction of the checklist shall be for no less than 30 minutes and at the discretion of the supervisors for additional hours. Notice of the day, hour, and place of each session of the board of supervisors shall be given upon the checklists first posted in 2 appropriate places one of which shall be the city or town's Internet website, if such exists, or

shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the city or town at least 7 days prior to each such session. The reconvening of any session which has been adjourned shall not require the publication of notice. ***Notwithstanding other provisions of RSA 654:27, the required sessions of the supervisors of the checklist on the evening before the opening of a candidate filing period shall be held.***

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

The question is on the adoption of the Committee Amendment. Adopted.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment. Adopted, bill ordered to Third Reading.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

SB 189, relative to fetal death records.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0. Senator Reardon for the committee.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration

March 19, 2025

2025-1128s

07/07

Amendment to SB 189

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

1 Fetal Death Record; Reporting Required. RSA 5-C:74, I is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

I. For every fetal death, as defined in RSA 5-C:1, XII, which occurs in the state of New Hampshire, a fetal death worksheet shall be prepared and a fetal death report filed within 5 days, pursuant to RSA 290:1-a and RSA 5-C:75.

(a) When a fetal death occurs in a New Hampshire facility that regularly prepares birth records, a fetal death report shall be filed electronically by the facility.

(b) When a fetal death occurs in a New Hampshire facility that does not prepare birth records, a paper fetal death worksheet shall be completed and forwarded to the division immediately by the person in charge of the hospital or institution where the fetal death occurred. The division shall file the fetal death report electronically.

(c) When a fetal death occurs in New Hampshire outside a hospital or institution, a paper fetal death worksheet shall be completed and forwarded to the division immediately by the physician, APRN, or physician assistant in attendance at or after delivery. The division will file the fetal death report electronically.

2 Death Report Forms. RSA 5-C:75 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

5-C:75 Reporting Fetal Deaths.

A completed fetal death report shall consist of the following:

I. Information regarding the fetus and delivery:

(a) The name of the fetus, if the parents choose to provide a name.

(b) If the parents do not choose to provide a name, the first name shall be listed as “baby girl,” “baby boy,” or “baby unknown.”

(c) The name of the hospital or institution or the street and number of the location of delivery.

(d) The place where delivery occurred: hospital, freestanding birth center, home delivery and whether a home delivery was planned, clinic/doctor’s office or other location.

(e) The city, town, or location, county, and zip code, of delivery.

(f) The date and time of delivery.

(g) The sex of the fetus: male, female, or unknown.

II. Information regarding the mother including her:

(a) Current full legal name.

(b) Full name prior to first marriage or civil union.

- (c) Date of birth.
- (d) Birthplace.
- (e) Residence.

III. If available, information regarding the father/parent including:

- (a) Current full legal name.
- (b) Full name prior to first marriage or civil union.
- (c) Date of birth.
- (d) Birthplace.

IV. Method of disposition: burial, cremation, hospital disposition, donation, removal from state or other.

- (a) If a hospital disposition, the signature of the hospital administrator, or designee, and the date signed.
- (b) If not a hospital disposition, the name of the cemetery or crematory and location by city or town and state. The name and address of the funeral home, next of kin, or designated agent and the signature of the funeral director, next of kin, or designated agent, the license number of the funeral director, if applicable, and the date signed.

V. Attendant and registration information.

- (a) The delivery attendant's name and title.
- (b) The name and title of the individual completing the report.
- (c) Date report completed.
- (d) Date report received by registrar, which will also be known as the date filed.

VI. Information regarding the fetal death, including:

- (a) The fetal or maternal condition directly causing death.
- (b) Any condition of which death was a consequence or to which it was due, either fetal or maternal.
- (c) The conditions giving rise to the immediate cause of death.
- (d) Any other significant conditions of fetus or mother contributing to fetal death but not related to immediate cause.
- (e) The weight of the fetus, in grams.
- (f) The clinical estimate of gestation, in weeks.
- (g) Estimated time of fetal death: whether dead at time of first assessment, no labor ongoing; dead at time of first assessment, labor ongoing; died during labor, after first assessment; or unknown.
- (h) Whether an autopsy was performed.
- (i) Whether a histological placental examination was performed.
- (j) Whether autopsy findings or histological placental examination results were considered in determining the cause of death.

VII. Statistical information regarding the mother and pregnancy including:

- (a) Mother's demographic information including education, race and if she is of Hispanic origin.
- (b) The number of live births of children now living and now dead.
- (c) The date of the last live birth by month and year.
- (d) The number of other pregnancy outcomes, spontaneous or induced, at any time after conception.
- (e) The date of the last other pregnancy outcome by month and year.
- (f) Whether the mother was married at the time of delivery, conception, or any time between.

- (g) The mother's height in feet/inches.
- (h) The mother's pre-pregnancy weight, in pounds.
- (i) The mother's weight at delivery, in pounds.
- (j) The date that the last normal menses began by month, day, and year.
- (k) The date of first and last prenatal care visit.
- (l) The total number of prenatal visits.
- (m) Whether the fetus was single, twin, triplet or more.
- (n) The birth order, if not a single birth.
- (o) Whether mother obtained WIC food for herself during this pregnancy.
- (p) Use of tobacco before and during pregnancy.

(q) If the mother was transferred for maternal medical or fetal indications for delivery. If transferred, the name of the facility transferred to.

VIII. Medical and health information regarding the pregnancy including:

- (a) Medical risk factors for the pregnancy.
- (b) Infections present and/or treated during the pregnancy.
- (c) Method of delivery, including obstetrical procedures employed.
- (d) Complications associated with labor or delivery.
- (e) Any congenital anomalies.

3 Fetal Death Records; Certificate of Stillbirth. RSA 5-C:75-a is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

5-C:75-a Certificate of Stillbirth. The director shall establish a certificate of stillbirth for a fetal death, as defined in RSA 5-C:1, XII, occurring in this state containing the following information: name of fetus as provided in RSA 5-C:75, I(a) or (b); full legal names of parents; full name of parents prior to first marriage or civil union; date of delivery; place of delivery; date record filed; state file number; date of issue and the seal and signature of the state registrar.

4 Paternity Affidavit Content. RSA 5-C:76 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

5-C:76 Fetal Death Paternity Affidavit.

The information and signature requirements for a fetal death paternity affidavit shall be as follows:

I. Information regarding the fetus and delivery:

- (a) The name of the fetus as it appears on the report of fetal death.
- (b) The date and place of delivery of the fetus.

II. Information regarding the father:

- (a) Current full legal name.
- (b) Full name prior to first marriage or civil union.
- (c) Residence address including street address, city or town, state and zip code.
- (d) Date of birth.
- (e) State of birth.

(f) Father's signature and date signed, unless the natural father is a minor in which case his parent or guardian's signature and date signed, shall be obtained.

III. Information regarding the mother:

- (a) Current full legal name.

- (b) Full name prior to first marriage or civil union.
- (c) Residence address including street address, city or town, state and zip code.
- (d) Date of birth.
- (e) State of birth.

(f) Mother's signature and date signed, unless the mother is a minor in which case her parent or guardian's signature and date signed, shall be obtained.

IV. Information regarding the mother's partner, when they agree that they are not a natural parent of the fetus:

- (a) Current full legal name.
- (b) Partner's signature and date signed, unless the partner is a minor in which case their parent or guardian's signature and date signed, shall be obtained.

V. The signatures of the natural father, mother and if applicable, partner, shall be notarized.

5 Fetal Death Records; Paternity Affidavit Procedures. RSA 5-C:77 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

5-C:77 Procedures for Completion of the Fetal Death Paternity Affidavit.

In the case of an unwed mother, a fetal death paternity affidavit, as described in RSA 5-C:76, shall be required to add the father's name and information to the report of fetal death.

I. The hospital or institution's designated staff shall assist the parents in the preparation of the fetal death paternity affidavit.

II. When a report of fetal death is filed electronically by a New Hampshire facility and a fetal death paternity affidavit is executed, the father's information shall be entered electronically as part of the report of fetal death. The paper copy of the fetal death paternity affidavit shall be forwarded to the division.

III. When a report of fetal death is filed on paper, the fetal death affidavit shall be prepared and attached to the report of fetal death that is forwarded to the division. Upon receipt of the fetal death paternity affidavit, the information concerning the father shall be added by the division to the report of fetal death.

IV. The fetal death paternity affidavit form shall be retained by the division in accordance with the record retention schedule listed in RSA 5-C:96.

6 Burial Permit; Disposition of Remains. RSA 5-C:78 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

5-C:78 Burial Permit for Disposition of Fetal Remains. Other than hospital dispositions, disposition information for fetal deaths reported as directed in RSA 5-C:71, I(a) shall be filed electronically by a licensed New Hampshire funeral director or town or city clerk. The burial permit for the disposition of fetal remains shall be generated electronically upon the completed filing of a report of fetal death and will consist of the following information:

I. Information about the fetus, including the name; sex, if known; date of delivery; city, town or location of delivery; county of delivery.

II. The manner of disposition; the date of disposition; the name of the cemetery or crematory; the name of the place where the cemetery or crematory is located.

III. Information about the funeral director, next of kin or designated agent including the name of the funeral home, complete address and the NH license number of the funeral director.

IV. If stored, the name of the storage vault; the date of storage; the location of the vault, by city or town and state; the signature of the cemetery sexton or person in charge of the storage vault or, if none, the funeral director; and the date that the body or cremains are released from the storage vault.

V. Upon disposition, the cemetery or crematory authority shall complete the following information: type of disposition; date of disposition; name and location of cemetery, crematory or vault; section and grave number; signature of the cemetery sexton or person in charge of the cemetery or crematory or, if none, the funeral director.

7 Fetal Death Records: Disposition Procedure. Amend RSA 5-C:79 to read as follows:

5-C:79 Procedures for the Disposition of Fetal Death Remains. Prior to disposition, the funeral director, next of kin, or designated agent, hospital administrator or his or her designated representative, or whomever assumes responsibility for the disposition shall request a written authorization from the parent regarding the manner of disposition such as burial, cremation, temporary entombment, donation, mausoleum, or other. When disposition takes place outside the hospital or institution, a burial permit shall be completed as described in RSA 5-C:78. In the case where fetal death remains are to be cremated other than in a hospital, authorization shall first be obtained from the medical examiner pursuant to RSA 611-B:11. The burial permit shall be submitted to the clerk of the town or city within 6 calendar days of the disposition ***and retained in accordance with the record retention schedule set forth in RSA 5-C:96.***

8 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 120 days after its passage

The question is on the adoption of the Committee Amendment. Failed.

Senator Rosenwald offered a Floor Amendment.

Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13

Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5

March 26, 2025

2025-1389s

05/08

Floor Amendment to SB 189

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II. Information regarding the mother including her:

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- (b) Full name prior to first marriage or civil union.
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- (d) Birthplace.
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(g) The mother's height in feet/inches.

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(e) State of birth.

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III. Information about the funeral director, next of kin or designated agent including the name of the funeral home, complete address and the NH license number of the funeral director.

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7 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 120 days after its passage

The question is on the adoption of the Floor Amendment. Adopted.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment. Adopted, bill ordered to Third Reading.

SB 285, relative to changing the term “physician assistant” to “physician associate.”

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 4-1. Senator McGough for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion to Refer back to Committee. Failed.

Senator McGough moved Ought to Pass.

Senator McGough offered a Floor Amendment.

Sen. McGough, Dist 11

March 25, 2025

2025-1374s

09/05

Floor Amendment to SB 285

Amend the bill by replacing section 10 with the following:

10 New Section; Physician Associates; Applicability of Name Change. Amend RSA 328:D by inserting after section 18 the following new section:

328-D:19 Effect of Name Change From Physician Assistant to Physician Associate.

I. As of the effective date of this section, the title of “physician assistant” in New Hampshire is changed to “physician associate.” This change is not intended to change any rights or privileges of those who have been or continue to hold themselves out to be a “physician assistant” and anywhere in the law that says, “physician associate” shall also mean “physician assistant.”

II. This name change shall not alter, affect, or impact any billing, reimbursement, or payment policies currently in place for physician assistants. All billing practices, insurance reimbursement policies, and agreements that apply to physician assistants shall continue to apply in the same manner to physician associates. No insurer shall deny reimbursement for services rendered by a physician associate solely as a result of this name change.

III. No regulatory changes shall be made solely as a result of this name change that would modify the scope of practice or any other professional obligations currently applicable to physician assistants.

The question is on the adoption of the Floor Amendment. Adopted.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment. Adopted, bill ordered to Third Reading.

SB 301, creating a joint legislative oversight committee.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0. Senator McGough for the committee.

Senator Pearl moved to Refer Back to Committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion to Refer back to Committee. Adopted.

FINANCE

SB 86-FN, relative to the housing finance authority’s affordable housing guarantee program.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 6-0. Senator Rosenwald for the committee.

Senate Finance

March 18, 2025

2025-1101s

07/05

Amendment to SB 86-FN

Amend RSA 204-C:98 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

204-C:98 Guarantee; Credit of State Pledged. The full faith and credit of this state is pledged to support and redeem certificates of guarantee issued by the authority. In furtherance of that pledge, the state treasurer shall advance to the authority, from available moneys in the treasury, such amounts as may be requested from

time to time by the authority to enable it to perform all guaranteed obligations punctually and in accordance with their terms. The authority shall request such advances from time to time as required for such purpose. The treasurer shall report any such advances to the joint fiscal committee at its next meeting.

The question is on the adoption of the Committee Amendment. Adopted.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment. Adopted.

Senator Gray moved to Lay on the Table. Adopted.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SB 247, prohibiting network exclusion for pharmacies that refuse to dispense a prescription of the PBM reimbursement that is below the pharmacy's acquisition cost.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0. Senator Birdsell for the committee.

Senate Health and Human Services

March 20, 2025

2025-1173s

05/09

Amendment to SB 247

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

1 Managed Care Law; Pharmacy and Pharmacist Contracting Standards. Amend RSA 420-J:8, XV to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

(i) Provide the reason for the denial; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(c) [Repealed.]

(d) [Repealed.]

(e) A pharmacist or pharmacy in a network plan with a health carrier or pharmacy benefits manager may decline to provide a brand-name drug, multi-source generic drug, supply, or service if the reimbursement amount is less than the acquisition cost paid by the pharmacy or pharmacist. If a pharmacist or pharmacy declines to provide the prescription or service, the pharmacy or pharmacist shall advise the patient to contact the health carrier or pharmacy benefits manager using the contact information on the prescription drug card for information as to where the prescription for the drug, supply, or service may be filled.

(f) Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to apply to Medicaid or Medicaid care management.

2 New Paragraph; Regulation of Business Practices for Consumer Protection; Pharmacy Services Administrative Organizations. Amend RSA 358-A:2 by inserting after paragraph XIX the following new paragraph:

XX. Failure of a pharmacy services administrative organization to adhere to the requirements of this paragraph.

(a) Pharmacy services administrative organizations shall provide the contracted pharmacy a copy of any contract with a pharmacy benefit manager, and amendments, payment schedules, or reimbursement rates, within 3 calendar days after the execution of a contract, or an amendment to a contract, signed on behalf of the independent pharmacy.

(b) Contracts between a pharmacy services administrative organization and a pharmacy shall not require that the pharmacy purchase any drugs and/or medical devices from a specific entity.

(c) In this paragraph, “pharmacy services administrative organization” means an entity operating within the state that contracts with one or more independent pharmacies to provide administrative services to pharmacies and negotiate and enter contracts with third-party payers or pharmacy benefit managers on behalf of pharmacies. A person or entity is a pharmacy services administrative organization under this section if it performs one or more of the following administrative services

on behalf of one or more pharmacies:

- (1) Assistance with claims.
- (2) Assistance with audits.
- (3) Assistance with access to pharmacy networks.
- (4) Assistance with interactions between the pharmacy and pharmacy benefits manager.
- (5) Centralized payment.
- (6) Certification in specialized care programs.
- (7) Compliance support.
- (8) Setting flat fees for generic drugs.
- (9) Assistance with store layout.
- (10) Marketing support.
- (11) Management and analysis of payment and drug dispensing data.
- (12) Provision of resources for retail cash cards.

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

2025-1173s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Permits a pharmacy to decline to fill a prescription if reimbursement from the pharmacy benefits manager is less than the pharmacy’s acquisition cost; and excludes Medicaid and Medicaid care management from this provision and other pharmacist contracting standards.

II. Defines pharmacy services administrative organization for purposes of pharmacy and PBM contract requirements; and makes the failure of a pharmacy services administrative organization to comply with such requirements a violation of the consumer protection act.

The question is on the adoption of the Committee Amendment. Failed.

Senator Birdsell offered a Floor Amendment.

Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19

March 26, 2025

2025-1401s

05/09

Floor Amendment to SB 247

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

1 Managed Care Law; Pharmacy and Pharmacist Contracting Standards. Amend RSA 420-J:8, XV to read as follows:

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

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(c) [Repealed.]

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2 New Paragraph; Managed Care Law; Provider Contract Standards; Medicaid Exclusion. Amend RSA 420-J:8 by inserting after paragraph XVIII the following new paragraph:

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2025-1401s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Permits a pharmacy to decline to fill a prescription if reimbursement from the pharmacy benefits manager is less than the pharmacy's acquisition cost and excludes Medicaid and Medicaid care management from this option and other provider contract standards.

II. Defines pharmacy services administrative organization for purposes of pharmacy and PBM contract requirements; and makes the failure of a pharmacy services administrative organization to comply with such requirements a violation of the consumer protection act.

The question is on the adoption of the Floor Amendment. Adopted.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment. Adopted, bill ordered to Third Reading.

JUDICIARY

SB 264, relative to the therapeutic cannabis program.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-0. Senator Altschiller for the committee..

Senator Abbas moved to Lay on the Table. Adopted.

WAYS AND MEANS

SB 275, providing property tax relief for some child care agencies.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2. Senator Lang for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Inexpedient to Legislate.

A roll call was requested by Senator Perkins Kwoka, seconded by Senator Rosenwald.

The following Senators voted Yes: Rochefort, Lang, McConkey, Gray, Innis, Ward, Ricciardi, McGough, Avard, Murphy, Pearl, Sullivan, Birdsell, Abbas, Gannon, Carson.

The following Senators voted No: Watters, Prentiss, Fenton, Rosenwald, Reardon, Long, Perkins Kwoka, Altschiller.

Roll Call, Yeas: 16 - Nays: 8. Adopted.

MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM EARLY SESSION

Senator Birdsell moved that the Senate adjourn from the Early Session, that the business of the Late Session be in order at the present time, that all bills and resolutions ordered to Third Reading be, by this resolution, read a third time, all titles be the same as adopted, and that they be passed at the present time.

Adopted. Adjournment from the Early Session.

LATE SESSION

LIST OF RULE 6-25'S FOR THE DAY

Senator Reardon: SB 83-FN

Senator Rochefort: SB 247

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(The Chair recognized Senator Prentiss.)

SENATOR PRENTISS: Thank you, Madam President. Unanimous consent. I'd like to take the opportunity, although he was unable to join us in person today, to recognize our Director of Fire Training and Emergency Medical Services, Justin Cutting, who, after a number of years, twenty-nine years of service, public service is retiring. It'll be effective this Monday. Justin and I have known each other since he was 18 years old. We used to be volunteers together on the Enfield Fast Squad. So I first knew him as a co-volunteer EMT. We lived in the same community, and I was really proud of him when he went off to be a firefighter paramedic in Hampton in District 24. Senator from District 24, one of her communities. And he was there for twenty-five years before we were fortunate enough to have him come into this part of state service and lead our efforts on fire training and emergency medical services. He's accomplished many things over his time, over his years, besides being an excellent EMT, paramedic, firefighter. But while leading at the Fire Academy, he brought into focus the health and wellness of our emergency medical services providers and our firefighters, especially around mental health and post-traumatic stress. He has really leaned into this area and done a great job for our entire community in improving their wellness so that they will continue to serve us as excellent as they do. So Director Cutting, my old friend Justin, we will miss you. I'm glad to have him back in my district. He now has moved back to Springfield and thank you for your state service. Thank you, Madam President.

(The Chair recognized Senator Ricciardi.)

SENATOR RICCIARDI: Thank you, Madam President. I request unanimous consent. Thank you, Madam President and members of the Senate. It is an honor to be here today as a Greek American and celebrate the 204th anniversary of Greek Independence Day. March 25th, just like 4th of July, isn't just a day of celebration. It is a reminder about the sacrifices our forefathers made in advancement of freedom and democracy. It is a reminder that even though the concept of democracy first took shape in ancient Greece over 2,000 years ago, that they found themselves under the brutal rule of a foreign empire for over 400 years. All around our great state, groups of Greeks and Greek Americans are celebrating with flag raising

ceremonies and by singing the Greek National Anthem. These celebrations are not only expressions of pride in our heritage, but a reflection of the enduring values of liberty, courage, and perseverance. It is also a reminder that the human spirit desires to be free. To every Greek and Greek American in our state, Happy Greek Independence Day. Zito i Elláda. Long live Greece.

(The Chair recognized Senator Birdsell.)

SENATOR BIRDSELL: Thank you, Madam President. I just want to, I got a notice yesterday and I don't know if you all are going to be here between 5:00 and 7:00 this afternoon, 5:00 and 7:00 this evening. As you know, Shannon's husband passed away and the Concord Fire Department is doing a fundraiser for the Girard family. So between 5:00 and 7:00 any purchases made at the McDonald's on 90 South Main Street, 20% of those proceeds will go to the Girard family. So if any of you are going to be here between 5:00 and 7:00, please purchase something and take it home or freeze it but just support Shannon and the kids. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT CARSON: I'd like to take the opportunity to thank all of you for your hard work. As you know, today is crossover. We have finished our Senate bills, and I don't mind telling you because we got all the bills so late, I was really concerned about us getting here. So I appreciate all of your hard work, all of the late hours that you put in, in order to get us to this point today that we can leave, and the sun is actually still out. Because some of us who've been here for a while have remembered times when crossover wasn't finished until sometimes close to midnight or even after midnight. So I just again want to thank all of you for all of your hard work. Thank you.

Without objection, all Personal Privileges and Unanimous Consent shall be entered into the permanent *Journal of the Senate*. (Rule 2-16 and Rule 2-17). Adopted.

LATE SESSION

Third Reading and Final Passage

HB 78, requiring a person to have a domicile in the district from which they serve as county commissioner.

HB 110, authorizing counties to establish revolving fund accounts.

HB 127-FN, extending the closing date of the OHRV trails on the Connecticut River Headwaters property from September 30 to Columbus Day.

HB 153-FN, establishing a committee to study adding statewide resources to assist with the investigation, training, prosecution, and prompt response of animal cruelty.

SB 80-FN, consolidating licensing, auditing, and enforcement responsibilities for wholesale and retail e-cigarettes sales under the liquor commission.

SB 83-FN, establishing an elderly, disabled, blind, and deaf property tax exemption reimbursement fund, authorizing video lottery terminals, renaming the lottery commission, and creating a voluntary statewide self-exclusion database.

SB 87-FN, relative to one day liquor license requirements and making salons and barber shops eligible for on-premise licenses.

SB 96, relative to mandatory disclosure by school district employees to parents.

SB 97-FN, relative to intra-district public school transfers.

SB 138, relative to record requests by health care providers and establishing a committee to study access to medical records in the state of New Hampshire.

SB 153-FN, relative to expedited driveway permitting of major entrances for residential use of 20 units or greater.

SB 189, relative to fetal death records.

SB 200, relative to accepting a portrait of Sylvia Larsen.

SB 204-FN-A, 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.

SB 210, establishing a study committee to study the issue of school bullying.

SB 211, relative to biological sex in student athletics.

SB 222, relative to moving the state primary date.

SB 228-FN, relative to the limitations on community customer generators.

SB 243-FN, relative to the child care scholarship program.

SB 247, prohibiting network exclusion for pharmacies that refuse to dispense a prescription of the PBM reimbursement that is below the pharmacy's acquisition cost.

SB 248, establishing a committee to study palliative and hospice care in New Hampshire.

SB 249-FN, relative to the uncompensated care and Medicaid fund.

SB 252, relative to criteria for providing certain medical care through telemedicine.

SB 254, relative to controlled substance inventories.

SB 257, establishing a committee to study state guidelines for Medicaid eligibility determinations.

SB 268, permitting classification of individuals based on biological sex under certain limited circumstances.

SB 285, relative to changing the term “physician assistant” to “physician associate.”

SB 287, requiring applicants for absentee ballots to present a copy of their photo identification with their application.

SB 291, relative to the religious use of land property tax exemption.

SB 292-FN-A, authorizing a warrant for the funding of state special education aid.

SB 295-FN, relative to education freedom accounts.

SB 300-FN, criminalizing the creation of child intimate visual representations.

MOTION TO RECESS TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

Senator Birdsell moved that the business of the day being completed, that the Senate recess to the Call of the Chair for the purposes of introducing legislation, referring bills to committee, scheduling hearings, sending and receiving messages, vacating bills, and processing enrolled bill reports and amendments and when we recess, we recess to the Call of the Chair.

Adopted. The Senate is in recess to the Call of the Chair.