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SENATE CALENDAR

REPORTS, AMENDMENTS, HEARINGS, MEETINGS AND NOTICES

THE SENATE WILL MEET IN SESSION ON THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2008 AT 10:00 A.M.

LAID ON THE TABLE

CACR 20, relating to funding of public education. Providing that the local political subdivision shall provide public education and determine curriculum and the amount of funding thereof, and the legislature shall have the authority to make reasonable determinations as to public education, provide supplemental funding, and determine the amount and allocation of such state funds. **1/17/08, pending motion ITL, Judiciary, SJ 2, pg. 60**

CACR 31, relating to the funding of public education. Providing that the legislature shall make a reasonable determination of the content, extent, funding, which shall include targeting, and delivery of public education. **2/21/08, pending motion ITL, Judiciary, SJ 7, pg. 152**

CACR 32, relating to local public education. Providing that the local political subdivision responsible for public education shall have the power to determine curriculum, set standards, and determine funding, and that the legislature may provide supplemental funding. **2/21/08, pending motion ITL, Judiciary, SJ 7, pg. 153**

CACR 33, relating to funding a public education. Providing that the legislature shall define standards for education, determine the level of state funding thereof, establish standards of accountability, and allocate state funds in a manner that mitigates disparities in educational opportunity and fiscal capacity, provided that every school district receives a reasonable share of the state funds on a per pupil basis. **2/21/08, pending motion ITL, Judiciary, SJ 7, pg. 153**

SB 163-FN, relative to housing assistance for families in the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program. **1/17/08, pending motion Committee Amendment (0054s), Health and Human Services, SJ 2, pg. 59**

SB 248, relative to ethical standards for volunteers in the executive branch. **1/2/08, pending motion ITL, Election Law and Internal Affairs, SJ 1, pg. 16**

SB 323-FN, relative to terms of release and notice of hearings in the parole of prisoners. **2/14/08, pending motion OTP, Judiciary, SJ 6, pg. 133**

SB 334-FN, relative to undue influence on real estate appraisals and relative to the quorum of the real estate appraiser's board. **2/14/08, pending motion Committee Amendment (0466s), Executive Departments and Administration, SJ 6, pg. 130**

SB 393, allowing dental hygienists to engage in independent practice. **2/14/08, pending motion ITL, Executive Departments and Administration, SJ 6, pg. 131**

SB 427, requiring hospitals to report on their standards and criteria for organ donations and transplants. **2/14/08, pending motion ITL, Health and Human Services, SJ 6, pg. 132**

SB 438, relative to contractor accountability and disclosure in the public works construction procurement process. **3/6/08 pending motion Committee Amendment (0751s), Executive Departments and Administration, SJ 8, pg. TBA**

SB 441, relative to collective bargaining by judicial employees. **3/6/08 pending motion OTP, Executive Departments and Administration, SJ 8, pg. TBA**

SB 456, establishing a committee to study the impact of the research and development tax credit and the current cap on the credit on high technology industries and New Hampshire businesses in general. **2/14/08, pending motion Committee Amendment (0461s), Ways and Means, SJ 6, pg. 136**

SB 469, allowing fish and game license agents to collect an additional convenience fee. **1/23/08, pending motion Committee Amendment (0134s), Wildlife, Fish and Game and Agriculture, SJ 3, pg. 79**

SB 491, excluding the value of a view from property tax assessment. **2/14/08, pending motion ITL, Ways and Means, SJ 6, pg. 137**

SB 508-FN-L, relative to municipal deposits. **3/6/08 pending motion Committee Amendment (0832s), Public and Municipal Affairs, SJ 8, pg. TBA**

SB 525, establishing the fourth Sunday in May as Emergency Medical Technician Memorial Day. **3/6/08 pending motion OTP, Executive Departments and Administration, SJ 8, pg. TBA**

HB 456, (New Title) limiting liability for town health officers and overseers of public welfare when acting in the course of their official duties. **1/2/08, pending motion Committee Amendment (2495s), Public and Municipal Affairs, SJ 1, pg. 20**

HB 539-FN, relative to manslaughter. **1/17/08, pending motion ITL, Judiciary, SJ 2, pg. 61**

REPORTS

COMMERCE, LABOR AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

SB 468, relative to the reinsurance pool.
Ought to pass with amendment, Vote 5-0
Senator Roberge for the committee.

SB 500-FN, relative to certain insurance fraud.
Ought to pass with amendment, Vote 6-0
Senator Barnes for the committee.

SB 532, relative to administrative fines under the indoor smoking act.
Ought to Pass, Vote 6-0
Senator Gottesman for the committee.

SB 537, relative to allowing the commissioner of the department of employment security to participate in a joint local employment dynamics program with the United States Census Bureau and the Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Ought to Pass, Vote 6-0
Senator Gottesman for the committee.

EDUCATION

SB 337-FN, relative to home education of children.
Ought to pass with amendment, Vote 4-2
Senator Estabrook for the committee.

SB 339-FN-A, relative to per pupil funding for charter school pupils.
Interim Study, Vote 5-0
Senator Fuller Clark for the committee.

SB 343-FN, authorizing charter schools to apply for and receive school building aid.

Ought to pass with amendment, Vote 6-0
Senator Fuller Clark for the committee.
SB 511-FN, relative to requirements for school building aid grants.
Interim Study, Vote 6-0
Senator Fuller Clark for the committee.
SB 539-FN-L, relative to the cost of an adequate education and provision of fiscal capacity disparity aid.
Ought to pass with amendment, Vote 4-2
Senator Estabrook for the committee.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION
SB 420, relative to criminal background checks of health care facilities.
Ought to pass with amendment, Vote 4-0
Senator Cilley for the committee.
SB 453, relative to the terms of members of the electricians' board.
Ought to pass with amendment, Vote 4-0
Senator Kenney for the committee.
SB 536-FN, reclassifying certain positions in the insurance department.
Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0
Senator Downing for the committee.

FINANCE
SB 346-FN, relative to the regulation of fuel gas fitters by the state fire marshal.
Ought to Pass, Vote 6-0
Senator Gallus for the committee.
SB 348-FN, relative to the certification of forensic counselors by the board of forensic counselors.
Interim Study, Vote 6-0
Senator Sgambati for the committee.
SB 351-FN, requiring that funds in the civil legal services fund be distributed to New Hampshire Legal Assistance to establish an office at a location in Carroll county.
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-1
Senator D'Allesandro for the committee.
SB 410, (New Title) relative to the conditions for issuance of a cremation certificate and relative to the medical examiner's statute.
Ought to Pass, Vote 6-0
Senator D'Allesandro for the committee.
SB 534-FN, eliminating the processing fee on court credit card transactions.
Ought to Pass, Vote 6-0
Senator Janeway for the committee.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
SB 496, establishing a commission to study incentives for providers of home and community-based care.
Ought to pass with amendment, Vote 5-0
Senator Janeway for the committee.
SB 505-FN, relative to the moratorium on certain nursing home beds.
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2
Senator Sgambati for the committee.
SB 529, changing certain references in the mental health laws.
Ought to pass with amendment, Vote 5-0
Senator Sgambati for the committee.
SCR 6, urging the federal government to allow certain nursing homes to use a number of beds for respite care.

Ought to pass with amendment, Vote 5-0
Senator Kenney for the committee.

JUDICIARY

SB 460, relative to the definition of surviving issue.
Ought to pass with amendment, Vote 4-0
Senator Foster for the committee.
SB 483, establishing a committee to study in-home intervention and counseling services for families and children charged with a crime or designated in need of services by the juvenile court.
Ought to pass with amendment, Vote 5-0
Senator Gottesman for the committee.

PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

SB 342-FN-L, establishing a mechanism for expediting relief from municipal actions which deny, impede, or delay qualified proposals for workforce housing.
Ought to pass with amendment, Vote 3-0
Senator Hassan for the committee.
SB 398, establishing a committee to study municipal boundaries and the laws pertaining to these boundaries.
Ought to pass with amendment, Vote 5-0
Senator DeVries for the committee.
SB 407, establishing a committee to study the right of entry upon lands for the purpose of conducting a land survey.
Ought to pass with amendment, Vote 5-0
Senator DeVries for the committee.
SB 489, establishing a commission to study erecting a fire tower on Copple Crown mountain in Wolfeboro.
Ought to pass with amendment, Vote 5-0
Senator Sgambati for the committee.
SB 524, relative to eligibility for persons to receive the elderly property tax exemption.
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0
Senator Sgambati for the committee.

TRANSPORTATION AND INTERSTATE COOPERATION

SB 307-FN-L, exempting Purple Heart plate recipients from number plate and registration fees.
Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0
Senator Letourneau for the committee.
SB 361, relative to the widening of Interstate 93.
Ought to pass with amendment, Vote 4-0
Senator Letourneau for the committee.
SB 424, relative to prohibiting ATV and trail bike use on state-owned rail trails acquired using federal funds.
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-0
Senator Letourneau for the committee.
SB 503-FN, relative to authorizing temporary registrations of off-highway recreational vehicles for nonresidents.
Ought to pass with amendment, Vote 3-1
Senator Clegg for the committee.
SB 516-FN-L, relative to aid for county bridges.
Ought to pass with amendment, Vote 4-0
Senator DeVries for the committee.
SB 533, establishing a committee to study age-based driver's license renewal testing.
Ought to pass with amendment, Vote 4-0

Senator Kelly for the committee.

WAYS AND MEANS
SB 306-FN, relative to allowing video gaming in Coos county, building a casino in Berlin, and establishing a fund to assist with the payment of property taxes.
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2
Senator Reynolds for the committee.
SB 330-FN, relative to video lottery machines at certain pari-mutuel facilities.
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2
Senator Janeway for the committee.

WILDLIFE, FISH AND GAME AND AGRICULTURE
SB 518-FN, relative to agricultural restricted covenants.
Ought to pass with amendment, Vote 3-0
Senator Janeway for the committee.

AMENDMENTS

Sen. Estabrook, Dist. 21
February 15, 2008
2008-0661s
04/10

Amendment to SB 337-FN

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

1 Home Education; Notification. Amend RSA 193-A:5, I to read as follows:

I.***(a)*** Any parent commencing a home education program for a child, for a child who withdraws from a public school, or for a child who moves into a school district shall notify the commissioner of education, resident district superintendent, or principal of a nonpublic school [~~of such within 30 days~~] ***prior to commencement of such program***.

(b) Any parent planning to continue a home education program under subparagraph I(a) shall notify the commissioner of education, resident district superintendent, or principal of a nonpublic school within 30 days of the anniversary of commencement of the home education program or by the first school day according to the school calendar in the child's resident school district.

2 New Paragraph; Home Education; Notification. Amend RSA 193-A:5 by inserting after paragraph IV the following new paragraph:

V. Prior to the initial year of a home education program, a parent shall provide to the department of education, resident district superintendent, or principal of a nonpublic school, information which summarizes planned and supervised instructional and related activities, including a draft curriculum demonstrating instruction in science, mathematics, language, government, history, health, reading, writing, spelling, the history of the constitutions of New Hampshire and the United States, and an exposure to and appreciation of art and music.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.
2008-0661s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill makes various changes to the notification requirements for parents involved in a home education program.

Public and Municipal Affairs
March 4, 2008
2008-0818s
06/09

Amendment to SB 342-FN-LOCAL

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

1 Findings and Statement of Purpose.

I. The state of New Hampshire is experiencing a shortage of housing that is affordable to working households. This housing shortage poses a threat to the state's economic growth, presents a barrier to the expansion of the state's labor force, undermines state efforts to foster a productive and self-reliant workforce, and adversely affects the ability of many communities to host new businesses.

II. Achieving a balanced supply of housing, which requires increasing the supply of workforce housing, serves a statewide public interest, and constitutes an urgent and compelling public policy goal.

III. The purpose of this act is to provide a simplified appeals mechanism for developments that propose the creation of workforce housing.

2 New Subdivision; Workforce Housing Opportunities. Amend RSA 674 by inserting after section 57 the following new subdivision:

Workforce Housing

674:58 In this subdivision:

I. "Affordable" means housing with combined rental and utility costs or combined mortgage and loan debt services, property taxes, and required insurance that do not exceed 30 percent of a household's gross annual income.

II. "Multi-family workforce housing" means a building or structure containing 5 or more dwelling units.

III. "Reasonable and realistic opportunities for the development of workforce housing" means opportunities to develop economically viable workforce housing within the framework of a municipality's ordinances and regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter and consistent with RSA 672:1, III-e. The collective impact of all such ordinances and regulations on a proposal for the development of workforce housing shall be considered in determining whether opportunities for the development of workforce housing are reasonable and realistic.

IV. "Workforce housing" means housing which is intended for sale and which is affordable to a household with an income of no more than 100 percent of the median income for a 4-person household for the metropolitan area or county in which the housing is located as published annually by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. "Workforce housing" also means rental housing, which is affordable to a household with an income of no more than 60 percent of the median income for a 3-person household for the metropolitan area or county in which the housing is located as published annually by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. Housing developments that exclude minor children from more than 20

percent of the units, or in which more than 50 percent of the dwelling units have fewer than 2 bedrooms, shall not constitute workforce housing for the purposes of this subdivision.

674:59 Workforce Housing Opportunities. In every municipality that exercises the power to adopt land use ordinances and regulations, such ordinances and regulations shall provide reasonable and realistic opportunities for the development of workforce housing, including multifamily workforce housing. In order to provide such realistic opportunities, lot size and overall density requirements for workforce housing shall be reasonable. Municipalities shall not use unreasonable requirements for inclusionary zoning to prevent the development of projects that include workforce housing supported by higher income housing.

674:60 Appeals.

I. Any person whose application to develop workforce housing is denied or is approved with conditions or restrictions which have a substantial adverse impact on the viability of the proposed workforce housing development may appeal the municipal action to the superior court. The appeal shall set forth how the municipal action violates the workforce housing requirements of RSA 674:59 or how the conditions or restrictions of approval have a substantial adverse impact on the viability of the proposal. The appeal shall specifically describe the order or action requested of the court. The petition to the court shall set forth how the denial is due to the municipality's failure to comply with the workforce housing requirements of RSA 674:59 or how the conditions or restrictions of approval have a substantial adverse impact on the viability of the proposal.

II. A hearing on the appeal shall be held within 6 months of the date on which the action was filed unless counsel for the parties agree to a later date, or the court so orders for good cause.

III. In order to expedite the appeal, either party may request the court to promptly appoint an impartial referee to hear the appeal. The parties shall bear the reasonable expenses of the referee.

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

Senate Education
March 6, 2008
2008-0877s
04/09

Amendment to SB 343-FN

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

AN ACT making school building aid grants available to charter schools as reimbursement for annual lease costs.

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

1 Annual Grant for Leased Space. Amend RSA 198:15-hh to read as follows:

198:15-hh Annual Grant for Leased Space.

I. The amount of the annual grant for a lease to any school district duly organized, any city maintaining a school department within its corporate organization, any cooperative school district as defined in RSA 195:1, or any receiving district operating an area school as defined in RSA 195-A:1, shall be a sum equal to 30 percent of the amount of the annual payment of the lease incurred, for the cost of leasing permanent space in a building or buildings not owned by the school district or school administrative unit which is used for the operation of a high school vocational technical education program, to the extent approved by the state board of education, provided that the

amount of the annual grant in the case of a cooperative school district, joint maintenance agreement, or a receiving district operating an area school, shall be 40 percent plus 5 percent for each pre-existing district in excess of 2 and each sending district, in excess of one, and provided further that no cooperative school district, joint maintenance agreement, or receiving district operating an area school, shall receive an annual grant in excess of 55 percent. For the purposes of this section, the amount of the annual grant for a lease to a vocational technical education center shall be calculated in the same manner as a cooperative school district. ***The amount of the annual grant for a charter school authorized pursuant to RSA 194-B:3-a shall be a sum equal to 40 percent of the amount of the annual lease payment incurred for the cost of leasing space.*** Such lease agreements shall be eligible for grants under this section, provided all of the following conditions apply:

(a) A school district, city, cooperative school district, joint maintenance agreement, [~~or~~] receiving district operating an area school as defined in RSA 195-A:1, ***or charter school authorized pursuant to RSA 194-B:3-a,*** which receives grants under this section shall remain eligible to apply for, receive, and expend moneys from other state or federal sources made available for the purpose of purchasing new equipment, materials, or supplies necessary for the operation of the program. Moneys received from such other state or federal sources shall not be used to make permanent upgrades or renovations to the leased space.

(b) A lease agreement for permanent space shall be adopted in the same manner as required by law for the passage of construction bonds in the school district, city, cooperative school district, joint maintenance agreement, or receiving district operating an area school as defined in RSA 195-A:1. ***A lease agreement for a charter school shall be approved by the charter school board of trustees pursuant to RSA 194-B:5, III(c).***

(c) An initial lease agreement for a term of 10 years or less shall be eligible to receive grants under this section. Upon renewal, a lease agreement may remain eligible to receive grants, provided the commissioner of the department of education determines that the lease agreement represents an efficient use of state and local resources.

(d) In any fiscal year where the state pays a pro rata share of school building aid grants, the state shall pay the same pro rata share for lease agreements approved under this section.

II. Lease agreements for the use of portable or modular classroom space shall not be eligible for grants.

III. A school district, city, cooperative school district, joint maintenance agreement, [~~or~~] receiving district operating an area school as defined in RSA 195-A:1, ***or charter school authorized pursuant to RSA 194-B:3-a,*** shall submit details of the lease arrangement, including a copy of the proposed lease agreement, in writing to the state board of education on such forms as the state board may prescribe. Grant applications for leased space shall be submitted before January 1 of each year in order to be eligible for grants in the fiscal year following the year of submittal. The state board of education shall, no later than March 1, 2004, adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to procedures for grant applications for leased space.

2 Charter School Lease Payment; August, 2008. A grant payment shall be made no later than August 31, 2008 to any eligible charter school for lease costs incurred in the 2008-2009 school year as authorized under RSA 198:15-hh for which aid has not been previously received.

3 Reimbursement for Charter School Lease Payments; 2009 Fiscal Year. Notwithstanding the January 1 application submission deadline in RSA 198:15-c, I and RSA 198:15-hh, III, a charter school submitting an initial application prior to January 1, 2009 for reimbursement of lease costs authorized under RSA 198:15-hh, I which are incurred in the 2009 fiscal year shall be eligible for reimbursement not more than 45 days after receipt of a complete application by the department of education.

4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

2008-0877s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Makes school building aid grants available to eligible charter schools approved by the state board of education as reimbursement for annual lease costs.

II. Directs the department of education to make a payment no later than August 31, 2008 to an eligible charter school for lease costs incurred in the 2008-2009 school year.

III. Grants an exception to the filing deadline for eligible charter schools approved by the state board of education seeking reimbursement of lease costs in the 2009 fiscal year.

Sen. Letourneau, Dist. 19
March 5, 2008
2008-0848s
06/09

Amendment to SB 361

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Priority Construction. The various construction projects that constitute the 18-mile widening of Interstate 93 from the Massachusetts border to the split of Interstate 93 in Manchester shall be given highest priority by the commissioner of the department of transportation once work has commenced on any one of the projects.
2008-0848s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill directs the commissioner of transportation to give highest priority to the projects involving the widening of Interstate 93 from Manchester to the Massachusetts border.

Public and Municipal Affairs
March 4, 2008
2008-0822s
06/09

Amendment to SB 398

Amend paragraph I(a) of section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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

Amend the bill by replacing section 4 with the following:

4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named 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.

Public and Municipal Affairs
March 4, 2008
2008-0821s
05/10

Amendment to SB 407

Amend the bill by replacing subparagraph I(a) of section 2 of the bill with the following:

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

Amend the bill by replacing section 4 with the following:

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

Senate Executive Departments and Administration
March 6, 2008
2008-0885s
01/09

Amendment to SB 420

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

AN ACT relative to criminal background checks of health care facilities and certain nurse applicants.

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

3 Nurse Practice Act; Criminal History Record Check. Amend RSA 326-B:15, II and III to read as follows:

II. [~~The~~] ***An*** applicant ***for licensure as an RN or an LPN*** shall ***also*** submit with the release form a complete set of fingerprints taken by a qualified law enforcement agency or an authorized employee of the department of safety. In the event that the first set of fingerprints is invalid due to insufficient pattern, a second set of fingerprints shall be necessary in order to

complete the criminal history records check. If, after 2 attempts, a set of fingerprints is invalid due to insufficient pattern, the board may, in lieu of the criminal history records check, accept police clearances from every city, town, or county where the person has lived during the past 5 years.

III. The board shall submit the criminal history records release form and ***if applicable the*** fingerprint form to the division of state police [~~which~~]**.** ***The division of state police*** shall conduct a criminal history records check ***on all applicants*** through its records and ***for applicants for licensure as LPNs or RNs shall also conduct a criminal records check*** through the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Upon completion of the records check, the division of state police shall release copies of the criminal history records to the board. The board shall maintain the confidentiality of all criminal history records information received pursuant to this section.

4 Nurse Practice Act; Criminal History Record Check. RSA 326-B:15, II and III is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

II. The applicant shall submit with the release form a complete set of fingerprints taken by a qualified law enforcement agency or an authorized employee of the department of safety. In the event that the first set of fingerprints is invalid due to insufficient pattern, a second set of fingerprints shall be necessary in order to complete the criminal history records check. If, after 2 attempts, a set of fingerprints is invalid due to insufficient pattern, the board may, in lieu of the criminal history records check, accept police clearances from every city, town, or county where the person has lived during the past 5 years.

III. The board shall submit the criminal history records release form and fingerprint form to the division of state police which shall conduct a criminal history records check through its records and through the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Upon completion of the records check, the division of state police shall release copies of the criminal history records to the board. The board shall maintain the confidentiality of all criminal history records information received pursuant to this section.

5 Contingency. Section 4 of this act shall take effect 30 days after the date of certification by the director of the division of state police to the secretary of state and the director of legislative services that the division of state police is able to begin carrying out the responsibilities set forth under RSA 326-B:15, II and III as inserted by section 4 of this act; provided, that such certification shall be provided no later than March 1, 2009.

6 Effective Date.

I. Section 4 of this act shall take effect as provided in section 5 of this act.

II. Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2009.

III. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage. 2008-0885s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires every applicant applying for a license to operate a health care facility to submit with the application the results of a criminal records check for the applicant, the licensee, or certificate holder if different than the applicant, the administrator, and each household member, if applicable. Current law only requires residential facilities and home health care agencies to comply with such a law.

This bill also requires only those applicants applying for licensure as an LPN or RN to submit a set of fingerprints and to undergo a criminal history records check through the Federal Bureau of Investigation in addition to the state criminal history records check for a limited period of time. Current law requires all applicants for licensure under RSA 326-B to submit a set of fingerprints and to undergo both criminal history records checks.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration
March 5, 2008

2008-0870s
08/09

Amendment to SB 453

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

1 New Paragraph; Electricians' Board; Term Limits. Amend RSA 319-C:4 by inserting after paragraph I the following new paragraph:

I-a. No member of the board shall serve more than 12 years, including the time of 2 5-year terms, being held over after a term expires, and fulfilling an unexpired term. Members' terms shall be staggered and in no case shall any member's term coincide with another member's term. To avoid coinciding terms, the next appointment for a member shall be for a term which complies with this paragraph.

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

2008-0870s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill imposes term limits on the terms of members of the electricians' board.

This bill also requires that no board member's term coincides with another member's term.

Senate Judiciary
March 5, 2008
2008-0861s
01/09

Amendment to SB 460

Amend the bill by replacing section 2 with the following:

2 Applicability. This act shall apply to all children, including retroactively, conceived after the death of a parent.

Sen. Hassan, Dist. 23
March 4, 2008
2008-0812s
01/09

Amendment to SB 468

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

AN ACT relative to the reinsurance pool and the New Hampshire vaccine association.

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

1 Individual Health Insurance; Definitions. Amend RSA 404-G:2, V(d) to read as follows:

(d) Protected, in part, by a group excess loss insurance policy where the policy or certificate of coverage has been issued or delivered in New Hampshire[~~, and where coverage has been purchased by a group health insurance plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, Public Law No. 93-406 (ERISA)~~].

2 Reinsurance Pool; Board of Directors. Amend RSA 420-K:2, II to read as follows:

II. On or before July 1, 2005, the commissioner shall give notice to all members of the pool of the time and place for the initial organizational meeting, which shall take place by July 15, 2005. The members shall select the initial board at the organizational meeting and such initial board shall be subject to approval by the commissioner. The members shall elect each subsequent board at the annual meeting of members and each such subsequent board shall be subject to approval by the commissioner. The initial board and each subsequent board shall [~~consist of~~] ***include*** at least 5 and not more than 9 ***directors who shall be*** representatives of [~~members~~] ***member companies***. There shall be no more than one board member on the initial board and each subsequent board representing any one member company. In determining voting rights at the organizational meeting and all subsequent meetings of members, each member shall be entitled to vote in person or by proxy. All such votes shall be proportional to the member's covered lives. To the extent possible, at least 2/3 of [~~members~~] ***the member representatives*** of each board shall be small employer health carriers. At least one member ***representative*** of each board shall be a small employer health carrier with less than $100,000,000 in net small employer health insurance premium in this state. The commissioner, or designee, shall be an ex-officio voting member of the board. ***The commissioner shall appoint 2 directors to the board representing small employers and one director representing producers who sell health insurance to New Hampshire small employers. These appointments shall be made for a one-year term.*** In approving selection of each board, the commissioner shall assure that all members are fairly represented.

3 Reinsurance Pool; Facultative Reinsurance Program. Amend the section heading and the introductory paragraph of RSA 420-K:5 to read as follows:

420-K:5 [~~Eligibility, Coverage, and Rates~~] ***Facultative Reinsurance Program***. Beginning January 1, 2006 ***and ending December 31, 2008***, members may [~~reinsure with~~] ***purchase facultative insurance from*** the pool ***for*** health coverage provided to small employers as follows:

4 New Paragraph; Reinsurance Program. Amend RSA 420-K:5 by inserting after paragraph X the following new paragraph:

XI. Reinsurance coverage under this section shall terminate on December 31, 2008.

5 New Section; Treaty Reinsurance Program. Amend RSA 420-K by inserting after section 5 the following new section:

420-K:5-a Treaty Reinsurance Program. Beginning January 1, 2009, members who provide health insurance to small employers shall be provided reinsurance by the pool on a modified coinsurance basis as follows:

I. The intent of the reinsurance coverage provided under this section is to equitably distribute among all health carriers the cost of catastrophic claims incurred by individuals insured under health coverage provided to small employers.

II. The pool shall reimburse carriers a percentage of the claims incurred in a calendar year in excess of the reinsurance threshold of $200,000 on lives insured in the small group health insurance market.

III. Carriers shall not be charged a ceding premium.

IV. At the end of each calendar year, the board shall calculate actual claims incurred by carriers writing small group health insurance that are in excess of the threshold. After providing for the pool's operating expenses, the board shall allocate funds available through regular assessments to such carriers in proportion to these actual claims.

6 Assessments for the Facultative Reinsurance Program. Amend the section heading and paragraph I of RSA 420-K:6 to read as follows:

420-K:6 Assessments ***for the Facultative Reinsurance Program***.

I. Following the close of each fiscal year, the administrator shall determine the net premiums, the pool expenses of administration and the incurred losses for the year ***for the facultative reinsurance coverage it provides***, taking into account investment income and other appropriate gains and losses ***relating to the facultative reinsurance program***.

(a) Each member's assessment for the [~~reinsurance pool~~] ***facultative reinsurance program*** shall be based on its number of covered lives times a specified assessment rate. The board of directors shall specify the basis used to set the assessment rate. The board of directors shall establish a regular assessment rate, which shall be:

(1) Calculated on a calendar year basis based on the net losses from the audited financial statements of the prior fiscal year;

(2) Established no later than November 1 in the current fiscal year; and

(3) Anticipated to be sufficient to meet the pool's funding needs ***for the facultative reinsurance program***.

(b) In addition to the regular assessment rate, the board may establish a special assessment rate for organizational expenses and to pay claims reinsured by the pool ***under the facultative reinsurance program***. Notwithstanding RSA 420-G:4, a writer of health insurance may increase the premiums charged by the amount of the special assessment. Any assessment may appear as a separate line item on a policyholder's bill.

(1) The board shall only establish an interim assessment if the board determines that its funds are or will become insufficient to pay [~~the reinsurance pool's expense or claims reinsured by the pool~~] ***pool expenses or claim losses relating to the facultative reinsurance program***, in a timely manner.

(2) The regular assessment rate, and any special assessment rate, shall be subject to the approval of the commissioner. The commissioner shall approve the rate if he or she finds that the amount is required to fulfill the purpose of the reinsurance pool. For the purpose of making this determination, the commissioner may, at the expense of the pool, seek independent actuarial certification of the need for the proposed rate.

(c) The board shall impose and collect assessments on members of the pool.

(d) If the assessment exceeds the amount actually needed, the excess shall be held and invested and, with the earnings and interest thereon, be used to offset future net losses. Each covered life shall be included in the assessment on an aggregate basis and procedures shall be maintained to ensure that no covered life is counted more than once.

7 New Section; Assessments for the Treaty Reinsurance Program. Amend RSA 420-K by inserting after section 6 the following new section:

420-K:6-a Assessments for the Treaty Reinsurance Program.

I. Members shall pay a regular assessment of $24 per covered life per year to fund pool expenses of administration and claim losses relating to the treaty reinsurance program.

II. The board shall impose and collect assessments on members of the pool.

III. Each covered life shall be included in the assessment on an aggregate basis and procedures shall be maintained to ensure that no covered life is counted more than once.

IV. Provision shall be made in the plan of operation for the imposition of an interest penalty for late payment of assessments.

V. The board may defer, in whole or in part, the assessment of a member insurer if, in the opinion of the board, payment of the assessment would endanger the ability of the insurer to fulfill its contractual obligations. In the event an assessment against a member insurer is deferred in whole or in part, the amount by which such assessment is deferred may be assessed against the

other members in a manner consistent with the basis for assessments set forth in this chapter. The member insurer receiving such deferral shall remain liable to the pool for the amount deferred. The board may attach appropriate conditions to any such deferral.

8 Repeals. The following are repealed:

I. RSA 420-K:2, III, relative to the initial board of the reinsurance pool.

II. RSA 420-K:4, relative to a standard health benefit plan.

9 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study the small group reinsurance pool. The commissioner of the department of insurance shall prepare a report which evaluates the effect of the reinsurance pool on small group health insurance and the small group market and shall submit such report to the committee for its review on or before December 1, 2009. The report shall quantify the impact of the reinsurance pool on small group premiums and any cost savings to the carriers resulting from the pool.

10 Membership and Compensation.

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

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

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

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

11 Duties. The committee shall review the report prepared by the commissioner of the department of insurance evaluating the effect of the reinsurance pool on small group health insurance and the small group market and shall make recommendations for any legislative changes the committee deems necessary.

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

13 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, 2010.

14 Statement of Purpose. The purpose of sections 15 through 20 of this act is to clarify the original legislative intent in establishing the New Hampshire vaccine association and to ratify the manner in which the New Hampshire vaccine association has administered assessments. The provisions in these sections clarify that all writers of health insurance are members of the New Hampshire vaccine association, whether domestic or foreign. As members of the New Hampshire vaccine association, all writers of health insurance are entitled to vote for board representation and are subject to the assessment. Since its creation in 2002, all writers of health insurance have been treated as members of the New Hampshire vaccine association and have been subject to assessment.

15 New Hampshire Vaccine Association; Reference Deletion. Amend RSA 126-Q:3, I to read as follows:

I. The New Hampshire vaccine association shall be comprised of all [~~licensed~~] insurers currently writing or maintaining health insurance in New Hampshire.

16 New Hampshire Vaccine Association; Reference Deletion. Amend RSA 126-A:3, III(a) to read as follows:

(a) Three representatives selected from the [~~licensed~~] insurers ***currently writing or maintaining health insurance in New Hampshire and*** having the most covered lives in New Hampshire.

17 New Hampshire Vaccine Association; Reference Deletion. Amend RSA 126-Q:3, V(j) and (k) to read as follows:

(j) Notify, in writing, each [~~licensed~~] insurer of the insurer's assessment by November 15 of each year.

(k) Submit an annual report to the commissioner of insurance listing those [~~licensed~~] insurers that failed to remit their assessments.

18 New Hampshire Vaccine Association; Reference Deletion. Amend RSA 126-Q:4, IV to read as follows:

IV. Each [~~licensed~~] insurer ***writing or maintaining health insurance in New Hampshire*** shall be assessed in proportion to the number of its covered lives.

19 New Hampshire Vaccine Association; Reference Deletion. Amend RSA 126-Q:5, I to read as follows:

I. The commissioner of insurance shall fine any [~~licensed~~] insurer that fails to pay an assessment within 6 months of notification under RSA 126-Q:3, V(j). The fine shall be at least $5,000 and no more than 125 percent of the amount of the delinquent assessment. Fines so levied shall be deposited with the state treasurer to the credit of the vaccine purchase fund established pursuant to RSA 141-C:17-a.

20 Repeal. RSA 126-Q:1, VI, relative to the definition of "licensed insurer," is repealed.

21 Effective Date.

I. Paragraph II of section 8 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2009.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

2008-0812s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill clarifies the board of directors of the small employer reinsurance pool. This bill also establishes a treaty reinsurance program which will provide reinsurance by the pool on a modified coinsurance basis to members of the pool who provide health insurance to small employers. This bill also establishes a committee to review a report prepared by the commissioner of the department of insurance detailing the effects of the reinsurance pool on small group health insurance and the small group market.

Senate Judiciary
March 5, 2008
2008-0858s
05/04

Amendment to SB 483

Amend subparagraph I(a) of section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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

Amend the bill by replacing section 4 with the following:

4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the senate member.

The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Two members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

Public and Municipal Affairs
March 4, 2008
2008-0825s
04/01

Amendment to SB 489

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

AN ACT establishing a commission to study erecting a fire tower on Copple Crown mountain in Brookfield.

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

1 Commission Established. There is established a commission to study erecting a fire tower on Copple Crown mountain in Brookfield.

2 Membership and Compensation.

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

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

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

(c) One member from the forest protection bureau, division of forests and lands, department of resources and economic development, appointed by the director of the division of forests and lands.

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

3 Duties. The commission shall study erecting a fire tower on Copple Crown mountain in Brookfield. The commission may solicit and receive information and testimony from any individual or organization with information relevant to the commission's objectives.

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

5 Report. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2008.

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

2008-0825s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a commission to study erecting a fire tower on Copple Crown mountain in Brookfield.

Sen. Sgambati, Dist. 4
March 4, 2008
2008-0833s
01/04

Amendment to SB 496

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause the following and renumbering the original sections 1-6 to read as 2-7, respectively:

1 Statement of Purpose.

I. The general court recognizes that the number of people over the age of 85 living in New Hampshire is expected to at least double, reaching nearly 45,000, in 2030 according to the United States Census Bureau. These seniors, and many under age 85, will need assistance if they are to remain in their homes. Many New Hampshire families are caring for their parents, grandparents, and developmentally disabled children but need assistance as they juggle caring for their relatives with work outside the home.

II. The general court further recognizes that the pool from which caregivers for the elderly and developmentally disabled is drawn is shrinking. Turnover among these direct care workers ranges from 30–80 percent resulting in inconsistent, disruptive care delivery or, in some cases, no available care at all. Factors which contribute to high turnover include low wages, lack of benefits, lack of support and respect from supervisors and isolated working conditions. Home care workers typically receive lower wages and fewer benefits than their counterparts in hospitals and nursing home settings.

III. Therefore, the general court hereby establishes a commission to bring representatives from the home care industry, direct care workers, and appropriate state agencies together to identify and recommend incentives for providers of home and community-based care.

Commerce, Labor and Consumer Protection
March 4, 2008
2008-0827s
01/10

Amendment to SB 500-FN

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

AN ACT relative to certain insurance fraud, relative to workers' compensation for employee leasing companies, and establishing a task force on employee misclassification.

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

1 New Paragraph; Administrative Services; Duties of the Commissioner. Amend RSA 21-I:13 by inserting after paragraph XIV the following new paragraph:

XV. Maintain a list of persons who have been prohibited from participating in public works projects under RSA 638:20. Such list shall be a public record under RSA 91-A.

2 Workers' Compensation; Liability of Employer Failing to Comply. Amend RSA 281-A:7, VI to read as follows:

VI. Any employer, individual, or corporate officer required to secure payment of compensation under this chapter who fails to secure such payment shall be guilty of a [~~misdemeanor~~] ***class B felony***.

3 Insurance; Claim Forms. Amend RSA 402:82 to read as follows:

402:82 [~~Warning Notice on~~] Claim Forms ***and Applications***.

I. All insurance claim forms shall contain a statement that clearly states in substance the following: "Any person who, with a purpose to injure, defraud***,*** or deceive any insurance company, files a statement of claim containing any false, incomplete***,*** or misleading information is subject to prosecution and punishment for insurance fraud, as provided in RSA 638:20." [~~However, the lack of such a statement shall not constitute a defense against prosecution under RSA 638:20.~~]

II. No insurance company or producer shall accept an application for workers' compensation or property or casualty insurance, unless the application includes:

(a) A written or electronic signature of the producer, unless the transaction does not involve a producer; and

(b) A written or electronic signature of the applicant.

III. The lack of the information required by paragraphs I and II shall not constitute a defense against prosecution under RSA 638:20 or any other criminal statute.

IV. "Electronic signature" shall have the same definition as under RSA 294-E:2.

V. "Written signature" means an original signature or a duplicate copy made by photocopying, facsimile, or other means similar and does not include stamped signatures.

4 New Section; Workers' Compensation; Certificates of Insurance. Amend RSA 412 by inserting after section 37 the following new section:

412:37-a Certificates of Insurance. Every certificate of insurance issued or presented in this state pursuant to a workers' compensation insurance policy shall contain the following information:

I. All states for which such statutory coverage is provided;

II. Names of all executive officers or members who are excluded, if any, pursuant to RSA 281-A:18-a, or a notation that no executive officers or members are excluded; and

III. Names of all sole proprietors or partners who have elected to be covered under the policy or a notation that no sole proprietors or partners are covered.

5 Insurance Fraud; Definitions Added. RSA 638:20, I and I-a are repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

I. In this section:

(a) "Bidding" includes a bid made as any contractor, general contractor, or subcontractor.

(b) "Financial interest" means any direct or indirect interest in the entity, whether as an owner, partner, officer, manager, employee, agent, consultant, advisor, or representative, but does not include an employee who does not participate in management of the entity and ownership in a mutual or common investment fund that holds securities unless the person participates in the management of the fund.

(c) "Insurance policy" includes an actual or purported insurance policy.

(d) "Insurer" includes any insurance company, health maintenance organization, or reinsurance company, or broker or agent thereof, or insurance claims adjuster.

(e) "Participating in public works projects" means bidding or working on any public works project or holding any financial interest in any entity bidding or working on any public works project.

(f) "Public works project" means any construction project financed by public funds.

(g) "Statement" includes, but is not limited to, any notice, statement, proof of loss, bill of lading, receipt of payment, invoice, account, estimate of property damages, bill for service,

diagnosis, prescription, hospital or doctor records, x-rays, test results, or other evidence of loss, injury, or expense.

6 New Paragraphs; Insurance Fraud; Penalties. Amend RSA 638:20 by inserting after paragraph V the following new paragraphs:

VI. In addition to any other penalty authorized by law, any person convicted of violating subparagraphs II(a), (b), or (d) relative to a workers' compensation insurance policy shall, as a condition of his or her sentence, be prohibited from participating in any public works projects for a period of no less than one year and no more than 3 years and shall be ordered to pay restituion to its workers' compensation carrier, as determined by the sentencing court. Any person convicted of a third or subsequent violation may, as a condition of his or her sentence, be permanently banned from participating in any public works projects. For the purposes of this paragraph, "restitution" means the difference between the premium actually charged and the premium amount that would have been charged if accurate information had been provided to the carrier, provided that the carrier is not compensated by the offender more than once.

VII. The commissioner of the department of administrative services shall maintain a list of persons who have been banned from participating in public works projects under this section. Such list shall be a public record under 91-A.

7 Employee Leasing Company; Workers' Compensation. Amend RSA 277-B:5, IV to read as follows:

IV. Every application for an original, renewal or restricted license, shall be accompanied by evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that the leased employees are covered by [~~a~~] ***one single*** workers' compensation policy issued by a carrier admitted to write such coverage in this state. No unlicensed leasing company shall be provided workers' compensation coverage. Employee leasing companies insured in the residual market only shall be issued the National Council of Compensation Insurance Multiple Coordinated Policy as approved by the insurance commissioner. Employee leasing companies insured in the voluntary market shall upon request make available claims data on a client company basis to the National Council of Compensation Insurance. A client company shall be assigned its claims data upon terminating its relationship with an employee leasing company which data shall be used in calculating the client company's subsequent workers' compensation premium. The application shall also be accompanied by evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that any health insurance benefits covering leased employees are provided pursuant to the provisions of RSA 277-B:11, II.

8 Employee Leasing Companies; Workers' Compensation. Amend RSA 277-B:9, II to read as follows:

II. The employee leasing company provides satisfactory evidence to the commissioner that the leased employees are covered by [~~a~~] ***one single*** workers' compensation policy issued by an insurance carrier admitted to write such coverage in this state.

9 Workers' Compensation; Securing Payment of Compensation. Amend RSA 281-A:5, I to read as follows:

I. By insuring and keeping insured the payment of such compensation with [~~a~~] ***one single*** company licensed to write workers' compensation insurance in this state and filing with the commissioner, in a form prescribed by the commissioner, evidence of such coverage as the commissioner deems appropriate.

10 Task Force Established. There is established a task force to study employee misclassification.

11 Membership and Compensation.

I. The members of the task force shall be as follows:

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

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

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

(d) The commissioner of the department of employment security, or designee.

(e) The commissioner of the department of insurance, or designee.

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

(g) The attorney general, or designee.

(h) A member of a labor union representing building trades, appointed by the governor.

(i) A member of an organization representing contractors in the construction industry, appointed by the governor.

(j) A small business owner from outside the construction industry, appointed by the governor.

(k) A large business owner from outside the construction industry, appointed by the governor.

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

12 Duties. The task force shall study employee misclassification and shall coordinate investigation and enforcement of employee misclassification matters.

13 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the task force shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the task force shall be called by the first-named senate member. The first meeting of the task force shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Six members of the task force shall constitute a quorum.

14 Report. The task force 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, 2008.

15 Effective Date.

I. Sections 7-14 of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect January 1, 2009.

2008-0827s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Increases the penalties for insurance fraud. This bill also increases the penalty for employers who fail to secure workers' compensation.

II. Clarifies workers' compensation coverage for employee leasing companies.

III. Establishes a task force on employee misclassification.

Transportation and Interstate Cooperation
March 5, 2008
2008-0862s
10/01

Amendment to SB 503-FN

Amend RSA 215-A:21, V as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

V. All OHRVs except conventional motor vehicles registered for highway use [~~and those registered pursuant to paragraph IV~~] shall be registered at the fee provided in RSA 215-A:23, and shall be furnished a registration plate or decals of a design and color as chosen by the executive director. Said registration plate or decals shall be attached securely on the front and rear of the

vehicle, in an unobstructed manner, as high as possible or at a location designed by the manufacturer. ***A nonresident registering an OHRV for a 5-day period shall be issued a temporary registration by the executive director. The executive director shall determine the design, color, and placement of temporary registration decals. Temporary registrations may not be transferred.***

Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 215-A:23, V-a as inserted by section 3 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

V-a. Temporary Registration for Nonresidents -- $32 for each non-transferable, 5-day registration upon presentation of a valid out-of-state driver's license issued to a person 18 years of age or older. From each fee collected pursuant to this paragraph:
2008-0862s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows nonresidents to be issued a 5-day temporary registration for an OHRV to be operated in this state.

Transportation and Interstate Cooperation
March 5, 2008
2008-0867s
03/01

Amendment to SB 516-FN-LOCAL

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

1 Bridge Aid; Application. Amend RSA 234:5 to read as follows:
234:5 Application. The selectmen of a town, the mayor of a city, or the county commissioners for an unincorporated place may annually apply to the commissioner of transportation in the manner prescribed by the commissioner for bridge aid on a class II, IV***,*** or V highway. ***The county commissioners may annually apply to the commissioner of transportation in the manner prescribed by the commissioner for bridge aid for a county-owned bridge.***
2 Bridge Aid; How Cost Borne. Amend RSA 234:10 to read as follows:
234:10 Bridge Aid; How Cost Borne. When public convenience and necessity require the construction or reconstruction of any bridge on a class II, IV***,*** or V highway the cost shall be borne 1/5 by the municipality and 4/5 by the state. ***When public convenience and necessity require the reconstruction of any county-owned bridge, the cost shall be borne 1/5 by the county and 4/5 by the state.***
2008-0867s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill makes county-owned bridges eligible for bridge aid.

Wildlife, Fish and Game and Agriculture
March 6, 2008
2008-0882s
08/09

Amendment to SB 518-FN

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

1 Agricultural Preservation Restrictions. Amend RSA 432:18, II to read as follows:

II. "Agricultural preservation restriction" means the restraint placed on the development rights of agricultural land, whether stated in the form of a restriction, easement, covenant***,*** or condition, in any deed, will***,*** or other instrument executed by or on behalf of the owner of the land which is appropriate to retaining land or water areas predominantly in their agricultural use, to prohibit or limit (1) construction or placement of buildings except those used for agricultural purposes [~~or for dwellings used for family living by the landowner, his immediate family or employees~~]; (2) excavation, dredging***,*** or removal of loam, sod, peat, gravel, soil, rock***,*** or other mineral substance in such a manner as to adversely affect the land's future agricultural potential; or (3) other acts or uses detrimental to such retention of the land for agricultural use.

2 New Paragraph; Agricultural Restricted Covenants; Definition. Amend RSA 432:18 by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

II-a. "Agricultural restricted covenant" means a covenant entered into between a landowner and the department for a limited time set by the parties with financial or technical assistance provided by the department in return for guarantees of continued farm use of the property for a minimum specified time period.

3 Site; Agricultural Restricted Covenant Added. Amend RSA 432:18, IX to read as follows:

IX. "Site" means a specific land area for agricultural purposes in which agricultural land development rights ***including agricultural restricted covenants*** are acquired in order to preserve land suitable for agricultural production.

4 New Paragraph; Duties of the Commissioner. Amend RSA 432:21 by inserting after paragraph V the following new paragraph VI:

VI. Adopt rules relative to procedures for granting financial or technical assistance for aid for the creation of agricultural restricted covenants.

5 Administration; Agricultural Restricted Covenants. Amend RSA 432:22, I to read as follows:

I. Acquisition of agricultural land development rights shall be conducted in cooperation with a landowner upon review pursuant to this section. Any proposal for designating a site as an agricultural preservation restriction area ***or a site for an agricultural restricted covenant*** shall be submitted by the landowner to the committee for approval.

6 Administration; Agricultural Restricted Covenants. Amend RSA 432:22, V to read as follows:

V. The committee shall view each parcel subject to agricultural preservation restriction ***or an agricultural restricted covenant*** not less than once every 2 years to assure that its use complies with law and the rules of the committee. The committee may delegate responsibility for monitoring of the agricultural preservation restriction ***or the agricultural restricted covenant to the department,*** to the conservation commission in the municipality, or to the conservation district, in which the parcel is situated. Such commission or district shall submit a report of its inspection to the committee in a timely manner.

7 Release; Agricultural Restricted Covenants. Amend RSA 432:24, I-II to read as follows:

I. Agricultural preservation restrictions shall be in perpetuity except as released pursuant to this section and RSA 432:25. ***Agricultural restricted covenants shall run in accordance***

with the agreement between a landowner and the department except as released pursuant to this section and RSA 432:25. All customary rights and privileges of ownership shall be retained by the owner including the right to privacy and the right to carry out all regular agricultural practices which are not prohibited by RSA 432:18, II.

II. Agricultural preservation restrictions ***and agricultural restricted covenants*** may be released by the committee if the site is no longer suitable for agricultural purposes. An owner of an agricultural preservation site may request the committee's approval to release the restriction for the public good. Prior to the release of the agricultural land development rights by the committee, a public hearing shall be conducted in the municipality in which the site is located. A notice of said hearing shall specify the grounds for the hearing as well as the date, time and place, and at least 14 days' notice of the time and place of such hearing shall be published in a paper of general circulation in the municipality. A legal notice of the hearing shall also be posted in at least 3 public places in such city or town. The 14 days shall not include the day of publication nor the day of the meeting, but shall include any Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays within said period. At least 2 committee members shall sit on the hearing panel.

8 Easement Restriction. For all agricultural easements acquired under RSA 432 after July 1, 2008, the construction or placement of any building is prohibited except those used solely for agricultural purposes.

9 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

Sen. Hassan, Dist. 23
March 3, 2008
2008-0806s
01/03

Amendment to SB 529

Amend the bill by replacing section 17 with the following:

17 Involuntary Admissions; Change in Term. Amend RSA 171-B:2, IV to read as follows:

IV. The person has [~~mental retardation~~] ***an intellectual disability***, as defined in the most current edition of the Diagnostic [~~and Statistical~~] Manual [~~of Mental Disorders published by~~] ***-Intellectual Disability developed by the National Association for the Dually Diagnosed in association with*** the American Psychiatric Association; and

Transportation and Interstate Cooperation
March 5, 2008
2008-0866s
03/01

Amendment to SB 533

Amend subparagraph I(a) of section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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

Amend the bill by replacing section 4 with the following:

4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named 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.

Sen. Estabrook, Dist. 21
March 3, 2008
2008-0803s
04/10

Amendment to SB 539-FN-LOCAL

Amend the bill by replacing section 7 with the following:

7 School Money; Fiscal Capacity Disparity Aid. RSA 198:40-c is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

198:40-c Fiscal Capacity Disparity Aid.

I. In addition to aid for the cost of the opportunity for an adequate education provided under RSA 198:40-b, each fiscal year the department shall provide fiscal capacity disparity aid to a municipality's school districts as follows:

(a) The department of revenue administration shall calculate the equalized valuation per pupil for each municipality in the state and shall sort the results into quartiles based on equalized valuation per pupil. The quartile containing municipalities with the lowest equalized valuation per pupil shall then be divided in half.

(b) A municipality with an equalized valuation per pupil in the lower half of the lowest quartile and which has a median family income which is less than the state average median family income shall receive fiscal capacity disparity aid in the amount of $2,000 multiplied by the municipality's average daily membership in residence.

(c) A municipality with an equalized valuation per pupil in the upper half of the lowest quartile which has a median family income which is less than the state average median family income shall receive fiscal capacity disparity aid in the amount of $1,250 multiplied by the municipality's average daily membership in residence.

II. Aid under this section shall be distributed pursuant to RSA 198:42.

III. In this section:

(a) "Equalized valuation per pupil" means a municipality's equalized valuation, including properties subject to taxation under RSA 82 and RSA 83-F, as determined by the department of revenue administration, that was the basis for the local tax assessment in the determination year, divided by the school district's average daily membership in residence, as defined in RSA 189:1-d for the determination year, provided that no kindergarten pupil shall count as more than 1/2 day attendance per calendar day.

(b) "Median family income" means the most recent census data published for New Hampshire counties and municipalities by the United States Census Bureau, United States Department of Commerce, as of October 1 preceding the beginning of the biennium for which aid is to be determined.

2008-0803s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Determines the per pupil cost of the opportunity for an adequate education which includes differentiated aid distributed to schools based on the number of pupils receiving special education services, or eligible for a free or reduced-price lunch, or who are English language learners.

II. Requires schools receiving differentiated aid to use it to implement enhanced programs known to improve pupil achievement.

III. Establishes a joint legislative oversight committee on accountability for an adequate education.

IV. Provides fiscal capacity disparity aid, in addition to aid for the cost of the opportunity for an adequate education, based on a municipality's equalized valuation, including utilities, per pupil and median family income.

Sen. Kenney, Dist. 3
March 4, 2008
2008-0816s
09/04

Amendment to SCR 6

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

A RESOLUTION urging the federal government to create a simplified process for short-term admissions to nursing homes for the purpose of respite care.

Amend the resolution by replacing all after the title with the following:

Whereas, an increasing number of elderly and disabled citizens are being cared for in the home, often by family members; and

Whereas, the home care providers of such persons need time to relax and take care of other responsibilities; and

Whereas, there is an acute need for safe and appropriate short-term placements where elderly and disabled citizens can stay while their home caregivers enjoy a period of respite from providing home-based care; and

Whereas, certain nursing homes in New Hampshire would be willing to provide short-term respite care if there was a simplified and streamlined process for such admissions; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the general court of New Hampshire hereby urges Congress to develop a simplified and streamlined process for short-term admissions to nursing homes for the purpose of respite care that minimizes, to the greatest extent possible, paperwork and recordkeeping that needs to be completed prior to and during such admissions; and

That copies of this resolution shall be sent by the senate clerk to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the United States

Secretary of Health and Human Services, and each member of the New Hampshire congressional delegation.
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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This senate concurrent resolution urges the federal government to allow certain nursing homes to use a number of beds for respite care and to create a simplified, streamlined process for short-term admissions to nursing homes for the purpose of respite care.

HEARINGS

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2008

ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, Room 103, SH
Sen. Fuller Clark (C), Sen. Hassan (VC), Sen. Cilley, Sen. Sgambati, Sen. Barnes, Sen. Odell

1:00 p.m. **SB 383,** establishing a commission to develop a plan for the expansion of transmission capacity in the north country.

(THE PREVIOUS HEARING FOR SB 383, WAS RECESSED ON FEBRUARY 19TH)

EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2008

CAPITAL BUDGET, Room 103, SH
Sen. Hassan (C), Sen. D'Allesandro (VC), Sen. Foster, Sen. Kelly, Sen. Gatsas, Sen. Clegg

10:15 a.m. **SB 338,** relative to the Hampton Beach capital improvement fund.

(THE PREVIOUS HEARING FOR SB 338, WAS RECESSED ON FEBRUARY 19TH)

10:30 a.m. **SB 531,** relative to the capital appropriation for the Hillsborough north superior court.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

COMMERCE, LABOR AND CONSUMER PROTECTION, Room 102, LOB
Sen. Gottesman (C), Sen. DeVries (VC), Sen. Reynolds, Sen. Cilley, Sen. Barnes, Sen. Roberge

10:15 a.m. **SB 391,** relative to affordable health insurance for small employers.

10:16 a.m. **SB 540-FN,** relative to a standard wellness plan for small employers.

11:00 a.m. **SB 465,** relative to the laws regulating trusts and trust companies in New Hampshire.

(THE PREVIOUS HEARING FOR SB 465, WAS RECESSED ON FEBRUARY 12TH)

11:30 a.m. **HB 385-FN,** relative to licensing and insurance fees.

11:45 a.m. **HB 399,** (New Title) relative to the minimum hourly rate of compensation.

12:00 p.m. **HB 759-FN,** relative to administration and enforcement of banking laws.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

EDUCATION, Room 103, SH
Sen. Estabrook (C), Sen. Foster (VC), Sen. Fuller Clark, Sen. Kelly, Sen. Bragdon, Sen. Letourneau

8:45 a.m. **SB 538,** relative to the community college system of New Hampshire board of trustees and repealing a motor vehicle regulation statute applicable to the community college system.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, Room 103, SH
Sen. Fuller Clark (C), Sen. Hassan (VC), Sen. Cilley, Sen. Sgambati, Sen. Barnes, Sen. Odell

2:00 p.m. **SB 368,** relative to exemptions for toxics reduction in packaging.

2:15 p.m. **SB 382,** relative to gasoline and diesel fuel prices.

2:30 p.m. **SB 419,** relative to the duties of the energy planning and advisory board and restructuring policy principles.

2:45 p.m. **SB 523,** relative to requirements for the estuary alliance for sewage treatment to take and hold land.

3:00 p.m. **SCR 10,** urging the New Hampshire delegation to actively seek an increase in federal funding for wastewater treatment facility improvements.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, Room 100, SH

Sen. Estabrook (C), Sen. Sgambati (VC), Sen. Fuller Clark, Sen. Janeway, Sen. Gallus, Sen. Kenney

10:30 a.m. **SB 541,** relative to an expedited process for certificate of need review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

JUDICIARY, Room 100, SH

Sen. Foster (C), Sen. Gottesman (VC), Sen. Reynolds, Sen. Clegg, Sen. Letourneau

2:00 p.m. **SB 495-FN,** prohibiting Internet solicitation and exploitation of children.

3:00 p.m. **SB 389,** relative to the protection of children's medical records in abuse and neglect and child custody cases.

3:30 p.m. **SB 411,** relative to the confidentiality of health care records during the investigation of child abuse and neglect cases.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, Room 101, LOB

Sen. Hassan (C), Sen. Burling (VC), Sen. DeVries, Sen. Sgambati, Sen. Roberge, Sen. Barnes

8:30 a.m. **SB 479,** relative to the vote required for passage of school bonds.

(NOTE THE TIME CHANGE FOR SB 479)

8:40 a.m. **SB 414,** authorizing special elections to fill vacancies on local boards.

(NOTE THE TIME CHANGE FOR SB 414)

9:00 a.m. **SB 457,** extending the veterans' property tax credit to all honorably discharged veterans.

(NOTE THE TIME CHANGE FOR SB 457)

9:15 a.m. **SB 484,** establishing a commission to investigate alternatives to incarceration for nonviolent offenders and cost savings related to such alternatives.

9:30 a.m. **SB 506,** naming the Elm Street bridge in Newport after Specialist Justin A. Rollins.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 100, SH

Sen. Odell (C), Sen. D'Allesandro (VC), Sen. Janeway, Sen. Reynolds, Sen. Downing

10:00 a.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION**

SB 493, allowing certain tax exempt organizations to be defined as charitable organizations for purposes of games of chance operations.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2008

ELECTION LAW AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS, Room 103, SH

Sen. Burling (C), Sen. Cilley (VC), Sen. DeVries, Sen. Gallus, Sen. Letourneau

8:30 a.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION**

HB 358, (New Title) relative to the procedure for listing candidates on election ballots.

SB 482, relative to ethical standards for volunteer service in the executive branch.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 103, SH
Sen. Burling (C), Sen. Fuller Clark (VC), Sen. Kelly, Sen. Cilley, Sen. Kenney, Sen. Downing

1:00 p.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION**

SB 449, relative to immunity for emergency services volunteers.

1:30 p.m. **HB 291,** relative to licensure of fireworks sellers.

1:50 p.m. **HB 563,** relative to obtaining birth certificates for stillborn children.

2:10 p.m. **HB 1166,** relative to rate setting for interpreters for the deaf and hard of hearing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

FINANCE, Room 100, SH
Sen. D'Allesandro (C), Sen. Janeway (VC), Sen. Larsen, Sen. Hassan, Sen. Sgambati, Sen. Odell, Sen. Gallus

10:15 a.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION**

TRANSPORTATION AND INTERSTATE COOPERATION, Room 101, LOB
Sen. Letourneau (C), Sen. Burling (VC), Sen. Kelly, Sen. DeVries, Sen. Clegg

10:15 a.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION**

WILDLIFE, FISH AND GAME AND AGRICULTURE Room 103, LOB
Sen. Gallus (C), Sen. D'Allesandro (VC), Sen. Janeway, Sen. Estabrook, Sen. Gatsas

1:00 p.m. **HJR 12,** relative to support for research into colony collapse disorder.

1:15 p.m. **HJR 11,** requesting the United States Department of Agriculture to provide redress for price reporting errors in milk prices.

1:30 p.m. **HJR 10,** urging congress to allow for the interstate sale of state inspected meat and poultry.

1:45 p.m. **HB 1411,** (New Title) relative to rulemaking under the native plant protection act.

2:00 p.m. **HB 1277,** relative to the definition of farm.

2:15 p.m. **HB 837,** (2nd New Title) relative to easement interests under the land and community heritage investment program.

2:30 p.m. **HB 1266,** allowing 50 caliber pistols to take game animals in the state.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

MEETINGS

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2008

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2)

9:00 a.m. Rooms 305-307, LOB Continued Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2008

OIL FUND DISBURSEMENT BOARD (RSA 146-D:4)

9:00 a.m. Room 305, LOB Regular Meeting

COUNCIL ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT (RSA 125-P:1)

9:30 a.m. Room 205, LOB Regular Meeting

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 195-I:2)

1:00 p.m. Room 202, LOB Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2008

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

9:30 a.m. NH Department of Revenue Administration Training Room 57 Regional Drive Concord, NH ½ Day Regular Meeting

COMMISSION TO STUDY CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION LAWS, POLICIES, AND STANDARDS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (SB 176, Chapter 293:10, Laws of 2007)

9:30 a.m. Room 100, SH Regular Meeting

GUARDIAN AD LITEM BOARD (RSA 490-C:1)

1:00 p.m. Room 102, LOB Regular Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2008

INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR WOMEN OFFENDERS (RSA 21-H:14-c)

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

BOARD OF MANUFACTURED HOUSING (RSA 205-A:25)

1:00 p.m. Room 201, LOB Complaint Hearing

WELLNESS AND PRIMARY PREVENTION COUNCIL (RSA 126-M:3)

1:00 p.m. Room 205, LOB Subcommittee Meeting

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2008

PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVEMENT SERVICES COUNCIL (HB 491, Chapter 250:2, Laws of 2007)

2:00 p.m. Department of Health & Human Services 29 Hazen Drive, Rooms 110-112 Concord, NH Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2008

INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 12-A:30)

9:00 a.m. Department of Resources and Economic Development Concord, NH Regular Meeting

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2)

9:00 a.m. Rooms 306-308, LOB Regular Meeting

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

10:00 a.m. CDFA Board Room 14 Dixon Avenue Concord, NH Regular Meeting

NEW HAMPSHIRE RAIL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (RSA 238-A:2)

10:00 a.m. Rooms 305-307, LOB Regular Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2008

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON ELDERLY AFFAIRS (RSA 17-H:2)

10:00 a.m.	Rooms 205-207, LOB	Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2008

TELECOMMUNICATIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 374:22-h)

10:00 a.m.	Rooms 302-304, LOB	Joint Meeting with DRED Broadband Discussion

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

2:00 p.m.	Room 201, LOB	Regular Business

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

3:00 p.m.	Room 201, LOB	Regular Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2008

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT (RSA 14:30-a)

9:00 a.m.	Rooms 210-211, LOB	Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2008

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

9:30 a.m.	NH Department of Revenue Administration Training Room 57 Regional Drive Concord, NH	Regular Meeting

STATE PARK SYSTEM ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 216-A:3-k)

9:00 a.m.	Department of Resources and Economic Development 172 Pembroke Road Concord, NH	Regular Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2008

CITIZENS TRADE POLICY COMMISSION (RSA 19-L:1)

9:00 a.m.	Room 307, LOB	Regular Meeting

LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE (RSA 14-B:2)

1:00 p.m.	Room 100, SH	Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2008

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2)

9:00 a.m.	Rooms 306-308, LOB	Continued Meeting

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2008

WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 281-A:62)

9:00 a.m.	Room 307, LOB	Regular Meeting

STATEWIDE INTERAGENCY COMMISSION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING (SB 194, Chapter 122:1, Laws of 2007)

2:00 p.m.	Room 304, LOB	Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2008

COMMISSION TO STUDY CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION LAWS, POLICIES, AND STANDARDS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (SB 176, Chapter 293:10, Laws of 2007)

9:30 a.m.	Room 100, SH	Regular Meeting

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 21-P:51)

10:00 a.m.	Room 307, LOB	Regular Meeting

GUARDIAN AD LITEM BOARD (RSA 490-C:1)

1:00 p.m.	Room 102, LOB	Regular Meeting

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2008

PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVEMENT SERVICES COUNCIL (HB 491, Chapter 250:2, Laws of 2007)

2:00 p.m.	Department of Health & Human Services 29 Hazen Drive, Rooms 110-112 Concord, NH	Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2008

INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 12-A:30)

9:00 a.m.	Nixon Peabody LLP Manchester, NH	Regular Meeting

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2)

9:00 a.m.	Rooms 306-308, LOB	Regular Meeting

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, AND TREATMENT (RSA 12-J:1)

9:30 a.m.	Webster Place Recovery Center 9 Holy Cross Road Franklin, NH	Regular Meeting

MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2008

INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR WOMEN OFFENDERS (RSA 21-H:14-c)

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2008

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

9:30 a.m.	NH Department of Revenue Administration Training Room 57 Regional Drive Concord, NH	Regular Meeting

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FISCAL NOTE ADDITIONS AND UPDATES HAVE BEEN AMENDED TO THE BILLS ON THE WEB SITE AND ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SENATE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR THE FOLLOWING 2008 BILLS.
SENATE BILLS: 63, 94, 103, 117, 146, 166, 173, 210, 212, 303, 305, 306, 314, 317, 318, 323, 330, 331, 332, 344, 354, 402, 437, 439, 463, 490, 500, 501, 502, 519, 520, 530, 536
HOUSE BILLS: 91, 173, 185, 211, 285, 315, 399, 415, 563, 581, 595, 678, 754, 765, 794, 837, 901, 1584

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NOTICES

Disability Resource for Legislators and Senators

Many of you may know Carol Nadeau, Executive Director of the Governor's Commission on Disability. Carol will be at the State House/LOB on Wednesdays (after January 1, 2008) throughout this legislative session as a resource/consultant to Legislators and Senators on a variety of disability-related issues. With more than 28 years of experience working for the Commission, Carol has a wealth of information about disability services, programs, laws, organizations, etc. in New Hampshire. She will be pleased to assist you with your disability-related questions and issues. Contact Carol at Tel: 271-6895 or e-mail her at: carol.nadeau@nh.gov

Senator Lou D'Allesandro

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2008

All legislators and staff are invited to the 6th Annual New Hampshire Capital St. Patrick's Day Breakfast and Roast to benefit events at Children's Hospital at Dartmouth on Wednesday, March 12 at 7:00 a.m. at the Marriott Courtyard in Concord. Guest roasters include Governor John Lynch and the House & Senate leadership. Free tickets are limited; please RSVP by March 7 by emailing James.Demers@TheDemersGroup.com

Senator Joseph A. Foster

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2008
NHADA Legislative "Crossover" Reception

All legislators and staff are cordially invited to join your fellow legislators and members of the New Hampshire Automobile Dealers Association (NHADA) at the annual NHADA Legislative "Crossover" reception on Wednesday, March 19. The Reception will be held at the New Hampshire Historical Society, The Tuck Library, 30 Park Street, Concord, and will begin at 3:00 p.m. or following the session. NHADA has historically hosted this event which offers legislators a wonderful opportunity to unwind and enjoy the company of fellow legislators and staff in a fun, social gathering.

Sylvia B. Larsen, Senate President

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2008

The members of the NH Chapter of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA-NH) cordially invite all Senators and staff to a reception at the Barley House on Wednesday, March 19, 2008 from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Look forward to seeing you there.

Sylvia B. Larsen, Senate President
Senator Theodore L. Gatsas

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2008

In celebration of the ***YMCA Youth in Government Program*** and Legislative Awareness Day, all legislators are cordially invited to a luncheon in the State House cafeteria on **Wednesday, March 19, 2008 at noon** sponsored by the New Hampshire Alliance of YMCAs. Sandwiches, hot and cold drinks and dessert will be provided.

Sylvia B. Larsen, Senate President

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2008

The University of New Hampshire Alumni Association and Parents Association are pleased to invite members of the New Hampshire General Court & Staff to the annual UNH Legislative Breakfast on Wednesday, April 9, 2008 from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. at the New Hampshire Historical Society Tuck Library, Park Street, Concord. Learn how undergraduate student researchers at UNH are focused on the most compelling challenges in New Hampshire and the world. Meet students as they share their discoveries at this special event.

Senator Iris W. Estabrook

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SENATE SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 20, 2008	CROSSOVER – Last Day to ACT on all remaining Senate Bills
Thursday, May 1, 2008	Deadline for Policy Committees to ACT on all House money bills, except bills exempted pursuant to Senate Rule 26(b)
Thursday, May 15, 2008	Last Day to ACT on all remaining House bills
Wednesday, May 21, 2008	Last day to FORM Committees of Conference
Monday, May 26, 2008	Memorial Day (State Holiday)
Friday, May 30, 2008 at 12:00 p.m.	Last day to SIGN Committee of Conference Reports
Thursday, June 5, 2008	Last day to ACT on Committee of Conference Reports
Friday, July 4, 2008	Fourth of July (State Holiday)
Monday, September 1, 2008	Labor Day (State Holiday)

Tuesday, November 11, 2008	Veteran's Day (State Holiday)
Thursday, November 27, 2008	Thanksgiving Day (State Holiday)
Friday, November 28, 2008	Day after Thanksgiving (State Holiday)
Thursday, December 25, 2008	Christmas Day (State Holiday)

VISITORS CENTER SCHEDULE - MARCH

State House Visitation Schedule March 2008

As a convenience to the members of the NH General Court, the Visitors' Center offers the following schedule of schools and other groups visiting the State House in March 2008. These listings are to ensure all members be notified in a timely manner of visitors from their district. Our schedule is tightly booked for the remainder of the school year and subject to changes. Please note that if your school is closed or has a delay, that their tour will be rescheduled. Please contact the Visitors' Center concerning school tour booking information. Thank you for your continued participation with your School Visitation Program.

Virginia J. Drew. Director
Caitlin A. Daniuk, Public Information Administrator

Mar 7	9:30/11:00 SH/HM	Webster Elementary School – Manchester	3/66
Mar 10	10:00	South Merrimack Christian Academy	4/20
Mar 11	9:30/11:00 SH/HM	Henry Wilson School – Farmington	4/66
Mar 12	9:30/11:00 SH/HM	Henry Wilson School – Farmington	4/60
Mar 12	1:00	Leadership of Greater Concord	Adult/22
Mar 13	9:00	Kimball School – Concord	4/50
Mar 13	9:30	Bristol Elementary School	4/40
Mar 13	11:00	Wheelock Elementary School – Keene	4/16
Mar 13	1:00	Dover Red Hat Sassy Lassies	Adult/18
Mar 14	9:30/11:00 SH/SC	Symonds Elementary School – Keene	4/58
Mar 14	12:30	St. Joseph's Regional School – Keene	(3&4)/29
Mar 14	1:30	Fire Academy	Adult/26
Mar 17	9:00	Broken Ground Elementary School – Concord	4/24
Mar 17	10:30	Tuftonboro Central School	4/34
Mar 18	9:00	Broken Ground Elementary School – Concord	4/24
Mar 18	11:00/12:30 SH/HM	Appleton Elementary School – New Ipswich	4/63
Mar 19	9:00	Broken Ground Elementary School – Concord	4/24
Mar 19	10:30	Sant Bani School – Sanbornton	4/14
Mar 19	12:30	KA Brett School – Tamworth	4/30
Mar 20	9:30	Barnstead Elementary School	4/50
Mar 20	11:00	Sacred Heart School – Hampton	4/30
Mar 21	9:45/11:00 SH/SC	Lincoln Street School – Exeter	4/60

Mar 21	12:30	Maplewood Elementary School – Somersworth	(3&4/45)
Mar 24	10:30	Henniker Elementary School – 2 Separate Tours	4/52
Mar 24	9:30	Dover High School – Civics Class	HS/45
Mar 25	9:00	Bow Elementary School	4/45
Mar 25	11:00	Greenland Elementary School	4/45
Mar 26	9:00	Bow Elementary School	4/45
Mar 26	10:00	East Kingston Elementary School	4/26
Mar 26	10:15	Woodbury Middle School – Salem	(7&8)/25
Mar 26	11:30	Disnard School – Claremont	4/40
Mar 27	9:00	Bow Elementary School	4/24
Mar 27	10:00/11:30 SH/HM	Newmarket Elementary School	4/90
Mar 28	9:30/11:00 SH/HM	Epsom Elementary School	4/60
Mar 28	1:00	Merrimack Area Home School	(4th-9th)/15
Mar 31	9:45/10:30 SH/HM	Hooksett Memorial School	4/95
Mar 31	10:00	Winchester School	4/50