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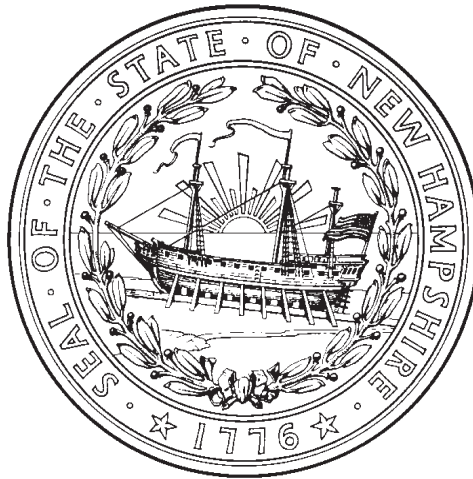
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First Year of the 167th Session of the
New Hampshire General Court

SENATE CALENDAR ADDENDUM

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the General Court is conducting legislative activities remotely with the exception of publicly noticed sessions in the House or Senate Calendar. During this time, the State House and Legislative Office Building remain closed to visitors.

**THE SENATE WILL MEET IN REMOTE SESSION
ON THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2021 AT 11:00 A.M.**

The Senate Session on Thursday, April 8, 2021, will be live streamed at the following link:

<http://sg001-harmony.sliq.net/00286/Harmony/en/View/Calendar/20210408/-1>

Please note, this link will not be live until the Senate Session on
Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR REPORTS

EDUCATION

HB 110, relative to the distribution of adequate education grants.

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 5-0.

Senator Kahn for the committee.

This bill would require the department of education to distribute adequate education grants to municipalities and require such municipalities to transfer the grants to their school district or districts. Currently, the department determines state aid for each town and distributes the aid to school districts directly. As proposed, a district serving 6 towns, rather than receiving four payments a year directly from the state, would be instead dependent on receiving 24 payments a year from 6 different payers. This bill may create undue burden and cash flow problems for all parties involved, in order to address isolated disagreements between municipalities and school districts.

HB 432, relative to the offenses that prevent employment in a school.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Prentiss for the committee.

This bill adds human trafficking to the offenses that prevent a person from being hired by a school administrative unit, school district, chartered public school, or public academy. This bill seeks to update the list of offenses. This bill and the committee amendment were requested by the department of education. The committee amendment incorporates the adoption of the state board of education approved code of conduct by chartered public schools.

REGULAR CALENDAR REPORTS

EDUCATION

HB 242, relative to the content of an adequate education.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2.

Senator Hennessey for the committee.

AMENDMENTS

Senate Education

April 6, 2021

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Amendment to HB 242

Amend the bill by replacing section 4 with the following:

4 Substantive Content of an Adequate Education. Amend RSA 193-E:2-a, V(b) to read as follows:

(b) Upon receiving a valid completion certificate from a state board approved alternative program, a high school under RSA 194:23 shall grant equivalent high school credit leading to graduation to a student who has completed such alternative program.

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(c) Schools shall accept credits required for high school graduation consistent with rules adopted by the state board of education, pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to the approval of alternative programs for granting credit leading to graduation.

(d) The state board of education shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to the approval of alternative programs for granting credit leading to graduation.

Senate Education
April 6, 2021
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Amendment to HB 432

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

1 School Employee and Designated School Volunteer Criminal History Records Check. Amend RSA 189:13-a, V to read as follows:

V. Any person who has been charged pending disposition for or convicted of any violation or attempted violation of RSA 630:1; 630:1-a; 630:1-b; 630:2; 632-A:2; 632-A:3; 632-A:4; 633:1; **633:7**, 639:2; 639:3; 645:1, II or III; 645:2; 649-A:3; 649-A:3-a; 649-A:3-b; 649-B:3; or 649-B:4; or any violation or any attempted violation of RSA 650:2 where the act involves a child in material deemed obscene; in this state, or under any statute prohibiting the same conduct in another state, territory, or possession of the United States, shall not be hired by a school administrative unit, school district, chartered public school, or public academy. The superintendent of the school administrative unit or the chief executive officer of the chartered public school or public academy may deny a selected applicant a final offer of employment if such person has been convicted of any crime, misdemeanor or felony, in addition to those listed above. The governing body of a school district, chartered public school, or public academy shall adopt a policy relative to hiring practices based on the results of the criminal history records check and report of misdemeanors and felonies received under paragraph II. Such policy may include language stating that any person who has been convicted of any misdemeanor, or any of a list of misdemeanors, may not be hired. Such policy may also include language stating that any person who has been convicted of any felony, or any of a list of felonies, shall not be hired.

2 New Subparagraph; Chartered Public Schools; Application; Code of Conduct for New Hampshire Educators. Amend RSA 194-B:3, II by inserting after subparagraph (dd) the following new subparagraph:

(ee) A proposed policy to adopt and implement the code of conduct for New Hampshire educators as adopted by the department in administrative rule. Failure to adopt and implement the code of conduct could result in the probation or revocation of the school's charter as governed by RSA 194-B:16.

3 Chartered Public School Approval by State Board of Education. Amend RSA 194-B:3-a, II to read as follows:

II. The proposed chartered public school application shall be presented for approval directly to the state board of education by the applicant for the prospective chartered public school. The content of such application shall conform to the requirements set forth in RSA 194-B:3, II(a)-(bb) and (dd)-(ee). The department of education shall notify an applicant of any missing information within 10 days of the initial filing. The applicant shall file any missing information before the department reviews the application.

4 Chartered Public School Approval by State Board of Education. Amend RSA 194-B:3-a, IV to read as follows:

IV. The state board of education shall either approve or deny an application using reasonable discretion in the assessment of the elements set forth in RSA 194-B:3, II, (a)-(bb) and (dd)-(ee). Lack of state funding alone shall not constitute grounds for the denial of an application. Approval of an application constitutes the granting of charter status and the right to operate as a chartered public school. The state board of education shall notify all applicants of its decision in writing, and shall include in any notice of denial a written statement specifying any areas deemed deficient, the reasons for the denial, and explaining that the applicant may reapply under RSA 194-B:3 or under this section in a subsequent year.

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