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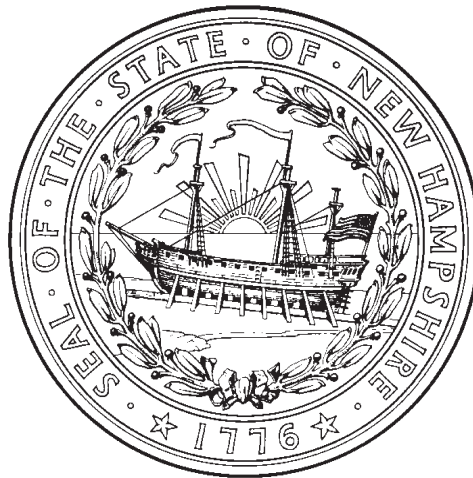
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**First Year of the 168th Session of the
New Hampshire General Court**

SENATE CALENDAR

MEETINGS

FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2023

STATE HEALTH ASSESSMENT AND STATE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 126-A:88)

1:00 p.m.

Affiliated Practices Building
For Speare Memorial Hospital
103 Boulder Point Drive
Plymouth, NH

Regular Meeting

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

<https://unh.zoom.us/j/98011299433?pwd=Q0pzeXJwREcxMXE5YWE2WkM0SFRBZz09>

Password: 013515

Or iPhone one-tap: 13126266799,92947346000# or 16468769923,92947346000#

Or Telephone:

Dial: +1 312 626 6799 (US Toll)

Meeting ID: 929 4734 6000

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2023

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

10:00 a.m.

Department of Revenue Administration
Training Room
109 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH

Regular Meeting

MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023

NEW HAMPSHIRE OPIOID ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 126-A:85)

1:00 p.m.

Exec Council Chamber, Room 207, SH
107 North Main Street
Concord, NH

Regular Meeting

Zoom Meeting ID: 870 2882 7592

Passcode: 379962

FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2023

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE INCIDENCE OF POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER IN FIRST RESPONDERS (RSA 281-A:17-e)

10:00 a.m.

NH Fire Academy, Classroom 2
98 Smokey Bear Boulevard
Concord, NH 03301

Regular Meeting

MONDAY, JULY 17, 2023

COMMISSION TO STUDY COMMUNITY IMPACTS OF THE SECURED YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER (RSA 169-B:48)

10:00 a.m.

Rooms 305-307, LOB

Regular Meeting

THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2023

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2)

9:00 a.m.

Rooms 306-308, LOB

Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2023

NEW HAMPSHIRE TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL (RSA 238-A:2)

9:00 a.m. NH DOT, Rooms 112-113 Regular Meeting
 7 Hazen Drive
 Concord, NH 03301
 Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device:
 Please click this URL to join.
 <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82289363191?pwd=OGVSM1YveHE0RGltbkY4UGhIOGpWdz09>
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 International numbers available: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/ko8to54OQ>

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

3:00 p.m. Rye Public Library, Community Room Regular Meeting
 581 Washington Road
 Rye, NH 03870
 <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86117818803?pwd=cWRXdIlgwQnQvc2ZRbkNOBhGhGc3M0dz09>

MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023

NH COURT ACCREDITATION COMMISSION (RSA 490:5-a)

1:00 p.m. NH Supreme Court Regular Meeting
 One Doe Drive
 Concord, NH

THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2023

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

2:00 p.m. NH DES Portsmouth Regional Office Regular Meeting
 Pease International Tradeport
 Suite 175, Room A
 222 International Drive
 Portsmouth, NH, 03801

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2023

STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (SIEC) (RSA 21-P:48, IV)

9:00 a.m. Marine Patrol Regular Meeting
 31 Dock Road
 Gilford, NH 03249

FISCAL COMMITTEE (RSA 14:30-a)

1:00 p.m. Rooms 210-211, LOB Regular Meeting
 The You Tube link to view the meeting livestream is:
<https://youtube.com/live/ai51lUeVKcE?feature=share>

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2023**ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2)**

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2023**LONG RANGE CAPITAL PLANNING AND UTILIZATION COMMITTEE (RSA 17-M:1)**

9:00 a.m. Rooms 201-203, LOB Regular Meeting
 The You Tube link to view the meeting livestream is;
<https://youtube.com/live/NtT7sP6ckKY?feature=share>

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

9:30 a.m. Rooms 201-203, LOB Regular Meeting
 The You Tube link to view the meeting livestream is:
<https://youtube.com/live/R2r2-iwjbCQ?feature=share>

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023**ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2)**

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

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2023 PENDING VETO MESSAGES:

SENATE BILLS: 51, 79

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2023 BILLS REREFERRED TO COMMITTEE:

SENATE BILLS: 22, 26, 33, 63, 75, 80, 91, 93, 95, 97, 101, 116, 131, 133, 134, 137, 148, 163, 165, 168, 173, 176, 177, 178, 185, 194, 196, 199, 210, 214, 217, 219, 223, 224, 227, 246, 248, 259

HOUSE BILLS: 68, 107, 108, 135, 154, 198, 200, 250, 257, 261, 307, 379, 397, 400, 572, 596

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2023 BILLS REMAINING ON THE TABLE:

SENATE BILLS: 36, 55, 57, 86, 114, 115, 122, 124, 125, 138, 140, 145, 153, 154, 169, 175, 202, 205, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 237, 241, 242, 270

HOUSE BILLS: 31, 87, 150, 231, 360, 392, 431, 555

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ENROLLED BILL AMENDMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SENATE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR 2023 BILLS:

SENATE BILLS: 40, 44, 49, 56, 87, 96, 120, 152, 206, 216, 229

HOUSE BILLS: 2, 49, 109, 137, 249, 377, 426, 446, 491

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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 2023 BILLS:

SENATE BILLS: 1, 14, 15, 32, 34, 36, 38, 39, 44, 49, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 61, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 78, 80, 85, 87, 92, 97, 98, 104, 105, 106, 108, 112, 113, 115, 120, 122, 123, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 132, 133, 134, 137, 145, 149, 151, 152, 153, 154, 156, 157, 159, 160, 164, 166, 167, 169, 170, 173, 180, 186, 187, 188, 189, 191, 192, 195, 197, 203, 204, 205, 210, 211, 212, 215, 218, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 238, 239, 241, 244, 248, 249, 255, 256, 257, 259, 260, 261, 263, 264, 265, 267, 272

HOUSE BILLS: 2, 42, 46, 54, 68, 97, 107, 119, 129, 135, 137, 193, 211, 219, 221, 233, 250, 257, 268, 269, 278, 281, 321, 342, 367, 377, 384, 392, 400, 409, 440, 442, 457, 461, 467, 492, 532, 534, 550, 572, 576, 583, 588, 595, 607, 610, 611, 613, 624, 639, 642, 655

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NOTICES

LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE

The Legislative Ethics Committee has voted to issue the following advisory opinion, which is printed below in its entirety.

Advisory Opinion 2023-1

Response to a Request for an Advisory Opinion from Representative Jordan G. Ulery (May 26, 2023)

Pursuant to RSA 14-B:3, I(c), Representative Jordan G. Ulery requested an advisory opinion. He inquired whether, consistent with applicable statutes and the Ethics Guidelines, he could solicit funds directly from lobbyist groups to go into a scholarship fund to help pay for NH legislators to attend various events offered by the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). He stated that he is a member of the NH chapter of ALEC and that ALEC is "an IRS qualified charity not-for-profit" organization.

He described his proposed conduct as follows: "We have set-up the NH Scholarship Fund as a blind trust type so that no Member of NH ALEC knows who has made contributions, only what funds are available for distribution. Distribution requests are made to ALEC in VA and then approved or disapproved by the Co-Chairs in NH and the reimbursement is issued from VA. Approval is based upon actual attendance at the events and participation based upon attendance at the task forces (committees) assigned to the Member. No Member of NH ALEC handles funds in any fashion (does not receive solicited funds nor deposit solicited funds, other than to authorize disbursement). ... All we are looking to do is be able to ask others to make a contribution to the scholarship fund, not to individual legislators. Proceeds from the program would go only to the Scholarship Fund."

RSA 14-C:3 III (a) provides that it "shall be unlawful for any legislator or legislative employee to solicit or to knowingly accept, directly or indirectly, any gift, as defined in this chapter, or to fail to meet the reporting requirements of this chapter." Additionally, Ethics Guidelines Section 3, Prohibited Activities, Paragraph II (b), provides that "Legislators shall not solicit, accept, or agree to accept anything of value from another for themselves or other persons, if the legislator receives such thing of value: **** (b) Knowing or believing that the giver is or is likely to become subject to or interested in any matter or action pending before or contemplated by the legislator or the General Court."

In *Advisory Opinion 2012-3*, the Committee previously advised:

...we are concerned that direct solicitation and receipt by legislators of cash contributions for the proposed event, from any source, would violate the prohibitions set forth in RSA 14-C:3 and Ethics Guidelines Section 3, II(b). We have previously approved of legislators organizing and promoting legislature-related events and activities, so long as there is no direct solicitation or receipt of cash by legislators, and the contributions are directed to charitable organizations which sponsor the event. See *Advisory Opinions 2008-2* (White-Blaisdell Golf Tournament) and *2009-3* (Concord Hospital-Payson Center Rock ‘n’ Race). (Emphasis supplied.)

We advise as follows:

The Committee determined that the facts presented in his request are substantially the same as the facts presented in *Advisory Opinion 2012-3* and the prior opinions cited therein. Accordingly, we advise that direct solicitation of contributions from lobbyists for a scholarship fund to help pay for NH legislators to attend various events offered by ALEC would violate the prohibitions set forth in RSA 14-C:3 and Ethics Guidelines Section 3, II(b).

We appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance.

Honorable Edward M. Gordon, Esq., Chairman
 Honorable Donna Sytek, Vice Chairman
 Senator Cindy Rosenwald (Not present and did not participate.)
 Senator Ruth Ward
 Representative Janet G. Wall
 Representative Bob Lynn (Recused and did not participate.)
 Honorable David W. Hess

For the Committee,
 Edward M. Gordon, Esq.
 Chairman

[Vote: 5-0]

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With several national conferences and other events taking place throughout the Summer and Fall, please remember that any payment or reimbursement you receive from an organization such as NCSL or CSG, that is related to your attendance at the event, must be reported on an “Honorary or Expense Reimbursement Report” and filed with the Secretary of State’s Office. The forms can be downloaded from the Legislative Ethics Committee’s website [RSA 14-C - Honorary or Expense Reimbursement Report - August 2019.pdf \(state.nh.us\)](https://leg.state.nh.us/ethics/RSA14C-HonoraryorExpenseReimbursementReport-August2019.pdf). Payments received from the Senate do not have to be reported on the form. If you have any questions on ethics filings, please feel free to contact Rich Lambert, Executive Administrator of the Legislative Ethics Committee, at richard.lambert@leg.state.nh.us or at (603) 271-3326.

Senator Sharon M. Carson, Senate Majority Leader

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SENATE CALENDAR SUMMER SCHEDULE

The Senate Calendar will begin its summer schedule of being published every two weeks.

The schedule for the Senate Calendar is as follows:

Thursday, July 06, 2023
 Thursday, July 20, 2023
 Thursday, August 03, 2023
 Thursday, August 17, 2023
 Thursday, August 31, 2023
 Thursday, September 14, 2023
 Thursday, September 28, 2023

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SENATE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, July 04, 2023	Independence Day (State Holiday)
Monday, September 04, 2023	Labor Day (State Holiday)
Thursday, September 28, 2023	First day to FILE legislation for the 2024 Session.
Thursday, October 12, 2023	Deadline for the Office of Legislative Services to accept drafting of a Senate Bill, Senate Concurrent Resolution, or Senate Joint Resolution with complete information for the 2024 Session. (4:00 p.m.)
Friday, November 10, 2023	Veterans' Day (Observed) (State Holiday)
Thursday, November 16, 2023	Deadline for prime sponsors to sign off on legislation. (4:00 p.m.)
Thursday, November 23, 2023	Thanksgiving Day (State Holiday)
Friday, November 24, 2023	Day after Thanksgiving (State Holiday)
Thursday, November 30, 2023	Deadline for co-sponsors to sign off on legislation. (4:00 p.m.)
Thursday, December 14, 2023	Deadline to REPORT rereferred bills out of committee.
Monday, December 25, 2023	Christmas Day (State Holiday)