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First Year of the 169th Session of the New Hampshire General Court

SENATE CALENDAR

THE SENATE WILL MEET IN SESSION FOR VETO DAY ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025 AT 10:00 A.M.

The Senate Session on Thursday, October 23, 2025, in the Senate Chamber will be live streamed at the following link:

https://youtube.com/live/9krQ-LBoB6s?feature=share

Please note, this link will not be live until the Senate Session on Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.

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VETO MESSAGES

August 1, 2025

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 213

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on August 1, 2025, I have vetoed Senate Bill 213, relative to electioneering by public employees and relative to absentee voting.

I am vetoing this legislation as it conflicts with other bills I have recently signed into law regarding absentee ballots. Additionally, I intend to work with the bill sponsors on the issue of electioneering to ensure that public employees can engage in public discourse without misusing their official positions for political purposes.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 213.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kelly A. Ayotte
Governor

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SENATE RULES

Amend the Senate Rules by replacing them with the following:

Amend Senate Rule 2-3 as follows:

2-3 Use of Electronic Devices - The use of electronic devices by Senators, with the exception of approved Senate-issued devices is prohibited on the Senate floor during session, unless the Senate is in recess or unless otherwise approved by the Senate.

Amend Senate Subsidiary Motions as follows:

Subsidiary Motions

Motion	Debatable	Amendable	Notes
Refer (or Recommit)	Yes	Yes	Debatable only as to the propriety of a referral. Amend ments limited to the committee to which the matter will be referred and any instructions thereto.

Amend Senate Rule 3-3 as follows:

3-3 Confidential Filing Requests - If requested by the sponsor, a proposed bill, resolution or petition shall not be made public, except by the sponsor, until published to be introduced into the Senate.

Amend Senate Rule 3-5 as follows:

3-5 Drafting Requests After Deadline - Notwithstanding the drafting deadline established in Rule 7-1, a Senate bill, Senate joint resolution, or Senate concurrent resolution may be accepted by the Office of Legislative Services for drafting and introduced into the Senate at any time prior to the crossover deadline established by Senate rules if the drafting request is approved by a majority of the Rules and Enrolled Bills Committee. Requests made under this paragraph shall contain detailed information on the scope and purpose of the intended legislation and shall not be confidential.

Amend Senate Rule 3-23 as follows:

3-23 Bills or Resolutions Laid on the Table - All bills or resolutions remaining on the table as of October 31 of the first year and at the end of session shall be made Inexpedient to Legislate at that time.

Amend Senate Rule 6-22 as follows:

6-22 Prohibitions - Constitutional amendment concurrent resolutions shall not appear on the Consent Calendar.

Amend Senate Rule 7-1 with inserting (s)-(y):

7-1 Deadlines

PART SEVEN
DEADLINES

7-1 Deadlines. ***After conferring with the Minority Leader, the deadlines may be reasonably amended at the discretion of the Senate President, to be timely noticed on the General Court website.***

(s) Thursday, March 05, 2026 – Deadline for Policy Committees to ACT on all Senate bills with a fiscal impact, except bills exempted pursuant to Senate Rule 4-5.

(t) Thursday, March 26, 2026 – CROSSOVER – Deadline to ACT on all Senate bills.

(u) Thursday, April 30, 2026 – Deadline for Policy Committees to ACT on all House bills with a fiscal impact, except bills exempted pursuant to Senate Rule 4-5.

(v) Thursday, May 14, 2026 – Deadline to ACT on all House bills.

(w) Thursday, May 21, 2026 – Deadline to FORM Committees of Conference.

(x) Thursday, May 28, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.– Deadline to SIGN Committee of Conference Reports.

(y) Thursday, June 04, 2026– Deadline to ACT on Committee of Conference Reports.

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HEARINGS

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025

EDUCATION, Room 232, GP

Sen. Ward (C), Sen. Sullivan (VC), Sen. Abbas, Sen. Prentiss, Sen. Altschiller

JOINT - WITH HOUSE EDUCATION FUNDING

1:00 p.m. Hearing on proposed nongermane Amendment #, 2025-2978s establishing a revolving loan fund for the Claremont school district, to **HB 292**, establishing a commission to study school administrative unit consolidation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, Room 100, SH

Sen. Rochefort (C), Sen. Avard (VC), Sen. Birdsell, Sen. Prentiss, Sen. Long

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 100, SH

Sen. Abbas (C), Sen. Sullivan (VC), Sen. Long

9:15 a.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION**

ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, Room 103, SH

Sen. Gray (C), Sen. Lang (VC), Sen. Rochefort, Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Sen. Long

1:30 p.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION**

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES, Room 100, SH

Sen. Avard (C), Sen. Pearl (VC), Sen. McConkey, Sen. Watters, Sen. Rosenwald

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

FINANCE, Room 103, SH

Sen. Gray (C), Sen. Innis (VC), Sen. Carson, Sen. Birdsell, Sen. Pearl, Sen. Lang, Sen. Rosenwald, Sen. Watters

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

JUDICIARY, Room 100, SH

Sen. Gannon (C), Sen. Abbas (VC), Sen. Carson, Sen. Altschiller, Sen. Reardon

2:30 p.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION**

TRANSPORTATION, Room 103, SH

Sen. Ricciardi (C), Sen. McConkey (VC), Sen. Ward, Sen. Prentiss, Sen. Fenton

2:30 p.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2025

COMMERCE, Room 100, SH

Sen. Innis (C), Sen. Ricciardi (VC), Sen. Murphy, Sen. McGough, Sen. Fenton, Sen. Reardon

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

MEETINGS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2025

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 1 98 Smokey Bear Boulevard Concord, NH	Regular Meeting

COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS OF PERFLUORINATED CHEMICALS (RSA 126-A:79-a)

2:00 p.m.	Please register at: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/5671215450474413150 After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. You also may join the meeting by phone: Call in Number: 1 (562) 247-8422 Access Code: 115-413-777 Webinar ID: 764-468-067	Regular Meeting

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2025

NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS HOME BOARD OF MANAGERS (RSA 119:3-a)

9:00 a.m.	New Hampshire Veterans Home Tarr South Conference Room 139 Winter Street Tilton, NH	Regular Meeting

COMMISSION TO STUDY HUMAN TRAFFICKING WITHIN ILLICIT MASSAGE BUSINESSES (RSA 633:12)

1:00 p.m.	Room 231, GP	Regular Meeting

JOINT COMMITTEE ON DEDICATED FUNDS (RSA 6:12-i)

1:00 p.m.	Room 159, GP	Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025

COMMITTEE TO STUDY PALLIATIVE AND HOSPICE CARE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (SB 248, Chapter 115, Laws of 2025)

9:00 a.m.	Room 103, SH	Regular Meeting

COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE REGULATION OF PRIVATE ANIMAL BOARDING FACILITIES (SB 50, Chapter 83, Laws of 2025)

10:00 a.m.	Room 100, SH	Regular Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025

COMMITTEE TO STUDY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS (SAUS) IN THE STATE (SB 57, Chapter 220:1, Laws of 2025)

9:30 a.m.	Room 232, GP	Regular Meeting

COMMISSION TO STUDY STABLE TOKENS, TOKENIZED REAL-WORLD ASSETS, AND BLOCKCHAIN-BASED TRUSTS FRAMEWORKS (RSA 383:26)

10:00 a.m.	Room 229, GP	Regular Meeting

COMMISSION TO STUDY COSTS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION (RSA 186-C:1-a)

1:00 p.m.	Room 232, GP	Regular Meeting

COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE MEDICAID ENHANCEMENT TAX AND DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE HOSPITAL PAYMENTS (SB 249, Chapter 250:4, Laws of 2025)

1:00 p.m.	Room 103, SH	Regular Meeting

RACING AND CHARITABLE GAMING STUDY COMMISSION (RSA 284:6-c)

3:00 p.m.	NH Lottery Commission Large Conference Room 14 Integra Drive Concord, NH	Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2025

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2)

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

OVERSIGHT COMMISSION ON CHILDREN'S SERVICES (RSA 21-V:10)

9:00 a.m.	Room 103, SH	Regular Meeting

COMMITTEE TO STUDY NON-PHARMACOLOGICAL TREATMENT OPTIONS FOR PATIENTS WITH CHRONIC PAIN (HB 1712, Chapter 274:2, Laws of 2024)

10:00 a.m.	Room 158, GP	Regular Meeting

COMMISSION TO STUDY REVENUE ALTERNATIVES TO THE ROAD TOLL, ROAD TOLL REGISTRATION CHARGES, AND REVENUE ALTERNATIVES TO VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES, INCLUDING ELECTRIC VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES, TO FUND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE STATE'S HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES AND THEIR RESULTING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ENVIRONMENT (RSA 21-J:49)

10:00 a.m.	Room 234, GP	Regular Meeting

FISCAL COMMITTEE (RSA 14:30-a)

11:00 a.m.	Room 230, GP	Regular Meeting

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

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

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

3:00 p.m.	Remote Only Join Zoom Meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86117818803?pwd=cWRXdlgwQnQvc2ZRbkNObGhGc3M0dz09 Meeting ID: 861 1781 8803 Passcode: 669915	Regular Meeting

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (RSA 188-E:10-b)

9:00 a.m.	Department of Education 25 Hall Street Concord, NH	Regular Meeting

COUNTY-STATE FINANCE COMMISSION (RSA 28-B:1)

10:00 a.m.	Brown Building 129 Pleasant Street Concord, NH	Regular Meeting

NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 485-F:4)

10:00 a.m.	NHDES 29 Hazen Drive Concord, NH	Regular Meeting

STATE COMMISSION ON AGING (RSA 19-P:1)

10:00 a.m.	NH Hospital Association 125 Airport Road Concord, NH Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87430173115?pwd=bUFER3I5emt3NGVueDBYYW9SZThLUT09	Regular Meeting

COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE MEDICAID ENHANCEMENT TAX AND DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE HOSPITAL PAYMENTS (SB 249, Chapter 250:4, Laws of 2025)

10:30 a.m.	Room 103, SH	Regular Meeting

NEW HAMPSHIRE CANADIAN TRADE COUNCIL (RSA 12-O:22)

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

NEW HAMPSHIRE DRUG OVERDOSE FATALITY REVIEW COMMISSION (RSA 126-DD:1)

1:00 p.m.	Executive Council Chambers Room 207, SH	Regular Meeting

CURRENT USE BOARD (RSA 79-A:3)

7:00 p.m.	North Country Resource Center 629B Main Street Lancaster, NH	Public Forum on the Current Use Law

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND OTHER RELATED DEMENTIA (RSA 126-A:15-a)

9:00 a.m.	Room 100, SH	Needs Assessment Work Group

COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE CREATION OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF FILM AND CREATIVE MEDIA (HB 2, Chapter 141:349, Laws of 2025)

9:30 a.m.	Room 103, SH	Regular Meeting

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND OTHER RELATED DEMENTIA (RSA 126-A:15-a)

10:00 a.m.	Room 100, SH	Regular Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2025

CARBON SEQUESTRATION PROGRAMS STUDY COMMISSION (RSA 79:32)

10:00 a.m.	Room 159, GP	Regular Meeting

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025

COMMITTEE TO STUDY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS (SAUS) IN THE STATE (SB 57, Chapter 220:1, Laws of 2025)

9:30 a.m.	Room 232, GP	Regular Meeting

NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 485-F:4)

1:00 p.m.	NHDES 29 Hazen Drive Concord, NH	Construction Project Assistance Subcommittee

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2025

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 126-A:13)

10:00 a.m.	Room 158, GP	Regular Meeting

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2025

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

9:30 a.m.	Department of Revenue Administration Training Room 109 Pleasant Street Concord, NH	Assessing Reference Manual Subcommittee

COMMITTEE TO STUDY LONG-TERM MANAGED CARE (HB 2, Chapter 141:420, Laws of 2025)

10:00 a.m.	Room 158, GP	Regular Meeting

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE ZONING ENABLING ACT (RSA 674:23-a)

10:00 a.m.	Room 231, GP	Regular Meeting

NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL ON SUICIDE PREVENTION (RSA 126-R:2)

10:00 a.m.	National Guard Edward Cross Training Center 722 Riverwood Drive Pembroke, NH	Regular Meeting

COMMISSION TO STUDY HUMAN TRAFFICKING WITHIN ILLICIT MASSAGE BUSINESSES (RSA 633:12)

1:00 p.m.	Room 159, GP	Regular Meeting

COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE MEDICAID ENHANCEMENT TAX AND DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE HOSPITAL PAYMENTS (SB 249, Chapter 250:4, Laws of 2025)

1:00 p.m.	Room 103, SH	Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2025

NH BRAIN AND SPINAL CORD INJURY ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 137-K:2)

6:00 p.m.	Northeast Rehab Hospital Network Cafeteria 70 Butler Street Salem, NH Online Registration: https://p2p.onecause.com/bsciac	Public Hearing on Unmet Needs

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2025

CURRENT USE BOARD (RSA 79-A:3)

7:00 p.m.	NH Fish & Game Strafford County Superior Court 259 Country Farm Road Dover, NH	Public Forum on the Current Use Law

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2025

COMMITTEE TO STUDY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS (SAUS) IN THE STATE (SB 57, Chapter 220:1, Laws of 2025)

9:30 a.m.	Room 232, GP	Regular Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2025

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

9:30 a.m.	Department of Revenue Administration Training Room 109 Pleasant Street Concord, NH	Equalization Subcommittee

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2025

JOINT LEGISLATIVE PERFORMANCE AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 17-N:1)

10:00 a.m.	Room 234, GP	Regular Meeting

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2025

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (RSA 188-E:10-b)

11:00 a.m.	Department of Education 25 Hall Street Concord, NH	Regular Meeting

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025

NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS HOME BOARD OF MANAGERS (RSA 119:3-a)

9:00 a.m.	New Hampshire Veterans Home Tarr South Conference Room 139 Winter Street Tilton, NH	Regular Meeting

STATE COMMISSION ON AGING (RSA 19-P:1)

10:00 a.m.	NH Hospital Association 125 Airport Road Concord, NH Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87430173115?pwd=bUFER3I5emt3NGVueDBYYW9SZThLUT09	Regular Meeting

NEW HAMPSHIRE DRUG OVERDOSE FATALITY REVIEW COMMISSION (RSA 126-DD:1)

1:00 p.m.	Executive Council Chambers Room 207, SH	Regular Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2025

TEMPORARY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO STUDY, MONITOR, AND SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF CORRECTIVE MEASURES IDENTIFIED IN THE 2025 LEGISLATIVE BUDGET ASSISTANT AUDIT (HB 2, Chapter 141:369, Laws of 2025)

1:30 p.m.	Room 230, GP	Regular Meeting

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025

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

9:00 a.m.	NH Municipal Association Annual Conference DoubleTree by Hilton 700 Elm Street Manchester, NH	Public Forums on Assessing Standards and Practices and Ratio Study Procedures

MOUNT WASHINGTON COMMISSION (RSA 227-B:3)

6:30 p.m.	Mt. Washington Room Fairbank Lodge Cranmore Mountain Resort North Conway, NH	Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE USE OF OHRVS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 215-A:44-a)

10:00 a.m.	NH Dept. of Natural and Cultural Resources 172 Pembroke Road Concord, NH Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 274 184 631 415 2 Passcode: Gr6L5Mz6 Dial in by phone +1 603-931-4944,,354755804# United States, Concord Find a local number Phone conference ID: 354 755 804# Join on a video conferencing device Tenant key: nhgov@m.webex.com Video ID: 113 193 486 3	Regular Meeting

CURRENT USE BOARD (RSA 79-A:3)

1:00 p.m.	Department of Revenue Administration Training Room 109 Pleasant Street Concord, NH	Public Forum on the Current Use Law

CURRENT USE BOARD (RSA 79-A:3)

1:30 p.m.	Department of Revenue Administration Training Room 109 Pleasant Street Concord, NH	Regular Meeting

NEW HAMPSHIRE-IRELAND TRADE COUNCIL (RSA 12-O:22-a)

2:00 p.m.	Department of Business and Economic Affairs Suite 100 100 North Main Street Concord, NH	Regular Meeting

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

3:00 p.m.	Remote Only Join Zoom Meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86117818803?pwd=cWRXdlgwQnQvc2ZRbkNObGhGc3M0dz09 Meeting ID: 861 1781 8803 Passcode: 669915	Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2025

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

9:00 a.m.	Room 228, GP The YouTube link to view the meeting livestream is: https://www.youtube.com/live/Yim31_or0Rk	Regular Meeting

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

9:30 a.m.	Room 228, GP The YouTube link to view the meeting livestream is; https://www.youtube.com/live/XKabbuZctkw	Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2025

THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ADDICTION, TREATMENT AND PREVENTION (RSA 12-J:1)

9:30 a.m.	Executive Council Chambers Room 207, SH	Regular Meeting

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025

STATE COMMISSION ON AGING (RSA 19-P:1)

10:00 a.m.	NH Hospital Association 125 Airport Road Concord, NH Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87430173115?pwd=bUFER3I5emt3NGVueDBYYW9SZThLUT09	Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2026

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE USE OF OHRVS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 215-A:44-a)

10:00 a.m.	NH Dept. of Natural and Cultural Resources 172 Pembroke Road Concord, NH Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 246 473 049 276 6 Passcode: En9FD7iP Join on a video conferencing device Tenant key: nhgov@m.webex.com Video ID: 119 033 038 3	Regular Meeting

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2025 BILLS REREFERRED TO COMMITTEE:

SENATE BILLS: 39, 53, 56, 66, 82, 88, 90, 101, 109, 111, 123, 136, 139, 142, 152, 155, 175, 183, 187, 191, 208, 220, 223, 226, 231, 256, 261, 270, 289, 298, 301

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2025 BILLS REMAINING ON THE TABLE:

SENATE BILLS: 14, 17, 20, 21, 35, 38, 59, 64, 70, 81, 86, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 120, 122, 125, 127, 128, 131, 132, 135, 137, 158, 168, 181, 199, 227, 238, 239, 240, 242, 244, 246, 255, 264, 274, 276, 277, 279, 286, 288, 290, 296, 303, 304

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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 2025 BILLS:

SENATE BILLS: 13, 14, 15, 17, 21, 26, 27, 31, 49, 58, 60, 65, 71, 73, 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 83, 84, 86, 87, 88, 92, 93, 99, 100, 106, 107, 108, 110, 111, 112, 113, 115, 116, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 127, 128, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 137, 139, 140, 142, 144, 147, 148, 150, 151, 152, 153, 157, 160, 162, 164, 168, 170, 179, 180, 181, 185, 188, 191, 193, 196, 201, 204, 205, 208, 213, 218, 222, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 233, 238, 239, 241, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 249, 253, 258, 261, 263, 267, 274, 276, 277, 280, 286, 297, 300, 302

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ENROLLED BILL AMENDMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SENATE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR 2025 BILLS:

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NOTICES

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LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE

The Legislative Ethics Committee, at its meeting on September 18, 2025, voted to formally issue the following advisory opinions, which are printed below in their entirety.

Advisory Opinion 2025-3
Response to a Request for an Advisory Opinion from Representative Ross Berry (September 18, 2025)

The Legislative Ethics Committee, at its meeting on September 18, 2025, considered a request for an advisory opinion from Representative Ross Berry addressing whether he may participate in the process of co-sponsoring a bill that would restrict localities from implementing zoning ordinances that prohibit specific types of childcare centers.

In his email message to the Committee, dated August 29, 2025, Representative Berry stated that he owns and operates a licensed childcare center in NH under a "Group Child Care License," which he has disclosed on his Financial Disclosure Form. He said that he would like to co-sponsor a childcare bill that would restrict localities from implementing zoning ordinances that prohibit in-home childcare for specific license types called "Family Child Care Homes" and "Family Group Child Care Homes." He also stated that, "I do not hold these licenses, nor will I ever likely seek to hold one." Additionally, he said the proposed bill would restrict localities from prohibiting new childcare centers in any commercial zoned area, and that provision would apply to his and all other license types. He further stated that, "I am not currently seeking to start a new childcare center under a new license, but that could be the case in the future."

Relevant Statutory Provision

14-C:4-a Recusal for Conflicts of Interest. –

I. A legislator shall recuse themselves from participation in any official legislative activity pertaining to legislation when:

(a) The legislator has a conflict of interest with the subject of the legislation as defined in RSA 14-B:1, I; and

(b) The legislator or a member of the legislator's household could reasonably be expected to incur a direct and substantial financial benefit or detriment as a result of the outcome of the legislative activity.

Committee Analysis

In completing its consideration, the Committee reviewed a draft of the proposed bill provided by Representative Berry and reviewed relevant provisions of law.

Under the statutory language set forth in RSA 14-C, recusal is required when a legislator has a conflict of interest with the subject of legislation and the legislator "could reasonably be expected to incur a direct and substantial financial benefit or detriment". Based on the facts presented, the proposed bill would not result in financial gain for Representative Berry through ownership of his current childcare business as it would not involve his childcare license type. However, as Representative Berry stated, one of the bill's provisions would restrict municipalities from prohibiting new childcare centers which would allow him to start a new childcare center in the future should he choose to do so. He also pointed out that the bill he intends to sponsor could create competition, having a negative effect on his business. The Committee considered whether, given the facts presented, Representative Berry would be likely to receive a benefit or suffer a detriment which would be direct and substantial representing a conflict of interest that would require recusal.

It should be noted that Representative Berry asked only whether he should participate in co-sponsoring the bill. If he has a conflict requiring recusal, he would be required to refrain from participating in all legislative activities involving the bill.

A "direct" benefit must be more than hypothetical. To be direct, a benefit need not be immediate, but given the legislator's current circumstances, there must be a reasonable expectation that the legislator will receive financial benefit from the legislative activity. In Representative Berry's circumstance, based on the facts he presented, that threshold is not met.

Opening the childcare market to more competition could be considered a potential detriment to Representative Berry. Again, it is hypothetical, but it could be substantial. A conflict of interest exists when a legislator's objectivity may be compromised because of a financial detriment which the legislator may desire to avoid. In this case, Representative Berry isn't avoiding the possible detriment, he is advocating for it. The majority of the Committee finds that, given the facts as presented by Representative Berry, the negative financial effect of greater competition would not create a conflict warranting recusal.

The Committee also considered the issue of public perception. One of the General Court's stated purposes for enacting the recusal law was to "maintain the confidence of the New Hampshire citizenry in official activities" by avoiding the perception of legislators acting in their own self-interest and requiring recusal in some circumstances. It is reasonable to assume that some members of the public would believe that a legislator who owns a childcare center should not be involved in sponsoring a bill that affects his industry. But Representative Berry has fulfilled his obligation to disclose his potential conflict at the beginning of the legislative session on the required Financial Disclosure Form.

Conclusion

The majority of the Committee determined that Representative Berry's cosponsoring of the proposed childcare bill would not violate RSA 14-C:4-a, I. He would not receive a direct and substantial benefit and potentially no direct and substantial detriment from his participation in official legislative activity pertaining to the proposed bill. He is not required to recuse. However, the Committee recognizes that there may still be an appearance of a conflict of interest. It is up to Representative Berry to decide whether cosponsoring the bill is in his interests.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance.

Honorable Edward M. Gordon, Chairman
Honorable Donna Sytek, Vice Chairman
Senator Cindy Rosenwald
Senator Ruth Ward
Representative Bob Lynn (Not present and did not participate.)

Representative Catherine A. Rombeau
Honorable David W. Hess

For the Committee,
Edward M. Gordon
Chairman

[Vote: 5-1]

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Advisory Opinion 2025-4
Response to a Request for an Advisory Opinion from
Anastasia M. Childs
(September 18, 2025)

The Legislative Ethics Committee, at its meeting on September 18, 2025, considered a request for an advisory opinion from Anastasia Childs, Executive Administration Director in the Office of the Speaker of the House, seeking guidance from the Committee with respect to a GoFundMe fundraising campaign set up to assist her with expenses resulting from a fire which caused extensive damage to her home.

In her letter to the Committee, dated September 3, 2025, Ms. Childs stated that "the fire resulted in the complete loss of everything within my home and our displacement to temporary housing." Following the loss, she said, a couple of her coworkers set up a GoFundMe fundraising campaign to help pay for her expenses. She said that between the GoFundMe website and separate cash donations a total of $4070 was raised, of that amount $70 came from personal friends, but most donations came from legislators and legislative staff, with one donation from a lobbyist.

Relevant Provisions of Statute and the Ethics Guidelines

14-C:1 Purpose. – The purpose of this chapter is to ensure that persons charged with carrying out the duties and activities of the legislative branch of state government do so in an atmosphere that supports the independent judgment of such persons and minimizes the opportunity for inappropriate influence by persons or organizations subject to or likely to become subject to or interested in any matter or action pending in the legislative branch...

14-C:3 Prohibition on Gifts; Duty to Report. –

I. It shall be unlawful to knowingly give any gift as defined in this chapter, directly or indirectly, to any legislator or legislative employee.

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III. (a) 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.

14-C:2 Definitions. – In this chapter:

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IV. (a) "Gift" means:

(1) Money in any amount

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(b) Notwithstanding subparagraph (a), "gift" shall not include:

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(6) Money in any form... where the donor's act of giving is purely private and personal in nature and the money ... would have been given and received even if the person were not a legislator or legislative employee.

Ethics Guidelines Section 8, Legislative Employee Code of Conduct

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II. Prohibited Activities

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(c) A legislative employee or officer shall not accept any gift from givers who wish to influence the work activities of the employee or officer.

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(g) A legislative employee or officer shall not accept or solicit anything of value for the private benefit of the employee or officer, or the employee's or officer's immediate family or household member under circumstances in which it can be reasonably inferred that the legislative employee's or officer's independence of judgment is impaired or is intended as a reward for any official action.

III. Permitted Activities.

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(g) Acceptance of anything permitted to be accepted pursuant to RSA 14-C.

Committee Analysis

In completing its consideration, the Committee reviewed the written request submitted by Ms. Childs, viewed the GoFundMe site set up to raise funds for her, and received testimony from Ms. Childs and Aaron Goulette, House Chief of Staff.

RSA 14-C, commonly known as the "gift law," generally prohibits the giving of gifts to legislators, legislative officers and legislative employees and prohibits legislators, legislative officers and legislative employees from accepting gifts, as defined in the statute. However, the statute lists fifteen exceptions to this general definition. One exception from the definition of gift is "money in any form... where the donor's act of giving is purely private and personal in nature and the money ... would have been given and received even if the person were not a legislator or legislative employee." [RSA 14-C:2, IV(b)(6)]

The question is whether the donations made to the GoFundMe website were given with the intention of influencing Ms. Childs in her official capacity as a legislative employee. The Committee found that the GoFundMe fundraising campaign was open to anyone who wanted to donate to it and that all but one of the donations made were by friends, fellow legislative employees and legislators. The website asked for donations for the purpose of "helping Anastasia get back on her feet," and stated that "the money raised will help with the costs of replacing the items lost, buying essentials, and covering the costs associated with overcoming this tragic event."

The Committee recognizes that the General Court is a workplace where personal relationships develop among staff, legislators, and staff and legislators. In such an environment, it is understandable that individuals would want to help their colleagues in times of need when they incur personal tragedies, or to celebrate life events like weddings, birthdays, baby showers, and retirements. When a monetary donation is made by a friend or colleague for such an event, the donor's act in giving can generally be considered "purely private and personal in nature."

However, a donation from an individual who has a financial interest in any official policy decisions that the recipient is authorized to make would generally not qualify for the statutory exception. There was one donation to Ms. Childs' fund from a lobbyist which concerned the Committee. However, Ms. Childs testified that she knows the lobbyist from a past association and believes the contribution was made from friendship, not as an effort to influence her decisions on any legislative activities in her official capacity as a legislative employee.

Conclusion

The money received by Ms. Childs is exempt from the definition of "gift" as defined by RSA 14-C:2, IV, (a). The Committee found no indication that the donations to the GoFundMe website were intended to influence Ms. Childs in her official capacity. She qualifies for the exemption found in RSA 14-C:2, IV, (b), (6). Donations made to the fund, and Ms. Child's acceptance of the funds, do not constitute a violation of applicable statutes or the Ethics Guidelines.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance.

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Senator Cindy Rosenwald

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Representative Bob Lynn (Not present and did not participate.)
Representative Catherine A. Rombeau
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For the Committee,
Edward M. Gordon
Chairman

[Vote: 6-0]

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With several national conferences and other events taking place throughout the Summer and Fall, please remember that any costs that are waived, forgiven, reduced, prepaid, or reimbursed from an organization such as NCSL or CSG, that are related to your attendance at the event, must be reported on an "Honorarium 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 - Honorarium or Expense Reimbursement Report - August 2019.pdf (gc.nh.gov) . 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@gc.nh.gov or at (603) 271-3326.

Senator Sharon M. Carson, Senate President

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SENATE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, November 11, 2025	Veterans' Day (State Holiday)
Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.	Deadline for prime sponsors to sign off on legislation.
Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.	Deadline for co-sponsors to sign off on legislation.
Thursday, November 27, 2025	Thanksgiving Day (State Holiday)
Friday, November 28, 2025	Day after Thanksgiving (State Holiday)
Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.	Deadline to REPORT rereferred bills out of committee.
Thursday, December 25, 2025	Christmas Day (State Holiday)
Thursday, January 01, 2026	New Year's Day (State Holiday)
Wednesday, January 07, 2026	Convening Day
Monday, January 19, 2026	Martin Luther King Jr./Civil Rights Day (State Holiday)
Monday, February 16, 2026	President's Day (State Holiday)
Monday, February 23, 2026 - Friday, February 27, 2026	SENATE BREAK