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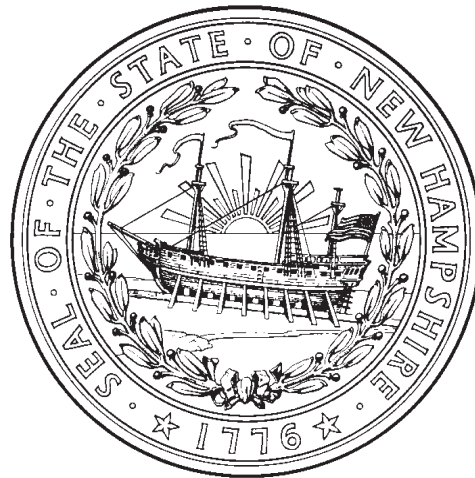
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**Second Year of the 169th Session of the
New Hampshire General Court**

SENATE CALENDAR

**THE SENATE WILL MEET IN SESSION ON THURSDAY,
MARCH 26, 2026 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE SENATE CHAMBER**

The Senate Session on Thursday, March 26, 2026, in the Senate Chamber
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Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.

LAI D ON THE TABLE

SB 123-FN, requiring coverage of ear acupuncture as a treatment for substance misuse under the state Medicaid plan.**01/29/2026, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 2**

SB 404-FN, relative to economic revitalization zone tax credits.**03/12/2026, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

SB 446-FN, requiring animal care center operators to notify dog owners when a dog will be left unattended and to report injuries to animals or people which occur on the premises of the animal care center.**03/12/2026, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

SB 466-FN, relative to the possession of a firearm without a serial number.**03/12/2026, Pending Motion Committee Amendment # 2026-1043s, Judiciary, SJ 6**

SB 474, relative to the effective date of the law regarding collection and reporting of abortion statistics.**02/19/2026, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Health and Human Services, SJ 4**

SB 478-FN, relative to strengthening prescription drug affordability and pharmacy benefits manager accountability.**03/12/2026, Pending Motion Interim Study, Health and Human Services, SJ 6**

SB 479-FN, allowing alternative treatment centers to operate for profit.**02/19/2026, Pending Motion Inexpedient to Legislate, Judiciary, SJ 4**

SB 483-FN-A, making a contingent appropriation to the department of health and human services for recruitment and benefit grants for child care employers.**03/05/2026, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 5**

SB 517-FN, relative to the responsibility of local school districts to provide meals to students during school hours, reimbursing schools for meals provided to students at no cost, and making an appropriation therefor.**03/12/2026, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

SB 553-FN, relative to penalties for attempting to elude pursuit by law enforcement.**01/29/2026, Pending Motion Interim Study, Judiciary, SJ 2**

SB 561, relative to change of address for certain game operator employer licensees.**03/05/2026, Pending Motion Inexpedient to Legislate, Ways and Means, SJ 5**

SB 566-FN, relative to recruiting incentive programs for the national guard.**03/12/2026, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

SB 583-FN, directing the department of education to create an education funding transparency data and reporting system.**03/12/2026, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

SB 612-FN, relative to clinical eligibility criteria for nursing facility and home and community based care.**03/12/2026, Pending Motion Interim Study, Health and Human Services, SJ 6**

SB 616-FN, relative to reporting requirements under the right to try act.**03/12/2026, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

SB 626-FN, restricting right-to-know requests to persons domiciled or maintaining a permanent residence in New Hampshire and requiring proof of domicile or residency to file right-to-know requests.**03/12/2026, Pending Motion Committee Amendment # 2026-1055s, Judiciary, SJ 6**

SB 631-FN, authorizing the sale of toll credits to fund a newly established noise barrier construction fund for the design and construction of noise barrier projects.**03/12/2026, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

SB 635-FN, establishing a health reimbursement arrangement tax credit program and making an appropriation for improvements in the department of revenue administration's information management system. **03/05/2026, Pending Motion Refer to Finance Rule 4-5, Ways and Means, SJ 5**

SB 651-FN-A, relative to the legalization and regulation of cannabis and making appropriations therefor.**02/05/2026, Pending Motion Inexpedient to Legislate, Judiciary, SJ 3**

SB 654-FN, creating tax credits for businesses that have on-site child care services and for businesses that provide health care coverage for certain employees.**03/05/2026, Pending Motion Refer to Finance Rule 4-5, Ways and Means, SJ 5**

SB 662-FN-A, making an appropriation to the department of natural and cultural resources for renovations to the Northwood Meadows Lake Dam.**03/05/2026, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 5**

SB 664-FN, limiting hospital executive compensation in communities designated as distressed place-based economies under certain circumstances.**03/12/2026, Pending Motion Ought to Pass, Health and Human Services, SJ 6**

HB 186-FN-A, relative to the legalization and regulation of cannabis and making appropriations therefor.**03/05/2026, Pending Motion Inexpedient to Legislate, Judiciary, SJ 5**

HB 246-FN-A, directing the state conservation committee to implement the conservation district climate resilience grant program and making an appropriation therefor.**03/12/2026, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

HB 704-FN-A, making an appropriation to the retired senior volunteer program.**03/12/2026, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

CONSENT CALENDAR REPORTS

COMMERCE

SB 655, relative to employee leasing companies and workers' compensation coverage options. Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 6-0. Senator Innis for the committee.

This bill would permit client companies or leasing companies to secure workers' compensation coverage. Coverage would not be optional; instead, it would offer flexibility to help support small businesses without negatively affecting worker protections. The Committee Amendment addressed concerns raised by the Department of Labor. Employees must be notified who in a co-employment relationship is providing workers' compensation coverage. The Committee Amendment also would add a minimum wage exemption for minor league baseball players covered by a collective bargaining agreement. Existing requirements have created confusion because it is difficult to determine what hours should be counted towards a player's work.

EDUCATION

HB 1202, relative to dual and concurrent enrollment requirements for courses at institutions within the community college system of New Hampshire. Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Abbas for the committee.

House Bill 1202 was a request from the New Hampshire Community College System that allows students to participate in the dual and concurrent enrollment program for courses exceeding 4 credits, such as LPN and welding. This legislation increases opportunities for students participating in the program.

HB 1270, clarifying the definition of part-time teacher. Ought to Pass, Vote 4-1. Senator Sullivan for the committee.

House Bill 1270 clarifies the definition of part-time teacher by requiring a superintendent or school principal approval of part-time teachers' expertise to teach in a subject area. The bill also clarifies the ethical standards that part-time teachers must abide by.

HB 1467-FN, relative to the New Hampshire seal of civic excellence and engagement program. Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0. Senator Prentiss for the committee.

House Bill 1467-FN establishes the required criteria for a high school student to be awarded the New Hampshire seal of civic excellence and engagement. The bill authorizes school boards and school administrative unit boards to award qualifying graduating high school students the distinction of a seal affixed to their diploma and completion of the program referenced on their transcript. The New Hampshire Department of Education will adopt rules to maintain consistency for schools that opt in across the state.

HB 1503, allowing the department of education to allocate funds to create a database of maps of public schools for emergency use cases.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Prentiss for the committee.

House Bill 1503 clarifies the authority of the Public School Infrastructure Commission to include work the Commission is currently doing related to enhancing public-school emergency readiness with critical incident mapping technologies.

HB 1574-FN, relative to the extension of free and reduced price breakfast and lunch for students under the age of 22 and making an appropriation therefor.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Sullivan for the committee.

House Bill 1574-FN extends breakfast and lunch aid for all students that are the age of 21 who previously qualified for the National School Lunch Program or National School Breakfast Program at the age of 20. The bill also permits participating schools as eligible to receive reimbursements for school breakfasts and lunches that are provided to qualifying students and makes an appropriation for such purpose.

ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

HB 158, relative to public inspection of absentee ballot lists.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

HB 158, as amended, would require the Secretary of State to review absentee ballot data and forward questionable items to the Attorney General for further review.

HB 164-FN, relative to local records retention.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Rochefort for the committee.

HB 164 seeks to enhance public access to local government information, while also easing the workload on municipalities and ensuring records are secure and well-organized.

HB 173, relative to maintaining the purpose of a petitioned warrant article.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Perkins Kwoka for the committee.

This bill aims to prevent amendments to petitioned warrant articles that would alter their original purpose. The Committee believes that amendments are a healthy part of democracy and petitioned warrant articles should be treated the same as traditional warrant articles. Furthermore, they believe the town meeting system has functioned effectively for many years and does not require this modification.

HB 348, relative to eligibility for local assistance.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

HB 348, as amended, updates welfare local responsibilities, provides criteria for the required documentation, and establishes a hearing process to resolve disputes between municipalities.

HB 488, relative to limiting conflicts of interest and concentrations of power for municipal board and committee members.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator Lang for the committee.

This bill aims to limit conflicts of interest among municipal board and committee members. RSA 31:30-a already grants authority to local legislative bodies to regulate conflicts of interest; therefore, the committee does not believe this bill is necessary.

HB 1044, relative to the filling of vacancies in the office of a county commissioner.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

HB 1044 updates the process for filling county commissioner vacancies by the county convention. Members of the convention who represent City Wards or Towns who voted for the vacated county commissioner position in the general election will vote to fill that position, except when the number of members eligible to vote is less than three.

HB 1246, relative to planning board members serving on other local boards.
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.
Senator Long for the committee.

This bill states that a member serving on both a planning board and a zoning board shall vote only on one board if a case involves both boards.

HB 1296, relative to the conditions for, and procedures for the adoption of, the elderly tax exemption.
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.
Senator Lang for the committee.

This change would require communities to raise the minimum qualifications for the elderly tax exemption, resulting in higher taxes for other residents. The committee believes this bill is unnecessary since towns already have the option to increase the exemption if they find it appropriate.

HB 1689, relative to the term of office for county officers in Merrimack county.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.
Senator Lang for the committee.

HB 1689, as amended, modifies the terms of county officer positions in Belknap and Merrimack Counties from a 2-year to a 4-year term.

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

SB 442, relative to pet transfers.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.
Senator Pearl for the committee.

Senate bill 442 clarifies certain requirements for animal shelter facilities relative to the transfer of animals as well as amends the bill to change the definition of health certificates to official certificate of transfer.

SB 445, relative to adjudicative proceedings where there is a council or board with jurisdiction.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.
Senator Pearl for the committee.

Senate bill 445 changes the appeals process for adjudicative proceedings. This bill was at the request of the Department of Environmental resources as the current process was inefficient and lacked procedural integrity.

SB 535, relative to the confiscation of animals from persons suspected of or charged with abuse of animals.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-1.
Senator Pearl for the committee.

Senate Bill 535 defines what qualifies as a residential breeder in the State of New Hampshire. As amended, the bill also clarifies the definition of a “pet vendor” and updates the language regarding animals imported into the state.

SB 593, relative to landfills.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.
Senator Pearl for the committee.

SB593 with Amendment 2026-1215s fixes a reimbursement issue related to the \$3.50 per ton solid waste fee. It allows the state to pay solid waste management districts directly, instead of routing funds through municipalities. This streamlines the process and ensures the entities actually paying the fee are properly reimbursed.

HB 1199, enabling the fish and game department to create a permit and fee for the use of fish and game staff by other state agencies and departments.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.
Senator Watters for the committee.

House bill 1199 would enable the NH Fish and Game department to create a process that they can use to charge other departments and agencies for consulting fees. The amendment clarifies that the funds would be available for “unrestricted expenditures” authorized under RSA 206:38.

HB 1205, prohibiting state and county owned lands from participating in carbon sequestration projects.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.
Senator Pearl for the committee.

House bill 1205 prohibits the enrollment of state and county owned lands into carbon sequestration projects. The committee amendment clarifies that the prohibition applies only to timber carbon sequestration projects and that it does not include fee-simple lands owned by the state.

HB 1539-FN, authorizing electric utilities to issue AAA-rated bonds for the purpose of storm cost recovery and infrastructure resilience.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Avard for the committee.

HB1539 would permit the PUC to authorize the electric distribution utilities to issue rate reduction bonds to securitize storm costs. The committee amendment struck "AAA rated" from the original title of the bill.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

SB 570, relative to the legislative ethics committee and legislative ethics.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

SB 570 revises the definitions of conflicts of interest for the Legislative Ethics Committee. The amendment replaces the original bill, although it retains a focus on updating definitions used to determine conflicts of interest for legislators. The amendment additionally adds an exception to recusal requirements for budget-related bills, provided there is no specific amendment under consideration that directly involves an area in which the legislator has a conflict of interest.

HB 1019, relative to the composition of the state water well board.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator McGough for the committee.

This bill was a request of constituents actively involved and interacting with the State Well Water Board and is supported by the NHDES. It simply eliminates one position from the board deemed somewhat redundant. NHDES agrees the State Geologist can sufficiently advise the Board when necessary and the department is already sufficiently represented, therefore the geologist position can be safely eliminated.

HB 1030, relative to licensed practical nurse scope of practice.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-0.

Senator McGough for the committee.

This bill is a small correction in the RSA to more clearly define the role of the Licensed Practical Nurse. The language will clarify the type of patient assessment permitted by statute for LPNs practicing alongside Registered Nurse team members, and will further clarify the role LPNs play in contributing to the care of patients assigned to them. It will continue the practice of LPNs caring for patients with stable conditions as they have been assigned by the RN oversight. It is not the intention of this legislation to reduce training or education requirements for LPNs or allow for RN staffing replacement by LPN staff.

HB 1033, establishing a commission to study the legislative bill enrollment process.

Interim Study, Vote 4-0.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

HB 1033 would establish a commission to study the legislative bill enrollment process. The same legislation has been presented to the Senate before and been recommended as inexpedient to legislate or for interim study each time.

HB 1037, extending the commission to study OHRV use in New Hampshire and adding a member from the department of tourism.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Altschiller for the committee.

HB1037 extends the commission to study Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle in New Hampshire by two years, now concluding on November 1st, 2028. Additionally, the bill adds a new member to represent the New Hampshire division of travel and tourism development.

HB 1126, repealing the certification requirement to perform residential mold assessments.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-0.

Senator Reardon for the committee.

HB 1126 would repeal the requirement for certification to perform residential mold assessments. However, due to concerns about potential unintended consequences from removing the existing statute, it was determined

that maintaining the current framework is the best course of action. This is because certification is conducted by national entities rather than the state, and that this ought to be maintained. Additionally, there was an absence of issues under the current requirements.

HB 1204, relative to the grading and use of timber grown in New Hampshire.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Altschiller for the committee.

HB 1204 finds that wood density should be a latitudinal demarcation rather than an arbitrary designation of density based upon political borders. Viewed as latitude, New Hampshire encompasses 42 degrees, 40 minutes north up to 45 degrees, 18 minutes. Timber harvested to produce building lumber between the latitude of 43 degrees, 45 minutes, 18 seconds north to 45 degrees, 18 minutes north warrants the same density demarcation as Canadian SPF (spruce-pine-fir) unless otherwise designated by a licensed architect or structural engineer. It also amends the state building code to allow New Hampshire SPFS (spruce-pine-fur-south) lumber to be used when SPF is specified. The legislation does not prohibit the use of SPF lumber and does not prevent a licensed architect or engineer from specifying higher strength materials if needed.

HB 1259, relative to the issuance of certificates as a certified public accountant.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Reardon for the committee.

HB 1259 revises the requirements for obtaining a CPA certificate. It builds on a previously passed bill by introducing additional reforms aimed at improving CPA mobility across states. Under the bill, out-of-state CPAs may practice in New Hampshire if they consent to the authority of the New Hampshire board, comply with relevant New Hampshire regulations, cease practice if their home-state license expires or is suspended, and authorize their home-state licensing board to act as their agent for proceedings with the New Hampshire board against the licensee.

HB 1287, relative to special number plates for veterans and eligibility therefore.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Reardon for the committee.

HB 1287 expands eligibility for special veteran number plates to veterans with a general discharge under honorable conditions.

HB 1472, relative to the suspension period in cases involving the administrative appeals unit relative to licensure or certification concerning lead paint poisoning prevention.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 4-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

HB 1472 would allow licensees involved in lead abatement, inspection, or educational services to reapply for licensure two years after receiving an initial notice of license revocation. The concerns about the bill focused on the possibility that a licensee could reapply for their licensure while still in the middle of an appeals process. Additionally, there is already a process for reapplication in rules.

HB 1768-FN, exempting honorably discharged New Hampshire veterans from metered parking fees at state parks upon presenting acceptable proof of status and raising the value of individual gifts and donations that may be received by the division of parks and recreation without the approval of the governor or the executive council.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Reardon for the committee.

HB 1768-FN exempts honorably discharged veterans from metered parking fees at State Parks. In order to address revenue concerns, the bill also permits the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources to solicit, receive, and procure donations to offset any revenue losses. Lastly, the legislation increases the highest possible value of a gift or donation that the department may receive without approval from the Governor or Executive Council.

FINANCE

SB 448-FN, modifying the definition of veteran and relative to lifetime hunting and fishing license fees for disabled veterans.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 7-0.

Senator Lang for the committee.

This bill amends the state's definition of "veteran" across several statutes. The Senate Finance Committee amended SB 448-FN to delete the section on lifetime licenses for veterans due to the loss of revenue and increase in expenditures to the Fish and Game Department, and modified the title of the bill to reflect the changes made by the committee.

SB 498-FN, relative to children's mental health services for persons 18 years of age and younger.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

SB 498-FN creates an association for the purpose of collecting assessments to fund payments to care management entities for the provision of childhood behavioral health services.

SB 541-FN-A, making an appropriation for regional drinking water infrastructure.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 7-0.

Senator Watters for the committee.

This bill makes an appropriation to the Department of Environmental Services (DES) to fund regional drinking water infrastructure. The Senate Finance Committee amended SB 541-FN-A to require a share of moneys appropriated to DES in 2020 be used for the Southern New Hampshire Regional Water Interconnection Project. The committee also included an appropriation to DES to the Pillsbury Lake Village District for the purpose of addressing loan costs associated with certain water system upgrades.

SB 545-FN, relative to financial eligibility for the Medicare savings program.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 7-0.

Senator Rosenwald for the committee.

This bill originally removed the resource limit for the Medicare savings program. The Senate Finance Committee amended SB 545-FN to remove the elimination of the resource limit. The bill now only clarifies that subject to CMS approval, financial eligibility for the savings program shall make the low income subsidy for Medicare Part D available to residents to assist with prescription drug costs.

SB 557-FN, making synthetic and semisynthetic kratom illegal.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-2.

Senator Lang for the committee.

This bill would make synthetic and semisynthetic kratom illegal. The Senate Finance Committee amended SB 557-FN to make synthetic and semisynthetic kratom illegal to prepare, distribute, manufacture, sell, possess, or advertise with exceptions made for scientific research.

SB 586-FN, requiring school districts to publish a school administrative unit audit report after the end of the fiscal year.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0.

Senator Lang for the committee.

This bill, effective July 1, 2026, requires district public schools and charter public schools to complete a financial audit each year. SB 586-FN requires the Department of Education to withhold all state funding until the financial audit is completed.

SB 614-FN, establishing multiple-caregiver self-insured risk coverage arrangements for nonprofit and for-profit providers and servicers.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0.

Senator Rosenwald for the committee.

This bill establishes a multiple-caregiver self-insured risk coverage arrangement for nonprofit and for-profit providers and servicers of child care, day care, foster care placement, and behavioral health services, and establishes reporting requirements for such arrangements. SB 614-FN authorizes the Commissioner of the Insurance Department to verify and adopt rules relative to such arrangements.

SB 615-FN, establishing a commission to study the use and regulation of SNAP in New Hampshire.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0.

Senator Watters for the committee.

This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to submit a waiver to the US Department of Agriculture to prohibit the purchase of candy and soft drinks with SNAP benefits. SB 615-FN prohibits DHHS from setting more lenient standards for SNAP eligibility or exemptions than those outlined in federal law. The bill also strengthens work requirements for SNAP eligibility.

SB 625-FN, permitting family members of homicide victims to seek an evidentiary hearing in cases where the department of justice does not file charges in the case.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 7-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

This bill sought to permit family members of homicide victims to request a written explanation from the Department of Justice (DOJ) when charges are not filed or retried, and would allow those family members to petition the Superior Court for review of that decision. The Senate Finance Committee amended SB 625-FN to establish a committee to study options for information for family members of intentional homicide victims where the DOJ does not file charges in a case.

SB 661-FN, relative to pooled risk management programs.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

This bill attempted to ensure the financial stability of pooled risk management programs. The Senate Finance Committee amended SB 661-FN by establishing a member equity stabilization fund, and allowing that fund to retain excess contributions.

HB 1624-FN, relative to the elimination of certain special funds.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

The Joint Committee on Dedicated Funds recommends the repeal of three dedicated funds. These dedicated funds are inactive and no longer needed.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SB 504, relative to the practice of pharmacy and the dispensing of certain medications by pharmacists.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Rochefort for the committee.

This bill makes several technical corrections and changes to pharmacy statute. Furthermore, it amends the definition of the “practice of pharmacy” to utilize pharmacists to the fullest extent of their education, training, and experience. This will expand access to care for patients and assist in leveraging federal funding for rural health care access. A committee amendment has been adopted to reflect stakeholder collaboration.

SB 520, relative to breast surgeries for minors.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

This bill clarifies the medical exemptions included in HB 712-FN from 2025 by specifying the medical reasons for which an individual may need a breast reduction surgery.

SB 607, relative to short-term, limited duration health insurance policies

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Avard for the committee.

As amended, this bill allows insurers to offer short-term, limited duration health insurance policies of less than 12 months and not more than 36 months. The bill also requires insurers to provide written notice to consumers that such plans are not required to comply with the Affordable Care Act, may exclude pre-existing conditions, and may include terms that differ from comprehensive health plans.

SB 613, relative to licensing requirements for health care facilities established within a 15 mile radius of a critical access hospital.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Prentiss for the committee.

This bill requires a health care facility to provide certified, written notice to a critical access hospital if the facility will be located within a 15 mile radius of the critical access hospital. This effort recognizes that critical access hospitals are a lifeline for rural communities and protects access to care in those communities. A committee amendment has been adopted to emphasize patient safety and continuity of care by establishing standards for the transfer of patients from freestanding hospital emergency facilities to acute care hospitals.

JUDICIARY

SB 462, relative to the right of therapeutic cannabis patients to purchase, possess, and transfer firearms in accordance with state law.

Interim Study, Vote 4-0.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

Senate Bill 462 provides that a qualifying patient's therapeutic use of cannabis shall not affect the individual's right to purchase, possess, and transfer firearms under New Hampshire law. The Committee recommends the bill be referred to Interim Study after questions were raised about the bill's practical effect given existing federal law, how "regular" or "habitual" cannabis use is defined for firearm eligibility, and the extent to which federally licensed firearms dealers could still deny sales or face liability, as well as whether the bill meaningfully changes current law or primarily serves as a policy statement, warranting further review.

SB 617, relative to the removal of abandoned vehicles by law enforcement.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Reardon for the committee.

Senate Bill 617 revises the procedures governing the Division of State Police tow list, including qualifications for tow businesses, rotation procedures, and operational standards. The committee amendment refines the bill by clarifying definitions, employee requirements, response times, and enforcement provisions.

REGULAR CALENDAR REPORTS

EDUCATION FINANCE

HB 1815-FN, relative to education financing.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2.

Senator Murphy for the committee.

SB 659, relative to education financing.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2.

Senator Murphy for the committee.

COMMERCE

SB 482-FN, establishing consumer protections for digital access transaction kiosks.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-1.

Senator Reardon for the committee.

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

SB 447, enabling electric utilities to own, operate, and offer advanced nuclear resources, and relative to purchased power agreements for electric distribution utilities and limitations on community customer generators.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-1.

Senator Avard for the committee.

SB 595, relative to the establishment of a remediation pathway for water systems required to undergo frequent testing.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator McConkey for the committee.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

CACR 13, relating to registers of probate.

Providing that the office of register of probate and all references to such office be eliminated.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

SB 470-FN, relative to the expungement of certain disciplinary matters.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.

Senator Pearl for the committee.

FINANCE

SB 645-FN, relative to income eligibility for the New Hampshire child care scholarship program and reallocating certain revenue to fund the program.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SB 441-FN, requiring a municipality that intends to transport a person needing substance use disorder treatment and other support services to have a memorandum of understanding with the receiving municipality prior to transport.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2.

Senator Avarad for the committee.

SB 456, establishing the commission for children's futures.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Prentiss for the committee.

SB 476, relative to consumer health care cost transparency.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Rochefort for the committee.

SB 647, authorizing the department of insurance to participate in a cooperative procurement group via an intergovernmental agreement for a prescription drug discount program.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Rochefort for the committee.

SB 665-FN, requiring pharmacies to charge consumers the lowest available price for prescription drugs.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Rochefort for the committee.

JUDICIARY

CACR 11, relating to sheriffs. Providing that no person shall hold the office of county sheriff after he or she has attained the age of 75 years.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Reardon for the committee.

SB 459, relative to biological sex in student athletics and prisons.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-1.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

SB 464-FN, relative to civil rights enforcement.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

SB 468, relative to enabling alternative treatment centers to operate a greenhouse cultivation location.

Interim Study, Vote 3-1.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

SB 512-FN, relative to fees to annul criminal records related to charges that do not result in conviction.

Interim Study, Vote 3-2.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

SB 558, relative to the appointment of the youth development center claims administrator.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-1.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

SB 648, requiring age verification to allow access to certain material harmful to minors.

Interim Study, Vote 3-1.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

SB 650, relative to use of cannabis products for therapeutic purposes by alternative treatment centers.

Interim Study, Vote 3-1.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

SB 657-FN, relative to the oversight of artificial intelligence.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-1.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

AMENDMENTS

Senate Judiciary
March 17, 2026
2026-1219s
08/07

Amendment to CACR 11

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

RELATING TO: sheriffs.

PROVIDING THAT: there shall be no age limitation for a person to hold the office of county sheriff.

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

I. That article 78 of the second part of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

[Art.] 78. [Judges ~~and Sheriffs~~, When Disqualified by Age.] No person shall hold the office of Judge of any Court[,] or Judge of Probate[, ~~or Sheriff of any county,~~] after he has attained the age of seventy years.

II. That the above amendment proposed to the constitution be submitted to the qualified voters of the state at the state general election to be held in November 2026.

III. That the selectmen of all towns, cities, wards and places in the state are directed to insert in their warrants for the said 2026 election an article to the following effect: To decide whether the amendments of the constitution proposed by the 2026 session of the general court shall be approved.

IV. That the wording of the question put to the qualified voters shall be:

“Are you in favor of amending article 78 of the second part of the constitution to read as follows:

[Art.] 78. [Judges, When Disqualified by Age.] No person shall hold the office of Judge of any Court or Judge of Probate after he has attained the age of seventy years.”

V. That the secretary of state shall print the question to be submitted on a separate ballot with other constitutional questions or on the official ballot. The ballot containing the question shall include 2 ovals next to the question allowing the voter to vote “Yes” or “No.” If no oval is marked, the ballot shall not be counted on the question. The outside of the ballot shall be the same as the regular official ballot except that the words “Questions Relating to Constitutional Amendments proposed by the 2026 General Court” shall be printed in bold type at the top of the ballot.

VI. That if the proposed amendment is approved by 2/3 of those voting on the amendment, it becomes effective when the governor proclaims its adoption.

VII. Voters’ Guide.

AT THE PRESENT TIME, no person may be a sheriff after he or she has turned seventy years old.

IF THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED, there shall be no age limitation on the office of sheriff.

2026-1219s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This constitutional amendment concurrent resolution eliminates the age limitation for sheriffs.

Senate Health and Human Services
February 18, 2026
2026-0841s
05/07

Amendment to SB 441-FN

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

AN ACT relative to the financial responsibility for local assistance and enabling municipalities to request a hearing regarding the residency of an assisted person.

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

1 Aid to Assisted Persons; Expense of General Assistance. Amend RSA 165:2-a to read as follows:
165:2-a Expense of General Assistance.

I. The financial responsibility for general assistance for assisted persons shall be the responsibility of the town or city in which the person making application resides, except as otherwise provided in RSA 165:1-c.

II. Whenever any town or city assists a person pursuant to this chapter who is believed to be a resident of another New Hampshire municipality, it may contact the overseer of the public welfare for the alleged municipality of residency to seek reimbursement for the costs of relieving and maintaining the applicant person, or request that the municipality of residency undertake ongoing relief and maintenance of the applicant pursuant to the municipality of residency's welfare guidelines.

III. Whenever there is a dispute between the assisting municipality and the alleged municipality of origin regarding the residency of the assisted person, the assisting municipality may request a hearing to determine the residency of the assisted person.

IV. Hearings conducted pursuant to paragraph III shall be conducted by an agreed-upon current or former welfare administrator of a third municipality, with the consent of such welfare administrator, and shall be conducted according to the fair hearing provisions described by the welfare guidelines of the alleged municipality of residency, except that the hearing may be conducted by telephone or video conference by agreement of the participants.

V. If the hearing results in a determination that the alleged municipality of residency is where the assisted person resides, the municipality of residency shall reimburse the assisting municipality for the costs of assistance previously rendered, and:

- (a) Continue to reimburse the assisting municipality so long as the person remains assisted; or*
- (b) Undertake relief and maintenance of the assisted person by the municipality of residency.*

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

2026-0841s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides that a municipality that assists an individual who is not a resident may request reimbursement from the municipality of residence. This bill also enables a municipality to request a hearing to determine residency of an assisted person.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources
March 10, 2026
2026-1125s
08/05

Amendment to SB 442

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

1 Sale of Pets and Disposition of Unclaimed Animals; Transfer of Animals and Birds; Health Certificates for Dogs, Cats, and Ferrets. Amend the title of RSA 437:8 to read as follows:

437:8 [~~Health Certificates~~] **Official Certificates of Transfer** for Dogs, Cats, and Ferrets.

2 Sale of Pets and Disposition of Unclaimed Animals; Transfer of Animals and Birds; Confidentiality. Amend RSA 437:8-b, V to read as follows:

V. [~~Certificates of transfer~~] **Official certificates of transfer** shall be removed from the animal records database after 4 years.

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

2026-1125s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill changes the titles for pet health certificates.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources
 March 10, 2026
 2026-1126s
 07/05

Amendment to SB 445

Amend the bill by deleting section 20 and renumbering the original sections 21-48 to read as 20-47, respectively.

Amend the bill by replacing section 26 with the following:

26 Permit Eligibility; Exemption; Water Division. Amend RSA 485-A:35, I(a) to read as follows:

I.(a) All applications, plans, and specifications submitted in accordance with this chapter for subsurface sewage or waste disposal systems shall be prepared and signed by the individual who is directly responsible for them and who has a permit issued by the department to perform the work. The department shall issue a permit to any individual who applies to the department, pays a fee of \$80, and demonstrates a sound working knowledge of the procedures and practices required in the site evaluation, design, and operation of subsurface sewage or waste disposal systems. The department shall require an oral or written examination or both to determine who may qualify for a permit. Permits shall be issued from January 1 and shall expire December 31 of every other year, subject to the grace periods specified in subparagraphs (c) and (d). Permits shall be renewable upon proper application, payment of a biennial permit fee of \$80, and documentation of compliance with the continuing education requirement of subparagraph (b). A permit issued to any individual may be suspended, revoked or not renewed only for just cause ~~and after the permit holder has had a full opportunity to be heard by the department~~. An appeal from a decision to revoke, suspend, or not renew a permit may be taken pursuant to ~~[RSA 541]~~ **RSA 21-O:7, IV**. All fees shall be deposited in the subsurface systems fund established in RSA 485-A:30, I-b.

Amend RSA 541-A:30, IV as inserted by section 45 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

IV. An agency shall be exempt from the requirements in this chapter to provide for an adjudicative proceeding prior to making a final decision, if such final decision is subject to appeal to a council or board with jurisdiction over such agency, or divisions thereof, that provides for notice and an opportunity to be heard. Unless based on risk to an immediate risk to human health or the environment, the agency decision under this paragraph shall not become effective for 30 days following the date of the decision or, if an appeal is filed to a council or board within jurisdiction, until the council or board issues a decision.

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 45 with the following:

46 Emissions Reduction Trading Programs; Certification of Emissions Reduction Credits. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 125-J:4, VII to read as follows:

VII. The commissioner may suspend, modify, or revoke any emissions reduction credits certificate issued under this chapter, or any portion thereof, upon a finding ~~following a hearing~~:

47 New Paragraph; Department of Environmental Services; Administrative Appeals. Amend RSA 21-O:14 by inserting after paragraph IV the following new paragraph:

V. A fine imposed by the department shall not become effective for 30 days following the date of the decision, or if an appeal is filed to a council, until the council issues a decision.

48 Repeal. The following are repealed:

I. RSA 141-E:4, XIV, relative to procedures for notice and hearing concerning asbestos management and control.

II. RSA 149-M:7, XI, relative to procedures for notice and hearing concerning solid waste management.

III. RSA 149-M:37, IV, relative to procedures for notice and hearing concerning solid waste management.

IV. RSA 485-A:2, I-b, relative to the definition of certification committee.

V. RSA 485-A:40, I, relative to reconsideration of certain departmental decisions relative to sewage disposal systems.

VI. RSA 485-A:40, II, relative to certain appeals of certain departmental decisions relative to sewage disposal systems.

VII. RSA 485-A:40, III, relative to the granting of motions for reconsideration of certain departmental decisions relative to sewage disposal systems.

VIII. RSA 488:9, VI, relative to procedures for notice and hearing prior to the imposition of an administrative fine relative to water management.

IX. RSA 21-M:3, VIII-a, relative the appointment of hearing officers.

X. RSA 125-O:7, III(a), relative to notice and hearing requirements prior to the imposition of certain administrative fines.

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

Senate Energy and Natural Resources

March 17, 2026

2026-1213s

04/08

Amendment to SB 447

Amend the bill by replacing section 2 with the following:

2 Coordination of Studies and Development Activities; Position Established. Amend RSA 162-B:4, III to read as follows:

III. The coordinator of nuclear development and regulatory activities shall have the duty to coordinate and produce the reports required by RSA 162-B:3, as well as coordinate the studies conducted, and the recommendations and proposals made, in this state with like activities in New England and other states and with the policies and regulations of the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission. ***These activities may include outreach programs to inform and educate the public, particularly regarding safety.***

Amend the bill by inserting after section 5 the following and renumbering the original sections 6 through 12 to read as 7 through 13, respectively:

6 New Paragraph; Definition; Nonprofit Educational Institution. Amend RSA 362-A:1-a by inserting after paragraph II-f the following new paragraph:

II-g. "Nonprofit educational institution" means a nonpublic, nonprofit elementary school, secondary school, or post-secondary institution such as a college or university, with approval to operate as a school by the state board of education or the department of education, that is exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, is organized and operated primarily for the purpose of providing direct instruction to enrolled students, and does not distribute profits to private shareholders or individuals.

Senate Finance

March 17, 2026

2026-1209s

07/05

Amendment to SB 448-FN

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

AN ACT modifying the definition of veteran.

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 8 with the following:

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

2026-1209s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill changes the definition of veteran and expands eligibility for state benefits and programs that depend on veteran status, ensuring that individuals discharged under honorable conditions, including those with a general discharge under honorable conditions, are not excluded from eligibility.

Senate Health and Human Services
 March 18, 2026
 2026-1226s
 12/09

Amendment to SB 456

Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 200:64 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

200:64 Commission Established. There is a commission established to study the health and well-being of children in the state and to identify the gaps in mental and physical health services provided to children. The commission shall be administratively attached to the department of education.

Amend RSA 200:64, I(c) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

- (c) Seventeen members appointed by the governor, including but not limited to the following groups:
- (1) Health care professionals licensed in the state;
 - (2) Medical practitioners licensed in the state specializing in either traditional or holistic medicine;
 - (3) Child psychologists licensed in the state;
 - (4) Mental health care providers;
 - (5) Teachers certified by the department of education, one of whom is certified in special education;
 - (6) Dietitians, as defined in RSA 326-H:3;
 - (7) Members of state or local law enforcement; and
 - (8) Parents of children residing in the state.

Senate Judiciary
 March 17, 2026
 2026-1217s
 12/05

Amendment to SB 459

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

AN ACT exempting classification of individuals based on biological sex from the definition of an unlawful discriminatory practice in certain limited circumstances.

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

1 State Commission for Human Rights; Law Against Discrimination; Purpose and Scope. Amend RSA 354-A:1 to read as follows:

354-A:1 Title and Purposes of Chapter.

I. This chapter shall be known as the “Law Against Discrimination.” It shall be deemed an exercise of the police power of the state for the protection of the public welfare, health and peace of the people of this state, and in fulfillment of the provisions of the constitution of this state concerning civil rights. The general court hereby finds and declares that practices of discrimination against any of its inhabitants because of age, sex, gender identity, race, creed, color, marital status, familial status, physical or mental disability, or national origin are a matter of state concern, that such discrimination not only threatens the rights and proper privileges of its inhabitants, but menaces the institutions and foundation of a free democratic state and threatens the peace, order, health, safety and general welfare of the state and its inhabitants. A state agency is hereby created with power to eliminate and prevent discrimination in employment, in places of public accommodation and in housing accommodations because of age, sex, gender identity, race, creed, color, marital status, familial status, physical or mental disability, or national origin as herein provided; and the commission established hereunder is hereby given general jurisdiction and power for such purposes. In addition, the agencies and councils so created shall exercise their authority to assure that no person be discriminated against on account of sexual orientation.

II. The general court finds that there are circumstances in which classification of persons based on biological sex serves the compelling state interests of protecting the privacy rights and physical safety of others. The legislature finds that permitting the narrowly tailored classification of persons based upon biological sex serves this compelling state interest in the circumstances described in RSA 354-A:2, XV-a.

2 State Commission for Human Rights; Definitions; Unlawful Discriminatory Practice; Exclusions. Amend RSA 354-A:2, XV to read as follows:

XV.(a) “Unlawful discriminatory practice” includes:

~~[(a)]~~ (1) Practices prohibited by RSA 354-A;

~~[(b)]~~ (2) Practices prohibited by the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (PL 88-352);

~~[(c)]~~ (3) Practices prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 3601-3619);

~~[(d)]~~ (4) Aiding, abetting, inciting, compelling or coercing another or attempting to aid, abet, incite, compel or coerce another to commit an unlawful discriminatory practice or obstructing or preventing any person from complying with this chapter or any order issued under the authority of this chapter.

(b) “Unlawful discriminatory practice” shall not include classification of persons based on biological sex:

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

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

XVI. “Biological sex” means the male and female biological sexes.

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

2026-1217s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides a definition for biological sex and exempts classification by biological sex in athletic competitions and in facilities where persons may be committed involuntarily from the definition of an unlawful discriminatory practice.

Senate Commerce
February 17, 2026
2026-0787s
07/09

Amendment to SB 482-FN

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

AN ACT establishing protections for digital asset transaction kiosks.

Amend the bill by replacing sections 2 and 3 with the following:

2 New Chapter; Digital Asset Transaction Kiosks. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 358-T the following new chapter:

CHAPTER 358-U

DIGITAL ASSET TRANSACTION KIOSKS

358-U:1 Statement of Purpose. It is the intent of the general court that this chapter establish reasonable and uniform consumer protections while permitting lawful and responsible digital asset transaction kiosk operations.

358-U:2 Definitions.

I. “Customer” means a natural person using a kiosk.

II. “Digital asset” means a digital representation of value recorded on a distributed ledger or blockchain, including cryptocurrency.

III. “Digital asset transaction kiosk” or “kiosk” means a self-service electronic terminal located in a public or retail setting that enables a person to buy, sell, or transfer a digital asset using cash or another payment method.

IV. “Operator” means a person or entity that owns, manages, or controls one or more kiosks in this state, whether directly or through a third-party host location.

V. “Reference price” means a real-time price for the covered digital asset derived from a public exchange or composite index.

358-U:3 Registration and Coordination.

I. With respect to the first transaction for a customer, an operator shall:

(a) Hold the first digital asset transaction made by a customer for a period of at least 48 hours, after which time the operator may complete the customer’s digital asset transaction.

(b) Not permit a customer to complete a second digital asset transaction until the hold period under subparagraph (a) has lapsed.

II. During a hold period under paragraph I(a), a customer may contact the operator to request that the customer’s first digital asset transaction be canceled and the entire amount of the customer’s first digital asset transaction be returned or refunded to the customer.

III. Prior to accepting payment from a customer at a digital asset transaction kiosk, the kiosk operator, or its authorized delegate, shall verify the identity of the individual in a manner consistent with applicable state and federal laws.

IV. Operators shall not permit transactions under any false, fictitious, or assumed identity. All transactions shall be conducted under a customer’s true and verifiable identity.

V. All digital asset transaction kiosk operators performing business shall provide a dedicated communications line for relevant government agencies via a posted United States phone number or email address. Said dedicated line shall be used to facilitate law enforcement and regulatory agency communications with the digital asset transaction kiosk operator in the event of a fraud report from a customer. The communications line shall be frequently monitored.

358-U:4 Core Consumer Protections.

I. An operator shall not accept or dispense, in the aggregate, more than \$2,000 per customer per calendar day across all kiosks under common control within the United States.

II. Before accepting funds, all kiosks shall display conspicuous warnings, including that no government agency, law enforcement, court, utility, bank, tech support, employer, or retailer will ever demand payment by crypto ATM. The kiosk shall require the customer to answer fraud-screening prompts, including whether they are being coached by another person. If the customer indicates a risk of fraud, the kiosk shall block the transaction and display law enforcement and consumer protection and antitrust bureau contact information.

III. Operators shall use blockchain analytics to block transfers to or from wallet addresses flagged for association with scams, theft, sanctions, or other illicit activity, and shall maintain written anti-fraud and consumer protection policies.

IV. Before accepting funds, kiosks shall disclose in writing and on-screen all fees, the spread between the operator’s price and the reference price, expressed as a percentage and dollar amount, and the total digital asset expected to be delivered.

V. The kiosk shall provide a printed and electronic receipt summarizing the transaction, including the operator’s name and toll-free live customer service phone number, the kiosk’s location, a timestamp, the name of the asset, the quantity of the asset, the asset’s reference price, the asset’s spread, all fees paid, the total amount paid, the wallet address or voucher ID, any applicable cancellation codes, and a refund policy.

VI. The digital asset transaction kiosk operator shall provide a full refund of all transactions to a customer who was fraudulently induced to engage in a digital asset kiosk transaction or transactions, provided that the customer contacts the digital asset kiosk operator and a law enforcement or government agency to inform the

operator and the agency of the fraudulent nature of the transaction or transactions within 5 days after the customer's last digital asset transaction with the digital asset transaction kiosk operator. The refund shall include any fees charged in association with the fraudulently induced transactions.

358-U:5 Minimum Requirements. The provisions of this chapter shall constitute the minimum requirements for the regulation of digital asset transaction kiosks and shall not preempt any local laws affording greater protections for customers.

358-U:6 Remedies.

I. Any violation of this chapter shall constitute an unfair or deceptive act or practice within the meaning of RSA 358-A:2. Any right, remedy, or power set forth in RSA 358-A may be used to enforce the provisions of this chapter.

II. The rights, obligations, and remedies provided in this chapter shall be in addition to any other rights, obligations, or remedies provided for by law or in equity.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 180 days after its passage.

2026-0787s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes protections for digital asset transaction kiosks.

Senate Health and Human Services

March 18, 2026

2026-1225s

08/09

Amendment to SB 504

Amend RSA 318:1, XIV as inserted by section 6 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

XIV.(a) "Practice of pharmacy" means the scope of practice for the provision of patient care services by a pharmacist shall be based on their education, training, and experience, and determined by practice setting and in accordance with generally accepted standards of care, including but not limited to:

- (1) The interpretation and evaluation of prescription orders;
- (2) The compounding, dispensing, labeling, administering, and distribution of drugs and devices;
- (3) The selection, evaluation, and monitoring of drug and drug-related therapies;
- (4) The performance of drug utilization reviews and medication therapy management;
- (5) The participation in collaborative pharmacy practice and collaborative pharmacy practice agreements as defined in RSA 318:1, XXVI - XXVII, and RSA 318:16-a;
- (6) The prescribing, ordering, administering, and interpretation of laboratory tests, controlled and noncontrolled drugs, and devices;
- (7) The education and counseling of patients and health care professionals on the therapeutic use, potential hazards, and outcomes of drugs and devices;
- (8) The maintenance of appropriate records and the safe storage and handling of drugs and devices;
- (9) The interprofessional communication with appropriate health care providers to ensure continuity of care;
- (10) Any other professional acts, services, operations, or transactions necessary to the operation and management of pharmacy practice.

(b) For purposes of this paragraph, the scope of practice of a pharmacist shall be determined at the practice level based on the education, training, and experience of the pharmacist. Practice settings may include, but are not limited to, a community setting, hospitals, nursing homes, extended care facilities, infirmaries, hospice houses, correctional facilities, and/or ambulatory care setting governed by a system of credentialing and/or granting of privileges. Pharmacists may perform any act not expressly prohibited by federal or state law, provided it is consistent with their education, training, experience, and clinical competence.

(c) Nothing in this paragraph may be interpreted to permit an alteration of a prescribing clinician's directions, the diagnosis or treatment of any disease, the initiation of any drug therapy, or the practice of medicine (allopathic or osteopathic), unless otherwise permitted by protocol.

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 8 with the following:

9 Pharmacy Board; Rulemaking; Examinations. Amend RSA 318:5-a, IV(a) to read as follows:

(a) The subjects to be tested ***pursuant to RSA 318:19***;

10 Pharmacy Board; Rulemaking; Licensed Advanced Pharmacy Technicians. Amend RSA 318:5-a, XI-c(a) to read as follows:

(a) Requirements for licensure, including experience and education requirements, ***except that there shall not be any examination requirement for licensure***.

11 Pharmacists and Pharmacies; Examinations. Amend RSA 318:19 to read as follows:

318:19 Examinations. – Applicants for licensure as pharmacists shall, to prove their respective requisite knowledge, be examined to a properly varying degree in pharmacy-related subject areas which may include chemistry, math, pharmacology, pharmacy theory, the practice of pharmacy [~~and pharmacy law~~], and any other areas as the board may prescribe, ***except that the board shall not require any applicant to be examined on pharmacy state-specific or universal state level jurisprudence or law***.

12 New Section; Pharmacist Liability; Negligence. Amend RSA 318 by inserting after section 29-d the following new section:

318:29-e Pharmacist Liability; Negligence. A pharmacist shall be responsible for any negligent act arising from his or her modification of medication or services provided under drug therapy management protocols. Nothing in this section shall limit a prescribing clinician's liability for negligent acts not related to such pharmacist modifications.

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

2026-1225s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Authorizes the dispensing of up to a 30-day supply of noncontrolled oral anti-cancer medication by a licensed health care professional legally authorized to prescribe and administer medications to a patient under a provider's care or supervision subject to certain conditions.

II. Amends the display requirements for certain licenses and permits.

III. Authorizes licensed advanced pharmacy technicians to engage in remote processing.

IV. Removes the requirement that a pharmacist's name or initials be on a label affixed to any controlled drug or prescription issued.

V. Amends the definition of the "practice of pharmacy."

VI. Removes certain authority of the board of pharmacy with respect to the regulation of collaborative pharmacy practice agreements.

VII. Eliminates any examination requirement for licensure as an advanced pharmacy technician.

VIII. Prohibits the pharmacy board from testing applicants on pharmacy jurisprudence or law.

Senate Health and Human Services

March 11, 2026

2026-1170s

07/05

Amendment to SB 520

Amend RSA 329:53, II(f) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(f) At the election of the minor in consultation with her primary care physician when the primary reason for the breast reduction surgery is, but not limited to, musculoskeletal pain, postural changes, or physical discomfort of the individual that restricts exercise and activity.

2026-1170s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill permits a physician to perform breast surgery on a minor in certain instances if the procedure is at the election of the minor in consultation with her primary care physician.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources

March 2, 2026

2026-1124s

07/09

Amendment to SB 535

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

AN ACT defining residential breeder and imported animal for the purposes of animal transfers and removing references to commercial kennels.

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

1 New Paragraphs; Definitions. Amend RSA 437:1 by inserting after paragraph V the following new paragraphs:

VI. “Residential breeder” means an individual who owns and breeds dogs or cats within their primary residence and not in a separate breeding facility. A residential breeder’s operations shall be integrated into their home environment and shall transfer no more than 50 dogs or cats with or without a fee or donation, between January 1 and December 31 of any calendar year. A residential breeder shall raise the litters in a household setting by maintaining the animals as part of the family environment. A residential breeder shall not transfer imported animals within New Hampshire with or without a fee or donation. Residential breeders shall be exempt from compliance with rules adopted by the department relative to premises requirements to house, harbor, or display animals in New Hampshire.

VII. “Imported animal” means any dog, cat, ferret, or other live animal or bird customarily used as household pets that is brought into this state, as well as the offspring of any animal imported into the state while pregnant. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, any animal imported prior to birth shall be considered to have met the import requirements of this chapter if the pregnant female has also met those requirements.

2 Group Licenses. Amend RSA 466:6, I to read as follows:

I. The owner or keeper of 5 or more dogs shall annually by April 30 pay the required fee and obtain a license authorizing the owner or keeper to keep the dogs upon the premises described in the license, or off the premises while under such owner’s or keeper’s control. Such owner or keeper shall not be required to obtain a [~~commercial kennel~~] **“pet vendor”** license under RSA 466:4, III unless such person [~~has a commercial kennel~~] **is a pet vendor** as defined under RSA 466:4, III.

3 Fees; Pet Vendors. Amend RSA 466:4, III to read as follows:

III. Fees for dogs licensed [~~in a commercial kennel~~] **as a pet vendor** shall be based on the numbers of dogs licensed, as in RSA 466:6 for group licenses. For purposes of this paragraph, [~~commercial kennel~~] **“pet vendor” shall have the same meaning as RSA 473:1, IV** [~~means the establishment or domicile of any person who sells dogs at wholesale or retail; and, if retail, who sells or transfers 10 or more litters per year; or sells or transfers 50 or more puppies per year; or who derives 40 percent or more of gross annual income from the sale or transfer of dogs~~]. The owner or keeper of any dog licensed under this paragraph shall not be assessed a companion animal population control fee.

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

2026-1124s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill defines residential breeder and imported animal for the purposes of animal transfers and removes outdated references to “commercial kennels”.

Senate Finance
 March 18, 2026
 2026-1223s
 08/05

Amendment to SB 541-FN-A

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

AN ACT relative to capital appropriations for regional drinking water infrastructure.

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

1 Capital Improvements; Department of Environmental Services. 2025, 159:1, V is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

V. Department of Environmental Services.

1. Dam Repairs and Reconstruction	10,810,000
2. Drinking Water State Revolving Fund State Match	8,846,360
3. Superfund State Match	829,217
4. Clean Water State Revolving Fund State Match	9,467,496
5. Winnepesaukee River Basin Program Infrastructure Upgrades	19,700,000
Less Other Funds (Revolving Loan Fund)*	(19,700,000)
Net State	0
6. Southern NH Regional Water Interconnection Project, Phase 2B **	10,000,000
Total state appropriation paragraph V	\$39,953,073

*To provide funds for the appropriations made in paragraph V, the state treasurer is hereby authorized to borrow upon the credit of the state not exceeding the sum of \$19,700,000 and for said purpose may issue bonds and notes in the name of and on behalf of the state of New Hampshire in accordance with RSA 6-A. Payments of principal and interest on the bonds and notes shall be made from the Winnepesaukee river basin control account established in RSA 485-A:50.

**To provide funds for the appropriations made in section 6 of Paragraph V, the state treasurer is hereby authorized to borrow upon the credit of the state \$10,000,000 and for said purpose may issue bonds and notes in the name of and on behalf of the state of New Hampshire in accordance with RSA 6-a. \$5,000,000 of the \$10,000,000 for the Southern NH Regional Water Interconnection Project, 2B shall only be bonded once an additional \$10,000,000 for the project is secured from another funding source, including but not limited to a loan from the drinking water groundwater trust fund. The commissioner of the department of environmental services shall certify to the state treasurer when the funding is secured. Any federal funds received after January 1, 2026, for the Southern NH Regional Water Interconnection Project, 2B shall supplant any or all of the \$10,000,000 appropriation to the extent allowable under state and federal requirements.

2 Capital Appropriations; Funds Adjusted; 2026. Amend the total state appropriation of section 1 on the line following 159:1, XVII to read as follows:

Total state appropriation section 1 [~~\$137,678,945~~] **\$142,678,945**.

3 Bonds Authorized; Funds Adjusted; 2026. Amend RSA 2025, 159:7 to read as follows:

159:7 Bonds Authorized. To provide funds for the total of the appropriations of state funds made in sections 1 and 2 of this act, the state treasurer is hereby authorized to borrow upon the credit of the state not exceeding the sum of \$171,060,895 and for said purposes may issue bonds and notes in the names and on behalf of the state of New Hampshire in accordance with the provisions of RSA 6-A. The sources of funds are as follows: General Fund [~~\$137,678,945~~] **\$142,678,945**, Highway Funds \$10,000,000, and Other Funds \$23,381,950.

4 Project Amended; Department of Environmental Services. Amend 2020, 30:6 to read as follows:

30:6 Capital Appropriation; Department of Environmental Services. The sum of \$50,000,000 is hereby appropriated to the department of environmental services for capital expenditures for the remediation of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances in the state's drinking water sources and wastewater residuals, which expenditures may include loans to public or private entities on such terms and conditions as the department

of environmental services shall determine. ***Of the amounts appropriated, \$5,000,000 shall be used for the Southern New Hampshire Regional Water Interconnection Project, Phase 2B.*** To provide funds for the appropriation made in this section, the state treasurer is hereby authorized to borrow upon the credit of the state not exceeding the sum of \$50,000,000 and for said purpose may issue bonds and notes in the name of and on behalf of the state of New Hampshire in accordance with RSA 6-13-e. Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 9:18, the appropriation made in this section shall not lapse.

5 Appropriation; Department of Environmental Services; Pipe, Water Filtration and Well Upgrades; Pillsbury Lake Village District. Amend 2025, 141:380 to read as follows:

141:380 Appropriation; Department of Environmental Services; Pipe, Water Filtration, and Well Upgrades; Pillsbury Lake Village District. The sum of \$325,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, is appropriated to the department of environmental services to the Pillsbury Lake Village District for the purpose of addressing [~~loan~~] costs associated with the following upgrades:

I. Piping Upgrades: \$155,000 to cover a loan used for upgrading the pipes under Concord Drive in Webster.

II. Water Filtration Upgrade: \$105,000 to cover a loan for upgrading the water filtration system.

III. [~~New Well Development~~] ***Water System Improvements***: \$65,000 to cover [~~a loan for digging a new well, known as the Franklin-Pierce well, which requires less processing and will reduce overall costs~~] ***water system improvements as agreed upon by both the department of environmental services and Pillsbury Lake Village District.***

The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

2026-1223s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Makes an appropriation to the department of environmental services to fund regional drinking water infrastructure.

II. Makes an appropriation to the department of environmental services to the Pillsbury Lake Village District for the purpose of addressing loan costs associated with certain water system upgrades.

III. Amends the definition of drinking water standard and requires a share of moneys appropriated to the department of environmental services in 2020 to be used for the Southern New Hampshire Regional Water Interconnection Project.

Senate Finance

March 17, 2026

2026-1210s

07/08

Amendment to SB 545-FN

Amend RSA 167:4-g, II as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. Financial eligibility for the Medicare savings program shall, subject to CMS approval, make the low income subsidy for Medicare Part D available to residents to assist with prescription drug costs.

Senate Finance

March 17, 2026

2026-1211s

07/05

Amendment to SB 557-FN

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

AN ACT making synthetic and semisynthetic kratom illegal to prepare, distribute, manufacture, sell, possess, or advertise, with exceptions made for scientific research.

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

1 New Subdivision; Synthetic Kratom Policy. Amend RSA 318-B by inserting after section 50 the following new subdivision:

Synthetic Kratom Policy

318-B:51 Definitions. In this subdivision, “synthetic kratom” or “semisynthetic kratom” means:

I. An alkaloid or alkaloid derivative that has been created by chemical synthesis or biosynthetic means, including fermentation, recombinant techniques, yeast derived, and enzymatic techniques, rather than traditional food preparation techniques, such as heating or extracting that synthetically alters the composition of any kratom alkaloid or constituent; or

II. An alkaloid or alkaloid derivative contained in kratom that has been exposed to chemicals or processes that would confer a structural change in the alkaloids, resulting in material that has been chemically altered.

318-B:52 Synthetic Kratom Limitations. No person or entity shall prepare, distribute, manufacture, sell, possess, or advertise synthetic or semisynthetic kratom, unless such preparation, distribution, manufacturing, sale, possession, or advertisement is undertaken for the sole purpose of scientific research.

2 New Paragraph; Controlled Drug Act; Scheduling by the Commissioner. Amend RSA 318-B:1-a by inserting after paragraph VIII the following new paragraph:

IX. Notwithstanding paragraph I, synthetic or semisynthetic kratom shall be classified as a schedule II controlled drug.

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

2026-1211s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill makes synthetic and semisynthetic kratom illegal to prepare, distribute, manufacture, sell, possess, or advertise, with exceptions made for scientific research.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration

March 18, 2026

2026-1228s

08/07

Amendment to SB 570

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

AN ACT relative to legislative ethics.

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

1 New Paragraph; Legislative Ethics; Recusal for Conflicts of Interest. Amend RSA 14-C:4-a by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

III. For purposes of this section:

(a) A “direct benefit” exists when a legislator or household member will receive a financial benefit as the result of the enactment of legislation, unless the decision whether the benefit will be received by the legislator or household member is subject to the discretion of an unrelated third party. A direct benefit exists only when a legislator advocates or votes in a manner to obtain the positive impact of the legislation.

(b) A “direct detriment” exists when a legislator or household member will experience a negative impact on their financial interests as the result of the enactment of the legislation, unless the decision whether the detriment will be applied to the legislator or household member is subject to the discretion of an unrelated third party. A direct detriment exists only when a legislator advocates or votes in a manner to avoid the negative impact of the legislation.

(c) “Official legislative activity” is any activity that relates to official responsibilities, including the introduction of legislation, testifying before any legislative committee or state agency, voting in committee or in house or senate session, or otherwise participating in any decision of the legislature, county delegation, or any state agency.

(d) A legislator who has recused from participation in any official legislative activity pursuant to paragraph I or paragraph II of this section may testify before a legislative committee on the legislation from which the legislator has recused, provided that the legislator makes a written disclosure by filing a declaration of intent and makes a verbal disclosure identifying the conflict of interest before testifying.

2 Legislative Ethics; Exceptions to Recusal for Conflicts of Interest. Amend RSA 14-C:4-b to read as follows:

14-C:4-b Exceptions to Recusal for Conflicts of Interest. A legislator shall not be required to recuse themselves from participation in any official legislative activity regarding preparation, review, or approval or disapproval of the state *operating* budget, *state capital budget*, *trailer bill*, or general revenue bills *that involve business taxes, meals and rooms tax, tobacco tax, interest and dividends tax, real estate transfer tax, communications services tax, current use tax, statewide property tax, road tolls, income tax, sales tax, capital gains tax, or inheritance tax*. *This exception from recusal shall not apply to participation in any official legislative activity regarding amendments to the trailer bill when the amendment concerns solely subject matters as to which the legislator has a conflict of interest.*

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

2026-1228s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill adds definitions related to determining conflicts of interests for legislators and adds additional budget-related bills, subject to certain limitations, to the list of exceptions to the recusal requirements.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources

March 17, 2026

2026-1215s

04/08

Amendment to SB 593

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

AN ACT enabling the use of solid waste management funds by solid waste management districts.

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

1 Purpose and Use of the Solid Waste Management Fund. Amend RSA 149-R:4, II to read as follows:

II. The fund shall be used to provide quarterly payments to New Hampshire municipalities *or New Hampshire solid waste management districts established under RSA 53-B* for source reduction and recycling efforts to offset payments made by the municipality *or applicable solid waste management district* associated with the solid waste disposal surcharge established under RSA 149-R:5, based upon the tonnage of solid waste for which the municipality *or solid waste management district* was financially responsible for disposal at a New Hampshire landfill, incinerator, or waste-to-energy facility. *Payments to solid waste districts shall reflect only the amount of the surcharge paid for waste generated by New Hampshire municipalities within the applicable solid waste district.* Administration of the payment program shall be in accordance with procedures established by rulemaking under the authority of RSA 149-R:6, IV and V. Such rulemaking shall specifically address the unique circumstances for *solid waste management districts or* municipalities that own and operate a facility that is subject to RSA 149-R:5, or *municipalities* that are part of a solid waste district that owns and operates such a facility to ensure that the costs incurred by those municipalities *or solid waste management districts* are offset consistent with this chapter.

2 Solid Waste Management Fund; Rulemaking. Amend RSA 149-R:6, IV-V to read as follows:

IV. The time, amount, and manner of payments to New Hampshire municipalities *and solid waste management districts* pursuant to RSA 149-R:4, II.

V. Certified reports required to be submitted by municipalities *and solid waste management districts* requesting payments pursuant to RSA 149-R:4, II.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

2026-1215s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows the use of funds from the solid waste management fund for solid waste management districts.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources
 March 3, 2026
 2026-1002s
 07/08

Amendment to SB 595

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

AN ACT relative to rulemaking for transient non-community water systems.

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Drinking Water Rules. Amend RSA 485:3, I(c) to read as follows:

(c) Criteria and procedures to assure compliance with the levels or methods determined under subparagraph (b), including quality control monitoring and testing procedures and standards to ensure compliance with such levels or methods; criteria and standards to ensure proper operation and maintenance of the system; requirements as to the minimum quality of water which may be delivered to the consumer; and requirements with respect to siting new facilities. Such rules shall be no less *or no more* stringent than the most recent national Primary Drinking Water Regulations in effect, as issued or promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. ***The department shall waive the lateness penalty for transient non-community water systems and allow such systems to remain on a quarterly sampling schedule for samples submitted late, consistent with the criteria and procedures in 40 C.F.R. Section 141.854 et seq.***

2026-1002s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires rules made by the department of environmental services relative to drinking water include an option for sampling of transient non-community water systems under certain circumstances.

Senate Health and Human Services
 March 11, 2026
 2026-1165s
 07/05

Amendment to SB 607

Amend RSA 415:5, III as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

III.(a) ~~[Nonrenewable, individual]~~ ***Short-term, limited duration*** health insurance policies which provide medical, hospital, or major medical expense benefits for a specified term may be delivered or issued for delivery to any person in this state ~~[for purposes of providing short-term, interim coverage only and no such policy shall provide coverage for a specified term in excess of 6 months, nor shall any such policy be issued in this state to a person who was previously covered under short-term medical policies providing in total more than 540 days of coverage within the preceding 24-month period]~~ ***pursuant to a contract that has an expiration date specified in the contract that is less than 12 months after the original effective date of the contract and, taking into account renewals or extensions, has a duration of no longer than 36 months in total.***

(b) In addition to any disclosure required by the commissioner under RSA 415-A:2, for the sale of plans under subparagraph (a), an insurer shall provide a clear and conspicuous notice to the consumer, during the application process and in the contract, that contains the following language:

“Short-term limited duration health plans are not required to comply with regulations under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, are not considered Minimum Essential Coverage, and may contain limitations on or exclude coverage for pre-existing conditions. The plan also may contain benefit maximums, out-of-pocket costs, and limitations on renewability that differ from comprehensive health plans. Consumers should review the policy carefully to understand the terms and compare potential costs and coverages with plans available for purchase on Healthcare.gov or directly from a health care insurer.”

2026-1165s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows insurers to offer short-term, limited duration health insurance policies of less than 12 months and not more than 36 months. This bill also requires insurers to provide written notice to consumers that such plans are not required to comply with the ACA, may exclude pre-existing conditions, and may include terms that differ from comprehensive health plans.

Senate Health and Human Services

March 12, 2026

2026-1177s

05/07

Amendment to SB 613

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

AN ACT relative to licensing requirements for health care facilities established within a 15 mile radius of a critical access hospital and relative to transfers from freestanding hospital emergency facilities.

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Title. Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall be known as the “Rural Health Care System Stabilization Act”.

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

3 Purpose. The purpose of section 4 of this act is to protect patient safety and continuity of care by ensuring that transfers from freestanding hospital emergency facilities are based on clinical appropriateness, patient needs, and regional access to hospital services. Section 4 of this act further seeks to prevent practices that may undermine community hospitals through coercive or exclusive transfer arrangements that are not clinically justified.

4 New Subdivision; Transfers from Freestanding Hospital Emergency Facilities. Amend RSA 151 by inserting after section 53 the following new subdivision:

Transfers from Freestanding Hospital Emergency Facilities

151:54 Definitions. In this subdivision:

I. “Freestanding hospital emergency facility” or “FHEF” means a facility licensed under this chapter that is geographically separate from an acute care hospital and provides emergency medical services on behalf of, or in affiliation with, a parent hospital.

II. “Parent hospital” means an acute care hospital that owns, controls, or operates a freestanding hospital emergency facility, directly or indirectly.

III. “Clinically appropriate” means consistent with the judgment of the treating physician, the patient’s medical condition, and applicable regional emergency medical services protocols.

IV. “Transfer” means the movement of a patient from a freestanding hospital emergency facility to another licensed hospital or health care facility for the purpose of providing continued medical care, and shall not include discharge to home or referral for non-emergent outpatient services.

V. “Medically necessary” means determined by the treating physician or qualified practitioner to be required to prevent or address a material deterioration of the patient’s medical condition, consistent with applicable standards of care.

151:55 Transfer Standards.

I. When a transfer from a freestanding hospital emergency facility to an acute care hospital is medically necessary, the facility shall ensure that transfer decisions are based primarily on clinical appropriateness, patient safety, continuity of care, and patient choice.

II. A patient, or the patient’s legal representative when applicable, shall be informed of available receiving hospitals that are clinically appropriate and reasonably available, provided that such discussion does not delay screening, stabilization, or transfer required under federal law.

III. No freestanding hospital emergency facility shall require or condition treatment, stabilization, or transfer upon selection of a receiving hospital based primarily on ownership or affiliation.

IV. If a patient is unable to participate in the selection of a receiving hospital, the facility shall arrange transfer to an appropriate hospital consistent with:

- (a) RSA 153-A:1 and RSA 151:19, VII;
- (b) State-designated trauma, stroke, or specialty care systems;
- (c) Federal and state law governing emergency medical treatment and transfer; and
- (d) The patient's medical condition and safety.

151:56 Prohibited Practices.

I. No freestanding hospital emergency facility, nor any entity owning or operating such facility, shall:

- (a) Engage in materially misleading communication or coercive conduct for the primary purpose of directing patient transfers to an affiliated or parent hospital when another clinically appropriate hospital is reasonably available.
- (b) Condition transfer decisions on insurance status or payer considerations.
- (c) Enter into exclusive transfer arrangements with emergency medical services providers that require patient transfers to an affiliated hospital without regard to clinical appropriateness, patient needs, patient choice, or regional emergency medical services protocols.

II. Nothing in this section shall prohibit non-exclusive coordination agreements with emergency medical services providers for quality assurance, response efficiency, or specialty care, provided such agreements do not require exclusive routing based on ownership affiliation.

151:57 Federal Law EMTALA. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to alter, expand, or restrict obligations under the federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA), 42 U.S.C. section 1395dd. Compliance with EMTALA shall be deemed compliance with this subdivision. In the event of a conflict, federal law shall control.

151:58 Enforcement; Rulemaking.

I. The attorney general may adopt rules under RSA 541-A to define and implement enforcement standards under this subdivision, including but not limited to defining what constitutes a pattern of violations, coercive conduct, or materially misleading communication.

II. Upon a finding of a pattern of violations as defined by rule, the attorney general may pursue enforcement under RSA 358-A.

III. Prior to referral for enforcement, the department of health and human services shall provide notice of alleged violations and a reasonable opportunity to cure.

151:59 Scope. This subdivision applies only to transfers occurring prior to inpatient admission at the receiving hospital and shall not regulate post-admission referral, discharge planning, or elective admission decisions.

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

2026-1177s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Requires a health care facility to provide certified, written notice to a critical access hospital if the facility will be located within a 15 mile radius of the critical access hospital.

II. Establishes standards governing the transfer of patients from freestanding hospital emergency facilities to acute care hospitals to ensure that such transfers are based primarily on clinical appropriateness, patient safety, continuity of care, and patient choice.

III. Bans coercive or exclusive transfer practices, reinforces EMTALA requirements, and gives the state authority to enforce violations.

Senate Judiciary
 March 17, 2026
 2026-1218s
 08/05

Amendment to SB 617

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

1 State Police; Use of Tow List. Amend RSA 106-B:27, IV to read as follows:

IV. The director of state police with the approval of the commissioner of safety may adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A consistent with relevant provisions of this subdivision setting forth minimum qualifications of tow companies and their employees to participate in the state police tow list, including qualifications, training, and minimum standards for equipment, response times, storage and release of towed vehicles and their contents, and criminal history and motor vehicle record checks of ~~[tow truck drivers]~~ **employees**.

2 Definitions; Removal of Abandoned Vehicles. Amend RSA 106-B:28 to read as follows:

106-B:28 Definitions.

In this subdivision:

I. ***“Employee” means any individual employed by the tow business who may physically respond roadside to a state police tow call for service.***

II. ***“Heavy duty wrecker” means a wrecker intended and suitably equipped for towing vehicles in excess of 10,000 pounds gross weight, such as a tractor-trailer, large truck, or similar vehicle but excluding carriers and flatbeds, and meeting the following requirements, provided that come-a-longs, chains, or other similar devices shall not be used as substitutes for winch and cable:***

- (a) A truck chassis having a minimum gross vehicle weight rating of not less than 54,500 pounds;
- (b) Tandem axles, or a cab-to-axle length of not less than 102 inches;
- (c) A combined winch capacity of not less than 50,000 pounds, as rated by the winch manufacturer;
- (d) A single winch in good operating condition with a capacity of 50,000 pounds, as rated by the winch manufacturer, or if equipped with 2 winches, a combined rating of 50,000 pounds;
- (e) A manufactured wheel-lift in good operating condition, with retracted lifting capacity of not less than 20,000 pounds, as rated by the lift manufacturer, with safety chains or a tow bar of equal capacity;
- (f) A winch cable rated as specified by the winch manufacturer, in good condition;
- (g) Light and air brake hookups for the towed vehicle; and
- (h) Additional safety equipment as specified in this chapter and consistent with United States Department of Transportation inspection requirements.

~~[H:]~~ III. ***“Light/Medium duty wrecker” means a wrecker intended and suitably equipped for safely towing vehicles weighing 26,000 pounds or less gross weight, including passenger cars, pickup trucks, motorcycles, small trailers, and similar vehicles, that meets the following requirements, provided that come-a-longs, chains, or other similar devices shall not serve as substitutes for a winch and cable:***

- (a) A minimum gross vehicle weight rating of not less than 14,500 pounds;
- (b) Individual boom capacity of not less than 8,000 pounds, as rated by the boom manufacturer;
- (c) Individual power takeoff or hydraulic power or electric winch capacity of not less than 8,000 pounds, as rated by the manufacturer, and wire rope of a capacity and length consistent with the device manufacturer;
- (d) A manufactured wheel-lift with a retracting lifting capacity of not less than 3,500 pounds, as rated by the manufacturer, with safety chains;
- (e) Dual rear wheels;
- (f) Two chock blocks that will prevent rolling or slippage of the wrecker; and
- (g) Additional safety equipment as specified in this chapter and consistent with United States Department of Transportation inspection requirements.

[HH:] **IV.** “Recovery vehicle” means a motor vehicle consisting of a commercially available truck chassis equipped with a commercially manufactured tow body or bed and that is rated and issued a serial number by the manufacturer, designed and equipped for and used in the towing or recovery of vehicles, in good condition and capable of towing a vehicle by means of a tow bar, sling, or wheel lift, and capable of recovering a vehicle by means of a hoist, winch, or towline.

[IV:] **V.** “Rollback carrier” means a flatbed vehicle in good condition that meets the following requirements, provided that come-a-longs, chains, or similar devices shall not be used as substitutes for a winch and cable:

(a) A minimum gross vehicle weight rating of at least 19,500 pounds;

(b) A specially equipped chassis with a ramp on wheels and a hydraulic lift with a capacity to haul or tow another vehicle;

(c) At least one 8,000 pound winch, as rated by the winch manufacturer, with at least 50 feet of cable, as recommended by the winch manufacturer; and

(d) Additional safety equipment as specified in this chapter and consistent with United States Department of Transportation inspection requirements.

[V:] **VI.** “Tow business” means a person, enterprise, partnership, company, LLC, or other corporation having a registered trade name, an active New Hampshire tax identification number, an active New Hampshire workers’ compensation insurance policy or exemption papers, an active New Hampshire employment security account, and that meets all state and local legal requirements including, but not limited to, those related to payment of business related taxes, fees, and insurance coverage, and that regularly engages in the impoundment, recovery, transport, or storage of towed or abandoned vehicles, or in the disposal of abandoned vehicles.

[VI:] **VII.** “Tow list” means a list or lists of qualified New Hampshire businesses compiled by the division of state police and used by them to dispatch wreckers and recovery and road service vehicles to tow, recover, and temporarily store a vehicle when the owner, driver, or other person responsible for the vehicle is not present or wishes to have the vehicle removed and expresses no choice or preference of a specific tow business, or when public safety requires the law enforcement official in charge at the scene to clear the vehicle from the location believing, in his or her sole opinion, the vehicle is causing a public hazard or safety issue or is stolen, unregistered, was involved in a crime, or is in violation of a statute that requires immediate removal.

[VII:] **VIII.** “Vehicle storage area” means a suitable yard or enclosed building where a qualified tow business keeps or stores towed or impounded vehicles.

[VIII:] **IX.** “Wrecker” for purposes of this chapter and except where the context clearly indicates otherwise, means a tow truck, road service vehicle, or carrier and recovery vehicle used by tow businesses on the state police tow list.

3 Use of Tow List. Amend RSA 106-B:29, X to read as follows:

X. A tow business may terminate or temporarily suspend its designation as a service provider and be removed from the rotation list by providing prompt written notice to state police [communications]. In the event of unforeseen circumstances such as death, fire, bankruptcy, or loss of equipment from accident or failure, a tow business on the tow list shall timely notify the director of state police in writing of its intent to suspend its designation as a service provider. If and when it desires to return to service, such tow company shall send a new application to the director. If approved to resume operation, they shall be placed at the bottom of the rotation list.

4 Use of Tow List. Amend RSA 106-B:29, XV to read as follows:

XV. A tow business shall not sell, assign, transfer, pledge, surrender, encumber, or dispose of its place on the rotation list. By applying to be placed on the list, a tow business agrees to respond to all state police calls 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If for any reason the business cannot respond to a call, it rotates to the bottom of the list. Businesses that develop a pattern of non-response to calls ***or fail to meet the response times outlined in RSA 106-B:30*** may be subject to removal from the rotation list ***or actions outlined in RSA 106-B:34***.

5 Requirements for Placement on the Tow List. Amend RSA 106-B:30, II-III to read as follows:

II. The tow business shall provide as part of its application a list of all ~~[tow truck operator personnel]~~ **employees**, including full name, current address, date and place of birth, driver's license number and type, and any restrictions, **and** license expiration date~~[-and social security number]~~. The application shall be updated with **the** state police ~~[communications]~~ within 5 days of whenever a new employee is hired, or an employee leaves the employ of the business.

III. The application shall include an individual form approved by the director of state police for each ~~[tow truck operator]~~ **employee** and for the owner and manager of the business and any supervisors, listing under penalty of unsworn falsification their full name, date and place of birth, driver license number and type and any restrictions or limitations, and a listing of all motor vehicle offense convictions in this or any other state or Canadian province including type, court, and year in the preceding 5 years, and a list of any criminal convictions in this or any other state or Canadian province within the past 10 years, including type of offense, year of conviction, court, and sentence imposed, and whether the person is currently on probation or parole or has ever been a registered sex offender or subject to a domestic violence protective order. Nothing in this paragraph shall restrict the employer or state police in case of doubt from verifying the information through a record check or checks.

6 Requirements for Placement on the Tow List. Amend RSA 106-B:30, V to read as follows:

V. If an ~~[operator]~~ **individual** is ~~[employed by]~~ **an employee of** more than one listed towing company, each company shall maintain an independent and separate driver file on such individual. When ~~[a driver, manager, or supervisor]~~ **an employee** ceases employment at the business or a new such employee is hired, the company shall notify the state police director in writing within 10 days and include a copy of the application including a copy of the form described in paragraph III. It shall be the responsibility of the operator to maintain appropriate records of driving times showing full compliance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

7 Requirements for Placement on the Tow List. Amend RSA 106-B:30, VIII to read as follows:

VIII. Wreckers dispatched shall arrive at the scene within 30 minutes of being called, except for cases where the travel distance, posted speeds, or traffic and weather conditions and volume of traffic make this unreasonable. For heavy duty calls the company shall respond within a maximum of 60 minutes regardless of the time of day. If the time exceeds the above limit and the tow business does not provide state police communications or the trooper in charge at the scene with a valid reason for the delay within that time, a second rotation wrecker may be dispatched. If a second wrecker is requested before the arrival of the initially dispatched rotation wrecker, the initially requested wrecker shall forfeit the call and leave the incident scene. Repeated tardiness may result in suspension or removal from the rotation list **or any other disciplinary action as outlined in RSA 106-B:34. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for imminent concerns related to public health, safety, or welfare, the director may order the immediate suspension of the tow business at their discretion, and without a hearing. Any such suspension shall be subject to the hearing requirements and timelines set forth in RSA 541-A:30, III.**

8 Requirements to Remain on the Tow List. Amend RSA 106-B:31, XIII to read as follows:

XIII. State troopers or other designated department of safety personnel may be assigned at the discretion of the state police director to conduct reviews from time to time of towing businesses, their records, and equipment to ensure compliance with relevant rules and laws and make a recommendation~~[-through the state police communications commander]~~ to the director as to the level of compliance and any appropriate action. Tow businesses participating in the tow list shall make, during normal business hours, their records, vehicles, facility, and equipment available for examination for such reviews by troopers or other department of safety employees. In cases of non-compliance, the state police ~~[communications commander]~~ shall recommend appropriate action to the director, which may include a verbal or written reprimand, suspension, or revocation from continued participation in the rotating list. Such action is discretionary and shall be based on the nature and seriousness of the discrepancy and any prior record of the business.

9 Compliance Action; Disciplinary Enforcement. RSA 106-B:34 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

106-B:34 Compliance Action; Disciplinary Enforcement.

I. Participation in the state police tow list is a privilege and not a right. The director of the division of state police shall administer the state police tow list and shall ensure that towing, storage, roadside emergency service, and vehicle recovery performed at the direction or request of the division of state police are conducted in compliance with state law and rules adopted pursuant to RSA 541-A, and in a manner that promotes public safety and maintains the confidence of the motoring public.

II. The director may take disciplinary action upon a finding, supported by satisfactory evidence, that a tow business or tow business employee has violated:

- (a) The provisions of RSA 106-B:29 through RSA 106-B:33; or
- (b) Any rule adopted pursuant to this subdivision.

III. Disciplinary actions authorized under this section may include:

- (a) A verbal or written warning;
- (b) Suspension of a tow business, a tow business employee, or both, from participation in the state police tow list for a period not to exceed 2 years; or
- (c) Removal from the state police tow list. Tow businesses that are removed are eligible to reapply to the state police tow list after a period of not less than 2 years.

IV. In determining the appropriate disciplinary action, the director shall consider the seriousness of the violation, any prior history of violations, and any resulting harm to the public or to property.

V. Any person aggrieved by a disciplinary action imposed under this section may appeal the decision to the department of safety bureau of hearings and thereafter to the superior court in accordance with RSA 106-B:31, XIV.

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

Senate Finance
March 17, 2026
2026-1216s
07/05

Amendment to SB 625-FN

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

AN ACT establishing a committee to study options for family members of intentional homicide victims where the department of justice does not file charges in a case.

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

1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study options for information for family members of intentional homicide victims where the department of justice does not file charges in a case.

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

3 Duties. The committee shall study options for information for family members of intentional homicide victims where the department of justice does not file charges in a case. The committee shall:

- I. Review the relevant laws of other states;
- II. Determine whether the New Hampshire constitution would allow for relevant laws in other states to be implemented in New Hampshire;
- III. Review the current process for keeping family members of intentional homicide victims updated on the case and determining how to address any gaps found in that communication;
- IV. Investigate whether there are any systemic problems with the investigatory process and if any are found, determining how those problems could be addressed; and
- V. Investigate the feasibility of extending the statute of limitations for crimes relevant to this study.

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. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

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

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

2026-1216s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study options for information for family members of intentional homicide victims where the department of justice does not file charges in a case.

Senate Commerce
March 10, 2026
2026-1160s
04/05

Amendment to SB 655

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

AN ACT relative to employee leasing companies, workers' compensation coverage options, and a minimum wage exemption for minor league baseball players.

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

1 New Paragraph; Employee Leasing Deemed Co-Employment. Amend RSA 277-B:9 by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

II-a. The parties to the co-employment relationship may elect for the client company to provide workers' compensation insurance coverage to leased employees. All leasing arrangements between employee leasing companies and client companies shall detail whether the employee leasing company or client company is responsible for securing and maintaining workers' compensation insurance coverage to leased employees. However, regardless of election, workers compensation insurance coverage must be in place for all leased employees. When the client company elects to purchase and maintain workers' compensation insurance:

(a) The client company shall provide notification to its employees that it is the employer providing workers' compensation insurance coverage, in a manner prescribed by the commissioner; and

(b) The employee leasing company shall provide the commissioner with the following information about the client company policy within 30 days of the election, and when the employee leasing company applies for an initial, renewal, or restricted license:

- (1) The client company name;
- (2) The name of the insurance carrier;
- (3) The effective date of the policy;
- (4) The expiration date of the policy; and
- (5) The workers' compensation policy number.

2 Employee Leasing Companies; Exclusive and Vicarious Liability. Amend RSA 277-B:10 to read as follows:

277-B:10 Exclusivity and Vicarious Liability. An employee leasing company and its client company shall both be entitled to the exclusivity of remedy provisions of RSA 281-A:8 **regardless of which entity purchases the workers' compensation insurance**, and the employee leasing company shall not be vicariously liable for the actions or omissions of the client company and the client company shall not be vicariously liable for the actions or omissions of the employee leasing company. Nothing in this section shall prohibit any direct contractual liability between the employee leasing company and the client company, nor shall the same limit any liability or responsibility imposed by this chapter.

3 New Paragraph; Employee Leasing Companies; Penalties. Amend RSA 277-B:12 by inserting after paragraph V the following new paragraph:

VI. If a client company has elected to purchase and maintain workers' compensation coverage for leased employees and fails to comply with the provisions of RSA 281-A:5 by not securing payment of compensation, the client company shall be subject to the penalties contained in RSA 281-A:7.

4 Minimum Wage; Overtime and Recordkeeping Exemption; Minor League Baseball Players. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 279:1, X to read as follows:

X. "Employee" means and includes every person who may be permitted, required, or directed by any employer, in consideration of direct or indirect gain or profit, to engage in any employment, but shall not include any person exempted from the definition of employee as stated in RSA 281-A:2, VI(b)(2), (3), or (4), or RSA 281-A:2, VII(b), ***or any person who has entered into a contract to play baseball at a minor league level and who is compensated pursuant to the terms of a collective bargaining agreement that expressly provides for wages and working conditions***, or a person providing services as part of a residential placement for individuals with developmental, acquired, or emotional disabilities, or any person who meets all of the following criteria:

5 Repeal. RSA 277-B:9, I(e), relative to the responsibility of employee leasing companies to pay for workers' compensation insurance for leased employees, is repealed.

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

2026-1160s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Authorizes the parties of a co-employment relationship to elect for either the client company or the employee leasing company to provide workers' compensation coverage for leased employees, establishes reporting and notice requirements when the client company elects coverage, and imposes penalties if the client company fails to secure required coverage.

II. Adds a minimum wage exemption for minor league baseball players covered by a collective bargaining agreement.

Senate Judiciary
March 4, 2026
2026-1060s
07/08

Amendment to SB 657-FN

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

AN ACT creating a study commission to oversee the use of artificial intelligence in the state.

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

1 New Subdivision; Artificial Intelligence Analysis. Amend RSA 21-M by inserting after section 19 the following new subdivision:

Artificial Intelligence Oversight

21-M:20 Artificial Intelligence Oversight Commission.

I. There is established a commission to study the broader commercial and political effects of artificial intelligence (AI) in New Hampshire.

II. Notwithstanding RSA 14:49, II(c), the members of the commission shall be as follows:

- (a) Two members 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 attorney general, or designee.

- (d) The secretary of state, or designee.
- (e) The commissioner of the department of labor, or designee.
- (f) The commissioner of the department of education, or designee.
- (g) The commissioner of the department of health and human services, or designee.
- (h) One member appointed by the governor, who shall have expertise in technology or AI.
- (i) One member of the general public, appointed by the governor.

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

IV. The commission shall:

- (a) Study how AI development and implementation affects:
 - (1) Workforce composition and employment patterns;
 - (2) Wages and compensation;
 - (3) Education, training, and skill requirements;
 - (4) Health care delivery and patient outcomes;
 - (5) Consumer protections, including fairness, privacy, and transparency; and
 - (6) Political and campaign communications, including advertisements, messaging, and microtargeting using AI, and the potential for misleading or manipulative content.
- (b) Make recommendations regarding policies, regulations, or legislation to mitigate the negative impacts and maximize the public benefits of AI.

V. The members of the study 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. Six members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

VI. 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 the first of each November.

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

2026-1060s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill creates a study commission to oversee the use of artificial intelligence in the state.

Senate Finance
 March 17, 2026
 2026-1208s
 07/05

Amendment to SB 661-FN

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

1 Pooled Risk Management Programs. RSA 5-B is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

CHAPTER 5-B POOLED RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

5-B:1 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to provide for the establishment of pooled risk management programs and to affirm the status of such programs established for the benefit of political subdivisions of the state. The legislature finds and determines that insurance and risk management are essential to the proper functioning of political subdivisions; that risk management can be achieved through the purchase of traditional insurance, self-insurance, or participation in pooled risk management programs established for

the benefit of political subdivisions; that pooled risk management is an essential governmental function by providing focused public sector loss prevention programs, accrual of interest and dividend earnings that may be returned to the public benefit, and establishment of costs predicated solely on the actual experience of political subdivisions within the state; that the resources of political subdivisions are presently burdened by the securing of insurance protection through standard carriers; and that pooled risk management programs that meet the standards established by this chapter should not be subject to insurance regulation and taxation by the state.

5-B:2 Definitions. In this chapter:

I. "Department" means the department of state.

II. "Informational filing" means an annual filing with the department made solely for the purpose of providing public access to certain information concerning the nature and organization of pooled risk management programs. Such informational filing shall be limited to the following:

- (a) The name and legal address of each pooled risk management program;
- (b) A list of current officers, their titles, and addresses;
- (c) A brief description of the coverage provided;
- (d) The annual audit required under RSA 5-B:5, I(d);
- (e) The pooled risk management program bylaws; and
- (f) The annual actuarial evaluation required under RSA 5-B:5, I(h).

III. "Political subdivision" means any city, town, county, school district, chartered public school, village district, school administrative unit, or any district or entity created for a special purpose administered or funded by any of the above-named governmental units.

IV. "Risk management" means the defense of claims and indemnification for losses arising out of the ownership, maintenance, and operation of real or personal property and the acts or omissions of officials, employees, and agents; the provision of loss prevention services including, but not limited to, inspections of property and the training of personnel; and the investigation, evaluation, and settlement of claims by and against political subdivisions.

V. "Administration", as used in RSA 5-B:5, I(f), means reasonable expenses for providing pooled risk management, including but not limited to:

- (a) Salaries and benefits, related facilities and operational infrastructure, contract costs for external experts providing direct support of covered services, and other related business expenses, including risk evaluation and wellness programs.
- (b) Processing, evaluation, and settlement services incurred in the payment of claims and other related losses.
- (c) Auditor, actuarial, legal, and accounting services for administration of the pooled risk program.
- (d) Expenses related to oversight services due to non-compliance with the provisions of this chapter.

The reasonableness of an expense for administration under this chapter may be disputed in an examination or administrative hearing commenced by the secretary of state pursuant to RSA 5-B:4-a. In the first instance, the advisory committee shall review questions regarding the reasonableness of expenses under this chapter and provide the secretary of state with their recommendations. If an agreement on the reasonability of an expense cannot be achieved, the secretary of state may take actions pursuant to RSA 5-B:4-a. Any decision on the reasonability of any expense shall be made available to all pooled risk management programs.

VI. "Reserves" means claims reserves, case reserves and incurred but not reported (IBNR) reserves, contribution deficiency reserves, and contingency reserves.

VII. "Contingency reserves" means the amount of surplus to be retained by the pooled risk management program for the upcoming plan year and the following 2 years as may be reasonably established and subsequently required to cover expected and unforeseen or extraordinary claim and administrative losses and liabilities.

VIII. "Excess insurance" means reinsurance.

IX. "Assessments" means a provision that, if the assets of a pooled risk management program are at any time actuarially determined to be insufficient to discharge its claim and administrative losses and liabilities and other legal obligations of the plan, the program shall, within 30 days of such a determination, notify the members of the requirement to provide additional contributions from its existing members for the amount needed to make up the deficiency.

X. "Advisory board" means a committee comprised of the secretary of state designee, the commissioner of the department of insurance designee, and the chief of the consumer protection and antitrust bureau of the office of the attorney general designee.

XI. "Member equity stabilization fund" means funds deposited in a bank as defined in RSA 383-A:2-201(a)(3), pursuant to the criteria set forth in RSA 6:8, for bank deposits on behalf of each member, such as the deposits of excess contingency reserves. This fund's purpose is to provide additional funds to the contingency reserve fund if the contingency reserve falls below 1/3 of the minimum set forth in RSA 5-B:5, I(f), which should greatly reduce or eliminate the need for an order requiring abatement of the deficiency per RSA 5-B:4-b. However, nothing in this chapter shall prohibit any pooled risk management program from allowing any member to withdraw any amount from the member equity stabilization fund in excess of the required minimum set forth in RSA 5-B:5, I(g), provided that the pooled risk management program's bylaws allow for such withdrawal.

5-B:3 Pooled Risk Management Authorized and Affirmed; Membership.

I. A political subdivision, by resolution of its governing body, may establish and enter into agreements for obtaining or implementing insurance by self-insurance; for obtaining insurance from any insurer authorized to transact business in this state as an admitted or surplus lines carrier; for obtaining insurance secured in accordance with any method provided by law; or for obtaining insurance by any combination of the provisions of this paragraph. Agreements made pursuant to this paragraph may provide for pooling of self-insurance reserves, risks, claims and losses, and of administrative services and expenses associated with them among political subdivisions. To accomplish the purposes of this chapter, 2 or more political subdivisions may form an association under the laws of this state or affirm an existing association so formed to develop and administer a risk management program having as its purposes reducing the risk of its members; safety engineering; distributing, sharing, and pooling risks; acquiring insurance, excess loss insurance, or reinsurance; and processing, paying, and defending claims against the members of such association.

II. RSA 53-A shall not apply to an association formed or affirmed under this chapter, nor to the participation in such an association by a political subdivision.

III. Pooled risk management programs established for the benefit of political subdivisions may provide any or all of the following coverages:

(a) Casualty, including general and professional liability; errors and omissions; workers' compensation and employer's liability; medical payments; or unemployment compensation as authorized under federal law.

(b) Property, including marine and inland navigation, transportation, boiler and machinery, fire, theft, or natural hazards.

(c) Vehicle, including any liability or loss arising from the ownership or operation of vehicles.

(d) Surety and fidelity.

(e) Environmental impairment.

(f) Hospital, medical, surgical, or dental benefits for employees and their dependents.

(g) Life, income maintenance, accidental death and dismemberment, vision loss or impairment, or legal benefits for employees and their dependents.

(h) Unanticipated special education cost recovery.

5-B:4 Informational Filing Required; Fee. Pooled risk management programs established for the benefit of political subdivisions shall make an informational filing, as defined in RSA 5-B:2, II, with the department and shall pay an annual filing fee of \$250. The department may make requests for additional information necessary to exercise regulatory or enforcement authority pursuant to, but not limited to, the hearings procedures under RSA 421-B:6-613 over any pooled risk management program formed or affirmed in accordance with this

chapter. Pooled workers' compensation and unemployment compensation programs, which are regulated by and which report to the department of labor and the department of employment security, under RSA 281-A and RSA 282-A, respectively, shall be exempt from the requirements of this section as long as their operations and reports conform to the laws and rules adopted by those departments.

5-B:4-a Authority of the Secretary of State; Investigations; Cease and Desist Orders; Penalties.

I. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the secretary of state shall have exclusive authority and jurisdiction:

- (a) To bring administrative actions to enforce this chapter.
- (b) To investigate and impose penalties for violations of this chapter, including but not limited to:
 - (1) Fines.
 - (2) Rescission, restitution, or disgorgement.

II. The secretary of state shall have all powers specifically granted or reasonably implied in order to perform the substantive responsibilities imposed by this chapter.

III. For the purpose of any investigation, hearing, or proceeding under this chapter, the secretary of state or any officer designated by him or her may administer oaths and affirmations, subpoena witnesses, compel their attendance, take evidence, and require the production of any books, papers, correspondence, memoranda, agreements, or other documents or records that the secretary of state deems relevant or material to the inquiry.

IV. In the event that a person refuses to obey a subpoena issued to him or her or any order or determination the secretary of state is authorized to make, the superior court, upon application by the attorney general or secretary of state or any officer designated by the secretary of state, may issue to the person an order directing him or her to appear before the attorney general or secretary of state, or the officer designated by him or her, to produce documentary evidence if so ordered or to give evidence relative to the matter under investigation or in question. Failure to obey the order of the court may be punished by the court as contempt of court.

V. In any investigation to determine whether any person has violated or is about to violate this chapter or any rule or order under this chapter, upon the secretary of state's prevailing at hearing, or the person charged with the violation being found in default, or pursuant to a consent order issued by the secretary of state, the secretary of state shall be entitled to recover the costs of the investigation and any related proceedings, including reasonable attorney's fees, in addition to any other penalty provided for under this chapter.

VI. Whenever it appears to the secretary of state that any person has engaged or is about to engage in any act or practice constituting a violation of this chapter or any rule or order under this chapter, the secretary of state shall have the power to issue and cause to be served upon such person an order requiring the person to cease and desist from violations of this chapter. The order shall be calculated to give reasonable notice of the rights of the person to request a hearing on the order and shall state the reasons for the entry of the order. All hearings shall be conducted in accordance with RSA 421-B:6-613.

VII. The following fines and penalties may be imposed on any person who has violated this chapter.

(a) Any person who, either knowingly or negligently, violates any provision of this chapter or any rule or order thereunder may, upon hearing, and in addition to any other penalty provided for by law, be subject to an administrative fine not to exceed \$5,000. Each of the acts specified shall constitute a separate violation.

(b) After notice and hearing, the secretary of state may enter an order of rescission, restitution, or disgorgement directed to a person who has violated this chapter, or rule or order under this chapter. Rescission, restitution, or disgorgement shall be in addition to any other penalty provided for under this chapter.

VIII. Decisions of the secretary of state may be appealed to the supreme court pursuant to RSA 541.

5-B:4-b Insolvency or Financial Impairment.

I. If at the end of any fiscal month, the contingency reserve of a pooled risk management program is at or below 2/3 of the required minimum, the pooled risk management program shall notify its members in writing within 30 days that contingency reserves are below the required minimum and of the actions to be taken if

the pooled risk management program's contingency reserve continues to decrease. The member notification shall also contain the status of their member equity stabilization fund account and how it may be used to augment the contingency reserve.

II. If, at the end of any fiscal month, the contingency reserve of a pooled risk management program is at or below 1/3 of the required minimum program, the pooled risk management program shall notify its members and the secretary of state in writing of the contingency reserve deficiency and the actions to be taken, including the use of the member equity stabilization fund, within 5 business days.

III. If the contingency reserve falls below 1/3 of the required minimum after the transfer of available member equity stabilization funds to the contingency reserve, the pooled risk management program shall notify the members and the secretary of state in writing of the contingency reserve deficiency. The secretary of state shall instruct the advisory board to monitor the financial stability of the pool's assets and liabilities and advise the secretary of state of the actions they recommend. If the deficiency persists, the secretary of state shall issue to the pooled risk management program an order requiring abatement of the deficiency.

IV. If the pooled risk management program fails to comply with the order within 30 days after the date of the notice, the secretary of state may apply to and seek from the superior court an order requiring either the pooled risk management program to abate the deficiency or the appointment of a receiver, as the circumstances may require. The pooled risk management program shall reimburse the secretary of state for the cost incurred in seeking such an order.

V. If a pooled risk management program is determined to be insolvent, financially impaired, or otherwise unable to discharge its claim and administrative losses and liabilities and other legal obligations of the plan, each participating member of the program shall be assessed on a pro rata basis calculated by the amount of its annual contribution to satisfy the amount of the deficiency.

5-B:5 Standards of Organization and Operation.

I. Each pooled risk management program shall meet the following standards of organization and operation. Each program shall:

(a) Exist as a legal entity organized under New Hampshire law.

(b) Be established by political subdivisions exclusively for the benefit of the political subdivisions and be governed by a board, the majority of which is composed of elected or appointed public officials, officers, or employees. Board members shall not receive compensation but may be reimbursed for mileage and other reasonable expenses. Board members shall comply with the provisions of RSA 15-A. Board members shall have a fiduciary responsibility to the member political subdivisions, which includes the duties of good faith and loyalty, avoiding conflicts of interest, and managing the pooled risk management program solely for the benefit of the political subdivisions. Board members shall use a standard of care, diligence, prudence, and skill in the management of the pooled risk management program.

(c) Return of earnings and surplus: All amounts in excess of the maximum contingency reserve, as calculated at the end of each fiscal year, shall be transferred to the member equity stabilization fund. Any amount in excess of the maximum member equity stabilization fund shall be returned to the participating political subdivisions.

(d) Provide for an annual audit of financial transactions by an independent certified public accountant. The audit shall be filed with the department and distributed to participants of each pooled risk management program.

(e) Be governed by written bylaws that shall detail the terms of eligibility for participation by political subdivisions, the governance of the program, and other matters necessary to the program's operation. Bylaws and any subsequent amendments shall be filed with the department.

(f) Establish and maintain a contingency reserve fund for the payment of any amounts required for administration, claims, reserves, and purchase of excess insurance.

For a pool providing health line of coverage, the contingency reserve is a minimum of 12 percent and a maximum of 20 percent of member contributions for the current fiscal year. For a pool providing workers' compensation and other property and casualty lines of coverage, the contingency reserve is a minimum of 30 percent and a maximum of 40 percent of member contributions for the current fiscal year. Any amount in excess of these maximum limits shall be transferred to the member equity stabilization fund.

(g) Establish and maintain a member equity stabilization fund of at least 1/3 of their minimum contingency reserve. The sole purpose of this fund is to provide reserve funds to replenish the contingency reserve fund should the contingency fund fall below 1/3 of the required minimum. The bylaws of the pool may establish the maximum level that can be deposited into the member equity stabilization fund. Any surplus in the fund beyond the maximum shall be returned by the program to the members. Any member equity stabilization fund balance held by a pooled risk management program on behalf of a member shall be returned to that member within 3 months of the date of termination of the member's involvement in that pooled risk management program.

(h) Provide for an annual actuarial evaluation of the pooled risk management program. The evaluation shall assess the reserve, the contingency reserve, and the member stabilization fund. The actuary shall advise the program if the minimum of the member equity stabilization fund, as set by this chapter, or at whatever higher level set by the pooled risk management program's bylaws, is adequate to ensure a less than 5 percent chance of insolvency in the next 3 years and shall take necessary steps to adjust the minimum member equity stabilization fund balance to be at or greater than the actuary's recommendation. The annual actuarial evaluation shall be performed by a member of the American Academy of Actuaries qualified in the coverage area being evaluated, shall be filed with the department, and shall be distributed to participants of each pooled risk management program.

(i) The actuarial evaluation shall calculate contributions and assessments required to fund the program and bring the program into compliance with the minimums required for the contingency reserve and the member equity stabilization fund. Contribution rates charged in any given year to each member may not be lower than the amounts indicated by reasonable actuarial analysis. Contribution rate relativities shall be updated at least every 5 years.

(j) Provide notice to all participants of and conduct 2 public hearings for the purpose of advising members of potential rate increases, the reasons for projected rate increases, and soliciting comments from members regarding the return of surplus, at least 10 days prior to rate setting for each calendar year.

II. Initial funding, replenishment, and use of the contingency reserve and the member equity stabilization fund shall be as follows:

(a) Initial funding of the contingency reserve and the member equity stabilization fund shall be at least 1/2 of the required minimum or as authorized by the department.

(b) Replenishment of the contingency reserve and the member equity stabilization fund shall be at least 68 percent annually of the amount the funds are below the minimums. Alternate replenishment percentages may be authorized by the department.

(c) The member equity stabilization fund shall be used to bring the contingency reserve back to 1/3 of the minimum allowed whenever the contingency reserve fund falls below that limit. If the bylaws permit, the board of directors, by a 2/3 vote, may transfer any amount in the member equity stabilization fund that is above the minimum required to the members or to the contingency reserve fund. Transfers to the contingency reserve fund shall not cause the fund to exceed the maximum allowed.

(d) The risk management program member equity stabilization funds may be invested as determined by the board of directors, and any earnings on fund monies shall be added to that member's equity stabilization fund.

5-B:6 Declaration of Status; Tax Exemption; Liability.

I. Any pooled risk management program meeting the standards required under this chapter is not an insurance company, reciprocal insurer, or insurer under the laws of this state, and administration of any activities of the plan shall not constitute doing an insurance business for purposes of regulation or taxation.

II. Any such program operating under this chapter, whether or not a body corporate, may sue or be sued; make contracts; hold and dispose of real property; and borrow money, contract debts, and pledge assets in its name.

III. Participation by a political subdivision in a pooled risk management program formed and affirmed under this chapter shall not subject any such political subdivision to any liability to any third party for the acts or omissions of the pooled risk management program or any other political subdivision participating in the program.

IV. Any such program operating under this chapter shall publicly and conspicuously disclose, by including a written disclaimer in any and all member agreements, contracts, bylaws, and contribution quotes and renewals between the program and its prospective and actual member political subdivisions, that, at a minimum, notifies the political subdivision of the following:

(a) The pooled risk management program does not function like an insurance company and is not an insurer.

(b) The pooled risk management program, to the extent it is self-insured, does not provide guaranteed cost or fixed cost coverages.

(c) The pooled risk management program may collect from participating members' assessments or replenishments whenever required in the event the program's assets are insufficient to discharge its claim and administrative losses and liabilities and other legal obligations of the plan, in the event of insolvency, or in the event contingency reserves fall below the required minimum under this chapter.

5-B:7 Confidentiality of Certain Claims Information. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any information of any pooled risk management program formed or affirmed under this chapter pertaining to claims analysis or claims management shall be privileged and confidential and not subject to disclosure to any third party or disclosure under RSA 91-A.

5-B:8 Dissolution of a Pooled Risk Management Program.

I. A voluntary or involuntary dissolution of a pooled risk management program established under this chapter shall occur in accordance with the dissolution requirements under New Hampshire law applicable to the legal entity operating such program.

II. Notwithstanding the foregoing and any provision of law to the contrary, and in accordance with Section 115 of the Internal Revenue Code, in the event of any dissolution of any pooled risk management program under this chapter, after all legal debts, liabilities, and obligations of the program have been finally discharged or satisfied, all remaining assets, if any, shall be liquidated and shall be distributed pro-rata to the members of the respective coverage lines as of the last day of the last full pool year of such coverage line prior to the decision to dissolve. Such net assets shall be distributed, separately by coverage line, by calculating each member's relative percentage of the total member contributions to the coverage line for such pool year.

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

2026-1208s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Enables the secretary of state to require abatement of insufficient assets or to seek receivership, if necessary, of a pooled risk management program.

II. Requires assessment of each participating member of the pooled risk management program on a pro rata basis to satisfy the amount of the deficiency.

III. Requires the governing board of the pooled risk management program to use a standard of care, diligence, prudence, and skill in the management of the program.

IV. Provides for the assessment of a pooled risk management program's participating members, if required, after an actuarial calculation.

V. Provides for contingency reserve standards depending on the pooled risk management programs line of coverage and requiring a contingency reserve replenishment if a program's contingency reserves fall below the minimum level.

VI. Requires pooled risk management programs to make certain public disclosures to prospective and actual member political subdivisions.

VII. Makes technical corrections to the pooled risk management program chapter.

Senate Health and Human Services
 March 4, 2026
 2026-1047s
 07/09

Amendment to SB 665-FN

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

AN ACT relative to pharmacy benefits managers and managed care laws.

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

1 Pharmacy Benefits Managers; Definitions. Amend RSA 402-N:1, VIII to read as follows:

VIII.(a) "Pharmacy benefits manager" means a person, business, or other entity, including a wholly or partially owned or controlled subsidiary of a pharmacy benefits manager *or licensed health insurer*, that, pursuant to a contract with a health carrier, manages the prescription drug coverage provided by the health carrier *for health coverage as defined in RSA 420-G:2, IX*, including, but not limited to, providing claims processing services for prescription drugs, performing drug utilization review, processing drug prior authorization requests, adjudication of grievances or appeals related to prescription drug coverage, contracting with network pharmacies, and controlling the cost of covered prescription drugs.

(b) "Pharmacy benefits manager" shall not include any:

(1) Health care facility licensed in this state;

(2) Health care professional licensed in this state;

(3) Consultant who only provides advice as to the selection or performance of a pharmacy benefits manager; *or*

(4) Service provided to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services~~[-or]~~.

~~(5) Health insurer licensed in this state if the health insurer or its subsidiary is providing pharmacy benefits management services exclusively to its own insureds.]~~

2 Pharmacy Benefits Managers; Registration to do Business; Rulemaking; Penalties. Amend RSA 402-N:2, III to read as follows:

III. If the commissioner finds after notice and hearing that any person has violated any provision of this chapter, or ~~[rules adopted pursuant to this chapter]~~ *insurance laws of this state*, the commissioner may order:

(a) ~~[For each separate violation, a penalty in the amount of \$2,500]~~ *An administrative fine not to exceed \$10,000 per violation. Each day of non-compliance shall be considered a separate violation.*

(b) Revocation or suspension of the pharmacy benefits manager registration.

3 New Section; Written Agreements. Amend RSA 402-N by inserting after section 2 the following new section:

402-N:2-a. Written Agreement.

I. No pharmacy benefits manager shall act as such without a written agreement between the pharmacy benefits manager and the health carrier. The written agreement shall be retained as part of the official records of both the health carrier and the pharmacy benefits manager for the duration of the agreement and for 5 years thereafter. The agreement shall contain all provisions required by this chapter, except insofar as those requirements do not apply to the functions performed by the pharmacy benefits manager.

II. The written agreement shall include the following:

(a) A statement of duties that the pharmacy benefits manager is expected to perform on behalf of the health carrier.

(b) A statement that the pharmacy benefits manager has a fiduciary duty to health carrier.

(c) A statement that the pharmacy benefits manager shall maintain and make available to the health carrier complete books and records of all transactions performed on behalf of the health carrier.

(d) The instructions for how the pharmacy benefits manager will undertake the duties delegated by the health carrier.

III. In cases in which pharmacy benefits manager administers benefits for more than 100 covered lives in New Hampshire on behalf of the health carrier, the health carrier shall, at least semi-annually, conduct an on-site or virtual audit of the operations of the pharmacy benefits manager.

4 Pharmacy Benefits Manager Reporting. RSA 402-N:6 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

402-N:6 Pharmacy Benefits Manager Reporting.

I. Each pharmacy benefits manager shall submit to the commissioner semi-annually a report containing a list of health benefit plans it administered and the rebates it collected from pharmaceutical manufacturers that were attributable to patient utilization in the state of New Hampshire during the prior calendar year. The report submitted to the commissioner shall, at a minimum, include the following information:

- (a) The aggregate dollar amount spent on drugs prior to rebates;
- (b) The aggregate dollar amount of all rebates that pharmacy benefit manager received from all pharmaceutical manufacturers;
- (c) The aggregate dollar amount of all administrative fees that the pharmacy benefit manager received;
- (d) The aggregate dollar amount of all health carrier administrative service fees that the pharmacy benefit manager received;
- (e) The aggregate dollar amount of all rebates that the pharmacy benefit manager received from all pharmaceutical manufacturers and did not pass through to health plans or health carriers;
- (f) The aggregate dollar amount of all administrative fees that the pharmacy benefit manager received from all pharmaceutical manufacturers and did not pass through to health plans or health carriers;
- (g) The aggregate retained rebate percentage; and
- (h) Across all of the pharmacy benefit manager's contractual or other relationships with all health plans or health carriers, the highest aggregate retained rebate percentage, the lowest aggregate retained rebate percentage, and the mean aggregate retained rebate percentage.

II. Information reported to the commissioner pursuant to this section shall be confidential and protected from disclosure under the commissioner's examination authority and shall not be considered a public record subject to disclosure under RSA 91-A. Based on this reporting, the commissioner shall make public aggregated data on the overall amount of rebates collected on behalf of covered persons in the state, but shall not release data that identifies a specific health carrier or pharmacy benefit manager.

III. The commissioner shall prescribe the format of the report and procedure for filing the report. Any forms, templates, or guidance regarding the report required by the section shall be exempt from the requirements of RSA 541-A.

IV. This section shall not apply to data related to Medicaid, the Medicaid Care Management program, the Ryan White HIV/AIDS program administered by the department of health and human services, self-funded plans, the state employee health benefit plan, or any other plan outside the jurisdiction of the commissioner.

5 Pharmacy Benefits Managers; Authority to Examine and Directly Bill Pharmacy Benefits Managers for Examinations. RSA 402-N:7 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

402-N:7 Authority to Examine and Directly Bill Pharmacy Benefits Managers for Examinations.

I. The acts of the pharmacy benefits manager shall be considered the acts of the health carrier on whose behalf it is acting. A pharmacy benefits manager may be examined as if it were the health carrier pursuant to RSA 400-A:37 and the commissioner may directly bill a pharmacy benefits manager for the costs of any examination.

II. The commissioner may investigate the acts of a pharmacy benefits manager pursuant to RSA 400-A:16.

III. The pharmacy benefits manager shall make all records and books of account available to the examiners or consultants and shall otherwise facilitate the performance of the examination or investigation.

6 New Section; Pharmacy Benefits Manager; Legislative Intent. Amend RSA 402-N by inserting after section 1 the following new section:

402-N:1-a Legislative Intent. This chapter is enacted for the purpose of regulating insurance and pharmacy benefits manager practices within the state to the maximum extent permitted by federal law, consistent with prevailing United States Supreme Court precedent.

7 Managed Care Law; Provider Contract Standards. Amend RSA 420-J:8, XV to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

(i) Provide the reason for the denial; and

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

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

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

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

(3) All claims adjudications, appeals, and utilization review processes shall comply with the requirements of RSA 420-J and rules promulgated thereunder.

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

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

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

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

(c) [Repealed.]

(d) [Repealed.]

(e) Grant at least 7 days' advance notice of the initial on-site audit for each audit cycle. A pharmacy that requests an additional 7 days prior to the commencement of an audit shall be granted 7 additional days.

8 Managed Care Law; Prescription Drugs. Amend RSA 420-J:7-b, III-IV to read as follows:

III. Every health plan that provides prescription drug benefits shall provide written notice in a conspicuous font and size to covered persons affected by deletions to the plan list or plan formulary, provide an explanation of the exception process by which a covered person can access nonformulary medically necessary prescription drugs, and provide a toll-free telephone number through which a covered person can request additional information. For purposes of this paragraph, covered persons affected by deletions to the plan list or plan formulary shall include those covered persons for whom the health plan has provided coverage for the deleted prescription drugs during the 12-month period immediately prior to the deletion. Upon notification

to covered persons, the health benefit plan shall allow at least [45] **60** days before implementation of any formulary deletions; provided, however, that advance notice shall not be required if the federal Food and Drug Administration has determined that a prescription drug on the health benefit plan's formulary is unsafe. For purposes of this section, "conspicuous font and size" shall mean a font that is at least [12] **14** point in size and in an easily legible font. If a covered person avails himself or herself of the exception process as outlined in 420-J:7-b, II, the medication shall be covered by the health plan until there is a resolution of the exception process. ***Any denial of an exceptions request shall be considered an adverse determination.***

IV. Every health benefit plan that provides prescription drug benefits shall maintain, as part of its records, all of the following information, which shall be made available to the commissioner upon request:

(a) [the] ***The*** complete drug formulary or formularies of the plan, if the plan maintains a formulary, including a list of the prescription drugs on the formulary of the plan by major therapeutic category with an indication of whether any drugs are preferred over the other drugs.

(b) ***Documentation regarding any changes to the formulary including the date the formulary was changed and the reason for the change.***

(c) ***The complete maximum allowable cost list for each pharmacy subject to the maximum allowable cost list.***

(d) ***Documentation regarding any changes to the maximum allowable cost list including, but not limited to, the date the maximum allowable cost list was changed and when impacted pharmacies were notified of the change.***

9 Managed Care Law; Retroactive Denials Prohibited; Exceptions. Amend RSA 420-J:8-b, III to read as follows:

III. A health carrier shall notify a health care provider at least 15 days in advance of the imposition of any retroactive denials of previously paid claims. The health care provider shall have 6 months from the date of notification under this paragraph to determine whether the insured has other appropriate insurance, which was in effect on the date of service. Notwithstanding the contractual terms between the health carrier and provider, the health carrier shall allow for the submission of a claim that was previously denied by another insurer due to the insured's transfer or termination of coverage. ***If the health care provider files an appeal within 15 days of the date of the notice by the health carrier, the recoupment of the previously paid claim shall occur only after the appeal and external review process has concluded.***

10 New Subparagraphs; Standards for Accident and Health Insurance; Establishing Excess Cost Sharing. Amend RSA 415-A:7, I by inserting after subparagraph (b) the following new subparagraphs:

(c) "Pharmacy benefits manager" means "pharmacy benefits manager" as defined in RSA 402-N:1, VIII.

(d) "Spread pricing" means the model of drug pricing in which the pharmacy benefit manager charges a health benefit plan a contracted price for drugs, and the contracted price for the drugs differs from the amount the pharmacy benefit manager directly or indirectly pays the pharmacist or pharmacy for the drugs, pharmacist services, or drug and dispensing fees.

11 Standards for Accident and Health Insurance; Establishing Excess Cost Sharing. Amend RSA 415-A:7, IV(b) to read as follows:

(b) A civil fine not to exceed [~~\$2,500~~] **\$10,000** may be imposed for each violation. Repeated ***or continuing*** violations of the same provision shall constitute separate civil offenses.

12 New Paragraphs; Standards for Accident and Health Insurance; Establishing Excess Cost Sharing. Amend RSA 415-A:7 by inserting after paragraph V the following new paragraphs:

VI. An insurer providing health coverage as defined in RSA 420-G:2, IX to a group shall disclose at the time the plan is sold how rebates will be treated in accordance with this section and, if a pharmacy benefits manager is used to administer the prescription drug benefit, whether spread pricing is used to compensate the pharmacy benefits manager.

VII. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the use of spread pricing.

13 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

2026-1047s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Requires written agreement to be formed between pharmacy benefits managers and health carriers before benefits managers can operate.

II. Amends pharmacy benefits manager reporting and examination requirements.

III. Raises the value of the maximum administrative fine that can be levied for violations of the state's pharmacy benefits manger laws.

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs

March 17, 2026

2026-1214s

07/08

Amendment to HB 158

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

AN ACT requiring the secretary of state to review absentee ballot data biennially, forward certain requests to the election law unit for review, and make a report to the general court.

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

1 New Paragraph; Addresses Receiving Multiple Absentee Ballots. Amend RSA 657:15 by inserting after paragraph I the following new paragraph:

I-a. The secretary of state shall review absentee ballot data after each general election to identify absentee ballot requests that should be forwarded to the department of justice, election law unit for an investigative review. This review shall include requests by multiple voters that are sent to a common address. The secretary shall provide the committees of jurisdiction a report of the number and category of requests forwarded for investigative review.

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

2026-1214s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires the secretary of state to review absentee ballot data biennially, forward certain requests to the election law unit for review, and make a report to the general court.

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs

March 17, 2026

2026-1207s

05/09

Amendment to HB 348

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

1 Aid to Assisted Persons; Who Entitled; Local Responsibility. Amend RSA 165:1 to read as follows:

165:1 Who Entitled; Local Responsibility.

I. Whenever a person in any town is poor and unable to support ~~[himself, he]~~ **themselves, he or she** shall be relieved and maintained by the overseers of public welfare of such town ~~[, whether or not he has residence there. For the purposes of this chapter the term "residence" shall have the same definition as in RSA 21:6-a]~~ **in accordance with this chapter.**

II. The local governing body, as defined in RSA 672:6, of every town and city in the state shall adopt written guidelines relative to general assistance. The guidelines shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(a) The process for application for general assistance.

(b) The criteria for determining eligibility, *which may require an individual to provide proof of residency prior to being approved for such assistance. If proof of residency is required, acceptable proof shall include the documentation or attestation listed below, unless the welfare official identifies specific, substantiated evidence contradicting the documentation or attestation:*

(1) A current lease, car registration, utility bill, or any government or court issued document with an address matching the stated physical residency dated within the last 60 days.

(2) Attestation on official agency letterhead, which includes the last date of contact, and is signed and dated by an authorized official listed below:

(A) The welfare official.

(B) A state or local law enforcement or fire official.

(C) An emergency medical services provider.

(D) A local third party social services provider having an existing service relationship with the applicant.

(c) The process for appealing a decision relative to the granting of general assistance.

(d) The process for the application of rents under RSA 165:4-b, if the municipality uses the offset provisions of RSA 165:4-a.

(e) A statement that qualified state assistance reductions under RSA 167:82, VIII may be deemed as income, if the local governing body has permitted the welfare administrator to treat a qualified state assistance reduction as deemed income under RSA 165:1-e.

(f) A statement describing the municipality's policy for referring residency disputes to the inter-municipal hearing process pursuant to RSA 165:2-a when an applicant is believed to be a resident of another New Hampshire municipality or of a jurisdiction outside New Hampshire.

III. Non-residents of the town or city who have left their town of origin due to domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, or human trafficking shall not be disqualified due to residency.

IV.(a) Upon adoption by the local governing body, the municipality shall establish financial standards, including allowable amounts for basic allowable costs, in its local welfare guidelines. Such standards shall reflect prevailing local market costs by household size. The municipality shall review such standards annually and adjust if necessary to reflect changes in local market costs. Such standards shall be based on objective cost information that is publicly available or issued by service providers or governmental entities. Allowable amounts for permanent housing shall not be construed to govern temporary emergency housing assistance, which shall be evaluated using local or regional market rates applicable to available temporary emergency housing placements at the time of the emergency.

(b) Nothing in this paragraph or RSA 165:1-f shall be construed to prohibit the welfare official from authorizing, on a documented, case-by-case basis, a deviation as necessary to relieve a basic needs emergency or avert a more costly future need for assistance, provided that no less costly available alternative is sufficient. Any such deviation shall not be construed to create an entitlement and shall not be considered precedential.

~~III.]~~ V. Whenever a town provides assistance under this section, no such assistance shall be provided directly to a person or household in the form of cash payments.

2 New Section; Temporary Emergency Assistance. Amend RSA 165 by inserting after section 1-e the following new section:

165:1-f Temporary Emergency Assistance. The welfare official shall provide temporary emergency assistance for up to 6 days to individuals, as necessary to relieve a basic needs emergency. Such temporary assistance shall be provided to individuals temporarily in the town or city and for the purpose of obtaining proof of residency, completing an application to the municipality of origin, or coordinating with such municipality. If the municipality initiates the inter-municipal hearing process under RSA 165:2-a to determine residency and financial responsibility, temporary emergency assistance shall be extended until a final decision on residency or

responsibility is rendered by the hearing officer pursuant to RSA 165:2-a, III, provided the applicant remains in compliance with the municipality's general assistance guidelines. The provision of temporary emergency assistance under this subdivision shall not, for local welfare purposes, be construed as establishing residency in the municipality where the assistance is rendered.

3 Expense of General Assistance. Amend RSA 165:2-a to read as follows:

165:2-a Expense of General Assistance.

I. The financial responsibility for general assistance for assisted persons shall be the responsibility of the town or city in which the person making application [resides] ***has residence for local welfare purposes, as defined in RSA 165:1 and RSA 21:6-a***, except as otherwise provided in RSA 165:1-c.

II. ***Whenever any town or city assists a person pursuant to this chapter who is believed to be a resident of another New Hampshire municipality or outside of New Hampshire, the assisting municipality shall:***

(a) Contact the welfare official for the alleged municipality of residency to seek reimbursement for the costs of relieving and maintaining the applicant person;

(b) Request the municipality of residency undertake ongoing relief and maintenance of the applicant pursuant to the municipality of residency's welfare guidelines; or

(c) Request a hearing to determine the residency of the assisted person.

III. Hearings conducted pursuant to subparagraph II(c) shall be conducted by an agreed-upon current or former welfare official of a third municipality, with the consent of such welfare official, or an attorney familiar with this chapter. The hearing shall be conducted according to the fair hearing provisions described by the welfare guidelines of the alleged municipality of residency, except that the hearing may be conducted by telephone or video conference by agreement of the participants.

IV. If the hearing results in a determination that another municipality is responsible for providing the assistance, that municipality shall reimburse the assisting municipality for the costs of assistance previously rendered at the rate consistent with that municipality's welfare guidelines, and shall either:

(a) Continue to reimburse the assisting municipality so long as the person remains in need of assistance; or

(b) Undertake relief and maintenance of the assisted person according to that municipality's welfare guidelines.

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

2026-1207s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill enables municipalities to establish residency requirements for local assistance, requires short-term emergency aid while residency is verified, requires special consideration of individuals who have left their town of origin due to domestic or sexual violence, and establishes an administrative process for resolving financial responsibility among municipalities.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration

March 18, 2026

2026-1227s

09/07

Amendment to HB 1030

Amend the bill RSA 326-B:13, I(a) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(a) Collecting data and conducting [focused] nursing assessments to contribute to the comprehensive assessment of the health status of *assisted* clients.

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs
 March 17, 2026
 2026-1205s
 08/07

Amendment to HB 1044

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 County Officers; Vacancies. RSA 661:9, II is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

II.(a) If a vacancy occurs in the office of a county commissioner, the members of the county convention shall fill the vacancy as follows:

(1) If voting for the commissioners in the biennial election is not by district or is not restricted to residents of the district, all of the county convention members shall vote to fill the vacancy by a majority of the ballots cast until the next biennial election of county officers.

(2) If the commissioners of the county in the biennial elections are elected by district and voting for the commissioner is restricted to residents of the district, only members of the county convention who represent city wards or towns in the district shall be eligible to vote.

(3) If limiting the vote to county convention members representing city wards and towns in the district results in fewer than 3 members eligible to vote for the vacancy, all members of the county convention are eligible to vote for the vacancy.

(4) If the term filled is less than the unexpired term, then notwithstanding any provisions of RSA 653:1, VI, the commissioner district filled pursuant to this paragraph shall be added to the next biennial election ballot to be chosen by the voters of the county for the remainder of the term. The person elected shall take office at the next meeting of the county commissioners after any recount is completed.

(b) The provisions of subparagraph (a) shall apply only where the vacancy occurred no later than 30 days preceding the printing of the ballots for the primary election.

(c) The provisions of RSA 655:32 and RSA 655:37, relating to nominations by appropriate party committees for vacancies in an office on a primary or general election ballot, respectively, shall apply to vacancies to be filled under this paragraph.

2026-1205s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires a vacancy in the office of county commissioner to be filled by the members of the county convention and allows district-based voting where applicable.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources
 March 10, 2026
 2026-1130s
 08/05

Amendment to HB 1199

Amend RSA 214:9-c, V as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

V. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the monies received from the sale of such lifetime licenses shall be deposited with the state treasurer who shall keep the same in a separate fund to be known as the prepaid fish and game license fund. The state treasurer shall invest the monies in the fund and shall annually transfer to the fish and game fund from the prepaid fish and game license fund an amount equal to 9 percent of the principal balance in the fund each year and any interest that accrues to the prepaid fish and game license fund in excess of 5 percent ***as funds available for unrestricted expenditures for any lawful purpose authorized under RSA 206:38.***

Senate Energy and Natural Resources
 March 10, 2026
 2026-1132s
 08/07

Amendment to HB 1205

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

AN ACT prohibiting state and county owned lands from participating in timber carbon sequestration projects.

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Section; Public Land Enrollment in Timber Carbon Sequestration Prohibited. Amend RSA 79 by inserting after section 37 the following new section:

79:38 Public Land Enrollment in Timber Carbon Sequestration Programs Prohibited. No fee simple ownership lands owned by the state or by a county shall be enrolled in a timber carbon sequestration program.

2026-1132s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits the enrollment of state and county owned lands in timber carbon sequestration projects.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources

March 10, 2026

2026-1127s

08/09

Amendment to HB 1539-FN

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

AN ACT authorizing electric utilities to issue bonds for the purpose of storm cost recovery and infrastructure resilience.

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs

March 17, 2026

2026-1204s

12/08

Amendment to HB 1689

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

AN ACT relative to the term of office for county officers in Belknap and Merrimack counties.

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

1 Elections; State and County Officers to be Elected; Elected for 2-Year Term; Belknap and Merrimack County Officer Terms Increased. Amend RSA 653:1, V to read as follows:

V. One sheriff, one county attorney, one county treasurer, one register of deeds, and one register of probate by the voters in each county; provided that, at the 2022 state general election, and at each subsequent state general election, any such officer in Rockingham county shall be chosen in the county by the voters for a 4-year term; and, provided that, at the 2024 state general election, and at each subsequent state general election, any such officer in Coos county shall be chosen in the county by the voters for a 4-year term; **and, provided that, at the 2026 state general election, and at each subsequent state general election, any such officer in Belknap county shall be chosen in the county by the voters for a 4-year term; and, provided that, at the 2028 state general election and at each subsequent state general election, any such officer in Merrimack county shall be chosen in the county by the voters for a 4-year term;**

2 The State and Its Government; County Attorneys; Election; Temporary Vacancies. Amend RSA 7:33 to read as follows:

7:33 Election; Temporary Vacancies. There shall be a county attorney for each county, who shall be a member of the New Hampshire bar, elected biennially by the voters of the county; provided that, at the 2022 state general election, and at each subsequent state general election, the county attorney for Rockingham county shall be chosen in the county by the voters for a 4-year term; and, provided that, at the 2024 state general election, and at each subsequent state general election, the county attorney for Coos county shall be chosen in the county by the voters for a 4-year term; **and, provided that, at the 2026 state general election, and at each subsequent state general election, the county attorney for Belknap county shall be chosen in the county by the voters for a 4-year term; and provided that, at the 2028 state general election, and at each subsequent state general election, the county attorney for Merrimack county shall be**

chosen in the county by the voters for a 4-year term. If the county attorney is absent at any term of court or unable to discharge the duties of the office, the superior court, acting as a body, shall appoint a county attorney, who shall be a member of the New Hampshire bar, for the time being and allow said appointee such compensation for his or her services as set by the county delegation.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

2026-1204s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill extends the term of office for certain elected county officers in Belknap and Merrimack counties to 4 years. The bill also requires that the elections for such Merrimack county officers coincide with the presidential election every 4 years.

HEARINGS

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TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026

EDUCATION, Map Room, SL

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

- 9:15 a.m. **HB 1795-FN**, requiring criminal history record checks for the renewal of teaching licenses.
- 9:25 a.m. **HB 1818-FN**, requiring the department of education to use its 10-year school facilities plans to plan and project out building consolidation projects.
- 9:35 a.m. **HB 131**, relative to bullying and cyberbullying prevention.
- 9:45 a.m. **HB 1370**, repealing the public school identification and accommodation of gifted and talented students reporting requirement.
- 9:55 a.m. **HB 1635**, modifying the requirements of suicide prevention education policies in schools.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, Room 122-123, SH

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

- 9:15 a.m. **HB 1161**, removing the requirement for municipalities to have an advisory board for development districts.
- 9:25 a.m. **HB 1505-FN**, requiring municipalities, towns, and cities to submit documentation to the department of revenue administration proving they are in compliance with local budget and tax caps.
- 9:35 a.m. **HB 1066-FN**, relative to warrant articles authorizing lease agreements.
- 9:45 a.m. **HB 1113**, enabling towns to establish a 3-year term for town moderators.
- 9:55 a.m. **HB 1137**, relative to municipal budget committee membership.
- 10:05 a.m. **HB 1274-FN-L**, relative to dog licenses.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES, Room 103, SH

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

- 9:00 a.m. **HB 1742**, relative to customer-generators inadvertently enrolled in a municipal or county aggregation program.
- 9:10 a.m. **HB 1620**, requiring the removal of residential heating oil underground after 12 consecutive months of non-use except in certain circumstances.
- 9:20 a.m. **HB 1733**, relative to default electric service procurement and the recovery of competitive market supply costs.
- 9:30 a.m. **HB 1535**, relative to clarifying eligible renewable energy classes under the renewable portfolio standard.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**FINANCE**, Room 103, SH

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

- 1:30 p.m. **HB 1042**, raising the unified contingent credit limit.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**JUDICIARY**, Room 100, SH

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

- 1:00 p.m. **HB 1260-FN**, relative to marriage registration forms and delayed certificates of marriage.
- 1:05 p.m. Hearing on proposed non-germane Amendment #, 2026-1173s relative to marriage registration forms and delayed certificates of marriage and relative to the confidentiality of divorce records, to **HB 1260-FN**, relative to marriage registration forms and delayed certificates of marriage.
- 1:10 p.m. **HB 1108-FN**, relative to the offense of criminal threatening.
- 1:20 p.m. **HB 1522-FN**, relative to amending and adding definitions related to the protection of persons from domestic violence.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 1651-FN**, establishing sexual assault orders of protection and relative to sexual assault survivors' rights.
- 1:40 p.m. **HB 767-FN**, expanding requirements for reports to law enforcement by the department of health and human services.
- 1:50 p.m. **HB 1696-FN**, relative to the issuance of a summons instead of arrest.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW***WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026*****EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION**, Room 103, SH

Sen. Pearl (C), Sen. McGough (VC), Sen. Gannon, Sen. Altschiller, Sen. Reardon

- 9:00 a.m. **HB 1157-FN**, relative to licensure as a pet vendor.
- 9:10 a.m. **HB 1569-FN**, repealing the directive that the state sell the Anna Philbrook Center for Children property in Concord.
- 9:20 a.m. **HB 1631-FN**, relative to the contents of the attorney general's annual report detailing state forfeiture information for the preceding fiscal year.
- 9:30 a.m. **HB 1805-FN**, relative to physical fitness performance requirements for certified law enforcement officers.
- 9:40 a.m. **HB 1097**, requiring legislative approval of the amendment or permanent removal of historical markers.
- 9:50 a.m. **HB 1109**, relative to notice and update requirements regarding state employee investigations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, Room 100, SH

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

- 9:00 a.m. **HB 661-FN**, relative to the department of health and human services management of social security payments, supplemental security income payments, and veterans benefits for children in foster care.
- 9:15 a.m. **HB 1566-FN-A**, directing the department of health and human services to seek clarification from the Administration for Children and Families regarding the use of TANF reserve funds and repealing the requirement that the department of health and human services' biennial budget request include funding for certain child care workforce programs.
- 9:30 a.m. **HB 1515-FN**, repealing the requirement that the department of health and human services' biennial budget request include funding for certain child care workforce programs.
- 9:45 a.m. **HB 1771-FN**, removing prospective repeal of child care staffing ratios and the associated waiver system and requiring the department of health and human services to provide certain notice regarding availability of the waiver.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1772-FN-A**, relative to prescribing ibogaine for investigational use only.
EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026**COMMERCE**, Room 100, SH

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

- 9:30 a.m. **HB 1336-FN**, relative to regulated conditional deposits.
- 9:45 a.m. **HB 1523-FN**, relative to disclosure requirements for condominium associations.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 1588-FN**, establishing special assessment districts and expands the housing infrastructure grant program to allow for municipal upgrades linked to new housing and making an appropriation therefor.
- 10:15 a.m. **HB 1207-FN**, relative to certain laws applicable to state chartered banks, credit unions, trust companies, and other consumer credit entities subject to the authority of the banking department.
- 10:25 a.m. **HB 1502**, governing special bank and credit union deposits.
- 10:35 a.m. **HB 1765-FN**, enabling wine and beverage manufacturers to offer tastings of and sell products of certain New Hampshire wine and beverage manufacturers.
EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

MEETINGS***FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2026*****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

FISCAL COMMITTEE (RSA 14:30-a)

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026

COMMISSION ON THE INTERDISCIPLINARY PRIMARY CARE WORKFORCE (RSA 126-T)

2:00 p.m. NH Hospital Association Regular Meeting

Conference Room 1
125 Airport Road
Concord, NH

People may also attend using the following:

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/24107961196822?p=y9W6XrHJ3T9FhWXJwg>

Meeting ID: 241 079 611 968 22

Passcode: Qr7LS7Y8

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026

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

9:30 a.m. Room 158, GP Regular Meeting

SOLID WASTE WORKING GROUP (RSA 149-M:61)

9:30 a.m. NHDES Regular Meeting

Room 208C
29 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH

Remote attendance option:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3435858814888164108>

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. NH Department of Safety Regular Meeting

Room 112
33 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH

EDUCATION FREEDOM SAVINGS ACCOUNT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 194-F:12)

10:00 a.m. Room 232, GP Regular Meeting

MOUNT WASHINGTON COMMISSION (RSA 227-B:3)

10:00 a.m. The Glen House Regular Meeting

Glen, NH

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

1:00 p.m. Department of Business and Regular Meeting

Economic Affairs
Suite 100
100 North Main Street
Concord, NH

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2026

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

10:00 a.m. Main Building Regular Meeting

105 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026

STATE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 115-A:2)

5:00 p.m. Edward Cross Training Complex Regular Meeting
 722 Riverwood Drive
 Pembroke, NH

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026

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

9:00 a.m. Room 234, GP Regular Meeting
 The You Tube link to view the meeting livestream is:
 <https://youtube.com/live/7gPwQsYfAOY?feature=share>

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

9:30 a.m. New Hampshire Department of Justice Regular Meeting
 Press Room
 1 Granite Place
 Concord, NH

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026

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

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

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

10:00 a.m. Remote Only Regular Meeting
 Zoom link: <https://naminh-org.zoom.us/j/81260403703>

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026

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

10:00 a.m. NH Hospital Association Regular Meeting
 125 Airport Road
 Concord, NH
 Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87430173115>
 Meeting ID: 874 3017 3115

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026

STATE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 115-A:2)

5:00 p.m. Edward Cross Training Complex Regular Meeting
 722 Riverwood Drive
 Pembroke, NH

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026

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

2:00 p.m. New Hampshire Department of Regular Meeting
 Environmental Services (NHDES)
 Portsmouth Regional Office
 Room A
 Pease International Tradeport
 222 International Drive
 Suite 175
 Portsmouth, NH

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2026

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

9:30 a.m.

Executive Council Chambers
Room 208, SH

Regular Meeting

2026 PENDING VETO MESSAGES:

SENATE BILLS: 268

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 2026 BILLS:

SENATE BILLS: 27, 33, 49, 83, 88, 103, 404, 424, 425, 432, 444, 446, 448, 454, 457, 478, 480, 481, 484, 485, 491, 492, 494, 502, 505, 506, 511, 515, 517, 519, 523, 524, 528, 531, 534, 538, 540, 543, 545, 547, 550, 557, 559, 565, 567, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 589, 590, 591, 592, 597, 600, 601, 602, 603, 608, 610, 611, 614, 615, 616, 618, 619, 620, 622, 624, 625, 627, 628, 631, 632, 633, 635, 636, 637, 640, 643, 645, 651, 652, 654, 656, 657, 666, 669

HOUSE BILLS: 59, 104, 109, 112, 121, 155, 164, 191, 194, 206, 215, 219, 222, 232, 241, 246, 257, 297, 340, 349, 365, 366, 510, 529, 609, 610, 629, 639, 649, 686, 704, 707, 709, 1030, 1066, 1086, 1108, 1117, 1130, 1153, 1176, 1184, 1186, 1190, 1197, 1199, 1260, 1301, 1308, 1328, 1336, 1350, 1366, 1415, 1421, 1425, 1426, 1431, 1433, 1442, 1457, 1458, 1466, 1467, 1469, 1471, 1477, 1483, 1492, 1499, 1505, 1515, 1516, 1523, 1542, 1554, 1555, 1566, 1576, 1581, 1598, 1600, 1602, 1603, 1604, 1622, 1624, 1630, 1651, 1655, 1667, 1705, 1709, 1718, 1726, 1727, 1730, 1735, 1763, 1768, 1805, 1827, 1828, 1832, 1833, 1837

ENROLLED BILL AMENDMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SENATE CLERK’S OFFICE FOR 2026 BILLS:

SENATE BILLS: 182

HOUSE BILLS: 451, 705

SENATE BILLS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

SENATE BILLS: 15, 27, 33, 34, 36, 49, 83, 94, 103, 134, 182, 186

HOUSE BILLS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

HOUSE BILLS: 59, 109, 126, 191, 221, 222, 244, 281, 292, 317, 340, 481, 510, 610, 639, 649, 707, 751, 1159, 1168, 1190, 1310

NOTICES

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026

Please Note the Date Change!

All legislators and staff are cordially invited to join the New Hampshire Automobile Dealers Association (NHADA) for our annual Legislative Crossover Reception on Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 3:30 p.m. (or following the end of the session day) at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 172 North Main Street, Concord. 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.

Senator Regina Birdsell, Senate Majority Leader

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THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026

In honor of National Physicians Week (March 25-31) and National Doctors' Day (March 30), the New Hampshire Medical Society invites you to join us for coffee & sweet treats at the State House cafeteria on March 26th from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. As part of our White Coat Day, physicians from across New Hampshire will be at the State House and are looking forward to connecting with you. This gathering offers a meaningful opportunity to talk and recognize the compassion, dedication and leadership physicians bring to patients and communities throughout our state. Please stop by to enjoy refreshments, meet local physicians and help us celebrate the professionals who care for Granite Staters every day. We hope to see you there!

Senator David Rochefort

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THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026

The New Hampshire Breastfeeding Task Force will host a legislative event on May 7 from 12pm – 2pm in the New Hampshire State House Cafeteria, where refreshments will be provided. The event will raise awareness about the critical role of International Board-Certified Lactation Consultants (IBCLCs) in supporting breastfeeding families across New Hampshire and highlight ongoing efforts to explore state licensure during the 2026–2027 legislative session. Printed materials will be available describing the Task Force's mission, the credentials and scope of practice of IBCLCs, and the many ways these professionals serve our communities and families across the state.

Senator Denise Ricciardi
Senator Sue Prentiss

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SENATE SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 26, 2026	CROSSOVER - Deadline to ACT on all Senate bills.
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.
Thursday, May 14, 2026	Deadline to ACT on all House bills.
Thursday, May 21, 2026	Deadline to FORM Committees of Conference.
Monday, May 25, 2026	Memorial Day (State Holiday)
Thursday, May 28, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.	Deadline to SIGN Committee of Conference Reports.
Thursday, June 04, 2026	Deadline to ACT on Committee of Conference Reports.
Friday, July 03, 2026	Independence Day (Observed) (State Holiday)
Monday, September 07, 2026	Labor Day (State Holiday)
Wednesday, November 11, 2026	Veterans' Day (State Holiday)
Thursday, November 26, 2026	Thanksgiving Day (State Holiday)
Friday, November 27, 2026	Day after Thanksgiving (State Holiday)
Friday, December 25, 2026	Christmas Day (State Holiday)