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HOUSE CALENDAR

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

The House will meet on Thursday, February 6th, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in Representatives Hall. Please also hold Thursday, February 13th and Thursday, February 20th for Session. Be attentive to caucus notices in this calendar for when and where your party caucuses will meet prior to session.

As our busy season continues, I urge you to review the House Calendars each week so you will know when your Committees are meeting, to track legislation you have sponsored, or to see which bills might be of particular interest to you or your constituents. I also want to stress to our new Members the importance of your participation at Committee hearings. Learning about the subject matter and gathering input from the public will help you to make informed decisions in judging the value or necessity of pending legislation.

Legislators are also reminded to review testimony submissions and sign-ins from our online portal for bills being considered by your committees. Simply visit, <https://gc.nh.gov/house/committees/remotetestimony/submitted-testimony.aspx> and choose your committee from the drop-down list, and choose the bills you wish to view submissions on.

Pursuant to House Rule 44(d), if any House business is canceled due to inclement weather, notice will be posted on the General Court website at gencourt.state.nh.us. In addition, email notification will go out to affected committees and staff.

If you have not already picked up your legislative security pin, you can stop by and see Tracy in the House Clerk's office to pick yours up. Please do your best to wear your security pin and/or name badge on session days to assist our Sargent at Arms staff.

As a reminder, during the week of February 24 - 28, 2025, which coincides with most New Hampshire schools' winter recess, we will have no House Session. If Committees are caught up on their business, Chairs may choose to limit meetings or keep their meetings to public hearings only.

Sherman A. Packard, Speaker of the House

NOTICE

Meetings of the chairs and vice chairs are scheduled for every Tuesday from 9:00 a.m.–9:45 a.m. in Rooms 306-308 of the Legislative Office Building.

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NOTICE

There will be a Republican Caucus on **Thursday, February 6th at 9:00 a.m.** in Representatives Hall.
Rep. Jason Osborne, Majority Leader

NOTICE

There will be a Democratic Caucus on **Thursday, February 6th at 9:00 a.m.** in the State House Cafeteria.
Rep. Alexis Simpson, Democratic Leader

NOTICE

ALL reports, scheduling and notices are due in the House Clerk's Office by **3:00 p.m. on WEDNESDAYS**. Reports and scheduling shall be turned in to House Committee Services for processing **no later than 1:00 p.m.** on Wednesday. Please be sure to complete that work in a timely fashion to meet the Calendar deadline.

CLOSES AT 3:00 p.m. ON:

Wednesday, February 5, 2025
 Wednesday, February 12, 2025
 Wednesday, February 19, 2025

AVAILABLE ON:

Friday, February 7, 2025
 Friday, February 14, 2025
 Friday, February 21, 2025

Paul C. Smith, Clerk of the House

2025 HOUSE DEADLINES**First Year Session Deadlines**

Thursday, March 6, 2025
 Thursday, March 13, 2025
 Thursday, March 20, 2025

Thursday, March 27, 2025

Thursday, April 3, 2025

Thursday, April 10, 2025
 Thursday, May 8, 2025
 Thursday, May 15, 2025
 Thursday, May 29, 2025

Thursday, June 5, 2025
 Thursday, June 12, 2025
 Thursday, June 19, 2025
 Thursday, June 26, 2025

Last day to report HBs going to a second committee
 Last day to act on HBs going to a second committee
 Last day to report all HBs not in a second committee, except budget bills
 Last day to act on HBs not in a second committee, except budget bills
 Last day to report all remaining HBs
 Last day to report list of retained HBs
CROSSOVER Last day to act on all bills
 Last day to report Senate Bills going to a second committee
 Last day to act on SBs going to a second committee
 Last day to report all remaining SBs
 Last day to report list of retained SBs
 Last day to act on SBs
 Last day to form Committees of Conference
 Last day to sign Committee of Conference reports (4 p.m.)
 Last day to act on Committee of Conference reports

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6**CONSENT CALENDAR****CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW**

HB 178, relative to foster parent representation of foster children with disabilities. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Mark Pearson for Children and Family Law. This bill does one simple thing; it removes a sentence inserted incorrectly at a place the bill identifies but inserted correctly later on. There is absolutely no change in policy. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 204, relative to criteria for reporting child support delinquencies to federal agencies. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Debra DeSimone for Children and Family Law. This bill comes to Children and Family Law another time because in a prior session, an amendment was added in the other body which caused the House to non-concur. This bill is written to correct a reporting issue between state and federal child support agencies. The federal arrearage standard is \$2,500.00 before punishment which could include the loss of passport. Yet, people have been reported for as little as \$6.00. Numerous people have been adversely affected by this issue by the denial of passport renewal. **Vote 14-0.**

HB 478, establishing a foster care oversight subcommittee within the oversight commission on children's services. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Peter Petrigno for Children and Family Law. This bill originated as a result of SB 566 (Ch. 20, Laws of 2024), which formed a study committee on foster families and the foster care system. The committee met throughout the summer and heard testimony from the Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF), the Office of the Child Advocate (OCA), as well as from current and former foster parents. Despite improvements to address concerns, foster parents who testified reported feelings of isolation, loneliness, that children's needs are not being met, that they lack support, dysfunction within the agency, and problems with the courts. A permanent foster care subcommittee within the Oversight Commission on Children's Services would continue to hear the needs DCYF. **Vote 15-0.**

EDUCATION POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 116, relative to reporting requirements for public academies. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Lisa Freeman for Education Policy and Administration. Being there are only two public academies in the state that receive tuitioned students from their local towns, and given that they receive no direct state adequacy but tuition from sending towns that have negotiated contracts without state input, the committee believes the public academies and sending towns and districts bear the responsibility of resolving reporting issues. **Vote 17-0.**

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

HB 355, relative to the membership of the solid waste working group. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Peter Bixby for Environment and Agriculture. The Solid Waste Working Group was formed to assist the Department of Environmental Services Solid Waste Division in the development of creative, effective solutions to the state's solid waste management challenges and to review and make recommendations on a wide range of solid waste plan goals and projects. Membership encompasses numerous stakeholders from the solid waste management community in the state. The original sunset for the group is November of 2026. This bill extends that sunset for an additional 5 years (to 2031) and replaces the representative from the Northeast Recycling Council, which no longer wants to participate, with a representative from the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, which feels that it can provide valuable perspective to working group discussions. **Vote 15-0.**

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 85-FN, relative to temporary licensure for student respiratory therapists. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Carol McGuire for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill creates a temporary license for student respiratory therapists so that they can be employed using the skills they have learned so far while they are still in school. It was requested by the Hospital Association, who wants to employ these students, and not opposed in committee. The committee amendment simply provides consistent terminology throughout the statute. **Vote 13-0.**

HB 134, relative to the state building code. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Carol McGuire for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill updates the state building code to include the 2023 electrical code, as amended by the building code review board, and incorporates other code amendments approved since the last ratification in May. The main such amendment is the limit on air changes mandated by SB 373 last year. This bill was supported by the building code review board and the electricians, and had no opposition in committee. **Vote 13-0.**

HB 144-FN, relative to the practice of dental hygiene. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Jaci Grote for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill, which was at the request of the Board of Dental Examiners, corrects what the board considers a deficiency in their statute between hygienists who administer nitrous oxide and those who administer local anesthesia. The statute requires special education and examination to obtain a permit to administer nitrous oxide, but the statute appears to include the administration of local anesthesia in the practice of dental hygiene without any further education or permission from the board. The committee agrees with their position and the bill clarifies the training and the need to pass an examination. **Vote 12-0.**

HB 216-FN, relative to workers' compensation and creditable service towards retirement. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Jaci Grote for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill changes the current policy which limits the length of worker's comp time that is creditable towards pension service to one year. The limit is eliminated so that individuals with serious on the job injuries, who need recovery in excess of a year, do not experience a deduction in service time, requiring them to work longer to achieve full benefit into the New Hampshire Retirement System. Without this bill, state workers that are seriously injured on the job and require months of care or rehabilitation in excess of a year, have that time credited towards their pension service. **Vote 13-0.**

HB 267, relative to animal chiropractors. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Patrick Long for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill would allow animal chiropractic practice by individuals with degrees in veterinary medicine or chiropractics who have completed a nationally recognized animal chiropractic program, as determined by the executive director of the office of professional licensure and certification, without requiring them to meet veterinary licensure requirements. The bill has successfully addressed the objections addressed in the prior Governor's veto, by clarifying the training requirements to ensure that only qualified individuals would be allowed to provide this care. **Vote 13-0.**

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

HB 63, relative to the use of nasal spray to treat anaphylaxis. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Susan DeLemus for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. Essentially, this bill provides for allowing schools, camps and other venues to have this new way of administering epinephrine on hand, just like Epipens. Epinephrine is used to treat anaphylactic shock in someone who is having a life-threatening episode due to an allergic reaction. It uses the same delivery system as Narcan, is small, easy to use, is easily stored and has an excellent shelf life. It is called Neffy® - (epinephrine nasal spray) - a new FDA-approved treatment. Above all it saves lives. Every member of the Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs enthusiastically and unanimously voted yea. **Vote 16-0.**

JUDICIARY

HB 98, relative to professional limited liability company (PLLC) assistant manager status. **OUGHT TO PASS.** Rep. Marjorie Smith for Judiciary. This bill amends the law to permit a single-member professional limited liability company (PLLC) to designate an assistant manager, who is not a qualified person, to manage the PLLC for certain purposes in case of the death, incapacity or disqualification of the manager. **Vote 13-0.**

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

HB 69, requiring businesses to use the federal E-Verify system of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Mark Warden for Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. The majority of the committee believes that the federally provided E-Verify system for determining an employment candidate's eligibility to work in New Hampshire is an unnecessary mandate on our state's employers. Testimony in committee indicated that non-typical and identical names could trip up the system and identify an eligible candidate as ineligible. Correcting an error is often a lengthy process reliant on a federal agency and would prevent an individual from working for that time period. The majority of the committee feels that the current I-9 process for determining eligibility is effective and sufficiently accurate. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 353, relative to hearing protection for employees of nightclubs and music venues. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Mark MacKenzie for Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. This bill aimed to establish a comprehensive hearing protection program for employees working in music venues, who are regularly exposed to high-decibel sounds, potentially leading to hearing loss over time. During the research and public testimony phase, it was found that while there is a recognized need for such protection, the state cannot pass legislation regulating private sector employees. Thus, any legislation would have to be limited to the public sector. Given the bill's narrow scope and the limited number of public sector music venues, the recommended course of action is to collaborate with the New Hampshire Department of Labor. The objective would be to develop rules that build on the existing hearing protection standards in Section 1400 of the department rules and expand the scope using National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and OSHA programs as guidelines. As a result, the committee unanimously recommends that the bill be found Inexpedient to Legislate. **Vote 19-0.**

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HB 84, allowing municipalities to collect fees for certain recreational vehicles located on campground properties. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. John MacDonald for Municipal and County Government. This bill would authorize municipalities to impose a fee, not to exceed \$200, on all campground owners for each recreational vehicle at the campground. The \$200 fee would exempt the recreational vehicle owners from paying the required property tax. Current law requires that the campground owner provide the assessing official with the name and address of a recreational vehicle owner that does not have a valid registration, a current number plate and in addition exceeds a width of eight feet and six inches. The assessor then assesses the recreational vehicle for the purpose of issuing a property tax bill. The committee realizes that this change would put an undue burden on the campground owner making them collect the \$200 from the recreational vehicle owner. The collecting of taxes is the role of the local government and not one for a private citizen on behalf of the government. The owner of a recreational vehicle at a campground would create an unfair tax advantage by being charged only \$200. While the owner of a recreational vehicle located on owned, leased or rented land would be paying the required full property tax amount. If a recreational vehicle owner is unhappy with their property taxes, they can choose to register their recreational vehicle and display a current number plate. This would exempt them from the current required property tax. Recreational vehicle owners currently maintain the same appeal rights concerning their property tax bill as any other property owner. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 86-FN-LOCAL, increasing the cost of service for notice of civil forfeiture of unlicensed dogs to the rate for certified mail. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Denis Murphy for Municipal and County Government. This bill proposes that cities and towns be allowed to collect actual postal costs associated with serving civil forfeiture notices for unlicensed dogs. The committee recommends an amendment. When postal rates increase, cities and towns can raise their fees accordingly without needing to amend the RSA for a rate increase. The fee will match the postal rate if they deliver notices in person. This measure will enable cities and towns to pursue unlicensed dogs without suffering financial losses due to rising postal rates that exceed the fees they can charge for civil forfeitures. Currently, some towns refrain from issuing these civil forfeitures because clerks do not want to incur losses related to postal costs. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 99, relative to a waiver from property taxes for disabled veterans. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.** Rep. Diane Pauer for Municipal and County Government. The bill as referred to the committee increases the maximum optional tax credit under RSA 72:35 I-a from \$4,000 to 100% of the property tax. The bill is a re-filing of 2024 HB 1258-LOCAL which was recommended Inexpedient to Legislate, 19-0, by the committee. The committee acknowledges that specifying a percentage for tax credits and exemptions is unworkable and unable to be administered. Furthermore, the bill as written has the potential to significantly shift the local property tax burden from a class of taxpayers to all other taxpayers if 100% of the property tax were adopted by a municipality. The bill as amended clarifies eligibility criteria and increases the maximum optional tax credit under RSA 72:35 I-a, the optional tax credit for service-connected total disability. First, language is added to align the optional tax credit with the eligibility criteria of permanent and total disability specified under RSA 72:35 I, the standard yearly tax credit for service-connected total disability. Second, the maximum allowed optional tax credit is increased from \$4,000 to \$5,000 adjusting for inflation based on the CPI-U index. In January 2019, this maximum had been increased from \$2,000 to \$4,000. Third, the amended bill language states that adoption of the optional tax credit under RSA 72:35 I-a shall replace the 72:28 Standard and Optional Veterans' Tax Credit, 72:28-b All Veterans' Tax Credit, 72:28-c Optional Tax Credit for Combat Service, and 72:36-a Certain Disabled Veterans in its entirety and shall not be in addition to. This provision prevents the "stacking" of other tax credits for which a veteran may qualify potentially resulting in a negative property tax bill. The committee unanimously supports these reasonable changes to the bill in support of veterans, who have a service-connected disability, and their surviving spouses, in manner that is both fair and balanced for all taxpayers in a municipality. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 101, relative to exempting certain elderly homeowners from paying property taxes. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Laurel Stavis for Municipal and County Government. This bill proposes to exempt all New Hampshire homeowners 72 and older from paying property taxes. The requirement for said exemption is that the homeowner has lived in New Hampshire for 10 consecutive years, but there is no provision for length of residence in the municipality granting the exemption. While the committee heard testimony from the prime sponsor as to a minimum amount of time necessary to be domiciled in a municipality, the text of the bill is unclear on this matter, which is a critical flaw since decisions on elderly tax exemptions are made at the municipal level. Further, according to the US Census Bureau, 40.7% of homeowners in New Hampshire are 65 and older. This bill, while enabling, could open municipalities and the state to a massive outflow of revenue should towns adopt its provisions. Many towns already have exemptions from property taxes for elderly citizens and have had them for decades. They are means-tested, their formulas regularly examined, and, in many cases, exemption levels are raised to provide relief for cost-burdened seniors. This bill contains no means testing, so that a person 72 or older who is still working and has substantial income and assets could, in towns that adopt its provisions, owe nothing in property taxes. Other taxpayers would inevitably have to cover the shortfall. **Vote 18-0.**

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

HB 627, relative to permitting the public utilities commission to approve new providers for the Lifeline program. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Michael Vose for Science, Technology and Energy. This bill seeks to allow the public utilities commission (PUC) to designate cell phone carriers to offer federal Lifeline services to NH residents. These services include access to online telemedicine and accessibility services for the handicapped, online learning opportunities and job search capability, and better access to first responders and 911 services. Currently, only 8% of NH residents have access to these services. The Federal Communication Commission (FCC), which has jurisdiction over the provision of these services unless taken over by the state, has not acted to take any action to expand this service since 2011. This bill allows NH to join 45 other states in the US that have reclaimed the authority from the FCC to designate cell carriers to offer this service. Traditional cell carriers do not provide this service, but several smaller providers would likely offer this service once designated by the PUC. **Vote 18-0.**

TRANSPORTATION

HB 105-FN, creating a new conservation license plate and directing the additional fee to the cyanobacteria mitigation loan and grant fund. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Matthew Coker for Transportation. This bill creates the "Love NH Lakes" license plate. Proceeds collected from the plate, minus production and administrative costs, will go toward the cyanobacteria mitigation loan and grant fund. Cyanobacteria poses not only an environmental threat but also an economic threat to our state. We should encourage every opportunity to fund the fight against this bacteria while also raising public awareness of the issue. **Vote 15-1.**

HB 258, establishing a study commission to determine the readiness of the New Hampshire Seacoast Emergency Evacuation Plan. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Gregory Hill for Transportation. The committee saw a number of unanswered questions with this legislation. A number of people were to be included in this large commission but there was no indication of who would be eligible to be appointed or who would do the appointing. That represents a major flaw in the bill and more work is needed with future legislation. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 326-FN, prohibiting the operation of antique passenger vehicles, model year 1968 or older, on state or local highways for more than 20 miles unless the vehicle is fitted or retrofitted with seat or safety belts. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Henry Giasson for Transportation. Implementation of this bill would mandate irreversible modifications to antique vehicles which would adversely impact their appraised value by 30-50%. Enforcement would be impractical as there is no way to determine the distance driven without invasive police investigation beyond their legal scope of duty. Neighboring states do not have similar legislation which would cause legal liability on other residents coming to New Hampshire as a tourist or for vehicle shows. There is not a mandate on seat belt usage for passengers over the age of 18. This is unnecessary within our code of law. **Vote 16-0.**

WAYS AND MEANS

HB 163, relative to state funds. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Dennis Malloy for Ways and Means. This bill is a collaboration among the Joint Committee on Dedicated Funds, State Treasurer, and State Comptroller. It updates the structure of the dedicated funds list in RSA 6:12. It provides better definitions of trusts and escrow accounts, which are also included with dedicated funds as accounts which do not escheat to the state's general fund but are held by the treasury. It places the definitions at the beginning of the chapter and repeals outdated fund references. It changes no funds, but makes the fund list easier to use and expand as needed. The amendment fixes a broken link and clarifies the distinction of state-created dedicated funds established for purposes of the state, from trusts and escrow bearing responsibility to external creators. **Vote 18-0.**

To Be Withdrawn

HB 234-FN, relative to the statewide education property tax and excess revenue from games of chance.

HB 476-FN, relative to restrictions on elective abortion.

HB 523-FN, relative to the office of child advocates oversight of restraint and seclusion reports.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6 REGULAR CALENDAR

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 511-FN, relative to cooperation with federal immigration authorities. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Terry Roy for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee, after hearing from witnesses and reviewing evidence, came to the unanimous conclusion that this bill ought to pass. The bill prohibits so-called sanctuary city policies that would enjoin local law enforcement from contacting and cooperating with federal immigration authorities regarding someone in their custody. The original bill as written, called for broad cooperation and assistance with federal authorities, mandating that local law enforcement use their best efforts to assist with federal immigration activities. The committee amendment narrows the scope of the bill to prohibit sanctuary policies and limiting immigration questions, notifications, and cooperation to only persons in custody for having allegedly violated New Hampshire criminal law. The amendment prohibits New Hampshire state and local law enforcement from inquiring about anyone's immigration status who is not already in custody. The Attorney General is responsible for enforcement of this law and may bring suit against any entity responsible for requiring a sanctuary policy or otherwise violating the law. The court may enjoin such policies and behaviors, and may bring contempt proceedings against any entity who failed to comply with their order. **Vote 16-0.**

EDUCATION POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 71-FN, prohibiting the use of the facilities of a public elementary school, a public secondary school, or an institution of higher education to provide shelter for aliens who have not been admitted into the United States. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Brian Nadeau for the **Majority** of Education Policy and Administration. The majority supports the Ought to Pass motion on this bill. The reason being that our learning institutions were specifically erected to gather students and faculty to educate and gain knowledge to shape their future. Using our facilities for housing of non-vetted, non-inoculated migrants who did not go through the legal system opens up the idea of threats not only to our students, but faculty, as well as the public. The thought of illegal drugs, weapons, viruses, and disease is a threat to those who frequent these facilities. All public buildings should be free of threats, real or implied. This bill is proactive as opposed to reactive. **Vote 10-7.** Rep. Peggy Balboni for the **Minority** of Education Policy and Administration. This bill would prevent public academic institutions from potentially offering shelter to those in need, even if their buildings are empty and not providing services to students, by threatening to withhold state financial assistance to those that do. The minority believes this is an unnecessary and hostile attempt to solve a problem in our state that does not exist. There are no hoards of people (undocumented or otherwise) currently in need of emergency shelters, nor does the state anticipate a need by proposing such a solution. According to the NH Department of Health and Human Services, the terminology in this bill is vague, meaning that it would apply to all non-citizens of the US, including permanent residents, green card holders, and persons with refugee status. Further, passage of this bill would violate civil rights laws, federal grant rules, and could result in the loss of \$12-\$18 million dollars of federal funds per year! The Governor has warned that revenues are down and we have no budget surplus to make up the difference. This legislation is fiscally irresponsible and could unfairly burden our local communities with higher taxes to make up for the loss of federal revenue.

HB 129-FN, relative to the definition of the term "evidence-based" within public education. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Margaret Drye for the **Majority** of Education Policy and Administration. "Evidence-based" is a term often used to describe and evaluate methods of teaching. This bill proposes defining the term "evidence-based" within public education as relying solely on objective science to steer education and excluding subjective data sets, such as surveys. It requires that methods be reproducible in well-defined studies and able to be independently confirmed. It further requires, for transparency purposes, that school districts make available the science on which they are relying. This requirement does not apply to curriculum, nor does it place any burden on teachers, who are purposely exempted and given a free hand. It only applies to institutions, such as the Department of Education, when adopting teaching methods. This bill does not dictate what specific teaching methods are adopted, but only requires that consideration be limited to those methods that have demonstrated effectiveness in studies. Good science can help produce good results. **Vote 10-7.** Rep. Loren Selig for the **Minority** of Education Policy and Administration. The minority of the committee disagrees with the majority of the committee for a variety of reasons, including but not limited to: 1. This bill would unnecessarily add a definition in state law for evidence-based practices that conflicts with widely accepted definitions. In particular, the phrase "without regard to peer review" would lower the standards which schools use to

evaluate practices they implement and could exempt some of the already utilized prevention programming used in schools. 2. The proposed definition is overly narrow and impractical. It excludes essential sources of educational data, such as surveys, self-reported data, and subjective measurements like reports of student progress. These data sources are crucial for understanding and addressing student needs, engagement, and outcomes as well as adapting material to specific student needs. 3. There are significant administrative and financial burdens. The fiscal note highlights the substantial administrative and financial impact of this bill, including: the need for new personnel at the state level to evaluate and implement these requirements; and indeterminable increases in local district expenditures for reviewing and revising teaching methods, educator training, policies, and curriculum. This unfunded mandate would strain local school districts, many of which already face resource constraints. The costs of compliance—new materials, training, and administrative oversight—would detract from direct investments in student learning.

ELECTION LAW

HB 67-FN-A, relative to agreements with the secretary of state for the use of accessible voting systems. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Robert Wherry for Election Law. This bill moves from the current pilot agreement (ending July 2025) to a permanent agreement with the Secretary of State's office for the use of Accessible Voting Systems in local elections. Prior to this agreement, Accessible Voting Systems were in place only for state elections with a federal office on the ballot. These systems had not been made available at polling locations for local elections. As a result, except for a couple of communities that have their own Accessible Voting Systems, individuals with disabilities were not universally afforded equal opportunities to vote privately and independently in local elections. Failure to provide Accessible Voting Systems is a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act and its implementing regulations. Some New Hampshire communities have been sued for their failure to suitably provide Accessible Voting Systems during elections. The new agreement is to begin in July 2025, but with a minimal number of (city) elections in the Fall of 2025, timely compliance with the proposed permanent agreement should not be unduly burdensome. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 340-FN, relative to electioneering by public employees. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Ross Berry for the **Majority** of Election Law. This bill addresses concerning actions by some public employees who have found ways to circumvent the existing prohibition on electioneering while performing their official duties. Recent examples include filming children in public schools to promote school warrant articles and distributing overtly biased candidate surveys through official taxpayer-funded mediums such as websites. The majority believes such actions undermine public trust in the neutrality of government employees and their role in the electoral process. The amended bill reinforces the expectation that public employees, when acting in their official capacity, must remain impartial in matters related to elections. It expands the definition of electioneering specifically for public employees to include activities that subtly or overtly influence electoral outcomes. Additionally, the bill clarifies the existing law by creating specific safe harbors for legitimate, unbiased political activities, such as voter registration drives or the publication of election notices. The majority of the committee believes this bill strengthens the legislature's original intent by closing loopholes, ensuring neutrality in public service, and preserving the integrity of the election process. **Vote 10-8.** Rep. Russell Muirhead for the **Minority** of Election Law. This bill expands the scope of the prohibition on electioneering by public employees by adding specific examples of prohibited acts of electioneering and by expanding the legal definition of electioneering from "acts specifically designed to influence the vote" (RSA659:44) to also include any act "having the effect of influencing the vote," regardless of its design or intention. The minority opposes the bill for three reasons. First, to include any act "having the effect of influencing the vote of a voter" is overly broad and threatens to encompass a range of actions that are protected by the right to free speech. Second, the scope of such an overly broad statute may invite politically motivated prosecutions. Last, the example in section III (c) – which includes surveys that are expressly political – may have the effect of unintentionally outlawing the sort of public opinion research conducted by the UNH Survey Center. In sum, while the minority affirms the intention and spirit of this bill, we oppose it because of its overly-broad language.

HOUSING

HB 60, relative to the termination of tenancy at the expiration of the tenancy or lease term. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Dick Thackston for the **Majority** of Housing. The goal of the Housing Committee, in light of the current housing crisis in New Hampshire, is to stabilize the housing market by increasing affordability and availability. Increased investment in rental properties will be a requirement of achieving these goals under any scenario. This bill restores the nature and sanctity of contract law to the leasing of residential property in New Hampshire. The current judicial decree makes an exception to contract law never contemplated by

the legislature and vacates one of the basic tenants of New Hampshire's Statutes of Fraud as it relates to contracts between parties. Passage of this bill will improve individuals' and entities' willingness to invest and maintain residential real estate by eliminating what can potentially, under current judicial decree, create an unintentional life estate. The bill as drafted provides significant clear public benefit. **Vote 10-7.** Rep. David Paige for the **Minority** of Housing. The minority is sympathetic to the significant challenges small landlords face navigating New Hampshire's current eviction law and supports exploring bipartisan solutions. However, this particular bill offers the wrong solution at the worst possible time. From 2022 to 2023, New Hampshire experienced a 52% increase in homelessness—the highest rate of increase in homelessness of any state in the nation. In testimony, numerous organizations, including New Hampshire Housing and the New Hampshire Coalition to End Homelessness, stated unequivocally that passage of this bill will drive additional families into homelessness in our state, and aging adults and people with disabilities will be particularly vulnerable should this bill pass. The NH Local Welfare Administrators Association additionally noted that they believe passage of this bill will drive up local welfare caseloads and lead to increased costs to taxpayers. While the minority is eager to work with landlords to find other solutions to their challenges, passage of this bill in our current housing market would serve only to further inflame our state's escalating homelessness crisis.

HB 399, establishing a commission to study the New Hampshire zoning enabling act. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. David Paige for Housing. 2025 marks the centennial anniversary of the New Hampshire Zoning Enabling Act, offering the legislature a unique opportunity to reflect on one hundred years of zoning evolution in our state and explore paths forward. This bill, amended to ensure bipartisan representation on the commission, will establish a body whose findings both parties can trust as fair and nonpartisan, providing invaluable insights to guide future legislation and address the housing needs of Granite Staters. The work of the commission will take place entirely within the current biennium, and the bill contains a sunset provision effective in November 2026. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 444, relative to a tenant's right to notification prior to the sale of a multi-family home. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Dick Thackston for the **Majority** of Housing. The goal of the Housing Committee, in light of the current housing crisis in New Hampshire, is to stabilize the housing market by increasing affordability and availability. Increased investment in rental properties will be a requirement of achieving these goals under any scenario. This bill requires the owner of restricted multi-family residential property to provide tenants with notice of sale of the property and an opportunity to make an offer to purchase the property, while effectively barring all other purchasers. This bill represents a significant impediment to the free flow of commerce and transfer of real property. While it would be restraints on the sale of residential property, it would in all likelihood decrease the willingness of individuals and entities to invest in residential properties in New Hampshire while in all likelihood not significantly improve the situation for tenants who are looking to own a home. Further, this bill represents significant potential unintended consequences related to both estate and tax planning for individuals and entities that currently own residential investments. Passage of this bill will impede individuals' and entities' willingness to invest and maintain residential real estate by eliminating or complicating real estate transactions with no appreciable public benefit. **Vote 10-8.** Rep. Matthew Hicks for the **Minority** of Housing. This bill with the proposed minority amendment would provide 45 days' written notice to renters of restricted multi-family residential property of any offer for the sale or transfer of the property. By providing notice, each tenant would have the opportunity to make an offer on the property. The intent is to provide opportunities for renters of restricted multi-family residential properties to own property and also not be notified of the sale of their building until after it is finalized.

HB 623-FN, relative to prohibiting corporations from purchasing single-family homes for a certain amount of time. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Brian Cole for the **Majority** of Housing. The language in the current form is not workable and problematic given the broad way it was written. This bill would prohibit corporations from purchasing single family or multi-family homes for 90 days. The definition of "any non-natural person" refers to all forms of legal entities including LLCs and nonprofits, which makes it too far reaching. This legislation, if enacted, would also slow the rate at which property transacted, most notably of which would encourage the property owner to wait an additional 90 days for a more lucrative offer to be given. The legislation would also enact the penalty of escheating the land to the municipality if the law is violated. The bill also did not provide an appropriation for the implementation of this legislation on any government level, including what would happen when a property is escheated to a municipality. **Vote 10-8.** Rep. David Paige for the **Minority** of Housing. This bill addresses the emerging trend of large corporate investors purchasing single family homes. According to a recent report by the United States Government Accountability Office, this trend has likely contributed to increases in home prices and rents over recent years. During testimony, sponsors recounted stories of multiple young Granite State families seeking to purchase their first home who were repeatedly outbid by large cor-

porate investors. The minority agrees with the majority that the bill as introduced requires additional work and amendment due to various technical issues. However, the minority believes that the problem raised by the sponsors deserves further consideration by this body and supports passage of the bill with a forthcoming floor amendment converting it into a study bill.

JUDICIARY

HB 164-FN, relative to local records retention. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Joe Alexander for Judiciary. This bill will create a state repository and fund a local records officer position in the Division of State Archives in the Secretary of State's office to provide a database for municipal records. This optional program will give municipalities the option of transitioning their municipal records to electronic files while providing a place within the municipality for the public to access those records for free. The Judiciary Committee believes that this will reduce costs over time for municipalities while giving the public an easier way to access records. **Vote 13-0.**

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HB 78, requiring a person to have a domicile in the district from which they serve as county commissioner. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Linda Franz for the **Majority** of Municipal and County Government. This bill clarifies requirements for all county offices and adds the requirement that all county commissioners in Strafford County must be an inhabitant who resides actually and permanently in the county district for which he or she was elected to represent and shall cease to represent such county district immediately upon moving from the district, ceasing to be qualified. This will apply to the 2026 general election of county commissioners. Under current law, Strafford County does not have this requirement. Presently Strafford County has a county commissioner who was elected in 2024 and does not reside in his district. His constituency and term of office will not be affected by this change. This bill basically fixes an oversight in the current law that was created in 2024 when county commissioner districts in Strafford County were established and how the commissioners are to be elected. **Vote 13-5.** Rep. Jim Maggiore for the **Minority** of Municipal and County Government. New Hampshire RSA 655:9 explains the domicile requirements for a person if they seek the office of county commissioner in 9 of the 10 counties in the state. RSA 655:9 has been unamended since 1979. This bill as introduced would have simply added Strafford County to the list of counties. There is consensus on the policy committee that adding Strafford County into statute is logical. The amendment to this bill adds a new definition of "inhabitant" of the county as well as qualifiers for said inhabitant. The minority of the committee believe the amendment to the bill is unnecessary and could create confusion about where and when a candidate for county commissioner must be domiciled when elected. For these reasons, the minority opposes the Ought to Pass with Amendment motion.

HB 110, authorizing counties to establish revolving fund accounts. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. John MacDonald for the **Majority** of Municipal and County Government. This bill would allow by a vote of the county delegation to establish a county public safety revolving fund for the provision of public safety services by county employees outside of the ordinary detail of such persons, including but not limited to public safety service in connection with special events, construction details and other public safety purposes deemed appropriate by the sheriff. Any revenue received from the extra activities or services supported by the fund shall be used to replenish the fund. In the event the revolving fund exceeds the original appropriation used to establish the fund the excess shall be deposited into the county general fund. The county delegation may place limitations on expenditures from the public safety revolving fund. No money from the fund may be appropriated for anything that the delegation has specifically rejected. The county treasurer shall be the custodian of the fund. The county commissioners shall be responsible for dispersing payments from the fund. The majority of the committee believes that public safety revolving funds have been extremely successful with municipalities and sees no reason why the same success could not be achieved within our counties. **Vote 11-7.** Rep. Stephanie Grund for the **Minority** of Municipal and County Government. This bill would establish a revolving fund that is approved by the county delegation but is unclear as to how the excess funds would be deposited into either the revolving fund or the general fund. When this fund is established, it would require seed money that has no process defined as to where it comes from or how established. When the money is put into this revolving fund, it may no longer become recognized revenue and it is unclear as to the effect of budgeting for the revolving fund. Also, the bill states that the county treasurer shall pay out the money upon order of the county commissioners with no recognition of approval of transfer of funds from an executive board or delegation. While the minority of the committee recognizes the difficulty in budgeting for the area of safety, we believe this bill is not written with enough details to ensure the full integrity of the funds.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

HB 95-FN, requiring the New Hampshire electric co-op regularly file a certificate of deregulation with the public utilities commission. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.** Rep. Jeanine Notter for the **Majority** of Science, Technology and Energy. The majority recommends this bill be found Inexpedient to Legislate. The New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) is a member-owned, not-for-profit utility. It operates as a democracy. The owners of the utility are the users of the utility. NHEC members already have the power to choose whether to be regulated. This bill would mandate the NHEC regularly file a certificate of deregulation with the NH Public Utilities Commission (PUC). The PUC opposes the bill. They are at capacity. If this bill were to become law, and the cooperative failed to file a certificate of deregulation, this bill would make the NHEC subject to regulation by the PUC. The PUC, in turn, would have to hire additional staff to meet this obligation, at an estimated cost of \$605,500. All ratepayers would be absorb this cost. The majority finds it unnecessary and costly. **Vote 15-3.** Rep. Wendy Thomas for the **Minority** of Science, Technology and Energy. This bill effectively underscores the importance of transparency, accountability, and adaptability within the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC). Requiring a certificate of deregulation to be filed every three years is not an arbitrary or punitive measure; rather, it ensures that the cooperative remains responsive to its members and the evolving energy landscape. Given that the last filing occurred 24 years ago, this proposal highlights the need for consistent communication between NHEC leadership and its member-owners. Regular filings encourage the cooperative to evaluate whether deregulation continues to serve its members' best interests and align with market dynamics, technological advancements, and energy trends. Furthermore, this process strengthens democratic participation by giving members a platform to voice their perspectives on the cooperative's direction. Ultimately, this bill aligns with the cooperative's mission by advocating for a practice that fosters long-term planning, operational efficiency, and member trust—ensuring the continued provision of reliable and affordable electricity.

HB 106, establishing a commission to determine the monetary costs of climate damage to the state of New Hampshire and the best means of recouping such costs. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Douglas Thomas for the **Majority** of Science, Technology and Energy. This bill is based on a questionable premise. It assumes the use of fossil fuels will cause billions of dollars of damage to the state and that the state is obligated to seek remedies, including legal action, against fossil fuel companies. It further puts into statute that, despite every effort to rapidly transition to alternate energy, damages will still be incurred. Additionally, it states the costs to address climate damages would need to be paid for without undue burden to private citizens or the state's economy. The commission would study the damages caused by fossil fuels and the best ways to recoup the costs of those damages from fossil fuel companies. During testimony, the committee heard from experts distinguished in their field of environmental toxicology and climate research, from the Conservation Law Foundation, and from the public. Expert testimony presented examples suggesting climate models were varied and dependent on time frames, questionable assumptions on the cause and effect of certain emissions long term, and uncertainty if any current and expensive efforts to reduce those emissions would have the effects desired. One testifier questioned "what damages had occurred." Another lamented how any emissions could be attributed to fossil fuel companies versus natural causes. The majority acknowledges that the state has done much to curtail harmful emissions and a recent presentation by the Department of Environmental Services showed the state's air quality has been excellent for many years. All testimony revealed an agreement that weather is changing, evidenced by the lack of snow, shorter growing seasons, more frequent unusual weather patterns, and other trends. Yet, testimony indicated an IPCC report could not attribute any of the severe weather patterns to atmospheric CO₂. Furthermore, IPCC has stated that the scenario most used for climate predictions and trends is RPC 8.5, which has been shown to be flawed and unlikely. Most of the committee found there were pros and cons as to the causes of recent weather variations and that many predictions made in the past have yet to materialize and future predictions are speculative. Additionally, the state has no control over any harmful emissions traveling from other states or Canada which would present an entirely different set of issues should this bill pass. Yet, the bill's solution was to form a commission to study assumed future damages and place total blame on one class of business. When asked how effective the commission would be, one expert replied that it would not be effective. The majority found that to put predictions and assumptions into statute, and to form a commission based on such, would be speculative at best, could result in expensive lawsuits by affected companies, and not provide any useful information or practical solutions. **Vote 10-8.** Rep. Tony Caplan for the **Minority** of Science, Technology and Energy. This bill intends to take a fiscally responsible look at financial estimates for climate related damage that science tells us our state can expect with great certainty in the coming years. This damage includes increased extreme precipitation events, increased extent and duration of coastal flooding, increases in extreme heat days, etc. In addition, the commission created by the bill would be charged with recommending the most equitable and feasible means of paying for the resilience and adaptation work dealing with coming climate damage in our towns and regions.

HB 189, defining “clean energy” and the department of energy’s 10-year state energy strategy to include new technology small-scale nuclear energy, renewable energy, and fuel diversity; and, removing references to the energy efficiency and sustainable energy board. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Douglas Thomas for the **Majority** of Science, Technology and Energy. This bill seeks to include nuclear in the definition of clean energy. As amended, it adds the definition of clean energy to the Statutory Construction chapter and defines clean energy as “low-greenhouse gas emitting sources, nuclear, and other renewable sources.” It updates the state energy strategy to include clean energy and fuel diversity. It also eliminates a reference to the defunct energy efficiency and sustainable energy board. The “low-greenhouse gas emitting” reference accommodates blue hydrogen and wind turbines, both of which require or emit some small amount of greenhouse gases. **Vote 11-7.** Rep. Kat McGhee for the **Minority** of Science, Technology and Energy. The bill as amended seeks to place a definition of clean energy into the statutory construction that could include non-clean energy sources and create confusion. Committee discussion raised the question of whether adopting a widely accepted definition of clean energy would accomplish the goal of adding nuclear power as a clean energy source. Unfortunately, the amendment passed in committee uses a non-standard definition of ‘clean energy’ that does nothing to clarify what the state means by the term. There will be a floor amendment to offer the House the chance to adopt a more widely recognized definition of clean energy.

HB 306, establishing a commission to study the short and long-term impacts of pending national and regional carbon pricing mechanisms on New Hampshire’s citizens, businesses, institutions, and environment. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Jeanine Notter for the **Majority** of Science, Technology and Energy. The issue of carbon pricing is an issue that comes up every term. This year’s bill asks for a commission that would recommend further legislation, which would advocate for a carbon tax. This issue has already been studied and deemed detrimental to our state’s economy. To quote the New England Convenience Stores and Energy Markets Association, “Every cent that is charged through this plan will get pushed down the various supply chains and ultimately end up hitting our citizens in the wallet. It will affect everyone who drives a car, heats their home or business, anyone doing a construction project of any kind, anyone who buys groceries, or eats out in a restaurant and on and on and on. This tax will touch everyone in the state multiple times each and every day.” NH is among the states in the US with the lowest carbon emissions, with less than .0029%. Carbon taxes are opposed by 60% of the US population, which explains why such a tax has never garnered support in the US Congress. There are no national carbon pricing mechanisms currently before Congress, and none are likely in the next four years. **Vote 10-8.**

Rep. Wendy Thomas for the **Minority** of Science, Technology and Energy. Carbon pricing is a vital tool for addressing climate change while fostering economic growth. By assigning a monetary cost to greenhouse gas emissions, it incentivizes cleaner energy use and innovation while ensuring polluters bear the costs of environmental damage. Countries and states adopting carbon pricing mechanisms have seen benefits like reduced emissions, cleaner air, and healthier communities, all while maintaining economic competitiveness. For New Hampshire, passing this bill offers the opportunity to assess the potential impacts of carbon pricing on local industries and energy markets, ensuring that future policies are fair, effective, and tailored to the state’s unique economic and environmental landscape. This bill positions New Hampshire to remain proactive and prepared as regional, national, and global economies increasingly adopt carbon pricing. A comprehensive study would identify strategies to protect industries like agriculture, tourism, and manufacturing while capitalizing on opportunities for growth in renewable energy and clean technology. Additionally, it ensures consumer protection by analyzing ways to mitigate cost burdens and support economic resilience. As climate disruption and energy market volatility grow, understanding the implications of carbon pricing allows New Hampshire to safeguard its residents, support local businesses, and transition toward a sustainable, competitive economy. Passing this bill is a forward-thinking step to protect the state’s future.

HB 526-FN, establishing a climate change and damage division in the department of environmental services. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Jeanine Notter for the **Majority** of Science, Technology and Energy. This bill seeks to expand the government with the creation of a new climate change and damage division within the Department of Environmental Services. The premise is based on climate damage that has not yet been seen in NH. Testimony was offered that storms and droughts from recent years provide evidence of such damage. However, when compared to storms from years past, a different story emerges. For example, the blizzard of 1978, the high temperature records for 26 states recorded in the 1930’s (the dust bowl era), and the greatest river floods in NH occurring in the 1930’s and 1950’s. Climate change is a contentious issue on which scientists do not all agree. Creating a whole new division within a state department based on one interpretation of predicted future outcomes does not seem to mirror the will of most of the voters this term. In addition, the bill creates at least one new position within state government but appropriates no funding for the position. **Vote 10-8.** Rep. Wendy Thomas for the **Minority** of Science, Technology and Energy. This bill is a forward-thinking and

vital step for New Hampshire to tackle the growing impacts of climate change. Establishing the Division of Climate Change and Damage within the Department of Environmental Services ensures that the state will take a proactive, data-driven approach to climate adaptation and resilience. By focusing on areas such as climate vulnerability assessments, adaptation planning, and community preparedness, the division will help safeguard New Hampshire's infrastructure, economy, and natural resources from the increasing frequency of climate-related events. Moreover, it fosters a science-based approach to climate action, empowering the state to develop effective policies and respond to evolving climate conditions. The bill also emphasizes the importance of public engagement, creating opportunities for citizens, businesses, and organizations to work collaboratively on climate solutions. Through funding and grants management, it will further support sustainable practices across the state, offering resources to mitigate and adapt to climate change. Overall, this legislation ensures New Hampshire is equipped to face the challenges of climate change while positioning the state as a leader in climate resilience and sustainability.

TRANSPORTATION

HB 133-FN, modifying the new resident drivers' license transfer requirements, specifying when the division of motor vehicles shall send violation notices, and appropriating funds to the division for technological upgrades required for legal compliance. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Ted Gorski for the **Majority** of Transportation. This bill requires new residents to transfer their out of state driver's licenses to a New Hampshire driver's license. Individuals will have 60 days to transfer their out of state licenses to a NH license. After the 60 day threshold, the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will send the required notice reminding individuals of their obligation to transfer their driver's license to NH or submit a form explaining why they do not plan to do so. Overall, this bill will allow information to be shared between the Secretary of State and the DMV. The current Secretary of State, supported the language of the bill. **Vote 9-7.** Rep. Seth Miller for the **Minority** of Transportation. This bill purports to address a problem that does not exist, proposes a solution without any enforcement power, and comes with a significant cost without providing funding. The number of people who are residents in the state without changing their license is limited, and their presence does not present any hardships to the state. Their identity and qualifications to operate motor vehicles remain confirmed by their existing license. Moreover, there is no enforcement process defined in the proposed law. While there is discussion that some enforcement details may follow in a second bill, it is inappropriate to create additional regulatory work lacking certainty that it will ever be used. Finally, the proposed legislation imposes unfunded new costs to the Department of Safety. As we face reduced revenue forecasts it is incumbent upon us to act responsibly with the funds of the state. This bill does not meet that standard.

HB 140-FN, establishing a voluntary "blue envelope" program for drivers with autism spectrum disorders. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Henry Giasson for Transportation. The establishment of a "blue envelope" program would allow for persons with described disorders to elect to put their documents in a blue envelope affixed to their drivers' side visor. The envelope would contain documents related to driving, and guidance on effective communication in order for law enforcement to have an early understanding of communication practices that will best de-escalate or would be less likely to trigger an unfavorable response. The amendment expanded the program from autism spectrum disorder to also be available to persons with trauma and stress related disorders. Expanding on this program would prevent additional bills replicating the program in the future and was accepted by the bill sponsors. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 259, relative to increasing the number of handicap license plates and placards the department of motor vehicles may issue to individuals. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Matthew Pitaro for Transportation. This bill allows for individuals with walking disabilities to obtain a handicap license plate for each vehicle that they own. This bill does not alter the current limit of handicap placards. It is common for individuals with walking disabilities to own multiple vehicles. Under current law, an individual with a walking disability can only obtain one handicap plate. Our handicap plates are tied to a vehicle's registration. An individual with a handicap should be able to obtain a handicap plate for every vehicle in which they own, register, and drive. **Vote 13-3.**

WAYS AND MEANS

HB 83-FN, increasing the minimum age for sports betting. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Fred Doucette for the **Majority** of Ways and Means. This bill would increase the minimum age for sports betting from 18 to 21 years of age. The majority of the Committee on Ways and Means believes this is a platform or gaming model that should not be singled out for this change. At present, NH Lottery and all its

offerings and charitable gaming allows for anyone 18 years of age to participate. The majority felt this was an issue that could be addressed in the upcoming commission on charitable gaming. **Vote 11-7.** Rep. Thomas Schamberg for the **Minority** of Ways and Means. The intent of this bill is to increase the minimum age to 21 for placing a sports wager in New Hampshire. Overall, 88% of sports betting takes place on cell phones. In New Hampshire, one must be 21 to buy alcoholic beverages and tobacco products, including vapes, because both are habit forming and addictive. In FY 24, state revenue from sports betting was \$33,654,911. The revenue attributable to those aged 18 to 20 in FY 2024 was estimated to be \$639,443. By changing the age requirements and using the FY 24 sports wagering revenue as a guide for those under 21, the state would see a decrease of \$320,000 in FY 26 and \$640,000 in FY 27 and thereafter. This step of increasing the age to 21 for sports betting in NH would have a low fiscal impact on state revenue and allow more informed gambling decisions as one ages toward 21.

HB 328, establishing a charitable gaming oversight commission. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.** Rep. Fred Doucette for Ways and Means. This bill, as amended, establishes a Charitable Gaming Oversight Commission for a period of 10 years. The Committee on Ways and Means agrees that, with the changing nature of our charitable gaming model in New Hampshire, there is need for ongoing oversight and direction to implement the most effective and equitable distribution of gaming revenues to both the state and, most importantly, the charities that benefit. The committee also acknowledges there are a multitude of facets that this commission may need to address in relation to gaming regulations, fees, and potential revenue sources. **Vote 18-0.**

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 202-204, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 59-FN**, relative to the assault of a firefighter, emergency medical care provider, or law enforcement officer.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 109-FN**, relative to false reports to law enforcement.
- 12:00 p.m. **HB 146-FN**, relative to the use of body-worn cameras.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 698-FN**, criminalizing the act of a person claiming to be a member of law enforcement when the person is not in uniform and cannot produce identification proving the claim.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 162-FN**, relative to informed consent for law enforcement searches of houses or other property.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 468-FN**, establishing the crime of and penalties for unlawful use of unmanned aircraft systems.
- 3:30 p.m. **HB 640-FN**, relative to the transparency of federal agency operations within New Hampshire. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

EDUCATION FUNDING, Room 205-207, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Full committee work session on **HB 563-FN**, relative to adequate education grant amounts for pupils receiving special education services; **HB 603-FN-A**, relative to increasing the adequacy grant for pupils receiving special education services; **HB 717-FN**, relative to catastrophic aid for special education; **HB 742-FN-A**, requiring catastrophic special education state aid funding to be drawn from the education trust fund.

STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 206-208, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. **HB 264-FN**, relative to delegates to an Article V convention.
- 9:45 a.m. **HCR 3**, applying for a convention of the states under Article V of the Constitution of the United States.
- 10:30 a.m. **HCR 5**, rescinding House Concurrent Resolution No. 40 passed by the 2012 New Hampshire General Court asking that Congress call a convention under Article V of the United States Constitution.
- 1:00 p.m. **HJR 1**, affirming the natural right of persons and affirming that the state and federal government are established for the purpose of upholding, protecting, and securing these rights.
- 1:30 p.m. Executive session on **HB 55**, repealing the Selective Service Compliance Act; **HB 104-FN**, relative to requiring an official declaration of war for the activation of the New Hampshire national guard in a foreign state; **HB 120**, relative to transferring statutory authority from the department of education to the department of military affairs and veterans services regarding educational support services; **HB 122-FN**, relative to payment of claims arising out of actions or activities of the New Hampshire national guard; **HB 64**, relative to extending hiring preferences for military members and their spouses to the state and private businesses, and establishing purchase preferences for disabled veterans and military spouses regarding state supply

purchases; **HB 256**, establishing a committee to study the federal government's response to the 1967 attack on the USS Liberty; **HCR 8**, urging Congress to find that the Piscataqua River and Portsmouth Harbor lie within the state of New Hampshire; **HR 11**, urging the United States government to investigate allegations of abuse of minorities, especially Hindus, Buddhists, Christians, and other religious minorities by the interim government of Bangladesh; **HCR 9**, urging the United States to reject compliance with the European Union's Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

EDUCATION POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 205-207, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. **HB 222**, repealing the requirement for a memorandum of understanding between a chartered public school and school district regarding how students with disabilities will receive special education services.
- 10:15 a.m. **HB 699**, relative to special education definitions.
- 10:45 a.m. **HB 754-FN**, establishing automatic discovery in due process hearings for actions seeking to enforce special education rights.
- 11:15 a.m. **HB 753-FN**, relative to expedited due process hearings to enforce special education rights. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.
- 1:00 p.m. Executive session on **HB 677-FN**, requiring schools to maintain a supply of EpiPen injectors for use in event of an emergency; **HB 68**, making best interest placements within the same school district mandatory in the absence of a valid reason to deny the placement; **HB 121-FN**, establishing local school district special education parent advisory councils; **HB 329**, relative to school district policies governing air quality and temperature issues in schools; **HB 76-FN**, relative to tracking special education complaints; **HB 398**, requiring holocaust and genocide studies in public schools to include the impacts on people with disabilities.

FINANCE - DIVISION II, Room 209, LOB

- 1:00 p.m. Department of Education, presentation on State Aid Programs.

FINANCE - DIVISION III, Room 210-211, LOB

- 1:00 p.m. Informational meeting. Presentations from the Department of Health and Human Services. Topics to include the following: Medicaid, Medicare, and Choices for Independence/Nursing Facility Financing. Public comment may be allowed.

HEALTH CARE CONSUMER PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 7:6-h), Room 100, SH

- 11:00 a.m. Public hearing.

JUDICIARY, Room 206-208, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. **CACR 7**, relating to the presumption of innocence. Providing that in all cases and suits of the state against one of the people, the defendant shall be innocent unless proven guilty.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 666-FN**, relative to adding restitution payment for violations of the confidentiality of the library use records and adding library cards and membership status to the list of confidential matters.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 687-FN**, relative to class action settlements and consent decrees.
- 11:15 a.m. **HB 697-FN**, relative to witness fees in criminal cases.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 722-FN**, relative to establishing causes of actions against educational institutions that charge excessive tuition rates.
- 1:45 p.m. **HB 746-FN**, relative to an award of attorney's fees upon a successful appeal of a local property tax assessment.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 762-FN-A**, appropriating \$30,000 to the judicial branch for the purpose of hiring a contractor to conduct a manual review of domestic violence and stalking cases and related criminal cases. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

NH LAND AND COMMUNITY HERITAGE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS (RSA 227-M:4), Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, 172 Pembroke Rd., Concord

- 1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.
- 1:30 p.m. Public hearing.
- 2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 302-304, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. **HB 682**, relative to the office of offshore wind industry, the offshore and port development commission, and the office of energy innovation.
- 9:30 a.m. **HB 575-FN**, prohibiting offshore wind energy infrastructure.
- 10:30 a.m. **HCR 4**, relative to rejecting all offshore wind energy projects in the waters off the coast of New Hampshire and the Gulf of Maine.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 219-FN**, relative to the phasing out of the minimum electric renewable portfolio standard.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 567-FN**, relative to the elimination of useful thermal energy from renewable energy classes. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202-204, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Agency Revenue Presentations from Deptment of Safety, Department of Transportation, and Department of HHS.
- 1:00 p.m. Agency Revenue Presentations from Department of Justice, Liquor Commission. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4**CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206-208, LOB**

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 486-FN**, relative to grandparents' visitation rights.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 320-FN**, relative to enforcement of marital property settlements.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 350-FN**, requiring that all family division hearings be video and audio recorded and broadcast live.
- 1:45 p.m. **HB 335-FN**, requiring courts to order a minor and their family have psychological evaluations and, if necessary, counseling, where parental rights and responsibilities are contested in a family court matter. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

EDUCATION FUNDING, Room 205-207, LOB

- 9:45 a.m. Executive session on **HB 193**, relative to the maximum number of credits per course eligible for the dual and concurrent enrollment program; **HB 295**, making school building aid program funds nonlapsing; **HB 354**, relative to alternate certification pathways for career and technical education instructors; **HB 366-FN-A**, relative to school building aid for eligible projects; **HB 494-FN**, relative to the math learning communities program, and making an appropriation therefor; **HB 515**, repealing the chartered public school eligibility for state school building aid; **HB 716-FN**, making an appropriation for the dual and concurrent enrollment program.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 769-FN**, relative to the base annual cost per pupil of providing the opportunity for an adequate education and statewide education property tax rate.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 773-FN**, relative to aid to school districts for the cost of special education.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 747-FN**, establishing a program for enrichment scholarships for gifted students and making an appropriation therefor.
- 1:45 p.m. **HB 750-FN**, relative to making incentive grants for school districts that improve in certain assessment scores.
- 2:15 p.m. **HB 772-FN**, establishing a foundation opportunity budget program for funding public education. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

ELECTION LAW, Room 306-308, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **CACR 5**, relating to absentee ballots. Providing that no excuse shall be needed by the voter to receive an absentee ballot.
- 10:10 a.m. Executive session on **HB 107**, relative to political advertising printed in newspapers, periodicals, or billboards; **HB 336**, relative to the placement of political advertisements on public right-of-ways; **HB 423**, requiring the consent of property owners for the placement of political advertisements on public property abutting their land; **HB 448**, establishing a committee to study violations found by the April 25, 2023 ballot law commission; **HB 626**, directing the secretary of state to implement a vulnerability disclosure program for certain election systems; **HB 327-FN**, relative to filing for office and witnessing affidavits; **HB 630-FN**, preventing the dissemination of deepfake materials of political candidates before an election; **HB 474**, requiring a second witness at the counting of write-in votes; **HB 389-FN**, requiring candidates to attest they have

not spent more than \$1,000 in an election; **CACR 3**, relating to recall elections. Providing that the general court may authorize recall elections; **CACR 4**, relating to voting eligibility. Providing that only legal resident citizens who are at least 18 years of age or older who reside in the place they claim as a domicile shall be eligible voters.

- 10:20 a.m. **HB 418**, relative to eligibility for absentee voting.
- 10:40 a.m. **HB 136**, extending the time period for delivery of an absentee ballot from 5:00 p.m. to the close of the polls.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 158**, relative to public inspection of absentee ballot lists.
- 11:20 a.m. **HB 217**, relative to absentee ballots.
- 11:40 a.m. **HB 464**, prohibiting candidates for political office from participating in counting ballots.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 288**, requires that absentee ballots be requested at least 6 months prior to any election for which the absentee ballot is requested.
- 1:20 p.m. **HB 498-FN**, relative to when a person may receive an absentee ballot.
- 1:40 p.m. **HB 403**, relative to weather conditions which enable absentee voting.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 294**, relative to the processing of absentee ballots.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 686-FN**, requiring a voter to provide identification when requesting an absentee ballot.
- 3:00 p.m. **HB 344**, enables the processing of absentee ballots before election day.
- 3:20 p.m. **HB 608-FN**, requiring moderators to inspect absentee ballot affidavits for full execution including use of a notary, election officer, or any person authorized by law to administer oaths.
- 3:40 p.m. **HB 269**, relative to the date for correction of the voter checklist.
- 4:00 p.m. **HB 345**, enabling selectmen to add additional polling places and requiring selectmen to give notice to voters 30 days before providing such additional polling places.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 301-303, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. Full committee work session on **HB 153-FN**, requiring that two or more law enforcement officers in each county receive training regarding animal cruelty; **HB 215-FN**, requiring a landfill permit applicant to submit a report listing potential harms and benefits of the project; **HB 240-FN-L**, removing the penalty of forfeiture for non-payment of dog licenses; **HB 566-FN**, requiring permit applications for new landfills to contain a detailed plan for leachate management; **HB 171**, establishing a moratorium on the issuance of permits for new landfills; **HB 179-FN**, relative to hazardous waste accident fees; **HR 13**, opposing the permitting of a landfill next to Forest Lake State Park in Dalton, New Hampshire.
- 11:45 a.m. Executive session on **HB 201-FN**, prohibiting the removal of claws from cats; **HB 240-FN-L**, removing the penalty of forfeiture for non-payment of dog licenses.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 479**, establishing a committee to study the use and problems associated with regulating the distribution and disposal of certain solid waste within landfills and transfer centers.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 658-FN**, raising the cap on certain reimbursements from the oil discharge and disposal cleanup fund.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 707**, requiring the department of environmental services to establish a site-specific setback distance for proposed new landfills.
- 3:30 p.m. **HR 10**, recognizing the fundamental right to have clean air, clean water, and a healthy environment.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

HOUSING, Room 305, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 577**, relative to modifying the definition of ADUs.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 685**, permitting in all residentially zoned areas by right the construction of manufactured housing.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 459-FN**, relative to acreage requirements and zoning regarding sewer infrastructure and single-family residential uses.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 631-FN**, permitting residential building in commercial zoning by right.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 210-211, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 282-FN**, increasing the maximum benefits for first responders critically injured in the line of duty; **HB 586-FN**, establishing an employee assistance program for small town first responders and making an appropriation therefor; **HB 299-FN**, relative to the award of attorneys' fees and costs in workers' compensation claims; **HB 303-FN**, relative to

requiring the department of labor review and adopt workers' occupational safety requirements that are similar to OSHA standards; **HB 735-FN**, relative to elections in collective bargaining; **HB 225-FN**, relative to the employment of military spouses in the event of involuntary deployment of service member.

11:30 a.m. **HB 542-FN**, relative to weekly benefit amounts for unemployment compensation.

1:00 p.m. **HB 442**, relative to prohibiting payment of subminimum wages.

2:00 p.m. **HB 726-FN**, relative to the state minimum hourly rate.

3:00 p.m. **HB 744-FN**, relative to workers' compensation indemnity benefits percentage.

4:00 p.m. **HB 378-FN**, relative to an employee's unused earned time.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 307, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HB 689**, enabling municipalities to adopt a volunteer incentive property tax credit.

10:00 a.m. **HB 766**, enabling municipalities to adopt an exemption from the local education property tax for certain elderly residents.

10:30 a.m. **HB 625**, relative to enabling municipalities to levy payments against non-profits at a percentage of their assessed property values.

11:10 a.m. **HB 147**, relative to clarifying tax exemptions for properties used by religious, educational, and charitable organizations.

11:30 a.m. **HB 426**, relative to property tax exemptions for charitable organizations for the prior tax year.

1:00 p.m. **HB 617**, relative to the homestead right.

1:30 p.m. **HB 425**, allowing tax-exempt entities to keep their tax-exempt status while renting facilities or property to entities that share their mission.

1:50 p.m. **HB 421-FN**, relative to notice of tax exempt-status filing procedures by town officials or offices.

2:10 p.m. **HB 782-FN**, expanding property tax exemptions for certain elderly and disabled persons; raising public awareness regarding tax credits and exemptions; and requiring an annual report regarding the efficacy of the low and moderate income homeowners property tax relief program.

2:40 p.m. **HB 458-FN**, limiting local assistance to U.S. citizens or permanent legal residents.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 561**, relative to the transfer of state-owned real property to municipalities.

10:30 a.m. **HB 578-FN**, erecting a sound barrier along the F.E. Everett Turnpike.

11:00 a.m. **HB 713-FN**, relative to mile markers along Route 112.

11:30 a.m. **HB 745**, naming a bridge in the city of Keene after Charles Redfern.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 302-304, LOB

9:00 a.m. **HB 537**, relative to electric rates approved by the public utilities commission for residential condominium property.

9:30 a.m. **HB 539**, requiring electric utilities to use residential electric rates for certain types of residential condominiums.

10:00 a.m. **HB 680-FN**, relative to standardizing homeowners associations' electricity billing for shared meter usage.

1:00 p.m. **HB 654-FN**, relative to allowing small customer-generators the ability to participate in group-net metering.

1:30 p.m. **HB 541**, establishing a committee to study energy and telecommunications infrastructure survivability and resiliency.

2:00 p.m. **SB 4**, relative to commercial property assessed clean energy and resiliency (C-PACER).

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

2:30 p.m. Executive session on **HB 166**, establishing a committee to review Internet service providers' infrastructure transition plan from copper to fiber; **HB 169-FN**, relative to a quorum of the public utilities commission; **HB 436**, establishing a commission to solicit reports and testimony regarding unidentified anomalous phenomena in the state; **HB 504**, relative to the state energy policy; **HB 508-FN**, relative to decreasing assessment rates for entities providing VoIP and IP-enabled services, as well as certain local exchange carriers and their affiliates; **SB 4**, relative to commercial property assessed clean energy and resiliency (C-PACER).

STATE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 115-A:2), Edward Cross Training Center Facility, 722 Riverwood Drive, Pembroke

5:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 209-FN**, allowing a new vehicle purchased in the model year or before to be inspected in the second year after purchase.
- 10:20 a.m. **HB 305**, relative to speed and red-light cameras for traffic enforcement.
- 10:40 a.m. **HB 368**, prohibiting smoking and e-cigarettes in motor vehicles when a passenger is under 16 years of age.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 390-FN**, relative to adding retired fire apparatus (fire trucks) to antique vehicle exemptions.
- 11:20 a.m. **HB 419**, requiring vehicle headlights to be on when windshield wipers are also on.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 414-FN**, prohibiting the division of motor vehicles from suspending a license on the basis of debt owed to a private entity related to the towing or storing of a motor vehicle.
- 1:20 p.m. **HB 439-FN**, relative to non-driving related violations and driver's license suspension.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.
- 2:00 p.m. Executive session on **HB 119-FN**, allowing rental companies applying to register a rental fleet to choose New Hampshire as the base jurisdiction under the International Registration Plan (IRP); **HB 182-FN**, prohibiting electric vehicles in commercial parking garages; **HB 209-FN**, allowing a new vehicle purchased in the model year or before to be inspected in the second year after purchase; **HB 239-FN**, defining and enabling lane filtering; **HB 260-FN**, creating a commemorative license plate celebrating the 250th anniversary of Bunker Hill; **HB 287-A**, requiring police departments to provide fire departments with certain motorist personal and insurance information following a motor vehicle incident; **HB 298-FN**, creating an exception to the prohibition on removing VIN tags from vehicles manufactured prior to 1981 where removal is reasonably necessary for repair or restoration; **HB 612-FN**, enabling the division of motor vehicles to create a temporary traditional driver's license for youth operators about to turn 21.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202-204, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 530-FN**, increasing the amount of revenue transferred from the real estate transfer tax to the affordable housing fund.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 531-FN**, setting annual limits on the amount of charitable gaming revenue which may be distributed to one charitable organization.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 588-FN**, relative to the distribution of revenues generated from historic horse racing pari-mutuel pools.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 591-FN**, expanding hours for keno gaming on weekends.
- 1:30 p.m. Executive session on **HB 502-FN**, relative to complete corporate reporting for unitary businesses under the business profits tax and revenues from the state education property tax; **HB 318-FN**, relative to the percentage of revenue from the business enterprise tax deposited in the education trust fund; **HB 255-FN**, increasing the percentage of revenue deposited in the education trust fund from the business profits tax; **HB 135**, relative to the collection of sales taxes of foreign jurisdictions by New Hampshire businesses.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 302-304, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Public hearing on proposed non-germane Amendment #2025-0176h to HB 297-FN, relative to providing self-funded employer health benefit plans access to their claims data. This amendment provides that, if an employer sponsoring a self-funded health benefit plan authorizes submission of its claims data to the state's comprehensive health care information system, then the insurance commissioner shall provide that employer access to the claims data for that employer-sponsored plan. The amendment also establishes the Granite State home mitigation and resiliency program in the insurance department to provide financial grants to homeowners to mitigate loss from severe weather events. Copies of the amendment are available on the General Court website.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 725-FN**, relative to ground ambulance services.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 434-FN**, requiring a policyholder's insurance company to provide a rental car for at least 7 days after determination that the vehicle is totaled or unsafe to operate when the policyholder is not at fault for the accident.

- 1:15 p.m. **HB 507-FN**, relative to the timeline for credentialing of mental health care providers.
 2:45 p.m. **HB 705**, relative to health care cost transparency.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 202-204, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 62-FN**, relative to protection of persons from domestic violence and military protective orders.
 10:45 a.m. **HB 87-FN**, prohibiting the posting of land not owned by the poster.
 11:15 a.m. **HB 102-FN**, relative to oversight of federal law enforcement actions.
 12:00 p.m. **HB 103**, relative to fugitives from justice.
 1:30 p.m. **HB 206-FN**, relative to government agent entries into secured premises.
 2:00 p.m. **HB 321-FN**, requiring the division of motor vehicles to extend a fine payment period for certain motor vehicle violations from 30 days to 90 days if the driver requests the extension.
 2:30 p.m. **HB 330-FN**, relative to establishing penalties for violations of the confidentiality of motor vehicle records.
 3:00 p.m. **HB 338**, relative to the authority of fish and game officers.
 3:45 p.m. **HB 343**, relative to reporting regarding the northern border alliance program.
 Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

EDUCATION POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 205-207, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. **HB 662-FN**, requiring the discussion of abortion procedures and viewing of certain videos during health education in public schools.
 10:00 a.m. **HB 667-FN**, relative to health education and requiring the viewing of certain videos demonstrating gestational development from embryo to fetus through birth by public school students and college or university students.
 10:30 a.m. **HB 730-FN**, requiring school districts to educate and provide information to students regarding adoption during health education for grades 9 through 12, and in college in certain circumstances.
 11:15 a.m. **HB 557**, relative to the information that appears on the school budget ballot.
 1:00 p.m. **HB 394**, relative to the powers and duties of cooperative school district budget committees and the role of cooperative school district board member representatives on such committees.
 1:45 p.m. **HB 564**, relative to the adoption of school administrative unit budgets.
 2:30 p.m. **HB 108**, relative to bullying and cyberbullying across multiple school districts.
 3:30 p.m. **HB 673-FN**, relative to school bullying and discrimination plans.
 Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306-308, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 180**, relative to critical incident stress management teams.
 10:30 a.m. **HB 438-FN**, relative to immigration detention facilities.
 11:00 a.m. **HB 598**, establishing a committee to study data sources of all entities operated by all branches of government that are or are potentially made available to the public, identify the data formats of those sources, and recommend legislation to standardize types and formats of data output from all or select governmental entities.
 1:00 p.m. **HB 702-FN**, relative to defining extra duty pay hours for a retired part-time police officer's hour limit for yearly calculations.
 1:45 p.m. **HB 727-FN**, relative to the New Hampshire retirement system.
 Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

FINANCE - DIVISION I, Room 212, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. Presentation by the Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food.
 10:15 a.m. Division work session on **HB 246-FN-A**, directing the state conservation committee to implement the conservation district climate resilience grant program and making an appropriation therefor; **HB 97-FN**, making an appropriation to the department of environmental services for wastewater infrastructure projects; **HB 197-FN**, relative to payment by the state of a portion of retirement system contributions of political subdivision employers.
 1:15 p.m. Presentation by the Department of Corrections.
 3:00 p.m. Presentation by the Department of Justice.

FINANCE - DIVISION II, Room 209, LOB

- 1:00 p.m. Department of Education, presentation on state aid programs.

FISH AND GAME AND MARINE RESOURCES, Room 307, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. Committee orientation.

- 11:00 a.m. **HB 211-FN**, relative to the use of air rifles for hunting game.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 61**, creating a committee to study the laws relative to oyster harvesting.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 404**, relative to information on the hike safe card.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 647-FN**, relative to the fee for a newborn lifetime hunting and fishing license.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 655-FN**, relative to fish and game violations.
- 2:45 p.m. **HB 579**, requiring applicants for a fish and game guide license to take and pass a standardized test provided by the fish and game department before receiving their license.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS, Room 210-211, LOB

- 8:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 54-FN**, allowing alternative treatment centers to operate for-profit.
- 9:30 a.m. **HB 392-FN**, directing the dissolution of the department of health and human services' office of health equity, department of environmental services' functions for civil rights and environmental justice, and the governor's council on diversity and inclusion.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 751-FN**, relative to certification of alcohol and other substance misuse treatment facilities.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 645-FN**, relative to data collection and reporting requirements of the prescription drug affordability board.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 724-FN**, relative to lead paint poisoning prevention and remediation.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 756-FN**, relative to establishing a blood lead level testing requirement for children entering daycare and public schools.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

JUDICIARY, Room 206-208, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. **HB 232-FN**, relative to the rights of conscience for medical professionals.
- 10:15 a.m. **HB 253**, relative to interest-bearing pooled trust accounts maintained by lawyers.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 293-FN**, preventing minors from accessing obscenity on certain electronic devices with internet access.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 391-FN**, relative to preventing strategic lawsuits against public participation.
- 1:45 p.m. **HB 400**, requiring a public body's collective bargaining negotiations to be deemed public meetings and requiring that arguments made and information generated during the meetings be made available to the public under the right-to-know law.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 601-FN**, relative to causes of action against companies that misstate the impacts of their business on the environment.
- 3:15 p.m. **HB 485**, authorizing persons who win the state lottery to remain anonymous.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 568**, allowing subdivision regulations concerning water supply.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 582-FN**, relative to safety requirements for operation of personal water crafts.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 595-FN**, relative to coastal resilience zones.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 607-FN**, relative to funding the Hampton Beach area commission and making appropriations therefor.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 624-FN-A**, establishing a local river management advisory committee grant program and making an appropriation therefor.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 629-FN**, funding the operation maintenance and repair of state dams.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 644-FN**, relative to flying drones in state parks.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 657-FN**, relative to short-notice booking access for New Hampshire residents to state parks.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 203, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 650-FN**, removing references to repealed funds and relative to state park and robotics education funds.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 585**, relative to the property tax exemption for religious organizations.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 688-FN-L**, authorizing municipalities to tax charitable gaming facilities based on their enterprise value.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 737-L**, creating local options for games of chance.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 635-FN**, relative to taxing non-profit entities who settle illegal immigrants as for-profit entities.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 202-204, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 638-FN**, allowing an older prisoner serving a sentence of life without parole to be eligible for parole upon meeting certain criteria.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 670-FN**, raising the minimum fine for attacks by nuisance dogs.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 700-FN**, relative to orders of protection.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 777**, codifying the law enforcement accreditation commission.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 778-FN**, authorizing the director of the police standards and training council to detail law enforcement training specialists employed by the council for law enforcement and crowd control services.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 767-FN**, expanding requirements for reports to law enforcement by the department of health and human services.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 445**, establishing a study commission to examine the causes of and ways to alleviate the shortage of law enforcement officers in New Hampshire.
- 3:15 p.m. **HB 159-FN**, authorizing the state to report mental health data for firearms background check purposes and providing for processes for confiscation of firearms following certain mental health-related court proceedings and for relief from mental health-related firearms disabilities.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

EDUCATION FUNDING, Room 205-207, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. **HB 659-FN**, establishing the New Hampshire college graduate retention incentive program.
- 10:15 a.m. **HB 770-FN**, relative to establishing a program to earn tuition credits for state of New Hampshire higher education institutions through community service.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 443**, relative to terms of appointed members on the higher education commission.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 718**, requiring the state board of education to report the unfunded financial impact to school districts for rules adopted by the board which exceed state or federal minimum standards.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 771-FN**, relative to funding for open enrollment schools.
- 1:45 p.m. **HB 665-FN-A**, relative to eligibility for free school meals.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 491**, establishing a committee to study alternative funding methods for public education and how to reduce its reliance on local real estate property taxes.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 206-208, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HCR 10**, calling for the repeal of the Jones Act.
- 10:45 a.m. **HR 12**, urging Congress to amend the Smith-Mundt Modernization Act of 2013.
- 1:00 p.m. **HCR 1**, calling for policymakers locally and nationally to fully consider all relevant information and factors pertaining to climate change before pursuing courses of action that could adversely affect any economy or environment.
- 1:30 p.m. Executive session on **HB 264-FN**, relative to delegates to an Article V convention; **HCR 3**, applying for a convention of the states under Article V of the Constitution of the United States; **HCR 5**, rescinding House Concurrent Resolution No. 40 passed by the 2012 New Hampshire General Court asking that Congress call a convention under Article V of the United States Constitution; **HJR 1**, affirming the natural right of persons and affirming that the state and federal government are established for the purpose of upholding, protecting, and securing these rights; **HCR 10**, calling for the repeal of the Jones Act; **HR 12**, urging Congress to amend the Smith-Mundt Modernization Act of 2013; **HCR 1**, calling for policymakers locally and nationally to fully consider all relevant information and factors pertaining to climate change before pursuing courses of action that could adversely affect any economy or environment.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (RSA 188-E:10-b), 25 Hall Street, Concord

- 9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY EXOTIC AQUATIC WEEDS AND EXOTIC AQUATIC SPECIES OF WILDLIFE IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 487:30), Williams Room, French Wing, Conservation Center, 54 Portsmouth Street, Concord

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 485-F:4), NHDES, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE OPIOID ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 126-A:85), Deptment of Justice, 1 Granite Place South, Concord

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 279 737 604 573 Passcode: zKPHQY

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202-204, LOB

10:00 a.m. Department of Revenue Administration, and revenue estimate work session.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206-208, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 430**, reducing the retention period for records of unfounded abuse and neglect reports by the department of health and human services.

10:20 a.m. **HB 187-FN**, relative to restraining orders sought by a parent on behalf of a minor child.

11:00 a.m. **HB 560**, relative to parental access to a minor child's medical records.

1:00 p.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.

1:30 p.m. **HB 652-FN**, abolishing the family division, creating the office of family mediation, and reassigning the jurisdiction of the family division.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202-204, LOB

10:00 a.m. Revenue estimate work session.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306-308, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 192-FN**, relative to recommendations of the joint committee on employee classification.

10:30 a.m. **HB 210**, establishing a commission to study the state flag and its history.

11:00 a.m. **HB 52**, relative to legal holidays.

1:15 p.m. **HB 89**, designating "Within the Crystal Hills" as the official animated film of New Hampshire.

2:00 p.m. **HB 176-FN**, relative to changing the state flag design.

2:45 p.m. **HB 252**, creating a state holiday to honor Daniel Webster's birthday.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

FISH AND GAME AND MARINE RESOURCES, Room 307, LOB

11:00 a.m. **HB 720-FN**, prohibiting the importation and sale of live bait fish from out of state.

12:30 p.m. **HB 573-FN-A**, relative to the funding for search and rescue operations of the fish and game department and making an appropriation therefor.

1:15 p.m. **HB 589-FN**, defining and prohibiting wanton animal waste and prohibiting certain wildlife hunting contests.

2:15 p.m. **HB 545-FN**, requiring certain cervid meat processed outside of New Hampshire to be tested for chronic wasting disease before being brought into New Hampshire.

3:15 p.m. **HB 202**, relative to the duties of the fish and game commission.

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JUDICIARY, Room 206-208, LOB

9:30 a.m. **CACR 6**, relating to the right to compute. Providing that the right of individuals to use computation resources shall not be infringed.

- 10:15 a.m. **HB 615-FN**, relative to drug forfeiture proceedings.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 509-FN**, relative to the contents of the attorney general's annual report detailing state forfeiture information for the preceding fiscal year.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 587-FN**, allowing admission of one-party audio and video recordings in certain circumstances.
- 1:45 p.m. **HB 593-FN**, relative to loss of consortium involving pets.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 462-FN**, establishing a cause of action for unwarranted video imaging of residential premises.
- 3:15 p.m. **HB 614-FN**, relative to litigation alleging constitutional rights violations.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202-204, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 402**, relative to liability as taxable income of education freedom account payments.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 483-FN**, relative to the definition of a scholarship organization for purposes of the education tax credit.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 503-FN**, amending how revenues from taxes are allocated to the education trust fund.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 669-FN-A**, relative to requiring all revenue raised under the statewide education property tax to be deposited in the education trust fund, and setting an equalized statewide tax rate.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 739-FN**, relative to excess funds paid to municipalities for the use of school districts.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 281-A:62), New Hampshire Department of Labor, 95 Pleasant Street, Concord

- 1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a), Training Room, Department of Revenue Administration, 109 Pleasant Street, Concord

- 9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.
- 12:00 p.m. Equalization subcommittee work session.

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE INCIDENCE OF POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER IN FIRST RESPONDERS (RSA 281-A:17-e), NH Fire Academy, 98 Smokey Bear Blvd., Classroom 1, Concord

- 10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE-IRELAND TRADE COUNCIL (RSA 12-O:22-a), Department of Business and Economic Affairs, 100 North Main Street, Suite 100, Concord

- 1:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

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

- 3:00 p.m. Presentation meeting.
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

JUDICIARY, Room 206-208, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. **HB 520**, relative to authorizing hearing officers of the department of education to issue subpoenas.
- 9:45 a.m. **HB 148**, permitting classification of individuals based on biological sex under certain circumstances.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 584-FN**, relative to public health, safety, and state sovereignty.
- 11:15 a.m. **HB 580-FN**, relative to retaliatory defamation in domestic violence and sexual violence cases.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 641-FN**, establishing a private right of action for civil rights violations.
- 1:45 p.m. **HB 620-FN**, relative to the exercise of the freedom of religion.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 633-FN**, relative to housing investment trusts.
- 3:15 p.m. **HB 611-FN**, abolishing recoupment procedures regarding appointed counsel for indigent criminal defendants.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION, Room 203, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. **HB 142**, relative to the Honor and Remember Flag.
 9:15 a.m. **HB 157**, establishing a study committee to examine ways to improve the usefulness of fiscal notes.
 9:30 a.m. **HB 331**, relative to the secretary of state's procedures for enrolled bills.
 9:45 a.m. **HB 477**, establishing a commission to study safety and security procedures in the New Hampshire state house.
 1:00 p.m. **HB 314-FN**, prohibiting the use of federal, state, or local funds for lobbying activities.
 1:30 p.m. **HB 546-FN**, relative to financial disclosures to legislative ethics committee.
 1:45 p.m. **HB 605**, relative to employment protections for members of the general court.
 2:00 p.m. **HR 8**, resolving that the practice of suspending a constitutional officer to be outside the authority designated to the judiciary and appropriately delegated to the general court.
 Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21**ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2), Room 306-308, LOB**

- 9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

- 3:00 p.m. Presentation meeting. Join Zoom: Meeting ID: 861 1781 8803 Passcode: 669915
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FISCAL COMMITTEE (RSA 14:30-a), Room 210-211, LOB

- 11:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24**CAPITAL PROJECT OVERVIEW COMMITTEE (RSA 17-J:2), Room 201, LOB**

- 9:00 a.m. Organizational and regular meeting.

LONG RANGE CAPITAL PLANNING AND UTILIZATION COMMITTEE (RSA 17-M:1), Room 201, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. Organizational and regular meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD (RSA 126-BB:2), DHHS Brown Building Auditorium, 129 Pleasant Street, Concord

- 9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

STATE COMMISSION ON AGING (RSA 19-P:1), NH Hospital Association, 125 Airport Road, Concord

- 10:00 a.m. Regular meeting. In addition to the physical location, access is also available need be remotely via Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87430173115?pwd=bUeR3I5emt3NGVudBYW9SZThLUT09>

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26**NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 485-F:4), NHDES, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord**

- 8:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4**STATE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 115-A:2), Edward Cross Training Center Facility, 722 Riverwood Drive, Pembroke**

- 5:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5**JUDICIARY, Room 206-208, LOB**

- 9:30 a.m. **HB 188-FN**, relative to contempt of the general court.
 10:15 a.m. **HB 195-FN**, relative to the expectation of privacy in the collection and use of personal information.
 11:00 a.m. **HB 522-FN**, relative to the expectation of privacy in personal information maintained by the state.
 1:00 p.m. **HCR 11**, declaring the directives of the judicial branch in the Claremont cases that the legislative and executive branches define an "adequate education," adopt "standards of accountability," and "guarantee adequate funding" of a public education are not binding on the legislative and executive branches.

1:45 p.m. **HR 7**, instructing the house of representatives to investigate whether grounds exist to impeach Judge David Ruoff.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

REVISED FISCAL NOTES

The following bills have a revised fiscal note: HB 378, HB 498, HB 502, HB 505, HB 506, HB 518, HB 523, HB 525, HB 526, HB 534, HB 536, HB 546, HB 575, HB 583, HB 609, HB 622, HB 630, HB 633, HB 635, HB 637, HB 639, HB 646, HB 648, HB 651, HB 653, HB 654, HB 658, HB 677, HB 686, HB 687, HB 688, HB 691, HB 696, HB 702, HB 708, HB 711, HB 712, HB 719, HB 721, HB 729, HB 730, HB 731, HB 736, HB 738, HB 739, HB 741, HB 750, HB 753, HB 756, HB 759, HB 761, HB 762, HB 763, HB 769, HB 770, HB 771, HB 782.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Hillsborough County will hold a department wide Orientation for interested members of the convention on **Friday, February 7, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.** at the Bouchard Building, 329 Mast Road, Goffstown, New Hampshire.
Rep. Linda Harriott-Gathright, Clerk

Rockingham County Executive Committee Meeting, **Friday, January 31, 2025, 9:30 a.m.**, Hilton Auditorium, Rockingham County Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Brentwood, NH. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct the second quarter budget review. A quorum is required. Executive Committee Members must attend in person. Zoom Access is available:

<https://zoom.us/j/5713255541?pwd=TkV4NmM5OHp5SnZzVEcxaFlrL0VYZz09> To access the meeting by audio, please Dial 1-929-205-6099 or 1-312-626-6799 (click phone call option), Enter the Meeting ID: 571-325-5541. Note: Participant IDs will not be provided for this meeting. Simply press # to continue. Enter the Meeting Password: 312900. The following email address will be monitored throughout the meeting to alert committee members of any issues: rbernier@co.rockingham.nh.us

Rep. John Potucek, Clerk

The **Strafford** County Commissioners have scheduled an Orientation regarding County Government in the Cafeteria Conference Room, **Monday, February 3, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.**, on the lower level of the Justice and Administration Building. This meeting will give you a first-hand opportunity to speak to Strafford County Elected Officials, learn about their functions and tour the County facilities.

Rep. Cassandra Levesque, Clerk

Thursday, January 30, 2025, to Friday, February 14, 2025, the **Strafford** Delegation Subcommittees meet individually to discuss, review and make recommendations on their respective portions of the budget. All work and reports must be completed by Friday, February 21, 2025. Chairmen are encouraged to set up meeting dates with Janet Hilber, Administrative Assistant, as soon as possible. Please attempt to avoid overlapping subcommittee meetings in order that the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and County Administrator can attend all the meetings, if possible. After the Subcommittees meet, the Chairs present their recommendations to the Executive Committee and the Full Delegation at their respective public meetings.

Rep. Cassandra Levesque, Clerk

Friday, March 7, 2025, 9:00 a.m. (snow date: Friday March 14, 2025, 9:00 a.m.) The Executive Committee meets to receive reports and review the subcommittees' recommendations and any other business that may legally come before the committee at that time. Location: Cafeteria Conference Room, Lower Level, Justice and Administration Building. Public access via Zoom: Meeting ID: 864 4166 1218 Passcode: 661356 <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86441661218?pwd=GmfTZoj2dnCYjeHw9b3NHThLTtQjdP.1> or By Phone: +1 305 224 1968 US

Rep. Cassandra Levesque, Clerk

Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. (snow date: Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.) The full **Strafford** Delegation meets to review Executive Committee recommendations and to adopt final budget for 2025, and to discuss any other business with may legally come before the Delegation. Jury Assembly Room, Justice and Administration Building. The budget must be approved by April 1st, or the Commissioners' Proposed Budget will be in effect. Public access via Zoom: Meeting ID: 886 9655 0988 Passcode: 608382 <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88696550988?pwd=szE0WQMlvw0tJJPp1aLv8cG065quYx.1> or By Phone: +1 646 931 3860 US

Rep. Cassandra Levesque, Clerk

MEMBERS' NOTICES

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All Representatives are invited to a Bible study and prayer during the lunch break on Session Days. We will meet in the Upham Walker House with Pastor Peter Chamberland for this time together. Come and be refreshed both physically and spiritually during our lunch hour. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Rep. Vanessa Sheehan

The National Alliance on Mental Illness, New Hampshire (NAMI NH) cordially invites all representatives to a hearty hot breakfast on **February 6th, from 7:30-8:30 a.m.** (doors open at 7 a.m.) at St. Paul's Church – located directly across Park St. from the State House. To ensure an accurate catering count, please RSVP by 1/31 to advocacy@NAMINH.org. There will be a short program outlining NAMI NH's legislative priorities on mental health and suicide prevention and an opportunity for questions and discussion.

Rep. Mark Pearson

All legislators and staff are cordially invited to the State House Café for a free, hearty, hot breakfast hosted by Secure Democracy USA on **Tuesday February 11th, 2024 from 7:30-9:00 a.m.** Please RSVP to Brendan Flaherty from the Dupont Group at bflaherty@dupontgroup.com."

Reps. Michael Moffett and Mark Paige

Stay Work Play New Hampshire will hold a Legislative Reception from **4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., on Thursday, February 13th**, at the Hotel Concord (NH Room) 11 S Main St, Concord. Bringing together legislators, young Granite Staters, and those who employ them, this casual networking event will give you the opportunity to meet younger constituents and learn more about the issues affecting whether they might stay in, or leave, New Hampshire. Please RSVP to Corinne Benfield, Executive Director, at corinne@stayworkplay.org or online at stayworkplay.org/legislative-reception. This event is free, and food is provided.

Reps. Joe Alexander and Alexis Simpson

Delta Dental Plan of New Hampshire cordially invites all House Members to their Twenty-Fourth Annual Northeast Delta Dental Legislative Reception on **Tuesday, February 18, 2025, from 4:30 p.m. –6:30 p.m.** at their corporate headquarters at One Delta Drive in Concord, New Hampshire. Please RSVP to Siobhan Baron at 603-223-1244 or email legreception@nedelta.com.

Reps. Jason Osborne and Alexis Simpson

NH Life Sciences will offer free lunch at their inaugural Legislative Day on **Thursday, February 20th at 12:00 p.m. in the State House Cafeteria**. Meet their members and your constituents and hear about their impressive economic impact in communities throughout NH. They will showcase the breadth and reach of life sciences companies in NH statewide through our state's life sciences association.

Rep. Joe Sweeney

All members and staff are cordially invited to attend the NH Association of Counties Annual Legislative Conference, to be held on Monday, **February 24th** at the Grappone Center in Concord from **8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Guests are invited to join the NHAC for the breakfast reception or for the entire day. The breakfast reception will run from 8am-9am. In addition to networking with elected and appointed county officials from all ten of NH's counties, panel presentations will be held throughout the event with a focus on federal updates from the National Association of Counties, a NH budget update and so much more. The event is complimentary but advanced registration is requested. Please rsvp to Kate Horgan at khorgan@dupontgroup.com
Reps. Mary Jane Wallner and Keith Erf

Please join the Community College System of New Hampshire for a meet and greet in the State House cafeteria **Wednesday, April 2 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Legislators and staff are invited to join college and system leaders and discuss issues of importance to your region and the state. Refreshments, prepared by culinary students from Lakes Region Community College and White Mountains Community College, will be proudly served by students and faculty. The committee that leaves us the most business cards will win a delicious cake made by the colleges' culinary students.

Reps. Steven Smith and Alexis Simpson

AMENDMENTS

(LISTED IN NUMERICAL ORDER)

Amendment to HB 63 (2025-0067h)

Proposed by the Committee on Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs–c

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 7 with the following:

8 Dealing In or Possessing Prescription Drugs. Amend RSA 318:42, VII-a(b) to read as follows:

(b) The possession and administration of epinephrine for the emergency treatment of anaphylaxis by licensed practical nurses or registered nurses employed or contracted by public school systems or by licensed campus medical professionals in postsecondary educational institutions or independent schools. ***A pharmacist may dispense epinephrine auto-injectors and epinephrine nasal spray pursuant to a prescription issued in the name of a school, postsecondary institution, or independent school. A school, under the direction of the school nurse, may maintain a supply of epinephrine auto-injectors and epinephrine nasal spray for use in accordance with RSA 200:44-b and RSA 200-N:5.***

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

Amendment to HB 78 (2025- 0034h)

Proposed by the Majority of the Committee on Municipal and County Government–r

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

1 County Commissioner Domicile Requirement. Amend RSA 655:9 to read as follows:

655:9 County Officers. To hold the office of county commissioner, sheriff, county attorney, county treasurer, register of deeds, or register of probate, a person ~~[must have a domicile in the county for which he]~~ ***shall be, at the time of his or her election, an inhabitant who resides actually and permanently in the county from which he or she*** is chosen. In addition, to hold the office of county commissioner ~~[in the counties of Rockingham, Belknap, Grafton, Merrimack, Hillsborough, Cheshire, Sullivan, Coos, and Carroll, a person must have a domicile in the district from which he is elected at the time of his election]~~ ***a person shall be an inhabitant who resides actually and permanently in the district from which he or she may be chosen to represent and shall cease to represent such district immediately on his or her ceasing to be qualified as aforesaid.***

2 Application; Strafford County. The changes in qualifications for Strafford county commissioner established by this act shall not affect constituencies or terms of office of commissioners presently in office. The commissioner qualifications established by this act shall be in effect for the purpose of electing commissioners at the 2026 state general election, or for any vacancy in a commissioner district for any reason prior to the 2026 state general election.

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

Amendment to HB 85-FN (2025-0037h)

Proposed by the Committee on Executive Departments and Administration–c

Amend RSA 326-E:3-a, II as inserted by section 3 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. A student who has obtained a temporary student license and who is employed in a healthcare setting may render respiratory care services only under the supervision of a licensed respiratory care practitioner for a limited period of time. The scope of practice of the student respiratory therapist is limited to those activities for which there is documented evidence of competency and under conditions specified by rule, pursuant to RSA 541-A.

Amend the bill by replacing section 5 with the following:

5 Respiratory Care Practice; Responsibilities of the Respiratory Care Practitioner. Amend RSA 326-E:8, III to read as follows:

III. Each licensee shall provide his or her employer with a copy of his or her license, conditional license, **temporary student license**, current renewal verification or proof of reinstatement of license. This copy shall be available for public review upon request. The employer shall maintain a list of all persons providing respiratory care at his or her facility for review by the executive director upon request.

**Amendment to HB 86-FN-LOCAL
(2025-0036h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Municipal and County Government-c

Amend RSA 466:14 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

466:14 Warrants; Proceedings. The town or city clerk shall annually, between June 1 and June 20, present to the local governing body a list of those owners of dogs that have failed to license or not renewed their dog licenses pursuant to RSA 466:1. The local governing body shall, within 20 days from June 20, issue a warrant to a local official authorized to issue a civil forfeiture for each unlicensed dog. The warrant may also authorize a local law enforcement officer to seize any unlicensed dog. The civil forfeiture may be sent by certified mail, or delivered in hand, or left at the abode of the dog owner. The cost of service shall not exceed ***the United States postal service rate of certified mail with return receipt at the time of mailing. The same cost of service for the United States postal service rate of certified mail with return receipt shall apply for delivery of such notice in-hand or left at the abode of the dog owner*** [~~\$7-and~~]. ***The cost of service, in any case***, may be recovered by the city or town in addition to the amount of the civil forfeiture. If the unlicensed dog is seized, it shall be held in a town or city holding facility for a period of 7 days, after which time full title to the dog shall pass to the facility, unless the owner of the dog has, before the expiration of the period, caused the dog to be licensed. The owner shall pay the facility a necessary and reasonable sum per day, as agreed upon by the governing body of the town or city and the facility, for each day the dog has been kept and maintained by the facility, plus any necessary veterinary fees incurred by the facility for the benefit of the dog. Before a local law enforcement officer seizes any unlicensed dog, a written warning shall be given to the dog owner.

**Amendment to HB 99
(2025-0045h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Municipal and County Government-c

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability. Amend RSA 72:35, I-a to read as follows:

I-a. The optional tax credit for service-connected ***permanent and*** total disability, upon adoption by a city or town pursuant to RSA 72:27-a, shall be an amount from \$701 up to [~~\$4,000~~] ***\$5,000***. The optional tax credit for service-connected ***permanent and*** total disability shall replace the [~~standard~~] tax [~~credit~~] ***credits pursuant to RSA 72:28, 72:28-b, 72:28-c, and 72:36-a*** in its entirety and shall not be in addition thereto.

**Amendment to HB 110
(2025- 0057h)**

Proposed by the Majority of the Committee on Municipal and County Government-r

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

1 New Section; County Public Safety Revolving Funds. Amend RSA 23 by inserting after section 22 the following new section:

23:23 County Public Safety Revolving Funds.

I. A county may, by vote of the county delegation, establish a county public safety revolving fund for the provision of public safety services by county employees outside of the ordinary detail of such persons, including but not limited to public safety services in connection with special events, highway construction, and other construction projects, or for any other public safety purpose deemed appropriate by the county sheriff.

II. If a county establishes a county public safety revolving fund for the purposes identified in paragraph I, it shall deposit into the fund all or any part of the revenues from fees, charges, or other income derived from the activities or services supported by the fund to replenish the fund to the original appropriated amount. The county shall deposit any other revenues approved by the county delegation into the revolving fund, provided that funds in excess of the original appropriated amount shall be deposited into the general fund. The money

in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year. The county treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the county commissioners. Such funds shall be expended only for the purposes for which the fund was created.

III. The county delegation may, at the time it establishes a county public safety revolving fund or at any time thereafter, place limitations on expenditures from the fund including, but not limited to, restrictions on the types of items or services that may be purchased from the fund. No amount may be expended from a revolving fund established hereunder for any item or service for which an appropriation has been specifically rejected by the county delegation during the same year.

IV. The provisions of this section shall not preclude the establishment of a county public safety revolving fund for any other purpose authorized by law.

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

2025-0057h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes county governments to establish a public safety revolving fund for the provision of public safety services by county employees outside of the ordinary detail of such persons or for any other public safety purpose deemed appropriate by the county.

Amendment to HB 140-FN

(2025-0129h)

Proposed by the Committee on Transportation-r

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

AN ACT establishing a voluntary “blue envelope” program for drivers with autism spectrum disorders and trauma and stressor-related disorders.

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Section; Blue Envelope Program for Drivers with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Amend RSA 265 by inserting after section 3-b the following new section:

265:3-c Blue Envelope Program for Drivers with Autism Spectrum and Trauma and Stressor-Related Disorders.

I. There is hereby established the Blue Envelope Program to enhance and facilitate communication between members of law enforcement and drivers with autism spectrum and trauma and stressor-related disorders.

II. The division of motor vehicles, in consultation with the New Hampshire council on autism spectrum and trauma and stressor-related disorders, shall design and make available at no cost blue envelopes that:

(a) Provide written information and guidance on the outside of the envelopes regarding ways to enhance effective communication between a police officer and a person with an autism spectrum or trauma and stressor-related disorder;

(b) Provide a designated space for written emergency contact information; and

(c) Are capable of holding a person’s driver’s license, vehicle registration, and any relevant information from a health care provider, should the driver, or, if the driver is a minor, the parent or guardian, choose to include it.

III. Upon request by a person with an autism spectrum or trauma and stressor-related disorder, or if such person is a minor, the person’s parent or guardian, accompanied by proof of such disorder, the division shall provide a blue envelope designed pursuant to this section to such person, parent or guardian.

IV. The guidance on the outside of the blue envelope shall include an instruction to attach the envelope to the driver’s visor on the side facing the driver in the down position for easy and safe access.

V. The commissioner of safety may adopt rules, under RSA 541-A, relative to:

(a) Content and format of the blue envelopes necessary under paragraph II of this section.

(b) Acceptable forms of proof of an autism spectrum or trauma and stressor-related disorders to obtain a blue envelope and the handling of confidential medical information.

(c) Requirements for blue envelope attachment to the visor.

2025-0129h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a program, named the blue envelope program, where a motor vehicle driver with an autism spectrum disorder or trauma and stressor-related disorder may carry and present to law enforcement a blue envelope containing written information and guidance on effective communication with the driver.

**Amendment to HB 163
(2025-0086h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Ways and Means–c

Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(b) Moneys received by the state treasurer, as provided in RSA 6:11, shall be accounted for in the state's accounting system as general revenue of the state, with the exception of the following dedicated funds or accounts:

(1)(a) Funds received pursuant to RSA 6:12-c, which shall be maintained under the terms of the referenced trust or permanent or endowment fund.

(1)(b) Funds received pursuant to RSA 6:12-d, which shall be maintained under the terms of the referenced custodial or escrow account.

(1)(c) Any dedicated fund or account not included in RSA 6:12-c or 6:12-d.

**Amendment to HB 189
(2025-0105h)**

Proposed by the Majority of the Committee on Science, Technology and Energy–r

Amend RSA 21:55 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

21:55 Clean Energy. "Clean energy" means low-greenhouse gas emitting sources, including nuclear and other renewable sources.

Amend RSA 12-P:7-a, I(c) as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(c) [~~Renewable energy~~] ***Clean energy*** and fuel diversity.

2025-0105h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill defines "clean energy" to mean small-scale nuclear energy and renewable energy, and makes it part of the department of energy's 10-year state energy strategy.

This bill also removes reference to the energy efficiency and sustainable energy board.

**Floor Amendment to HB 259
(2025-0145h)**

Proposed by Rep. Matthew Pitaro

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

AN ACT relative to increasing the number of handicap license plates the department of motor vehicles may issue to individuals.

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Paragraph; Walking Disability Plates. Amend RSA 261:88 by inserting after paragraph II-a the following new paragraph:

II-b. A person with a walking disability may receive separate special number plates for each motor vehicle owned by the person.

**Amendment to HB 328
(2025-0069h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Ways and Means–r

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Racing and Charitable Gaming; Study Commission Established. RSA 284:6-c is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

284:6-c Study Commission Established. There is established a charitable gaming oversight commission.

I. Seven voting members of the commission shall be as follows:

(a) Two members of the senate, one of whom shall be a member of the majority party appointed by the president of the senate and one of whom shall be a member of the minority party, appointed by the minority leader of the senate.

(b) Five members of the house of representatives, 3 of whom shall be members of the majority party appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and 2 of whom shall be members of the minority party, appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives. One of the members so appointed by the speaker shall be a member of the house ways and means committee.

II.(a) Eight non-voting members of the commission shall be as follows:

(1) Four New Hampshire citizens with no financial interest in charitable gaming and no governing board responsibilities for charitable gaming entities shall be selected as follows: one shall be appointed by the president of the senate; one shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate; one shall be appointed by the speaker of the house; and one shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house.

(2) Two New Hampshire citizens shall be appointed by the governor, provided that one shall be representative of gaming operators and one shall be representative of charities participating in charitable gaming.

(3) The executive director of the lottery commission, or designee.

(4) The attorney general, or designee.

(b) Non-voting members shall have no vote in commission matters but shall be eligible to participate in all other commission proceedings.

III. Voting and non-voting members of the commission shall serve until replaced by their respective appointing authority, until no longer meeting the conditions on which their original appointment was based, or until resignation.

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

V. The commission shall oversee the implementation of charitable gaming laws, including historical horse race gaming, shall consider the issues identified in the November 1, 2024, final report of the commission to study the effect of recent changes made to charitable gaming laws, including the newly authorized historical horse races established in 2023, 79:583, and shall make from time to time such recommendations for administrative and legislative changes to charitable gaming law and rules as it deems necessary and appropriate, including priority consideration of:

(a) Changes needed to address problem gambling.

(b) Changes needed to restructure or modify systems for allocating and overseeing the use of funds granted to the state and to charities and gaming operators participating in games of chance and in historical horse race gaming.

(c) Changes needed to prevent undue concentration or proliferation of gaming locations, facilities, and ownership, including a municipal option to opt into or out of components of charitable gaming.

(d) Changes that would enable the use of so-called slot machines instead of or in addition to historical horse racing machines.

(e) In its consideration of the allocation and use of charitable gaming funds and of the risk of undue economic concentration of gaming facilities and locations, the commission shall recommend any changes it deems needed to ensure compliance with Part 2, Article 6-b, of the New Hampshire Constitution relating to the use of lottery funds and Part 2, Article 83, of the New Hampshire Constitution relating to prohibiting monopolies and requiring free and fair competition.

VI. The voting members of the study commission shall elect a chairperson from among the voting members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Five voting members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

VII. The commission shall submit a report on or before November 30, 2025, and on or before November 30 each year thereafter, to the general court including findings, recommendations, and any corrective or technical improvements that charitable gaming may require.

VIII. The commission shall be administratively attached to the lottery commission.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following and renumbering the original section 3 to read as 4: 3 Appropriation; Charitable Gaming Oversight Commission. The sum of \$100,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, is appropriated to the lottery commission to support the work of the charitable gaming oversight commission established pursuant to RSA 284:6-c. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. Such funds shall be nonlapsing.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill changes the membership and duties of the charitable gaming oversight commission, extends it by 10 years, and makes an appropriation to the lottery commission to support the work of the commission.

Amendment to HB 340-FN

(2025-0029h)

Proposed by the Majority of the Committee on Election Law-r

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

1 Electioneering by Public Employees. RSA 659:44-a is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

659:44-a Electioneering by Public Employees.

I. No public employee shall electioneer while in the performance of his or her official duties. For purposes of this section, "public employee" shall have the same meaning as in RSA 273-A:1, IX; except that, notwithstanding RSA 273-A:1, IX(b), a person appointed to office by the chief executive or legislative body of the public employer shall be included in the definition of public employee.

II. No public employee shall use any government property or equipment, including, but not limited to, telephones, facsimile machines, vehicles, and computers, for electioneering.

III. For the purposes of this section, "electioneer" means to act in any way designed or having the effect of influencing the vote of a voter on any question or office, including but not limited to:

(a) Distributing or displaying campaign materials for a campaign during an officially declared election period in an unbiased manner.

(b) Making public statements in favor of or against any candidate, political party, or measure.

(c) Organizing or conducting surveys, forums, or events that are expressly or primarily political.

(d) Using official authority or influence to interfere with or affect the vote of a voter.

IV. Nothing in this section shall prohibit:

(a) Lawful participation by candidates, political parties, or private groups in public parades, fairs, festivals, or similar events, including the display of campaign materials or the solicitation of voter support, provided such participation is conducted in accordance with applicable laws and regulations and does not intentionally favor one candidate, party, or measure over another.

(b) The use of public spaces or facilities by private individuals, groups, or organizations for lawful political activities, provided such use is not facilitated or promoted by public employees beyond standard administrative support necessary for access and use of the space and follows any relevant ordinance or law where applicable.

(c) Public employees engaging in strictly neutral voter registration drives or activities limited to general election awareness, such as announcing election dates or polling locations, without any reference to or discussion of candidates, parties, or measures, and provided such activities are authorized by law.

(d) Public employees providing factual information derived directly from official filing forms or other legally required public documents regarding candidates who have officially filed for office, provided such information is presented in an impartial and neutral manner without additional commentary, analysis, or inference.

V. Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

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

Amendment to HB 399

(2024- 0023h)

Proposed by the Committee on Housing-r

Amend RSA 674:16-b, I(a) through (g) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(a) Two members of the house of representatives appointed by the majority leader of the house.

(b) Two members of the house of representatives appointed by the minority leader of the house.

(c) Two members of the senate, appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the minority leader of the senate.

(d) One designee from the judicial branch, appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court.

(e) Two national housing policy experts, appointed jointly by the speaker of the house and the minority leader of the house.

(f) One member representing municipal governments, appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the minority leader of the senate.

(g) One member of the public, appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the minority leader of the senate.

Amendment to HB 444

(2025-0096h)

Proposed by the Minority of the Committee on Housing-r

Amend RSA 540:31 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

540:31 Notice Required Before Sale.

No owner of a restricted multi-family residential property shall make a final unconditional acceptance of any offer for the sale or transfer of the property without first giving 45 days' written notice and the opportunity to make an offer to each tenant.

Amendment to HB 511-FN

(2025-0079h)

Proposed by the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety-r

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Chapter; Anti-Sanctuary Act. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 106-O the following new chapter:

CHAPTER 106-P

ANTI-SANCTUARY ACT

106-P:1 Definitions. In this chapter:

I. "Federal immigration agency" means the United States Department of Justice and the United States Department of Homeland Security, a division within such an agency, including United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement and United States Customs and Border Protection, any successor agency, and any other federal agency charged with the enforcement of immigration law.

II. "Immigration detainer" means a facially sufficient written or electronic request issued by a federal immigration agency using that agency's official form to request that another law enforcement agency detain a person based on probable cause to believe that the person to be detained is a removable alien under federal immigration law, including detainers issued pursuant to 8 U.S.C. sections 1226 and 1357 along with a warrant described in subparagraph (c). For the purpose of this section, an immigration detainer shall be deemed facially sufficient if:

(a) The federal immigration agency's official form is complete and indicates on its face that the federal immigration official has probable cause to believe that the person to be detained is a removable alien under federal immigration law; or

(b) The federal immigration agency's official form is incomplete and fails to indicate on its face that the federal immigration official has probable cause to believe that the person to be detained is a removable alien under federal immigration law, but is supported by an affidavit, order, or other official documentation that indicates that the federal immigration agency has probable cause to believe that the person to be detained is a removable alien under federal immigration law; and

(c) The federal immigration agency supplies with its detention request a Form I-200 Warrant for Arrest of Alien or a Form I- 205 Warrant of Removal/Deportation or a successor warrant or other warrant authorized by federal law.

III. "Inmate" means a person in the custody of a law enforcement agency.

IV. "Law enforcement agency" means an agency in this state charged with enforcement of state, county, municipal, or federal laws or with managing custody of detained persons in this state and includes municipal police departments, sheriff's offices, state police departments, state university and college police departments, county correctional agencies, and the department of corrections.

V. "Local governmental entity" means any county, municipality, or other political subdivision of this state.

VI. "Sanctuary policy" means a law, policy, practice, procedure, or custom adopted or allowed by a state entity or local governmental entity which prohibits or impedes a law enforcement agency from complying with 8 U.S.C. section 1373 or which prohibits or impedes a law enforcement agency from communicating or cooperating with a federal immigration agency so as to limit such law enforcement agency in, or prohibit the agency from:

(a) Complying with an immigration detainer;

(b) Complying with a request from a federal immigration agency to notify the agency before the release of an inmate or detainee in the custody of the law enforcement agency;

(c) Providing a federal immigration agency access to an inmate for interview;

(d) Participating in any program or agreement authorized under section 287 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. section 1357; or

(e) Providing a federal immigration agency with an inmate's incarceration status or release date.

VII. "State entity" means any county, city, municipality, town, village, village district, special district, or other political subdivision of this state, including law enforcement agencies. The term shall include officials, officers, representatives, agents, and employees.

106-P:2 Prohibition of Sanctuary Policies.

No state government entity, local government entity, or law enforcement agency shall knowingly enact, issue, adopt, promulgate, enforce, permit, endorse, maintain, or have in effect any sanctuary policy.

106-P:3 Cooperation with Federal Immigration Authorities.

I. A law enforcement agency shall to the extent possible and their ability to safely do so, comply with immigration detainers for an inmate discovered during the investigation of a violation of New Hampshire law. Unless otherwise authorized by law, no New Hampshire law enforcement agency shall investigate or take part in investigations related to an inmate's citizenship status, unless it is subsequent to an alleged violation of New Hampshire law. No agency shall have an explicit or implied blanket policy against honoring immigration detainers for inmates. Any agency refusing to honor an immigration detainer for an inmate shall report each such refusal to the attorney general in a time, form, and manner to be prescribed by him or his designee.

II. Except as otherwise expressly prohibited by federal law, a state entity, local governmental entity, or law enforcement agency, or an employee, an agent, or a representative of the entity or agency, may not prohibit or in any way restrict a law enforcement agency from taking any of the following actions with respect to information regarding an inmate's immigration status:

(a) Sending the information to or requesting, receiving, or reviewing the information from a federal immigration agency for the purposes of this chapter.

(b) Recording and maintaining the information for purposes of this chapter.

(c) Exchanging the information with a federal immigration agency or another state entity, local governmental entity, or law enforcement agency for purposes of this chapter.

(d) Using the information to comply with an immigration detainer.

(e) Using the information to confirm the identity of a person who is detained by a law enforcement agency.

III. This section does not apply to any alien unlawfully present in the United States if he or she is or has been a necessary witness or victim of a crime of domestic violence, rape, sexual exploitation, sexual assault,

murder, manslaughter, assault, battery, human trafficking, kidnapping, false imprisonment, involuntary servitude, fraud in foreign labor contracting, blackmail, extortion, or witness tampering, unless an immigration detainer is on file for the person and the nature of the reason for the detainer is that the person is wanted for involvement in a similar crime to those listed, or the person is wanted for reasons related to terrorism, or the person is noted as being dangerous on the detainer, or the totality of the circumstances would lead a reasonable officer to conclude that the person's release would put the public in danger. In any such case, the agency shall work with the federal immigration authorities to help ensure the availability of the person to participate in the prosecution of the state crime.

106-P:4 Enforcement.

I. Any executive or administrative state, county, or municipal officer who violates his or her duties under this chapter may be subject to action by the attorney general, who may file suit against a local governmental entity or local law enforcement agency in a court of competent jurisdiction for declaratory or injunctive relief for a violation of this chapter.

II. If a local governmental entity or local law enforcement agency violates this chapter, the court shall enjoin the unlawful sanctuary policy. The court has continuing jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter and may enforce its orders with the initiation of contempt proceedings as provided by law.

III. An order approving a consent decree or granting an injunction shall include written findings of fact that describe with specificity the existence and nature of the sanctuary policy that violates this chapter.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Requires law enforcement agencies to comply with immigration detainers of inmates if safe to do so and prohibits state and local government entities from adopting sanctuary policies to prohibit or impede the enforcement of federal immigration law.

II. Prohibits New Hampshire law enforcement agencies from investigating an inmate's citizenship status unless subsequent to an alleged violation of New Hampshire law or pursuant to an authorization by law.

III. Prohibits blanket policies against compliance with immigration detainers for inmates and prohibits any government entity or law enforcement agency from restricting the use and transmission of inmate immigration information used in compliance with the chapter.

IV. Provides exceptions for certain witnesses to or victims of crime.