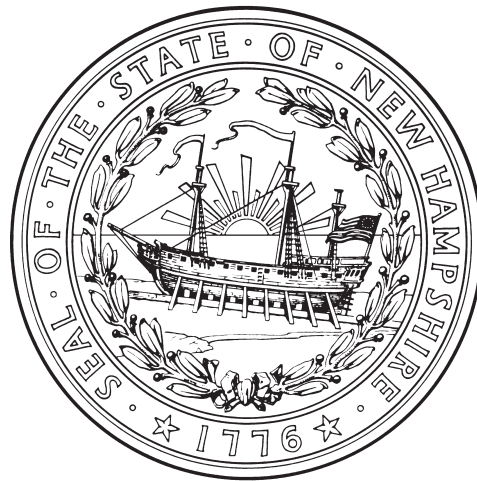


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HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives concurs with the Senate in the passage of the following entitled Bills sent down from the Senate:

- SB 12, relative to the leasing of seasonal camp lots by the fish and game department.
- SB 17, establishing a gifts and donations account within the fish and game fund.
- SB 18, relative to the purchase of duck stamps and the suspension or revocation of a license issued by the fish and game commission.
- SB 24, relative to conferring degree-granting authority to the New England Aeronautical Institute.
- SB 29, relative to repealing the statute relating to police matrons.
- SB 30, relative to membership of the New Hampshire council on developmental disabilities.
- SB 35, relative to RSV vaccine administration.
- SB 38-FN, amending the procedure for issuing a summons instead of an arrest.
- SB 39-FN, relative to criminal history checks for school transportation monitors.
- SB 43, relative to a needs assessment for juvenile minors who are residents of New Hampshire.
- SB 45, relative to national guard educational benefits.
- SB 50, relative to pharmaceutical drug take-back programs.
- SB 51-FN, creating a commission to study charitable gaming and historical horse races and relative to the moratorium on licensed historical horse racing facilities.
- SB 52-FN, relative to the regulation and operation of electric vehicle charging stations.
- SB 77, relative to changes in school placement for students.
- SB 79, relative to the participation of customer generators in net energy metering.
- SB 81, relative to ignition interlock device preset levels.
- SB 83, relative to the signature authority of an advanced practice registered nurse or a certified midwife.
- SB 96, relative to state energy performance contracting.
- SB 108-FN, relative to participation of the New Hampshire public defender program in the state employee health insurance plan.
- SB 109, relative to school safety and coordination with law enforcement.
- SB 119-FN, relative to criminal background checks for charitable games of chance license applicants.
- SB 123-FN, relative to the adoption of ambient groundwater quality standards by the department of environmental services.
- SB 126-FN, relative to licensure requirements for telehealth services and relative to licensure of physicians and physicians assistants treating patients incarcerated with the department of corrections.
- SB 130-FN, relative to a court security officer training program.
- SB 135, relative to alternative dispute resolution in special education.
- SB 146, relative to the agricultural advisory board.
- SB 152-FN, relative to New Hampshire workforce training programs.
- SB 174, relative to veterans access to health care.
- SB 179, relative to eliminating the use of seclusion as a form of punishment or discipline on children in schools and treatment facilities.
- SB 182, relative to the definition of “way” in driving or operating under the influence of drugs or liquor.
- SB 192-FN, relative to the hours that Lucky 7 tickets may be sold.
- SB 206, prohibiting corporal punishment in child day care agencies.
- SB 208, relative to online access to state information on economic relief disbursements.
- SB 244-FN, relative to false public alarms.
- SB 251, establishing a committee to study the long-term impact of the New Hampshire adult parole system.
- SCR 1, affirming the general court’s support for New Hampshire’s first in the nation primary.

HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives refuses to concur with the Senate in the passage of the following entitled Bills sent down from the Senate:

SB 68-FN, relative to municipal host for purposes of limited electrical energy producers.
 SB 167-FN-LOCAL, relative to green hydrogen energy and infrastructure.
 SB 260-FN, relative to deductions under the business profits tax for compensation of members and owners.
 SB 271, relative to the seating of delegates to national party conventions.

HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives has voted to Lay On The Table the following entitled Bill(s) sent down from the Senate:

SB 69-FN, relative to allowing certain nonprofits to participate as a customer-generator group hosts under net energy metering.
 SB 149-FN, relative to nurse agencies.
 SB 155-FN-LOCAL, relative to the adoption of school administrative unit budgets.
 SB 209, relative to providing menstrual hygiene products at no cost to individuals who biologically menstruate in state and county correctional facilities.

HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives refuses to concur with the Senate in the passage of the following entitled Bill sent down from the Senate and has indefinitely postponed the Bill:

SB 104-FN-A, to regulate online gambling and direct net proceeds to a community college education scholarship fund.

HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives concurs with the Senate in its amendments to the following entitled House Bills sent down from the Senate:

HB 152, relative to soil and plant additives.
 HB 407, relative to regulations on alcohol.
 HB 520, relative to escrow accounts maintained by licensed nondepository mortgage bankers, brokers, and servicers.
 HB 550-FN, relative to chartered public school dissolution.
 HB 613-FN, relative to regulation of the individual health insurance market under RSA 404-G.

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Enrolled Bill Amendment to HB 109

The Committee on Enrolled Bills to which was referred HB 109
 AN ACT relative to the occupational therapy practice act.

Having considered the same, report the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass.

FOR THE COMMITTEE

Explanation to Enrolled Bill Amendment to HB 109

This enrolled bill amendment makes a grammatical and a technical correction to the bill.

Enrolled Bill Amendment to HB 109

Amend line 2 of RSA 326-C:1, V(a)(9) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:
 of specific therapeutic procedures (eg., wound care management; techniques to enhance sensory, motor,
 Amend line 1 of the section heading of section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

2 Evaluation and Treatment Authorization. RSA 326-C:2 is repealed and reenacted to read as
 Senator Soucy moved adoption of the Enrolled Bill Amendment. Adopted in recess.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

The committee on Enrolled Bills has examined and found correctly Enrolled the following entitled House and/or Senate Bills:

HB 20, naming a bridge in the town of Merrimack for the Honorable Richard "Dick" Hinch.

HB 30-FN, allowing a county to exempt its chief administrative officer from compulsory participation in the retirement system.

HB 36, relative to fees of sheriffs and deputy sheriffs.

HB 54-FN, relative to antique car inspections.

HB 170, requiring the teaching of cursive handwriting and multiplication tables.

HB 189, renaming a portion of route 140 in Gilmanton in honor of Private First Class Nicholas Cournoyer.

HB 193-FN, relative to administration of the New Hampshire retirement system.

HB 206, including the Space Force in various definitions of the armed forces.

Senator Carson moved adoption of the Report of Committee on Enrolled Bills. Adopted in recess.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

The committee on Enrolled Bills has examined and found correctly Enrolled the following entitled House and/or Senate Bills:

HB 66, establishing a committee to study non-pharmacological treatment options for patients with chronic pain.

HB 85, relative to antenuptial agreements.

HB 365, relative to a statewide facility condition assessment for school buildings.

HB 466, relative to water bottle filling stations in schools.

HB 501, relative to ages for special education services.

Senator Carson moved adoption of the Report of Committee on Enrolled Bills. Adopted in recess.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

The committee on Enrolled Bills has examined and found correctly Enrolled the following entitled House and/or Senate Bills:

HB 79, establishing a committee to study the New Hampshire law relative to standards for farm products and marketing and grading commodities.

HB 151, establishing a committee to study the issue of unmarried cohabitants, domestic partnerships, and common law marriage.

HB 162, relative to supported decision making.

Senator Carson moved adoption of the Report of Committee on Enrolled Bills. Adopted in recess.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

The committee on Enrolled Bills has examined and found correctly Enrolled the following entitled House and/or Senate Bills:

HB 96, recognizing May 3rd as Old Man of the Mountain Day.

HB 138, relative to the oversight of the commissioner of the department of agriculture, markets, and food.

HB 163-FN, relative to authorized license plate decals.

HB 203, relative to publication of annual county budgets.

Senator Carson moved adoption of the Report of Committee on Enrolled Bills. Adopted in recess.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

The committee on Enrolled Bills has examined and found correctly Enrolled the following entitled House and/or Senate Bills:

HB 223, relative to prescription refills.

HB 240, relative to equal access to marriage.

Senator Carson moved adoption of the Report of Committee on Enrolled Bills. Adopted in recess.

Out of Recess. Call the Senate to Order.

MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM LATE SESSION

Senator Carson moved that the Senate adjourn from the Late Session.

Adopted. Adjournment from the Late Session.

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The Senate reconvened at 10:00 a.m., a quorum being present.

The Reverend Father Francis McCarty, Chaplain to the Senate, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Good and gracious God giver of all good gifts we give you many thanks for the blessings that you have bestowed upon us. As these, your members of the New Hampshire State Senate gather to deliberate legislation, may they always work together for the common good and do their best to provide for the needs of their communities and for our state. May you continue to bless the great people of the state of New Hampshire and to bless our United States of America. We ask all of this in your name. Amen.

Former Congressman Pete Hoekstra led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

PRESIDENT BRADLEY: And I think we'll start first by introducing our third presidential candidate. Mister Johnson. Step right up. Forum is yours. Good morning.

(The Chair recognized Perry Johnson.)

PERRY JOHNSON: Good morning. What a glorious day. I am Perry Johnson, and I am running for President of the United States. And I have one central theme, and I'm laser focused on that theme, and it is the economy. Many of you may have received my books. I don't know if you have, I'm sure that you haven't had a chance to read it all yet. But there's one very simple theme. I am going to shrink the government. And I think the government spends too much money. And what we're going to do is cut two cents out of every dollar of discretionary spending. We will freeze the budget, and instead of increasing it every year, we reduce it by two cents on the dollar every year.

Now, I know that it's very hard to vote for anyone without knowing something about them. And I might as well tell you a little bit about myself. I love this country with my heart and soul. And by the way, I love New Hampshire too. It is a joy to be here. My dad was a pilot in World War II and my mother was a nurse in the Army WACs. They met at a New Year's Eve party, which was probably the biggest break of my life. Or I wouldn't be here today. But from the beginning of time they told me that the greatest gift you can be given is to have two loving parents and to be born an American. Because in America anything is possible. And I believe that with my heart and soul.

I had a wonderful childhood, had a paper route when I was a kid. My parents didn't have a whole lot of money. In fact, did not have the money to send me to school. But I worked in the steel mill and I got through college. Undergraduate school was fine, but in grad school I was getting eviction notices on pretty much a regular basis. As a matter of fact, I lived on sub sandwiches and there were times I did not think I was going to be in an apartment the following week. But I got through it.

And in the 1980s I landed a job in the auto industry with BorgWarner. That was at a time when the auto industry was in serious trouble. Japan had come in with tremendous quality. I don't know whether anyone remembers that. But they were stealing our market share because they had better cars and they could make them for less money. And at that time, I thought I could solve the problem. I knew what to do, or at least I thought I did. And, you know, in America because we always believe in the American dream. When you have an idea, you run with it. Well, I started my first company in 1983. I left BorgWarner.

Back then in the auto industry, we used to have teams of people at the end of the line that would inspect the product. And if it wasn't any good, they would rework it or throw it out. Well, I knew that wasn't going to work because we had all the labor that went in and we were never going to get any better. But I thought I knew how to solve the problem. And what I did was I introduced statistical methods. And I started in the beginning of the process and I ironed out variation. And little by little we improved the process. I gave the line personnel a tool to use so they could monitor variation. And they made the control charts themselves.

They learned it all. And in four or five years, we had the best quality in the world. And as a matter of fact, we had the best quality in the world, and were making cars and products for 25 to 30 percent less money. I said to myself, why not quality as a way of life? And I wrote a book on ISO 9000, the quality standard, and it took off like hotcakes. And today, Perry Johnson Registrars and Perry Johnson Laboratory Accreditation, do business in sixty-one countries around the world. I live the American dream, and I want to keep the American dream alive for my kids, for my grandkids that I'll have one day. I have my oldest son here, Perry. He goes to Michigan State. He just finished his first year excited. And we live in a great country, and I want to keep it the greatest country in the world because I want to keep that American dream alive for everyone. And frankly, we spend too much money and that is killing us.

The economy is the key to success of every single country, always has been. And if you ever take a look at the demise of a country, it's always been because of the economy. You can go back to Rome. They ruled for a thousand years, and why did they go under? They went under because they could not pay their troops. Russia, the USSR, it was toppled. Why? They couldn't keep up with the arms race, and the wall was toppled.

Right now, we're in disastrous shape. We're in a situation where the government, for the first time in history, is spending more in interest payments than they are on national defense. We are now \$32 trillion in debt. And you know what? We were only a few trillion dollars in debt in the year 2000. And in a period of literally, what, 23 years, we've gone from a few trillion to 32 trillion. And now we have a proposal in there where we're going to be \$50 trillion in debt. It's absurd.

Now, the government is spending your money. Now, I admit that I am Yankee frugal, and I have 80 companies around the world. None of my companies have any debt. I don't have any personal debt. None of my companies have ever gone bankrupt. I watch the dollar. We spend too much money, and it's both the Democrats and the Republicans. I can't blame it on any one group. Let's face it. When Trump took office in 1999, I mean, when Trump took office in 2016, we were \$19.9 trillion in debt. And then four years later, we were \$8 trillion more in debt. And now we've gone from 20 trillion to 32 trillion in six years. It's a serious problem, and it's a very, very serious problem that we all have to address.

Now, the way they work in government is they want to spend every penny in their budget every year. In fact, they start in April making sure that every single penny is spent. And if they don't spend all the money, they're upset because they won't get more money the next year. We have to change the way it's done. And it can be done. I spent my entire life bringing quality and efficiency to companies. That's all I've done for 35 years, and I want to bring quality and efficiency to the Federal Government. And that is the basic theme on which I'm running.

Now, I know we spend too much money on Medicare. Too much money. The cost of medicine is through the roof. Too much money on tuition. We spend too much money in so many areas, they audited the Federal Government, for example, the Pentagon. The Pentagon has a budget of 700 billion. They could not account for 220 billion, \$220 billion they don't know where it went.

Take a look at medicine. Do you know, when I first started insuring people, the overall cost was \$18 a month with \$100 deductible? And now total cost for that same person is \$533. And in my book, I explain what went on. Right now, we need transparency. We need to know what people are being paid for a given procedure. You could have the same procedure done at Panoma Hospital, for example, in a brain scan, and it's literally \$6,700. A different insurer will pay one \$1,100. And if you pay cash, it's \$450. And we need competition across state lines. We need to solve the problem. I know what to do. I wrote a book on how to solve the problem. The reason I can write the book and the reason I'm the only candidate that's done it is this is what I've been doing all my life. And I want to bring it to the Federal Government.

We have the greatest country the world has ever known. And we operate on our principle. I want, let's go back. I look at history and I look at these great walls and I went over there to see what is, I guess the oldest building house in the entire country. And what do I have as history. In the 1600s we came over here, a handful of people because they wanted religious freedom. Two-hundred and fifty years ago, we had a dream. A dream to have the greatest country that was by the people, for the people. Why? Because we believed in life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. To do this and to get this dream, we had to do the impossible. We had to fight the most powerful army in the history of the world. We did it with untrained people. We weren't

even allowed guns. We had to sneak in our muskets. And we had a fledgling general by the name of George Washington. And you know what? We did the impossible. We overcame all of that and we became the most amazing country in the history of the entire world. And I want to keep that dream alive.

I say we keep the American dream alive and let's get to the basics. Let's become Yankee frugal again in the Federal Government. And I say we need to have the basic freedoms that we have. Remember Patrick Henry said, give me liberty or give me death. And it is that basic freedom that we want to keep alive. I say live free or die. Remember those license plates and let's keep America the greatest country in the world. God bless New Hampshire, and God bless the United States of America.

PRESIDENT BRADLEY: Mister Johnson, all of the other presidential candidates that have addressed the New Hampshire Senate thus far have signed our first in the nation license plate. And we'd be very honored if you do the same. There you go. Now, I have something for you. I forgot it. It's coming down the stairs. It's my welcome to New Hampshire, White Mountain calendar. We know you'll be spending a lot of time here, so it's like your homework assignment. And I have one for Congressman Hoekstra, too.

PERRY JOHNSON: Okay, great. I want you to know that Pete has been with me on the campaign. We've become friends. And he is the last group to ever balance the federal budget, 1998. And everybody gets a copy of my book. If you don't have a copy, let me know because I want everyone to have a copy. Two Cents to Save America. I have a plan. I want you to read the plan.

(The Chair recognized Senator Watters for an introduction.)

SENATOR WATTERS: Thank you, Mister President. I'd like the body to welcome Director General Jonathan Sun and Wellington Shih from the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston.

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

Senator Watters moved that the Senate suspend all rules necessary to permit consideration of SR 9, reaffirming friendship between New Hampshire and Taiwan, encouraging the enhancement of bilateral trade relations, and supporting Taiwan's international participation, at the present time. Adopted by the necessary 2/3 vote.

Senator Watters moved Introduction of SR 9 and offered a motion of Ought to Pass.

The question is on the adoption of the resolution. Adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(The Chair recognized Director General Jonathan Sun.)

DIRECTOR GENERAL JONATHAN SUN: Good morning, Mister President. Distinguished members of the New Hampshire Senate. My name is Jonathan Sun. I'm the Director General of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston, we are the de facto Consulate General of Taiwan in New England. It's a great honor for me to be here to witness the passing of the Resolution 9 in support of Taiwan Vermont relations as well as Taiwan United States relationship. We're a young democracy. We are full-fledged democracy. And we appreciate very much for your support. I always liken the motto of the spirit of New Hampshire, which is live free or die. That's exactly what our people and the government have been trying to do. Because we are facing the military and the economic coercion from the other side of the Taiwan Strait. We need as much support as we can, and we will do our utmost to maintain peace and stability in the Taiwan trade. And thank you so much for your long-standing support. And anything we can do to facilitate the relationship between Taiwan and New Hampshire, we're willing to do that. And please feel free to reach out to our office. And thank you again for Mister President as well as Senator Watters and every one of you for your support. Thank you.

SPECIAL ORDER

Without objection, the following bill is Special Ordered to the beginning of the Regular Calendar. Adopted.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

HB 500, relative to prescribing opioids via telehealth medicine.

SPECIAL ORDER

Without objection, the following bill is Special Ordered to after the lunch break. Adopted.

JUDICIARY

HB 639-FN-A, relative to the legalization and regulation of cannabis and making appropriations therefor.

AMENDED FN REPORT FOR MAY 11, 2023

W/F	Bill	Title	R/C	Committee
Waive	HB 364	relative to transportation for students attending career and technical education centers.	Consent	EDU
Waive	HB 492	requiring the department of education to provide the house and senate standing committees responsible for education with copies of the laws and rules relative to education.	Consent	EDU
Finance	HB 572	relative to eligibility for free school meals.	Consent	EDU
Finance	HB 330	relative to the national guard recruitment incentive program and its funding and rulemaking.	Consent	EDA
Finance	HB 461	relative to elimination by political subdivision employers of a retirement system position.	Consent	EDA
Waive	HB 519	relative to establishing a chief information security officer for the department of information technology.	Consent	EDA
Finance	HB 594	relative to the licensure of out-of-state applicants to boards or commissions organized under the office of professional licensure and certification.	Consent	EDA
Waive	HB 342	relative to lead testing in children.	Consent	HHS
Finance	HB 46	establishing a committee to study replacement of bail commissioners with court magistrates.	Consent	JUD
Waive	HB 107	relative to employment restrictions for registered sex offenders.	Consent	JUD
Waive	HB 497	relative to the confidentiality of records within the division of children, youth, and families.	Consent	JUD
Finance	HB 504	relative to the adult parole board and making an appropriation therefor.	Consent	JUD
Finance	HB 583	relative to the termination of child support.	Consent	JUD
Waive	HB 42	relative to the operation of certain homeowners' associations.	Regular	COM
Waive	HB 129	relative to menstrual hygiene products in schools.	Regular	EDU
Waive	HB 392	relative to constitutional convention procedures for delegates.	Regular	ELMA
Waive	HB 247	relative to protective well radii.	Regular	ENR
Finance	HB 534	relative to water assistance for natural disasters.	Regular	ENR
Waive	HB 457	relative to state treasury pension and insurance fund management.	Regular	EDA
Finance	HB 655	relative to the office of professional licensure and certification.	Regular	EDA
Waive	HB 642	relative to wait list registry and budget flexibility for services for the developmentally disabled.	Regular	HHS
Waive	HB 31	repealing the prohibition on the possession or sale of blackjacks, slung shots, and metallic knuckles.	Regular	JUD
Finance	HB 97	establishing an additional penalty for a violation of privacy.	Regular	JUD
Waive	HB 135	prohibiting no-knock warrants.	Regular	JUD
Waive	HB 201	relative to changing the penalties for driving without a license.	Regular	JUD

Waive	HB 588	relative to the criteria for applying for parole.	Regular	JUD
Waive	HB 624	relative to federal immigration checkpoints.	Regular	JUD
Finance	HB 639	relative to the legalization and regulation of cannabis and making appropriations therefor.	Regular	JUD
Finance	HB 440	relative to the uses of education trust fund.	Regular	WM

Please Note The Following:

Senate Rule 4-5 requires every bill and joint resolution appropriating money, and every other bill which is accompanied by a fiscal note pursuant to RSA 14:44, which has been referred to another committee and found Ought to Pass by the Senate, shall be referred to the Finance Committee for review, unless otherwise ordered by the Senate upon recommendation of the Chair of the Finance Committee.

Senator Gray has reviewed the bills in the Consent and Regular Calendars to be acted upon by the Senate on May 11, 2023, and his recommendations are included on the attached sheet.

Bills listed as Waive should be sent to third reading. Bills listed as Finance should be sent to the Finance Committee.

The recommendations are only applicable to bills found Ought to Pass.

Without objection, the FN Report is adopted.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Senator Carson moved that the Consent Calendar, with the relevant amendments as printed in the day's Calendar be adopted and that all such bills found Ought to Pass be ordered as follows:

FN bills not waived under Senate Rule 4-5, to the Committee on Finance; non-FN bills approved for referral to Finance by the day's FN Report, to the Committee on Finance; and all other bills, to Third Reading.

EDUCATION

HB 35, requiring student identification cards to include the National Eating Disorders Hotline. Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Prentiss for the committee.

House Bill 35 would include the National Eating Disorder Hotline on the back of all public-school student ID cards. This would join the National Suicide Prevention Hotline and is intended to provide support to students while mitigating the unique and wide-ranging health conditions that disproportionately affect the youth.

HB 275-L, relative to schools approved for a school tuition program by a school board. Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0. Senator Lang for the committee.

House Bill 275-L would modify school tuition programs by allowing students to transfer to an approved recipient school, despite the tuition rate exceeding what the sending district is able to accommodate. HB 275-L enabled parents to cover the cost differential between the districts to enroll their student, so long as the district had at least one public anchor school which would result in no additional expense.

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Amendment to HB 275-LOCAL

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Change of School or Assignment; School Tuition Program. Amend RSA 193:3, VI to read as follows:

VI. If there is no public school for the child's grade in the resident district, the school board may contract with another public school in another school district or with any private school that has been approved as a school tuition program by the school board, and may raise and appropriate money for the purposes of the contract, if the school district decides it is in the best interest of the pupil. The district may either assign all children to schools that have been approved as a school tuition program, or allow each child's parent to choose a school from among schools that have been approved as a school tuition program. ***To enroll a child in a tuition school approved by the local school board whose tuition cost is above the district's***

established tuition cost per pupil as determined and approved by the board, the local board may require the parent to pay the tuition cost difference as long as at least one option is a public school designated as the anchor school and does not require additional tuition payment from the parent.

HB 349, relative to a special purpose school district for Bridgewater, Hebron, and Groton. Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0. Senator Prentiss for the committee.

House Bill 349 is limited legislation, seeking to uniquely enable the towns of Bridgewater, Hebron, and Groton to begin to withdraw from the Newfound Area School District, for the purpose of establishing a Special Purpose School District for the three towns. Further, the Special Purpose School District would have an expanded configuration from that of a K-5 to a K-8 district.

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Amendment to HB 349

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Establishment of Special Purpose School District.

I. Having established by law in 1997 a special purpose village district to construct, own and maintain a public school facility; and having already built and owned outright with no debt the Bridgewater-Hebron Village School (K-5) whose maintenance and capital costs are paid for by the towns of Bridgewater and Hebron and overseen by 3 elected commissioners; and notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the towns of Bridgewater, Hebron, and Groton are hereby authorized to withdraw from the Newfound Area School District and establish a public school district comprised of the geographical limits of the aforementioned 3 towns. Subsequent to formation, the school district shall operate in accordance with the provisions contained in RSA 194 and except as modified herein, the laws pertaining to operating a newly formed cooperative school district as set forth in RSA 195 and operating school administrative units as set forth in RSA 194-C. The new district shall be named the Bridgewater-Hebron-Groton Special Purpose School District, or such other name as is subsequently approved by the elected school board of the district. The creation of this new public school district shall be contingent upon a majority vote in each of the 3 towns at their 2024 annual meetings, adopting the provisions of this act; whereupon the effective operational date of this district shall be July 1, 2025.

II. The state board of education shall issue a certificate of withdrawal from the Newfound Area School District after the initial vote by the towns to adopt the provisions of this act. A special meeting of the voters in the withdrawing district for the election of board members and officers shall be held at a time set by the state board of education after consultation with the selectmen of the 3 towns. The warrant for this special meeting shall be proposed by the selectmen of the 3 towns, approved by the state board of education and signed by the commissioner of the department of education, shall provide for the election of officers in the newly created school district. The commissioner of education shall have authority to appoint such officers pro tem as may be necessary pending the district special meeting held to elect officers. In addition, the special meeting shall have the same power and authority as an annual meeting to raise and appropriate money, but it may defer the process of adopting a budget for the first operational fiscal year until the next annual meeting or such annual meeting as may be appropriate for adoption of a budget for the first operational fiscal year. The school district officers elected at said meeting shall take office and organize promptly such that they carry out the duties of their office and take any action necessary to carry out the provisions of this law. The initial board shall consist of 3 elected members, with one member from the town of Bridgewater, one member from the town of Hebron, one member from the town of Groton. The initial term of the member from Bridgewater shall be for a 2-year term, with the other initial members and all subsequent members serving 3-year terms.

III. The elected school board for the Bridgewater-Hebron-Groton Special Purpose School District shall have the responsibility and authority granted to a school board of a cooperative school district. It shall have the responsibility to effectuate plans and policies for the ensuing operation of the district, hold the necessary budgetary hearings and if not adopted at the special meeting, propose the initial operating budget to the legislative body of the created district at an annual meeting of the district to be held in the same manner as an operating school district under RSA 195, RSA 197 and RSA 198 for adoption of an operating budget for the fiscal year commencing on the effective date of operation. This annual meeting shall have the same power and authority as the annual meeting of a fully operating school district including, but not limited to the raising or appropriating money for the ensuing fiscal year.

IV. The school district may rent or lease a facility from the Bridgewater-Hebron Village District and notwithstanding any law to the contrary, may, subject to any state design, safety, and space requirements, vote to expand the grades served by a school within the district up to twelfth grade. The Bridgewater-Hebron Village District shall give priority in any lease or rental agreement to the students within the Bridgewater-Hebron-Groton Special Purpose School District. The school district may educate students in grades 9 and above outside the district pursuant to tuition agreements. The school district may make all other contracts necessary to carry out the purposes of a public school district, and may exercise any other power conferred upon single school districts under RSA 194:2, RSA 194:3 and any other applicable laws. The department of education shall work collaboratively with the new district to ensure that grant funds and adequacy aid are properly allocated to the Bridgewater-Hebron-Groton Special Purpose School District.

V. On and after its establishment, the Bridgewater-Hebron-Groton Special Purpose School District shall be deemed to be a duly organized school district for purposes of its eligibility to apply for and receive all forms of aid, grants, and guarantees with respect to the school building including, but not limited to, school building aid under RSA 198 and the state guarantee of bonds or notes under RSA 195-C. The amount of school building aid shall be based on the calculations applicable to a cooperative school district comprised of the 3 towns. The operating costs and any capital outlay costs for the district shall be apportioned between the 3 towns in accordance with the following formula:

(a) One hundred percent of all such costs shall be apportioned on the basis of the average daily membership from each town for the preceding year; or

(b) Such other formula as is recommended and proposed by the school, adopted by majority vote of the district meeting and approved by the state board of education.

VI. This act shall be construed to authorize such school district to staff and operate such school district, to otherwise provide public education to any pupil, to exercise any other power reserved to school districts. The district is granted such powers as are expressly stated in this act or necessary by implication to effectuate the purposes authorized by this section. In addition, the Bridgewater-Hebron-Groton Special Purpose School District shall seek to offer employment opportunities to the existing public school staff and faculty in the same manner as the pre-existing district. Further, the Bridgewater-Hebron-Groton Special Purpose School District shall work closely with the Newfound Area School District to offer parents school choice and to accommodate students already enrolled in the new district's school.

VII. Upon the adoption of this act by all 3 towns, the towns in the Bridgewater-Hebron-Groton Special Purpose School District shall be deemed to have effectuated withdrawal from the Newfound Area School District on July 1, 2025, subject to any obligations set forth in RSA 195:27. The newly formed school board may enter into long and short-term tuition agreements with the Newfound Area School District or any other public school district, public academy or school pursuant to RSA 193:3, VI for the education of those resident students in middle or high school who enroll in the Bridgewater-Hebron-Groton Special Purpose School District and may also vote to build additions or a separate school.

VIII. Upon adoption of this act by all 3 towns at their 2024 annual school meetings, the Newfound Area School District board members and budget committee members representing Bridgewater, Hebron and Groton may continue to serve until July 1, 2025. They may participate in matters involving the operation of the Newfound Area School District during the 2024-2025 fiscal year. However, such board members shall be disqualified from voting on any matters involving the proposed budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, or any matters involving capital improvements to the Newfound Area School District or on any contractual agreements with other school districts or towns. Because the Bridgewater-Hebron-Groton Special Purpose School District will be holding its own annual meeting, the voters of Bridgewater, Hebron and Groton shall be disqualified from participating in the 2025 annual meeting of the Newfound Area School District. Likewise, upon the passage of this act, the towns of Bridgewater, Hebron and Groton shall not be liable for subsequent borrowing by the Newfound Area School District unless they fail to adopt this act at their 2024 annual meetings.

IX. Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 195:30 and RSA 194-C:2, the newly formed district shall be deemed to have withdrawn from School Administrative Unit Number 4, as of the specified effective operational date of the Bridgewater-Hebron-Groton Special Purpose School District, and shall be its own school administrative unit with a number assigned by the department of education and may provide for superintendent services in accord with those options available to single school districts, including contracting for such services. The unassigned fund balance of the SAU shall be allocated between the two districts as of June 30, 2024 in accord with the apportionment percentages of the Newfound Area School District budget for the prior fiscal year. The newly formed district may enter into agreements with Newfound Area School District regarding the disposition of school administrative unit assets and liabilities.

X. The select boards of the towns of Bridgewater, Hebron, and Groton may appoint such committees and engage in such study as they deem appropriate in planning for the new district prior to the adoption vote. However, if the select boards of the 3 towns wish to proceed further with this legislation they shall warn the question of adoption of this act for the 2024 annual meeting of the legal voters residing in the towns to see if they will vote to adopt the provisions of this act and create the new school district.

HB 364-FN, relative to transportation for students attending career and technical education centers. Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Lang for the committee.

House Bill 364 authorizes the Department of Education to reimburse transportation costs for Career and Technical Education students and at-risk students attending alternative educational programs. The formula utilized to calculate reimbursement will be established by the State Board of Education pursuant to RSA 541-A, and shall account for vehicle type, mileage, and number of trips made.

HB 492-FN, requiring the department of education to provide the house and senate standing committees responsible for education with copies of the laws and rules relative to education. Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0. Senator Prentiss for the committee.

House Bill 492 directs the Department of Education to provide House and Senate standing committees with copies of the annotated laws and rules relative to education, at the request of the committee chair. At the beginning of each session of the biennium, the Commissioner of Education will be expected to ensure committees are supplied with the requested number of copies, in the form of a physical book, a portable data storage device, or searchable internet data base.

Senate Education
April 25, 2023
2023-1498s
02/05

Amendment to HB 492-FN

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Paragraph; Duties of the Commissioner; Department of Education; Current Rules and Statutes. Amend RSA 21-N:4 by inserting after paragraph XI the following new paragraph:

XII. At the beginning of each session of the biennium, at the request of the committee chair, providing a physical copy of, a copy on a portable data storage device of, or a searchable Internet database to the New Hampshire education laws annotated and education department rules to the house and senate standing education committees that oversee education policy, and to make such copy available to all superintendents of New Hampshire schools in any format as practicable.

HB 530-L, relative to withdrawal from a cooperative school district. Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Gendreau for the committee.

House Bill 530 amends RSA 195:29 and reorganizes the procedure for withdrawal from a cooperative school district. Under HB 530, a district may now depart a cooperative unilaterally with a 3/5 supermajority vote at their town meeting, which may only be contested with a complementary 3/5 supermajority vote against withdrawal from the original cooperative district.

HB 572-FN, relative to eligibility for free school meals. Re-refer to Committee, Vote 5-0. Senator Lang for the committee.

House Bill 572 would expand the eligibility for free and reduced school meals by increasing the income threshold from 185% of the federal poverty line, to 300% of the federal poverty line. This would effectively eliminate the reduced meals category, and as proposed, the program would be supported by the Education Trust Fund.

HB 640, relative to cost recovery for vocational rehabilitation programs. Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Lang for the committee.

House Bill 640 is legislation developed on behalf of the Department of Education. HB 640 would repeal RSA 200-C:6-a, eliminating the State's right to recover the costs of vocational rehabilitative services from an individual who received a third-party benefit or reward. The RSA being repealed had not been utilized in at least 20 years according to Department officials and was overlooked in prior revisions.

ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

HB 154, relative to the adoption of public health ordinances by municipalities.

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 5-0. Senator Gray for the committee.

This bill will change the process of how regulations proposed by town health officials are approved and take effect. The goal of this legislation is to include the residents of the town in the decision making process needed to approve health ordinances that will affect everyone. As written, while well intended, the changes could have consequences that would negatively affect public health.

HB 195, relative to the definition of political advocacy organization.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Perkins Kwoka for the committee.

This bill will reduce the threshold for Political Advocacy Organizations to disclose expenditures, from \$5,000 to \$2,500. In a small state like New Hampshire, \$2,500 can have a significant impact on the outcome of an election. This modification will result in greater transparency for voters as they consider contributions and support for a particular candidate.

HB 244, relative to the printing of the election day checklist.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0. Senator Gray for the committee.

This bill, as amended, modifies the latest date and time that an absentee ballot may be requested by mail or in person at the clerk's office. The clerk shall mail absentee ballots for verified ballot requests. The modifications allow enough time for the ballot to be received by the voter.

Election Law and Municipal Affairs

April 18, 2023

2023-1421s

08/10

Amendment to HB 244

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

AN ACT relative to the delivery of absentee ballots.

Amend RSA 657:15, I as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. When the verification required by RSA 657:12 or 657:13 has been made, the clerk shall retain the application and, without delay, personally deliver, email, or mail to the applicant the appropriate ballot and materials as described in RSA 657:7 through 657:8 or designate an assistant to deliver such materials to the applicant. The clerk's option to email an absentee ballot to a voter shall apply only to absentee ballot applications from UOCAVA voters. The clerk shall ~~send~~ **mail** absentee ballots in response to verified absentee ballot requests ~~[until 5:00]~~ **that have been received by 12:00** p.m. on the day before the election. **The clerk shall provide an absentee ballot to any voter requesting an absentee ballot in person at the clerk's office up until 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election or as may be provided elsewhere in Title LXIII.** The clerk may not designate as an assistant any person who is a candidate for nomination or office or who is working for such a candidate. Any ballots sent pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be mailed or delivered only by officials from the city or town clerk's office and delivered only to the applicant. If the address to which the absent voter's ballot is sent is outside the United States or Canada, such papers shall be sent by air mail. Said clerks shall keep lists of the names and addresses, arranged by voting places, of all applicants to whom official absentee ballots have been sent, and shall identify those official absentee ballots which have been returned to the clerk and shall record the absentee voter applicant information in the statewide centralized voter registration database. The lists shall not be available for public inspection at any time without a court order.

HB 284, relative to financial information regarding requests for bids and proposals and to raise the minimum value of county purchases of equipment or materials which are subject to competitive bidding.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Murphy for the committee.

This bill makes modifications to statutes regarding county contracts subject to competitive bidding. Many counties have found it difficult to receive responses for bids at the current \$5,000 mark due to the low value of the contract. HB 284 increases the minimum value of these contracts from \$5,000 to \$10,000 and makes this consistent across all counties. In addition, language has been added which allows certain information, explaining the cancellation of the bidding process, to be shared.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 136, relative to the department of health and human services collaborating and holding a roll call vote on final proposal of rules with the advisory council prior to departmental rulemaking.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Perkins Kwoka for the committee.

HB136 allows the advisory council to the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to have the opportunity to provide input via a roll call on proposed rules before they are adopted by the Department. This allows for an additional input to improve the rulemaking process in the Department of Health and Human Services.

HB 215, relative to the adoption of rules by the department of health and human services regarding medication administration by licensed nursing assistants.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Gendreau for the committee.

HB 215 expands the existing reimbursement program. Currently DHHS will reimburse licensed nursing assistants who have completed a nursing assistant training program if they're employed by a nursing facility. HB 215 expands that program to LNA's who choose to complete additional training to become a Medicaid nursing assistant.

HB 228, relative to repealing the commission on demographic trends.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0. Senator Gendreau for the committee.

HB 228 would repeal the recently created commission to study demographic trends in New Hampshire. The information from this commission can be used to assist in better policy making in the future.

HB 238, relative to the role of quality control and the developmental disability service system.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0. Senator Perkins Kwoka for the committee.

HB 238 as amended will allow the developmental quality control council to provide feedback to DHHS on the quality of services provided to the developmentally disabled community in New Hampshire in a systematic way, and provide for DHHS feedback on a quarterly basis. As amended, the bill also creates dialogue between the department and the council on issues of concern.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration

April 26, 2023

2023-1534s

06/05

Amendment to HB 238

Amend RSA 171-A:33 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

1 Developmental Services Quality Council; Developmental Services Quality Council Established; Membership; Duties. RSA 171-A:33 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

171-A:33 Developmental Services Quality Council Established; Membership; Duties.

I. There is established the developmental services quality council to provide leadership for consistent, systemic review and improvement of the quality of the developmental disability and acquired brain disorder services provided within New Hampshire's developmental services system. At least 51 percent of the members of the council shall be individuals with disabilities served by the system or parents of individuals served by the system. The members of the council shall be as follows:

(a) The commissioner of the department of health and human services, or designee.

(b) A representative of People First of New Hampshire, appointed by such organization.

(c) A representative of Advocates Building Lasting Equality in New Hampshire (ABLE NH), appointed by such organization.

(d) A representative of the New Hampshire council on autism spectrum disorders who shall be either the individual who has an autism spectrum disorder or the family member of a person who has an autism spectrum disorder, appointed by the council.

(e) A representative of the Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire, appointed by the association.

(f) Two representatives of the New Hampshire Developmental Disabilities Council, at least one of whom shall be a person with a developmental disability, appointed by the council.

- (g) Three representatives of local Family Support Councils, appointed by the state Family Support Council.
- (h) One direct support professional and one enhanced family care provider, appointed by the New Hampshire Developmental Disabilities Council.
- (i) Three representatives of area agency boards of directors including at least 2 persons with a developmental disability or family members of such persons, appointed by the Community Support Network Incorporated.
- (j) A representative of the Community Support Network Incorporated, appointed by such organization.
- (k) A representative of the Private Provider Network, appointed by such organization.
- (l) The director of the Institute on Disability, University of New Hampshire, or designee.
- (m) A representative of the Disability Rights Center - NH, appointed by the center.
- (n) Up to 5 additional members, nominated by the council and appointed by the governor.

II. The groups represented under paragraph I are encouraged to provide, according to their ability, the in-kind and other resources necessary for the council to succeed. The council may request information and analysis on quality from the department of health and human services, area agencies, and providers. The council shall have access to all non-confidential information on quality for services funded all or in part by public funds.

III. The council shall regularly review information on the quality of developmental services in New Hampshire and make recommendations for improving service quality and the quality assurance and continuous improvement systems, including, but not limited to:

- (a) Standards of quality and performance expected of area agencies and provider agencies.
- (b) Types of data to be collected, analyzed, and disseminated to determine whether standards are being met.
- (c) Quality assurance and oversight mechanisms to be used to gather data and information.
- (d) Content, frequency, and recipients of quality evaluation and improvement reports.
- (e) Expectations and procedures for following up on identified areas where improvements are needed.
- (f) Structures, policies, rules, and practices, including staffing or organizational changes, to ensure that the developmental services system works as intended in RSA 171-A:1, including:
 - (1) Ways of supporting values-based and person-centered service planning and provision, as well as problem solving, innovation, and learning;
 - (2) Recognizing and disseminating what is working well (best/model practices);
 - (3) Significant changes proposed by the department relating to, or which may impact any of, the practices, policies, standards, rates, budgets, funding formulae, or rights pertaining to eligibility or provision of supports and services under RSA 171-A; and
 - (4) Reviewing, clarifying, and disseminating data and information on a regular basis to bring about transparency for all stakeholders and the public.

IV. The council shall provide the department with recommendations for improving service quality and the quality assurance and continuous improvement systems, no more frequently than quarterly. The department shall respond in writing within 30 business days of receipt of the council's recommendations with a statement indicating whether it agrees or disagrees with each of the council's recommendations. Following receipt of the department's response, the council shall place the response on the next council meeting agenda for discussion by the commissioner's designee on the council. Within 60 business days of the council meeting, discussion, and record of the discussion in the minutes, the department shall provide:

- (a) For each recommendation it agrees with, a detailed plan for how the department will address the areas identified as needing improvement including the specific steps the department plans to take, along with a timeline for each step;
- (b) For any recommendation it does not agree with, an explanation of the basis for its disagreement and rationale for its decision not to take action on any specific recommendation; and
- (c) If the department is unable to respond to the council's recommendations within the time frames above, the department shall inform the council in writing and include the reasons for not being able respond within the time frames.

V. The quarterly limit as described in paragraph IV is not intended restrict the council's ability to comment on rules, regulations, proposals, or other initiatives impacting the quality of services for people with developmental disabilities and acquired brain disorders as needed throughout the year.

VI. The council shall make an annual report beginning on November 1, 2010 that includes its recommendations and an assessment of the actions taken in response to previous recommendations to the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the members of the house committee on health, human services and elderly affairs and the members of the senate committee on health and human services.

VII. The meetings shall be convened by the chair or vice chair of the council or commissioner of the department of health and human services, or designee, and shall meet regularly as determined by the council. The meetings shall be open to the public and subject to the provisions of RSA 91-A, the right-to-know law. The council may establish bylaws for governing its meetings, decisions, and other operations. For the purpose of convening council meetings in compliance with RSA 91-A, a quorum of the council shall be a majority plus one member of the appointed members of the council. Members who are not able to be physically present at council meetings due to their disabilities or the disability of a family member shall be counted as attending "in person" for the purpose of the establishment of a quorum provided that each member participating electronically or otherwise is able to simultaneously hear and speak to each of the other council members during the meeting, and shall be audible or otherwise discernable to public in attendance at the meeting's location. Any member participating in such fashion shall identify the persons present in the location from which the member is participating.

2023-1534s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill directs the developmental services quality council to provide periodic recommendations to the department of health and human services and directs the department to respond to the council within a specified period of time.

HB 258, relative to animal chiropractors.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0. Senator Pearl for the committee.

HB 258 as amended by the house would give OPLC the ability to license and therefore regulate animal chiropractors in the state of NH. These practitioners occupy a niche space between veterinary and chiropractic medicine. There is little evidence that this is an issue affecting New Hampshire animal owners.

HB 330-FN-A, relative to the national guard recruitment incentive program and its funding and rulemaking. Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Pearl for the committee.

HB 330 as introduced provides a streamlining of the rulemaking process for the National Guard in New Hampshire. In current law there were requirements that created a cumbersome process for the National Guard that can easily be handled internally. This bill also allows the National Guard to provide a \$1,000 enlistment incentive up from the previous \$500.

HB 461-FN, relative to elimination by political subdivision employers of a retirement system position.

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

HB 461-FN as introduced required political subdivision employers to obtain an analysis from the New Hampshire Retirement System when eliminating or transferring a group II position from full time to part time. The amendment to this bill creates a study commission to study this issue and how widespread it is.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration

April 19, 2023

2023-1436s

10/05

Amendment to HB 461-FN

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

AN ACT establishing a committee to study elimination by political subdivision employers of a retirement system position.

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

1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study elimination by political subdivision employers of a retirement system position.

2 Membership and Compensation.

I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

(a) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

(b) Four members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the committee.

3 Duties. The committee shall study the elimination by political subdivision employers under RSA 100-A of a retirement system eligible employment position.

4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the senate member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2023.

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

2023-1436s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study elimination by political subdivision employers of a retirement system position.

HB 519-FN, relative to establishing a chief information security officer for the department of information technology.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Gendreau for the committee.

HB 519 is a simple house keeping bill that gives a new title to a position within the Department of Internet Technology. This change will clearly define the position's responsibilities in statute. This position is currently filled therefore it has no fiscal impact. The department also believes this title change may allow them to more easily recruit a replacement in the event of the position becoming open.

HB 594-FN, relative to the licensure of out-of-state applicants to boards or commissions organized under the office of professional licensure and certification.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Pearl for the committee.

HB 594-FN authorizes the OPLC to issue licenses to out of state applicants who are licensed in another state, if the other state's licensing requirements are substantially similar to those in New Hampshire. Applicants would need to submit to criminal background checks if otherwise required by the profession they are seeking to be licensed in. This bill serves to increase reciprocity for licensing in New Hampshire.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

HB 323, relative to establishing a committee on emerging medical technologies.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Prentiss for the committee.

HB 323 establishes a joint legislative committee on emerging medical technologies. This bill honors the late Representative Katherine Rogers and continues the work she led in ensuring that Granite Staters have access to potentially life-saving medical care. The joint legislative committee will establish a brain trust in the General Court on emerging medical technologies, so that when new procedures and tools come forward for regulation in the future there is an established group of legislators who can speak knowledgeably about them. The Committee heard about the importance that emerging medical technologies, such as biomarkers, have on finding successful, effective methods of treatment for serious medical conditions.

HB 342-FN, relative to lead testing in children.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Whitley for the committee.

HB 342-FN establishes a blood lead level testing documentation requirement for children entering day care and public schools. This is not a new testing requirement for children; it only requires that blood lead level test results be documented on the health records form that is already required to enter day care or public schools. Lead poisoning is a significant problem and the compliance rate with the existing blood lead level testing requirement is declining. The Committee believes that requiring documentation, and providing an opportunity for educational engagement with parents and guardians, will improve the compliance rate, improving the health of children and saving schools money by addressing learning difficulties caused by lead poisoning at an earlier stage.

HB 426, relative to the regulation of pharmacists-in-charge and pharmacies.
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Avard for the committee.

HB 426 adjusts how pharmacy permit holders are defined. This is a simple bill to update the regulation of pharmacies from the practices of 1923 to the practices of 2023. Currently, pharmacists are held accountable for licensure matters they have no control over – such as a leaky roof or an inadequate ventilation system. HB 426 would ensure each licensed pharmacist is held accountable for their own work in the pharmacy and not for organizational issues outside of their scope of practice.

JUDICIARY

HB 46-FN, establishing a committee to study replacement of bail commissioners with court magistrates.
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Carson for the committee.

At the request of the Judicial Branch, House Bill 46 would establish a committee to study the use of court magistrates throughout the state court system to supplement or replace the current bail commissioner positions. The committee will be tasked with examining the benefits and problems with the current bail commissioner system, the potential structure of a court magistrate system, and the replacement and supplementation of bail commissioners with court magistrates.

HB 107-FN, relative to employment restrictions for registered sex offenders.
Re-refer to Committee, Vote 5-0. Senator Carson for the committee.

House Bill 107 would prohibit a person convicted of certain sexual assault offenses from hiring or otherwise engaging in any employment or volunteer service which provides direct services to a minor, or supervision or oversight of a minor. The Committee felt that while the intention of this bill was worthwhile, more work needs to be done on it before final consideration.

HB 200, relative to choice of counselor to evaluate a child in family court proceedings.
Re-refer to Committee, Vote 5-0. Senator Carson for the committee.

House Bill 200 would require courts to select counselors that are participating providers in a family's insurance network if the courts order a mandatory evaluation or therapy for a minor. The Committee deemed there was a lot of merit to this bill, but it had too many problems and the Committee would like more time to work on the bill further.

HB 266, relative to notice and public access requirements for hybrid and virtual agency public comment hearings for rulemaking.
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Jeb Bradley for the committee.

House Bill 266 would amend the Administrative Procedure Act to insert notice and public access requirements for hybrid and virtual agency public comment hearings. This bill was a request from the JLCAR staff, and it is essentially a recodification of the Governor's executive orders when dealing with virtual and hybrid meeting requirements to ensure the public has full access.

HB 308, relative to a quorum for meetings open to the public to include remote presence.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0. Senator Chandley for the committee.

House Bill 308 would allow for certain state boards to vote to allow one or more members to participate in a meeting remotely when physical attendance at the meeting site is not reasonably practicable. The Committee Amendment would allow members of the public to participate remotely in remotely held state board meetings. The Committee Amendment also makes minor grammatical changes to the bill. This bill will allow for remote participation only if one-third of a state board is physically present at the meeting location. Remote participation is needed so these boards can achieve quorum and vote on key items.

Senate Judiciary
April 28, 2023
2023-1562s
06/07

Amendment to HB 308

Amend RSA 91-A:2, IV(a) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(a) A state board covered by this paragraph may vote to allow one or more members to participate in a meeting remotely only when physical attendance at the meeting site is not reasonably practicable. Any reason that such attendance is not reasonably practicable shall be stated in the minutes of the meeting. The authority granted under this paragraph may be revoked, renewed, or modified in the same manner as it is approved.

Amend RSA 91-A:2, IV(b) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(b) At least one-third of the total membership of the state board shall be present at the physical location of the meeting. Each member participating electronically or otherwise shall be able to contemporaneously and throughout the meeting see and hear, and be seen and heard by, the other members of the public body attending the meeting and members of the public in attendance at the meeting site. A member participating in a meeting remotely as described in this paragraph is deemed to be present for all purposes, including for determination of a quorum and voting. Each member participating remotely shall identify the persons present in the location from which the member is participating. All votes taken during such a meeting shall be by roll call vote. Members of the public shall be permitted to participate remotely in remotely held state board meetings, including testifying or asking questions as the rules and procedures of the board allow.

2023-1562s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows for certain state boards to vote to allow one or more members to participate in a meeting remotely when physical attendance at the meeting site is not reasonably practicable and permits members of the public to participate remotely in these remote meetings.

HB 491, relative to prohibiting the use of the prone restraint for minors.
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Whitley for the committee.

House Bill 491 would prohibit the use of prone restraint on a child in a school or treatment facility. Prone restraint, a serious and dangerous restraint technique, is already illegal in New Hampshire through the prohibition of dangerous restraint techniques as described in RSA 126-U. Despite this, prone restraints are still employed on children in facilities in New Hampshire. There is a significant increase in the risk of death when restraints are performed with a child in the prone position, therefore this practice should not be used on children. This bill will provide important and necessary clarification of the law and is greatly needed to protect the children of New Hampshire.

HB 497-FN, relative to the confidentiality of records within the division of children, youth, and families.
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0. Senator Carson for the committee.

House Bill 497 would have allowed courts to disclose certain records with ongoing DCYF cases involving harm to a child. However, DCYF regularly releases records to the parents or anyone else who is allowed under RSA 170-G:8-a once they have determined there is no harm to the child. This bill would backlog cases in DCYF and would only make our current law more confusing and complex.

HB 504-FN, relative to the adult parole board and making an appropriation therefor.
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Whitley for the committee.

House Bill 504 would allow the appointment of a previous Adult Parole Board member to sit on the board, amend the stipend for the vice chairperson of the Adult Parole Board, and make an appropriation to the board. The Committee heard compelling testimony that the Adult Parole Board is a full-time job, and the members deserve to be compensated appropriately. Without passage of this bill, the Adult Parole Board will continue to have difficulty recruiting good quality candidates to serve.

HB 583-FN, relative to the termination of child support.
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0. Senator Chandley for the committee.

House Bill 583 would alter the time at which a child support obligation terminates. There was no one at the public hearing who spoke in support of the complicated changes proposed. The Department of Health and Human Services is opposed to the bill as there are numerous provisions in law which would be affected. The bill would likely make it difficult for DHHS to enforce and accurately track proper dates for termination of support. The bill also does not include an appropriation of funds that DHHS would need to create a new system of tracking child support cases.

WAYS AND MEANS

HB 297, relative to the state's dedicated funds review.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0. Senator Rosenwald for the committee.

HB297 establishes a list of funds and accounts which are exempt from dedicated fund reporting and review requirements. While the bill also repeals the Room and Board Scholarship Fund and the Cold Case Homicide Unit Fund, it is important to note that the Cold Case Homicide Unit is funded with general funds. The particular fund that is repealed by this bill was set up to receive donations. Since there has only been a single \$100 donation, the Dedicated Funds Committee recommended it be repealed.

The question is on the adoption of the Consent Calendar. Adopted.

REGULAR CALENDAR

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

HB 500, relative to prescribing opioids via telehealth medicine.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0. Senator Birdsell for the committee.

Health and Human Services

April 26, 2023

2023-1541s

06/07

Amendment to HB 500

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following and renumbering the original sections 2 - 6 to read as 3 - 7, respectively:

2 Telemedicine; Consent. Amend RSA 329:1-d, V(b) and (c) to read as follows:

(b) Maintain a medical record; ~~and~~

(c) Subject to the patient's consent, forward the medical record to the patient's primary care or treating provider, if appropriate; **and**

(d) Obtain oral or written consent from the patient or, if the patient is a minor, from the patient's parent or guardian unless state or federal law allows a minor to consent to treatment without the consent of a parent or guardian, for the provision of services through telemedicine. For services delivered through telemedicine on an ongoing basis, the practitioner need obtain consent from the patient or parent or guardian only once.

Amend RSA 326-B:2, XII(c) as inserted by section 4 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(c) [It shall be unlawful for any person to prescribe by means of telemedicine a controlled drug classified in schedule II through IV except for use in substance use disorder treatment.] An APRN licensed under this chapter may prescribe non-opioid and opioid controlled drugs classified in schedule II through IV by means of telemedicine after establishing an advanced practice registered nurse-patient relationship with the patient. When prescribing a non-opioid or opioid controlled drug classified in schedule II through IV by means of telemedicine a subsequent in-person exam shall be conducted by a practitioner licensed to prescribe the drug at intervals appropriate for the patient, medical condition, and drug, but not less than annually. The prescription authority under this paragraph shall be limited to an APRN licensed under this chapter, and all prescribing shall be in compliance with all federal and state laws and regulations. An APRN licensed under this chapter shall obtain oral or written consent from the patient or, if the patient is a minor, from the patient's parent or guardian unless state or federal law allows a minor to consent to treatment without the consent of a parent or guardian, for the provision of services through telemedicine. For services delivered through telemedicine on an ongoing basis, the practitioner need obtain consent from the patient or parent or guardian only once.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Modifies the procedure for physicians, physician assistants and APRN's to prescribe certain non-opioid and opioid controlled drugs by means of telemedicine.

II. Clarifies the consent required to provide telemedicine services to a minor.

The question is on the adoption of the Committee Amendment. Failed.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass. Adopted, bill ordered to Third Reading.

EARLY SESSION

THIRD READING AND FINAL PASSAGE

Senator Carson moved that, HB 500, having been ordered to third reading, be, by this resolution, read a third time, its title be the same as adopted, and be ordered by the Senate to be passed at the present time in the early session. Adopted.

Senator Carson moved that all members be allowed to remove their overcoats.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESIDENT BRADLEY: Thank you, Senator Carson. And I'd be remiss, and all of us would be remiss, if we didn't welcome back Senator Avard, who had health issues, and Senator Gannon, who had health issues. We really appreciate seeing all twenty-four people today. It's a great day.

COMMERCE

HB 42-FN, relative to the operation of certain homeowners' associations.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0. Senator Soucy for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass. Adopted, bill ordered to Third Reading.

HB 210, relative to fire insurance contracts.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0. Senator Innis for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass. Adopted, bill ordered to Third Reading.

HB 249, establishing regulatory standards for the pet insurance industry and allowing restaurant owners to keep their dog on the premises.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0. Senator Chandley for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass. Adopted, bill ordered to Third Reading.

HB 261, authorizing residential tenants to terminate their lease in instances of domestic violence or following a disabling illness or accident.

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 4-0. Senator Chandley for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Re-refer to Committee. Adopted.

HB 479, relative to administrative hearings, automation of electronic notices to insurance licensees, and insurance producer activities.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0. Senator Innis for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass. Adopted, bill ordered to Third Reading.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Senator Prentiss introduced students from Bernice A. Ray School in Hanover visiting in the gallery.

EDUCATION

HB 129-FN-L, relative to menstrual hygiene products in schools.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 4-1. Senator Gendreau for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Inexpedient to Legislate. Adopted.

Recess. Out of recess.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Senator Watters introduced Sheriff Mark Brave of Strafford County visiting in the gallery.

HB 536, relative to the chartered public school joint legislative oversight committee. Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2. Senator Lang for the committee.

Senate Education
April 18, 2023
2023-1419s
10/05

Amendment to HB 536

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

AN ACT relative to the chartered public school joint legislative oversight committee, and relative to chartered public school use of unused district facilities.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following and renumbering the original section 3 to read as 4:

3 Chartered Public School Use of Unused District Facilities; Independent Appraisals. Amend RSA 194:61, III(d) to read as follows:

(d) If the offering school district has not received an offer to purchase or lease an unused facility from a party, other than an approved chartered public school operating in this state, a chartered public school may initiate, and the school board of the offering school district shall, ***within 60 days of receiving the offer***, engage in, ***substantive*** good faith negotiations for the purchase or lease of the unused facility. ***The negotiation period shall continue for 30 days, or less if an agreement is reached. If no agreement is reached, the commissioner of the department of education shall engage an independent mediator who shall gather independent appraisals of the value of the property when the chartered public school made an offer to purchase. The appraised value shall determine a fair market price for the offering chartered public school to agree to or reject. In situations when the charter school made an offer to lease the property, the appraisals gathered by the mediator shall determine a fair market lease price for the offering chartered public school to accept or reject.***

2023-1419s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill revises the structure and duties of the chartered public school joint legislative oversight committee. The bill also requires the commissioner of education to engage an independent mediator for appraisals of unused school district property a chartered public school has made an offer to purchase or lease.

The question is on the adoption of the Committee Amendment.

A roll call was requested by Senator Soucy, seconded by Senator Birdsell.

The following Senators voted Yes: Gendreau, Lang, Gray, Innis, Ward, Ricciardi, Avard, Carson, Murphy, Pearl, Birdsell, Abbas, Gannon, Bradley.

The following Senators voted No: Watters, Prentiss, Fenton, Chandley, Rosenwald, Whitley, Soucy, D'Allesandro, Perkins Kwoka, Altschiller.

Roll Call, Yeas: 14 - Nays: 10. Adopted.

Senator Soucy moved to divide the question on Ought to Pass with Amendment: The first vote on Sections 1, 2, and 4, and the second vote on Sections 3 and 4.

The Chair ruled the question divisible.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment: Sections 1, 2, and 4. Adopted.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment: Sections 3 and 4.

A roll call was requested by Senator Soucy, seconded by Senator Avard.

The following Senators voted Yes: Gendreau, Lang, Gray, Innis, Ward, Ricciardi, Avard, Carson, Murphy, Pearl, Birdsell, Abbas, Gannon, Bradley.

The following Senators voted No: Watters, Prentiss, Fenton, Chandley, Rosenwald, Whitley, Soucy, D'Allesandro, Perkins Kwoka, Altschiller.

Roll Call, Yeas: 14 - Nays: 10. Adopted, bill ordered to Third Reading.

ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

HB 75, to increase the threshold of county owned personal property subject to competitive bidding. Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2. Senator Gray for the committee.

Election Law and Municipal Affairs

May 3, 2023

2023-1630s

02/10

Amendment to HB 75

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

AN ACT relative to the election of Strafford county commissioners.

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

1 Strafford County; Elected for 2-Year Term; County Commissioner Districts. Amend RSA 653:1, VI(c) to read as follows:

(c) Strafford county-~~[3 county commissioners by all the voters of the county]~~ **one county commissioner by the voters in each county commissioner district;**

2 Strafford County; County Commissioner Districts. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 662:4 to read as follows:

662:4 County Commissioner Districts. ~~[Except for Strafford county where 3 county commissioners shall be elected at large,]~~ For the purposes of choosing county commissioners, the counties shall be divided into districts as follows:

3 Strafford County; County Commissioner Districts. Amend RSA 662:4, IX to read as follows:

IX. Strafford: District 1, the towns of Farmington, Middleton, Milton, New Durham, wards 1, 5, and 6, of the city of Rochester, and wards 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 of the city of Somersworth; District 2, wards 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the city of Dover, and the towns of Durham, Lee, and Rollinsford; District 3, Barrington, wards 5 and 6 of the city of Dover, Madbury, wards 2, 3, and 4 of the city of Rochester, and the town of Strafford.

X. Sullivan: District 1, the town of Cornish and the city of Claremont; District 2, the towns of Croydon, Grantham, Newport, Plainfield, and Springfield; District 3, the towns of Acworth, Charlestown, Goshen, Langdon, Lempster, Sunapee, Unity, and Washington.

4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect for the 2024 general election cycle.

2023-1630s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill changes how county commissioners are elected in Strafford county and sets the county commissioner districts in Strafford county.

The question is on the adoption of the Committee Amendment. Failed.

Senator Gray offered a Floor Amendment.

Sen. Gray, Dist 6

May 10, 2023

2023-1741s

02/08

Floor Amendment to HB 75

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

AN ACT relative to the election of Strafford county commissioners.

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

1 Strafford County; Elected for 2-Year Term; County Commissioner Districts. Amend RSA 653:1, VI(c) to read as follows:

(c) ~~Strafford county-[3 county commissioners by all the voters of the county]~~ **one county commissioner by the voters in each county commissioner district;**

2 Strafford County; County Commissioner Districts. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 662:4 to read as follows:

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X. Sullivan: District 1, the town of Cornish and the city of Claremont; District 2, the towns of Croydon, Grantham, Newport, Plainfield, and Springfield; District 3, the towns of Acworth, Charlestown, Goshen, Langdon, Lempster, Sunapee, Unity, and Washington.

4 Application; Strafford County. The changes in Strafford County commissioner districts established by this act shall not affect constituencies or terms of office of commissioners presently in office. The commissioner districts established by this act shall be in effect for the purpose of electing commissioners at the 2024 state general election. If there shall be a vacancy in a commissioner district for any reason prior to the 2024 state general election, the vacancy shall be filled as provided in law for Strafford County commissioners that existed for the 2022 state general election.

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

2023-1741s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill changes how county commissioners are elected in Strafford county and sets the county commissioner districts in Strafford county.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Senator Murphy introduced students from Mountain View Middle School in Goffstown visiting in the gallery.

The question is on the adoption of the Floor Amendment.

A roll call was requested by Senator Soucy, seconded by Senator Rosenwald.

The following Senators voted Yes: Gendreau, Lang, Gray, Innis, Ward, Ricciardi, Avard, Carson, Murphy, Pearl, Birdsell, Abbas, Gannon, Bradley.

The following Senators voted No: Watters, Prentiss, Fenton, Chandley, Rosenwald, Whitley, Soucy, D'Allesandro, Perkins Kwoka, Altschiller.

Roll Call, Yeas: 14 - Nays: 10. Adopted.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment.

A roll call was requested by Senator Soucy, seconded by Senator Avard.

The following Senators voted Yes: Gendreau, Lang, Gray, Innis, Ward, Ricciardi, Avard, Carson, Murphy, Pearl, Birdsell, Abbas, Gannon, Bradley.

The following Senators voted No: Watters, Prentiss, Fenton, Chandley, Rosenwald, Whitley, Soucy, D'Allesandro, Perkins Kwoka, Altschiller.

Roll Call, Yeas: 14 - Nays: 10. Adopted, bill ordered to Third Reading.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Senator Prentiss introduced students from Bernice A. Ray School in Hanover visiting in the gallery.

HB 87, relative to county responsibility for capital building projects.
Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0. Senator Soucy for the committee.

Senator Soucy moved to Lay on the Table. Adopted.

HB 197-L, relative to the proration of property tax exemptions.
Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2. Senator Murphy for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass.

A roll call was requested by Senator Avard, seconded by Senator Innis.

The following Senators voted Yes: Gendreau, Lang, Gray, Innis, Ward, Ricciardi, Avard, Carson, Murphy, Pearl, Birdsell, Abbas, Gannon, Bradley.

The following Senators voted No: Watters, Prentiss, Fenton, Chandley, Rosenwald, Whitley, Soucy, D'Allesandro, Perkins Kwoka, Altschiller.

Roll Call, Yeas: 14 - Nays: 10. Adopted, bill ordered to Third Reading.

HB 392-FN, relative to constitutional convention procedures for delegates.
Re-refer to Committee, Vote 5-0. Senator Gray for the committee.

Senator Gray moved to Lay on the Table. Adopted.

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

HB 81, establishing a study committee to examine all ancillary charges for propane gas sales.
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-0. Senator Pearl for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Inexpedient to Legislate. Adopted.

HB 174, relative to the filing of notice of intent to cut timber.
Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0. Senator Watters for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass. Adopted, bill ordered to Third Reading.

HB 214, relative to limitations on the designation of a portion of the Merrimack river.
Ought to Pass, Vote 3-0. Senator Birdsell for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass. Adopted, bill ordered to Third Reading.

HB 247-FN, relative to protective well radii.
Ought to Pass, Vote 3-0. Senator Watters for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass. Adopted, bill ordered to Third Reading.

HB 252, exempting agricultural operations from certain municipal noise ordinances.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0. Senator Pearl for the committee.

Energy and Natural Resources

April 26, 2023

2023-1525s

07/05

Amendment to HB 252

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

AN ACT exempting certain agricultural operations from certain municipal noise ordinances.

Amend the bill by replacing sections 1 and 2 with the following:

1 Purpose and Powers of Towns; Noise Ordinances; Agricultural Activities Exempt. Amend RSA 31:39, I(n) to read as follows:

(n) Regulating noise, *except that no "quiet hours" ordinance or bylaw that attempts to regulate noise from activities related to farms, agriculture, and farming as defined in RSA 21:34-a shall be enforceable within a town. This exception shall not apply to agritourism as defined in RSA 21:34-a, II(b)(5).*

2 New Paragraph: Powers of City Councils; Bylaws and Ordinances; Agricultural Activities Exempt. Amend RSA 47:17 by inserting after paragraph XIX the following new paragraph:

XX. No “quiet hours” ordinance or bylaw that attempts to regulate noise from activities related to farms, agriculture, and farming as defined in RSA 21:34-a shall be enforceable within a city. This exception shall not apply to agritourism as defined in RSA 21:34-a, II(b)(5).

2023-1525s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill exempts farming and agricultural operations, excluding agritourism activities, from municipal noise ordinances.

The question is on the adoption of the Committee Amendment. Adopted.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment. Adopted, bill ordered to Third Reading.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Senator Abbas introduced Police Chief Timothy Crowley of Atkinson visiting in the gallery.

HB 534-FN-A, relative to water assistance for natural disasters.
Ought to Pass, Vote 3-0. Senator Birdsell for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass. Adopted, bill ordered to the Committee on Finance (Rule 4-5).

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 457-FN, relative to state treasury pension and insurance fund management.
Ought to Pass, Vote 4-1. Senator Carson for the committee.

Senator Altschiller offered a Floor Amendment.

Sen. Altschiller, Dist 24
April 12, 2023
2023-1364s
08/07

Floor Amendment to HB 457-FN

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

1 New Subparagraph; Investment of Funds; State Treasurer; Conditions. Amend RSA 6:8, II by inserting after subparagraph (e) the following new subparagraph:

(f) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this paragraph, all investments and their management shall be governed by the fiduciary duty to maximize benefits for and act in the best interest of the state or the beneficiaries of the state’s trust funds managed by the treasurer. The treasurer shall report on a quarterly basis to the office of legislative budget assistant regarding compliance with the duty to make investment decisions based upon the fiduciary duty to maximize short or long term financial benefits and act in the best interest for the benefit of the state.

2 Retirement System; Management of Funds. Amend RSA 100-A:15, VIII to read as follows:

VIII.(a) The management, investment, and reinvestment practices for the assets held in trust by the board pursuant to this section shall be subject to review by the legislature.

(b) The independent investment committee and the board of trustees shall report on a quarterly basis to the office of legislative budget assistant regarding compliance with the duty to make all investment decisions solely in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries of the state retirement system.

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

Recess. Out of recess.

The question is on the adoption of the Floor Amendment.

A roll call was requested by Senator Avard, seconded by Senator Lang.

The following Senators voted Yes: Watters, Prentiss, Fenton, Chandley, Rosenwald, Whitley, Soucy, D'Allesandro, Perkins Kwoka, Altschiller.

The following Senators voted No: Gendreau, Lang, Gray, Innis, Ward, Ricciardi, Avard, Carson, Murphy, Pearl, Birdsell, Abbas, Gannon, Bradley.

Roll Call, Yeas: 10 - Nays: 14. Failed.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Senator Innis introduced students from Proctor Academy in Andover visiting in the gallery.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass.

A roll call was requested by Senator Avard, seconded by Senator Lang.

The following Senators voted Yes: Gendreau, Lang, Gray, Innis, Ward, Ricciardi, Avard, Carson, Murphy, Pearl, Birdsell, Abbas, Gannon, Bradley.

The following Senators voted No: Watters, Prentiss, Fenton, Chandley, Rosenwald, Whitley, Soucy, D'Allesandro, Perkins Kwoka, Altschiller.

Roll Call, Yeas: 14 - Nays: 10. Adopted, bill ordered to Third Reading.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

The committee on Enrolled Bills has examined and found correctly Enrolled the following entitled House and/or Senate Bills:

HB 500, relative to prescribing opioids via telehealth medicine.

Without objection the Report of Committee on Enrolled Bills is adopted.

Recess. Out of recess.

President Bradley stated that he inadvertently said HB 457 was Ought to Pass as Amended when it was really Ought to Pass.

JUDICIARY

HB 639-FN-A, relative to the legalization and regulation of cannabis and making appropriations therefor. Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2. Senator Gannon for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Inexpedient to Legislate.

A roll call was requested by Senator Avard, seconded by Senator Lang.

The following Senators voted Yes: Gendreau, Lang, Gray, Innis, Ward, Ricciardi, Avard, Carson, Pearl, Birdsell, D'Allesandro, Abbas, Gannon, Bradley.

The following Senators voted No: Watters, Prentiss, Fenton, Chandley, Rosenwald, Whitley, Murphy, Soucy, Perkins Kwoka, Altschiller.

Roll Call, Yeas: 14 - Nays: 10. Adopted.

Recess. Out of recess.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Senator Fenton introduced Keene Community Adult Education Group visiting in the gallery.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 655-FN, relative to the office of professional licensure and certification. Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2. Senator Carson for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass. Adopted, bill ordered to the Committee on Finance (Rule 4-5).

FINANCE

HB 377-FN, relative to screening and intervention in public schools and public charter schools for dyslexia and related disorders, and establishing an addition to adequate education grants for certain pupils screened for dyslexia and related disorders.

Ought to Pass, Vote 7-0. Senator Birdsell for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass. Adopted, bill ordered to Third Reading.

HB 555-FN-A, appropriating state general fund surplus toward the retirement system unfunded accrued liability. Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-2. Senator Gray for the committee.

Senate Finance

April 19, 2023

2023-1433s

10/

Amendment to HB 555-FN-A

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Revenue Stabilization Reserve Account; Transfer of Surplus Funds. Amend RSA 9:13-e, II to read as follows:

II. There is hereby established within the general fund general ledger a revenue stabilization reserve account. At the close of the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 2001, and at the close of each fiscal biennium thereafter, except as otherwise provided in law, any surplus, as determined by the official audit performed pursuant to RSA 21-I:8, II(a) shall be transferred by the comptroller ***first, as provided in paragraph II-a, and then the remainder*** to a special nonlapsing revenue stabilization reserve account. The comptroller is hereby directed to establish the revenue stabilization reserve account in which to deposit any money received from a general fund operating budget surplus. The state treasurer shall invest funds in this account as authorized by RSA 6:8. The interest so earned shall be deposited as unrestricted general fund revenue.

II-a. Twenty-five percent of the biennial surplus, as determined in the official audit under paragraph II shall be paid to the board of trustees of the New Hampshire retirement system and dedicated to the reduction in the retirement system's unfunded accrued liability determined under RSA 100-A:16, II. This paragraph shall only be effective when:

(a) The balance in the revenue stabilization reserve account is equal to or in excess of an amount equal to 10 percent of the actual general fund unrestricted revenues for the most recently completed fiscal biennium; and

(b) The retirement system reports continuing unfunded accrued liability.

Amend the bill by replacing section 3 with the following:

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

2023-1433s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires the transfer of 25 percent of a state biennial surplus to the reduction in the retirement system's unfunded accrued liability.

Senator Gray moved to Lay on the Table. Adopted.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

HB 217, establishing a committee to study the effects of fluoride on fetuses and children.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 4-1. Senator Birdsell for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Inexpedient to Legislate. Adopted.

HB 642-FN, relative to wait list registry and budget flexibility for services for the developmentally disabled. Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0. Senator Whitley for the committee.

Health and Human Services
 April 26, 2023
 2023-1533s
 07/10

Amendment to HB 642-FN

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

AN ACT relative to budget flexibility for services for the developmentally disabled.

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

1 New Section; Services for the Developmentally Disabled; Budget Flexibility. Amend RSA 171-A by inserting after section 1-d the following new section:

171-A:1-e Budget Flexibility.

I. For persons with approved budgets older than 24 months who require additional funds to carry out the services required in their individual service agreement, due to additional expenditures, such as cost-of-living or other wage and compensation increases, area agencies and authorized agencies may seek additional funds from the department for such funding needs. The department shall allocate existing budget appropriations as set forth in RSA 171-A:8-b as required to meet such funding needs, provided the requested expenditures would promote efficiency, economy, and quality of care pursuant to section 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Social Security Act.

II. The department shall record and track all requests for funding under this section including, but not limited to, the amount of each request, the reason for the request, whether the request was approved and, if denied, the reason for denial. Upon approval of a funding request, area agencies and authorized agencies shall record, and provide the department with, details of the expenditure of such funds, including, but not limited to, the amount of additional funds that are paid to direct support providers, and all details of how the funding is allocated to the person's services and service providers.

2 Prospective Repeal. RSA 171-A:1-e, relative to budget flexibility for services for the developmentally disabled, is repealed.

3 Contingency; Effective Date of Repeal. Section 2 of this act shall become effective on the date the commissioner of the department of health and human services, after consultation with the joint legislative oversight committee on health and human services established in RSA 126-A:13, certifies the full implementation of the developmental services rate redesign to the director of legislative services and the secretary of state, provided that section 2 shall take effect not later than July 1, 2025.

4 Effective Date.

I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect as provided in section 3 of this act.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

2023-1533s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill grants the department of health and human services flexibility to use existing budget appropriations to cover service cost increases under certain circumstances for services for the developmentally disabled.

The question is on the adoption of the Committee Amendment. Adopted.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment. Adopted, bill ordered to Third Reading.

JUDICIARY

HB 31-FN, repealing the prohibition on the possession or sale of blackjacks, slung shots, and metallic knuckles. Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 4-1. Senator Whitley for the committee.

Senator Whitley moved to Lay on the Table. Adopted.

HB 89, relative to posthumous exonerations.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2. Senator Abbas for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Inexpedient to Legislate.

A roll call was requested by Senator Avard, seconded by Senator Lang.

The following Senators voted Yes: Gendreau, Lang, Gray, Innis, Ward, Ricciardi, Avard, Carson, Murphy, Pearl, Birdsell, Abbas, Gannon, Bradley.

The following Senators voted No: Watters, Prentiss, Fenton, Chandley, Rosenwald, Whitley, Soucy, D'Allesandro, Perkins Kwoka, Altschiller.

Roll Call, Yeas: 14 - Nays: 10. Adopted.

HB 97-FN, establishing an additional penalty for a violation of privacy.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0. Senator Carson for the committee.

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Amendment to HB 97-FN

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Paragraph; Breaches of the Peace; Violation of Privacy. Amend RSA 644:9 by inserting after paragraph V the following new paragraph:

VI. Any person who is convicted of a second or subsequent offense under paragraphs I-III-a, based on a complaint which alleged that the person has had one or more prior convictions under paragraphs I-III-a, or under a reasonably equivalent offense in an out-of-state jurisdiction, shall be guilty of a class B felony.

The question is on the adoption of the Committee Amendment. Adopted.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment. Adopted, bill ordered to the Committee on Finance (Rule 4-5).

Recess. Out of recess.

HB 135-FN, prohibiting no-knock warrants.
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2. Senator Abbas for the committee.

Senator Murphy moved to Re-refer to Committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Re-refer to Committee. Adopted.

HB 156, relative to misconduct by a law enforcement officer.
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2. Senator Abbas for the committee.

A roll call was requested by Senator Avard, seconded by Senator Lang.

Senators Avard and Lang withdrew their request for a roll call.

President Bradley stated that the vote on HB 156 will be taken up when Senator D'Allesandro returns.

HB 201-FN, relative to changing the penalties for driving without a license.
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2. Senator Abbas for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Inexpedient to Legislate.

A roll call was requested by Senator Avard, seconded by Senator Lang.

The following Senators voted Yes: Gendreau, Lang, Gray, Innis, Ward, Ricciardi, Avard, Carson, Murphy, Pearl, Birdsell, Abbas, Gannon, Bradley.

The following Senators voted No: Watters, Prentiss, Fenton, Chandley, Rosenwald, Whitley, Soucy, D'Allesandro, Perkins Kwoka, Altschiller.

Roll Call, Yeas: 14 - Nays: 10. Adopted.

HB 156, relative to misconduct by a law enforcement officer.
Pending Motion: Rerefer to Committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Re-refer to Committee.

A roll call was requested by Senator Avard, seconded by Senator Lang.

The following Senators voted Yes: Gendreau, Lang, Gray, Innis, Ward, Ricciardi, Avard, Carson, Murphy, Pearl, Birdsell, Abbas, Gannon, Bradley.

The following Senators voted No: Watters, Prentiss, Fenton, Chandley, Rosenwald, Whitley, Soucy, D'Allesandro, Perkins Kwoka, Altschiller.

Roll Call, Yeas: 14 - Nays: 10. Adopted.

HB 588-FN, relative to the criteria for applying for parole.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2. Senator Abbas for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Inexpedient to Legislate.

A roll call was requested by Senator Avard, seconded by Senator Lang.

The following Senators voted Yes: Gendreau, Lang, Gray, Innis, Ward, Ricciardi, Avard, Carson, Murphy, Pearl, Birdsell, Abbas, Gannon, Altschiller, Bradley.

The following Senators voted No: Watters, Prentiss, Fenton, Chandley, Rosenwald, Whitley, Soucy, D'Allesandro, Perkins Kwoka.

Roll Call, Yeas: 15 - Nays: 9. Adopted.

HB 624-FN, relative to federal immigration checkpoints.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2. Senator Abbas for the committee.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Inexpedient to Legislate.

A roll call was requested by Senator Soucy, seconded by Senator Avard.

The following Senators voted Yes: Gendreau, Lang, Gray, Innis, Ward, Ricciardi, Avard, Carson, Murphy, Pearl, Birdsell, Abbas, Gannon, Bradley.

The following Senators voted No: Watters, Prentiss, Fenton, Chandley, Rosenwald, Whitley, Soucy, D'Allesandro, Perkins Kwoka, Altschiller.

Roll Call, Yeas: 14 - Nays: 10. Adopted.

WAYS AND MEANS

HB 440-FN, relative to the uses of education trust fund.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2. Senator Lang for the committee.

Senate Ways and Means

April 12, 2023

2023-1367s

10/05

Amendment to HB 440-FN

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Education Trust Fund. The introductory paragraph of RSA 198:39, I is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

I. The state treasurer shall establish an education trust fund in the treasury. Moneys in such fund shall not be used for any purpose other than to distribute adequate education grants to municipalities' school districts pursuant to RSA 198:42; to distribute grants to municipalities' school districts and to approved chartered public schools pursuant to RSA 194-B:11; to distribute public school infrastructure grants to municipalities, school districts, and approved chartered public schools pursuant to RSA 198:15-y; to distribute kindergarten grants to municipalities and school districts pursuant to RSA 198:48-C; to provide low and moderate income homeowners property tax relief under RSA 198:56-198:61; to distribute school building aid to school districts pursuant to RSA 198:15-b; to distribute tuition and transportation funds to school districts for students attending career and technical education programs pursuant to RSA 188-E:9; to distribute funds to scholarship organizations approved under RSA 77:G that administer and implement the education freedom accounts program pursuant to RSA 194-F; to distribute phase out grants to municipalities' school districts pursuant

to RSA 194-F; to distribute grants for leased space to approved charter schools pursuant to RSA 198:15-hh; to distribute special education aid to school districts pursuant to RSA 186-C:18; and to fund department of education operating costs for a state student data collection and reporting system. The state treasurer shall deposit into this fund immediately upon receipt:

The question is on the adoption of the Committee Amendment. Adopted.

The question is on the adoption of the motion of Ought to Pass with Amendment.

A roll call was requested by Senator Lang, seconded by Senator Innis.

The following Senators voted Yes: Gendreau, Lang, Gray, Innis, Ward, Ricciardi, Avard, Carson, Murphy, Pearl, Birdsell, Abbas, Gannon, Bradley.

The following Senators voted No: Watters, Prentiss, Fenton, Chandley, Rosenwald, Whitley, Soucy, D'Allesandro, Perkins Kwoka, Altschiller.

Roll Call, Yeas: 14 - Nays: 10. Adopted, bill ordered to the Committee on Finance (Rule 4-5).

MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM EARLY SESSION

Senator Carson moved that the Senate adjourn from the Early Session, that the business of the Late Session be in order at the present time, that all bills and resolutions ordered to Third Reading be, by this resolution, read a third time, all titles be the same as adopted, and that they be passed at the present time.

Adopted. Adjournment from the Early Session.

LATE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

(The Chair recognized Senator Gannon.)

SENATOR GANNON: Personal Privilege. I'll be brief. Thank everyone and Karen Soucy, the staff at the Elliott Hospital, especially Meredith, my PT. Great people at the Elliott, especially the rehab. Fantastic people. Hopefully, Lou and I don't come back there in the near future, Lou. But they are the best. Thank you, Mister President.

(The Chair recognized Senator Altschiller.)

SENATOR ALTSCHILLER: Thank you, Mister President. While we're here, there's been some breaking but familiar news today. There's another mass shooting in Denver, Colorado. Five people are injured. One person is in critical condition. According to the publicly sourced nonprofit Gun Violence Archive, there have been 253 mass shootings in America to date. My hope is that we rise to the occasion and address this carnage realistically before we have to lower another flag to half-mast. Thank you, Mister President.

(The Chair recognized Senator Avard.)

SENATOR AVARD: I just want to thank you and the Senate for all your prayers and for the cards and the beautiful flowers that you sent. And we're just grateful. It's nice that when somebody's hurting in this body, that we all come together, and it's greatly appreciated. Thank you very much.

(The Chair recognized Senator D'Allesandro.)

SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Thank you, Mister President. Unanimous Consent. A number of years ago, I spoke to this body, many of you weren't here, about my grandson, the Blue Ear, who Marvel Comics made a superhero. He was born with a very, very rare mosaic. Mosaic trisomy 22, which indeed is in between retardation, mental retardation, and severe mental problems. Obviously, he doesn't have either one of them, but physically, he's challenged. Today he is, he has gone to the University of Maine, Portland, Gorham to participate in the Model UN meeting. He's debating. Now, here's a kid who can barely hear, who has very great deal of difficulty enunciating, and he's going to the Model UN conference, which proves to me that anything can happen if a kid has the courage and the initiative and the family backing to just make things happen. To make things happen. The BlueEar also runs track. His body, he's always last, but he always finishes. He always finishes because he's courageous and he's committed. It's a great example to live by. Thank you, Mister President.

(The Chair recognized Senator Ricciardi.)

SENATOR RICCIARDI: Thank you, Mister President for the Unanimous Consent to speak. I just want to wish everyone a happy Mother's Day that's all. Have to end on a high note.

PRESIDENT BRADLEY: So, this is more of the announcements. We obviously had a three-week hiatus. Senator Gray is doing a great job on the Finance Committee that has been working diligently during that break from sessions. So, the way it would appear to me is we'll definitely meet on the 18th, the 25th, not so certain that we'll need to meet, if all the FN bills are out by next Wednesday, we'll do an Addendum Calendar. If we're going to be able to do that, we're not going to be able to put bills on consent because of the difficulty of getting the Addendum Calendar done. But if we don't have to meet on the 25th, that'd be great. So, we'll just have to see what happens. We'll meet on the first and slight change of schedule the week of June 5th. My oldest son is getting married in Colorado on June 10th, and I've booked a flight on June 8th to fly to Colorado in the evening. So as long as everybody's good, we're going to come in on the 7th and we'll hopefully only have to deal with the two budget bills, HB 1 and 2, and the Capital Budget. That will be the goal. We'll see what happens. So, for planning purposes. That's the plan. So, so far for next week, we have eleven bills on the Consent Calendar, nine on the Regular Calendar. There'll be the possibility of an addendum, so it should not be quite as long a day as today. If you can get the fiscal note bills out, we may not have to meet on the 25th. So, I think, have I summarized everything pretty well? Good.

Without objection, all Personal Privileges and Unanimous Consent shall be entered into the permanent *Journal of the Senate*. (Rule 2-16 and Rule 2-17). Adopted.

LATE SESSION

Third Reading and Final Passage

HB 35, requiring student identification cards to include the National Eating Disorders Hotline.

HB 42-FN, relative to the operation of certain homeowners' associations.

HB 75, relative to the election of Strafford county commissioners.

HB 136, relative to the department of health and human services collaborating and holding a roll call vote on final proposal of rules with the advisory council prior to departmental rulemaking.

HB 174, relative to the filing of notice of intent to cut timber.

HB 195, relative to the definition of political advocacy organization.

HB 197-LOCAL, relative to the proration of property tax exemptions.

HB 210, relative to fire insurance contracts.

HB 214, relative to limitations on the designation of a portion of the Merrimack river.

HB 215, relative to the adoption of rules by the department of health and human services regarding medication administration by licensed nursing assistants.

HB 238, relative to the role of quality control and the developmental disability service system.

HB 244, relative to the delivery of absentee ballots.

HB 247-FN, relative to protective well radii.

HB 249, establishing regulatory standards for the pet insurance industry and allowing restaurant owners to keep their dog on the premises.

HB 252, exempting certain agricultural operations from certain municipal noise ordinances.

HB 266, relative to notice and public access requirements for hybrid and virtual agency public comment hearings for rulemaking.

HB 275-LOCAL, relative to schools approved for a school tuition program by a school board.

HB 284, relative to financial information regarding requests for bids and proposals and to raise the minimum value of county purchases of equipment or materials which are subject to competitive bidding.

HB 297, relative to the state's dedicated funds review.

HB 308, relative to a quorum for meetings open to the public to include remote presence.

HB 323, relative to establishing a committee on emerging medical technologies.

HB 342-FN, relative to lead testing in children.

HB 349, relative to a special purpose school district for Bridgewater, Hebron, and Groton.

HB 364-FN, relative to transportation for students attending career and technical education centers.

HB 377-FN, relative to screening and intervention in public schools and public charter schools for dyslexia and related disorders, and establishing an addition to adequate education grants for certain pupils screened for dyslexia and related disorders.

HB 426, relative to the regulation of pharmacists-in-charge and pharmacies.

HB 457-FN, relative to state treasury pension and insurance fund management.

HB 479, relative to administrative hearings, automation of electronic notices to insurance licensees, and insurance producer activities.

HB 491, relative to prohibiting the use of the prone restraint for minors.

HB 492-FN, requiring the department of education to provide the house and senate standing committees responsible for education with copies of the laws and rules relative to education.

HB 500, relative to prescribing opioids via telehealth medicine.

HB 519-FN, relative to establishing a chief information security officer for the department of information technology.

HB 530-LOCAL, relative to withdrawal from a cooperative school district.

HB 536, relative to the chartered public school joint legislative oversight committee, and relative to chartered public school use of unused district facilities.

HB 640, relative to cost recovery for vocational rehabilitation programs.

HB 642-FN, relative to budget flexibility for services for the developmentally disabled.

MOTION TO RECESS TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

Senator Carson moved that the business of the day being completed, that the Senate recess to the Call of the Chair for the purposes of introducing legislation, referring bills to committee, scheduling hearings, sending and receiving messages, vacating bills, and processing enrolled bill reports and amendments and when we recess, we recess to the Call of the Chair.

Adopted. The Senate is in recess to the Call of the Chair.