

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT
MINUTES

December 23, 2021

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Thursday, December 23, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Karen Umberger, Chairman
Representative Jess Edwards
Representative Tracy Emerick
Representative Keith Erf
Representative Mary Jane Wallner (Alternate)
Representative Bob Lynn (Alternate)
Representative Joseph Pitre (Alternate)
Senator James Gray (Alternate)
Senate President Chuck Morse
Senator Lou D'Allesandro
Senator Sharon Carson (Alternate)
Senator Cindy Rosenwald

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

RSA 14:30-a, VI, FISCAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS OVER \$100,000 FROM ANY NON-STATE SOURCE:

Taylor Caswell, Commissioner, Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery, responded to questions of the Committee.

FIS 21-395 Governor's Office for Emergency Relief And Recovery – On a motion by Senator Rosenwald, seconded by Senator Morse, that the Committee approve the request of the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery through June 30, 2023 to; Requested Action 2) **Item #1**, contingent upon G&C approval of Requested Action #1; authorize the Department of Administrative Services to accept and expend \$250,000 in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) from the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief And Recovery for HVAC upgrades to provide HEPA filtration in public state buildings for work under contract by December 31, 2021 to the extent the work is completed and paid for by September 30, 2022, and Request Action 2) **Item #2**: contingent upon G&C approval of Requested Action #1; authorize State Agencies to accept and expend \$7,800,000 in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) from the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief And Recovery for expenses of providing paid sick and paid family and medical leave to public employees to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions between March 1, 2020, and December 31, 2021.

A roll call was taken, and the results were as follows:

Representative Edwards – Yes
Representative Emerick – Yes
Representative Erf – Yes
Representative Wallner (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Gray (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Morse – Yes
Senator Carson (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Rosenwald – Yes
Senator D’Allesandro – Yes
Representative Umberger – Yes (10-Yes; 0-No)
MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 21-396 Governor’s Office for Emergency Relief And Recovery – On a motion by Senator Morse, seconded by Senator D’Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Governor’s Office for Emergency Relief And Recovery to amend the following by changing the funding sources from ARPA SFRF to CARES CRF funds through June 30, 2023 to; **1)** amend FIS 21-394, approved December 17, 2021, by changing the funding source for the allocation of \$4,004,000 for testing at the University of New Hampshire lab for Long Term Care Facilities, and **2)** amend FIS 21-361, approved November 19, 2021, by changing the funding source for the allocation of \$8,008,000 for the Department of Health and Human Services contract for COVID-19 At Home Testing with Vault, and **3)** amend FIS #21-315, approved October 22, 2021, by changing the funding source for the allocation of \$4,686,000 for New Hampshire Hospital support for COVID-19 vaccine administration conducted by Federally Qualified Health Centers and voluntary school based and/or community clinics conducted by Regional Public Health Networks, and **4)** amend FIS 21-170, approved June 18, 2021, by changing the funding source for the allocation of \$2,500,000 for the New Hampshire Employment Security Summer Stipend Return to Work Program to incentivize return to work in summer 2021.

A roll call was taken, and the results were as follows:

Representative Edwards – Yes
Representative Emerick – Yes
Representative Erf – Yes
Representative Wallner (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Gray (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Morse – Yes
Senator Carson (Alternate) – Yes
Senator Rosenwald – Yes
Senator D’Allesandro – Yes
Representative Umberger – Yes (10-Yes; 0-No)
MOTION ADOPTED.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

Senator Morse requested a special meeting in early January for presentation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and to act on tabled items.

The Chair scheduled a special meeting for Friday, January 14, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee was previously scheduled for Friday, January 21, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. to be held in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m.



Representative Tracy Emerick, Clerk