

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT
MINUTES
March 13, 2020

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, March 13, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Mary Jane Wallner, Chairman
Representative Ken Weyler
Representative Susan Ford
Representative Lynne Ober
Representative Peter Leishman
Representative Erin Hennessey (Alternate)
Senator Lou D'Allesandro
Senator Dan Feltes (Alternate)
Senator Ruth Ward (Alternate)
Senator Tom Sherman (Alternate)
Senator Martha Fuller Clark (Alternate)

Chairman Wallner opened the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Ober, that the minutes of the February 14, 2020 meeting be accepted as written. MOTION ADOPTED.

LATE ITEM:

FIS 20-050 Department of Health and Human Services – Lori Shibinette, Commissioner, and Kerrin Rounds, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Representative Ford, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services through June 30, 2021 to; 1) accept and expend an estimated \$5,000,000 in federal funds, and 2) contingent upon approval of Request #1, authorization to fund existing, vacant temporary positions. MOTION ADOPTED.

The Department addressed the Committee regarding their plans to recreate the Dashboard and continue submitting the report.

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

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Representative Ober, that item FIS 20-039 Department of Health and Human Services be taken of the Consent Calendar. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 20-039 Department of Health and Human Services – Patricia Tilley, Deputy Director, Division of Public Health, and Kerrin Rounds, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$178,396 in federal funds through June 30, 2020. MOTION ADOPTED.

OLD BUSINESS:

FIS 20-005 Office of Professional Licensure and Certification – On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Representative Ford, that the request tabled January 10, 2020 be removed from the table. MOTION ADOPTED.

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Representative Ford, that the Committee deny the request of the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification to accept and expend \$184,680 in other funds through June 30, 2020, which was tabled January 10, 2020. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 20-029 Department of Education – At the request of Representative Ober, seconded by Representative Weyler, that the request tabled February 14, 2020 seeking authorization through June 30, 2021 to; 1) accept and expend \$10,114,548 in federal funds and 2) establish two (2) full time temporary positions consisting of; a Program Specialist III (LG 23) and an Administrator I (LG 27) be removed from the table.

At the request of Representative Ober, a roll call was taken, and the results were as follows:

- Representative Leishman – No
- Representative Ford – No
- Representative Weyler – Yes
- Representative Ober – Yes
- Senator D’Allesandro – No
- Senator Feltes – No
- Senator Sherman – No

Senator Fuller Clark – No
Senator Ward – Yes
Representative Wallner – No (3-Yes; 7-No)
MOTION FAILED.

NEW BUSINESS:

RSA 9:16-a, II, TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Representative Leishman, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee approve the request under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 20-034 Department of Transportation – authorization to establish a non-budgeted class in an accounting unit and transfer \$983,000 in highway funds between various accounts and classes through June 30, 2020]

RSA 9:16-c, I, TRANSFER OF FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS:

CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Representative Ford, that the Committee approve the request under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 20-035 Department of Environmental Services – authorization to transfer \$71,419 in federal funds in and among classes within an accounting unit through June 30, 2021]

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

At the request of Representative Ober, FIS 20-036 Department of Corrections was removed from the Consent Calendar.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Representative Leishman, that the Committee approve the remaining requests under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 20-037 Department of Corrections – authorization to accept and expend \$213,298 in other funds through April 30, 2020, FIS 20-038 Department of Environmental Services – authorization to budget and expend \$50,000,000 in prior year carryforward other funds under the provisions of RSA 486:14 through June 30, 2021, FIS 20-040 Department of Safety – authorization to accept and expend \$691,200 in other funds through June 30, 2021, and FIS 20-046 New Hampshire Fish and Game Department – authorization to accept and expend \$200,100 in other funds through June 30, 2021]

FIS 20-036 Department of Corrections – Benjamin Jean, Assistant Commissioner, and Robin Maddaus, Director of Administration, Department of Corrections, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Corrections to accept and expend \$267,620 in other funds through June 30, 2021. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 14:30-a, VI FISCAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS OVER \$100,000 FROM ANY NON-STATE SOURCE AND RSA 124:15 POSITIONS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Leishman, that the Committee approve the request under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 20-041 Department of Safety – authorization through June 30, 2021 to; 1) accept and expend \$103,750 in federal funds, and 2) contingent upon approval of Request #1, establish one (1) temporary full-time Program Assistant I (LG 12) position]

RSA 124:15 POSITIONS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

At the request of Representative Weyler, FIS 20-047 New Hampshire Fish and Game Department was removed from the Consent Calendar.

FIS 20-047 New Hampshire Fish and Game Department – Glenn Normandeau, Director, New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department to; 1) create a temporary full-time Supervisor of Volunteer Activities (LG 19) through June 30, 2021. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 206:33-b, TRANSFERS FROM FISH AND GAME FUND:

FIS 20-048 New Hampshire Fish and Game Department – On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Weyler, that the Committee approve the request of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department to transfer \$150,000 from the NH Fish and Game Fund Reserve to the Fish and Game FY 2020 Operating Budget through June 30, 2020. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 345, LAWS OF 2019, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; BUDGET FOOTNOTE:

FIS 20-042 Department of Corrections – Benjamin Jean, Assistant Commissioner, and Robin Maddaus, Director of Administration, Department of Corrections, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Corrections for additional funding in the amount of \$1,696,000 in general funds for prescription drug expenses to cover projected shortfalls for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2020 through June 30, 2020. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 345, LAWS OF 2019, SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE; BUDGET FOOTNOTE:

FIS 20-049 Site Evaluation Committee – Dianne Martin, Chair, Site Evaluation Committee, and Robert Scott, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Services and Vice-Chair Site Evaluation Committee, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Representative Ford, that the Committee approve the request of the Site Evaluation Committee to accept general funds not to exceed \$216,002 from funds not otherwise appropriated through June 30, 2020. MOTION ADOPTED.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

FIS 20-043 Department of Administrative Services – RSA 9:11, II – Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, Joseph Bouchard, Assistant Commissioner, and Dana Call, State Comptroller, Department of Administrative Services, responded to Committee questions pertaining to the Quarterly status report of the State’s fund expenditures for fiscal year 2020 through December 31, 2019.

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

AUDITS:

State of New Hampshire, Lottery Commission, Management Letter, For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, and Kimberly Bisson, Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Charles McIntyre, Executive Director, Lottery Commission, was present to respond to questions of the Committee. Also, present from the Lottery Commission were Lynda Plante, Chief Operating Officer, and James Duris, Chief Financial Officer.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Representative Ober, that the report be accepted, placed on file, and released in the usual manner. MOTION ADOPTED.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee was scheduled for Friday, April 10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.)

/s/ Susan Ford

~~Representative Ken Weyler, Clerk~~
Representative Susan Ford, Acting Clerk