

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT
MINUTES
January 22, 2016

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, January 22, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Neal Kurk, Chairman
Representative Ken Weyler
Representative Lynne Ober
Representative Mary Jane Wallner
Representative Daniel Eaton
Representative Richard Barry (Alternate)
Senator John Reagan (Alternate)
Senate President Chuck Morse
Senator Gerald Little
Senator Lou D'Allesandro
Senator Andy Sanborn

Chairman Kurk opened the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Representative Ober, that the minutes of the December 18, 2015 meeting be accepted as written. MOTION ADOPTED.

OLD BUSINESS:

(A) CHAPTER 276:206, LAWS OF 2015, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; SUNUNU YOUTH SERVICES CENTER; COST SAVINGS PLAN:

FIS 15-229 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to implement the actions contained in the Cost Savings Plan to support the dual purposes within the Sununu Youth Services Center of providing both secure youth detention and psychiatric residential treatment. (FIS 15-229 Additional Information – Letter from Representative Kurk, dated November 18, 2015, containing two separate provisions relative to the funding of the Sununu Youth Services Center). Tabled 12/18/15. No Action Taken.

(B) INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

Note: Presentation of these reports were postponed at the December 18, 2015 Fiscal Committee meeting.

FIS 15-276 University System of New Hampshire – RSA 187-A:25-a – Annual Report for the University System of New Hampshire for fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. No Action Taken.

FIS 15-279 Department of Administrative Services – RSA 21-I:19-g, III-b – Annual report of all light duty trucks whose mileage is at or below the break-even mileage requirement during FY 2015. No Action Taken.

FIS 15-280 Department of Administrative Services – Chapter 319:32, Laws of 2003 – State Employee Health Insurance - report regarding the self-funded health benefits program from July 1, 2015 through October 31, 2015. No Action Taken.

FIS 15-283 Department of Administrative Services - informational item in compliance with Executive Order 2014-02 for the period of March 7, 2015 through June 30, 2015 providing detail of the exceptions granted through the Office of the Governor. No Action Taken.

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:
CONSENT CALENDAR

At the request of Senator Sanborn, FIS 16-002 Office of Energy and Planning, and FIS 16-004 and FIS 16-012 Department of Health and Human Services, be removed from the Consent Calendar.

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator Little, that the Committee approve the remaining requests under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 16-003 New Hampshire Fish and Game Department – authorization to accept and expend \$29,359 in federal funds and \$10,000 in other funds, for a total of \$39,359 through December 31, 2016, FIS 16-010 Department of Environmental Services – authorization to accept and expend \$127,420 in federal funds through June 30, 2017, and FIS 16-011 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to accept and expend \$309,247 in federal funds through June 30, 2017]

FIS 16-002 Office of Energy and Planning – Meredith Hatfield, Director, and Richard Menard, Deputy Director, Office of Energy and Planning 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 the Office of Energy and Planning, to retroactively accept and expend \$300,000 in federal funds effective January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. MOTION ADOPTED.

The Committee requested a copy of the full report to the Department of Energy that the Office of Energy and Planning will submit at the end of the program.

FIS 16-004 Department of Health and Human Services – Jeffrey Meyers, Acting Commissioner, and Sheri Rockburn, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Reagan, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$4,083,670 in federal funds through June 30, 2016. MOTION ADOPTED.

The Committee requested the Department provide the total amount spent for 100% federal funds used for primary care services provided, and required to be paid at Medicare level rates by Congress under the Affordable Care Act, for Calendar Years 2013 and 2014.

FIS 16-012 Department of Health and Human Services – Jeffrey Meyers, Acting Commissioner, and Marcella Bobinsky, Acting Director, Division of Public Health, Department of Health and Human Services, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Representative Wallner, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to accept and expend \$1,727,822 in federal funds through June 30, 2017. MOTION ADOPTED.

The Committee requested the Department provide the cost for each individual receiving services under the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program.

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:

On a motion by Senator Reagan, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee approve the requests under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 16-005 Department of Justice – authorization to; 1) accept and expend \$140,000 in other funds through June 30, 2017, and 2) subject to approval of #1, authorization to establish one (1) full-time temporary Victim Witness Specialist (LG 26) position through June 30, 2017, and FIS 16-016 Department of Safety – authorization to; 1) accept and expend \$257,346 in other funds through September 30, 2016, and 2) subject to approval of #1, authorization to establish two (2) full-time temporary Hearings Examiner Prosecutor (LG 31) positions through September 30, 2016]

RSA 7:12, I, ASSISTANTS:

FIS 16-001 Department of Justice – On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Justice to accept and expend a sum not to exceed \$1,000,000 from funds not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of covering projected shortfalls in the general litigation expenses incurred in the defense of the State and the prosecution of criminal law through June 30, 2016. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 622:28-a, V. INDUSTRIES INVENTORY ACCOUNT:

FIS 16-009 Department of Corrections – On a motion by Senator Reagan, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Corrections to purchase a 20-foot refrigerated box truck in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 in other funds from the Correctional Industries’ Revolving Account through June 30, 2016. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 206, LAWS OF 2015, MEDICAID COVERAGE OF TELEHEALTH SERVICES:

FIS 16-006 Department of Health and Human Services – Jeffrey Meyers, Acting Commissioner, 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 implement a Medicaid telehealth program that complies with the provisions of Chapter 206, Laws of 2015, commencing on July 1, 2016, and which shall include telehealth services provided only by medical specialists and which shall not result in increased cost to the Medicaid program. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 275:1, LAWS OF 2015, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; BUDGET FOOTNOTE ON ACCOUNTING UNIT 8234:

FIS 16-013 Department of Corrections – Helen Hanks, Assistant Commissioner, and Paula Mattis, Director of Medical and Forensic Services, Department of Corrections presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator Sanborn, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Corrections for a 100% General Fund appropriation for an additional \$1,045,837 for medical and dental expenses to cover projected shortfalls for the remainder of State Fiscal Year 2016. MOTION ADOPTED.

As a result of Committee discussion, the Department will get clarification from the Attorney General’s Office regarding the legality of requiring health insurance for inmates on probation and parole. The Department also offered to provide the Committee a copy of the Medical Consumer Price Index and will submit it via the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant.

CHAPTER 276:23, LAWS OF 2015, JUDICIAL BRANCH; TRANSFERS:

FIS 16-018 Administrative Office of the Courts – On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Representative Wallner, that the Committee approve the request of the Administrative Office of the Courts to transfer \$299,800 in general funds between expenditure classes through June 30, 2016. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 276:29, LAWS OF 2015, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; TRANSFER OF FUNDS:

FIS 16-007 Department of Transportation – Marie Mullen, Director of Finance, and Christopher Waszczuk, Director of Project Development, Department of Transportation, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Sanborn, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation to establish various non-budgeted classes in various accounting units and to transfer \$3,500,400 between various accounts and classes through June 30, 2016. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 16-008 Department of Transportation – Marie Mullen, Director of Finance, Department of Transportation responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator D’Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation to establish various non-budgeted classes in various accounting units and to transfer \$136 between various accounts and classes through June 30, 2016. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 276:143, LAWS OF 2015, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; TRANSFER AMONG ACCOUNTS:

FIS 16-014 Department of Health and Human Services – Jeffrey Meyers, Acting Commissioner, and Sheri Rockburn, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services, responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Reagan, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer \$2,859,238 in general funds and increase federal funds in the amount of \$40,141, with no net impact on other revenues through June 30, 2016. MOTION ADOPTED.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

10:30 a.m.

Audits:

State of New Hampshire, Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, Marie Zimmerman, KPMG Partner, and Steve Wallach, KPMG Senior Manager, presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Gerard Murphy, State Comptroller, Department of Administrative Services was present to respond to questions of the Committee.

This report was accepted, placed on file and released at the December 18, 2015 meeting of the Fiscal Committee.

State of New Hampshire, Department of Transportation, Turnpike System, Annual Financial Report For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015 – Jayme Silva, KPMG Partner, and Karen Farrell, KPMG Senior Manager, presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Marie Mullen, Director of Finance, and Len Russell, Financial Reporting Administrator, Department of Transportation, were present to respond to questions of the Committee.

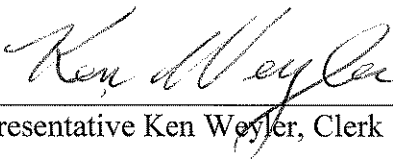
On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Representative Ober, that the report be accepted, placed on file, and released in the usual manner. MOTION ADOPTED.

New Hampshire Lottery Commission, A Department of The State of New Hampshire, Comprehensive Annual Financial Report For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, and James LaRiviere, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Charles McIntyre, Executive Director, and Cynthia Baron, Chief Financial Officer, New Hampshire Lottery Commission, were present to respond to questions of the Committee.

This report was accepted, placed on file and released at the December 18, 2015 meeting of the Fiscal Committee.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee was set for Friday, February 12, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 12:41 p.m.)



Representative Ken Weyler, Clerk