

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT

MINUTES

June 16, 2017

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, June 16, 2017 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
Senator Gary Daniels
Senate President Chuck Morse
Senator Lou D'Allesandro
Senator Andy Sanborn
Senator Regina Birdsell (Alternate)

Chairman Kurk opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Senator Daniels, that the minutes of the May 12, 2017 meeting be accepted as written. MOTION ADOPTED. (8-Yes, 1 Abstain)

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

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Senator Daniels, that the Committee approve the requests under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 17-094 Department of Education – authorization to accept and expend \$2,093,372 in federal funds through June 30, 2017, FIS 17-101 Office of Professional Licensure and Certification – authorization to amend FIS 16-055, approved March 18, 2016, by reallocating \$3,000 in other funds through June 30, 2017, FIS 17-103 Department of Environmental Services – authorization to amend FIS 13-246, originally approved November 22, 2013 and subsequently amended by; FIS 15-117 (July 29, 2015) and FIS 15-239 (December 18, 2015), by reallocating \$70,000 in MTBE Settlement funds through June 30, 2017, and FIS 17-104 Department of Environmental Services – authorization to amend FIS 16-141, approved October 14, 2016, by reallocating \$2,486 in federal funds through June 30, 2017]

RSA 21-I:56 II RECLASSIFICATION OF POSITIONS OR INCREASES:

FIS 17-095 Department of Transportation – David Rodrigue, Director of Operations, and Christopher Waszczuk, Deputy Commissioner, 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 reclassify Position #20222 from Civil Engineer VII, LG 34, to Transportation Operations Administrator, LG 35, in the Department of Transportation, Division of Operations, Bureau of Highway Maintenance. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 228:69, I (b), APPROPRIATION AND USE OF SPECIAL RAILROAD FUND:

FIS 17-098 Department of Transportation – On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation to enter into agreements with Railroad Operators, for an amount not to exceed \$900,000 from the Special Railroad Fund for the maintenance and repair of State-owned railroad lines for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 275:4, LAWS OF 2015, LOTTERY COMMISSION; AUTHORITY GRANTED:

FIS 17-105 New Hampshire Lottery Commission – On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator D’Allesandro that the Committee approve the request of the New Hampshire Lottery Commission to; (1) transfer \$2,645,000 from the Lottery Special Revenue Account for the purchase of instant tickets and related services through June 30, 2017. MOTION ADOPTED.

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

FIS 17-096 Department of Transportation – On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation to transfer \$2,000 in highway funds between various accounts and classes through June 30, 2017. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 17-097 Department of Transportation – On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Daniels, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation to transfer \$3,000 in federal funds between various accounts and classes through June 30, 2017. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 276:143, LAWS OF 2015, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; TRANSFER AMONG ACCOUNTS AND RSA 14:30-a, VI FISCAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS OVER \$100,000 FROM ANY NON-STATE SOURCE:

FIS 17-102 Department of Health and Human Services – On a motion by Senator D’Allesandro, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer \$2,245,092 in general funds, and increase federal revenues in the amount of \$4,275,800 and increase related other revenues in the amount of \$2,531,173 through June 30, 2017. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 276:198, LAWS OF 2015, DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY; TRANSFER AMONG ACCOUNTS:

FIS 17-099 Department of Safety – On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Daniels, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Safety to transfer \$35,400 in other funds among Driver Licensing and Credit Card Fees through June 30, 2017. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 276:219, LAWS OF 2015, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; TRANSFERS:

FIS 17-100 Department of Corrections – On a motion by Representative Ober, seconded by Senator Birdsell, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Corrections to transfer \$513,000 in general funds among accounts through June 30, 2017. MOTION ADOPTED.

LATE INFORMATIONAL ITEM:

FIS 17-106 Department of Health and Human Services – Jeffrey Meyers, Commissioner, and Sheri Rockburn, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee regarding the Modified Operating Statistics Dashboard report as of May 31, 2017 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

FIS 17-092 Department of Administrative Services – Chapter 319:32, Laws of 2003 – Joseph Bouchard, Assistant Commissioner, Catherine Keane, Manager of Risk and Benefits, Risk Management Unit, and Dana Call, State Comptroller, Department of Administrative Services, responded to questions of the Committee regarding the State Employee Health Insurance - report regarding the self-funded health benefits program from July 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017.

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee was set for Friday, August 25, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.)



Representative Ken Weyler, Clerk