

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT
MINUTES

February 14, 2014

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, February 14, 2014 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, Clerk
Representative Peter Leishman
Representative Cindy Rosenwald
Representative Daniel Eaton
Senator Jeanie Forrester
Senator John Reagan (Alternate)
Senate President Chuck Morse
Senator Sylvia Larsen
Senator Andy Sanborn

Chairman Wallner opened the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Senator Forrester, seconded by Representative Rosenwald, that the minutes of the January 10, 2014 meeting be accepted as written. MOTION ADOPTED.

OLD BUSINESS:

FIS 13-081 Additional Information – request from the Members of the Joint Legislative Performance Audit and Oversight Committee dated, December 6, 2013, requesting that the proposed Police Standards and Training Council audit be removed from the table and voted on (FIS 13-081 Letter from Representative Lucy McVitty Weber, Chairman of the Legislative Performance Audit and Oversight Committee relative to the recommendation of the performance audit topics for 5) Police Standards and Training Council, The Council in Performance of its Charter. Tabled 03/08/13.) No Action Taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

RSA 9:16-a, TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Representative Leishman, seconded by Representative Weyler, that the Committee approve the request under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 14-008 Department of Safety – transfer \$175,000]

RSA 9:16-a TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED AND 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 Representative Rosenwald, seconded by Senator Reagan, that the Committee approve the request under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 14-013 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to 1) transfer \$70,637,150 in general funds through June 30, 2015, and 2) accept and expend \$70,952 in federal funds through June 30, 2015]

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 Representative Rosenwald, seconded by Senator Forrester, that the Committee approve the request under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 14-009 Police Standards and Training Council – accept and expend \$323,284]

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 RESTRICTED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

At the request of Senator Sanborn, FIS 14-014 Insurance Department was removed from the consent calendar.

On a motion by Representative Rosenwald, seconded by Senator Forrester, that the Committee approve the remaining requests under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 14-001 Department of Safety – authorization to 1) accept and expend \$149,080.50 in other funds through September 30, 2014, and 2) establish consultant positions through September 30, 2014, FIS 14-015 Board of Pharmacy – authorization to 1) accept and expend \$368,871 in other funds through March 31, 2015, and 2) establish a temporary full-time Administrator I position through March 31, 2015, and 3) extend the end date for a temporary part-time Administrator I position from June 30, 2014 to March 31, 2015 (FIS 13-164, approved July 10, 2013), and FIS 14-019 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to 1) accept and expend \$313,717 in federal funds through June 30, 2015, and contingent upon approval of #1, authorization to 2) establish a consultant line to contract for consultant services with an epidemiologist through June 30, 2015]

FIS 14-014 Insurance Department – Roger Sevigny, Commissioner, and Jennifer Patterson, Esquire, Life, Accident, and Health Legal Counsel, New Hampshire Insurance Department presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Sanborn, seconded by Representative Weyler, that the Committee table the request of the Insurance Department to 1) accept and expend \$2,048,237 in

federal funds for FY 2014 and FY 2015, through December 31, 2014, and authorization to 2) establish consultant positions through December 31, 2014.

Representative Rosenwald requested a roll call.

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

Representative Rosenwald – No

Representative Leishman – No

Representative Weyler – Yes

Senator Forrester – Yes

Senator Reagan – Yes

Senator Morse – Yes

Senator Larsen – No

Senator Sanborn – Yes

Representative Wallner – No

(5-Yes, 4-No) MOTION ADOPTED.

The item was tabled until the Insurance Department could appear before the Joint Health Care Reform Oversight Committee.

RSA 228:12 TRANSFERS FROM HIGHWAY SURPLUS ACCOUNT:

FIS 14-018 Department of Transportation – Christopher Clement, Sr., Commissioner, and Patrick McKenna, Director of Finance, Department of Transportation, presented the request, two (2) handouts, and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation to transfer \$2,250,000 from Highway Surplus to fund winter maintenance activities through June 30, 2014. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 144:56, LAWS OF 2013, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; TRANSFERS:

FIS 14-010 Department of Corrections – On a motion by Representative Leishman, seconded by Senator Reagan, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Corrections to create a new expenditure class and to transfer \$344,946 in general funds within and among accounts through June 30, 2014. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 144:95, LAWS OF 2013, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; TRANSFER OF FUNDS:

FIS 14-002 Department of Transportation – Patrick McKenna, Director of Finance, Department of Transportation, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Larsen, seconded by Senator Reagan, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation to transfer \$85,000 between Highway Fund accounts and classes through June 30, 2014 and to transfer \$85,000 between Highway Fund accounts and classes through June 30, 2015. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 14-011 Department of Transportation – Patrick McKenna, Director of Finance, Department of Transportation, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Representative Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation to transfer \$100,600 between Highway Fund accounts and classes through June 30, 2014. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 14-012 Department of Transportation – On a motion by Representative Leishman, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation to transfer \$103,000 between Turnpike Fund accounting units and classes through June 30, 2014. MOTION ADOPTED.

FIS 14-016 Department of Transportation – On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Reagan, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Transportation to establish a non-budgeted class and to transfer \$4,000 in FY 2014 and \$5,000 in FY 2015 between accounts and classes in the Stickney Avenue Facility accounting unit through June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2015 respectively. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 144:97, LAWS OF 2013, JUDICIAL BRANCH; TRANSFERS:

FIS 14-004 Administrative Office of the Courts – On a motion by Representative Leishman, seconded by Senator Larsen, that the Committee approve the request of the Administrative Office of the Courts to transfer \$265,000 in general funds through June 30, 2014. MOTION ADOPTED.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

The Chair requested that a representative from the Sununu Youth Center be present at the next meeting to discuss informational item FIS 14-006 regarding the January 2014 report of the Department's assessment as to the most appropriate, cost effective, long and short-term uses of the Sununu Youth Services Center.

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

10:30 a.m.

Audits:

The Unique College Investing Plan, Annual Report, September 30, 2013 and The Fidelity Advisor 529 Plan, Annual Report, September 30, 2013 – William Dwyer, Deputy State Treasurer, and Rachel Bradley, representing PricewaterhouseCoopers, presented the reports and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the Unique College Investing Plan, Annual Report, September 30, 2013 report be accepted, placed on file, and released in the usual manner. MOTION ADOPTED.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Representative Eaton, that The Fidelity Advisor 529 Plan, Annual Report, September 30, 2013 report be accepted, placed on file, and released in the usual manner. MOTION ADOPTED.

State of New Hampshire, New Hampshire Veterans' Home, Internal Controls Over The Budget, Performance Audit Report, February 2014 – Richard Mahoney, Director of Audits, and John Clinch, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Division, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant presented the report and responded to questions of the Committee. Margaret LaBrecque, Commandant, New Hampshire Veterans Home, was also present to respond to questions of the Committee.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee was set for Friday, March 21, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

A special meeting will be at the Call of The Chair regarding the tabled Insurance Department item FIS 14-014. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.)



Representative Ken Weyler, Clerk