

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

**SB115**

Bill as  
Introduced

SB 115-FN-A - AS INTRODUCED

2023 SESSION

23-0810  
05/08

SENATE BILL        ***115-FN-A***

AN ACT            relative to making an appropriation to the department of health and human services for the purpose of funding vaccine administration through public health departments.

SPONSORS:        Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Rep. Rochefort, Graf. 1; Rep. Nutter-Upham, Hills. 8; Rep. Telerski, Hills. 11

COMMITTEE:       Finance

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ANALYSIS

This bill makes an appropriation to the department of health and human services to provide funding to public health departments to administer vaccinations that are ineligible for funding under the federal 317 vaccine program to Medicare enrollees.

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Expenditures	\$0	Up to \$20,000		\$0
<b>Funding Source:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Highway	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

**LOCAL:**

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**METHODOLOGY:**

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**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

Department of Health and Human Service

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**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

Department of Health and Human Services

SB 115-FN-A - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Health and Human Services

# Amendments

Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13  
February 15, 2023  
2023-0541s  
05/07

Amendment to SB 115-FN-A

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UNAPPROPRIATED

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# Committee Minutes

ATTENDANCE

SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE  
Finance

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- ✓ Sen James Gray, Chair
- ✓ Sen Daniel Innis, Vice Chair
- ✓ Sen Jeb Bradley, Member
- ✓ Sen Regina Birdsell, Member
- ✓ Sen Howard Pearl, Member
- ✓ Sen Lou D'Allesandro, Member
- ✓ Sen Cindy Rosenwald, Member

START: 2:55 pm  
STOP: 3:09 pm

Date: February 8, 2023

HEARINGS

Tuesday		02/14/2023
(Day)		(Date)
Finance	State House 103	2:30 p.m.
(Name of Committee)	(Place)	(Time)
2:30 p.m.	SB 232-FN-A	making an appropriation to support the work of the New Hampshire Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.
<del>2:45 pm.</del>	<del>SB 115-FN-A</del>	<del>relative to making an appropriation to the department of health and human services for the purpose of funding vaccine administration through public health departments.</del>

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

Sponsors:

SB 232-FN-A  
Sen. Altschiller  
SB 115-FN-A  
Sen. Rosenwald  
Rep. Nutter-Upham

Sen. Prentiss  
Rep. Telerski

Sen. Avard

Rep. Rochefort

Deb Martone 271-4980

James P. Gray  
Chairman



# Senate Finance Committee

*Deb Martone 271-4980*

**SB 115-FN-A**, relative to making an appropriation to the department of health and human services for the purpose of funding vaccine administration through public health departments.

**Hearing Date:** February 14, 2023

**Time Opened:** 2:55 p.m.

**Time Closed:** 3:09 p.m.

**Members of the Committee Present:** Senators Gray, Innis, Bradley, Birdsell, Pearl, D'Allesandro and Rosenwald

**Bill Analysis:** This bill makes an appropriation to the department of health and human services to provide funding to public health departments to administer vaccinations that are ineligible for funding under the federal 317 vaccine program to Medicare enrollees.

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**Sponsors:**

Sen. Rosenwald

Sen. Prentiss

Sen. Avard

Rep. Rochefort

Rep. Nutter-Upham

Rep. Telerski

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**Who supports the bill:** Please see Committee Aide for extensive sign-in sheets.

**Who opposes the bill:** Julie Smith

**Summary of testimony presented in support:**

**Senator Rosenwald, Prime Sponsor:**

- This bill will help solve a problem recently discovered relative to vaccinations for homebound or otherwise underserved seniors.
- Public health networks that serve a region such as Nashua Public Health Department have learned that they cannot use the federal vaccine fund the state gets to pay for their vaccines if they are vaccinating Medicare enrollees. This is because the program which is known as "317" is for adults without insurance or who are underinsured.
- In the case of Nashua's Public Health Department, they provide a range of vaccinations to approximately 100 older residents each year not only in Nashua, but in surrounding towns. The most common vaccines they've been giving are Tdap and Hepatitis. They also do influenza and any approved vaccines.
- This program is important because it serves a population that does not have ready access to other sites of care. In some cases it is a mobile van, although some individuals do get to the public health center.
- The appropriation is \$20,000 for the two-year biennium.

- Medicare changed some of its rules beginning January 1, 2023. Because of this, Nashua wants to propose a very small amendment to SB 115-FN-A.

**Bobbie Bagley, Director, City of Nashua, Division of Public Health and Community Services:**

- SB 115-FN-A is very important to reducing barriers to access for adults seeking vaccination at the local health department.
- Nashua Public Health offers vaccinations through their onsite vaccination clinics, during their mobile outreach van, and in the community at various sites when requested. This occurs pretty much all year round. This gives the maximum opportunity to reaching people where they are, allowing for them to make the choices for vaccine coverage to protect themselves and live their healthiest lives.
- Nashua Public Health encountered challenges that are counter-intuitive to their goal of vaccinating as many as want to be vaccinated to prevent illness in the community, when they had to turn away 100 seniors during November and December.
- The passing of the Inflation Reduction Act in January allows for all Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)-recommended vaccines to be covered with no copay or cost share, which allows for the provision of additional access to many adults. However, Nashua Public Health still faced the challenge of having to turn away those who have Medicare Part B and Part D or the Advantage Plan with prescription coverage if they used 317-funded vaccines.
- The City of Nashua purchases vaccines for Nashua residents, but is also the regional lead for its public health region and often will have residents from surrounding towns attend its vaccination clinics. The requested appropriation will allow Nashua to vaccinate non-Nashua residents who attend the clinics regardless of having Medicare/Medicaid insurances.
- Their ultimate goal is to get vaccines into the arms of those who want to protect their loved ones and themselves.

**Kim Bernard, Chief Public Health Nurse, City of Nashua, Division of Public Health and Community Services:**

- As public health professionals, one of their core roles is protecting and promoting the health of their community. A key factor in facilitating this is through prevention. Through increasing vaccination rates, they can assist in preventing severe illness or death from many communicable diseases.
- Their immunization clinics serve the Greater Nashua Region, which includes Nashua and the 12 surrounding towns. In their clinics they are experiencing challenges in providing vaccines to certain populations due to funding guidelines under the 317 vaccination program. Section 317 of the Public Health Service Act authorizes the federal purchase of vaccines to vaccinate children, adolescents and adults. It is directed towards priority populations such as underinsured adults. Depending upon the type of Medicare an individual has, a vaccine may or may not be covered.
- Children who come to the Nashua clinic, regardless of insurance status, are eligible to receive ACIP-recommended vaccines through funding from both the Vaccine for Children (VFC) Program and State of New Hampshire funding. For

adults, there are barriers for several different populations. If an individual has Medicare Part B and Part D or an Advantage Plan (Part C) with prescription for vaccines, they are not eligible to use 317-funded vaccines such as Tdap or Shingles vaccine. Those clients must be referred to a pharmacy or their health care provider.

- Nashua clinics also have limitations with high dose flu vaccine supply when serving those that live outside of Nashua city limits. (High dose is the dose recommended for those 65 and older.) Regardless of insurance, these clients also need to be referred to a pharmacy or their health care provider.
- Older adults are at higher risk for severe illness with many disease processes. They reach out to Nashua Public Health but are faced with barriers, decreasing access to health care. These older adults may not follow through on going to another facility to get their vaccine due to lack of transportation, mobility or accessibility to appointments.
- For high dose vaccine, Nashua has a city-funded flu vaccine supply for city employees and city residents. The state does not carry high dose flu vaccine; it is purchased directly through a pharmaceutical company. They are unable to use this funding stream for residents who live outside of Nashua.
- If Nashua receives the funding SB 115-FN-A provides, the public health department could directly purchase these vaccines and administer at their clinics for those who do not qualify under 317 funds.
- We need to do better to decrease barriers to health care for all people.
- Senator D'Allesandro inquired as to the demographic of Nashua based on age and category. Director Bagley agreed to secure that information for committee members.

**Ryan Tannian, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Infectious Disease Control, Department of Health and Human Services:**

- They will work with Senator Rosenwald on a small amendment to the bill. Medicare effective January 1, 2023 expanded access through its Medicare Part D Program. However, there are still gaps that do exist for the above-65 aged population. By removing the specific Medicare language in the bill it would provide more flexibility for public health departments, as well as capture other members of the population where gaps exist that may not be eligible for 317 funding, as well as eliminate the access to care barriers.
- Senator Bradley inquired about the 153 doses in the fiscal note of the bill. Where did that number come from? Is it enough? Per Mr. Tannian, with 317 funding there is CDC funding which allows them to purchase vaccine at a discounted rate. The 153 rate is an average.

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Date Hearing Report completed: February 16, 2023

# Speakers



# Senate Remote Testify

Finance Committee Testify List for Bill ~~SB1115~~ on 2023-02-14

Support: 52 Oppose: 1

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>
Smith, Julie	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose
Weber, Jill	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Keegan, John	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
hampton, doris	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Salmon, Nancy	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Coon, Kate	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Straiton, Marie	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Satterfield, peter	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Smith, Jennifer	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Malmberg, Jane	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Blanchard, Sandra	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Damon, Claudia	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Hackmann, Kent	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Spielman, Kathy Sue	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Jones, Andrew	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Devore, Gary	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Bergevin, Leslie	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Laker-Phelps, Gail	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Lindpaintner, Lyn	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Liscord, Barbara	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Walker, Deborah Klein	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Beaty, Sharon	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Allen, Mary Grace	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Staples, Monica	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Bissex, Hannah	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Wessels, Susan	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Hershey, Jane	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Thomas, A	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Martin, Patricia	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Vincent, Laura	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Moore, Susan	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Koch, Laurie	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
MacGregor, Leslie	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
DeMark, Richard	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
DeMark, Harriet	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Koch, Helmut	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Brennan, Nancy	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Richman, Susan	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
perencevich, ruth	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Istel, Claudia	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Torpey, Jeanne	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Lamphier, Regan	An Elected Official	Myself	Support
Raspiller, Cindy	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Brown, Howard	An Elected Official	Myself	Support
Chase, Karen	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Rand, Cindy	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Liberman, Sheryl	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support

FREY, KATE	A Lobbyist	New Futures	Support
Telerski, Laura	An Elected Official	Hillsborough 11	Support
Racusin, Sharon	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
morgan, meredith	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Boudman, roberta	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Bishop, Nancy	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support

# Testimony



Good Afternoon Everyone,

Thank you for having me. My name is Bobbie D Bagley, and I am the Director for the City of Nashua Division of Public Health and Community Services. I am here this afternoon to testify in support of SB 115-FN relative to making an appropriation to the DHHS for the purpose of funding vaccines to be administered at the local health departments. Thank you Senator Rosenwald for introducing and sponsoring this bill and thank you to all of the other sponsors.

This bill is important to reducing barriers to access for adults seeking vaccination at the local health department.

Currently, at the DPHCS we offer vaccinations through our onsite vaccination clinics, during our mobile outreach van, and in the community at various sites when requested, pretty much all year round. This gives the maximum opportunity to reaching people where they are, allowing for them to make the choices for vaccine coverage to protect themselves and live their healthiest lives.

During this past Fall, we encountered challenges that are counter intuitive to our goal of vaccinating as many as want to be vaccinated to prevent illness in the community, when we had to turn seniors away in the months of November and December.

The passing of the Inflation Reduction Act in January allows for all Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended vaccines to be covered with no copay or cost share which allows for the provision of additional access to many adults.

However, we were still met with the challenge of having to turn away those who have Medicare Part B and Part D or the Advantage Plan with prescription coverage at the local health department if we used 317 funded vaccines.

At the City of Nashua we purchase vaccines for Nashua residents, we are however the regional lead for our public health region and will have residents from surrounding towns attend our vaccination clinics. This funding will allow for us to vaccinate those adults who attend the clinics that are not Nashua residents and regardless of having Medicare/Medicaid insurances. Our ultimate goal is to get vaccines in the arms of those who want them to protect their loved ones.

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# City of Nashua

Division of Public Health & Community Services

18 Mulberry Street, Nashua, NH 03060



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February 14, 2023

RE: SB115

Honorable Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Kim Bernard, I live and work in Nashua. I am the Chief Public Health Nurse at the DPHCS. I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 115 and thank Senator Rosenwald for sponsoring this bill. As public health professionals, one of our core roles is protecting and promoting the health of our community. A key factor in facilitating this is through prevention. Through increasing vaccination rates, we can assist in preventing severe illness or death from many communicable diseases

Our immunization clinics serve the Greater Nashua Region, which includes Nashua and the 12 surrounding towns. In our clinics, we are experiencing challenges in providing vaccines to certain populations due to funding guidelines under the 317 vaccination program. Section 317 of the Public Health Service Act authorizes the federal purchase of vaccines to vaccinate children, adolescents and adults. It is directed towards priority populations such as underinsured adults. Dependent on the type of Medicare an individual has, a vaccine may or may not be covered.

For instance, children who come to our clinic, regardless of insurance status, are eligible to receive ACIP (Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices) recommended vaccines through funding from both the Vaccine for Children (VFC) program and State of NH funding. For adults, there are barriers for several different populations. For example, if an individual has Medicare Part B and Part D (or an Advantage Plan (part C) with prescription coverage for vaccines) they are NOT eligible to use 317 funded vaccine such as Tdap [Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (whooping cough)] or Shingles vaccine. We have to refer these clients to a pharmacy or their health care provider.

Our clinics also have limitations with high dose Flu vaccine supply (high dose is the dose recommended for those 65 and older) when serving those that live outside of Nashua city limits. Regardless of insurance, we also have to refer these clients to a pharmacy or their health care provider.

This is an issue because older adults are at higher risk for severe illness with many disease processes. They are reaching out to their public health department and we are putting up barriers; decreasing access to health care when we turn clients away. They may not follow through on going to another facility to get their vaccine due to reasons such as transportation, mobility or accessibility to appointments.

For high dose flu vaccine, we have City funded flu vaccine supply for City employees and City residents. The State does not carry high dose flu so it is purchased directly through a pharmaceutical company. We are unable to use this funding stream for residents who live outside of Nashua.

Recently, we had a couple, in their 90's, that came to our clinic looking for high dose flu shots. Since they lived in a town outside of Nashua, but within our region, we could not use our high dose flu supply. They then asked if they could receive the regular flu vaccine. We had to turn them away, since they were insured. As you can image, we felt terrible turning away this couple as well as other individuals in the same situation.

If we receive the funding that this bill would provide, the public health department could directly purchase these vaccines and administer at our clinics for those who do not qualify under 317 funds. As a local health department, we have the opportunity to bring vaccines into the community to help decrease barriers such as a local senior center, senior activity center and to small, rural towns within our region.

We need to do better to decrease barriers to health care for all people. I urge you to vote in favor of SB15 and Thank you for the opportunity to speak in favor of this bill.

Thank you for your time,



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References:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz-managers/guides-pubs/qa-317-funds.html>

<https://www.medicare.gov/coverage/shingles-shots>

## Debra Martone

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**Subject:** Data for the Finance Committee for SB 115

**From:** Bagley, Bobbie <[bagleyb@nashuanh.gov](mailto:bagleyb@nashuanh.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2023 6:37 PM  
**To:** Bagley, Bobbie <[bagleyb@nashuanh.gov](mailto:bagleyb@nashuanh.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Data for the Finance Committee for SB 115

Hello Senator Rosenwald,

Just for clarification on the vaccination uptake. This is for this past year of 2022. The numbers may have been higher had we not turned away hundreds of folks when we were told we were not allowed to vaccinate them. Thank you.

***Prevention Works Best in Partnership!***

- 1. Protect Yourself and Others***
- 2. Stay Home When You Are Sick***
- 3. Wash Your Hands Frequently***
- 4. Avoid Touching Your Face, Eyes, Nose and Mouth***
- 5. Cover Your Cough and Sneezes***

*Bobbie*

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**From:** Bagley, Bobbie  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2023 5:26 PM  
**To:** 'Cindy Rosenwald' <cindy.rosenwald@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Data for the Finance Committee for SB 115

Hello Senator Rosenwald,

Thank you once again for sponsoring SB 115 FN-A. I am glad that we were able to join the meeting yesterday to testify in support of funding this bill. As requested here is the data requested by Senator D'Alessandro.

This is the age demographic for those over 65 in the Greater Nashua Region:

Nashua	16,436
Amherst	2,126
Brookline	427
Hollis	1,785
Hudson	4,565
Litchfield	1,350
Lyndeborough	271
Mason	201
Merrimack	4,514
Milford	1,588
Mont Vernon	370
Pelham	2,103
Wilton	96
Total	19,396

This data comes from the American Community Survey as current as 2021. Milford, Mount Vernon, Pelham and Wilton's data is from 2020.

With regards to what we see in our clinic for vaccination uptake in this age demographic:

A total of 812 vaccines were administered to persons 65 and older. This data doesn't include ALL COVID vaccines administered due to the combination of vini/vams/NHIS and does not include those who chose to opt out of NHIS. The breakdown of those 812 vaccines were:

Vaccine	DOSES Administered to 65>
High Dose Influenza	140
Shingrix	331
COVID	221
Tdap	71
Total of above	763

I hope this answers the Senator’s question regarding the demographics. If there is any other information that can be useful, please let me know what else I can get to you. Thank you for all you do on behalf of NH residents and the Greater Nashua Region in particular.

**Prevention Works Best in Partnership!**

- 1. Protect Yourself and Others**
- 2. Stay Home When You Are Sick**
- 3. Wash Your Hands Frequently**
- 4. Avoid Touching Your Face, Eyes, Nose and Mouth**
- 5. Cover Your Cough and Sneezes**

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***“What have you done today to change the world?”***

In fond memory of Dr. Selma Deitch  
 Founder of Child Health Services  
 Manchester, NH

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# Voting Sheets

# Senate Finance Committee

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bill # SB 115-FN-A

Hearing date: 02/14/23

Executive session date: 03/14/23

Motion of: OTP

VOTE: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Made by</u> Gray <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Seconded</u> Gray <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Reported</u> Gray <input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Senator:</u> Innis <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>by Senator:</u> Innis <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>by Senator:</u> Innis <input type="checkbox"/>
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Motion of: Move'd #0541s

VOTE: 7-0

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<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Reported out by</u>
Senator Gray, Chairman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Innis, Vice-Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Bradley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Birdsell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Pearl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator D'Allesandro	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Rosenwald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Amendments: OTP/A D'Allesandro Move  
7-0 Bradley 2nd

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_



# Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
SENATE  
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 16, 2023

THE COMMITTEE ON Finance

to which was referred **SB 115-FN-A**

AN ACT

relative to making an appropriation to the department of health and human services for the purpose of funding vaccine administration through public health departments.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 7-0

AMENDMENT # 1027s

Senator Cindy Rosenwald  
For the Committee

Deb Martone 271-4980

# Docket of SB115

Docket Abbreviations

**Bill Title:** relative to making an appropriation to the department of health and human services for the purpose of funding vaccine administration through public health departments.

Official Docket of **SB115** .:

Date	Body	Description
1/19/2023	S	<b>Introduced</b> 01/05/2023 and Referred to Finance; <b>SJ 4</b>
2/8/2023	S	<b>Hearing:</b> 02/14/2023, Room 103, SH, 02:45 pm; <b>SC 10</b>
3/16/2023	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment <b>#2023-1027s</b> , 03/23/2023; <b>SC 14</b>
3/23/2023	S	Committee Amendment <b>#2023-1027s</b> , AA, VV; 03/23/2023; <b>SJ 11</b>
3/23/2023	S	<b>Ought to Pass with Amendment</b> 2023-1027s, MA, VV; 03/23/2023; <b>SJ 11</b>
3/23/2023	S	Sen. Gray Moved Laid on Table, MA, VV; 03/23/2023; <b>SJ 11</b>
3/23/2023	S	Pending Motion OT3rdg; 03/23/2023; <b>SJ 11</b>

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NH House

NH Senate

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# Other Referrals

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Bill Number: SB 115-FN-A

Senate Committee: FINANCE

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Final docket found on Bill Status

**Bill Hearing Documents: (Legislative Aides)**

- Bill version as it came to the committee
- All Calendar Notices
- Hearing Sign-up sheet(s)
- Prepared testimony, presentations, & other submissions handed in at the public hearing
- Hearing Report
- Revised/Amended Fiscal Notes provided by the Senate Clerk's Office

**Committee Action Documents: (Legislative Aides)**

All amendments considered in committee (including those not adopted):

- amendment # 05415      \_\_\_ - amendment # \_\_\_\_\_
- amendment # 10275      \_\_\_ - amendment # \_\_\_\_\_
- Executive Session Sheet
- Committee Report

**Floor Action Documents: (Clerk's Office)**

All floor amendments considered by the body during session (only if they are offered to the senate):

- \_\_\_ - amendment # \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_ - amendment # \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ - amendment # \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_ - amendment # \_\_\_\_\_

**Post Floor Action: (if applicable) (Clerk's Office)**

- \_\_\_ Committee of Conference Report (if signed off by all members. Include any new language proposed by the committee of conference):
- \_\_\_ Enrolled Bill Amendment(s)
- \_\_\_ Governor's Veto Message

**All available versions of the bill: (Clerk's Office)**

- as amended by the senate      \_\_\_ as amended by the house
- \_\_\_ final version

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