

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT

MINUTES

February 19, 2015

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Neal Kurk, Chair
Representative Ken Weyler
Representative Lynne Ober
Representative Cindy Rosenwald (Alternate)
Representative Daniel Eaton
Representative Karen Umberger (Alternate)
Representative Richard Barry (Alternate)
Senator Jeanie Forrester
Senate President Chuck Morse
Senator Gerald Little
Senator Andy Sanborn
Senator Lou D'Allesandro

Chairman Kurk opened the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Ober, that the minutes of the January 23, 2015 meeting be accepted as written. MOTION ADOPTED

OLD BUSINESS:

FIS 15-010 Department of Health and Human Services – November 2014 Operating Statistics Dashboard report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 was held over at the Committee's request that the Attorney General speak to the Committee relative to the Department of Health and Human Services treatment of the FY 2014 and FY 2015 balance of funds in accounting unit 05-95-48-48510-5642 Nursing Services – County Participation and the applicable organization note as presented by the Department at the January 23, 2015 meeting.

Ann Rice, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice responded to questions of the Committee and agreed to meet with Senate members for further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

RSA 9:16-a TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the Committee approve the request under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 15-030 Department of Safety – transfer \$310,000]

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

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Rosenwald, that the Committee approve the requests under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. [FIS 15-016 Department of Environmental Services – transfer \$53,870, and FIS 15-031 Department of Environmental Services – transfer \$76,500]

RSA 9:16-c, I, TRANSFER OF FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS 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 Eaton, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request under this section as submitted. MOTION FAILED. (3-Yes, 7-No) [FIS 15-017 Department of Safety – authorization to 1) transfer \$9,692 in federal funds through June 30, 2015 and 2) accept and expend \$190,845 in federal funds through June 19, 2015]

At the request of Senate President Morse, the Committee recessed a 3:15 p.m. and reconvened at 3:19 p.m.

On a motion by Senator Sanborn, seconded by Senator Forrester, that the Committee table the request under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOTPED. (7-Yes, 3-No) [FIS 15-017 Department of Safety – authorization to 1) transfer \$9,692 in federal funds through June 30, 2015 and 2) accept and expend \$190,845 in federal funds through June 19, 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 Senator Sanborn, seconded by Senator Forrester, that the Committee table the requests under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. (7-Yes, 3-No) [FIS 15-012 Department of Health and Human Services – accept and expend \$1,818,182, FIS 15-019 Department of Health and Human Services – accept and expend \$334,000, FIS 15-020 Department of Health and Human Services – accept and expend \$3,935,131, and FIS 15-038 Office of Energy and Planning – accept and expend \$36,000]

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

On a motion by Senator Sanborn, seconded by Senator Forrester, that the Committee table the requests under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. (7-Yes, 3-No) [FIS 15-018 Department of Education – authorization to 1) accept and expend \$145,243.11 in federal funds, and 2) authorization to establish two (2) part-time temporary positions through June 30, 2015 consisting of; an Assistant Administrator (LG29) and a Program Specialist II (LG21), FIS 15-021 Department of Justice – authorization to 1) accept and expend \$120,367 in other funds through June 30, 2015, and contingent upon approval of #1, 2) authorization to establish one (1) full-time temporary Planning Analyst/Data Systems (LG24) position through June 30, 2015, FIS 15-032 Department of Safety – authorization to 1) accept and expend \$149,518 in other funds through June 30, 2015, and 2) further authorization to establish consultant positions through June 30, 2015, and FIS 15-033 Department of Education – authorization to 1) accept and expend \$1,949,991 in federal funds through June 30, 2015, and 2) further authorization to establish two (2) full-time temporary positions through June 30, 2015 consisting of; a Program Specialist III (LG23) and a Program Assistant II (LG15)]

RSA 124:15 POSITIONS RESTRICTED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Senator Sanborn, seconded by Senator Forrester, that the Committee table the request under this section as submitted. MOTION ADOPTED. (7-Yes, 3-No) [FIS 15-022 Department of Justice – authorization to establish one (1) full-time temporary unclassified Criminal Justice Investigator position (unclassified BB) 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 AND CHAPTER 3:7, II, LAWS OF 2014, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; CONTRACTING; TRANSFER AMONG ACCOUNTS:

FIS 15-034 Department of Health and Human Services – On a motion by Senator Sanborn, seconded by Senator Forrester, that the Committee table the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to 1) accept and expend \$2,932,930 in federal funds through June 30, 2015, and 2) transfer \$301,672.86 in federal funds through June 30, 2015. MOTION ADOPTED. (7-Yes, 3-No)

RSA 177:2, II, CLOSING OF STATE STORES:

FIS 15-026 New Hampshire Liquor Commission – Steve Kiander, Chief Financial Officer, and Mary Ellen Emmerling, Administrator, Financial Management Division, New Hampshire Liquor Commission presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator D'Allesandro, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the Committee approve the request of the New Hampshire Liquor Commission for approval of the Indirect Cost Allocation Plan for State Fiscal Year 2015. MOTION ADOPTED.

CHAPTER 144:31, LAWS OF 2013, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES;
TRANSFER AMONG ACCOUNTS AND CLASSES:

FIS 15-036 Department of Administrative Services – On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Administrative Services to transfer \$364,575 within and among accounting units and create one (1) new expenditure class through June 30, 2015. MOTION ADOPTED.

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

FIS 15-024 Department of Corrections – Robert Mullen, Director of Administration, Department of Corrections 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 Corrections to create new expenditure classes and to transfer \$692,139 in general and other funds within and among accounting units through June 30, 2015. MOTION ADOPTED.

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

FIS 15-013 Administrative Office of The Courts – On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, that the Committee approve the request of the Administrative Office of The Courts to transfer \$252,000 in general funds through June 30, 2015. MOTION ADOPTED.

LATE ITEM:

FIS 15-039 Department of Transportation – Patrick McKenna, Deputy Commissioner, and William Janelle, Director of Operations, Department of Transportation, presented the request, a handout, and 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 transfer \$8,835,000 from Highway Surplus to fund winter maintenance activities through June 30, 2015. MOTION ADOPTED.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Jeffrey Pattison, Legislative Budget Assistant, requested approval to fill one (1) staff auditor position in the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, Audit Division.

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Representative Ober, that the Committee approve the request of the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant to fill one (1) staff auditor position in the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, Audit Division. MOTION ADOPTED.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

Nicholas Toumpas, Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services, responded to questions of the Committee regarding December Dashboard, explaining that he signed the Dashboard, which had not changed, and that he was scheduled to meet with the Legislative Budget Assistant and the Governor's Office and planned to submit it after that meeting.

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

10:00 a.m.

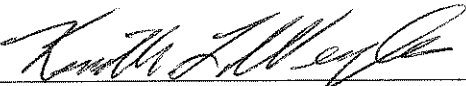
Audits:

The Unique College Investing Plan Annual Report, September 30, 2014 and The Fidelity Advisor 529 Plan Annual Report, September 30, 2014 – Stephen Smith, Director of Audits, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, Rachel Bradley, Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and William Dwyer, State Treasurer, presented the reports and responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Senator D'Allesandro, 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 set for Friday, April 3, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.)



Representative Ken Weyler, Clerk