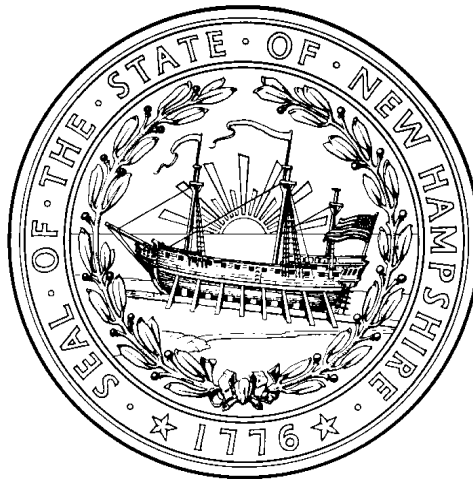


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SENATE CALENDAR

VETO MESSAGE

July 28, 2014

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 391

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on July 28, 2014, I have vetoed Senate Bill 391, an act relative to the juvenile justice advisory board, the policies and procedures of the youth development center and a reduction in appropriation to the Sununu Youth Services Center.

The original legislation was well intentioned; however, a last-minute decision in conference committee resulted in a bill that I cannot support. As passed, Senate Bill 391 fundamentally shifts New Hampshire juvenile justice policy in a direction that could too strongly emphasize incarceration. This shift raises serious concerns and merits significant public debate and discussion, which unfortunately the final version of this bill did not receive.

At the direction of the legislature through Senate Bill 349 in 2012, the Department of Health and Human Services has been working to integrate the Division of Children, Youth and Families and Juvenile Justice. That integration has not always been smooth, and it has also been challenged by legislatively mandated budget cuts specific to the Sununu Center. But, as the legislature decided just two years ago, there is significant value in integrating our system for helping children in need, and moving away from an institutional/incarceration model to the extent possible.

This bill would require a separate director of Juvenile Justice, equivalent to the director of the Division of Children, Youth and Families. The legislation requires that the director of Juvenile Justice also be the director of the Sununu Youth Services Center.

My office, and the department, had worked hard with legislators and supported a compromise that would have clarified the membership and responsibilities of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board and would have provided a meaningful opportunity for continued review and evaluation in the integration of these essential services.

Unfortunately, this legislation abruptly reverses state policy by once again isolating juvenile justice services from other services to children and youth, and it goes a step further by emphasizing the "incarceration" component of these services. As a state, we recognize the potential long-term negative impacts of incarceration on the rehabilitation of juvenile offenders.

While institutionalization is sometimes unavoidable given the danger some youthful offenders represent to themselves and to others, as a state we have worked to increase community placements and reduce the length of stays for children at the Sununu Center. Of the 1400 children currently under the supervision of juvenile justice services, only about 60 are in the Sununu Center. Yet, this legislation places the director of the Sununu Center in charge of all juvenile services. Such a fundamental shift in policy comes with a high cost to both children and taxpayers and would take New Hampshire in the wrong direction.

The original legislation began as an effort to re-establish and clarify the responsibilities of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board. That is an effort I do support, and I will work to implement to the extent possible that portion of the legislation through an Executive Order.

In addition, the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and I share a belief that we do need a fundamental examination of our juvenile justice system and the Sununu Center, especially as we prepare to return 17 year-olds to New Hampshire's juvenile justice system. Therefore the Department of Health and Human Services will engage an independent, organization with national expertise to conduct a review of the Sununu Center and juvenile justice services, and to make recommendations on how we can improve our juvenile justice structure, management and policies.

An integrated, community-based approach is both the most likely to help youthful offenders put their lives back on track, and the most cost-effective for the state. This bill would undo our efforts to move in that direction. Therefore, I have vetoed Senate Bill 391.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Wood Hassan
Governor

MEETINGS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2014

COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF FUNDING A KINDERGARTEN TO COLLEGE/ CAREER READY PROGRAM AND A UNIVERSAL COLLEGE SAVINGS ACCOUNT (HB 1146, Chapter 122:1, Laws of 2014)

10:00 a.m. Room 207, LOB Organizational Meeting

COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE LAWS RELATING TO CONDOMINIUM AND HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS (RSA 356-B:70)

10:00 a.m. Room 202, LOB Regular Meeting

ELECTRIC UTILITY RESTRUCTURING LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 374-F:5)

10:00 a.m. Rooms 302-304, LOB Regular Meeting

LEGISLATIVE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 19-K:1)

1:00 p.m. Representatives Hall, SH Seminar

3:00 p.m. Room 206, LOB Continued Seminar

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2014

JOINT LEGISLATIVE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE (RSA 17-I:1)

11:00 a.m. Room 101, LOB Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2014

ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a)

9:30 a.m. Room 301, LOB Regular Meeting

STATE SUGGESTION AND EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE AWARD EVALUATION COMMITTEE (RSA 99-E:1, I)

9:30 a.m. Room 101, LOB Regular Meeting

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2014

COMMISSION TO STUDY PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS TO FUND MEDICAL CARE FOR ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN (RSA 169-C:39-j)

1:00 p.m. Room 206, LOB Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2014

COASTAL RISK AND HAZARDS COMMISSION (RSA 483-E:1)

10:00 a.m. NH DES Portsmouth Regional Office Regular Meeting
Pease International Tradeport
222 International Drive, Suite 175
Portsmouth NH

GUARDIAN AD LITEM BOARD (RSA 490-C:1)

11:00 a.m. Room 101, LOB Regular Meeting

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2014

COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE LAWS RELATING TO THE NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS' HOME (HB 1136, Chapter 88:1, Laws of 2014)

11:00 a.m. Room 203, LOB Organizational Meeting

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2014

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2)

9:00 a.m. Rooms 305-307, LOB Regular Meeting

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 126-A:13)

12:30 p.m. Rooms 205-207, LOB Regulatory Work Group of the Long
Term Care Subcommittee

2:00 p.m. Rooms 205-207, LOB Long Term Care Subcommittee

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2014

WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 281-A:62)

9:00 a.m. Room 307, LOB Regular Meeting

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, AND TREATMENT (RSA 12-J:1)

9:30 a.m. Rooms 205-207, LOB Regular Meeting

MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2014

NH COLLEGE TUITION SAVINGS PLAN ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 195-H:2)

9:00 a.m. NH Higher Education Assistance Foundation Investment Meeting
4 Barrell Court
Concord, NH

10:00 a.m. NH Higher Education Assistance Foundation Quarterly Meeting
4 Barrell Court
Concord, NH

OIL FUND DISBURSEMENT BOARD (RSA 146-D:4)

9:00 a.m. Room 305, LOB Regular Meeting

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2014

COMMISSION TO STUDY PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS TO FUND MEDICAL CARE FOR ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN (RSA 169-C:39-j)

9:30 a.m. Room 206, LOB Regular Meeting

INTERBRANCH CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE COUNCIL (RSA 651-E)

10:00 a.m. Room 204, LOB Regular Meeting

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2014

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAX EXPENDITURE REVIEW (RSA 71-C:3)

10:00 a.m. Room 202, LOB Organizational Meeting

COMMISSION ON PRIMARY CARE WORKFORCE ISSUES (RSA 126-T)

2:00 p.m. NH Medical Society Regular Meeting
7 North State Street
Concord, NH

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2014

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2)

9:00 a.m. Rooms 305-307, LOB Continued Meeting

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

PUBLIC WATER ACCESS ADVISORY BOARD (RSA 233-A:2, I)

9:00 a.m. NH Fish and Game Headquarters Regular Meeting
 11 Hazen Drive
 Concord, NH

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2014

STATE SUGGESTION AND EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE AWARD EVALUATION COMMITTEE (RSA 99-E:1, I)

9:30 a.m. Room 101, LOB Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2014

LONG RANGE CAPITAL PLANNING AND UTILIZATION COMMITTEE (RSA 17-M:1)

11:00 a.m. Room 201, LOB Regular Business

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2014

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2)

9:00 a.m. Rooms 305-307, LOB Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2014

GUARDIAN AD LITEM BOARD (RSA 490-C:1)

1:00 p.m. Room 101, LOB Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2014

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT (RSA 14:30-a)

10:00 a.m. Rooms 210-211, LOB Regular Business

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NOTICES

SENATE CALENDAR SUMMER SCHEDULE

The Senate Calendar will begin its summer schedule, of being published every two weeks. The schedule will start the first week in July until the last week in September. The schedule for the Senate Calendar is as follows:

Thursday, 08/14/14

Thursday, 08/28/14

Thursday, 09/11/14

Thursday, 09/25/14

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2014 AND THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2014

Health Services is inviting you to be refreshed or trained in CPR for adult, child and infant; use of automated external defibrillator (AED) for adult and child; and basic first aid. Classes will be held in Room 308 of the LOB on Wednesday, September 17th and Thursday, September 18th with two sessions available each day, one from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and one from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. One small class in CPR/AED can save a life. Please contact the Health Services Office at 271-2757 to reserve a spot.

Senator Nancy F. Stiles

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SENATE SCHEDULE

Monday, September 1, 2014	Labor Day (State Holiday)
Tuesday, November 11, 2014	Veterans' Day (State Holiday)
Thursday, November 27, 2014	Thanksgiving Day (State Holiday)
Friday, November 28, 2014	Day after Thanksgiving (State Holiday)
Wednesday, December 03, 2014	Organization Day
Thursday, December 25, 2014	Christmas Day (State Holiday)