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**First Year of the 164<sup>th</sup> Session of the  
New Hampshire General Court**

## SENATE CALENDAR

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**THE SENATE WILL MEET IN SESSION ON  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2015 AT 10:00 A.M.**

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**VETO MESSAGE**

May 8, 2015

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 101

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on May 8, 2015, I have vetoed Senate Bill 101, an act prohibiting the state from requiring implementation of Common Core standards.

New Hampshire's economic competitiveness depends on our ongoing commitment to ensuring that our students and workers have the skills needed to compete in the future. Senate Bill 101 serves no real function as it prohibits non-existent requirements. But allowing it to become law would have real and lasting consequences to New Hampshire's economic competitiveness by sending a damaging signal that our state is not committed to the education standards necessary to prepare a 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce. That is why the business community and the education community joined together to oppose this legislation. The New Hampshire Business and Industry Association has called for a veto, writing "SB101 undermines New Hampshire's commitment to higher educational standards and sends a message mediocre is okay."

No school district is required to implement Common Core under current New Hampshire law, thus there is no need to pass a law exempting districts from compliance. School districts are already well aware that they have such a choice. In fact, Manchester underwent an extensive process to write its own standards. At the end of the day, Manchester ended up with standards that are quite similar to the Common Core standards, reflecting that Common Core is a common-sense framework – developed from the ground up in a bipartisan process led by Governors and Chief School Officers – for ensuring that our children are ready for careers and/or college.

Our schools need to prepare our young people to compete in the global, 21<sup>st</sup> century innovation economy, and college- and career-readiness standards are critical to that effort, which is why Common Core has the support of educators and businesses, and of Republicans and Democrats. As this bill has no practical impact, its purpose appears to be that of sending a message, and it is the wrong message. New Hampshire must be clear that it is committed to developing a 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce and citizenry, that it welcomes innovation, and that it is modernizing its education system to reflect those values. Legislation like Senate Bill 101 undermines the importance of high standards in education and the work that New Hampshire's Department of Education and Board of Education do every day to ensure that our students are college ready and prepared to enter the workforce. It also undermines similar locally led efforts as well.

Instead of legislation aimed at undermining college- and career-readiness standards like Common Core – we should be focused on continually improving the education we offer our children. This focus should help schools implement new standards effectively and build on New Hampshire's status as a leader in competency-based education. We should be celebrating and building on innovative programs like our groundbreaking Performance Assessment for Competency Education (PACE), a locally managed assessment process. PACE empowers our students and our teachers by reducing the level of standardized testing in favor of more locally managed assessments that will be integrated into a student's day-to-day work, and that improves the effectiveness of project-based 21<sup>st</sup> century learning.

As we work together to make sure that our students have access to a rigorous education, it is critical that we continue to do so in the New Hampshire way, with local school districts continuing to have the authority, flexibility and responsibility to meet the best interests of their children. And we need to continue to improve outreach so that we can enhance understanding of modern and rigorous standards among all stakeholders and citizens so that we are working together in a rapidly changing economy to prepare our young people for the future.

This legislation is unnecessary and its passage would send a message to the business and education community that New Hampshire does not value high standards in education, standards that will help prepare our future workforce for success in the innovation economy. Therefore, I have vetoed Senate Bill 101.

Respectfully submitted,

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Margaret Wood Hassan  
Governor

## LAID ON THE TABLE

**HB 227**, relative to eminent domain on public lands. **04/30/2015, pending motion, Inexpedient to Legislate, Public and Municipal Affairs, SJ 12, pg. 359**

**HB 276**, providing that school districts shall not be required to adopt the common core standards. **05/07/2015, pending motion, Inexpedient to Legislate, Education, SJ 13, pg. 384**

**HB 403-FN**, repealing the law relative to providing certain parameters for access to reproductive health care facilities. **05/14/2015, No Pending Motion, Judiciary, SJ 14, pg. 403**

**HB 411**, prohibiting the payment of subminimum wages to persons with disabilities. **04/30/2015, pending motion, OT3rdg, Commerce, SJ 12, pg. 348**

**HB 563-FN**, relative to funding for chartered public school pupils. **05/14/2015, pending motion, OT3rdg, Education, SJ 14, pg. 397**

**HB 618-FN**, relative to penalties for the possession of marijuana. **06/04/2015, pending motion, Ought to Pass, Judiciary, SJ 17**

**HB 658-FN**, prohibiting collective bargaining agreements that require employees to join a labor union. **04/30/2015, pending motion, Ought to Pass, Finance, SJ 12, pg. 358**

**SB 1-FN-A**, reducing the rate of the business profits tax. **03/19/2015, pending motion, OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 9, pg. 203**

**SB 2-FN-A**, reducing the rate of the business enterprise tax. **03/19/2015, pending motion, OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 9, pg. 203**

**SB 6-FN-A**, increasing the research and development tax credit against the business profits tax. **02/19/2015, pending motion, OT3rdg, Ways and Means, SJ 6, pg. 81**

**SB 34-FN-L**, establishing a voluntary tax disclosure program and a tax amnesty program in the department of revenue administration. **03/12/2015, pending motion, Refer to Finance Rule 4-5, Ways and Means, SJ 8, pg. 180**

**SB 37**, limiting the requirements for live testimony by medical professionals in civil actions. **03/26/2015, pending motion, Committee Amendment 0992s, Judiciary, SJ 10, pg. 303**

**SB 42**, relative to employee notification of contraceptive coverage. **03/05/2015, pending motion, Ought to Pass, Commerce, SJ 7 pg. 95**

**SB 79**, relative to appointment of inspectors of election. **02/12/2015, pending motion, Committee Amendment 0107s, Public and Municipal Affairs, SJ 5, pg. 69**

**SB 87**, relative to wake on a certain area of the Piscataqua River. **02/19/2015, pending motion, Inexpedient to Legislate, Transportation, SJ 6, pg. 82**

**SB 95**, relative to the authority of the department of state. **03/05/2015, pending motion, Re-refer to committee, Finance, SJ 7, pg. 99**

**SB 107-FN**, prohibiting collective bargaining agreements that require employees to join or contribute to a labor union. **03/05/2015, no pending motion, Commerce, SJ 7, pg. 97**

**SB 130**, relative to participation in the immunization registry. **03/19/2015, pending motion, Re-refer to committee, Health and Human Services, SJ 9, pg. 205**

**SB 156-FN**, prohibiting discrimination against employees who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. **03/05/2015, pending motion, Ought to Pass, Commerce, SJ 7, pg. 97**

**SB 185-FN**, extending the New Hampshire health protection program. **03/12/2015, pending motion, Inexpedient to Legislate, Health and Human Services, SJ 8, pg. 168**

**SB 196-FN-A-L**, appropriating funds to the department of environmental services for the purpose of funding eligible water supply land protection costs under the state aid grant program. **02/12/2015, pending motion, OT3rdg, Energy and Natural Resources, SJ 5, pg. 64**

**SB 201-FN-A**, increasing the annual limit on the new investment tax credit. **03/05/2015, pending motion, OT3rdg, Ways and Means, SJ 7, pg. 105**

**SB 205-FN**, relative to the governor's office and the legislature under the electioneering law. **03/12/2015, pending motion, Ought to Pass as Amended, Judiciary, SJ 8, pg. 173**

**SB 212-FN**, relative to the membership and duties of the juvenile justice advisory board and the Sununu Youth Services Center. **03/12/2015, pending motion, OT3rdg, Health and Human Services, SJ 8, pg. 168**

**SB 215-FN-A**, establishing an option to rebate the research and development tax credit against business profits taxes. **03/05/2015, pending motion, OT3rdg, Ways and Means, SJ 7, pg. 105**

**SB 217-FN**, establishing a job creation tax credit against business enterprise taxes. **03/05/2015, pending motion, OT3rdg, Ways and Means, SJ 7, pg. 106**

**SB 220-FN-A**, establishing a tax amnesty program and making an appropriation therefor. **03/12/2015, pending motion, Inexpedient to Legislate, Ways and Means, SJ 8, pg. 182**

**SB 228-FN-L**, relative to the maximum total education grant, adjustment of stabilization grants, and adequate education funding for full-day kindergarten pupils. **03/05/2015, pending motion, OT3rdg, Education, SJ 7, pg. 98**

**SB 229-FN-A**, appropriating funds to the department of environmental services for the purpose of restoring and protecting waters of the southeast watershed in accordance with EPA guidelines. **02/12/2015, pending motion, OT3rdg, Energy and Natural Resources, SJ 5, pg. 65**

**SB 233-FN-A**, relative to state revenue and expenditures for fiscal year 2015. **03/05/2015, pending motion, Inexpedient to Legislate, Finance, SJ 7, pg. 100**

**SB 253**, relative to the enactment of ordinances by municipalities permitting an assessment on hotel occupancy for the use of municipal services. **03/26/2015, pending motion, Re-refer to committee, Public and Municipal Affairs, SJ 10, pg. 311**

## MEETINGS

***FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2015***

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

|           |                                                                                                                 |                 |
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| 9:00 a.m. | NH DES Portsmouth Regional Office<br>Pease International Tradeport<br>222 International Drive<br>Portsmouth, NH | Regular Meeting |
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### **ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a)**

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|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 9:30 a.m. | NH Department of Revenue Administration<br>109 Pleasant Street<br>Concord, NH | Poles, Wires and Conduits<br>Subcommittee Meeting |
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### **STATE SUGGESTION AND EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE AWARD EVALUATION COMMITTEE (RSA 99-E:1, I)**

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|-----------|---------------|-----------------|
| 9:30 a.m. | Room 101, LOB | Regular Meeting |
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### **TELECOMMUNICATIONS PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 12-A:46)**

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|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 10:00 a.m. | NH Department of Resources &<br>Economic Development<br>172 Pembroke Road<br>Concord, NH | Quarterly Meeting |
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## ***MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2015***

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

|           |                                                        |                                                                                                        |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1:30 p.m. | Trial Courts Center<br>45 Chenell Drive<br>Concord, NH | Regular Meeting<br>Presentation on the authorization<br>of the New Hampshire Health<br>Protection Plan |
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## ***TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2015***

### **COMMISSION ON RURAL AFFAIRS (RSA 9-A:5)**

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| 10:30 a.m. | Rooms 100, SH | Regular Meeting |
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## ***THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2015***

### **COMMISSION ON POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AND TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (RSA 115-D)**

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|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 2:30 p.m. | NH Department of<br>Health and Human Services<br>129 Pleasant Street<br>Concord, NH | Regular Meeting |
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## ***FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2015***

### **ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BOARD (RSA 125-O:5-a)**

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| 9:00 a.m. | PUC Office<br>21 South Fruit Street<br>Concord, NH | Regular Meeting |
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### **JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2)**

|           |                    |                 |
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| 9:00 a.m. | Rooms 305-307, LOB | Regular Meeting |
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### **GUARDIAN AD LITEM BOARD (RSA 490-C:1)**

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| 11:00 a.m. | Room 101, LOB | Non-Public session of the<br>Complaint Review Committee |
| 1:00 p.m.  | Room 101, LOB | Regular Meeting                                         |

### **COMMISSION TO STUDY PATHWAYS TO ORAL HEALTH CARE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 317-A:21-f)**

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|-----------|---------------|-----------------|
| 2:00 p.m. | Room 102, LOB | Regular Meeting |
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## ***MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2015***

### **COMMISSION TO STUDY SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION EDUCATION IN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS (RSA 189:69)**

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| 9:00 a.m. | Room 101, LOB | Regular Meeting |
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### **OIL FUND DISBURSEMENT BOARD (RSA 146-D:4)**

|           |               |                 |
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| 9:00 a.m. | Room 305, LOB | Regular Meeting |
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### **NEW HAMPSHIRE COMMISSION ON DEAFNESS AND HEARING LOSS (RSA 125-Q)**

|           |               |                 |
|-----------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1:30 p.m. | Room 205, LOB | Regular Meeting |
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## ***THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2015***

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

|           |                                                           |                 |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 2:00 p.m. | NH Medical Society<br>7 North State Street<br>Concord, NH | Regular Meeting |
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## ***FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2015***

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

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

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

9:30 a.m.                      NH Department of Revenue Administration   Regular Meeting  
109 Pleasant Street  
Concord, NH

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

9:30 a.m.                      Rooms 301-303, LOB                      Regular Meeting

### **NEW HAMPSHIRE RAIL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (RSA 238-A:2)**

9:30 a.m.                      Room 204, LOB                      Regular Meeting

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

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

## ***TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2015***

### **WELLNESS AND PRIMARY PREVENTION COUNCIL (RSA 126-M:3)**

10:00 a.m.                      Room 205, LOB                      Regular Meeting

## ***FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2015***

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

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

## ***THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2015***

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

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

### **COMMISSION ON POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AND TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (RSA 115-D)**

2:30 p.m.                      Rooms 305-307, LOB                      Regular Meeting

## ***FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2015***

### **ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BOARD (RSA 125-O:5-a)**

9:00 a.m.                      PUC Office                      Regular Meeting  
21 South Fruit Street  
Concord, NH

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

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

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**FISCAL NOTE ADDITIONS AND UPDATES HAVE BEEN AMENDED TO THE BILLS ON THE WEB SITE AND ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SENATE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR THE FOLLOWING 2015 BILLS:**

**SENATE BILLS:** 1, 2, 8, 20, 25, 29, 30, 34, 40, 84, 93, 104, 106, 108, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 120, 125, 132, 133, 135, 138, 151, 157, 186, 188, 190, 191, 192, 195, 202, 203, 205, 210, 211, 213, 214, 216, 217, 221, 227, 228, 229, 230, 238, 239, 256, 258, 259, 260, 261, 265, SCR 1

**HOUSE BILLS:** 25, 108, 109, 177, 200, 206, 216, 255, 258, 305, 364, 380, 391, 422, 450, 455, 476, 521, 550, 553, 554, 564, 577, 584, 593, 597, 616, 618, 628, 648, 681

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**ENROLLED BILL AMENDMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SENATE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR 2015 BILLS:**

**SENATE BILLS:** 11, 14, 20, 38, 46, 56, 60, 80, 86, 134, 161, 171, 187, 194, 202, 244

**HOUSE BILLS:** 119, 126, 130, 158, 175, 275, 279, 310, 336, 361, 408, 422, 467, 520, 522, 607, 664

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## NOTICES

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2015**

The 41st Annual Bill White & Junie Blaisdell Ceremonial & Memorial Legislative Golf Tournament for the benefit of Veterans Count, the philanthropic arm of Easter Seals NH Military & Veterans Services, is scheduled for Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at Beaver Meadow Golf Club located in Concord, NH. The entry fee for this annual tournament is \$80 per legislator and legislative staff and \$100 for all others. Entry fees must be received by Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.

Registration begins at 7:15 a.m. and the shotgun start is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. The format is a "Scramble".

Sign-up as a foursome or sign-up by yourself in order to be placed in a foursome (subject to availability of open slots).

Please return your completed entry form and payment no later than Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. (Please note that, for planning purposes, payment must be made no later than Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. All entry forms received after Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup> will be assessed a \$25 late admittance fee per player. Cancellation must occur two weeks prior to the tournament date to receive a refund).

Checks should be made payable to: NH Legislative Golf Committee.

Mailed to: Bob Blaisdell, Demers & Blaisdell, Inc., 72 North Main Street, Suite 301, Concord, NH 03301.

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**41<sup>st</sup> Annual Bill White & Junie Blaisdell Ceremonial & Memorial Legislative Golf Tournament**  
**Beaver Meadow Golf Course**  
**Concord, NH**

Names of Players:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Senator Chuck W. Morse, Senate President

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## LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE

The Legislative Ethics Committee has voted to issue the following advisory opinion, which is printed below in its entirety.

### Advisory Opinion 2015-1 Response to a Request for an Advisory Opinion from Senator Dan Feltes and Senator Donna M. Soucy (June 3, 2015)

Senator Dan Feltes and Senator Donna M. Soucy have sought an Advisory Opinion about whether acceptance of payment for the costs of travel, lodging, and meals related to a proposed trip to Israel, sponsored by the American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF), will qualify for exemption from the prohibition on “Gifts” under RSA 15-B:3, as “Expense Reimbursement” under RSA 15-B:5.

According to a memorandum and an agenda submitted by AIEF, the purpose of the trip is to attend an educational seminar comprised of “meetings, briefings and site visits that highlight the vital importance of the US-Israel relationship.” The educational seminar would be structured to showcase Israeli approaches to issues that are relevant to the State of New Hampshire, such as public health care, homeland and border security, law enforcement in a democratic society, protecting civil liberties, information-based economic development, comparative democracy, renewable energy, water conservation, comparative business-labor relations, the role of first responders, and the preservation of historical and natural landmarks.

Based on the information provided by Sen. Feltes and Sen. Soucy about the trip’s purpose and activities, acceptance of the payment of expenses associated with the trip would qualify for the exemption. See Interpretive Ruling 2013-1.

The Senators must report their attendance in accordance with RSA 15-B:6.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance.

Donna Sytek, Chairman  
Senator Sharon M. Carson, Vice Chairman  
Representative Janet G. Wall  
Senator Martha Fuller Clark  
Representative David A. Welch  
Honorable John A. Graham  
Attorney David H. Bradley

For the Committee,  
Donna Sytek  
Chairman

[Vote: 7-0]

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## SENATE SCHEDULE

|                              |                                                     |
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| Thursday, June 18, 2015      | Deadline to SIGN Committee of Conference Reports.   |
| Thursday, June 25, 2015      | Deadline to ACT on Committee of Conference Reports. |
| Friday, July 03, 2015        | Independence Day (State Holiday)                    |
| Monday, September 07, 2015   | Labor Day (State Holiday)                           |
| Wednesday, November 11, 2015 | Veterans’ Day (State Holiday)                       |
| Thursday, November 26, 2015  | Thanksgiving Day (State Holiday)                    |
| Friday, November 27, 2015    | Day after Thanksgiving (State Holiday)              |
| Friday, December 25, 2015    | Christmas Day (State Holiday)                       |