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

## SENATE CALENDAR

## HEARINGS

### ***TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2015***

#### **COMMERCE**, Room 100, SH

Sen. Prescott (C), Sen. Bradley (VC), Sen. Cataldo, Sen. Soucy, Sen. Pierce

1:00 p.m.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING RE-REFERRED BILLS**

**HB 353**, relative to the governance of condominium unit owners' associations.

**SB 3-FN**, relative to payment for reasonable value of services.

**SB 18**, prohibiting the use of PVC piping as a flue material for venting combustion gases.

**SB 100**, relative to home heating fuel deliveries in the winter.

**SB 128-FN**, relative to pharmacy benefit managers paying claims.

**SB 131-FN**, authorizing individuals and certain businesses to purchase health insurance from out-of-state companies.

**SB 158**, relative to notice required prior to foreclosure.

**SB 177**, relative to tip pooling.

### ***WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2015***

#### **PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS**, Room 102, LOB

Sen. Birdsell (C), Sen. Boutin (VC), Sen. Stiles, Sen. Lasky, Sen. Kelly

10:00 a.m.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING RE-REFERRED BILLS**

**HB 331**, relative to absences among selectmen on election day.

**HB 502**, relative to petitions for verification of checklists.

**HB 529**, relative to party conventions.

**HB 689**, relative to adoption of a default budget.

**SB 4**, relative to domicile for voting purposes.

**SB 175**, relative to the regulation of blighted property.

**SB 198-FN-L**, allowing all voters to vote by absentee ballot.

### ***TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2015***

#### **CAPITAL BUDGET**, Room 103, SH

Sen. Daniels (C), Sen. Boutin (VC), Sen. Forrester, Sen. D'Allesandro, Sen. Kelly

1:00 p.m.

Informational meeting on proposed Merrimack County Courthouse

### ***TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015***

#### **FINANCE**, Room 103, SH

Sen. Forrester (C), Sen. Little (VC), Sen. Morse, Sen. Reagan, Sen. D'Allesandro, Sen. Hosmer

1:00 p.m.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON RE-REFERRED BILLS**

## MEETINGS

### ***FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2015***

#### **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 Business
10:30 a.m.	Rooms 210-211, LOB	Audits State of New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services Food Protection Section Performance Audit Report July 2015 (Postponed July 29, 2015)

**BOARD OF MANUFACTURED HOUSING (RSA 205-A:25)**

1:00 p.m.	Room 307, LOB	Regular Meeting
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**PERMISSIBLE FIREWORKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 160-C:13)**

1:00 p.m.	NH Fire Academy 98 Smokey Bear Boulevard Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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**THERAPEUTIC USE OF CANNABIS ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 126-X:9)**

1:00 p.m.	Room 205, LOB	Regular Meeting
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***MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2015*****COMMISSION TO STUDY ISSUES RELATING TO STUDENTS RECEIVING SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES WHILE ATTENDING A CHARTERED PUBLIC SCHOOL (RSA 186-C:30)**

9:00 a.m.	Room 207, LOB	Regular Meeting
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**OIL FUND DISBURSEMENT BOARD (RSA 146-D:4)**

9:00 a.m.	Room 305, LOB	Regular Meeting
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**COMMISSION TO STUDY REVENUE ALTERNATIVES TO THE ROAD TOLL FOR ELECTRIC-POWERED AND HYBRID VEHICLES FOR THE FUNDING OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE STATE'S HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES (RSA 21-J:48)**

10:00 a.m.	Room 201, LOB	Regular Meeting
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**COMMITTEE TO STUDY NON-ACADEMIC SURVEYS OR QUESTIONNAIRES ADMINISTERED BY A PUBLIC SCHOOL TO ITS STUDENTS (HB 206, Chapter 161:1, Laws of 2015)**

1:00 p.m.	Room 102, LOB	Regular Meeting
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**COMMITTEE TO STUDY EXOTIC AQUATIC WEEDS AND EXOTIC AQUATIC SPECIES OF WILD-LIFE IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 487:30)**

3:00 p.m.	Room 307, LOB	Regular Meeting
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***TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2015*****COMMITTEE TO STUDY PUBLIC ACCESS TO POLITICAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION (SB 92, Chapter 151:1, Laws of 2015 and HB 304, Chapter 66:1, Laws of 2015)**

9:30 a.m.	Room 100, SH	Regular Meeting
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**COMMISSION TO REVIEW CHILD ABUSE FATALITIES (RSA 169-C:39-k)**

10:00 a.m.	Room 102, LOB	Regular Meeting
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**COMMISSION TO STUDY OVERSIGHT, REGULATION, AND REPORTING OF PATIENT SAFETY AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL ISSUES IN HEALTH CARE SETTINGS (RSA 126-A:68)**

10:00 a.m.	Room 304, LOB	Regular Meeting
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**COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE CLASSIFICATIONS OF MILITARY VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT THAT MAY BE PURCHASED BY THE STATE AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS (HB 407, Chapter 232:1, Laws of 2015)**

10:00 a.m.	Room 301, LOB	Organizational Meeting
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**COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE USE OF MOTORIZED SCOOTER CHAIRS ON ROADWAYS AND SIDEWALKS** (HB 134, Chapter 53:1, Laws of 2015)

11:30 a.m. Room 203, LOB Organizational Meeting

**COMMITTEE TO STUDY FACILITATING PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY** (HB 382, Chapter 38:1, Laws of 2015)

1:00 p.m. Room 304, LOB Regular Meeting

**COMMITTEE TO STUDY POLICIES WHICH IT DETERMINES ARE NECESSARY FOR DYSLEXIC STUDENTS** (HB 519, Chapter 172:1, Laws of 2015)

1:00 p.m. Room 307, LOB Regular Meeting

**COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE ADOPTION OF LOW-IMPACT HOUSING DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES** (HB 268, Chapter 3:1, Laws of 2015)

1:00 p.m. Room 301, LOB Organizational Meeting

**PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE** (RSA 187-A:28-a)

1:00 p.m. Room 207, LOB Organizational Meeting

**COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE USE OF ABANDONED RAILROAD BEDS FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES** (SB 80, Chapter 116:1, Laws of 2015)

2:30 p.m. Room 103, LOB Regular Meeting

**COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE** (RSA 19-A:14)

3:00 p.m. Room 302, LOB Regular Meeting

***WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2015***

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

10:00 a.m. Room 100, SH Regular Meeting

**COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EXPANSION OF RIGHTS OF DEFENSE AND INDEMNIFICATION UNDER RSA 99-D TO PROCEEDINGS AGAINST STATE EMPLOYEES BEFORE PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARDS** (RSA 99-D:10)

10:30 a.m. Room 103, SH Regular Meeting

**NH BRAIN AND SPINAL CORD INJURY ADVISORY COUNCIL** (RSA 137-K:2)

6:00 p.m. Whole Village Family  
Resource Center  
258 Highland Street  
Plymouth, NH Public Forum

***THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2015***

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON DEDICATED FUNDS** (RSA 6:12-i)

1:00 p.m. Room 202, LOB Regular Meeting

***SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2015***

**GAMES FOR CHARITY STUDY COMMISSION** (RSA 284:6-b)

3:30 p.m. Seabrook Park  
319 New Zealand Road  
Seabrook, NH Tour of Selected Charitable  
Gaming Facilities (Lower South  
Eastern Part of the State)

***MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2015***

**COMMISSION TO STUDY ISSUES RELATING TO STUDENTS RECEIVING SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES WHILE ATTENDING A CHARTERED PUBLIC SCHOOL** (RSA 186-C:30)

9:00 a.m. Room 207, LOB Regular Meeting

**COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE CREATION OF A SPECIAL VILLAGE DISTRICT IN DANBURY**  
(HB 486, Chapter 240:3, Laws of 2015)

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

***TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2015***

**COMMITTEE TO STUDY CREATING A NUMBER PLATE COMMEMORATING LACONIA MOTOR-CYCLE WEEK** (SB 252, Chapter 108:1, Laws of 2015)

9:00 a.m. Room 103, LOB Regular Meeting

**COMMITTEE TO STUDY LIMITING THE SULFUR CONTENT OF LIQUID FUELS** (SB 208, Chapter 37:2, Laws of 2015)

9:00 a.m. Room 101, LOB Regular Meeting

**COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF A CLUB ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR OFF HIGH-WAY RECREATIONAL VEHICLES (OHRVs)** (SB 173, Chapter 34:1, Laws of 2015)

9:00 a.m. Room 103, SH Regular Meeting

**COMMITTEE TO STUDY CERTAIN ISSUES RELATIVE TO THE CONTROLLED DRUG PRESCRIPTION HEALTH AND SAFETY PROGRAM** (SB 31, Chapter 48:10, Laws of 2015)

10:00 a.m. Room 101, LOB Regular Meeting

**COMMITTEE TO STUDY SHORT-TERM RENTALS BY HOMEOWNERS AND OWNERS OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES** (HB 531, Chapter 197:2, Laws of 2015)

10:00 a.m. Room 301, LOB Organizational Meeting

**COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE FUNDING OF STATE AID GRANTS UNDER RSA 486, RSA 486-A, AND RSA 149-M** (HB 511, Chapter 15:1, Laws of 2015)

10:00 a.m. Room 305, LOB Regular Meeting

**COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE USE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT DETAILS AND FLAGGERS FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL ON MUNICIPALLY MAINTAINED ROADS** (SB 234, Chapter 81:1, Laws of 2015)

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

**COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE IMPLEMENTATION OF DECOUPLING FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE UTILITIES** (RSA 374-F:4-a)

12:00 p.m. Room 101, LOB Organizational Meeting

**COMMITTEE TO STUDY GOVERNMENT IMMUNITY FROM SUIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY BY ITS CITIZENS** (SB 41, Chapter 175:1, Laws of 2015)

1:00 p.m. Room 100, SH Regular Meeting

**NEW HAMPSHIRE CONSERVATION NUMBER PLATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE** (RSA 261:97-d)

1:00 p.m. Room 307, LOB Regular Meeting

***WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2015***

**COMMITTEE TO STUDY ISSUES CONCERNING PARKING FOR THOSE WITH WALKING DISABILITIES** (SB 171, Chapter 155:1, Laws of 2015)

9:00 a.m. Room 103, LOB Regular Meeting

**COMMISSION ON USE OF POLICE PERSONNEL FILES** (RSA 105:13-c)

1:00 p.m. Room 303, LOB Regular Meeting

**COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE ADEQUACY AND SAFETY OF SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH UBER AND EXISTING TAXI SERVICES** (SB 254, Chapter 257:1, Laws of 2015)

1:00 p.m. Room 102, LOB Regular Meeting

### ***THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2015***

**COMMISSION TO STUDY THE STANDARDS FOR COLLABORATIVE PHARMACY PRACTICE (RSA 318:16-c)**

9:00 a.m. Room 205, LOB Regular Meeting

**COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE FORMULA FOR DISTRIBUTION OF MEALS AND ROOMS TAX REVENUES (SB 213, Chapter 181:1, Laws of 2015)**

10:00 a.m. Room 103, LOB Regular Meeting

### ***FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2015***

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

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

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 12-A:46)**

10:00 a.m. NH Department of Resources & Economic Development  
172 Pembroke Road  
Concord, NH Quarterly Meeting

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

11:00 a.m. Room 205, LOB Regular Meeting

**COMMITTEE TO STUDY PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS FOR INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION (SB 88, Chapter 184:1, Laws of 2015)**

1:30 p.m. Room 101, LOB Regular Meeting

### ***TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015***

**COMMITTEE TO STUDY PUBLIC ACCESS TO POLITICAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION (SB 92, Chapter 151:1, Laws of 2015 and HB 304, Chapter 66:1, Laws of 2015)**

9:30 a.m. Room 100, SH Regular Meeting

**GAMES FOR CHARITY STUDY COMMISSION (RSA 284:6-b)**

10:00 a.m. Walker Building, Room 100  
21 Fruit Street  
Concord, NH Regular Meeting

**COMMISSION TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE MANUFACTURING PROCESSES AND RETAIL SALES AT MANUFACTURING FACILITIES (RSA 175:10)**

1:00 p.m. Room 103, SH Organizational Meeting

### ***THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2015***

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

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

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

9:30 a.m. Room 304, LOB Subcommittee Work Session  
on HB 547, 2015 Session

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

2:30 p.m. Rooms 206-208, LOB Regular Meeting

### ***FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2015***

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

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

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

9:30 a.m. Room 304, LOB Regular Meeting

**COMMISSION TO STUDY MENTAL HEALTH IMPLEMENTATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 135-C:63-b)**

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

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

2:00 p.m. Room 101, LOB Regular Meeting

***MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015*****INTERBRANCH CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE COUNCIL (RSA 651-E:2)**

1:30 p.m. Room 204, LOB Regular Meeting

***TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2015*****COMMITTEE TO STUDY PUBLIC ACCESS TO POLITICAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION (SB 92, Chapter 151:1, Laws of 2015 and HB 304, Chapter 66:1, Laws of 2015)**

9:30 a.m. Room 100, SH Regular Meeting

**CHILDREN'S SAVINGS ACCOUNT PROGRAM COMMISSION (RSA 195-J:1)**

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

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

10:00 a.m. Rooms 301-303, LOB Regular Meeting

**OVERSIGHT COMMISSION ON MEDICAL COST TRANSPARENCY (RSA 400-A:67)**

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

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

10:30 a.m. Rooms 303, LOB Regular Meeting

**COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 19-A:14)**

3:00 p.m. Room 303, LOB Regular Meeting

***THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015*****COMMITTEE TO STUDY ALLOWING THE SAMPLING OF BEER OR WINE AT FARMERS MARKETS (SB 99, Chapter 267:1, Laws of 2015)**

1:00 p.m. Room 103, LOB Regular 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

***FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2015*****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

**NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL ON SUICIDE PREVENTION (RSA 126-R:2)**

10:00 a.m. Room 205, LOB Public Policy Committee

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

1:00 p.m.

Room 101, LOB

Regular Meeting

***MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2015*****OIL FUND DISBURSEMENT BOARD (RSA 146-D:4)**

9:00 a.m.

Room 305, LOB

Regular Meeting

**NEW HAMPSHIRE COMMISSION ON DEAFNESS AND HEARING LOSS (RSA 125-Q)**

1:30 p.m.

Room 205, LOB

Regular Meeting

***THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2015*****ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a)**

9:30 a.m.

Room 304, LOB

Subcommittee Work Session  
on HB 547, 2015 Session***FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2015*****WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 281-A:62)**

9:00 a.m.

Room 307, LOB

Regular Meeting

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**2015 BILLS REREFERRED TO COMMITTEE:****SENATE BILLS: 3, 4, 18, 25, 26, 27, 59, 61, 66, 89, 100, 109, 121, 127, 128, 129, 131, 138, 140, 147, 150, 152, 158, 165, 175, 177, 184, 193, 197, 198, 206, 210, 224, 226, 237, 239, 246, 256, 257, 260, 263****HOUSE BILLS: 141, 192, 195, 216, 285, 331, 346, 353, 380, 383, 427, 458, 463, 502, 521, 529, 555, 560, 593, 606, 613, 628, 645, 689**

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**2015 BILLS REMAINING ON THE TABLE:****SENATE BILLS: 1, 2, 6, 34, 37, 42, 79, 87, 95, 107, 130, 156, 185, 196, 201, 205, 212, 215, 217, 220, 228, 229, 233, 253****HOUSE BILLS: 227, 276, 403, 411, 563, 618, 658**

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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: 25, 115, 138, 157, 203, 210, 214, 227, 238, 239, 256, 260, 265****HOUSE BILLS: 216, 380, 521, 593, 628**

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**NOTICES****FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2015 – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2015**

The Big E (Eastern States Exposition) opens on September 18<sup>th</sup> in West Springfield, Massachusetts and runs through October 4<sup>th</sup>. New Hampshire, and all of the New England states operate a state pavilion on the grounds, featuring the arts, tourism, agriculture and small businesses from the state. The New Hampshire



Building is managed by the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food. You are invited to join us at the Big E and one complimentary ticket is available per legislator. The ticket may be picked up at the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food office at 25 Capitol Street, Concord, New Hampshire. The ticket is valid for any day of the fair. New Hampshire Day is September 25<sup>th</sup>, with added entertainment and activities throughout the day. Visit [www.thebige.com](http://www.thebige.com) for more information about the Big E.

Senator Sharon M. Carson

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#### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2015**

House and Senate members are invited to join the NH Providers Association for their annual behavioral health conference on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Grappone Center in Concord. The theme for this year's conference is Modeling the Future - A solutions oriented approach to New Hampshire's behavioral health crisis. This day will bring together substance use disorder providers with primary care practitioners, mental health service providers, substance abuse experts, organizational leadership, and policymakers to examine what solutions and progress look like on the ground level. Members of the legislature are encouraged to attend the policy and advocacy specialty track sessions. More information about the conference can be found at [www.nhproviders.org](http://www.nhproviders.org) or by calling Abby at 603-225-9540 ext 113.

Senator Andy Sanborn

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#### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2015**

You're invited to a special star-studded performance of The Addiction Performance Project. This Project presents dramatic readings of Act Three of Eugene O'Neill's "Long Day's Journey into Night" as a catalyst for town hall discussions about the disease of addiction as it touches patients, families, and health professionals. This unique participatory event is intended to break down the stigma associated with addiction and promote healthy dialogue among diverse communities— public and professional— fostering compassion, cooperation, and understanding about patients who are living with the disease of addiction. This event is being held at the Capital Center for the Arts on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at this link <http://www.ccanh.com/event/addiction-performance-project-long-days-journey-inot-night> or by calling Abby at 603-225-9540 ext 113.

Senator Andy Sanborn

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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 2015-3  
Response to a Request for an Advisory Opinion  
from Senate Legal Counsel Richard J. Lehmann  
on Behalf of Senator Chuck W. Morse and Senator Jeb Bradley  
(September 21, 2015)**

Senate Legal Counsel Richard J. Lehmann has submitted a request for an Advisory Opinion on behalf of Senate President Chuck W. Morse and Senate Majority Leader Jeb Bradley about whether, consistent with applicable statutes and the Ethics Guidelines, the Senators may accept payment for the costs of lodging and meals related to attendance at a conference sponsored by the Republican Legislative Campaign Committee ("RLCC").

According to the information submitted by Attorney Lehmann, the Senators attended the conference in Boston, MA for two days and two nights, and participated in briefings with elected officials from other states, policy roundtables, and various receptions. The policy roundtables and briefings featured such topics as U.S. energy policy, private market solutions to modernize Medicaid, and cybersecurity.

Based on the information provided by Attorney Lehmann about the conference's purpose and activities, the event, as described, qualifies as a *bona fide* conference, meeting, seminar or educational program. See Interpretive Ruling 2013-1.

Accordingly, the Committee advises that acceptance of payment by the RLCC for expenses associated with attendance at the conference qualifies for the exemption from the prohibition on "Gifts" under RSA 15-B:3, as "Expense Reimbursement" under RSA 15-B:5.

The Senators must report their acceptance of the complimentary lodging and meals 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,  
 Honorable Donna Sytek  
 Chairman

[Vote: 7-0]

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## SENATE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, October 13, 2015	First day to file legislation for 2016 Senate Session.
Tuesday, November 03, 2015	Deadline for the Office of Legislative Services to accept drafting of a Senate Bill, Senate Concurrent Resolution, or Senate Joint Resolution with complete information for the 2016 Session.
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)
Tuesday, December 01, 2015	Deadline for prime sponsors to sign off on legislation.
Tuesday, December 08, 2015	Deadline for co-sponsors to sign off on legislation.
Friday, December 25, 2015	Christmas Day (State Holiday)