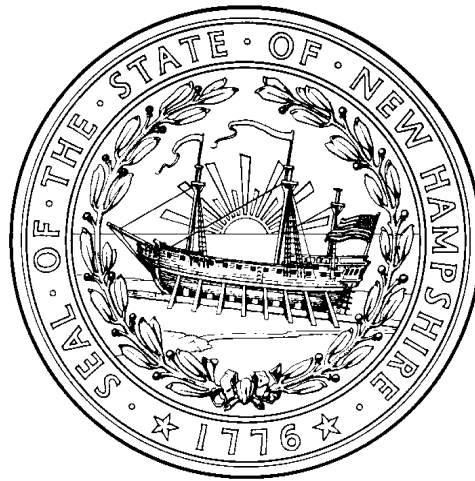


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**First Year of the 164th Session of the
New Hampshire General Court**

SENATE CALENDAR

HEARINGS

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2015

FINANCE, Room 103, SH

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

2:00 p.m. LBAO Briefing on Preliminary FY 2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 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 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 177, relative to tip pooling.

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

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)
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2015

CHARTER SCHOOLS AND OPEN ENROLLMENT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 194-B:21)

8:30 a.m.	Room 103, SH	Regular Meeting
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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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CONTINUING RESOLUTION WORK GROUP: SUNUNU YOUTH SERVICES CENTER TRANSFORMATION PLAN

1:00 p.m. Room 100, SH Work Session

CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION AND SCREENING COMMISSION (RSA 130-A:19)

3:00 p.m. Room 205, 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 FACILITATING PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (HB 382, Chapter 68:1, Laws of 2015)

9:00 a.m. Room 304, 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 HIGHWAY 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

COMMITTEE TO STUDY POWDERED OR CRYSTALLINE ALCOHOL (SB 99, Chapter 276:6, Laws of 2015)

11:30 a.m. Room 302, 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 METHODS OF ADOPTING OF A FINAL BUDGET IN TOWNS THAT HAVE ADOPTED OFFICIAL BALLOT VOTING (SB 242, Chapter 182:1, Laws of 2015)

8:30 a.m. Room 308, LOB Regular Meeting

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

HOME EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 193-A:10)

3:30 p.m. NH Department of Education Regular Meeting
Londergan Hall, Room 100A
101 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH

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 & Quarterly Meeting
Economic Development
172 Pembroke Road
Concord, NH

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)

10:30 a.m. Room 201, LOB Regular Meeting

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

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

THERAPEUTIC USE OF CANNABIS ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 126-X:9)

1:00 p.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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2015

CONTINUING RESOLUTION WORK GROUP: SUNUNU YOUTH SERVICES CENTER TRANSFORMATION PLAN

1:00 p.m. Room 100, SH Work Session

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015

COMMISSION TO REVIEW CHILD ABUSE FATALITIES (RSA 169-C:39-k)

9:00 a.m. Room 102, LOB Regular Meeting

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)

9:00 a.m. Room 304, LOB Regular Meeting

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 Regular Meeting
21 Fruit Street
Concord, NH

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)

11:00 a.m. Room 301, LOB 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

COMMITTEE TO STUDY FACILITATING PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (HB 382, Chapter 68:1, Laws of 2015)

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

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

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 Regular Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2015

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

2:00 p.m. Room 103, LOB Regular Meeting

(Please Note: The Committee will gather in Room 103, LOB to begin the meeting and then proceed to a tour of the Northern Rail Trail in Boscawen, NH led by DRED)

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

9:30 a.m.	Room 304, LOB	Regular Meeting
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COMMISSION TO STUDY MENTAL HEALTH IMPLEMENTATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 135-C:63-b)

10:00 a.m.	Room 204, LOB	Regular Meeting
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FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT (RSA 14:30-a)

10:00 a.m.	Rooms 210-211, LOB	Regular Business
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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
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 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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INTERBRANCH CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE COUNCIL (RSA 651-E:2)

1:30 p.m.	Room 204, LOB	Regular Meeting
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2015

COMMITTEE TO STUDY FACILITATING PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (HB 382, Chapter 68:1, Laws of 2015)

9:00 a.m.	Room 304, LOB	Regular Meeting
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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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CHILDREN'S SAVINGS ACCOUNT PROGRAM COMMISSION (RSA 195-J:1)

10:00 a.m.	Room 207, LOB	Organizational Meeting
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ELECTRIC UTILITY RESTRUCTURING LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 374-F:5)

10:00 a.m.	Rooms 301-303, LOB	Regular Meeting
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OVERSIGHT COMMISSION ON MEDICAL COST TRANSPARENCY (RSA 400-A:67)

10:00 a.m.	Room 205, LOB	Regular Meeting
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COMMISSION ON RURAL AFFAIRS (RSA 9-A:5)

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

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE HOUSE BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION (RSA 17-R:1)

10:00 a.m. Room 308, LOB Regular Meeting

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2015

COMMITTEE TO STUDY FACILITATING PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (HB 382, Chapter 68:1, Laws of 2015)

1:00 p.m. Room 304, 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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2015

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

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015

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

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2015

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

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2015

HOME EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 193-A:10)

3:30 p.m. NH Department of Education Regular Meeting
 Londergan Hall, Room 100A
 101 Pleasant Street
 Concord, NH

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2015

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

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2015

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

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2015

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

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

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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 18th in West Springfield, Massachusetts and runs through October 4th. 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 25th, with added entertainment and activities throughout the day. Visit **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 15th 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** 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 15th 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)