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SENATE CALENDAR

**THE SENATE WILL MEET IN SESSION ON
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2016 AT 10:00 A.M.**

**THE SENATE WILL MEET IN JOINT CONVENTION WITH THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE GOVERNOR'S STATE OF THE STATE
ADDRESS ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2016 AT 1:30 P.M.**

LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 27-FN, relative to the department of corrections industries inventory account. 01/14/2016, No pending motion, Finance, SJ 2

CONSENT CALENDAR REPORTS

COMMERCE

SB 307, establishing a committee to study business practices of motor vehicle and equipment dealers. Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator Prescott for the committee.

The sponsor submitted this legislation in anticipation of a pending supreme court decision. Now that the court has made its decision, the sponsor of the legislation request the committee recommend the bill is inexpedient to legislate.

EDUCATION

SB 312, relative to epinephrine administration in independent schools.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Stiles for the committee.

This bill permits an independent school to adopt a policy governing the emergency administration of auto-injectable epinephrine. The committee believes it is essential that independent schools are given the same options to protect the safety of our students as all other schools have under current law.

SB 314, relative to the membership of the higher education commission.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Stiles for the committee.

This bill provides that the American Council for Professional Education and Training shall recommend members to the higher education commission. This change is simply to reflect the change in name of the Council for Professional Education.

SB 322, relative to the provision and administration of bronchodilators, spacers, and nebulizers in schools.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Avarad for the committee.

This bill establishes procedures for the provision and administration of bronchodilators, spacers, or nebulizers to students in school. The committee amended the bill to appropriately address concerns brought forward during the hearing and to ensure the safety of our students.

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

SB 318, permitting the state to enter into a lot line agreement with a private abutter to the Bradford Pines Natural Area.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Little for the committee.

This bill permits the state to enter into a lot line agreement with a private abutter to the Bradford Pines Natural Area. At the request of the Department of Resources and Economic Development, this bill allows for a lot line adjustment to resolve an encroachment issue that cannot be done without legislative approval. The normal process for such an agreement will be followed by DRED.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

SB 315, relative to the regulation of barbers, cosmetologists, estheticians, and manicurists.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Woodburn for the committee.

This legislation was a request of the Board of Barbering, Cosmetology, and Esthetics. The bill will modify and define definitions, make various changes to license renewal, temporary licenses, apprentice licensure, and exemptions from licensure.

SB 319-FN, relative to survivor benefits for families of police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Carson for the committee.

This legislation, as amended, adds definitions of adult child and child for purposes of determining survivor benefits for families of police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty. It also changes the determination period from 30 days to 180 days.

SB 331, relative to fulfilling the requirement for a notarized signature electronically.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Carson for the committee.

This legislation allows notarized signatures on documents to be filed electronically under the penalty of perjury.

SB 332, relative to state procurement of goods and services.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Carson for the committee.

This legislation, as amended, accomplishes four things. It clarifies a current provision in RSA 21-G:37, III regarding when bidding information will become available to the public; it increases the cap for purchase of goods by state agencies with field purchased orders from \$500 to \$1,000; it further clarifies RSA 21-G:38, Ethics, which redefines how violations of the ethics code will be processed; and, lastly it establishes an advisory committee on state procurement.

SB 397, relative to the membership of the post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury commission.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Carson for the committee.

This legislation changes the membership of the post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury commission by adding a representative of the Care Coordination Program of New Hampshire, a representative of Easter Seals Military and Veterans Services, and a representative of a traumatic brain injury provider's organization.

SB 398, relative to renewal of licenses issued by the board of funeral directors and embalmers.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Woodburn for the committee.

This legislation contains housekeeping language to bring continuing education and license renewal expiration in line with the 2-year license renewal cycle for funeral directors and embalmers adopted in the 2015 legislative session.

HB 141, relative to rulemaking authority concerning practice standards and safe and secure operation of pharmacies.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Carson for the committee.

The committee heard testimony from pharmacists about concerns related to workload issues. A stakeholder group has been initiated by the Board of Pharmacy to engage pharmacists in various practice settings (chains, independents, hospitals) to discuss workload issues and develop strategies to resolve them. This is not only a New Hampshire issue, but a national issue. At this time, the Senate ED & A committee requests this legislation be sent to Interim Study while we await resolutions from stakeholders that may need to move forward legislatively.

JUDICIARY

SB 59, relative to the removal of county officers and temporary filling of the office.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Carson for the committee.

This legislation requires that if an elected county officer is removed from office, the elected county convention would select someone to fill out the removed official's term. The members of the county conventions are elected officials who also oversee the county budgets and are the appropriate body to deal with these vacancies.

SB 152, relative to criminal history records checks for school employees and designated school volunteers.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.
Senator Carson for the committee.

This legislation requires criminal background checks for perspective school employees and volunteers to include both felony and misdemeanor convictions in order to include any felony-level offenses that may have pled down to a misdemeanor. The committee Amendment enables the elected school board or other governing bodies, not a superintendent, to adopt a policy regarding the hiring of individuals with felony convictions.

SB 385-FN-LOCAL, requiring a full-time circuit court judge in Coos County.
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.
Senator Daniels for the committee.

While the committee understands the desire to have "local" judges in our Circuit Courts, we have concerns about the separation of powers as well as opening a door to other special requests for judicial appointments. The Legislature enacted the Circuit Court legislation and has realized efficiencies by its establishment. Therefore we cannot recommend that this bill go forward.

TRANSPORTATION

SB 356-FN, relative to agricultural plates for vehicles of commercial fishing operations.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.
Senator Watters for the committee.

This bill authorizes agricultural plates for qualifying vehicles of commercial fishing operations. The committee amended the bill to clarify language to include "commercial fishing" in section V(a) of the bill, and changed the effective date to January 1, 2017 in order to allow more time for implementation. This legislation is an important step in affording commercial fishermen the same advantages that are given to New Hampshire's agricultural and farming communities.

SB 357, relative to driver's license examinations.
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.
Senator Stiles for the committee.

This bill adds requirements for driver's license examinations to include questions regarding knowledge, road skill, distracted driving, driving under the influence, and driving during poor weather conditions. This legislation has broad support and was unopposed. The committee believes that this bill is an important step in making New Hampshire drivers as prepared and as safe as possible while operating their motor vehicles.

REGULAR CALENDAR REPORTS

COMMERCE

SB 131-FN, authorizing individuals and certain businesses to purchase health insurance from out-of-state companies.
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 4-1.
Senator Prescott for the committee.

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

SB 309, relative to sulfur limits of certain liquid fuels.
Ought to Pass, Vote 3-0.
Senator Little for the committee.

SB 333, relative to net energy metering.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.
Senator Little for the committee.

SB 377, relative to emission levels of municipal waste combustion units.
Ought to Pass, Vote 3-0.
Senator Feltes for the committee.

SB 378, relative to the availability of net metering tariffs.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-1.
Senator Feltes for the committee.

SB 380, establishing the drinking water and groundwater trust fund and establishing the New Hampshire drinking water and groundwater advisory commission.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-0.
Senator Bradley for the committee.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

SB 313, relative to requirements for licensed estheticians.
Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.
Senator Cataldo for the committee.

SB 392, relative to the special training licenses issued by the board of podiatry.
Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.
Senator Reagan for the committee.

SB 505-FN, relative to the transfer of animals and birds.
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 4-0.
Senator Carson for the committee.

HB 427, relative to the definition of the New Hampshire fire code.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.
Senator Carson for the committee.

FINANCE

SB 129-FN, allowing retired members of the retirement system to change an optional allowance election in certain circumstances.
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-1.
Senator Reagan for the committee.

SB 210-FN, relative to regulation of septic system evaluators.
Ought to Pass, Vote 6-0.
Senator Little for the committee.

SB 239-FN, relative to application of the Internal Revenue Code to provisions of the business profits tax.
Ought to Pass, Vote 6-0.
Senator D'Allesandro for the committee.

SB 412, establishing a minimum wage.
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 4-2.
Senator Forrester for the committee.

SB 444-FN, relative to lottery retailer incentive awards.
Ought to Pass, Vote 6-0.
Senator Hosmer for the committee.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SB 127-FN, relative to special conservatorships for Medicaid.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.
Senator Sanborn for the committee.

HB 628-FN, relative to indemnification of health care facilities under certain circumstances.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-1.
Senator Carson for the committee.

JUDICIARY

SB 263-FN, relative to placing tracking devices on motor vehicles.
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 4-0.
Senator Carson for the committee.

TRANSPORTATION

SB 459-FN, relative to operation of drones.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

WAYS AND MEANS

SB 121-FN-LOCAL, relative to definitions used for purposes of current use taxation.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Feltes for the committee.

SB 440-FN, repealing the repeal of certain fees in the shoreland protection act.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-1.

Senator D'Allesandro for the committee.

AMENDMENTS

Health and Human Services

January 28, 2016

2016-0236s

01/09

Amendment to SB 127-FN

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT relative to the appointment of special Medicaid representatives.

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 New Chapter; Special Medicaid Representatives. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 151-H the following new chapter:

CHAPTER 151-I SPECIAL MEDICAID REPRESENTATIVES

151-I:1 Definitions. In this section:

I. "Care facility" means a long-term care facility licensed pursuant to He-P 803, 804, or 805 or "health care facility," "hospital" or "rehabilitation facility", as defined in RSA 151-C:2, XV-a, XX, and XXXIII.

II. "Court" means the circuit court-probate division.

III. "Department" means the department of health and human services.

IV. "Medicaid applicant" means the person and his or her agent, who applies for Medicaid benefits in accordance with a demand made pursuant to RSA 151-I:2.

V. "Person" means the patient or resident of a care facility from whom a completed Medicaid application is sought or for whom a special Medicaid representative is requested for the purpose of submitting a Medicaid application.

VI. "Special Medicaid representative" means an individual or entity appointed by the court to collect the information necessary and to complete and process an application for Medicaid with the department of health and human services.

151-I:2 Special Medicaid Representatives.

I. If a person in a care facility has not demonstrated an ability to pay the costs of care through personal funds, Medicare, private health or long-term care insurance, the Affordable Care Act, or other third party arrangement, and the care facility in good faith believes that the person may be eligible for Medicaid benefits:

(a) The care facility may send out a written demand signed by the duly-authorized representative of the care facility. The demand shall be sent to the person, the person's spouse, and any of the person's known agents including without limitation guardians, conservators, agents under powers of attorney, or any contractually responsible family members, by certified mail, return receipt requested, to their last known address. However, where the person notifies the care facility that he or she has a reasonable and

credible fear of harm if the spouse is notified, no demand or notice to the spouse shall be required. For the purposes of this section, any refusal to receive or accept the demand shall be deemed constructive receipt.

(b) The person or one of the person's agents shall file a Medicaid application within 10 business days of the receipt of the demand. The application shall be in a form sufficient to be accepted to begin processing by the department but does not need to be completed to the degree that it is ready for an eligibility determination by the department. A contemporaneous notice and copy of the application shall be provided to the care facility, the person's spouse, and any of the person's known agents, by certified mail, return receipt requested.

(c) If the person or the person's agents comply and file the Medicaid application as required under subparagraph (b), they shall cooperate with the care facility in executing authorizations in favor of the care facility including, but not limited to, authorizing the care facility to communicate with the department regarding the Medicaid application and otherwise cooperate in obtaining any additional financial and asset information required by the department to complete and process the Medicaid application such that it is sufficiently complete for the department to make an eligibility determination; provided, however, that the care facility shall minimize to the extent possible the number of authorized employees who work on the application or have access to the person's financial and asset information. The employees of the facility shall have a duty to preserve the confidentiality of the information, except to the extent necessary for the filing of the Medicaid application. The department shall promptly respond to any inquiries by the person, the person's legal agent, or an authorized care facility as to the status of the Medicaid application.

(d) If the care facility does not receive confirmation of the filing of a Medicaid application within 10 days of the demand to the person and any of the person's agents, then the care facility may petition the court for the appointment of a special Medicaid representative.

(e) If the Medicaid applicant or care facility is attempting in good faith to obtain financial and asset information held by a third party required by the department to process the application but is being prevented, hindered, or delayed from obtaining such information from that third party, the department shall not deny the application for failure to timely comply with its demands for information or documentation.

(f) In those instances where the Medicaid applicant or care facility seeks financial or asset information from an individual or entity, the individual or entity shall respond and produce the requested information to the extent that the individual or entity is in possession of such information no later than 30 days after receipt of the request, unless the individual or entity can show good cause in writing to the Medicaid applicant or care facility why more time is required or why it should not have to produce some or all of the information.

(g) Individuals or entities responding to a request for information from a Medicaid applicant or care facility pursuant to this section shall only be permitted to charge reasonable costs of responding, including no more than \$.25 per page for copying. If an individual or entity fails to respond within 30 days, then it shall forfeit any right to reimbursement for responding or copying or related costs.

(h) When the Medicaid applicant or the care facility believe that the Medicaid application is ready for an eligibility determination and so notify the department, the department shall state with specificity the information that still needs to be provided, or else act on the application within 90 days.

II.(a) Except in those instances where the court has already commenced a guardianship of the estate or the person or conservatorship as described under subparagraph (c), when the Medicaid applicant and, where applicable and required, the person's spouse, fails to cooperate in the Medicaid application process, the care facility may petition the court for the appointment of a special Medicaid representative for the limited purpose of applying for Medicaid for the person. The petition shall include the names and addresses of any current agents under any power of attorney over the person or the person's finances and assets, as known to the care facility and shall also include the following information:

(1) The name, address, corporate or agency status of the petitioning care facility and its connection with or relationship to the person.

(2) The name, age, and address of the person.

(3) The names and addresses of adult spouses, parents, children and siblings of the person, so far as they are known to the care facility.

(4) The name, address, occupation and relationship to the person, if any, of the proposed special Medicaid representative.

(5) The name and address of counsel, if any, for the person.

(b) The care facility shall file a statement with the petition containing facts demonstrating the need for the appointment of a special Medicaid representative which shall include an affidavit of a duly-authorized representative of the care facility demonstrating the basis for its belief that a Medicaid application is necessary, and that the demand has been provided to the person or any agents of the person, and that neither the person nor any of the person's agents have filed a Medicaid application with the department that meets the requirements of subparagraph I(b).

(c) If the court has already commenced a guardianship of the estate or the person or a conservatorship, the care facility shall petition the court in that proceeding for relief compelling the guardian or conservator to submit and complete the Medicaid application.

III. A special Medicaid representative shall have the authority to request and receive from any individuals or entities, including any government entities and financial institutions, and to compile and report in the form of a Medicaid application, all information required by the department to determine the person's eligibility for Medicaid, and shall have the duty to expeditiously submit, complete, and prosecute such application. The Medicaid applicant and the care facility shall have a duty to cooperate with the special Medicaid representative. Any individual or entity receiving a request from such special Medicaid representative shall comply with the request no later than 30 days after receipt of such request to the extent that the individual or entity is in possession of such information, unless the individual or entity can show good cause in writing why more time is required or why it should not have to produce some or all of the information. If the individual or entity fails to comply with the request for information, the special Medicaid representative may notify the court of that failure with notice to the individual or entity by certified mail, return receipt requested, and the court may issue such orders as appropriate for the failure to respond. The special Medicaid representative shall provide contemporaneous notice to the person, the person's spouse, and the person's agents of any such request for information, by certified mail, return receipt requested. However, where the person notifies the court that the person has a reasonable and credible fear of harm if the spouse is notified, no notice to the spouse shall be required.

IV.(a) Within 10 days of the filing of the petition, the court shall issue orders of notice to the person, the person's spouse, and any of the person's known agents as provided to the court which shall contain:

(1) The date, time, and place set for the hearing on the petition, which hearing shall take place no later than 40 days from the filing of the petition.

(2) The deadline by which any interested parties shall file an objection to the petition.

(3) Information regarding the purpose of the appointment of a special Medicaid representative.

(4) Information regarding the rights of the person or the person's agents in the proceedings such as the right to oppose the proceeding, to attend the hearing, and to present evidence.

(5) Notice that, if the petition is granted, the person may be liable for the fees and expenses of the special Medicaid representative as allowed by the court.

(b) Orders of notice of the hearing shall include a copy of the petition and shall issue by first class mail to the:

(1) Person, the person's counsel, if any, the person's spouse, and the person's agents whose names and addresses appear on the petition;

(2) Proposed special Medicaid representative; and

(3) Care facility.

(c) At the hearing on the petition, the care facility shall have the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the Medicaid application is necessary, that the care facility has demanded that the person or the person's agents submit and complete a Medicaid application to the department, and that no Medicaid application has been submitted to the department for the person or that, where an application was submitted, the person, the person's spouse, or the person's agents have failed to cooperate or diligently prosecute the application. If the care facility meets its burden of proof, the court shall enter an order granting the petition and expressly and specifically memorializing the authority of the special Medicaid representative to request and receive from any entity or individual any and all information about the finances and assets of the person and the person's spouse, if applicable, required by the department to determine the person's eligibility for Medicaid. The order granting the petition shall not be stayed pending appeal except where expressly ordered by the court upon good cause shown.

(d) Objections, if any, to the petition shall be filed by the deadline scheduled by the court which shall in any event be no later than 5 days before the hearing date and shall describe with specificity the objection and the grounds for the objection; provided, however, that no such objection shall be sustained unless the objector can show by a preponderance of the evidence that:

(1) A full and complete Medicaid application has been submitted to the department by the person or the person's agents;

(2) The person has no outstanding charges owed to the care facility and has the financial capability to pay the estimated costs of care of the person at the care facility for a minimum of 6 months from the date of the hearing; or

(3) The person has adequate insurance or other third-party coverage to pay the care facility's costs of care.

V.(a) The authority of the special Medicaid representative shall terminate upon motion and order of the court following the final approval or denial by the department of the Medicaid application after a full eligibility determination as to the person including the resolution of all appeals. The special Medicaid representative shall file an annual status report with the court on the anniversary of the appointment of the special Medicaid representative. The court may require a bond from the special Medicaid representative in such sum as it deems appropriate. In the discretion of the court, a bond without sureties may be given.

(b) Any information obtained by the special Medicaid representative shall be used exclusively for the purposes of obtaining Medicaid coverage for the person and shall otherwise remain confidential except as to the authorized personnel of the care facility. The court may enter such orders as it deems appropriate upon proof by a preponderance of the evidence of:

(1) A violation of the duty of confidentiality described in the preceding sentence; and

(2) Actual damages.

(c) The court, in its discretion, may award the special Medicaid representative reasonable compensation for his or her services, including, but not limited to, expenses, legal fees, and other costs to be paid from the assets of the person in a priority to be determined by the court as allowed by law. Said compensation for services, expenses, legal fees and other costs of the special Medicaid representative may also be paid by agreement with any other interested party.

(d) Nothing contained this chapter shall diminish any other rights of a care facility.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2017.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes the appointment of special Medicaid representatives. Under this bill, special Medicaid representatives may be appointed to assist persons in long-term care facilities or hospitals fill out Medicaid applications required by the department of health and human services.

Senate Judiciary
January 27, 2016
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04/10

Amendment to SB 152

Amend RSA 189:13-a, V as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

V. Any person who has been charged pending disposition for or convicted of any violation or attempted violation of RSA 630:1; 630:1-a; 630:1-b; 630:2; 632-A:2; 632-A:3; 632-A:4; 633:1; 639:2; 639:3; 645:1, II or III; 645:2; 649-A:3; 649-A:3-a; 649-A:3-b; 649-B:3; or 649-B:4; or any violation or any attempted violation of RSA 650:2 where the act involves a child in material deemed obscene; in this state, or under any statute prohibiting the same conduct in another state, territory, or possession of the United States, shall not be hired by a school administrative unit, school district, chartered public school, or public academy. ~~[By decision of the appropriate governing body, a school administrative unit, school district, chartered public school, or public academy]~~ ***The superintendent of the school administrative unit or the chief executive officer of the chartered public school or public academy*** may deny a selected applicant a final offer of employment if

such person has been convicted of any ~~[felony]~~ **crime** in addition to those listed above. The governing body **of a school district, chartered public school, or public academy** may adopt a policy stating that any person who has been convicted of any felony, or any of a list of felonies, shall not be hired.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration
January 27, 2016
2016-0211s
09/04

Amendment to SB 319-FN

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Survivor Benefits. Amend RSA 21-I:29-a, I to read as follows:

I. In this section:

(a) ***“Adult child” means a child, whether by blood or adoption, of the police officer or firefighter, age 18 or older at the time of death of such police officer or firefighter and who does not meet the definition of a dependent child.***

(b) ***“Dependent child” means a child, whether by blood or adoption, of the police officer or firefighter who:***

(1) Is under the age of 25 and was dependent on the earnings of the police officer or firefighter at the time of death. For the purposes of this subparagraph, a child is not considered dependent if the child provides more than half of his or her own support, is married, or is legally adopted by another; or

(2) Is any age and is physically or mentally incapacitated and was dependent on the earnings of the police officer or firefighter at the time of death.

(c) “Family” means the surviving spouse of the police officer or firefighter who was wholly or partially dependent, in fact, upon the earnings of the police officer or firefighter; or, if there is no surviving spouse, the surviving dependent child or dependent children, of such police officer or firefighter or, if there is no surviving dependent child, a surviving person qualifying as a common-law spouse pursuant to RSA 457:39, or if there is no surviving common-law spouse, the surviving adult child or adult children, or if there is no surviving adult child or adult children, the surviving parent or parents of such police officer or firefighter. ~~[A surviving dependent child shall include a dependent step-child whose expenses of daily living were substantially paid for by the decedent at the time of the death.]~~

~~[(b)]~~ (d) “Firefighter” means any firefighter, including auxiliary, intermittent, special, part-time, volunteer, call, or reserve firefighters who are employed by a city, town, village district, or precinct within the state of New Hampshire, any firefighter employed by the state of New Hampshire, or any firefighter who is a volunteer for or employed by a non-profit corporation which is the primary provider of fire protection for all or part of a New Hampshire municipality.

~~[(c)]~~ (e) “Killed in the line of duty” means a death of a police officer or firefighter while in the performance of his or her duties as a result of incident, accident, or violence causing death or injuries which are the direct or proximate cause of death. “Incident” shall include any death that is determined to be occupationally related by the worker’s compensation insurance carrier, a self-insured worker’s compensation plan, or by the labor commissioner for workers’ compensation purposes pursuant to RSA 281-A.

~~[(d)]~~ (f) “Police officer” means any law enforcement officer with the power of arrest, including auxiliary, intermittent, special, part-time, or reserve police officers, or sheriffs and their deputies who are employed by a city, town, village district, county, or precinct within the state of New Hampshire, police officers employed by the university system of New Hampshire, and any state law enforcement officer employed by the state of New Hampshire who has power of arrest as determined by state law.

2 Survivor Benefits. Amend RSA 21-I:29-a, II and the introductory paragraph of 21-I:29-a, III to read as follows:

II. In addition to any other benefits provided under this chapter, the state treasurer shall pay a \$100,000 death benefit to the family of a police officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty. Payment to a dependent child ***under the age of 18*** shall be made to the child’s trustee for the benefit of the child. The governor, with the consent of the executive council, is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

III. The commissioner of safety, upon notice from the family or chief of department of any firefighter or police officer who may be entitled to a line-of-duty death benefit or upon the commissioner's own initiative, shall obtain the available records related to the circumstances, cause, and manner of such death and the decedent's status as a firefighter or police officer, may cause further inquiry to be made, and shall make a determination of whether the death qualifies as a line-of-duty death and who is entitled to the death benefit. The determination shall be made within [30] **180** days of the determination of the cause and manner of death by the office of the chief medical examiner, or within [30] **180** days from the date the commissioner received notice from the family or chief of department of the firefighter or police officer, whichever is later. For deaths that are not reviewed by the office of the chief medical examiner, the determination shall be made within [30] **180** days of a determination that the decedent qualifies for a workers' compensation death benefit by a worker's compensation carrier, self-insured worker's compensation plan, or the labor commissioner pursuant to RSA 281-A, or within [30] **180** days from the date the commissioner received notice from the family or chief of department of the firefighter or police officer, whichever is later.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

2016-0211s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill adds definitions of "adult child" and "dependent child" for purposes of determining survivor benefits for families of police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty. The bill also increases the time periods for determining whether a death benefit is awarded.

Senate Education
January 19, 2016
2016-0098s
04/05

Amendment to SB 322

Amend RSA 200:53, IV as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

IV. "Designated unlicensed assistive personnel" means a school employee or agent of a school designated by the school nurse, who has completed the New Hampshire School Nurses' Association approved training required to provide or administer bronchodilators, spacers, or nebulizers. Designated unlicensed assistive personnel shall complete an asthma training program prior to providing or administering a bronchodilator, spacer, or nebulizer made available by the school nurse and at least annually following completion of the initial asthma training program. Such training shall be conducted by the school nurse based on resources provided by the New Hampshire School Nurses' Association, the National Association of School Nurses, and the American Lung Association. Training shall be conducted in person and at a minimum shall address techniques on how to recognize symptoms of severe respiratory distress or asthma, and standards and procedures for the storage and administration of a bronchodilator with a spacer or nebulizer. The school nurse shall maintain a current list of those individuals who have successfully completed the asthma training program.

Amend RSA 200:54, I as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. A school board may authorize a school nurse who is employed by the school district and for whom the board is responsible to maintain a supply of asthma-related rescue medications at the school. The nurse shall determine the quantity of medication the school should maintain.

Amend the introductory paragraph in RSA 200:55, I as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. A school nurse and designated unlicensed assistive personnel may administer or make available to self-administer a bronchodilator, spacer, or nebulizer to a student who has been diagnosed with asthma for use in emergency or other situations as determined by the school nurse provided that:

Amend RSA 200:55, II as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. The school nurse shall notify the student's parent or legal guardian whenever a bronchodilator, spacer, or nebulizer from the emergency stockpile is administered to a student. The school nurse shall make the notification as soon as practicable in accordance with the contact information on file at the school.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration
 January 20, 2016
 2016-0117s
 05/04

Amendment to SB 332

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT relative to strengthening ethics in state procurement of goods and services.

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Financial Information Regarding Requests for Bids and Proposals; Ethics. Amend RSA 21-G:38, I to read as follows:

I. From the time the bid is published until a contract is awarded, no bidder shall offer or give, directly or indirectly, any gift, expense reimbursement, or honorarium, as defined by RSA 15-B, to any elected official, public official, public employee, constitutional official, or family member of any such official or employee who will select, evaluate, or award an RFB, RFP, RFA, or similar request for submission. ***Any bidder that violates this section shall be subject to prosecution for an offense under RSA 640:2. Every RFB, RFP, RFA, or similar request for submissions issued by any state agency shall contain a provision stating that any bidder who has been convicted of an offense based on conduct in violation of this section, which has not been annulled, or who is subject to a pending criminal charge for such an offense, shall be disqualified from bidding on the RFB, RFP, RFA, or similar request for submission and every such bidder shall be disqualified from bidding on any RFB, RFP, RFA, or similar request for submission issued by any state agency. An agency which becomes aware of any such charge or conviction shall notify the department of administrative services, which department shall maintain a list of vendors reported to it and make that list available for agency reference on the state's internal intranet system. A bidder that was disqualified under this section because of a pending criminal charge which is subsequently dismissed, results in an acquittal, or is annulled, may notify the department of administrative services, which shall note that information on the list maintained on the state's internal intranet system, except that in the case of annulment, the information shall be deleted from the list.***

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

2016-0117s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides that a bidder on a state contract who offers a gift, expense reimbursement, or honorarium to a public official or employee involved in the evaluation or award of the contract shall be subject to criminal prosecution and disqualified from bidding on subsequent contracts. The bill also directs the department of administrative services to maintain a list of disqualified vendors.

Energy and Natural Resources
 January 20, 2016
 2016-0120s
 06/09

Amendment to SB 333

Amend RSA 362-A:9, XVII as inserted by section 5 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

XVII. The commission shall issue an order initially approving or adopting such alternative tariffs, which may be subject to change or adjustment from time to time, within 10 months of the effective date of this paragraph.

Senate Transportation
 January 27, 2016
 2016-0200s
 03/05

Amendment to SB 356-FN

Amend RSA 261:82, V(a) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

V.(a) To be eligible for the issuance of an agricultural vehicle registration ***for agricultural, farming, and commercial fishing purposes***, the applicant shall sign the following form which the treasurer of a city or such other official as the city government may designate or the town clerk shall provide. This form shall be provided to the applicant upon request without further evidence from the applicant that the plate shall be used for purposes of this section.

I, the undersigned, fully understand the limitations concerning the use of trucks, tractor-trucks, tractors, or cargo vans registered under RSA 261:82, and hereby certify that my vehicle will be used only for agricultural and farming purposes and uses incidental thereto, within a 20 mile radius of the main entrance of the farm upon which the vehicle is to be driven.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Copies to:

Town or City Clerk

Applicant

Amend the bill by replacing section 2 with the following:

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2017.

Energy and Natural Resources

January 20, 2016

2016-0114s

06/01

Amendment to SB 378

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 1 with the following:

2 Limited Electrical Energy Producers Act; Net Energy Metering. Amend RSA 362-A:9, I to read as follows:

I. Standard tariffs providing for net energy metering shall be made available to eligible customer-generators by each electric distribution utility in conformance with net metering rules adopted and orders issued by the commission. Each net energy metering tariff shall be identical, with respect to rates, rate structure, and charges, to the tariff under which a customer-generator would otherwise take default generation supply service from the distribution utility. Such tariffs shall be available on a first-come, first-served basis within each electric utility service area under the jurisdiction of the commission until such time as the total rated generating capacity owned or operated by eligible customer-generators totals a number equal to 50 megawatts multiplied by each such utility's percentage share of the total 2010 annual coincident peak energy demand distributed by all such utilities as determined by the commission. No more than 4 megawatts of such total rated generating capacity shall be from a combined heat and power system as defined in RSA 362-A:1-a, I-d. ***No person, owner, developer, installer of an eligible customer-generator facility, business organization, or any subsidiary thereof, shall reserve capacity space in the net metering interconnection queue more than 20 percent of the total net metering utility-specific allocation pursuant to this paragraph, and the creation of multiple business organizations by the same shall not defeat this requirement.***

3 Effective date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Energy and Natural Resources

January 27, 2016

2016-0222s

06/05

Amendment to SB 380

Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 485-F:3, I as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. The department shall administer the drinking water and groundwater trust fund through the MTBE remediation bureau. Trust fund proceeds sufficient to fund the department's MTBE remediation

bureau and qualifying projects shall be transferred to the department and maintained in a separate, nonlapsing account, continually appropriated to the department for the purpose of paying all costs of this program. The department shall:

Amend RSA 485-F:3, I(g) as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(g) Provide funding through cost-sharing grants to municipalities, municipally-owned water utilities, and water utilities regulated by the public utilities commission for the design, construction, and extension of public water systems, and the establishment and expansion of wellhead protection areas where they provide the most cost effective method for providing safe and clean drinking water.

Amend RSA 485-F:4, I(h) as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(h) One municipal official, who shall represent municipalities with public water systems, appointed by the governor.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration

November 17, 2015

2015-2564s

05/01

Amendment to HB 427

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT relative to the definition of the New Hampshire fire code and establishing a committee to study the 2015 edition of the Uniform Fire Code NFPA 1.

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 New Hampshire Fire Code. Amend RSA 153:1, VI-a to read as follows:

VI-a. "New Hampshire fire code" or "state fire code" means the adoption by reference of the Life Safety Code [2009] **2015** edition and the Uniform Fire Code NFPA 1, 2009 edition, as published by the National Fire Protection Association and as amended by the state board of fire control and ratified by the general court pursuant to RSA 153:5; ***provided that the adoption by reference of the 2015 edition of the Life Safety Code shall not apply to structures built before January 1, 2017 unless 50 percent or more of the building is being renovated or rehabilitated.*** The provisions of any other national code, model code, or standard referred to within a code listed in this definition shall be included in the state fire code unless amended in accordance with RSA 153:5.

2 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study the 2015 edition of the Uniform Fire Code NFPA1.

I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

(a) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

(b) Four members of the house executive departments and administration committee, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the committee.

III. The committee shall study the Uniform Fire Code NFPA 1, 2015 edition, as published by the National Fire Protection Association, and make recommendations to the legislature for adoption.

IV. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

V. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2016.

3 Effective Date.

I. Section 1 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2017.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

2015-2564s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill revises the definition of the New Hampshire fire code to include the adoption by reference of the Life Safety Code, 2015 edition, with certain exemptions for existing structures. The bill also establishes a committee to study the 2015 edition of the Uniform Fire Code NFPA 1.

Health and Human Services

January 28, 2016

2016-0235s

01/09

Amendment to HB 628-FN

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT relative to indemnification of health care provider facilities under certain circumstances.

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 New Section; Health Care Provider Facilities; Immunity From Liability. Amend RSA 151 by inserting after section 16-b the following new section:

151:16-c Health Care Provider Facilities; Disclosure of Employment Information; Immunity. Any health care provider facility licensed under this chapter shall, when acting in good faith, disclose employment information regarding misconduct and competency about a health care worker upon request of a prospective or current employer. A health care provider facility and its directors and employees who provide information in accordance with this section shall be immune from civil liability for providing the information or for any consequences that result from the disclosure of the information unless it is alleged and proven that the information disclosed was false and disclosed with knowledge that such information was false.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2017.

2016-0235s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill declares that any health care provider facility licensed under RSA 151 shall provide certain employment information to any other health care provider facility regarding an employee or prospective employee if the information was provided in good faith.

HEARINGS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2016

COMMERCE, Room 100, SH

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

1:00 p.m. **SB 488-FN-L**, requiring reasonable accommodations for pregnant workers.

1:15 p.m. **SB 501-FN**, prohibiting the possession of powdered or crystalline alcohol.

1:30 p.m. **SB 448-FN**, relative to rates for self-pay patients and notice of allowable benefits.

1:45 p.m. **SB 451-FN**, relative to insurance coverage for massage therapy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

EDUCATION, Room 103, LOB

Sen. Reagan (C), Sen. Stiles (VC), Sen. Avard, Sen. Kelly, Sen. Watters

9:00 a.m. **SB 320**, relative to non-academic surveys administered by a public school to its students.

9:15 a.m. **SB 373**, relative to the information technology infrastructure in public schools.

- 9:30 a.m. **SB 503-FN-A**, relative to pre-kindergarten education using “pay for success” financing.
- 9:50 a.m. **SB 460**, authorizing the state board of education to adopt rules relative to child sexual abuse and healthy relationships.
- 10:10 a.m. **SB 470**, relative to eligibility of school district employees for Family and Medical Leave Act coverage.
- 10:30 a.m. **SB 316**, relative to placement decisions by a child’s individualized education program team.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

FINANCE, Room 103, SH

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

- 1:00 p.m. Agency Updates:
Racing and Charitable Gaming Division
New Hampshire Hospital
- 1:30 p.m. **CACR 27**, relating to the operating budget. Providing that the state shall not spend more in any year than it receives in revenue.
- 1:45 p.m. **SB 480-FN-A**, relative to the state house visitor’s center revolving fund.
- 2:05 p.m. **SB 522-FN-A**, making an appropriation to the pharmacy board for technology upgrades for the controlled drug prescription health and safety program.
- 2:25 p.m. **SB 408-FN-A**, relative to funding for the children’s savings account program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, Room 101, LOB

Sen. Sanborn (C), Sen. Kelly (VC), Sen. Avard, Sen. Carson, Sen. Fuller Clark

- 1:00 p.m. **SB 426**, establishing an end-of-life choices study commission.
- 1:20 p.m. **SB 428**, relative to arbitration agreements in nursing home contracts.
- 1:50 p.m. **SB 427**, establishing a committee to study the use of restraints when transporting a person subject to involuntary admission proceedings.
- 2:30 p.m. **SB 437**, establishing a commission to address child hunger in New Hampshire.
- 3:10 p.m. **SB 432**, relative to itemized bills for medical services.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

JUDICIARY, Room 100, SH

Sen. Carson (C), Sen. Cataldo (VC), Sen. Daniels, Sen. Lasky, Sen. Pierce

- 9:00 a.m. **SB 469-FN**, relative to criminal record checks of wrecker operators.
(THE PREVIOUS HEARING FOR SB 469-FN WAS RECESSED ON JANUARY 26TH)
- 9:10 a.m. **SB 474-FN**, relative to the administration of small estates.
(THE PREVIOUS HEARING FOR SB 474-FN WAS RECESSED ON JANUARY 26TH)
- 9:30 a.m. **SB 467-FN**, relative to private investigators, security guards, and bail enforcement agents, and relative to unsworn falsification on agency forms.
(THE PREVIOUS HEARING FOR SB 467-FN WAS RECESSED ON JANUARY 26TH)
- 10:00 a.m. **SB 498-FN**, relative to penalties for possession of certain controlled drugs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

TRANSPORTATION, Room 103, LOB

Sen. Stiles (C), Sen. Birdsell (VC), Sen. Daniels, Sen. Watters, Sen. Feltes

- 1:00 p.m. **SB 510-FN**, relative to parking at state park parking meters.
- 1:20 p.m. **SB 490-FN**, establishing a donate life number plate.
- 1:40 p.m. **SB 433**, relative to exclusions from seasonal highway weight limit regulation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 103, SH

Sen. Boutin (C), Sen. D'Allesandro (VC), Sen. Sanborn, Sen. Morse, Sen. Feltes

9:30 a.m. **SB 445-FN-L**, suspending the registration fee for the sale of municipal bonds in New Hampshire for 2 years.

(THE PREVIOUS HEARING FOR SB 445-FN-L WAS RECESSED ON JANUARY 19TH)

9:45 a.m. **SB 511-FN-A**, establishing a refund of a portion of state education property taxes for child and dependent care expenses.

10:00 a.m. **SB 342-FN**, making certain changes to business profits tax provisions affecting a business organization when owners sell or exchange ownership interests in the business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2016

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES, Room 100, SH

Sen. Bradley (C), Sen. Little (VC), Sen. Sanborn, Sen. Fuller Clark, Sen. Feltes

9:00 a.m. **SB 374**, requiring the office of energy and planning to update coastal flooding trends.

9:15 a.m. **SB 375**, establishing the coastal marine natural resources and environment commission.

9:30 a.m. **SB 376-FN**, relative to wildlife corridors.

9:45 a.m. **SB 461-FN**, relative to expenditures of the Winnepesaukee River Basin control program funds.

10:00 a.m. **SB 484**, relative to the role of the Winnepesaukee River advisory board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 101, LOB

Sen. Carson (C), Sen. Reagan (VC), Sen. Cataldo, Sen. Soucy, Sen. Woodburn

9:00 a.m. **SB 324**, eliminating the land use board, establishing an advisory board, and requiring approval of federal land acquisitions by the governor, executive council, and general court.

9:30 a.m. **SB 327**, establishing a commission to study land title registries.

9:45 a.m. **SB 446**, relative to requirements of the state building code.

10:00 a.m. **SB 334**, establishing a commission to study the planning functions of the office of energy and planning.

10:15 a.m. **SB 396**, relative to compatibility of electrical devices with the National Electric Code and the state building code.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, Room 102, LOB

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

9:00 a.m. **SB 508-FN**, authorizing citizen complaints to the ballot law commission for violations of registration and reporting requirements by political committees
(THE PREVIOUS HEARING FOR SB 508-FN WAS RECESSED ON JANUARY 27TH)

9:30 a.m. **SB 509-FN**, relative to voter registration forms and relative to voter identity verification.
(THE PREVIOUS HEARING FOR SB 509-FN WAS RECESSED ON JANUARY 27TH)

10:00 a.m. **SB 352**, naming a cove in Lake Winnepesaukee as Rittson Cove.

10:30 a.m. Presentation by the Secretary of State on accessible voting technology.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2016

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 101, LOB

Sen. Carson (C), Sen. Reagan (VC), Sen. Cataldo, Sen. Soucy, Sen. Woodburn

- 9:00 a.m. **SB 388**, requiring a public hearing on proposed changes to the state retiree group insurance plan.
- 9:15 a.m. **SB 400**, relative to executive branch ethics.
- 9:30 a.m. **SB 329**, revising the nurse licensure compact.
- 9:50 a.m. **SB 310**, expanding the defense and indemnification provided under RSA 99-D to certain claims filed with and investigations by professional licensing boards, committees, and regulatory agencies.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

MEETINGS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2016

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

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

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

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

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

9:30 a.m. Room 102, LOB Regular Meeting

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016

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

10:00 a.m. Room 306, LOB Regular Meeting

STATE COMMITTEE ON AGING (RSA 161-F:7, I)

10:00 a.m. DHHS, Brown Building, Room 232 Regular Meeting
129 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH

TASK FORCE ON WORK AND FAMILY (RSA 276-B:2, I)

1:15 p.m. Room 207, LOB Regular Meeting

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

2:00 p.m. Room 303, LOB Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2016

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

10:00 a.m. Room 102, LOB Subcommittee Meeting

NEW HAMPSHIRE FILM AND TELEVISION COMMISSION (RSA 21-K:23, III)

10:00 a.m. Department of Cultural Resources Regular Meeting
19 Pillsbury Street
Concord, NH

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2016

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (RSA 188-E:10-b)

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

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

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

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

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

INTERBRANCH CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE COUNCIL (RSA 651-E:2)

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2016**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 126-A:13)**

1:00 p.m. Room 104, LOB Subcommittee Meeting on
Food Services Performance
Audit Review

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2016**STATE SUGGESTION AND EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE AWARD EVALUATION COMMITTEE (RSA 99-E:1, I)**

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

COMMISSION ON HISTORIC BURYING GROUNDS (RSA 227-C:12-a)

10:00 a.m. Room 102, LOB Regular Meeting

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2016**LEGISLATIVE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 19-K:1)**

1:00 p.m. NHTI Community College Regular Meeting
MacRury Hall
Conference Room 136
31 College Drive
Concord, NH

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2016**NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS HOME BOARD OF MANAGERS (RSA 119:3-a)**

9:00 a.m. NH Veterans Home Regular Meeting
Tarr South Conference Room
139 Winter Street
Tilton, NH

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016**CAPITAL BUDGET OVERVIEW COMMITTEE (RSA 17-J:2)**

1:00 p.m. Room 201, LOB Regular Business

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2016

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

2:30 p.m.	Walker Building, Room 100 21 South Fruit St. Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2016

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

9:00 a.m.	Rooms 306-308, LOB	Regular Meeting
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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2016

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

9:00 a.m.	NH Higher Education Assistance Foundation 4 Barrell Court Concord, NH	Quarterly Meeting
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SENATE BILLS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

COMMERCE

SB 45, establishing a committee to study opioid use in workers' compensation cases.

SB 110-FN, establishing the administrative supervision act.

SB 203-FN, relative to review of eligibility for workers' compensation.

EDUCATION

SB 157-FN, requiring high school students to pass a competency assessment of the United States and New Hampshire government and civics.

SB 227, relative to calculating the cost of an adequate education.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SB 64, relative to payment for filling prescriptions and enforcement concerning prices for filling certain prescriptions.

WAYS AND MEANS

SB 144, relative to carry-over coverall bingo and shared carry-over coverall bingo.

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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 2015-2016 BILLS:

SENATE BILLS: 129, 138, 157, 193, 203, 210, 227, 238, 239, 256, 265, 369, 447

HOUSE BILLS: 216, 353, 380, 521, 593, 628

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ENROLLED BILL AMENDMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SENATE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR 2016 BILLS:

SENATE BILL: 576

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NOTICES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2016

Bi-State Primary Care Association will host its NH Legislative and Business Hot Breakfast on Wednesday, February 3rd from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn, 172 N. Main Street, Concord (snow date: February 4th).

Senator Jeb Bradley, Senate Majority Leader

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2016

The New Hampshire Federation of Humane Organizations and The Humane Society of the United States cordially invite all legislators to attend a legislative continental breakfast in the State House cafeteria on Wednesday, February 3rd anytime between 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. This is an opportunity to speak with the leaders of the state's non-profit animal shelters and to learn about the work of the Humane Society of the United States. Citizens from around the state will be in attendance to meet with legislators to discuss pending legislation that impacts animals. Legislators will be notified if they have a constituent registered for the event. Please join constituents, your colleagues and animal welfare professionals for food and conversation.

Senator John Reagan

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2016

The Friedman Foundation will host a lunch and presentation, *School Choice Today - and Tomorrow* on Wednesday, February 3rd at 11:45 a.m. at the Upham Walker House. Lunch will be provided. Representatives from the Friedman Foundation and Heritage Foundation will discuss the current status of school choice around the nation and new choice innovations that have been launched in some states.

Senator John Reagan

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2016

The NH Retail Association is celebrating its 50th anniversary and want you to celebrate with them by joining association board and members at its Annual Legislative Reception and presentation of the annual "Law Enforcement Partner of the Year," "Retailer of the Year," and "Legislator of the Year" awards on Wednesday, February 3rd at 4:00 p.m. or at the conclusion of the House session at the Concord Holiday Inn. Please join NH Retail Association members, your colleagues and some invited former colleagues for light fare and conversation.

Senator Jeb Bradley, Senate Majority Leader
Senator Jeff Woodburn, Senate Minority Leader

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2016

The N.H. Optometric Association hosts its "Eye-Opener" Breakfast on Wednesday, February 10th in the State House Cafeteria. Legislators and staff are invited to stop by anytime from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. to enjoy a hot breakfast, speak with local Doctors of Optometry and learn about eye health, the practice of Optometry and how the state regulates the profession of Optometry.

Senator Jeb Bradley, Senate Majority Leader
Senator Jeff Woodburn, Senate Minority Leader

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016

Northeast Delta Dental cordially invites all members of the New Hampshire Senate and the staff to its 17th Annual Legislative Reception to be held Tuesday, February 16th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at its corporate office at One Delta Drive in Concord. Please RSVP to Kathleen Gleason at kgleason@nedelta.com or 223-1317.

Senator Jeb Bradley, Senate Majority Leader
Senator Jeff Woodburn, Senate Minority Leader

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2016

The NH Regional Planning Association and the NH Planners Association invite all legislators to a continental breakfast on Wednesday, February 17th from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the State House cafeteria. This is a great opportunity to meet and talk about planning issues that impact your communities.

Senator Jeb Bradley, Senate Majority Leader

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2016

The New Hampshire Fiscal Policy Institute 2016 conference, *Making Ends Meet: Enhancing Economic Security, Fostering Shared Prosperity*, will be held Friday, February 19th at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord, NH. NHFPI's 3rd annual policy conference will examine what it really takes to make ends meet in the Granite State and explore some of the key elements of a broader strategy for easing the difficulties facing working families -- a strategy that aims both to boost wages and salaries and to bring the cost of basic necessities within closer reach. General registration fees: \$35 through January 8th; \$45 after January 8th. Pre-registration is required by Friday, February 5th. The event will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. A limited number of scholarships for complimentary conference registrations are available for current members of the NH Legislature; see website for details. Learn more and register: <http://www.nhfpi.org/news-events/policy-conference-2016>.

Senator Jeff Woodburn, Senate Minority Leader

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2016

The NH Oral Health Coalition invites all legislators to join us for our Annual Legislative Breakfast – “Banding Together for NH’s Oral Health” on Wednesday, March 23rd from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in the NH State House Cafeteria. In addition to a hot breakfast, Coalition members statewide will provide displays and updated information on oral health priorities and access throughout the state. Please RSVP to: info@nhoralhealth.org or call 603-415-5550.

Senator Jeb Bradley, Senate Majority Leader

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SENATE SCHEDULE

Monday, February 15, 2016	Presidents’ Day (State Holiday)
Monday, February 22, 2016 –	
Friday, February 26, 2016	SENATE BREAK
Thursday, March 03, 2016	Deadline for Policy Committees to ACT on all Senate bills with a fiscal impact, except bills exempted pursuant to Senate Rule 4-5.
	CROSSOVER – Deadline to ACT on all Senate bills.
Thursday, March 24, 2016	Deadline for Policy Committees to ACT on all House bills with a fiscal impact, except bills exempted pursuant to Senate Rule 4-5.
Thursday, April 21, 2016	Deadline to ACT on all House bills.
Thursday, May 12, 2016	Deadline to FORM Committees of Conference.
Thursday, May 19, 2016	Deadline to SIGN Committee of Conference Reports.
Thursday, May 26, 2016	Memorial Day (State Holiday)
Monday, May 30, 2016	Deadline to ACT on Committee of Conference Reports.
Thursday, June 02, 2016	Independence Day (State Holiday)
Monday, July 04, 2016	Labor Day (State Holiday)
Monday, September 05, 2016	Veterans’ Day (State Holiday)
Friday, November 11, 2016	Thanksgiving Day (State Holiday)
Thursday, November 24, 2016	Day after Thanksgiving (State Holiday)
Friday, November 25, 2016	Christmas Day (State Holiday)
Monday, December 26, 2016	