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SENATE CALENDAR

THE SENATE WILL CONVENE ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020

Pursuant to Part 2, Article 3 of the New Hampshire Constitution, the Senate “shall assemble annually on the first Wednesday following the first Tuesday in January.”

CONSENT CALENDAR REPORTS

COMMERCE

SB 42, declaring Old Hampshire Applejack the state spirit of New Hampshire.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator French for the committee.

This bill would have designated Tamworth Distilling’s Old New Hampshire Applejack as the state spirit. Unlike other state symbols, this spirit would be promoting a trademarked brand. Further, this bill would not recognize other spirit makers and distilleries throughout the state who may produce a similar product.

SB 60, relative to advance notice to hourly employees of work schedules.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Soucy for the committee.

This bill sought to require employers with more than fifteen employees to provide two weeks of advanced notice for work schedules. Some stakeholders raised concerns about meeting this requirement due to staff shortages and the unpredictable nature of their industries. The committee believes that more work needs to be done to address the technical concerns raised at and since the hearing.

SB 61, permitting private enforcement of the rights of construction and labor industry employees.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Cavanaugh for the committee.

This bill would create a legal mechanism for employer or industry organizations to recover workers’ compensation insurance premiums. This remedy has the potential to add funds into the New Hampshire general fund as well as to level the playing field for New Hampshire businesses. The committee found that this bill requires further study regarding its implementation and applicability in New Hampshire.

HB 233, relative to the group and individual health insurance market.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator French for the committee.

This bill sought to establish the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2009. It also contains similar language to SB4, which was signed into law by the governor; however, it is not as comprehensive. Since SB4 encompasses the aspects of this bill and includes more detailed language, the committee recommends a motion of interim study.

HB 272, relative to temporary workers.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Morgan for the committee.

This bill sought to provide temporary workers with detailed information relating to their work assignment. The committee recommends a motion of interim study because there needs to be further input from those affected, primarily the agencies and temporary workers.

HB 717-FN, prohibiting prescription drug manufacturers from offering coupons or discounts to cover insurance copayments or deductibles.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator Morse for the committee.

This bill sought to prohibit manufacturers from offering discounts or coupons in order to lower premium costs. While that is an important effort, many individuals and families rely on manufacturer discounts or coupons to alleviate the burden of high prescription copayments or deductibles. Additionally, this legislation does not provide a safety net for individuals who may not be able to afford expensive prescription medication.

EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

SB 302-FN, relative to suspension and expulsion of pupils.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Dietsch for the committee.

There is a similar bill in the House and the committee felt that this legislation needed some more study in the event that the other bill does not pass the House. Additionally, there is some language that needs to be reviewed for clarity.

ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

SB 46, relative to qualifications of the inspectors of election.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator Morgan for the committee.

This bill would have required that inspectors of election be registered to vote in the city or town where they serve. The committee felt that this would reduce the number of volunteers able to serve and is not necessary at this time.

SB 69, relative to short-term rentals.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

The committee found that the bill requires additional study. This will enable the prime sponsor and affected stakeholders to reach a comprehensive compromise.

SB 152, relative to third party inspections conducted pursuant to a planning board approval.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

This bill as amended will require planning boards to develop a scope for any third- party inspections that are done during a construction project. In the absence of a third-party inspection, the planning board may require the applicant to provide certification stating that the project was built in accordance with the plans that were approved. This will provide protections from unforeseen financial burdens for the applicant as well as the contractors, while maintaining local control for the planning boards.

SB 157, making undeclared voters eligible to be inspectors.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Levesque for the committee.

This bill would have permitted any inspector of election appointed be in equal numbers from both political parties and from undeclared voters. The committee determined that this legislation is significant and therefore needs more research to be certain election laws stay consistent.

SB 158, relative to town and city membership in a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization and prohibiting recipients of municipal or county funds from using such funds for lobbying.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator Levesque for the committee.

This bill would provide oversight to a municipality's lobbying activities. While the legislation has merit, the committee agreed that there would be unintended consequences that would negatively impact municipal efforts to be engaged in laws that will affect them.

SB 229-FN, relative to audit recounts.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Levesque for the committee.

This bill as amended will establish a committee to study the value of conducting post-election audits in New Hampshire. The committee found that having post-election audits may increase voter confidence and provide necessary checks and balances to the system.

SB 231-FN, promoting truth in political advertising.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Morgan for the committee.

This bill as amended will establish a committee to study truth in political advertising. In recent years, evidence has shown candidates in all parties have been the target of false advertising during elections. The duties of this committee will be to study ways to promote truth in political advertising and how best to investigate and address allegations of false political advertising in state elections.

SB 305-FN, relative to voter registrations accepted by other state agencies.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.
Senator Gray for the committee.

This bill as amended will allow the secretary of state to develop an online portal which will allow citizens to, complete a new voter application, request an absentee ballot, or request changes to the state's voter database such as name, domicile address, mailing address, and party affiliation. This will help to modernize those application processes and streamline the voting process.

HB 130-L, relative to property tax relief for totally and permanently disabled veterans.
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.
Senator Birdsell for the committee.

This bill provides that a veteran who is 100 percent permanently and totally disabled be eligible for the property tax exemption under RSA 72:36-a. This will align New Hampshire with federal regulations governing total and permanent disability ratings and un-employability.

HB 303, relative to certification of building code compliance inspectors.
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.
Senator Sherman for the committee.

The committee received testimony from the Prime Sponsor that unintended consequences resulting from this bill need to be addressed. Although the original intent of the legislation is important, there is more study to be done to come up with language that will benefit all involved.

HB 381, repealing requirements for transfer of appropriations in Carroll county.
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.
Senator Birdsell for the committee.

The bill would have repealed the procedures for transfers of departmental appropriations in Carroll county. The committee feels that more time is needed to see if the rules in statute already are effective or not before they are repealed.

HB 384, relative to access to historic burial sites on state-owned land.
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.
Senator Sherman for the committee.

The committee found that the bill is only applicable to one case known statewide. Additionally, private remedies have been made by the Wiggins' to maintain public access to their ancestral burial lands. Those remedies included establishing a nonprofit corporation and obtaining a five-year land use permit from NH Fish and Game.

HB 479-FN, relative to eligibility for the low and moderate income homeowners property tax relief.
Interim Study, Vote 5-0.
Senator Morgan for the committee.

This bill will increase the income and property value criteria for claimants of the low- and moderate-income homeowners property tax relief against statewide education property taxes. Understanding that the tax credit will come out of the Education Trust Fund, the Committee agreed that additional research should be done to ensure school funding is covered.

HB 556, allowing municipalities to process absentee ballots prior to election day.
Interim Study, Vote 5-0.
Senator Sherman for the committee.

This bill would permit municipalities to process, but not count, absentee ballots prior to election day. The committee found that this legislation would represent significant change from current New Hampshire election laws and determined that additional time is needed to research the issue.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

SB 113, relative to municipal authority regarding the state building code.
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.
Senator Carson for the committee.

This bill requires the Building Code Review Board to review any changes to municipal building codes before such changes are enforced. The Committee Amendment implements a mechanism to ensure that the proposed changes go before the BCRB before they would be presented to the legislative body of the

municipality. The intent of this bill is to create an avenue for discussion between the BCRB and local code enforcement officers and fight the spread of patchwork building code regulations across the state which has created impediments to businesses trying to operate in multiple municipalities.

SB 222-FN, relative to licensure of pharmacy benefits managers.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator Rosenwald for the committee.

This bill is very similar to SB 226-FN (2019) which was passed and signed into law this summer. While there is, therefore, no need to pass SB 222-FN, the Committee is aware that further legislation on the subject of pharmacy benefits managers will be forthcoming during this session.

SB 256-FN, relative to emergency generators in certain senior housing.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Chandley for the committee.

This bill would require certain senior housing facilities to have and maintain emergency generators. While the intent of the bill is completely reasonable, the Committee heard that current regulation may be sufficient. In order to avoid redundancy, the Committee recommends Interim Study to conduct additional research.

SB 288-FN, relative to privatization contracts by state agencies.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator Cavanaugh for the committee.

This bill would require state agencies to consider using people already employed by the State rather than contracting out to private companies. There is already a Statutory Committee on State Procurement that considers such proposals and the Committee feels that it is best to leave such decisions up to the Committee on State Procurement.

HB 487-FN, establishing a registry for the deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf/blind in the department of health and human services.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Chandley for the committee.

This bill would establish a registry of persons who are deaf, hard of hearing or deaf/blind in the Department of Health and Human Services and would grant rulemaking authority to the Commissioner of the Department for the purposes of the bill. There were several concerns raised about the registry. The Committee believes that a vote of Interim Study will allow legislators, members of the Department of Health and Human Services, and other stakeholders to address the aforementioned concerns.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SB 179, relative to pharmacist administration of vaccines.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator Chandley for the committee.

This bill modifies the authority for pharmacists and pharmacy interns to administer vaccinations to include all vaccines listed in the recommended adult immunization schedule by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. While members of the committee saw merit in this, there was agreement that it would be prudent to delay implementation until the New Hampshire Vaccine Registry is sufficiently operational. For this reason, the committee recommends this bill be found inexpedient to legislate.

SB 319-FN, requiring automated external defibrillators in health clubs.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Bradley for the committee.

This bill requires automated external defibrillators in health clubs. The committee amendment expands the list of organizations/facilities that are required to have external defibrillators.

HB 490, establishing a commission to study the role of clinical diagnosis and the limitations of serological diagnostic tests in determining the presence or absence of Lyme and other tick-borne diseases and available treatment protocols, and appropriate methods for educating physicians and the public about the inconclusive nature of prevailing test methods and available treatment alternatives.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Fuller Clark for the committee.

This bill called for the establishment a commission to study the use and limitations of serological diagnostic tests to determine the presence or absence of Lyme and other tick-borne diseases as well as the development of appropriate methods to educate physicians and the public with respect to the inconclusive nature of prevailing test methods. The committee felt that the recently established Tick-Borne Disease Advisory Council by the New Hampshire Medical Society achieves what this bill sought to establish.

REGULAR CALENDAR REPORTS

COMMERCE

SB 227-FN, relative to multiple-employer welfare arrangements.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2.

Senator Cavanaugh for the committee.

SB 248-FN, increasing the age for sales and possession of tobacco products.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2.

Senator Morgan for the committee.

HB 186, establishing a state minimum wage and providing for adjustments to the minimum wage.

Interim Study, Vote 4-1.

Senator Cavanaugh for the committee.

HB 253, relative to criminal records checks in the employee application process.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator French for the committee.

HB 348, relative to procedures for condominiums with 25 or fewer residential units.

Ought to Pass, Vote 4-1.

Senator Cavanaugh for the committee.

HB 536-FN, adding biometric information to the consumer protection act.

Interim Study, Vote 4-1.

Senator Morgan for the committee.

HB 703-FN, relative to providing notice of the introduction of new high-cost prescription drugs.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2.

Senator Morgan for the committee.

EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

SB 65, relative to the start of the school year.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 4-1.

Senator Ward for the committee.

HB 383, relative to the prohibition on unlawful discrimination in public and nonpublic schools.

Interim Study, Vote 5-0.

Senator Morgan for the committee.

HB 447, relative to school calendar days.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 4-1.

Senator Kahn for the committee.

HB 652, relative to suicide prevention.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 4-1.

Senator Ward for the committee.

ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

SB 23-L, relative to a town establishing a minimum age to purchase a product.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2.

Senator Sherman for the committee.

SB 304-FN-A, relative to campaign contributions and expenditures, and making an appropriation therefor.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-1.

Senator Levesque for the committee.

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

SB 13, relative to limited electrical energy producers and net energy metering.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Fuller Clark for the committee.

SB 73, requiring the public utilities commission to quantify and consider environmental and socioeconomic costs in state energy plans of electric utilities.

Interim Study, Vote 4-0.

Senator Fuller Clark for the committee.

SB 75, establishing a commission to study the economic impact of national carbon pricing in New Hampshire.

Interim Study, Vote 4-0.

Senator Watters for the committee.

SB 287-FN, requiring the commissioner of the department of environmental services to revise rules relative to perfluorinated chemical contamination in drinking water.

Interim Study, Vote 4-0.

Senator Watters for the committee.

HB 466, relative to the capacity of electricity customer generators for eligibility for net energy metering.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-1.

Senator Feltes for the committee.

HB 496, establishing a committee to identify the requirements needed to commit New Hampshire to a goal of at least 50 percent renewable energy for electricity by 2040.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Fuller Clark for the committee.

HB 568, relative to the New Hampshire energy strategy.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 4-0.

Senator Fuller Clark for the committee.

HB 707, relative to settlement money from actions pertaining to the contamination of groundwater or drinking water.

Interim Study, Vote 4-0.

Senator Bradley for the committee.

HB 715-FN, relative to electrical energy storage.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Watters for the committee.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 121-FN, relative to the regulation of massage, reflexology, structural integrator and Asian bodywork therapy establishments.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2.

Senator Cavanaugh for the committee.

HB 150-FN, relative to statements of financial interests filed by state officials.

Interim Study, Vote 4-1.

Senator Carson for the committee.

HB 520, relative to availability of diaper changing stations in public restrooms.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator Carson for the committee.

FINANCE

SB 171-FN-A, appropriating money to remove lead from drinking water pipes in schools.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-1.

Senator D'Allesandro for the committee.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SB 175, relative to qualifying medical conditions for therapeutic cannabis.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-1.

Senator Gray for the committee.

SB 181-FN, requiring monitoring of certain radioactive air pollutants.

Interim Study, Vote 4-0.

Senator Sherman for the committee.

JUDICIARY

SB 35, making a technical correction to the bail statute.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 4-0.

Senator French for the committee.

SB 89-FN, relative to the penalties for violation of privacy.

Interim Study, Vote 4-0.

Senator Levesque for the committee.

SB 90-FN, relative to certain disclosures by health care provider facilities.

Interim Study, Vote 4-0.

Senator Hennessey for the committee.

SB 182, relative to a duty to report when another person has suffered grave physical harm.

Interim Study, Vote 4-0.

Senator Hennessey for the committee.

SB 295-FN, relative to the office of the child advocate.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Chandley for the committee.

SB 312-FN, relative to medical monitoring for exposure to toxic substances.

Interim Study, Vote 4-0.

Senator Chandley for the committee.

SB 315-FN, relative to claims against the state.

Interim Study, Vote 4-0.

Senator Hennessey for the committee.

SB 316-FN, relative to the protection of personal information.

Interim Study, Vote 4-0.

Senator Hennessey for the committee.

HB 153, relative to circumstances under which police officer disciplinary records shall be public documents.

Interim Study, Vote 4-0.

Senator French for the committee.

HB 155, relative to procedures for determining and disclosing exculpatory evidence in a police officer's personnel file.

Interim Study, Vote 4-0.

Senator French for the committee.

HB 263, relative to department of health and human services family reunification practices involving convicted sex offenders.

Interim Study, Vote 4-0.

Senator Levesque for the committee.

HB 481-FN-A-L, relative to the legalization and regulation of cannabis and making appropriations therefor.

Interim Study, Vote 4-0.

Senator Hennessey for the committee.

TRANSPORTATION

HB 397-FN, relative to drivers' licenses for New Hampshire residents who do not possess a social security card.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Watters for the committee.

WAYS AND MEANS

SB 94, relative to the number of days a charitable organization may operate bingo.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 4-0.

Senator Feltes for the committee.

SB 95-FN, establishing a working families property tax refund program.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-1.

Senator D'Allesandro for the committee.

SB 223-FN, increasing the minimum gross business income required for filing a business profits tax return.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-1.

Senator Dietsch for the committee.

SB 244-FN, relative to taxes applicable to certain real estate investment trusts.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 4-0.

Senator D'Allesandro for the committee.

AMENDMENTS

Energy and Natural Resources
November 20, 2019
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Amendment to SB 13

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

1 Findings. The general court finds that:

I. New Hampshire's electricity consumers, including municipalities, manufacturers, commercial businesses, and other large users, strongly support more competitive retail options to lower their energy costs.

II. These same consumers deserve the freedom to invest their own capital to become more self-sufficient and energy independent and less reliant on out-of-state electricity companies that control our high electricity rates.

III. ISO-New England, Inc., the independent, nonprofit regional transmission organization that oversees the operation of New England's bulk electric power system and transmission lines, has stated that infrastructure constraints could pose a challenge to the reliable operation of the regional power grid, create price increases and volatility, and contribute to increased air emissions, all of which would adversely impact New Hampshire's citizens, businesses, and economy.

IV. The current size limit of one megawatt on customer-generators that may participate in net energy metering is an unnecessary barrier that denies larger electricity users the same rights that smaller users already have to produce and use local renewable power that reduces their energy costs, increases supply, and insulates all New Hampshire ratepayers from electric price volatility and higher transmission costs.

V. The current size limit is also a barrier to significant investment in existing and new small renewable energy projects, which would help keep our energy dollars in-state, drive economic activity, support good-paying jobs, and increase state and local business and property tax revenues.

VI. The federal Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA) as amended by the Energy Policy Act of 2005 calls upon states to consider the adoption and implementation of net metering policies. PURPA as amended states that electricity generated by an eligible on-site generating facility may be used to offset electric energy provided by the electric utility and allows states to define an eligible facility. Furthermore, under ISO New England's rules, a generating facility of less than 5 megawatts that is connected to the distribution grid is not required to register with ISO New England as a generator or participate in the wholesale energy markets; rather, if the generating facility elects not to register as a wholesale market participant or retires from such status, the customer generator is to be treated by ISO New England as a retail load reducer.

VII. It is therefore also in the best interests of all citizens of New Hampshire that the size limit on customer-generators that may participate in net energy metering and serve as retail load reducers be increased from one megawatt to up to but not including 5 megawatts to increase customer supply choice, foster a more robust retail market for local renewable energy, help mitigate the cost of electric service in the state, reduce the price volatility of that service, and reduce the potential for disruptions in electricity supply due to inadequate wholesale generating capacity in the New England marketplace.

2 Definition; Customer-generator. Amend RSA 362-A:1-a, II-b to read as follows:

II-b. "Eligible customer-generator" or "customer-generator" means an electric utility customer who owns, operates, or purchases power from an electrical generating facility either powered by renewable energy or which employs a heat led combined heat and power system, with a ~~[total peak generating]~~ **nameplate or maximum rated** capacity of ~~[up to and including one megawatt,]~~ **less than 5 megawatts and** that is located behind a retail meter on the customer's premises, is interconnected and operates in parallel with the electric grid, and is used to offset the customer's own electricity requirements **in the first instance**. Incremental generation added to an existing generation facility, that does not itself qualify for net metering, shall qualify if such incremental generation meets the qualifications of this paragraph and is metered separately from the nonqualifying facility.

3 Net Energy Metering; Net Effects. Amend RSA 362-A:9, VII to read as follows:

VII.(a) A distribution utility may perform an annual calculation to determine the net effect this section had on its default service and distribution revenues and expenses in the prior calendar year. The method of performing the calculation and applying the results, as well as a reconciliation mechanism to collect or credit any such net effects with appropriate carrying charges and credits applied, shall be determined by the commission.

(b) For the purposes of accounting for any exports to the distribution grid by customer-generators, such exports shall be treated as reductions to the customer-generator's electricity supplier's wholesale load obligation for energy supply as a load serving entity, net of any applicable line loss adjustments as approved by the commission.

(c) A generator that first becomes operational on or after July 1, 2020 shall only be eligible to participate in net metering as a customer-generator if it does not register as a generator with ISO New England, is not considered a "Network Resource" or "Asset" by ISO New England, and does not participate in any other sale of electricity in interstate commerce.

(d) A generator that first became operational before July 1, 2020 and that has outstanding capacity commitments in the forward capacity market administered by ISO New England, is registered as a generator with ISO New England, or is considered a "Network Resource" or "Asset" by ISO New England, may elect to become a customer-generator and participate in net metering upon retirement from all wholesale electric markets administered by ISO New England. A generator in the process of retiring from FERC regulated electric markets may prospectively register as a group host pursuant to paragraph XIV provided that net metering tariffs under this section shall not be effective until such retirement is effective.

(e) Any provisions of settlement agreements or orders that have been approved or issued by the commission that relate to a distribution utility's treatment of the output from qualifying facilities or independent power producers shall not apply to the output from an eligible customer-generator participating in net metering.

4 Net Energy Metering; Transition of Tariffs. Amend RSA 362-A:9, XV to read as follows:

XV. Standard tariffs that are available to eligible customer-generators under this section shall terminate on December 31, 2040 and such customer-generators shall transition to tariffs that are in effect at that time. **Alternative tariffs shall be applicable and have such grandfathering provisions as may be approved or adopted by the commission under this section. Customer-generators with a nameplate or maximum rated capacity of more than one megawatt and less than 5 megawatts that are eligible for net metering before the commission adopts tariffs specifically for customer-generators with a generating capacity of more than one megawatt shall:**

(a) Be eligible to receive the export credit rate approved by the commission in Order No. 26,029 (DE 16-576) for one megawatt sized customer-generators on default service, namely, the applicable default energy service rate.

(b) Be grandfathered by the terms of currently applicable tariffs for customer-generators with a total peak generating capacity of one megawatt if the customer-generator's electrical generating facility first becomes operational on or after July 1, 2020.

(c) Transition to such new tariffs as are specifically approved by the commission for customer-generators with a nameplate or maximum rated capacity of more than one megawatt if the customer-generator's electrical generating facility first became operational before July 1, 2020.

5 Utility Property Tax; Eligible Customer-Generator; Exclusion Clarified. Amend RSA 83-F:1, V(d) to read as follows:

(d) The electrical generation, production, storage, and supply equipment of an "eligible customer-generator" as defined in RSA 362-A:1-a, II-b, **up to and including one megawatt;**

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

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill increases the electric generating capacity of customer generators who may participate in net energy metering and modifies the transition of tariffs applicable to certain customer-generators. The bill also clarifies the definition of eligible customer-generator for purposes of the utility property tax.

Senate Executive Departments and Administration
 December 17, 2019
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Amendment to SB 113

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

1 Duties of the State Fire Marshal; Approval of Local Amendments. Amend RSA 153:4-a, I to read as follows:

I. The state fire marshal shall have the power to approve, disapprove, or allow exceptions to any fire safety rule of any state agency except fire safety rules established under RSA 227-L. The state fire marshal shall be responsible for supervising and enforcing all laws of the state relative to the protection of life and property from fire, fire hazards and related matters, and for certifying private firefighting units. The state fire marshal shall also ***review and approve any local code, bylaw, or ordinance relative to fire safety prior to its adoption and enforcement by the municipality. The state fire marshal shall*** assist the several counties, cities, towns, village districts, and precincts in supervising and enforcing local laws, bylaws, and ordinances where existent, relative to (a) the prevention of fires; (b) the storage, sale and use of combustibles; (c) the installation and maintenance of automatic or other fire alarm systems and fire extinguishing equipment; (d) the construction, maintenance, and regulation of fire escapes; (e) the means and adequacy of exit, in case of fire, from factories, asylums, hotels, hospitals, churches, schools, halls, theaters, amphitheaters, nursing and convalescent homes, and all other places in which numbers of persons work, live or congregate from time to time for any purpose; (f) the investigation of the cause, origin, and circumstances of fires; and (g) the transportation, storage, and physical handling of flammable liquids and gases which he believes dangerous to the lives or safety of the citizens of the state.

2 New Paragraph; Duties of the State Fire Marshal; Local Amendments to the State Fire Code. Amend RSA 153:4-a by inserting after paragraph IV the following new paragraph:

V. The state fire marshal, in consultation with the state advisory board of fire control, shall review and approve any local code, bylaw, or ordinance relative to fire safety prior to its adoption and enforcement by the municipality. The fire marshal may limit approval to the submitting municipality or the fire marshal may permit its adoption and enforcement on a statewide basis. A local fire safety code, bylaw, or ordinance approved on a statewide basis may be subsequently adopted and enforced by municipalities upon notice to the fire marshal of its adoption. The fire marshal, with the assistance of the state advisory board of fire control, shall maintain and publish a catalog of all municipal fire safety codes, bylaws, and ordinances.

3 State Fire Code; Rules. Amend RSA 153:5, V to read as follows:

V. The state fire marshal, and the local fire chief, in accordance with RSA 154:2, shall use the state fire code, including rules adopted under paragraph I, and any local codes adopted in accordance with ***RSA 153:4-a and RSA 47:22 or RSA 155-A:3***, for the purposes of new construction, additions, and alterations. It is the intent of the legislature to avoid conflicts in the adoption and application of the state building code and the state fire code.

4 New Paragraph; New Hampshire Building Code; Local Amendment; Approval By Building Code Review Board or State Fire Marshal Required. Amend RSA 155-A:3 by inserting after paragraph IV the following new paragraph:

V. The municipality shall not adopt or enforce a local ordinance or regulation amending the state building code or state fire code unless approved by the state building code review board pursuant to RSA 155-A:10, IV-a relative to the state building code or the state fire marshal pursuant to RSA 153:4-a, V relative to the state fire code.

5 Enforcement Authority; Building Code Violation; Fee to Appeal Decision of Local Enforcement Agency Prohibited. Amend RSA 155-A:7, IV to read as follows:

IV. All local enforcement agencies and selectmen and the state fire marshal in those communities without a local enforcement agency shall provide information on the local and state appeals process when issuing a building permit or notice of violation. ***No fee shall be required to appeal a notice of violation or other decision of a code compliance officer.***

6 New Paragraph; State Building Code Review Board; Approval of Local Amendments. Amend RSA 155-A:10 by inserting after paragraph IV the following new paragraph:

IV-a. Any local ordinance or regulation that amends the state building code shall be approved by the board prior to its adoption and enforcement by the municipality. The board may limit its approval to the municipality submitting the amendment or the board may issue approval on a statewide basis. Any amendment approved on a statewide basis may be subsequently adopted and enforced by municipalities upon notice to the board of adoption.

7 State Building Code Review Board; List of Municipal Amendments to Building Code and Fire Code. Amend RSA 155-A:10, V to read as follows:

V. The board shall maintain a publicly accessible list of applicable building codes and amendments to such codes. Amendments proposed by municipalities shall be listed, with specific applicability if not statewide. ***The board shall also maintain a publicly accessible copy of the state fire code, with a list of municipal amendments thereto.***

8 Local Land Use Planning and Regulatory Powers; Power to Amend State Building Code and Establish Enforcement Procedures. Amend RSA 674:51, I and II to read as follows:

I. The local legislative body may enact as an ordinance or adopt, pursuant to the procedures of RSA 675:2-4, additional provisions of the state building code for the construction, remodeling, and maintenance of all buildings and structures in the municipality, provided that ***prior to its adoption and enforcement, the local ordinance or regulation is approved by the state building code review board*** and such additional regulations are not less stringent than the requirements of the state building code. The local legislative body may also enact a process for the enforcement of the state building code and any additional regulations thereto[, and the provisions of a nationally recognized code that are not included in and are not inconsistent with the state building code]. Any local enforcement process adopted prior to the effective date of this paragraph shall remain in effect unless it conflicts with the state building code or is amended or repealed by the municipality.

II. Any such ordinance adopted under paragraph I by a local legislative body shall be submitted to the state building code review board for [informational purposes] ***approval prior to its adoption and enforcement.***

9 Powers of Building Code Board of Appeals. Amend RSA 674:34 to read as follows:

674:34 Powers of Building Code Board of Appeals. The building code board of appeals shall hear and decide appeals of orders, decisions, or determinations made by the building official or fire official relative to the application and interpretation of the state building code or state fire code as defined in RSA 155-A:1. An application for appeal shall be based on a claim that the true intent of the code or the rules adopted thereunder have been incorrectly interpreted, the provisions of the code do not fully apply, or an equally good or better form of construction is proposed. ***No fee shall be required to file an appeal under this section.*** The board shall have no authority to waive requirements of the state building code or the state fire code.

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

2019-2896s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Requires the building code review board to approve local amendments to the state building code prior to their adoption and enforcement and requires the board to maintain and publish a catalog of local amendments to the state building code and state fire code.

II. Requires the fire marshal to approve local amendments to the state fire code prior to their adoption and enforcement and requires the fire marshal, with the assistance of the board of fire control, to maintain and publish a catalog of local fire safety codes and ordinances.

III. Prohibits municipalities from imposing a fee to appeal the decision of a code compliance official.

Election Law and Municipal Affairs

December 4, 2019

2019-2888s

11/05

Amendment to SB 152

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Administrative and Enforcement Procedures; Planning Board; Third Party Review and Inspection. Amend RSA 676:4-b, II to read as follows:

II. A planning board approval of a subdivision plat, site plan, or other land use application may require the applicant to reimburse the board for expenses reasonably incurred by obtaining third party inspection during the construction process. ***A planning board that requires third party inspection during the construction process shall, as part of the inspection process, develop a scope for the project inspection in consultation with the applicant. Alternatively, a planning board approval of a subdivision plat, site plan, or other land use application may ask the applicant to provide a signed certification from the site plan designer in lieu of the third party inspection, stating the project was built in accordance with the plans approved by the planning board. Should the planning board select this option, the site plan designer shall be a New Hampshire licensed professional engineer and the planning board may require that the certification be based on inspections at specified stages during the construction process.***

2019-2888s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires that planning boards that mandate third party inspection during construction processes develop a scope for the inspection or, alternatively, ask the applicant to provide signed certification from the site plan designer stating the project was built in accordance with the plans approved by the planning board.

Senate Ways and Means
November 20, 2019
2019-2871s
10/08

Amendment to SB 223-FN

Amend the bill by replacing sections 1 and 2 with the following:

1 Minimum Gross Business Income for Filing Business Profits Tax Return. Amend RSA 77-A:6, I and I-a to read as follows:

I. Every business organization having gross business income in excess of [~~\$50,000~~] **\$75,000** as defined by RSA 77-A:1, VI, during the taxable period, shall on or before the fifteenth day of the third month in the case of organizations required to file a United States partnership tax return, and the fifteenth day of the fourth month in the case of all other business organizations, following expiration of its taxable period, make a return to the commissioner. The commissioner of revenue administration shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to the form of such return and the data which it must contain for the correct computation of taxable business profits and gross business income attributable to this state and the tax assessed on it. All returns shall be signed by the taxpayer or by its authorized representative, subject to the pains and penalties of perjury.

I-a. Every business organization realizing a gain or loss on the sale or exchange of an interest in the business organization shall file a return for the taxable period, regardless of whether or not the business organization's gross business income is in excess of [~~\$50,000~~] **\$75,000** during the taxable period.

2 Applicability. The provisions of this act shall apply for taxable periods beginning after December 31, 2020.

Election Law and Municipal Affairs
December 17, 2019
2019-2895s
06/08

Amendment to SB 229-FN

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

AN ACT establishing a committee to study the value of conducting post-election audits in New Hampshire.

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

1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study the value of conducting post-election audits in New Hampshire.

2 Membership and Compensation.

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

- (a) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.
- (b) Five members of the house of representatives, 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.

3 Duties. The committee shall:

- I. Determine reasons for conducting post-election audits;
- II. Study how post-election audits are conducted;
- III. Compare audits conducted by moderators to audits conducted by the secretary of state;
- IV. Make a recommendation for or against conducting post-election audits in New Hampshire.

4 Chairperson; Quorum. 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 senate member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Four members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

5 Report. 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, 2020.

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

2019-2895s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study the value of conducting post-election audits in New Hampshire.

Election Law and Municipal Affairs
December 5, 2019
2019-2889s
05/04

Amendment to SB 231-FN

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

AN ACT establishing a committee to study truth in political advertising.

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

1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study truth in political advertising.

2 Membership and Compensation.

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 of representatives, 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.

3 Duties. The committee shall study ways to promote truth in political advertising and how best to investigate and address allegations of false political advertising in state elections. The committee shall solicit information and testimony from any individual or entity the committee deems relevant to the study.

4 Chairperson; Quorum. 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 senate 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.

5 Report. 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, 2020.

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

2019-2889s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study truth in political advertising.

Senate Judiciary
December 4, 2019
2019-2887s
05/04

Amendment to SB 295-FN

Amend the bill by replacing sections 1 and 2 with the following:

1 New Chapter; Office of the Child Advocate. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 21-U the following new chapter:

CHAPTER 21-V OFFICE OF THE CHILD ADVOCATE

21-V:1 Definitions. In this chapter, and unless the specific context indicates otherwise:

I. "Agency" means any department, institution, bureau, or office of the state, as well as other public and private children and youth service organizations providing services under contract or agreement with an executive agency; provided that "agency" shall not include the judicial council or any entity for which the council provides services.

II. "Child advocate" means the administrative head of the office of the child advocate.

III. "Critical incident" means:

(a) A fatality of a child, including, but not limited to, circumstances of accident, child abuse, child neglect, homicide or other violence, natural cause, overdose, suicide, or terminal illness.

(b) A near fatality or serious bodily or emotional injury of a child.

(c) Abduction of a child.

(d) Human trafficking of a child, including, but not limited to, labor trafficking, sex trafficking, or child sexual abuse images.

(e) The death of a parent or guardian of a child.

(f) An accident involving division staff with a child, parent, or provider.

(g) Suicide or attempted suicide by a child.

(h) Rape or other sexual assault of a child.

(i) Serious physical injury or risk thereof to a child.

(j) Serious psychological injury or risk thereof of a child.

(k) An inquiry made by the governor's office, the department of health and human service's commissioner's office, or the division child advocate's office regarding a child.

(l) Circumstances which result in a reasonable belief that the division failed in its duty to protect a child and, as a result, the child was at imminent risk of, or suffered serious bodily or emotional injury or death.

(m) A media report of a child.

(n) Any restraint or seclusion of a child.

(o) Any other incident that may seriously affect the health and well-being of a child.

IV. “Child” or “youth” means a person under the age of 21 who is in the custody of or receiving services from the division, or who was in the custody of or received services from the division within the past 3 years, or whose siblings, parents, or other caretakers have been the subject of a report to the division within the past 3 years, or who is receiving services from any executive agency.

V. “Division” means the department of health and human services, division for children, youth and families.

VI. “Executive agency” means a state agency within the executive branch that provides services to children.

VII. “Office” means the office of the child advocate.

VIII. “Oversight” means review, monitoring, and evaluation of any executive agency, and all contracted programs, providers, services, and activities of those executive agencies as well as executive agencies’ policies, procedures, and practices and implementation and amendment of such policies, procedures, and practices related to the care of, or services to, children.

IX. “Oversight commission” means the oversight commission on children’s services established under RSA 21-V:10.

X. “Record” means all records, documents, books, papers, files, photographs, microfilms, sound recordings, magnetic storage media, drafts, computer data, court documents, reports, electronic databases, emails and any other form of communication, and all other materials, regardless of physical form or characteristics, created, generated, recorded, received, possessed, or controlled by or on behalf of executive agencies.

21-V:2 Office of the Child Advocate Established. There shall be an office of the child advocate which shall be an independent agency, attached to the department of administrative services pursuant to RSA 21-G:10 for administrative purposes only. The office shall:

I. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, operate with full independence from any state official, department, or agency in the performance of its duties.

II. Provide independent oversight of executive agencies to:

(a) Ensure that children involved with an agency, and in particular, children served by the child welfare or juvenile justice systems, receive timely, safe, and effective services and that their best interests are being protected.

(b) Strengthen the state by working in collaboration with agencies and other necessary parties on cases under review.

(c) Ensure that children placed in the care of the state or receiving services under the supervision of an agency in any public or private facility, receive humane and dignified treatment at all times, with full respect for the child’s personal dignity, right to privacy, and right to adequate and appropriate healthcare and education in accordance with state and federal law.

(d) Examine, on a system-wide basis, the care and services that agencies provide children, and provide recommendations to improve the quality of those services in order to provide each child the opportunity to live a full and productive life.

(e) Advise the public, governor, commissioners, speaker of the house of representatives, senate president, and oversight commission about how the state may improve its services to and for children and their families.

(f) Periodically review and investigate any aspect of an agency’s policies, procedures, and practices and work collaboratively with the agency to improve policies, procedures, practices, and programs affecting children.

III. Upon its own initiative or upon receipt of a complaint, review and if deemed necessary:

(a) Investigate the actions of any agency and make appropriate referrals; provided that department of health and human services specific complaints shall be handled by the ombudsman pursuant to RSA 126-A:4, III.

(b) Investigate those complaints in which the child advocate determines that a child or family may be in need of assistance from the office or a systemic issue in the state’s provision of services is raised by the complaint.

(c) Provide assistance to a child or family whom the child advocate determines is in need of assistance, including seeking resolution of complaints, which may include, but not be limited to, referring a complaint to the appropriate agency or entity, making a recommendation to such agency or entity for action related to the complaint, and sharing information in any proceeding before any court or agency in the state in which matters related to the division's child protection and juvenile justice services are at issue.

IV. Regularly consult with executive agencies and the oversight commission.

V. Provide information and referral services to the public regarding all child-serving state services, particularly child protection and juvenile justice services.

VI. Perform educational outreach and advocacy initiatives in furtherance of the mission and responsibilities of the office.

VII. Periodically review the facilities and procedures of any and all institutions or residences, public or private, where a child has been placed by an agency.

VIII. Apply for and accept grants, gifts, bequests of funds from other states, federal and interstate agencies, independent authorities and private firms, individuals, and foundations, for the purpose of carrying out the responsibilities, and consistent with the mission, of the office.

21-V:3 Child Advocate; Appointment; Term; Vacancy; Removal.

I. The office of the child advocate shall be under the supervision of the child advocate. The child advocate shall be the administrative head of the office and shall be a full-time, unclassified position, responsible for the duties of the office.

II. The child advocate shall be appointed by the governor and executive council, upon the recommendation of the oversight commission.

III. The child advocate shall serve a term of 4 years and until a successor is appointed and qualified. Any vacancy in the position shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

IV. Upon any vacancy in the position of the child advocate, and until such time as a candidate has been appointed by the governor and council, the associate child advocate shall serve as the acting child advocate and be entitled to the compensation, privileges, and powers of the child advocate.

V. Any person appointed to the position of child advocate shall be selected without regard to political affiliation and on the basis of integrity and demonstrated ability, and shall possess a professional graduate degree in law, social work, public health, or a related field and be qualified by reason of education, experience, and expertise to perform the duties of the office.

VI. The child advocate may be removed from office for cause pursuant to RSA 4:1.

VII. The child advocate shall appoint an associate child advocate, and may, subject to appropriation, appoint such other personnel as the child advocate deems necessary for the efficient management of the office. The duties of these personnel shall be performed under and by the advice and direction of the child advocate.

21-V:4 Access to Information and Facilities.

I. The office shall have access to the following information:

(a) All case records, all third party records, including the healthcare and education records of any child receiving services from an executive agency, and all records submitted to the courts.

(b) Executive agencies' policies and procedures, including draft policies and procedures.

(c) Executive agencies' records or reports, including draft records and reports.

(d) Autopsy reports from the chief medical examiner, which shall be provided in a timely manner upon the request of the child advocate.

II. The office shall be entitled to prompt electronic access to division records within the scope of its mission.

III. The office, in performance of its duties under this chapter, may communicate privately with any child or person who has received, is receiving, or should have received services from the state. Such communications shall be confidential and not be subject to disclosure except as provided in RSA 21-V:5.

21-V:5 Confidentiality of Information.

I. The office shall maintain the confidentiality of all case records, third party records, and court records pursuant to RSA 169-C:25 and RSA 170-G:8-a, and all other related confidentiality laws.

II. The office investigations and oversight activities, and the information gathered in such investigations and oversight activities, including the identity of any complainant, shall be exempt from the public disclosure provisions of RSA 91-A. Such investigations, oversight activities, and information shall be privileged and exempt from use or disclosure in any criminal or civil matter or administrative proceeding.

III. The child advocate of the office may disclose confidential information about a child to any individual or entity responsible for, or providing services to, the child. Any disclosures of confidential information shall be the minimum necessary to ensure proper care and treatment for the child or to identify, prevent, or treat the abuse or neglect of a child.

IV. The child advocate shall have the same authority as the commissioner of the department of health and human services to publicly release information pursuant to RSA 126-A:5, XII in furtherance of the mission and responsibilities of the office.

V. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, if the child advocate determines that the health, safety, and welfare of children are at risk, the child advocate may publicly disclose the details of investigation findings, subject to the following limitations:

(a) Names, addresses, or other identifying information of individuals who are the subject of any confidential proceeding or statutory confidential provision shall not be released to the public.

(b) Investigation findings shall not be released if there is a pending law enforcement investigation or prosecution, except as provided in paragraph III.

21-V:6 Power of Subpoena. The office shall have the authority to subpoena witnesses, records, documents, reports, reviews, recommendations, correspondence, data, and other evidence that the office reasonably believes is relevant.

21-V:7 Incidents and Fatalities.

I. The division shall provide the office with a copy of all critical incident reports or other reports related to actual physical injury to children or a significant risk of such harm, as well as other incidents which may affect the safety and well-being of children in the custody or control of the department of health and human services, including but not limited to reports related to the restraint and seclusion of any child under the care and protection of the division, not later than 48 hours after the occurrence.

II. The division shall provide the office with notice of any child fatality or serious injury of a child under its care or supervision or whose safety and the safety of the child's siblings has been or is being assessed, immediately by telephone. The division shall further provide the office with written report of such fatality or serious injury not later than 48 hours after the occurrence.

21-V:8 Annual Report. Beginning November 1, 2020, and each November 1 thereafter, the child advocate shall submit an annual report of the activities and findings of the office, and present his or her recommendations to the oversight commission. The report shall also be provided to the commissioner of any executive agency that is the subject of a report prepared by the office, the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate president, and the state library. The child advocate shall make the annual report available to the public on the office of the child advocate's website.

21-V:9 Confidentiality and Admissibility. No person employed or contracted by or volunteering for the office shall be compelled to testify or produce evidence in any judicial or administrative proceeding with respect to any matter involving exercise of his or her official duties except as may be necessary to enforce this chapter. All related memoranda, work product, notes, or case files of the office are confidential and are not subject to discovery, subpoena, or other means of legal compulsion, and are not admissible in evidence in a judicial or administrative proceeding. This limitation shall not apply to information obtained by any employee, contractor, or volunteer of the office regarding a crime or fraud, or a communication of imminent risk of serious harm, nor shall it apply to communications regarding the general operation of the office and the processes employed.

21-V:10 Oversight Commission on Children's Services Established.

I. There shall be an oversight commission on children's services, which shall consist of the following members:

- (a) Two members of the senate, appointed by the senate president.
- (b) Two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.
- (c) Four members representing the executive branch, appointed by the governor.
- (d) Two members representing the judicial branch, appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court.
- (e) Two representatives of the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police, one of whom serves as chief of police for a city and one of whom serves as chief of police for a town.
- (f) Two members of child advocacy organizations, appointed by the senate president.
- (g) Two members of child advocacy organizations, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.
- (h) An individual who was formerly a recipient of child protection, juvenile justice, or voluntary services through the division, appointed by the governor.
- (i) An individual who has served or is serving as a foster parent, appointed by the governor.

II. Legislative members of the commission shall serve a term coterminous with their term in office. Members appointed under subparagraphs (c)-(i) shall serve 3-year terms. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the commission.

III. The oversight commission shall:

- (a) Recommend at least 3 qualified candidates to the governor, in rank order, for appointment to the position of child advocate; except that in the case of reappointment, a single recommendation shall be sufficient.
- (b) Provide oversight to the office in its effort to support an effective, comprehensive, and coordinated system of services and programs for children, youth, and families.
- (c) Review with the office the efficacy of selected programs and services of executive agencies, including the characteristics of target populations, trends affecting program costs and participation, and alternative approaches to programmatic and administrative concerns.
- (d) Collaborate with the office to identify and implement best practices on behalf of children and families.
- (e) Monitor and review implementation of the memorandum of understanding entered into by the department of health and human services and the department of justice regarding the collaboration between the agencies in the investigation and prosecution of abuse and neglect cases.

IV. The oversight commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named senate member. The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Nine members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

2 Applicability; Oversight Commission on Children's Services. To the extent practicable, members of the oversight commission on children's services established in RSA 170-G:19 on the effective date of this act shall serve the remainder of their terms on the oversight commission established in RSA 21-V:10.

2019-2887s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill recodifies the statutes governing the office of the child advocate, clarifies the authority and independence of the office, and expands the jurisdiction of the office to include a broader range of agencies that serve children. The bill also establishes an oversight commission on children's services.

Election Law and Municipal Affairs
November 6, 2019
2019-2855s
04/10

Amendment to SB 304-FN-A

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

AN ACT establishing a committee to study public funding of certain state election campaigns.

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

1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study public funding of certain state election campaigns.

2 Membership and Compensation.

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

(a) Two members of the senate, one of whom shall be from the majority party and one of whom shall be from the minority party, appointed by the president of the senate.

(b) Four members of the house of representatives, 2 of whom shall be from the majority party and 2 of whom shall be from the minority party, 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.

3 Duties. The committee shall study public funding of certain state election campaigns, primarily to identify which campaigns for state office it may be beneficial to fund publicly, the cost of doing so, and potential sources of public funds.

4 Chairperson; Quorum. 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 senate 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.

5 Report. 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, 2020.

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

2019-2855s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study public funding of certain state election campaigns.

Election Law and Municipal Affairs

December 6, 2019

2019-2890s

11/04

Amendment to SB 305-FN

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

AN ACT relative to the establishment of an election information portal.

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

1 Purpose. It is the intent of the legislature to modernize the application processes for new voter registration, requesting absentee ballots, and requesting changes to name, domicile, and party affiliation in the statewide voter database.

2 New Subdivision; Election Information Portal. Amend RSA 652 by inserting after section 27 the following new subdivision:

Election Information Portal

652:28 Election Information Portal.

I. The secretary of state is hereby authorized to develop, in consultation with the department of information technology, the department of safety, division of motor vehicles, and city and town clerks and supervisors of the checklist, an online election information portal which citizens may use to:

(a) Complete a new voter application.

(b) Request an absentee ballot.

(c) Request changes to the statewide centralized voter registration database, such as name, domicile address, mailing address, and party affiliation.

II. Voters electing to use the portal shall provide the same information and pursuant to the same time frames as outlined in statutes related to voter registration and maintenance of the statewide centralized voter registration database, including RSA 654:7, RSA 654:8, RSA 654:16 through RSA 654:19, and RSA 654:34, except that the information may be provided in a format the secretary of state deems suitable for electronic submission. Any information submitted to the portal shall be handled in a manner consistent with relevant voter and election laws, including RSA 654, and shall be retrievable and printable at any time including during the processing of the information. In addition, nonpublic data related to individual voter data shall remain confidential.

III. The secretary of state shall not implement any election information portal established pursuant to this section, such that the public can access or otherwise utilize such portal, until January 1, 2021.

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

2019-2890s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes the secretary of state to develop an election information portal.

Health and Human Services
November 13, 2019
2019-2862s
08/05

Amendment to SB 319-FN

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

AN ACT requiring automated external defibrillators in certain facilities promoting health and wellness through a paid program of intended physical activity.

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

1 New Chapter; Public Access to Defibrillation in Facilities Promoting Health and Wellness. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 137-L the following new chapter:

CHAPTER 137-M

PUBLIC ACCESS TO DEFIBRILLATION IN FACILITIES PROMOTING HEALTH AND WELLNESS

137-M:1 Purpose and Policy.

I. The use of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) addresses an important public health problem in New Hampshire. It is the intent of the legislature to encourage the use and availability of automated external defibrillators, along with training in the use of AEDs, for the purpose of saving the lives of people in cardiac arrest.

II. This act requires all paid programs of intended physical activity to acquire and have on its premises at least one automated external defibrillator (AED) during the hours of operation, to be placed in a decidedly visible and accessible location for both the general public and staff to use in the event it is needed.

III. This act applies to all health clubs, fitness centers, fitness studios, indoor and outdoor sport centers including for-profit and non-profit organizations or proprietors that instruct and offer physical activities for compensation in one form or another.

137-M:2 Definitions. In this chapter:

I. "Facility" means a health club, fitness center, fitness studio, indoor or outdoor sports centers, hotel or motel fitness center.

II. "Fitness center" means an establishment which offers membership to utilize its fitness equipment and facilities in both a supervised and unsupervised environment.

III. "Fitness studio" means an establishment which offers structured physical activity and programing or fitness/personal training.

IV. "Health club" means an establishment which provides services or facilities which purport to improve or maintain the user's physical condition or appearance through weight control, exercise, dieting, or a combination of these. "Health club" includes, but is not limited to, establishments referred to by such terms as reducing salon, spa, exercise club, exercise gym, health studio, health club, weight control center, martial arts studio and any other commercial or non-profit establishment offering a similar course of physical training.

V. "Hotel or motel" means an establishment which holds itself out to the public by offering sleeping accommodations for rent, whether or not the major portion of its operating receipts is derived from sleeping accommodations, and sells memberships to individuals who are not guests of the hotel or motel for use of their facility, equipment, swimming pool, etc.

VI. "Indoor or outdoor sports centers" mean athletic fields, swimming pools or sports courts are rented to the general public or to sports organizations for a period of time or where owners or sports organizations conduct playing or training time.

VII. "Paid program of physical activity" means all venues, institutions and facilities, for-profit and non-profit, which receive monetary or other forms of compensation from participants.

137-M:3 Administration.

I. Each facility shall maintain on its premises at least one AED, deployed in such a manner that provides obvious and ready accessibility to customers, clients, staff, members, and guests.

II. Absent a showing of gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct, no cause of action against a health club or facility owner of an AED or an employee of such health club or facility may arise in connection with the use or nonuse of a defibrillator.

III. Persons who acquire AEDs as required by this section, shall comply with regular maintenance and testing of the device according to the guidelines published by the AED manufacturer.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

2019-2862s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires all paid programs of intended physical activity to acquire and have on its premises at least one automated external defibrillator during the hours of operation to be placed in a decidedly visible and accessible location for both the general public and staff to use in the event it is needed.

Senate Transportation

October 24, 2019

2019-2800s

11/04

Amendment to HB 397-FN

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

AN ACT establishing a committee to study the provision of New Hampshire drivers' licenses to persons without social security numbers who are living within the state.

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

1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study the provision of New Hampshire drivers' licenses to persons without social security numbers who are living within the state.

2 Membership and Compensation.

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

(a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

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

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

3 Duties.

I. The committee shall study:

(a) The consequences on public safety, businesses, and community welfare of workers living in the state without the ability to acquire a driver's license.

(b) The impact on public safety, businesses, and community welfare of New Hampshire providing non-REAL ID drivers' licenses to persons without social security numbers who are living in the state.

(c) The laws in other states that allow for the provision of drivers' licenses to persons without social security numbers who are living in such states.

(d) How to strengthen the privacy protections for drivers' license records, including the identifying information of license holders, in New Hampshire.

II. The committee may solicit advice and testimony from any interested party, including but not limited to:

(a) The New Hampshire department of safety, including but not limited to the director of the division of motor vehicles.

(b) Members of law enforcement.

(c) The New Hampshire Business and Industry Association.

(d) The New Hampshire Alliance for Immigrants and Refugees.

4 Chairperson; Quorum. 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.

5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2020.

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

2019-2800s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study the provision of New Hampshire drivers' licenses to persons without a social security numbers who are living in the state.

Energy and Natural Resources

November 21, 2019

2019-2876s

10/04

Amendment to HB 466

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

1 Net Energy Metering; Eligible Customer Generators. Amend RSA 362-A:9, I through IV 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 100 megawatts, with 50 megawatts of the 100 megawatts allocated to the 4 electric distribution utilities that were subject to the commission's jurisdiction in 2010 multiplied by each such utility's percentage share of the total 2010 annual coincident peak energy demand distributed by those 4 utilities, and 50 megawatts of the 100 megawatts allocated to the state's 3 investor-owned electric distribution utilities, multiplied by each such utility's percentage share of the total 2010 annual coincident peak energy demand distributed by those 3 utilities, all to be determined by the commission and to be utilized by eligible customer-generators located within each such

utilities' service territory. Eighty percent of each utility's share of the 50 megawatts shall be apportioned to facilities with a total generating capacity of not more than ~~[100 kilowatts]~~ **125 kilowatts** and 20 percent to facilities with a total generating capacity in excess of ~~[100 kilowatts]~~ **125 kilowatts**, but no greater than one megawatt. The 50 megawatts of capacity shall be made available to eligible customer-generators until such time as commission approved alternative net metering tariffs approved by the commission become available. 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.

I-a. 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 of more than 20 percent of the total net metering utility-specific allocation pursuant to this section, and the creation of multiple business organizations, including a person, as defined in RSA 366:1, I, by the same shall not defeat this requirement. On a weekly basis each utility shall make public on its website its total net metering allocation, its reserved net metering capacity, and its installed and operating net metering capacity. For project applications of greater than ~~[100 kilowatts]~~ **125 kilowatts**, each utility net metering interconnection queue application shall include a certification of compliance with the 20 percent requirement, all persons involved in such an application shall sign the certification of compliance, and no application shall be processed where one or more persons involved in the application did not sign the certification of compliance.

II. Competitive electricity suppliers registered under RSA 374-F:7 may determine the terms, conditions, and prices under which they agree to provide generation supply to and purchase net generation output from eligible customer-generators.

III. Metering shall be done in accordance with normal metering practices. A single net meter that shows the customer's net energy usage by measuring both the inflow and outflow of electricity internally shall be the extent of metering that is required at facilities with a total peak generating capacity of not more than ~~[100 kilowatts]~~ **125 kilowatts**. A bi-directional metering system that records the total amount of electricity that flows in each direction from the customer premises, either instantaneously or over intervals of an hour or less, shall be required at facilities with a total peak generating capacity of more than ~~[100 kilowatts]~~ **125 kilowatts**. Customer-generators shall not be required to pay for the installation of net meters, but shall pay for the installation of all bi-directional metering systems as outlined in utility interconnection tariffs or rules.

IV.(a) For facilities with a total peak generating capacity of not more than ~~[100 kilowatts]~~ **125 kilowatts**, when billing a customer-generator under a net energy metering tariff that is not time-based, the utility shall apply the customer's net energy usage when calculating all charges that are based on kilowatt hour usage. Customer net energy usage shall equal the kilowatt hours supplied to the customer over the electric distribution system minus the kilowatt hours generated by the customer-generator and fed into the electric distribution system over a billing period.

(b) For facilities with a total peak generating capacity of more than ~~[100 kilowatts]~~ **125 kilowatts**, the customer-generator shall pay all applicable charges on all kilowatt hours supplied to the customer over the electric distribution system, less a credit on default service charges equal to the metered energy generated by the customer-generator and fed into the electric distribution system over a billing period.

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

2019-2876s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill increases the apportionment for net energy metering provisions from electrical facilities with total generating capacity of 100 kilowatts to 125 kilowatts.

Energy and Natural Resources

November 20, 2019

2019-2875s

06/10

Amendment to HB 496

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

AN ACT relative to the definition of antique snowmobiles, relative to water quality rules, and relative to the disposition of administrative fines for asbestos management violations.

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

1 Snowmobiles; Definitions; Antique Snowmobiles. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 215-C:1, II to read as follows:

II. "Antique snowmobile" means a snowmobile ~~[owned by a resident of this state]~~ which is any of the following:

2 Water Pollution; Rulemaking. Amend RSA 485-A:6, XIV to read as follows:

XIV. Dissolved oxygen ~~[concentration]~~ water quality standards under RSA 485-A:8, II and II-a.

3 Administrative Fines; Asbestos Management. Amend RSA 141-E:16, I(a) to read as follows:

I.(a) The commissioner, after notice and hearing pursuant to RSA 541-A, may impose an administrative fine not to exceed \$4,000 for each offense upon any person who violates any provision of RSA 141-E:3 or any rule adopted by the commissioner under this chapter; or upon any person who makes or certifies a material false statement relative to any document or information which is required to be submitted to the department pursuant to this chapter or any rule adopted pursuant to this chapter. Rehearings and appeals from a decision of the commissioner under this paragraph shall be in accordance with RSA 541. Any administrative fine imposed under this paragraph shall not preclude the imposition of further penalties under this chapter. The proceeds of administrative fines levied pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the ~~[general]~~ fund ***established by RSA 141-E:12, II.***

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

2019-2875s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill makes technical changes concerning the definition of antique snowmobile, water quality rules, and asbestos management fines.

Energy and Natural Resources

November 20, 2019

2019-2874s

06/10

Amendment to HB 715-FN

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

1 Findings; Public Utilities; Energy Storage. Energy storage has the potential to increase the utilization of renewable energy in New Hampshire and improve the state's fuel diversity portfolio. Enabling greater use of renewable energy reduces air pollution, including both toxic chemicals and particulate matter, thereby lessening the electricity system's negative impacts on both public health and environmental quality. Innovative technologies like energy storage can also stimulate investment and employment in the state, thereby making a positive contribution to New Hampshire's economy. Energy storage also has the potential to significantly reduce New Hampshire's effective peak demand for electricity. For these reasons, the general court finds it is in the public interest to stimulate the deployment of energy storage in New Hampshire.

2 New Chapter; Energy Storage. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 374-G the following new chapter:

CHAPTER 374-H

ENERGY STORAGE

374-H:1 Definitions. In this chapter:

I. "Commission" means the public utilities commission.

II. "Behind-the-meter storage" means an energy storage project that is installed on a retail electricity customer's premises and is electrically connected to the customer's side of the electric utility meter.

III. "Bring your own device" means a program for encouraging non-utility owned, and especially retail-customer owned, behind-the-meter energy storage to provide the greatest value possible to the electricity system, particularly in terms of peak reduction and avoided transmission and distribution costs.

IV. "Energy storage" means batteries, flywheels, compressed air energy systems, sensible heat storage or any other technology, system, or device capable of taking electricity and storing it as some form of energy

the technology, system, or device can either convert back into electricity or use to displace an electrical load at a later time. Such term shall include standalone technologies, systems, and devices, as well as those co-located with or incorporated into a renewable energy source.

V. “Energy storage project” means an individual energy storage system or an aggregation of multiple energy storage systems.

VI. “Front-of-the-meter storage” means any energy storage that is not behind-the-meter storage.

VII. “ISO-New England” means the Independent System Operator New England or any successor entity.

VIII. “Local network service” means the term as defined in ISO-New England’s transmission, markets, and services tariff, section II.

IX. “Non-utility” means any entity that is not a utility that develops, builds, owns, operates, or assists in the operation of one or more energy storage projects, including retail customers that buy behind-the-meter storage installed on their property.

X. “Peak demand” means the total combined annual coincident peak energy demand of all utility service territories in New Hampshire.

XI. “Regional network service” means the term as defined in ISO-New England’s transmission, markets, and services tariff, section II.

XII. “Renewable energy source” means a Class I, Class II, or Class IV renewable energy source as defined in RSA 362-F:4.

XIII. “Utility” means any entity that distributes electricity to retail customers or owns part of the electrical transmission system in New Hampshire.

XIV. “Wholesale electricity markets” means any energy, capacity, or ancillary service market that ISO-New England operates.

374-H:2 Commission Investigation of Energy Storage.

I. Within 30 days of the effective date of this chapter, the commission shall initiate a proceeding to investigate ways to enable energy storage projects to receive compensation for avoided transmission and distribution costs, including but not limited to avoided regional and local network service charges, while also participating in wholesale energy markets. The commission shall investigate how this might be done for both utility-owned and non-utility-owned energy storage projects, as well as for both behind-the-meter storage and front-of-the-meter storage.

II. The commission’s investigative proceeding shall specifically consider the following:

(a) How public policy can best help establish accurate and efficient price signals for energy storage projects that value their ability to avoid transmission and distribution costs while simultaneously reducing wholesale electricity market prices.

(b) How to compensate energy storage projects that participate in wholesale electricity markets for avoided transmission and distribution costs in a manner that provides net savings to consumers.

(c) How best to encourage both utility and non-utility investments in energy storage projects.

(d) The costs and benefits of a potential bring your own device program; how such a program might be implemented; any statutory or regulatory changes that might be needed to create, facilitate, and implement such a program; and whether such a program should include all distributed energy resources or be limited to distributed energy storage projects.

(e) Any statutory changes the general court should implement, including but not limited to changes to or exceptions from RSA 374-F or RSA 374-G, to enable energy storage projects to receive appropriate compensation for avoided transmission and distribution costs while also participating in wholesale energy markets.

(f) Any other topic the commission reasonably believes it should consider in order to diligently conduct the proceeding.

III. The commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the standing committees of the house of representatives and senate with jurisdiction over energy and utility matters no later than 2 years after initiating the proceeding. The report shall identify ways any recommended statutory changes can minimize any potential conflict with the restructuring policy principles of RSA 374-F.

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

2019-2874s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires the public utilities commission to investigate ways to enable energy storage projects to receive compensation for avoided transmission and distribution costs.

MEETINGS***MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020*****COMMISSION ON MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS (RSA 193-E:6)**

8:30 a.m. Room 207, LOB Regular Meeting

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

9:00 a.m. NH Fish & Game Headquarters Regular Meeting
First Floor Conference Room
11 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH

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

10:00 a.m. Dept. of Revenue Admin. Subcommittee Meeting - Review
Training Room Certification
109 Pleasant Street Levels and Requirements
Concord, NH

COMMISSION TO STUDY EXPANDING THE MENTAL HEALTH COURT SYSTEM IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 490-H:3)

10:00 a.m. Room 203, LOB Regular Meeting

COMMISSION TO STUDY WAKE BOATS (RSA 270:133)

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

STUDY COMMITTEE ON OUTDATED NON-REGULATORY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COUNCILS, AND ADVISORY BODIES (HB 4, Chapter 346:73, Laws of 2019)

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

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CURRENT STATUTES RELATED TO MANAGEMENT OF NON-TIDAL PUBLIC WATERWAYS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OR PLACEMENT OF STRUCTURES WITHIN THEM (RSA 482-A:35)

1:30 p.m. Room 305, LOB Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2020**STATE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 115-A:2)**

5:00 p.m. NH National Guard Regional Training Institute Regular Meeting
722 Riverwood Drive
Pembroke, NH

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020**COMMITTEE TO STUDY MENTAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE BUSINESS PROCESS ALIGNMENT AND INFORMATION SYSTEM INTEROPERABILITY (SB 176, Chapter 272:1, Laws of 2019)**

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2020**COMMISSION TO STUDY TEACHER PREPARATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS (RSA 190:8)**

8:30 a.m. Room 307, LOB Regular Meeting

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH EFFECTS OF EVOLVING 5G TECHNOLOGY (RSA 12-K:12)

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

COMMISSION TO STUDY BARRIERS TO INCREASED DENSITY OF LAND DEVELOPMENT IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 4-C:8-a)

9:00 a.m. Room 306, LOB Regular Meeting

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

9:30 a.m. Governor and Council Chambers, SH Regular Meeting

COMMISSION TO STUDY CAREER PATHWAYS FROM FULL-TIME SERVICE YEAR PROGRAMS TO POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN SUPPORT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE'S FUTURE WORKFORCE NEEDS (RSA 187-A:44)

10:00 a.m. Room 303, LOB Regular Meeting

COMMISSION TO STUDY GRANDFAMILIES IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 170-G:17-a)

10:00 a.m. Room 302, LOB Regular Meeting

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE INCIDENCE OF POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER IN FIRST RESPONDERS (RSA 281-A:17-b)

10:00 a.m. Room 304, LOB Regular Meeting

FISCAL COMMITTEE (RSA 14:30-a)

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

STUDY COMMITTEE ON OUTDATED NON-REGULATORY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COUNCILS, AND ADVISORY BODIES (HB 4, Chapter 346:73, Laws of 2019)

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

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON PREGNANCY AND LACTATION (RSA 275:77)

11:30 a.m. Room 103, LOB Regular Meeting

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

12:00 p.m. Room 305, LOB Subcommittee Meeting - Review Certification Levels and Requirements

1:00 p.m. Room 305, LOB Regular Meeting

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2020

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

1:00 p.m. NH Technical Institute Regular Meeting
Sweeney Crocker Building
Room 225
Concord, NH

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020

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

COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS OF PERFLUORINATED CHEMICALS (RSA 126-A:79-a)

10:00 a.m. Room 204, LOB Subcommittee Meeting - Health

1:00 p.m. Room 204, LOB Subcommittee Meeting - Environmental

COMMISSION TO STUDY SCHOOL FUNDING (RSA 193-E:2-e)

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

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

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

STATE COMMISSION ON AGING (RSA 19-P:1)

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

CAPITAL BUDGET OVERVIEW COMMITTEE (RSA 17-J:2)

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

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

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

COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE DISPARITY IN REIMBURSEMENT AMONG ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE CASE MANAGEMENT UNDER SOCIAL SECURITY ACT SECTION 1915(C) WAIVER PROGRAMS (HB 4, Chapter 346:381, Laws of 2019)

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

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

1:30 p.m. Room 205, LOB Regular Meeting

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

2:00 p.m. Room 202, LOB Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2020**ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2)**

9:00 a.m. Rooms 306-308, LOB Regular Meeting

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2020**COMMISSION ON PRIMARY CARE WORKFORCE ISSUES (RSA 126-T)**

2:00 p.m. NH Hospital Association Regular Meeting
125 Airport Road
Concord, NH

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2020**COMMISSION ON DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS (RSA 4-C:37)**

10:00 a.m. Room 307, LOB Regular Meeting

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

10:30 a.m. Room 205, LOB Regular Meeting

COMMISSION ON DRINKING WATER (RSA 485-F:6)

2:00 p.m. Dept. of Environmental Services Regular Meeting
222 International Drive #175
Portsmouth, NH

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020**OIL FUND DISBURSEMENT BOARD (RSA 146-D:4)**

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

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 330-A:26-a)

1:00 p.m. Room 302, LOB Regular Meeting

THE DIVISION FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY BOARD (RSA 170-G:6-a)

2:00 p.m.

Room 205, LOB

Regular Meeting

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020**COMMISSION TO MONITOR CHANGES IN FEDERAL AND STATE-LEVEL LEGISLATION AND ACTIONS CONCERNING THE IMPOSITION OF TAX COLLECTION OBLIGATIONS ON NEW HAMPSHIRE REMOTE SELLERS (RSA 78-E:11)**

10:00 a.m.

Room 100, SH

Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2020**STATE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 115-A:2)**

5:00 p.m.

NH National Guard Regional Training Institute Regular Meeting
 722 Riverwood Drive
 Pembroke, NH

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020**STATE COMMISSION ON AGING (RSA 19-P:1)**

10:00 a.m.

Room 205, LOB

Regular Meeting

COMMISSION TO REVIEW THE STRUCTURE OF MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS (RSA 260:77)

1:30 p.m.

Room 203, LOB

Regular Meeting

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

1:30 p.m.

Room 205, LOB

Regular Meeting

CONTROLLED DRUG PRESCRIPTION HEALTH AND SAFETY PROGRAM; ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 318-B:38)

3:00 p.m.

OPLC
 121 South Fruit Street
 Concord, NH

Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2020**STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (SIEC) (RSA 21-P:48, IV)**

9:00 a.m.

NHFA, Classrooms 5 and 6
 98 Smokey Bear Boulevard
 Concord, NH

Regular Meeting

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020**COMMISSION ON PRIMARY CARE WORKFORCE ISSUES (RSA 126-T)**

2:00 p.m.

NH Hospital Association
 125 Airport Road
 Concord, NH

Regular Meeting

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020**THE DIVISION FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY BOARD (RSA 170-G:6-a)**

2:00 p.m.

Room 205, LOB

Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020**STATE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 115-A:2)**

5:00 p.m.

NH National Guard Regional Training Institute Regular Meeting
 722 Riverwood Drive
 Pembroke, NH

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020

THE DIVISION FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY BOARD (RSA 170-G:6-a)

2:00 p.m.

Room 205, LOB

Regular Meeting

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FISCAL NOTE ADDITIONS AND UPDATES HAVE BEEN AMENDED TO THE BILLS ON THE WEB SITE AND ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SENATE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR THE FOLLOWING 2019 BILLS:

SENATE BILLS: 7, 63, 93, 122, 171, 173, 255, 283, 288, 293, 295, 300, 302, 304, 311, 312, 315, 319

HOUSE BILLS: 121, 150, 186, 253, 397, 481, 487, 568, 703, 715, 717

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NOTICES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020

The NH Bankers Association cordially invites all legislators and staff to a Welcome Back Breakfast in the cafeteria on Wednesday, January 8th from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Please stop by and meet your local bankers and hear about how they help your constituents and serve your communities while being treated to a warm breakfast prior to the beginning of session. NH Bankers represent 37 member banks serving all 10 NH Counties and employ roughly 5,500 workers. We look forward to seeing you there.

Senator Donna M. Soucy, Senate President
Senator Chuck W. Morse, Senate Minority Leader

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020

Sheehan Phinney Capitol Group cordially invites all Senate members and staff to their annual Welcome Back Reception on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at Tandy's Pub & Grille, One Eagle Square (directly across the street from the State House) following the close of session, or at 3:00 p.m. should the session end early.

Senator Dan Feltes, Senate Majority Leader
Senator Chuck W. Morse, Senate Minority Leader

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2020

All Senators and Senate staff are cordially invited to attend the "Welcome Back Legislators" reception hosted by the Business and Industry Association, New Hampshire's statewide chamber of commerce. The reception will take place at the Concord Holiday Inn, (172 North Main Street), from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., on Thursday, January 9, 2020. The reception is complimentary to Senators and staff, but the BIA is requesting advance registration to assist in planning for the event. You can RSVP online at www.BIAofNH.com. Click on the events calendar for January 9th. You may also call the BIA at 224-5388, ext. 100.

Senator Dan Feltes, Senate Majority Leader
Senator Chuck W. Morse, Senate Minority Leader

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2020

Save the date! The third presentation on the mental health series based on the Ten-Year Mental Health Plan will discuss the important relationship between mental health services in New Hampshire and the role of First Responders. Major (retired) Conte of the NH State Police will provide an overview of the increasingly important role of first responders as they collaborate with mental health providers. There will be a panel discussion involving a number of police, fire, court and other personnel who will be available to both make presentations and answer questions. The meeting will be held in Representatives Hall on Thursday, January 23rd at 10:00 a.m.

Senator Dan Feltes, Senate Majority Leader

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2020

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network – NH will be hosting a Legislative Breakfast on Thursday, January 30th, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the State House cafeteria. A hearty, warm breakfast will be served. American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network volunteers and staff will be on hand to discuss pending legislation as well as what services the Society provides to NH residents.

Senator Tom Sherman

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SENATE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 01, 2020	New Year's Day (State Holiday)
Wednesday, January 08, 2020	Convening Day
Monday, January 20, 2020	Martin Luther King Jr./Civil Rights Day (State Holiday)
Thursday, February 06, 2020	State of the State – Joint Convention
Monday, February 17, 2020	President's Day (State Holiday)
Monday, February 24, 2020 – Friday, February 28, 2020	SENATE BREAK
Thursday, March 05, 2020	Deadline for Policy Committees to ACT on all Senate bills with a fiscal impact, except bills exempted pursuant to Senate Rule 4-5.
Thursday, March 26, 2020	CROSSOVER – Deadline to ACT on all Senate bills.
Thursday, April 30, 2020	Deadline for Policy Committees to ACT on all House bills with a fiscal impact, except bills exempted pursuant to Senate Rule 4-5.
Thursday, May 14, 2020	Deadline to ACT on all House bills.
Thursday, May 21, 2020	Deadline to FORM Committees of Conference.
Monday, May 25, 2020	Memorial Day (State Holiday)
Thursday, May 28, 2020	Deadline to SIGN Committee of Conference Reports.
Thursday, June 04, 2020	Deadline to ACT on Committee of Conference Reports.
Friday, July 03, 2020	Independence Day (State Holiday)
Monday, September 07, 2020	Labor Day (State Holiday)
Wednesday, November 11, 2020	Veterans' Day (State Holiday)
Thursday, November 26, 2020	Thanksgiving Day (State Holiday)
Friday, November 27, 2020	Day after Thanksgiving (State Holiday)
Friday, December 25, 2020	Christmas Day (State Holiday)