

II. Elect a chancellor of the New Hampshire college and university system who shall be the chancellor of the community college system and the university system.

III. On or before January 1, 2022, recommend legislation that would unify the community college system and the university system into the New Hampshire college and university system, effective no later than July 1, 2023.

IV. Take such action, consistent with the terms of RSA 187-A and 188-F, as may be necessary or desirable to effect the orderly and efficient operation of the community college system and the university system in anticipation of the unification of the two systems no later than July 1, 2023.

V. In addition to the reports required by RSA 187-A and 188-F, by November 1 of each year, the board of trustees shall file with the governor and council a report of the operations of the New Hampshire college and university system. They shall include in the report an account of work done in anticipation of the unification of the two systems. One copy thereof shall be transmitted to the legislative fiscal committee, one copy to the house education committee, and one copy to the senate education committee.

119. Repeal. The following hereby repealed:

I. RSA 187-A:14, Terms of Trustees;

II. 187-A:15, Operation of Board of Trustees;

III. 188-F:5, Operation of Board of Trustees.

120. Sections 116-119 shall take effect 60 days after the passage of this act.

121. Department of Information Technology; Unfunded Positions. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the department of information technology may fill unfunded positions during the biennium ending June 30, 2023, provided that the total expenditure for such positions shall not exceed the amount appropriated for personnel services.

122. Adult Parole Board; Establishment. Amend RSA 651-A:3 to read as follows:

651-A:3 Adult Parole Board; Establishment; Procedures. –

I. There shall be an adult parole board with [9] **5** members, **2 of which must be attorneys with active licenses**. The members of the board shall be appointed by the governor with the consent of the council for staggered terms of 5 years or until their successors are appointed. No member shall serve more than 2 consecutive terms. A vacancy on the board shall be filled for the unexpired term.

II. The composition of the Board shall be as follows:

(a) One (1) member as chairman;

(b) Four (4) additional members, to include:

(i) One member with law enforcement or corrections experience, either current or former;

(ii) One member with criminal justice experience, which may be direct employment experience, current or former, in some capacity within the criminal justice system, or post-secondary school teaching, scholarship and research pertaining to the criminal justice system;

(iii) One at-large member who is an attorney with an active NH license;

(iv) One at-large member without any categorical designation.

~~[H].~~ **III.** The governor shall designate one member as [chairman.], and the chairman shall designate one other member to serve as chairman in his absence. **The salary of the chairman shall be that established in RSA 94:1-a as Grade GG, with appropriate Step to be determined in accordance the provisions of RSA 21-I:42. The chairman shall designate one other member to serve as temporary designee chairman in his absence, however, the designated chairman shall not receive the chairman's salary or employee status while serving in the chairman's absence.** In the case of a revocation hearing an attorney of the board shall be present at the hearing. Board members shall be paid [~~\$100 a day plus mileage at the state employee rate while engaged in parole hearings or administrative meetings.~~] **an annual stipend of \$30,000 for each member, to be paid in equal installments on each state employee pay period date, with no reimbursement for mileage or other expenses for any reason.**

[H] **IV.** The board shall hold at least [24] **36 days** of parole hearings and **36 days of parole revocation hearings** each year and may hold more hearings as necessary. Each parole **and parole revocation** hearing shall be held by a hearing panel consisting of exactly 3 members of the board. The board shall establish operating procedures which provide for rotation of board members among hearing panels.

V. In the event of a pandemic or other extraordinary occurrence declared an emergency by the Governor that results in restricted movement or quarantining of inmates at any New Hampshire State Prison facility, the parole board may conduct all hearings via teleconference or other videoconference technology.

123. On the effective date for section 123 of this act, the current chairman of the adult parole board shall remain chairman and designate four current members who fit the criteria outlined in II(b)(i-iv) to remain members of the parole board according to their current terms. In the event that there are not four members on the existing board who meet the criteria outlined in II(b)(i-iv), the chairman may designate an existing member to temporarily occupy any open member vacancy until a new appointment for the vacancy is nominated by the Governor and confirmed by the Executive Council. Any current members who remain on the board, including the current chairman, shall serve until the expiration of their current terms or until a successor is appointed and qualified.

124. Adult Parole Board; Director of Operations. Amend RSA 651-A:5 to read as follows:

651-A:5 ~~[Executive Assistant]~~ **Director of Operations.** – The board may appoint ~~[an]~~ **a** ~~[executive assistant]~~ **director of operations** who shall be an unclassified employee and shall serve at its pleasure. The salary of the ~~[executive assistant]~~ **director of operations** shall be that established in RSA 94:1-a **as Grade CC, with appropriate Step to be determined in accordance the provisions of RSA 21-I:42.**

125. Department of Labor; Workers' Compensation Administration Fund. Amend RSA 281-A:59, III to read as follows:

III. Each insurance carrier and self-insurer, including the state, shall make payments to the fund of its pro rata share of one fiscal year's costs to be appropriated out of the fund. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for any sum payable by the state under this paragraph out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. The pro rata share shall be computed on the basis which the total workers' compensation benefits, including medical benefits, paid by each insurance carrier and self-insurer bore to the total workers' compensation benefits, including medical benefits, paid by all insurance carriers and self-insurers in the ~~[fiscal year ending in the]~~ preceding calendar year; provided, however, that no insurance carrier or self-insurer shall pay an assessment of less than \$100. The commissioner shall assess each insurance carrier and self-insurer as soon as possible after July 1 of each year. Total assessments shall not exceed the amount appropriated for the fund, which shall include the budget of the workers' compensation division of the department of labor for the fiscal year in which the assessment is made and all other costs of administering this chapter. The balance in the fund at the beginning of the new fiscal year shall proportionately reduce the assessments under this section. The commissioner shall have the authority to adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to the manner in which such payments are to be made.

126. Department of Labor; Workers' Compensation Special Fund for Second Injuries. Amend RSA 281-A:55, III to read as follows:

III. Each insurance carrier and self-insurer shall, pursuant to rules adopted by the commissioner, make payments to the fund in an amount equal to that proportion of 115 percent of the total obligation of the fund during the preceding 12 months, less the amount of the net assets in the fund as of March 31 of the current year, which the total workers' compensation benefits, including medical benefits, paid by each insurance carrier and self-insurer bore to the total workers' compensation benefits, including medical benefits, paid by all insurance carriers and self-insurers in the ~~[fiscal year ending in the]~~ preceding calendar year.

127. Compensation Appeals Board; Compensation. Amend RSA 281-A:52-a, III to read as follows: