

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT

MINUTES

November 24, 2014

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Monday, November 24, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Mary Jane Wallner, Chair
Representative Ken Weyler, Clerk
Representative Sharon Nordgren (Alternate)
Representative Peter Leishman
Representative Daniel Eaton
Senate President Chuck Morse
Senator Sylvia Larsen
Senator Andy Sanborn
Senator John Reagan (Alternate)
Senator Jeb Bradley (Alternate)

Chairman Wallner opened the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

RSA 9:16-b REDUCTIONS AUTHORIZED:

FIS 14-197 Office of the Governor – Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee. Meredith Telus, Budget Director, Office of The Governor was also present to respond to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Morse, seconded by Representative Eaton, that the Committee approve the request of the Office of The Governor for “an order directing a reduction in Executive Branch expenditures,” as specified in Executive Order #2014-9. MOTION ADOPTED.

RSA 124:15 POSITIONS RESTRICTED:

FIS 14-196 Office of the Governor – Pamela Walsh, Chief of Staff, Office of The Governor, presented the request and responded to questions of the Committee.

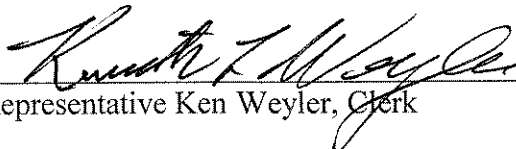
On a motion by Representative Weyler, seconded by Senator Sanborn, that the Committee amend the request of the Office of The Governor by adding a bullet on page 3 with the requirement that each of the mental health and abuse disorder practitioners’ program receiving money from the State submit a record of five years’ experience of the efficacy of their treatment programs. MOTION FAILED. (4-Yes, 6-No)

Representative Eaton moved approval of the original item, with an amendment proposed by Senator Bradley, seconded by Representative Weyler, that the Committee approve the request of the Office of The Governor to create a new non-classified Senior Behavioral Health Coordinator position through June 30, 2015 with the stipulation that the Fiscal Committee would approve subsequent to the budget approving the position, expenditure of the funds. MOTION FAILED. (5-Yes, 5-No)

On a motion by Representative Eaton, seconded by Senator Larsen, that the Committee approve the original request of the Office of The Governor to create a new non-classified Senior Behavioral Health Coordinator position through June 30, 2015. MOTION ADOPTED. (9-Yes, 1-No)

ADJOURNMENT:

The Committee meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.


Representative Ken Weyler, Clerk