

FISCAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT
MINUTES
June 20, 2025

The Fiscal Committee of the General Court met on Friday, June 20, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. Room 210-211 of the Legislative Office Building.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Representative Ken Weyler, Chairman
Representative Gerald Griffin (Alternate) Acting Clerk
Representative Jess Edwards
Representative Mary Jane Wallner
Representative Peter Leishman
Senator James Gray, Vice Chairman
Senate President Sharon Carson
Senator Regina Birdsell
Senator David Watters

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Representative Edwards, that the Committee approve the minutes of the May 16, 2025 meeting as written, including a copy of Fiscal Committee Rules and Procedures - Appendix A Amendment as Revised 05/16/2025. MOTION ADOPTED. (7-Yes; 0-No; 1-Abstained)

OLD BUSINESS:

FIS 25-103 New Hampshire Youth Development Center Claims Administration and Settlement Fund – request authorization to receive an additional appropriation from general funds not otherwise appropriated in the amount of \$10,000,000 for FY 2025 through June 30, 2025. **Tabled April 18, 2025** FIS 25-103 Additional Information – dated 5/15/2025. NO DISCUSSION HELD.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSENT CALENDAR

As announced by the Chair, the following items were removed from the Consent Calendar to be acted on individually;

- Tab 4 Pursuant to RSA 9:16-a and RSA 14:30-a, VI.
FIS 25-158
- Tab 8 Pursuant to ARPA RSA 14:30-a, VI. and RSA 124:15
FIS 25-146

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Representative Edwards, that the Committee approve all the remaining requests as submitted under the Consent Calendar, Tabs 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8. MOTION ADOPTED. (8-Yes; 0-No) [TAB 3 pursuant to RSA 9:16-a., FIS 25-142 Department of Administrative Services – authorization to transfer \$6,700 in other/general funds between classes and create new expenditure Class 18 Overtime through June 30, 2025, FIS 25-143 Department of Education – authorization to transfer \$728,530 in general funds in and among accounts and classes through June 30, 2025, FIS 25-156 Department of Administrative Services – authorization to transfer \$350,000 in general funds through June 30, 2025, FIS 25-157 Department of Administrative Services – authorization to transfer \$365,200 in general/other funds among accounts through June 30, 2025, FIS 25-159 Judicial Council – authorization to transfer \$200,000 in general funds between accounting units through June 30, 2025, FIS 25-160 Judicial Council – authorization to transfer \$50,000 in general funds between accounting units through June 30, 2025, and FIS 25-161 Department of Transportation – authorization to transfer \$36,000 in Other/ Highway funds between various accounting units and classes through June 30, 2025; and TAB 5 pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI., FIS 25-144 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources – authorization to accept and expend \$307,000 in federal funds through June 30, 2027, FIS 25-145 Department of Transportation – authorization to budget and expend prior year carry-forward funds in the amount of \$388,317 in other funds through June 30, 2025, and FIS 25-162 Department of Administrative Services – authorization to amend FIS 24-255, approved August 16, 2024, to realign \$180,000 in other funds through June 30, 2025; and TAB 6 pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI. and RSA 124:15, FIS 25-149 Department of Business and Economic Affairs – authorization to; 1) amend FIS 24-065, approved February 16, 2024, by extending the expiration date from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2027, and 2) amend FIS 25-120, approved May 16, 2025, by extending the expiration date from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2027, and 3) contingent upon approval of Request #1, authorization to continue utilizing Class 046-Consultants by amending FIS 24-065, approved February 16, 2024, by extending the expiration date from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2027, and 4) contingent upon approval of Request #1 and #2, authorization to extend two (2) full-time temporary positions; 9T3298 and 9T3299 by extending the expiration date from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2027 (Originally approved (FIS 23-089) March 24, 2023, with subsequent approval (FIS 23-167) on May 19, 2023); and TAB 7 pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI Fiscal Committee Approval Required for Acceptance and Expenditure of Funds Over \$100,000 from any Non-State Source, FIS 25-147 Department of Business and Economic Affairs – authorization to amend FIS 22-011, approved January 21, 2022, with subsequent approval (FIS 23-167) on May 19, 2023, and (FIS 25-121) on May 16, 2025, by extending the expiration date from June 30, 2025 to December 31, 2025, FIS 25-164 Governor’s Office for Emergency Relief And Recovery – authorization to amend FIS 23-317, approved November 9, 2023, to adjust funds in the amount of \$74,393 in federal ARPA funds between class lines, create a class line, and to extend the end date from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2027 (Originally approved (FIS 21-172) June 18, 2021, with subsequent approval (FIS 23-166) May 19, 2023), FIS 25-165 Department of Health and Human Services – authorization to amend FIS 21-379, approved December 17, 2021, to retroactively extend the end date effective retroactive to April 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, and FIS 25-166 Governor’s Office for Emergency Relief And Recovery – authorization to accept and expend \$152,113 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) through December 31, 2026; and TAB 8 pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI Fiscal Committee Approval Required for Acceptance and Expenditure of Funds Over \$100,000 from any Non-State Source and RSA 124:15, Positions Authorized, FIS 25-148 Department of Business and Economic Affairs – authorization to; 1) amend FIS 22-404, approved December 2, 2022, with subsequent approval (FIS 23-167) on May 19, 2023, by extending the expiration date from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2027, and 2) amend FIS 24-062, approved February 16, 2024, by extending the expiration date from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2027, and 3) contingent upon approval of Request #2, authorization to extend three (3) full-time temporary

positions; 9T3102, 9T3103 and 9T3104 from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2027 (Originally approved (FIS 21-136) on June 8, 2021, and subsequent approval (FIS 23-166) on May 19, 2023), and FIS 25-163 Department of Administrative Services – seeking approval on behalf of State Agencies to amend the accept and expend of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) requests by extending the end date for funding, new positions, and/or new Class 046-Consultants created in relation to the acceptance of ARPA SFRF funds from June 30, 2025 to December 31, 2026]

RSA 9:16-a, TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED, AND RSA 14:30-a, VI FISCAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS OVER \$100,000 FROM ANY NON-STATE SOURCE:

CONSENT CALENDAR

FIS 25-158 Department of Health and Human Services – Chris Santaniello, Associate Commissioner, and Nathan White, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health and Human Services responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Birdsell, seconded by Representative Wallner, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer \$2,500,000 in general funds between various class lines and increase Federal revenues in the amount of \$2,500,000 through June 30, 2025. MOTION ADOPTED. (8-Yes; 0-No)

RSA 14:30-a, VI FISCAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS OVER \$100,000 FROM ANY NON-STATE SOURCE AND RSA 124:15, POSITIONS AUTHORIZED:

CONSENT CALENDAR

FIS 25-146 Department of Health and Human Services – Nathan White, Chief Financial Officer, and Iain Watt, Director of Public Health, Department of Health and Human Services responded to questions of the Committee. The Department requested that Row 7 on Attachment A be removed.

On a motion by Senator Birdsell, seconded by Representative Wallner, that the Committee **amend** and approve the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to amend accept and expend items of federal funds related to the COVID-19 pandemic by extending the end dates for funding and for temporary full-time positions of the grant awards and positions identified in Attachment A to June 30, 2026, **with the exception of Attachment A, page 1, line 7**. MOTION ADOPTED. (8-Yes; 0-No)

FIS 25-148 Department of Business and Economic Affairs – Taylor Caswell, Commissioner, Department of Business and Economic Affairs responded to questions of the Committee. No further action requested as item was adopted under the Consent Calendar.

CHAPTER 79:11, LAWS OF 2023, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; TRANSFER AUTHORITY;

REGULAR CALENDAR

FIS 25-151 Department of Corrections – John Scippa, Interim Commissioner, and Lisa Stone, Director, Division of Administration, Department of Corrections responded to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Representative Leishman, that the Committee approve the request of the Department of Corrections to transfer \$10,872,890 in general funds among accounts through June 30, 2025. MOTION ADOPTED. (8-Yes; 0-No)

CHAPTER 106, LAWS OF 2023, AGENCY FOOTNOTE:

REGULAR CALENDAR

FIS 25-152 and FIS 25-153 Department of Corrections – John Scippa, Interim Commissioner, and Benjamin Carbone, Chief Pharmacist, Department of Corrections responded to questions of the Committee.

Senator Carson joined the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Representative Leishman, that the Committee approve the requests of the Department of Corrections (FIS 25-152) for additional funding in the amount of \$555,000 in general funds through June 30, 2025 and (FIS-153) for additional funding in the amount of \$551,000 in general funds through June 30, 2025. MOTION ADOPTED. (9-Yes; 0-No)

RSA 162-H:21, FUND ESTABLISHED; FUNDING PLAN:

REGULAR CALENDAR

Senator Birdsell stepped away at 11:36 a.m.; returning at 11:38 a.m.

FIS 25-150 Public Utilities Commission – Andrew Biemer, Administrator, NH Site Evaluation Committee and Leonard Rautio, Department of Energy were present to respond to questions of the Committee.

On a motion by Senator Watters, seconded by Senator Gray, that the Committee approve the request of the Public Utilities Commission to accept \$110,449 in general funds from funds not otherwise appropriated through June 30, 2025. MOTION ADOPTED. (9-Yes; 0-No)

MISCELLANEOUS:

None

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS:

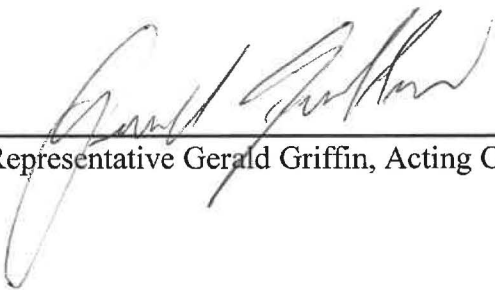
Paige Lorenz, Audit Manager, Collin Quinn, Audit Manager, Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, Audit Division, and Jennifer Foley, Attorney, New Hampshire Youth Development Center Claims Administration and Settlement Fund, responded to questions of the Committee pertaining to FIS 25-168 Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, Audit Division – Final report, dated June 6, 2025, in response to the Fiscal Committee directive to review the finances and operations of the Youth Development Center Claims Administration and Settlement Fund.

The informational items were accepted and placed on file.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Fiscal Committee will be at the Call of The Chair.

On a motion by Senator Gray, seconded by Representative Leishman, that the meeting adjourn. (Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.)



Representative Gerald Griffin, Acting Clerk

FISCAL COMMITTEE RULES AND PROCEDURES
REVISED PROPOSED AMENDMENT – 5/16/25

Amend the Fiscal Committee Rules and Procedures as adopted on January 31, 2025, by adding after item 2, the following –

2a) The Committee will permit any items submitted pursuant to RSA 124:15 or RSA 14:30-a, VI, that utilize funding from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) or the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) to be authorized through June 30, 2027.