

**SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
BUDGET WORK SESSION**

05/20/25

SENATE FINANCE - 2025 BUDGET RECAP SHEET

Judicial Council

	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total
1a. HB 1 Change Request Request to increase funding for the Public Defender Program in FY 2026 and FY 2027 to maintain current staffing (minimum), with additional funding to hire more attorneys and match County Attorney salaries. (AU 1094, compare page 658)	Jay Buckey, Executive Director	GF	\$0	Minimum Request		
				\$3,792,595	\$3,792,595	\$7,585,190
				Full Request		
				\$8,256,093	\$8,256,093	\$16,512,186
1b. HB 1 Change Request Increase funding to the Public Defender Program in FY 2026 and FY 2027.	Senator Birdsell	GF	\$0	\$3,800,000	\$3,800,000	\$7,600,000
1c. HB 1 Change Request Increase funding to the Public Defender Program in FY 2027. (AU 1094, compare page 658)	Senator Rosenwald	GF	\$0	\$0	\$3,800,000	\$3,800,000
2. HB 1 Change Request Fund a new position for accounts payable in AU 1097 to help process billing. (AU 1097, compare page 654)	Jay Buckey, Executive Director	GF	\$0	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$160,000
3. HB 1 Change Request Technical Fix - Move footnote from accounting unit 1094 to accounting unit 1091. (AU 1094, compare page 658)	LBA	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Judicial Branch

	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total
1. HB 1 Amendment Request Delete back of the budget cut.	Chief Justice Gordon MacDonald	GF	\$0	(\$3,950,000)	(\$3,950,000)	(\$7,900,000)
2. HB 1 Change Request Request to restore funding for Sheriffs' reimbursements. (AU 2034, compare page 218)	Chief Justice Gordon MacDonald	GF	\$0	\$1,125,031	\$1,125,031	\$2,250,062
3. HB 1 Change Request Request to restore funding for court security per diem days. (AU 2034, compare page 218)	Chief Justice Gordon MacDonald	GF	\$0	\$919,324	\$919,324	\$1,838,648
4. HB 1 Change Request Request to restore funding for court security per diem training days. (AU 2034, compare page 218)	Chief Justice Gordon MacDonald	GF	\$0	\$95,456	\$95,456	\$190,912
5. HB 1 Change Request Request for additional resources to manage the impacts of the Youth Development Center (YDC) claims cases. (AU 1880, compare page 205)	Chief Justice Gordon MacDonald	GF	\$0	\$438,946	\$438,561	\$877,507
6. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2204s, Page 14 Amending statutes to authorize the closure of the Hooksett and Goffstown Circuit Courts and to update related statutory references to courts and towns.	Chief Justice Gordon MacDonald / Senator Gray	GF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
7. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2194s, Page 32 Amends section 103 to extend the effective date for expanding access to court-appointed counsel for children in dependency proceedings and deletes section 104 appropriating funds to DHHS for staff attorney positions due to date being pushed out.	Chief Justice Gordon MacDonald / Senator Gray	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Judicial Branch

	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total
<p>8a. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2212s, Page 33 Amends RSA 135-C:23 requiring the indigent defense fund under RSA 604-A to cover the cost of court-appointed attorneys, including related services and expenses, for individuals without legal counsel in involuntary mental health admission hearings. These costs were previously covered by ARPA funds within the courts and prior to that DHHS.</p>	Chief Justice Gordon MacDonald / Senator Gray	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<p>8b. HB 1 Change Request Add funding to Judicial Council's AU 1093, contract counsel, to fund the new contracts for the reassignment of duties based on amendment above. (AU 1093, compare page 657)</p>		GF	\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$400,000

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New Hampshire Youth Development Center Claims Administration and Settlement Fund

	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total
1. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2097s, Page 34 Amends section 245 in HB 2 to appropriate \$75,000,000 per a year for FY 2026 and FY 2027 to the YDC Settlement Fund.	Administrator Broderick / Senator Rosenwald	GF	\$0	\$65,000,000	\$65,000,000	\$130,000,000

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Department of Agriculture, Foods and Markets

	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total
1. HB 2 Amendment #2025-1685s. Page 35 Amend section 204 to apply fee increase to the correct RSA.	Shawn Jasper, Commissioner / Senator Gray	GF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2. HB 2 Amendment #2025-1914s. Page 36 Amend section 207 to adjust fee in statute to match intention of rule.	Shawn Jasper, Commissioner / Senator Gray	GF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
3. HB 2 Amendment Request Add specific RSAs to section 445 of HB 2 to be exempt from the 5% dedicated fund assessment.	Shawn Jasper, Commissioner	GF	\$0	\$7,535	\$7,535	\$15,070

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Department of Justice

	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total
1a. HB 1 Amendment Request Delete section 12 relative to back of the budget general fund reduction.	Attorney John Formella, Attorney General	GF	\$0	\$7,899,266	\$6,806,493	\$14,705,759
1b. HB 1 Change Request / Amendment #2025-2233s, Page 37 -Delete section 12 relative to back of the budget general fund reduction. -Add footnote to AU 2601 Class 073 <i>"Payments made from class 073 shall not be used for any other purpose, and shall not be considered for budget reductions required pursuant to any section of this act or any other budget reduction including executive orders required of the department of justice, which does not prevent transfers in from other accounts. Class 073 Grants-Non Federal shall not lapse until June 30, 2027."</i> (AU 2601, compare page 140)	Senator Birdsell	GF	\$0	\$7,899,266	\$6,806,493	\$14,705,759
1c. HB 1 Amendment #2025-1995s, Page 38 Amends section 12 of HB 1, relative to the back of the budget general fund reduction from \$7.9m in FY 2026 and \$6.8m in FY 2027 to be \$2.5m per a year for FY 2026 and FY 2027 as well as restrict where the general fund reductions can come from.	Senator Lang	GF	\$0	\$5,399,266	\$4,306,493	\$9,705,759
1d. HB 1 Amendment #2025-2036s, Page 39 Deletes section 12 of HB 1, relative to DOJ back of the budget general fund reduction. Amends section 15 to increase DHHS back of the budget general fund reduction by \$5m over the biennium.	Senator Lang	GF	\$0	\$5,399,266	\$4,306,493	\$9,705,759

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Department of Justice

	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total
2. HB 2 Amendment #2025-1827s, Page 40 Increase cremation certificate fee from \$60 to \$100.	Attorney John Formella, Attorney General / Senator Gray	OTH-REV	\$0	\$506,500	\$506,500	\$1,013,000
3. HB 2 Amendment #2025-1816s, Page 41 Raise Office of Chief Medical Examiner's rates within RSA 611-B:27.	Attorney John Formella, Attorney General / Senator Gray	OTH-REV	\$0	\$139,735	\$139,735	\$279,470

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Human Rights Commission

	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total
1a. HB 2 Amendment Request Delete sections 285-297 of HB 2 relative to abolishment of the Human Rights Commission and reassignment of its cases to the Judicial Branch.	Katrina Taylor, Acting Assistant Director	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1b. HB 1 Change Request / Amendment Request -Restore the Human Rights Commission’s budget and delete section 5, VII of HB 1 abolishing its positions. (AU 1041, compare page 371-372) -Restore Human Rights Commission's IT Budget (AU 7676, compare page 55)	Katrina Taylor, Acting Assistant Director	GF	\$0	\$1,582,705	\$1,629,311	\$3,212,016
		FED	\$0	\$182,129	\$184,425	\$366,554
		OTH	\$0	\$14,201	\$33,101	\$47,302

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Department of Safety

	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total
<p>1. HB 2 Amendment #2025-1706s, Page 42 Transfer license plate production from Department of Corrections to Department of Safety, increase plate manufacturing fee, and remove embossment requirement.</p>	Robert Quinn, Commissioner / Senator Gray	OTH-REV Reflectorized Plate Fund	\$0	\$600,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,800,000
<p>2a. HB 2 Amendment Request Exempt all Department of Safety dedicated funds from 5% administrative charge in HB 2, section 445.</p>	Robert Quinn	GF-REV	\$0	(\$2,000,000)	(\$2,000,000)	(\$4,000,000)
<p>2b. HB 2 Amendment #2025-1959s, Page 45 Exempt the Navigation Safety Fund from 5% administrative charge in HB 2, section 445.</p>	Robert Quinn / Senator Watters	GF-REV	\$0	(\$220,203)	(\$220,203)	(\$440,406)
<p>3. HB 1 Change / HB 2 Amendment #2025-1698s, Page 46 Move \$722,490 in FY 2026 and \$744,445 in FY 2027 from the Division of Administration (AU 3461, compare page 560) to the Division of Motor Vehicles (AU 3109, compare page 571), including positions #10357, #10369, #10497, #10635, and #18653, to better align internal operations of the International Fuel Tax Association (IFTA) and International Registration Plan (IRP). Net zero impact.</p>	Robert Quinn / Senator Gray	OTH - Highway Fund Cost of Collections	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<p>4. HB 2 Amendment #2025-1745s, Page 47 Delete section 338, which raises the insurance company fee for MV records. This section was added by the House, intended to benefit the highway fund, however, this fee revenue is credited to the fire fund. Also, this fee was increased recently (HB 2, 2023), and the Department is not recommending raising it.</p>	Robert Quinn / Senator Gray	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Department of Safety

	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total
5. HB 1 Change / Surplus Statement Adjustment To reflect the deletion of sections 352-362, relative to motor vehicle inspections, restore eight (8) positions in Commercial Enforcement (AU 2305, compare page 574). Associated revenue adjustment will be made on general fund and highway fund surplus statements. In total, there is a net benefit, when compared to House budget, of approximately \$119K to the general fund and \$3.96M to the highway fund over the biennium.	Commissioner Robert Quinn / Senator Gray	GF	\$0	\$108,544	\$222,620	\$331,164
		HWY	\$0	\$325,630	\$667,860	\$993,490
		TOT	\$0	\$434,174	\$890,480	\$1,324,654
		GF-REV	\$0	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$450,000
		HWY-REV	\$0	\$1,650,000	\$3,300,000	\$4,950,000
		TOT-REV	\$0	\$1,800,000	\$3,600,000	\$5,400,000
		GF-NET	\$0	\$41,456	\$77,380	\$118,836
		HWY-NET	\$0	\$1,324,370	\$2,632,140	\$3,956,510
		TOT-NET	\$0	\$1,365,826	\$2,709,520	\$4,075,346
6. HB 1 Change Request Move \$30,000 in each FY 2026 and FY 2027 in HLS Non-Profit Security Grants from class 072 (grants-federal) to class 050 (personal service-temp/appointed) (AU 7213, compare page 446). Net zero impact.	Robert Quinn / Senator Gray	FED	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
7a. HB 2 Amendment #2025-1747s, Page 48 Modify language in section 69 relative to the use of Opioid Abatement Trust Fund dollars for substance abuse enforcement (Granite Shield).	Robert Quinn / Senator Gray	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
7b. HB 2 Amendment #2025-1866s, Page 49 Make changes to Substance Abuse Enforcement Program (Granite Shield), relative to northern counties, and replace Opioid Abatement Trust Fund with General Funds (AU 3077, compare page 471)	Senator Lang	OTH - Opioid Abatement Trust Fund	\$0	(\$1,800,000)	(\$1,700,000)	(\$3,500,000)
		GF	\$0	\$1,800,000	\$1,700,000	\$3,500,000
7c. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2051s, Page 50 Delete section 69, preventing Opioid Abatement Trust Fund use for the Substance Abuse Enforcement Program (Granite Shield) (AU 3077, compare page 471)	Senator Rosenwald	OTH - Opioid Abatement Trust Fund	\$0	(\$1,800,000)	(\$1,700,000)	(\$3,500,000)

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Department of Safety

	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total
8. HB 2 Amendment #2025-1738s, Page 51 Provide funding for the Northern Border Alliance Program	Commissioner Robert Quinn / Senator Lang	GF	\$0	\$600,000	\$0	\$600,000
9. HB 2 Amendment #2025-1693s, Page 52 Codify the use of 911 funds to maintain the State radio & communications infrastructure utilized to support interoperable communications between 911 public safety answering points, emergency communications centers, and first responders. Also, reduce general funds and use E-911 funds (AU 4001, compare page 518).	Robert Quinn / Senator Lang	GF	\$0	(\$1,440,431)	(\$1,479,220)	(\$2,919,651)
		OTH - E-911 Fund	\$0	\$1,440,431	\$1,479,220	\$2,919,651
10. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2248s, Page 53 Add language from SB 70, relative to mobile driver licenses.	Senator Lang	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Department of Energy

	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total
1. HB 1 Change Request Unfund position #9T3317 from the Department's budget as it has been vacant and is no longer needed. (AU 1891, compare 430).	Jared Chicoine, Commissioner	OTH	\$0	(\$131,227)	(\$134,576)	(\$265,803)
2a. HB 2 Amendment #2025-1904s, Page 55 Technical Correction: Amend section 186 and 187 to remove the words "as determined by the commission" on page 71 line 5 of HB 2 as it is not needed.	Jared Chicoine, Commissioner / Senator Gray	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2b. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2098s, Page 57 Amends section 186, relative to the allocation of the renewable energy fund.	Senator Watters / Senator Pearl	GF-REV	\$0	(\$5,000,000)	(\$5,000,000)	(\$10,000,000)
3. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2247s, Page 58 Deletes section 187 and 188 relative to the renewable energy fund allocation and payments to ratepayers starting July 1, 2027 (FY 2028- No impact in the FY 2026 and FY 2027 biennium). (HB 224)	Senator Watters / Senator Pearl / Senator Lang	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Personnel Employee Labor Relations Board

	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total
<p>1. HB 1 Change Request Requests additional funding in Class 27 for DOIT transfers in the amounts of \$60,216 for FY 2026 and \$44,376 for FY 2027, and additional funding in Class 39 of \$6,500 per year to cover increased costs for the agencies absorbed into the new Office of State and Public Sector Labor Relations. (AU 2066, compare page 378)</p>	Douglas Ingersoll, Executive Director	GF	\$0	\$66,716	\$50,876	\$117,592

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 Judicial Districts. Amend RSA 502-A:1 to read as follows:

2 502-A:1 Judicial Districts.

3 A comprehensive system of judicial districts, each with a district court, is hereby organized,
4 constituted and established as follows:

5 Rockingham County

6 I. PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT. The Portsmouth district shall consist of the city of
7 Portsmouth and the towns of Newington, Greenland, Rye, and New Castle. The district court for the
8 district shall be located in Portsmouth, holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the
9 district as justice may require. The name of the court shall be Portsmouth District Court.

10 II. HAMPTON DISTRICT. The Hampton district shall consist of the towns of Hampton,
11 Hampton Falls, North Hampton, South Hampton, and Seabrook. The district division for the
12 district shall be located in Hampton, holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district
13 as justice may require.

14 ~~II-a. [Repealed.]~~

15 ~~II-b. EXETER DISTRICT. The Exeter district shall consist of the towns of Exeter,
16 Newmarket, Stratham, Newfields, Fremont, East Kingston, Kensington, Epping, and Brentwood.
17 The district division for the district shall be located in Brentwood, holding sessions regularly therein
18 and elsewhere in the district as justice may require.]~~

19 III. BRENTWOOD DISTRICT. The Brentwood district shall consist of the towns of Exeter,
20 Newmarket, Stratham, Newfields, Fremont, East Kingston, Kensington, Epping, Brentwood,
21 Danville, Kingston, and Newton. The district division for the district shall be located in Brentwood,
22 holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require.

23 IV. DERRY DISTRICT. The Derry district shall consist of the towns of Derry, Londonderry,
24 Chester, and Sandown. The district court for the district shall be located in Derry, holding sessions
25 regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require. The name of the court shall
26 be Derry District Court.

27 V. [AUBURN-CANDIA-RAYMOND] **CANDIA** DISTRICT. The [Auburn-Candia-Raymond]
28 **Candia** district shall consist of the towns of Auburn, Candia, Deerfield, Nottingham, Raymond, and
29 Northwood. [The court shall be located in Auburn, Candia, or Raymond. The court shall hold
30 sessions regularly at the principal court location and elsewhere in the district as justice may require.
31 The court shall bear the name of the town in which it is located.] **The district court for the**

1 *district shall be located in Candia, holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the*
2 *district as justice may require.*

3 VI. SALEM DISTRICT. The Salem district shall consist of the towns of Salem, Windham,
4 Atkinson, Hampstead, and Plaistow in Rockingham county and the town of Pelham in Hillsborough
5 county. The district court for the district shall be located in Salem, holding sessions regularly
6 therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require. The name of the court shall be Salem
7 District Court.

8 Strafford County

9 VII. ~~[DOVER-SOMERSWORTH-DURHAM]~~ **DOVER** DISTRICT. The ~~[Dover-Somersworth-~~
10 ~~Durham]~~ **Dover** district shall consist of the cities of Dover and Somersworth and the towns of
11 Rollinsford, Durham, Lee, and Madbury. ~~[The court shall be located in a city or town within the~~
12 ~~judicial district in a location and facility designated pursuant to RSA 490-B:3, having regard for the~~
13 ~~convenience of the communities within the district, provided, however, that the court shall not be~~
14 ~~located in any building which does not meet the minimum standard prescribed by the New~~
15 ~~Hampshire court accreditation commission pursuant to RSA 490:5-e. The court shall hold sessions~~
16 ~~regularly at the principal court location and elsewhere in the district as justice may require.]~~ **The**
17 **district court for the district shall be located in Dover, holding sessions regularly therein**
18 **and elsewhere in the district as justice may require.**

19 VIII. ROCHESTER DISTRICT. The Rochester district court shall consist of the city of
20 Rochester and the towns of Barrington, Milton, New Durham, Farmington, Strafford, and
21 Middleton. The district court for the district shall be located in Rochester, holding sessions regularly
22 therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require. The name of the court shall be
23 Rochester District Court.

24 Belknap County

25 IX. LACONIA DISTRICT. The Laconia district shall consist of the city of Laconia and the
26 towns of Meredith, New Hampton, Gilford, Belmont, Alton, Gilmanton, Center Harbor, and
27 Barnstead. The district court for the district shall be located in Laconia, holding sessions regularly
28 therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require. The name of the court shall be Laconia
29 District Court.

30 **Carroll County**

31 X. CONWAY DISTRICT. The district for northern Carroll county shall consist of the towns
32 of Conway, Bartlett, Jackson, Eaton, Chatham, Hart's Location, Albany, Madison and the
33 unincorporated places of Hale's Location, Cutt's Grant, and Hadley's Purchase. The district court for
34 the district shall be located in Conway, holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the
35 district as justice may require. The name of the court shall be the Conway District Court.

36 XI. OSS�PEE DISTRICT. The district for southern Carroll county shall consist of the towns
37 of Ossipee, Tamworth, Freedom, Effingham, Wakefield, Wolfeboro, Brookfield, Tuftonboro,

1 Moultonborough, and Sandwich. The court shall be located in Ossipee, holding sessions regularly
2 therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require. The name of the court shall be the
3 Ossipee District Court.
4 Merrimack County

5 XII. CONCORD DISTRICT. The Concord district shall consist of the city of Concord, and
6 the towns of Loudon, Canterbury, Dunbarton, Bow, Hopkinton, Pittsfield, Chichester, and Epsom.
7 The district court for the district shall be located in Concord, holding sessions regularly there and
8 elsewhere in the district as justice may require. The name of the court shall be Concord District
9 Court.

10 XIII. HOOKSETT DISTRICT. The Hooksett district shall consist of the towns of
11 Allenstown, Pembroke, and Hooksett. The district court for the district shall be located in Hooksett,
12 holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require. The name of
13 the court shall be the Hooksett District Court. ***Upon the issuance of an order by the chief
14 justice of the supreme court before December 31, 2026, with 30 days' notice to the public, the
15 Hooksett district shall cease to exist and the Hooksett District Court courthouse shall be
16 closed. The town of Pembroke shall thereafter be included in the Concord district. The
17 towns of Hooksett and Allenstown shall thereafter be included in the Candia district.***

18 XIV. FRANKLIN DISTRICT. The Franklin district shall consist of the city of Franklin and
19 the towns of Northfield, Danbury, Andover, Boscawen, Salisbury, Hill, and Webster in Merrimack
20 county and the towns of Sanbornton and Tilton in Belknap county. The district court for the district
21 shall be located in Franklin, holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as
22 justice may require. The name of the court shall be Franklin District Court.

23 XV. HENNIKER-HILLSBOROUGH DISTRICT. The Henniker-Hillsborough district shall
24 consist of the towns of Henniker, Warner, Sutton, and Bradford in Merrimack county and the towns
25 of Hillsborough, Deering, Windsor, Antrim, and Bennington in Hillsborough county. [The court shall
26 be located in a city or town within the judicial district in a location and facility designated pursuant
27 to RSA 490-B:3, having regard for the convenience of the communities within the district, provided,
28 however, that the court shall not be located in any building which does not meet the minimum
29 standard prescribed by the New Hampshire court accreditation commission pursuant to RSA 490:5-
30 e. The court shall hold sessions regularly at the principal court location and elsewhere in the district
31 as justice may require. ~~The court shall bear the name of the city or town in which it is located.] ***The***~~

32 ***district court for the district shall be located in Hillsborough, holding sessions regularly***
33 ***therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require.***

34 Hillsborough County

35 XVI. MANCHESTER DISTRICT. The Manchester district shall consist of the city of
36 Manchester. The district court for the district shall be located in Manchester, holding sessions
37 regularly therein as justice may require. The name of the court shall be Manchester District Court.

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1 XVII. NASHUA DISTRICT. The Nashua district shall consist of the city of Nashua and the
2 towns of Hudson and Hollis. The district court for the district shall be located in Nashua, holding
3 sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require. The name of the
4 court shall be Nashua District Court.

5 XVIII. MERRIMACK DISTRICT. The Merrimack district shall consist of the towns of
6 Merrimack, Litchfield, and Bedford. The district court for the district shall be located in Merrimack,
7 holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require. The name of
8 the court shall be the Merrimack District Court.

9 XIX. MILFORD DISTRICT. The Milford district shall consist of the towns of Milford,
10 Brookline, Amherst, Mason, Wilton, Lyndeborough, and Mont Vernon. The district court for the
11 district shall be located in Milford, holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as
12 justice may require. The name of the court shall be Milford District Court.

13 XX. JAFFREY-PETERBOROUGH DISTRICT. The Jaffrey-Peterborough district shall
14 consist of the towns of Peterborough, Hancock, Greenville, Greenfield, New Ipswich, Temple, and
15 Sharon in Hillsborough county and the towns of Jaffrey, Dublin, Fitzwilliam, and Rindge in
16 Cheshire county. The district court for the district shall be located in Jaffrey [~~or Peterborough~~],
17 holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require. The name of
18 the court shall be Jaffrey-Peterborough District Court.

19 XXI. HENNIKER-HILLSBOROUGH DISTRICT. The Henniker-Hillsborough district shall
20 consist of the towns of Henniker, Warner, Sutton, and Bradford in Merrimack county and the towns
21 of Hillsborough, Deering, Windsor, Antrim, and Bennington in Hillsborough county. [~~The court shall~~
22 ~~be located in a city or town within the judicial district in a location and facility designated pursuant~~
23 ~~to RSA 490-B:3, having regard for the convenience of the communities within the district, provided,~~
24 ~~however, that the court shall not be located in any building which does not meet the minimum~~
25 ~~standard prescribed by the New Hampshire court accreditation commission pursuant to RSA 490:5-~~
26 ~~e. The court shall hold sessions regularly at the principal court location and elsewhere in the district~~
27 ~~as justice may require. The court shall bear the name of the city or town in which it is located.] *The*
28 *district court for the district shall be located in Hillsborough, holding sessions regularly*
29 *therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require.*~~

30 XXII. GOFFSTOWN DISTRICT. The Goffstown district shall consist of the towns of
31 Goffstown, Weare, New Boston, and Francestown. The district court for the district shall be located
32 in Goffstown, holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require.
33 The name of the court shall be Goffstown District Court. *Upon the issuance of an order by the*
34 *chief justice of the supreme court before December 31, 2026, with 30 days' notice to the*
35 *public, the Goffstown district shall cease to exist and the Goffstown District Court*
36 *courthouse shall be closed. The town of Goffstown shall thereafter be included in the*
37 *Merrimack district. The town of Weare shall thereafter be included in the Henniker-*

1 *Hillsborough district. The towns of New Boston and Francestown shall thereafter be*
2 *included in the Milford district.*

3 Cheshire County

4 XXIII. KEENE DISTRICT. The Keene district shall consist of the city of Keene and the
5 towns of Stoddard, Westmoreland, Surry, Gilsom, Sullivan, Nelson, Roxbury, Marlow, Swanzey,
6 Marlborough, Winchester, Richmond, Hinsdale, Harrisville, Walpole, Alstead, Troy, and
7 Chesterfield. The district court for the district shall be located in Keene, holding sessions regularly
8 therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require. The name of the court shall be Keene
9 District Court.

10 XXIV. JAFFREY-PETERBOROUGH DISTRICT. The Jaffrey-Peterborough district shall
11 consist of the towns of Jaffrey, Dublin, Fitzwilliam, and Rindge in Cheshire county and the towns of
12 Peterborough, Hancock, Greenfield, New Ipswich, Temple, and Sharon in Hillsborough
13 county. The district court for the district shall be located in Jaffrey [~~or Peterborough~~], holding
14 sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require. The name of the
15 court shall be Jaffrey-Peterborough District Court.

16 Sullivan County

17 XXV. [~~CLAREMONT-NEWPORT~~] **CLAREMONT** DISTRICT. The [~~Claremont-Newport~~]
18 *Claremont* district shall consist of the city of Claremont and the towns of Cornish, Unity,
19 Charlestown, Acworth, Langdon, **and** Plainfield], ~~Newport, Grantham, Croydon, Springfield,~~
20 ~~Sunapee, Goshen, Lempster, and Washington in Sullivan county and the towns of New London,~~
21 ~~Newbury, and Wilmot in Merrimack county. The court shall be located in a city or town within the~~
22 ~~judicial district in a location and facility designated pursuant to RSA 490-B:3, having regard for the~~
23 ~~convenience of the communities within the district, provided, however, that the court shall not be~~
24 ~~located in any building which does not meet the minimum standard prescribed by the New~~
25 ~~Hampshire court accreditation commission pursuant to RSA 490:5-c. The court shall bear the name~~
26 ~~of the city or town in which it is located]. *The district court for the district shall be located in*
27 *Claremont, holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may*
28 *require.*~~

29 XXV-a. **NEWPORT DISTRICT.** *The Newport district shall consist of the towns of*
30 *Newport, Grantham, Croydon, Springfield, Sunapee, Goshen, Lempster, and Washington in*
31 *Sullivan county and the towns of New London, Newbury, and Wilmot in Merrimack county.*
32 *The district court for the district shall be located in Newport, holding sessions regularly*
33 *therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require.*

34 Grafton County

35 XXVI. HANOVER-LEBANON DISTRICT. The Hanover-Lebanon district shall consist of
36 the towns of Hanover, Orford, Lyme, Lebanon, Enfield, Canaan, Grafton, Dorchester, and Orange.
37 [~~The court shall be located in a city or town within the judicial district in a location and facility~~

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1 designated pursuant to RSA 490-B:3, having regard for the convenience of the communities within
2 the district, provided, however, that the court shall not be located in any building which does not
3 meet the minimum standard prescribed by the New Hampshire court accreditation commission
4 pursuant to RSA 490:5-e. ~~The court shall bear the name of the city or town in which it is located.]~~
5 ***The district court for the district shall be located in Lebanon, holding sessions regularly***
6 ***therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require.***

7 XXVII. HAVERHILL DISTRICT. The Haverhill district shall consist of the towns of
8 Haverhill, Bath, Landaff, Benton, Piermont, and Warren. The district court for the district shall be
9 located in Haverhill, holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may
10 require. The name of the court shall be Haverhill District Court.

11 XXVIII. LITTLETON DISTRICT. The Littleton district shall consist of the towns of
12 Littleton, Monroe, Lyman, Lisbon, Franconia, Bethlehem, Sugar Hill, and Easton. The district court
13 for the district shall be located in Littleton, holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the
14 district as justice may require. The name of the court shall be Littleton District Court.

15 XXIX. PLYMOUTH-LINCOLN DISTRICT. The Plymouth-Lincoln district shall consist of
16 the towns of Plymouth, Bristol, Groton, Wentworth, Rumney, Ellsworth, Thornton, Campton,
17 Ashland, Hebron, Holderness, Bridgewater, Alexandria, Lincoln, Woodstock, Waterville Valley, and
18 the unincorporated place of Livermore. The district court for the district shall be located in
19 Plymouth, holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require.
20 The name of the court shall be Plymouth District Court.

21 Coos County

22 XXX. BERLIN-GORHAM DISTRICT. The Berlin-Gorham district shall consist of the city of
23 Berlin and the towns of Gorham, Milan, Dummer, Shelburne, and Randolph and the unincorporated
24 places of Cambridge, Success, Bean's Purchase, Martin's Location, Green's Grant, Pinkham's Grant,
25 Sargent's Purchase, Thompson and Meserve's Purchase and Low and Burbank's Grant. ~~The court~~
26 ~~shall be located in a city or town within the judicial district in a location and facility designated~~
27 ~~pursuant to RSA 490-B:3, having regard for the convenience of the communities within the district,~~
28 ~~provided, however, that the court shall not be located in any building which does not meet the~~
29 ~~minimum standard prescribed by the New Hampshire court accreditation commission pursuant to~~
30 ~~RSA 490:5-e. The court shall bear the name of the city or town in which it is located.]~~ ***The district***
31 ***court for the district shall be located in Berlin, holding sessions regularly therein and***
32 ***elsewhere in the district as justice may require.***

33 XXXI. COLEBROOK DISTRICT. The Colebrook district shall consist of the towns of
34 Colebrook, Pittsburg, Clarksville, Wentworth's Location, Errol, Millsfield, Columbia, Stewartstown,
35 and Stratford and the unincorporated places of Dix's Grant, Atkinson and Gilmanton Academy
36 Grant, Second College Grant, Dixville, Erving's Location, and Odell. The district court for the

1 district shall be located in Colebrook, holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district
2 as justice may require. The name of the court shall be Colebrook District Court.

3 XXXII. LANCASTER DISTRICT. The Lancaster district shall consist of the towns of
4 Lancaster, Stark, Northumberland, Carroll, Whitefield, Dalton and Jefferson, and the
5 unincorporated places of Kilkenny, Bean's Grant, Chandler's Purchase, and Crawford's Purchase.
6 The district court for the district shall be located in Lancaster, holding sessions regularly therein
7 and elsewhere in the district as justice may require. The name of the court shall be Lancaster
8 District Court.

9 2 Sites. Amend RSA 490-D:4 to read as follows:
10 490-D:4 Sites.

11 The judicial branch family division shall operate at the following sites and such other sites as the
12 supreme court, from time to time, determines, covering the following districts as delineated in RSA
13 502-A:1, except as otherwise indicated:

14 Grafton County

15 I. The courthouses in Grafton county which will house the judicial branch family division
16 shall be the [~~court facility in North~~] Haverhill **District Court**, the Plymouth District Court, the
17 Littleton District Court, and the Lebanon District Court.

18 II.(a) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Haverhill district shall be heard in
19 the [~~court facility in North~~] Haverhill **District Court**.

20 (b) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Plymouth-Lincoln district shall
21 be heard in the Plymouth District Court.

22 (c) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Littleton district shall be heard
23 in the Littleton District Court.

24 (d) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Lebanon-Hanover district shall
25 be heard in the Lebanon District Court.

26 **Rockingham County**

27 III. The courthouses in Rockingham county which will house the judicial branch family
28 division shall be the court facility in Brentwood, the Portsmouth District Court, the Salem District
29 Court, the Candia District Court, the Derry District Court, and the Hampton District Court.

30 IV.(a) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Portsmouth district shall be
31 heard in the Portsmouth District Court.

32 (b) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Salem district shall be heard in
33 the Salem District Court.

34 (c) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Derry district shall be heard in
35 the Derry District Court.

36 (d) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Brentwood district shall be
37 heard in the court facility in Brentwood.

- 1 (e) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Candia district shall be heard in
2 the Candia District Court.
- 3 (f) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Hampton district shall be heard
4 in the Hampton District Court.
- 5 Coos County
- 6 V. The courthouses in Coos county which will house the judicial branch family division shall
7 be the Colebrook District Court, the Berlin District Court, and the ~~court facility in~~ Lancaster
8 **District Court.**
- 9 VI.(a) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Colebrook district shall be heard
10 in the Colebrook District Court.
- 11 (b) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Berlin-Gorham district shall be
12 heard in the Berlin District Court.
- 13 (c) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Lancaster district shall be heard
14 in the ~~court facility in~~ Lancaster **District Court.**
- 15 Carroll County
- 16 VII. The courthouses in Carroll county which will house the judicial branch family division
17 shall be the ~~court facility in Ossipee and the District Court for northern Carroll County~~ **Ossipee**
18 **District Court and the Conway District Court.**
- 19 VIII.(a) Matters arising in municipalities located within the district for southern Carroll
20 county shall be heard in the ~~court facility in~~ Ossipee **District Court.**
- 21 (b) Matters arising in municipalities located within the district for northern Carroll
22 county shall be heard in the ~~District Court for northern Carroll County~~ **Conway District Court.**
- 23 Sullivan County
- 24 IX. The courthouses in Sullivan county which will house the judicial branch family division
25 shall be the Newport District Court and the Claremont District Court.
- 26 X.(a) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Newport district ~~and the New~~
27 ~~London district in Merrimaek county~~ shall be heard in the Newport District Court.
- 28 (b) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Claremont district shall be heard
29 in the Claremont District Court.
- 30 Strafford County
- 31 XI. The courthouses in Strafford county which will house the judicial branch family division
32 shall be the Dover District Court, **the Rochester District Court**, and the Strafford county court
33 facility in Dover.
- 34 XII.(a) Matters arising in municipalities located within the ~~Dover Somersworth Durham~~
35 **Dover** district shall be heard in the Dover District Court.
- 36 (b) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Rochester district shall be heard in
37 the Strafford county court facility in Dover **and the Rochester District Court.**

1 Belknap County

2 XIII. The courthouse in Belknap county which will house the judicial branch family division
3 shall be [a facility located in Laconia, provided, however, that the facility meets the minimum
4 standard prescribed by the New Hampshire court accreditation commission pursuant to RSA 490:5-
5 e] **the Laconia District Court.**

6 XIV.(a) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Laconia district shall be heard
7 in the judicial branch family division facility in Laconia.

8 (b) Matters arising in the towns of Sanbornton and Tilton shall be heard in the Franklin
9 District Court in Merrimack county.

10 Hillsborough County

11 XV. The courthouses in Hillsborough county which will house the judicial branch family
12 division shall be the Manchester District Court, the Goffstown District Court **until an order issued**
13 **by the chief justice of the supreme court shall close the courthouse in Goffstown, as**
14 **provided in 502-A:1, [the Hillsborough County Superior Court for the southern judicial district] the**
15 **Nashua District Court,** the Milford District Court, the Merrimack District Court, and [upon
16 completion of construction,] the Henniker-Hillsborough District Court.

17 XVI.(a) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Manchester district shall be
18 heard in the Manchester District Court.

19 (b) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Goffstown district shall be heard
20 in the Goffstown District Court **until an order issued by the chief justice of the supreme court**
21 **shall close the courthouse in Goffstown, as provided in 502-A:1.**

22 (c) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Nashua district shall be heard in
23 the [Hillsborough County Superior Court for the southern judicial district] **Nashua District Court.**

24 (d) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Milford district shall be heard in
25 the Milford District Court.

26 (e) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Merrimack district shall be
27 heard in the Merrimack District Court.

28 (f) Matters arising in Hillsborough county municipalities located within the Jaffrey-
29 Peterborough district shall be heard in the Jaffrey-Peterborough District Court in Cheshire county.

30 (g) Matters arising in municipalities located within the **Henniker-Hillsborough** district
31 shall be heard in [the Henniker District Court in Merrimack county until the completion of
32 construction of the Henniker Hillsborough District Court facility in Hillsborough county, whereupon
33 these matters shall be heard in] the Henniker-Hillsborough District Court in Hillsborough county.
34 Merrimack County

35 XVII. The courthouses in Merrimack county which will house the judicial branch family
36 division shall be the Franklin District Court, the Hooksett District Court **until an order issued by**
37 **the chief justice of the supreme court shall close the courthouse in Hooksett, as provided in**

1 ~~502-A:1, [the Henniker District Court until the completion of construction of] the Henniker-~~
2 ~~Hillsborough District Court [facility], and [a facility located in] the Concord District Court[;~~
3 ~~provided, however, that the facility meets the minimum standard prescribed by the New Hampshire~~
4 ~~court accreditation commission pursuant to RSA 490:5-e].~~

5 XVIII.(a) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Franklin district shall be
6 heard in the Franklin District Court.

7 (b) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Hooksett district shall be heard
8 in the Hooksett District Court *until an order issued by the chief justice of the supreme court*
9 *shall close the courthouse in Hooksett, as provided in 502-A:1.*

10 (c) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Concord district shall be heard in
11 the [judicial branch family division facility in] Concord *District Court.*

12 (d) Matters arising in the towns of New London, Newbury, and Wilmot shall be heard in
13 the Newport District Court in Sullivan county.

14 (e) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Henniker-*Hillsborough* district
15 shall be heard in [the Henniker District Court in Merrimaek county until the completion of
16 construction of the Henniker Hillsborough District Court facility in Hillsborough county, whereupon
17 those matters shall be heard in] the Henniker-Hillsborough District Court in Hillsborough county.

18 Cheshire County

19 XIX. The courthouses in Cheshire county which will house the judicial branch family
20 division shall be the Jaffrey-Peterborough District Court and a facility located in *the Keene District*
21 *Court[; provided, however, that the facility meets the minimum standard prescribed by the New*
22 *Hampshire court accreditation commission pursuant to RSA 490:5-e].*

23 XX.(a) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Jaffrey-Peterborough district
24 shall be heard in the Jaffrey-Peterborough District Court.

25 (b) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Keene district shall be heard in
26 the [judicial branch family division facility in] Keene *District Court.*

27 3 Judicial Districts; 2027 Amendments. Amend RSA 502-A:1 to read as follows:
28 502-A:1 Judicial Districts.

29 A comprehensive system of judicial districts, each with a district court, is hereby organized,
30 constituted and established as follows:

31 Rockingham County

32 I. PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT. The Portsmouth district shall consist of the city of
33 Portsmouth and the towns of Newington, Greenland, Rye, and New Castle. The district court for the
34 district shall be located in Portsmouth, holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the
35 district as justice may require. The name of the court shall be Portsmouth District Court.

36 II. HAMPTON DISTRICT. The Hampton district shall consist of the towns of Hampton,
37 Hampton Falls, North Hampton, South Hampton, and Seabrook. The district division for the

1 district shall be located in Hampton, holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district
2 as justice may require.

3 III. BRENTWOOD DISTRICT. The Brentwood district shall consist of the towns of Exeter,
4 Newmarket, Stratham, Newfields, Fremont, East Kingston, Kensington, Epping, Brentwood,
5 Danville, Kingston, and Newton. The district division for the district shall be located in Brentwood,
6 holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require.

7 IV. DERRY DISTRICT. The Derry district shall consist of the towns of Derry, Londonderry,
8 Chester, and Sandown. The district court for the district shall be located in Derry, holding sessions
9 regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require. The name of the court shall
10 be Derry District Court.

11 V. CANDIA DISTRICT. The Candia district shall consist of the towns of Auburn, Candia,
12 Deerfield, Nottingham, Raymond, **Allenstown**, **Hooksett**, and Northwood. The district court for the
13 district shall be located in Candia, holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as
14 justice may require.

15 VI. SALEM DISTRICT. The Salem district shall consist of the towns of Salem, Windham,
16 Atkinson, Hampstead, and Plaistow in Rockingham county and the town of Pelham in Hillsborough
17 county. The district court for the district shall be located in Salem, holding sessions regularly
18 therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require. The name of the court shall be Salem
19 District Court.

20 Strafford County

21 VII. DOVER DISTRICT. The Dover district shall consist of the cities of Dover and
22 Somersworth and the towns of Rollinsford, Durham, Lee, and Madbury. The district court for the
23 district shall be located in Dover, holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as
24 justice may require.

25 VIII. ROCHESTER DISTRICT. The Rochester district court shall consist of the city of
26 Rochester and the towns of Barrington, Milton, New Durham, Farmington, Strafford, and
27 Middleton. The district court for the district shall be located in Rochester, holding sessions regularly
28 therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require. The name of the court shall be
29 Rochester District Court.

30 Belknap County

31 IX. LACONIA DISTRICT. The Laconia district shall consist of the city of Laconia and the
32 towns of Meredith, New Hampton, Gilford, Belmont, Alton, Gilmanton, Center Harbor, and
33 Barnstead. The district court for the district shall be located in Laconia, holding sessions regularly
34 therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require. The name of the court shall be Laconia
35 District Court.

36 Carroll County

1 X. CONWAY DISTRICT. The district for northern Carroll county shall consist of the towns
2 of Conway, Bartlett, Jackson, Eaton, Chatham, Hart's Location, Albany, Madison and the
3 unincorporated places of Hale's Location, Cutt's Grant, and Hadley's Purchase. The district court for
4 the district shall be located in Conway, holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the
5 district as justice may require. The name of the court shall be the Conway District Court.

6 XI. OSS�PEE DISTRICT. The district for southern Carroll county shall consist of the towns
7 of Ossipee, Tamworth, Freedom, Effingham, Wakefield, Wolfeboro, Brookfield, Tuftonboro,
8 Moultonborough, and Sandwich. The court shall be located in Ossipee, holding sessions regularly
9 therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require. The name of the court shall be the
10 Ossipee District Court.

11 Merrimack County

12 XII. CONCORD DISTRICT. The Concord district shall consist of the city of Concord, and
13 the towns of Loudon, Canterbury, Dunbarton, Bow, Hopkinton, Pittsfield, Chichester, **Pembroke**,
14 and Epsom. The district court for the district shall be located in Concord, holding sessions regularly
15 there and elsewhere in the district as justice may require. The name of the court shall be Concord
16 District Court.

17 XIII. ~~[HOOKSETT DISTRICT. The Hooksett district shall consist of the towns of~~
18 ~~Allenstown, Pembroke, and Hooksett. The district court for the district shall be located in Hooksett,~~
19 ~~holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require. The name of~~
20 ~~the court shall be the Hooksett District Court. Upon the issuance of an order by the chief justice of~~
21 ~~the supreme court before December 31, 2026, with 30 days' notice to the public, the Hooksett district~~
22 ~~shall cease to exist and the Hooksett District Court courthouse shall be closed. The town of~~
23 ~~Pembroke shall thereafter be included in the Concord district. The towns of Hooksett and~~
24 ~~Allenstown shall thereafter be included in the Candia district.~~

25 XIV.] FRANKLIN DISTRICT. The Franklin district shall consist of the city of Franklin and
26 the towns of Northfield, Danbury, Andover, Boscawen, Salisbury, Hill, and Webster in Merrimack
27 county and the towns of Sanbornton and Tilton in Belknap county. The district court for the district
28 shall be located in Franklin, holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as
29 justice may require. The name of the court shall be Franklin District Court.

30 ~~[XV.]~~ XIV. HENNIKER-HILLSBOROUGH DISTRICT. The Henniker-Hillsborough district
31 shall consist of the towns of Henniker, Warner, Sutton, and Bradford in Merrimack county and the
32 towns of Hillsborough, Deering, Windsor, Antrim, **Weare**, and Bennington in Hillsborough county.
33 The district court for the district shall be located in Hillsborough, holding sessions regularly therein
34 and elsewhere in the district as justice may require.

35 Hillsborough County

1 ~~[XVI.]~~ XV. MANCHESTER DISTRICT. The Manchester district shall consist of the city of
2 Manchester. The district court for the district shall be located in Manchester, holding sessions
3 regularly therein as justice may require. The name of the court shall be Manchester District Court.
4 ~~[XVII.]~~ XVI. NASHUA DISTRICT. The Nashua district shall consist of the city of Nashua,
5 and the towns of Hudson and Hollis. The district court for the district shall be located in Nashua,
6 holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require. The name of
7 the court shall be Nashua District Court.
8 ~~[XVIII.]~~ XVII. MERRIMACK DISTRICT. The Merrimack district shall consist of the towns
9 of Merrimack, Litchfield, **Goffstown** and Bedford. The district court for the district shall be located
10 in Merrimack, holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may
11 require. The name of the court shall be the Merrimack District Court.
12 ~~[XIX.]~~ XVIII. MILFORD DISTRICT. The Milford district shall consist of the towns of
13 Milford, Brookline, Amherst, Mason, Wilton, Lyndeborough, **New Boston**, **Francestown**, and Mont
14 Vernon. The district court for the district shall be located in Milford, holding sessions regularly
15 therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require. The name of the court shall be Milford
16 District Court.
17 ~~[XX.]~~ XIX. JAFFREY-PETERBOROUGH DISTRICT. The Jaffrey-Peterborough district
18 shall consist of the towns of Peterborough, Hancock, Greenville, Greenfield, New Ipswich, Temple,
19 and Sharon in Hillsborough county and the towns of Jaffrey, Dublin, Fitzwilliam, and Rindge in
20 Cheshire county. The district court for the district shall be located in Jaffrey, holding sessions
21 regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require. The name of the court shall
22 be Jaffrey-Peterborough District Court.
23 ~~[XXI.]~~ XX. HENNIKER-HILLSBOROUGH DISTRICT. The Henniker-Hillsborough district
24 shall consist of the towns of Henniker, Warner, Sutton, and Bradford in Merrimack county and the
25 towns of Hillsborough, Deering, Windsor, Antrim, **Weare**, and Bennington in Hillsborough county.
26 The district court for the district shall be located in Hillsborough, holding sessions regularly therein
27 and elsewhere in the district as justice may require.
28 ~~[XXII.]~~ XXII. GOFFSTOWN DISTRICT. The Goffstown district shall consist of the towns of
29 Goffstown, Weare, New Boston, and Francestown. The district court for the district shall be located
30 in Goffstown, holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require.
31 The name of the court shall be Goffstown District Court. Upon the issuance of an order by the chief
32 justice of the supreme court before December 31, 2026, with 30 days' notice to the public, the
33 Goffstown district shall cease to exist and the Goffstown District Court courthouse shall be closed.
34 The town of Goffstown shall thereafter be included in the Merrimack district. The town of Weare
35 shall thereafter be included in the Henniker Hillsborough district. The towns of New Boston and
36 Francestown shall thereafter be included in the Milford district.]

37 Cheshire County

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1 ~~[XXXIV]~~ **XXI.** KEENE DISTRICT. The Keene district shall consist of the city of Keene and
2 the towns of Stoddard, Westmoreland, Surry, Gilsom, Sullivan, Nelson, Roxbury, Marlow, Swanzey,
3 Marlborough, Winchester, Richmond, Hinsdale, Harrisville, Walpole, Alstead, Troy, and
4 Chesterfield. The district court for the district shall be located in Keene, holding sessions regularly
5 therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require. The name of the court shall be Keene
6 District Court.

7 ~~[XXXIV]~~ **XXII.** JAFFREY-PETERBOROUGH DISTRICT. The Jaffrey-Peterborough district
8 shall consist of the towns of Jaffrey, Dublin, Fitzwilliam, and Rindge in Cheshire county and the
9 towns of Peterborough, Hancock, Greenville, Greenfield, New Ipswich, Temple, and Sharon in
10 Hillsborough county. The district court for the district shall be located in Jaffrey, holding sessions
11 regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require. The name of the court shall
12 be Jaffrey-Peterborough District Court.

13 Sullivan County

14 ~~[XXXV]~~ **XXIII.** CLAREMONT DISTRICT. The Claremont district shall consist of the city of
15 Claremont and the towns of Cornish, Unity, Charlestown, Acworth, Langdon, and Plainfield. The
16 district court for the district shall be located in Claremont, holding sessions regularly therein and
17 elsewhere in the district as justice may require.

18 ~~[XXXV-a]~~ **XXIV.** NEWPORT DISTRICT. The Newport district shall consist of the towns of
19 Newport, Grantham, Croydon, Springfield, Sunapee, Goshen, Lempster, and Washington in Sullivan
20 county and the towns of New London, Newbury, and Wilmot in Merrimack county. The district
21 court for the district shall be located in Newport, holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in
22 the district as justice may require.

23 Grafton County

24 ~~[XXXV]~~ **XXV.** HANOVER-LEBANON DISTRICT. The Hanover-Lebanon district shall
25 consist of the towns of Hanover, Orford, Lyme, Lebanon, Enfield, Canaan, Grafton, Dorchester, and
26 Orange. The district court for the district shall be located in Lebanon, holding sessions regularly
27 therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require

28 ~~[XXXV]~~ **XXVI.** HAVERHILL DISTRICT. The Haverhill district shall consist of the towns
29 of Haverhill, Bath, Landaff, Benton, Piermont, and Warren. The district court for the district shall
30 be located in Haverhill, holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as justice
31 may require. The name of the court shall be Haverhill District Court.

32 ~~[XXXV]~~ **XXVII.** LITTLETON DISTRICT. The Littleton district shall consist of the towns
33 of Littleton, Monroe, Lyman, Lisbon, Franconia, Bethlehem, Sugar Hill, and Easton. The district
34 court for the district shall be located in Littleton, holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in
35 the district as justice may require. The name of the court shall be Littleton District Court.

36 ~~[XXXIX]~~ **XXVIII.** PLYMOUTH-LINCOLN DISTRICT. The Plymouth-Lincoln district shall
37 consist of the towns of Plymouth, Bristol, Groton, Wentworth, Rumney, Ellsworth, Thornton,

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1 Campton, Ashland, Hebron, Holderness, Bridgewater, Alexandria, Lincoln, Woodstock, Waterville
2 Valley, and the unincorporated place of Livermore. The district court for the district shall be located
3 in Plymouth, holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require.
4 The name of the court shall be Plymouth District Court.

5 Coos County

6 ~~[XXXI.]~~ **XXIX.** BERLIN-GORHAM DISTRICT. The Berlin-Gorham district shall consist of
7 the city of Berlin and the towns of Gorham, Milan, Dummer, Shelburne, and Randolph and the
8 unincorporated places of Cambridge, Success, Bean's Purchase, Martin's Location, Green's Grant,
9 Pinkham's Grant, Sargent's Purchase, Thompson and Meserve's Purchase and Low and Burbank's
10 Grant. The district court for the district shall be located in Berlin, holding sessions regularly therein
11 and elsewhere in the district as justice may require.

12 ~~[XXXI.]~~ **XXX.** COLEBROOK DISTRICT. The Colebrook district shall consist of the towns of
13 Colebrook, Pittsburg, Clarksville, Wentworth's Location, Errol, Millsfield, Columbia, Stewartstown,
14 and Stratford and the unincorporated places of Dix's Grant, Atkinson and Gilmanton Academy
15 Grant, Second College Grant, Dixville, Erving's Location, and Odell. The district court for the
16 district shall be located in Colebrook, holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district
17 as justice may require. The name of the court shall be Colebrook District Court.

18 ~~[XXXII.]~~ **XXXI.** LANCASTER DISTRICT. The Lancaster district shall consist of the towns
19 of Lancaster, Stark, Northumberland, Carroll, Whitefield, Dalton and Jefferson, and the
20 unincorporated places of Kilkenny, Bean's Grant, Chandler's Purchase, and Crawford's Purchase.
21 The district court for the district shall be located in Lancaster, holding sessions regularly therein
22 and elsewhere in the district as justice may require. The name of the court shall be Lancaster
23 District Court.

24 4 Sites; 2027 Amendments. Amend RSA 490-D:4 to read as follows:

25 490-D:4 Sites.

26 The judicial branch family division shall operate at the following sites and such other sites as the
27 supreme court, from time to time, determines, covering the following districts as delineated in RSA
28 502-A:1, except as otherwise indicated:

29 Grafton County

30 I. The courthouses in Grafton county which will house the judicial branch family division
31 shall be the Haverhill District Court, the Plymouth District Court, the Littleton District Court, and
32 the Lebanon District Court.

33 II.(a) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Haverhill district shall be heard in
34 the Haverhill District Court.

35 (b) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Plymouth-Lincoln district shall
36 be heard in the Plymouth District Court.

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- 1 (c) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Littleton district shall be heard
2 in the Littleton District Court.
- 3 (d) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Lebanon-Hanover district shall
4 be heard in the Lebanon District Court.
- 5 Rockingham County
- 6 III. The courthouses in Rockingham county which will house the judicial branch family
7 division shall be the court facility in Brentwood, the Portsmouth District Court, the Salem District
8 Court, the Candia District Court, the Derry District Court, and the Hampton District Court.
- 9 IV.(a) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Portsmouth district shall be
10 heard in the Portsmouth District Court.
- 11 (b) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Salem district shall be heard in
12 the Salem District Court.
- 13 (c) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Derry district shall be heard in
14 the Derry District Court.
- 15 (d) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Brentwood district shall be
16 heard in the court facility in Brentwood.
- 17 (e) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Candia district shall be heard in
18 the Candia District Court.
- 19 (f) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Hampton district shall be heard
20 in the Hampton District Court.
- 21 Coos County
- 22 V. The courthouses in Coos county which will house the judicial branch family division shall
23 be the Colebrook District Court, the Berlin District Court, and the Lancaster District Court.
- 24 VI.(a) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Colebrook district shall be heard
25 in the Colebrook District Court.
- 26 (b) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Berlin-Gorham district shall be
27 heard in the Berlin District Court.
- 28 (c) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Lancaster district shall be heard
29 in the Lancaster District Court.
- 30 Carroll County
- 31 VII. The courthouses in Carroll county which will house the judicial branch family division
32 shall be the Ossipee District Court and the Conway District Court.
- 33 VIII.(a) Matters arising in municipalities located within the district for southern Carroll
34 county shall be heard in the Ossipee District Court.
- 35 (b) Matters arising in municipalities located within the district for northern Carroll
36 county shall be heard in the Conway District Court.
- 37 Sullivan County

- 1 IX. The courthouses in Sullivan county which will house the judicial branch family division
2 shall be the Newport District Court and the Claremont District Court.
- 3 X.(a) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Newport district shall be heard in
4 the Newport District Court.
- 5 (b) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Claremont district shall be heard
6 in the Claremont District Court.
- 7 Strafford County
- 8 XI. The courthouses in Strafford county which will house the judicial branch family division
9 shall be the Dover District Court, the Rochester District Court, and the Strafford county court
10 facility in Dover.
- 11 XII.(a) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Dover district shall be heard in
12 the Dover District Court.
- 13 (b) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Rochester district shall be heard
14 in the Strafford county court facility in Dover and the Rochester District Court.
- 15 Belknap County
- 16 XIII. The courthouse in Belknap county which will house the judicial branch family division
17 shall be the Laconia District Court.
- 18 XIV.(a) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Laconia district shall be heard
19 in the judicial branch family division facility in Laconia.
- 20 (b) Matters arising in the towns of Sanbornton and Tilton shall be heard in the Franklin
21 District Court in Merrimack county.
- 22 Hillsborough County
- 23 XV. The courthouses in Hillsborough county which will house the judicial branch family
24 division shall be the Manchester District Court, ~~the Goffstown District Court until an order issued~~
25 ~~by the chief justice of the supreme court shall close the courthouse in Goffstown, as provided in 502-~~
26 ~~A:1.]~~ the Nashua District Court, the Milford District Court, the Merrimack District Court, and the
27 Henniker-Hillsborough District Court.
- 28 XVI.(a) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Manchester district shall be
29 heard in the Manchester District Court.
- 30 (b) ~~[Matters arising in municipalities located within the Goffstown district shall be~~
31 ~~heard in the Goffstown District Court until an order issued by the chief justice of the supreme court~~
32 ~~shall close the courthouse in Goffstown, as provided in 502-A:1.~~
- 33 (e)] Matters arising in municipalities located within the Nashua district shall be heard
34 in the Nashua District Court.
- 35 ~~[(d)]~~ (c) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Milford district shall be heard
36 in the Milford District Court.

- 1 ~~(e)~~ **(d)** Matters arising in municipalities located within the Merrimack district shall be
2 heard in the Merrimack District Court.
- 3 ~~(f)~~ **(e)** Matters arising in Hillsborough county municipalities located within the Jaffrey-
4 Peterborough district shall be heard in the Jaffrey-Peterborough District Court in Cheshire county.
- 5 ~~(g)~~ **(f)** Matters arising in municipalities located within the Henniker-Hillsborough
6 district shall be heard in the Henniker-Hillsborough District Court in Hillsborough county.
7 Merrimack County
- 8 XVII. The courthouses in Merrimack county which will house the judicial branch family
9 division shall be the Franklin District Court, ~~the Hooksett District Court until an order issued by~~
10 ~~the chief justice of the supreme court shall close the courthouse in Hooksett, as provided in 502-A:1,~~
11 the Henniker-Hillsborough District Court, and the Concord District Court.
- 12 XVIII.(a) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Franklin district shall be
13 heard in the Franklin District Court.
- 14 (b) ~~Matters arising in municipalities located within the Hooksett district shall be heard~~
15 ~~in the Hooksett District Court until an order issued by the chief justice of the supreme court shall~~
16 ~~close the courthouse in Hooksett, as provided in 502-A:1.~~
- 17 ~~(e)~~ Matters arising in municipalities located within the Concord district shall be heard
18 in the Concord District Court.
- 19 ~~(f)~~ **(c)** Matters arising in the towns of New London, Newbury, and Wilmot shall be
20 heard in the Newport District Court in Sullivan county.
- 21 ~~(g)~~ **(d)** Matters arising in municipalities located within the Henniker-Hillborough
22 district shall be heard in the Henniker-Hillsborough District Court in Hillsborough county.
23 Cheshire County
- 24 XIX. The courthouses in Cheshire county which will house the judicial branch family
25 division shall be the Jaffrey-Peterborough District Court and a facility located in the Keene District
26 Court.
- 27 XX.(a) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Jaffrey-Peterborough district
28 shall be heard in the Jaffrey-Peterborough District Court.
- 29 (b) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Keene district shall be heard in
30 the Keene District Court.
31 5 Effective Date.
- 32 I. Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2026.
33 II. Sections 3 and 4 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

Sen. Gray, Dist 6
May 14, 2025
2025-2194s
11/06

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 Amend the bill by replacing section 103 with the following:
2
3 103 Expanding Access to Court-appointed Counsel for Children in Dependency Proceedings;
4 Prospective Effective Date Extended. Amend 2024, 296:6 to read as follows:
5 296:6 Effective Date.
6 I. Sections 3 and 5 of this act shall take effect August 1, [~~2026~~] **2028**.
7 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect July 1, [~~2025~~] **2027**.
8
9 Amend the bill by deleting section 104, relative to the division for children, youth, and families;
10 unclassified staff attorney positions and appropriation.

2025-2194s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Replace 39 with the following:

39. Extends the effective date for expanded access to court-appointed counsel for children in dependency proceedings.

Sen. Gray, Dist 6
May 15, 2025
2025-2212s
05/09

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 New Hampshire Mental Health Services; Involuntary Admissions; Payment for Legal
2 Services. Amend RSA 135-C:23 to read as follows:
3 135-C:23 Legal Services; Payment; Appointment. [~~The client or person sought to be admitted~~
4 ~~shall pay the costs of the legal services in connection with hearings held under this chapter.~~] If the
5 client or person sought to be admitted [is unable to pay for] **does not have legal counsel in**
6 **connection with hearings held under this chapter**, the court shall appoint [either a member of
7 New Hampshire Legal Assistance, or its successor organization, or another] **an** attorney who shall
8 be compensated at a rate as determined by the supreme court. **The cost of such court-appointed**
9 **attorneys, including counsel and investigative, expert, or other services and expenses**
10 **approved by the circuit court that are necessary to provide adequate representation, shall**
11 **be paid from funds appropriated for indigent defense pursuant to RSA 604-A.**

2025-2212s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

1. Provides for payment of court-appointed attorneys in involuntary emergency admission hearings from indigent defense funds under RSA 604-A.

Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13
May 12, 2025
2025-2097s
07/09

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 Amend the bill by replacing section 245 with the following:
- 2
- 3 245 Youth Development Center Settlement Fund; Appropriations. The sum of \$75,000,000 for
- 4 fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$75,000,000 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, is hereby
- 5 appropriated to the youth development center YDC settlement fund established in RSA 21-M:11-a.
- 6 II. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the
- 7 treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 204 with the following:

2

3 204 Agriculture, Horticulture; and Animal Husbandry; Pesticide Controls; Registration
4 Certificates and Permits. Amend RSA 430:33, I to read as follows:

5 I. No person shall engage in the commercial application of pesticides or in the private
6 application of restricted pesticides within this state without possessing a valid certificate of
7 registration issued by the division. An annual application for a certificate of registration with a fee
8 of [~~\$20~~] **\$60** shall be collected by the division for each commercial **application registration** [øf]
9 **and \$20 shall be collected by the division for each** private applicator registration, except that no
10 fee shall be collected from any nonprofit entity or from any governmental entity. The board shall by
11 rule establish the criteria for eligibility for, and the limits on the use of, certificates of registration
12 for commercial applicator, private applicator, and commercial applicator for hire. Each application
13 for registration shall contain such information regarding the applicant's qualifications and proposed
14 operations and other relevant matters as the division may require. Every person applying for a
15 registration certificate shall be required to demonstrate by examination, or by such other means as
16 the board by rule may establish, his competency and ability to use pesticides in accordance with
17 standards of the board. The division shall require from each applicant proof of financial
18 responsibility in amounts to be determined under rules adopted by the board. Registered applicators
19 shall maintain routine operational records pursuant to the rules of the board, which records shall be
20 open to inspection at reasonable times by the division or its agents. Operational records for the
21 preceding calendar year shall be submitted by an applicant for renewal of a certificate of
22 registration. Upon submission of such records and satisfaction of such other conditions as the board
23 may by rule impose, the division shall renew a certificate of registration.

Sen. Gray, Dist 6
May 5, 2025
2025-1914s
07/08

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 Amend the bill by replacing section 207 with the following:
2
3 207 Agriculture; Horticulture and Animal Husbandry; Insect Pests and Plant Diseases;
4 Statement Required. Amend RSA 430:38, III to read as follows:
5 III.(a) The registrant shall pay an annual fee *of at least \$220* for each pesticide registered
6 as follows:
7 (1) A restricted use pesticide.
8 (2) A general use pesticide, other than a specialty/household pesticide.
9 (3) A specialty/household pesticide.
10 (b) The commissioner shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to the amount
11 of the fees charged under subparagraph (a). [~~Until such rules are adopted, the fees under~~
12 ~~subparagraph (a) shall be the same as the fees which were in effect on June 30, 2015.~~]

Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19
May 16, 2025
2025-2233s
09/05

Amendment to HB 1-A

- 1 Amend the bill by deleting section 12 and renumbering the original sections 13-18 to read as 12-17,
- 2 respectively.

DETAILED ORDINANCE

Sen. Lang, Dist 2
May 7, 2025
2025-1995s
09/05

Amendment to HB 1-A

- 1 Amend the bill by replacing section 12 with the following:
- 2
- 3 12 Department of Justice; General Fund Appropriation Reductions. The department of justice
- 4 shall reduce general fund appropriations by \$2,500,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and
- 5 by \$2,500,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. The reductions in general funds shall not be
- 6 used to reduce AU 02-20-20-200010-2601 class 073 pertaining to Internet Crimes Against Children
- 7 or Child Advocacy Center Grants.

Sen. Lang, Dist 2
May 9, 2025
2025-2036s
09/05

Amendment to HB 1-A

- 1 Amend the bill by deleting section 12 and renumbering the original sections 13-18 to read as 12-17,
- 2 respectively.
- 3
- 4 Amend the bill by replacing section 14 with the following:
- 5
- 6 14 Department of Health and Human Services; Budget Reduction. In addition to any other
- 7 required reductions, the department of health and human services is hereby directed to reduce
- 8 general fund appropriations by \$25,500,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and by
- 9 \$25,500,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. The department shall provide the department
- 10 of administrative services with the accounting units and class lines to be reduced and shall report
- 11 these reductions to the fiscal committee of the general court by May 30, 2026, for reductions in the
- 12 fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and by May 30, 2027, for reductions in the fiscal year ending June
- 13 30, 2027.

Sen. Gray, Dist 6
April 29, 2025
2025-1827s
09/06

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 1 Cremation of Human Remains; Medical Examiner's Certificate. Amend RSA 325-A:18, II to
- 2 read as follows:
- 3 II. The crematory authority shall forward a copy of the cremation certificate to the office of
- 4 the chief medical examiner, accompanied by a [~~\$60~~] **\$100** fee. The fee shall be deposited in the
- 5 medico-legal investigative fund established pursuant to RSA 611-B:28.

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 1 Office of the Chief Medical Examiner; Accounts. Amend RSA 611-B:27 to read as follows:
- 2 611-B:27 [Assistant Deputy] **Office of the Chief** Medical Examiner Accounts.
- 3 I. [Assistant deputy medical examiners] **The office of the chief medical examiner** shall
- 4 be paid at the following rates: telephone consultations-~~[\$25;]~~ **\$50**; death investigations involving an
- 5 external examination of the body-~~[\$140;]~~ **\$200**, plus mileage at the state rate; pre-cremation
- 6 examinations conducted pursuant to RSA 325-A:18-~~[\$50;]~~ **\$100**.
- 7 II. [Assistant deputy medical examiners shall submit all claims for telephone consultation
- 8 fees, death investigation fees and expenses, and pre-cremation examination fees to the office of the
- 9 chief medical examiner, which shall authorize such claims and submit them for payment to the state
- 10 treasurer, chargeable to the medico-legal investigation fund established pursuant to RSA 611-B:28.]
- 11 On a monthly basis, the office of the chief medical examiner shall bill each of the counties for the
- 12 services provided to that county by the assistant deputy medical examiners during the previous
- 13 month, and any body transportation costs associated with the billed services, as provided under RSA
- 14 611-B:15, I. Services shall be billed at the following rates: telephone consultation-~~[\$25;]~~ **\$50**; death
- 15 investigation-~~[\$140;]~~ **\$200** travel [expenses-the] **expenses at the** state mileage rate. The county
- 16 treasurer shall submit payment to the state treasurer, for deposit in the medico-legal investigation
- 17 fund **pursuant to RSA 611-B:28**.

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 Number Plates; Plate Manufacture. Amend RSA 228:25 to read as follows:
2 228:25 Addition to Fund.

3 I. There is hereby established an inventory fund in the department of safety consisting of
4 the initial appropriation of \$1,000,000 which sum is hereby authorized as a revolving fund comprised
5 of funds in the highway fund that are not otherwise appropriated and into which shall be deposited
6 additional revenues derived from the number plate manufacturing fee established in this paragraph.
7 The fund shall be nonlapsing and continually appropriated to the department. The ~~[prison]~~
8 **department of safety** shall purchase such raw materials ~~[as may be required and agreed to by the~~
9 ~~commissioner of safety in order for the commissioner of safety]~~ to issue fully reflectorized motor
10 vehicle number plates. This purchase shall be a charge against the inventory fund and the ~~[prison]~~
11 **department of safety** shall be responsible for the control and accountability of the raw materials so
12 charged. Said number plates shall be manufactured at the ~~[state prison]~~ **department of safety**.
13 ~~[The prison shall be furnished out of said inventory account the raw materials necessary to~~
14 ~~manufacture said plates and upon receipt of the finished plates by the department of safety shall be~~
15 ~~reimbursed for their direct and indirect costs. The commissioner of safety shall, biennially, request~~
16 ~~the commissioner of administrative services to review and approve said cost rates.]~~ Notwithstanding
17 any other provision of law, the commissioner of safety shall charge, in addition to the regular motor
18 vehicle registration fee, a number plate manufacturing fee of ~~[\$4.00]~~ **\$6.00** per plate at the time of
19 issuing said reflectorized motor vehicle number plates or replacement reflectorized number plates.
20 Said additional charge shall not give the registrant any title or other property interest in said plates.
21 ~~[The commissioner of safety or assistant commissioner may request from time to time delivery of the~~
22 ~~number plates from the prison and shall reimburse the inventory fund by a transfer from revenue.~~
23 ~~At least 6 months prior to subsequent general issue, a transfer from revenue shall be made for all~~
24 ~~remaining finished plates in inventory.]~~ The commissioner of safety shall report to the governor, the
25 president of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives, no later than 90 days after
26 the close of the second fiscal year of each biennium, the year ending balance in the inventory fund
27 and the department's recommendation as to when the next general issue of number plates should
28 commence, the estimated cost of such a general issue, and the estimated annual cost to support
29 routine plate issue and replacement without a new general issue.

30 II. [Repealed.]

31 III. In accordance with the provisions of paragraph I, replacement plates may be purchased
32 from the inventory fund.

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1 IV. If the ~~[state prison shop]~~ *department of safety* is unable to manufacture or deliver
2 reflectorized motor vehicle plates in a timely manner because of an emergency interruption resulting
3 from ~~[a riot or other]~~ *an* unforeseen cause, as determined by ~~[the commissioner of corrections or]~~ the
4 commissioner of safety, the ~~[commissionsers]~~ *commissioner* shall submit a written report to the
5 governor and council and shall request that an outside vendor be retained to manufacture said
6 plates. If at any time the commissioner of safety~~[or the commissioner of corrections]~~ determines
7 that the ~~[prison]~~ *department of safety* cannot produce number plates at a competitive price or meet
8 reasonable delivery schedules, the commissioner~~[of safety]~~ shall report to the fiscal committee of the
9 general court and the governor and council, and shall request that an outside vendor be retained to
10 manufacture the plates. Upon approval of the governor and council, the commissioner ~~[of safety]~~
11 shall request the department of administrative services, division of procurement and support
12 services to select an outside vendor in accordance with RSA 8:19.

13 V. The commissioner of safety, with approval of the governor, may charge the necessary
14 expenses for the manufacture, storage, handling, issuance, and distribution of reflectorized motor
15 vehicle number plates against the inventory fund provided under this section.

16 2 Official Cover Plates; Manufacture Location. Amend RSA 261:90 to read as follows:

17 261:90 Official Cover Plates. Upon payment of a fee, the director may issue and shall designate
18 official cover plates with the reproduction of the state seal thereon to be affixed to a vehicle of United
19 States senators from this state, representatives to congress from this state, the governor, members
20 of the governor's council, the president of the senate, members of the senate, the speaker of the
21 house of representatives, the clerk of the house of representatives, the clerk of the senate, members
22 of the house of representatives, the attorney general, the secretary of state, the state treasurer, the
23 President of the United States and members of his or her executive staff, and any ambassador or
24 member of the foreign diplomatic corps. The fee for official cover plates shall be \$1 in addition to any
25 other number plate manufacturing fee otherwise required. The official cover plates, exclusive of the
26 seal, shall be white with green lettering, which shall alternate with red lettering every other
27 biennium, with the exception of the governor's council plates which shall be white with blue lettering
28 every biennium. Official cover plates shall have the title of the person requesting the plates, except
29 for members of the governor's council whose plates shall have their council district numbers
30 ~~[embossed]~~ on them, and members of the general court, whose plates shall have their house seat
31 numbers or their senate district numbers ~~[embossed]~~ on them unless the president of the senate, for
32 members of the senate, or the speaker of the house of representatives, for members of the house of
33 representatives, shall designate a title for their plates. The president of the senate, or a designee,
34 and the speaker of the house of representatives, or a designee, shall provide the director with input
35 as needed on the cover plate design for members of the general court. The director shall not issue
36 more than 2 sets of official cover plates to any person. Official cover plates may be attached only to
37 vehicles registered in the name of the person issued the plates or the name of the spouse of a

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1 member of the general court, or any vehicle being operated by a member of the general court. A
2 cover plate and a regular motor vehicle plate may be displayed simultaneously on the same vehicle,
3 with one plate on the front and the other plate on the rear. Nothing herein shall be construed as
4 affecting the issuance of regular motor vehicle plates and the payment of the registration fee
5 therefor. [Official cover plates shall be manufactured at the state prison and the prison shall provide
6 the plates to the department at the prison's cost].

DELAWARE ORIGINALS

Sen. Watters, Dist 4
May 6, 2025
2025-1959s
07/05

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 Amend paragraph II as inserted by section 445 of the bill by inserting after subparagraph (e) the
- 2 following and renumbering the remaining subparagraphs accordingly:
- 3
- 4 (f) RSA 6:12, I(b)(58), moneys deposited in the navigation safety fund established in RSA
- 5 270-E:6-a.

Sen. Gray, Dist 6
April 22, 2025
2025-1698s
11/09

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 1 Department of Safety; Division of Administration. Amend RSA 21-P:6, VIII to read as follows:
- 2 VIII. Collection of fuel taxes and administration of road tolls[, ~~the international fuel tax~~
- 3 ~~agreement,~~] and the audit functions of the international registration plan under RSA 260.
- 4 2 Department of Safety; Division of Motor Vehicles. Amend RSA 21-P:8, III to read as follows:
- 5 III. Administration of the motor vehicle laws under RSA 260, except for road toll
- 6 administration under RSA 260:30 through RSA 260:65-a [~~and the fuel tax agreement under RSA~~
- 7 ~~260:65-b through RSA 260:65-e], which shall be administered by the division of administration.~~

Sen. Gray, Dist 6
April 24, 2025
2025-1745s
07/09

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 Amend the bill by deleting section 338, relative to copies of certificates and motor vehicle records.

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Sen. Gray, Dist 6
April 24, 2025
2025-1747s
07/06

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 Amend the bill by replacing section 69 with the following:
- 2
- 3 69 Opioid Abatement Trust Fund; Substance Abuse Enforcement Program. For the biennium
- 4 ending June 30, 2027, funds from the opioid abatement trust fund, established under RSA 126-A:83,
- 5 may be appropriated to the department of safety, as authorized by the general court. These funds
- 6 are intended to cover overtime costs for county and local law enforcement officers participating in
- 7 the substance abuse enforcement program, established under RSA 21-P:66. Specifically, the funding
- 8 may support officers in Coos, Grafton, Carroll, and Sullivan counties in carrying out law
- 9 enforcement activities related to the program, which aims to prevent or reduce overdose deaths and
- 10 other opioid-related harms.

Sen. Lang, Dist 2
May 1, 2025
2025-1866s
09/11

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 Amend the bill by replacing section 69 with the following:
2
3 69 New Subparagraph; Substance Abuse Enforcement Program. Amend RSA 21-P:66, I by
4 inserting after subparagraph (b) the following new subparagraph:
5 (c) For law enforcement agencies in Coos, Grafton, Carroll, and Sullivan counties, costs
6 for hiring additional officers carrying out law enforcement activities aimed at preventing or reducing
7 overdose deaths and other opioid related harms.
8 70 Substance Abuse Enforcement Program. Amend RSA 21-P:66, IV(a) to read as follows:
9 (a) ***Except for Coos, Grafton, Carroll, and Sullivan counties***, no funds shall be
10 granted for "purchase of evidence" or for "confidential funds."

2025-1866s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

REPLACE:

23. Authorizes the substance abuse enforcement program to make grants available for law enforcement agencies in Coos, Grafton, Carroll, and Sullivan counties for the costs for hiring additional officers to carry out law enforcement activities aimed at preventing or reducing opioid-related deaths and harms.

Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13
May 9, 2025
2025-2051s
07/09

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 Amend the bill by deleting section 69, relative to the opioid abatement trust fund.

2025-2051s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

DELETE:

23. Provides that the general court may appropriate funds from the opioid abatement trust fund to the department of safety for law enforcement activities related to substance abuse prevention, including overtime costs, for officers in the northern part of the state.

Sen. Lang, Dist 2
April 24, 2025
2025-1738s
07/05

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 Appropriation; Department of Safety; Northern Border Alliance Program. The sum of
2 \$600,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, is hereby appropriated to the department of safety
3 and shall be nonlapsing. This sum shall be expended for the purpose of funding overtime patrols
4 and related training activities, purchasing equipment in support of the northern border alliance
5 program by state police, and disbursing grants to other state, county, and local law enforcement
6 agencies for the purpose of funding overtime costs for county and local law enforcement officers
7 performing law enforcement activities attributable to the northern border alliance program
8 established in RSA 21-P:69. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any
9 money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sen. Lang, Dist 2
April 22, 2025
2025-1693s
07/05

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Emergency Services and Communications; Division of Emergency Services and
2 Communications. Amend RSA 21-P:48-a, II to read as follows:

3 II. With the approval of the commissioner, the director may employ such necessary
4 technical, clerical, stenographic, and other personnel, and may make such expenditures from state or
5 federal funds as are or may be made available for purposes of emergency services and
6 communications **and the state radio communications systems**. The director and other personnel
7 of the division shall be provided with appropriate office space, furniture, equipment, supplies,
8 stationery and printing, and funds for traveling and related expenses, in the same manner as
9 provided for personnel of other state agencies. With general oversight by the assistant
10 commissioner, the director shall coordinate the activities of all organizations for emergency 911
11 telecommunications within the state, state and local, county, and private, and shall maintain liaison
12 with and cooperate with police, fire, emergency medical, and sheriff's departments and emergency
13 telecommunications organizations of other states and of the federal government. The director shall
14 **also oversee the state radio communications system, which includes infrastructure and any**
15 **communication systems that directly support interoperable communications and the**
16 **exchange of information between the public safety answering point/emergency**
17 **communications center and the first responder, and** have such additional duties,
18 responsibilities, and authority authorized by applicable laws as may be prescribed by the
19 commissioner.

20 **III. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, maintenance of the state radio**
21 **communications systems overseen by the division of emergency services and**
22 **communications pursuant to this section shall be funded by the surcharge fund established**
23 **in RSA 106-H:9.**

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 New Chapter; Mobile Drivers' Licenses and Non-Driver Identification Cards. Amend RSA by
2 inserting after chapter 263 the following new chapter:

3 CHAPTER 263-A

4 MOBILE DRIVERS' LICENSES AND NON-DRIVER IDENTIFICATION CARDS

5 263-A:1 Definitions.

6 As used in this chapter:

- 7 I. "Credential" means a driver's license or non-driver identification card.
8 II. "Credential holder" means the individual that has been issued a physical or electronic
9 credential.
10 III. "Data element" means a distinct component of a customer's information that is found on
11 the division's customer record.
12 IV. "Division" means the department of safety, division of motor vehicles.
13 V. "Electronic credential" means an electronic extension of the division's issued physical
14 credential that conveys identity and driving privilege information and is in compliance with
15 standards of the division.
16 VI. "Electronic credential system" means a digital process that includes creating electronic
17 credentials and a method for provisioning electronic credentials, requesting and transmitting
18 electronic credential data elements, and performing tasks to maintain the system.
19 VII. "Physical credential" means a document or other tangible object issued by the division
20 that conveys identity and driving privilege information.
21 VIII. "Provision" means the initial loading of an electronic credential onto a device.
22 IX. "Relying party" means the entity to which the credential holder is presenting the
23 electronic credential.
24 X. "Verification process" means a method of authenticating the electronic credential through
25 the use of secure encrypted communication.
26 263-A:2 Issuance and Life Cycle Management.
27 I. The division of motor vehicles shall issue an electronic credential only to individuals who
28 are otherwise eligible to hold a valid physical credential. The data elements that are used to build
29 an electronic credential must match the individual's current motor vehicle or non-driver
30 identification record.

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- 1 II. The division may contract with one or more entities to develop an electronic credential
2 system. The electronic credential system shall be designed to comply with the most recent
3 applicable state and federal standards.
- 4 III. The validity period of electronic credentials shall be set by the division.
- 5 IV. The division may assess a fee for the provisioning of an electronic credential.
- 6 263-A:3 Acceptance of Electronic Credentials.
- 7 I. The electronic credential holder shall be required to have their physical credential on their
8 person while operating a motor vehicle.
- 9 II. Electronic credential systems shall be designed so that there is no requirement for the
10 electronic credential holder to display or relinquish possession of their mobile device to relying
11 parties for the acceptance of an electronic credential.
- 12 III. Upon request by law enforcement, an electronic credential holder must provide their
13 physical credential.
- 14 IV. Any law or regulation that requires an individual to surrender their physical credential
15 to law enforcement does not apply to the device on which an electronic credential has been
16 provisioned.
- 17 263-A:4 Verification Process.
- 18 I. Relying parties shall authenticate electronic credentials in accordance with applicable
19 division standards prior to acceptance of the electronic credential.
- 20 II. Electronic credential data is subject to data security and privacy protection according to
21 RSA 507-H, as well as any other applicable state and federal law.
- 22 III. Relying parties shall only request electronic credential data elements that are necessary
23 to complete the transaction for which that data is being requested.
- 24 263-A:5 Privacy and Tracking.
- 25 I. Relying parties shall only retain electronic credential data elements for which the relying
26 party explicitly obtained consent from the electronic credential holder. Relying parties shall inform
27 the electronic credential holder of the use and retention period of the electronic data elements and
28 comply with RSA 507-H.
- 29 II. The electronic credential system shall be designed to maximize the privacy of the
30 credential holder and comply with RSA 507-H, as well as any other applicable state and federal
31 laws, and shall not track or compile information without the credential holder's actual consent. The
32 division shall only compile and/or disclose information regarding use of the credential as required by
33 RSA 507-H and other applicable state or federal laws.
- 34 263-A:6 Rulemaking. The commissioner of the department of safety shall adopt administrative
35 rules under 541-A that are necessary for the management and operation of an electronic credential
36 system.
- 37 2 Effective Date. Section 1 shall take effect January 1, 2026.

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1 Amend the bill by replacing sections 186 and 187 with the following:

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3 186 Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard; Renewable Energy Fund. Amend RSA 362-F:10, I to
4 read as follows:

5 I. There is hereby established a renewable energy fund. This nonlapsing special fund shall
6 be continually appropriated to the department of energy to be expended in accordance with this
7 section; provided that at the start of the period in which there is no adopted state operating budget,
8 the department of energy shall in a timely manner seek the approval of the fiscal committee of the
9 general court to continue using moneys from the renewable energy fund to support renewable energy
10 rebate and grant programs in order to ensure there are no interruptions to the programs. The state
11 treasurer shall invest the moneys deposited therein as provided by law. Income received on
12 investments made by the state treasurer shall also be credited to the fund. All payments to be made
13 under this section shall be deposited in the fund. Any remaining moneys paid into the fund under
14 paragraph II of this section~~[-excluding class II moneys, shall be used by the department of energy to~~
15 ~~support thermal and electrical renewable energy initiatives and offshore wind initiatives, including~~
16 ~~the office of offshore wind industry development and energy innovation. Class II moneys shall~~
17 ~~primarily be used to support solar energy technologies in New Hampshire. All initiatives supported~~
18 ~~out of these funds shall be subject to audit by the department of energy as deemed necessary] *that*~~
19 ~~*exceed administration costs and funding for the office of offshore wind industry*~~
20 ~~*development and energy innovation, as determined by the department, shall be credited to*~~
21 ~~*the general fund in a timely manner.*~~ All fund moneys including those from class II may be used
22 to administer this chapter, but all new employee positions shall be approved by the fiscal committee
23 of the general court. No new employees shall be hired by the department of energy due to the
24 inclusion of useful thermal energy in class I production.

25 187 2027 Prospective Change; Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard; Renewable Energy Fund.
26 Amend RSA 362-F:10, I to read as follows:

27 I. There is hereby established a renewable energy fund. This nonlapsing special fund shall
28 be continually appropriated to the department of energy to be expended in accordance with this
29 section; provided that at the start of the period in which there is no adopted state operating budget,
30 the department of energy shall, in a timely manner, seek the approval of the fiscal committee of the
31 general court to continue using moneys from the renewable energy fund to support renewable energy
32 rebate and grant programs in order to ensure there are no interruptions to the programs. The state

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1 treasurer shall invest the moneys deposited therein as provided by law. Income received on
2 investments made by the state treasurer shall also be credited to the fund. All payments to be made
3 under this section shall be deposited in the fund. Any remaining moneys paid into the fund under
4 paragraph II of this section [~~that are in excess of administration costs, funding for the office of~~
5 ~~offshore wind industry development and energy innovation, and incentive payments, shall be~~
6 ~~credited to the general fund, in a timely manner, as determined by the commission]~~ **that exceed**
7 **administration costs, funding for the office of offshore wind industry development and**
8 **energy innovation, and incentive payments, as determined by the department, shall be**
9 **credited to all retail electric ratepayers in the state on a per-kilowatt-hour basis in a**
10 **timely manner as determined by the commission.** All fund moneys including those from class II
11 may be used to administer this chapter, but all new employee positions shall be approved by the
12 fiscal committee of the general court. No new employees shall be hired by the department of energy
13 due to the inclusion of useful thermal energy in class I production.

Sen. Watters, Dist 4
Sen. Pearl, Dist 17
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1 Amend the bill by replacing section 186 with the following:

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3 186 Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard; Renewable Energy Fund. Amend RSA 362-F:10, I to
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5 I. There is hereby established a renewable energy fund. This nonlapsing special fund shall
6 be continually appropriated to the department of energy to be expended in accordance with this
7 section; provided that at the start of the period in which there is no adopted state operating budget,
8 the department of energy shall in a timely manner seek the approval of the fiscal committee of the
9 general court to continue using moneys from the renewable energy fund to support renewable energy
10 rebate and grant programs in order to ensure there are no interruptions to the programs. The state
11 treasurer shall invest the moneys deposited therein as provided by law. Income received on
12 investments made by the state treasurer shall also be credited to the fund. All payments to be made
13 under this section shall be deposited in the fund. Any remaining moneys paid into the fund under
14 paragraph II of this section, excluding class II moneys, shall **first** be used by the department of
15 energy to **fund administrative cost for the office of offshore wind industry development and**
16 **energy innovations, as determined by the department. After funding of the administrative**
17 **costs, up to \$5,000,000 shall** support thermal and electrical renewable energy initiatives and
18 offshore wind initiatives~~], including the office of offshore wind industry development and energy~~
19 ~~innovation], any monies remaining shall be transferred to the general fund.~~ Class II moneys
20 shall primarily be used to support solar energy technologies in New Hampshire. All initiatives
21 supported out of these funds shall be subject to audit by the department of energy as deemed
22 necessary. All fund moneys including those from class II may be used to administer this chapter,
23 but all new employee positions shall be approved by the fiscal committee of the general court. No
24 new employees shall be hired by the department of energy due to the inclusion of useful thermal
25 energy in class I production.

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Sen. Pearl, Dist 17
Sen. Lang, Dist 2
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Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 Amend the bill by deleting sections 187 and 188, relative to the 2027 Prospective Change; Electric
- 2 Renewable Portfolio Standard; Renewable Energy Fund.

FINAL ORDER