

**SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
BUDGET WORK SESSION**

**05/28/25**

**SENATE FINANCE - 2025 BUDGET RECAP SHEET**

<b>Department of Revenue Administration</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>SOF</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>1. HB 1 Amendment #2025-2413s, Page 16</b> Amends section 17 by correcting revenues - Medicaid recoveries should have been \$3.2M each year instead of \$3.1M.	Senator Lang	GF-REV	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$200,000	New
<b>2. HB 2 Sections to Consider</b> Sections 177-180 related to disposition of business tax, tobacco tax, and real estate transfer tax revenue, between the general fund and education trust fund.	Senator Lang	GF-REV	\$0	TBD	TBD	TBD	New
		ETF-REV	\$0	TBD	TBD	TBD	
<b>Office of the Child Advocate</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>SOF</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>1. RECONSIDERATION - HB 1 Amendment #2025-2404s, Page 18, previously adopted on 5/22/2025,</b> relative to the \$125K per year back of the budget cut to the OCA.	Senator Carson	GF	\$0	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$250,000	New
<b>Department of Information Technology</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>SOF</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>1. HB 1 Change Request</b> Unfund position #13126 and fund position #11268. (AU 7708, compare page 68-69)	Senator Gray/Denis Goulet, Commissioner	OTH - Interagency Transfers	\$0	\$7,815	\$2,730	\$10,545	New
<b>Community Development Finance Authority</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>SOF</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>1. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2479s, Page 19</b> Raises cap from \$5,000,000 to \$7,000,000.	Senator Watters	G-REV/ ETF-REV/ ITP-REV	\$0	Maximum Decrease of \$1,500,000	Indeterminable Decrease	Indeterminable Decrease	New
<b>Housing Appeals Board</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>SOF</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>1. HB 1 Change Request</b> Revises the approved Senate Finance amount on 5/19/25 restoring the Board's budget with the cost savings of abolishing a board member position.	LBA	GF	\$0	\$289,252	\$278,835	\$568,087	New
<b>Original Approved Request</b>		GF	\$0	\$153,380	\$185,163	\$338,543	Approved 5/19/25
<b>Total</b>		GF	\$0	\$442,632	\$463,998	\$906,630	

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Department of Administrative Services	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total	Status
<b>1. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2237s, Page 20</b> Extends the ERP state-wide systems upgrade lapse from FY 2025 to FY 2027. <b>DAS indicates that there is an invoice under consideration which, if approved, would utilize most of the remaining funds. As a result, they would withdraw their request. However, if the invoice is not approved, the remaining amount would be \$675K.</b>	Charlie Arlinghaus / Senator Gray	GF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Hold - Gray

Commission on Aging	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total	Status
<b>1. HB 2 Amendment, #2025-2503s, Page 21</b> Amends sections 77-79, relative to the repeal of the Commission on Aging, creates a fund with a \$200,000 appropriation to fund the part-time Executive Director and overhead costs, allows donations to that fund for future expenses of the Commission, extends terms of Commission members from two (2) years to three (3) years, and directs the Commission to establish an Advisory Council on the system of care for health aging in NH (SB 288).	Senator Lang	GF	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$200,000	Hold - Gray/Lang

New Hampshire Retirement System	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total	Status
<b>1. HB 2 Sections to Consider</b> Sections 20-59, relative to Group II pension reform. Appropriates \$27.5m per a year of General Funds for ten years starting in FY 2026.	Senator Gray	GF	\$0	TBD	TBD	TBD	New

Department of State	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total	Status
<b>1. HB 2 Sections to Consider</b> Sections 309-316, allowing alternative treatment centers to operate for-profit. (HB 54).	Senator Gray	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	New

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<b>NH YDC Claims Administration and Settlement Fund</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>SOF</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>1. HB 2 Section to Consider</b> Section 244, relative to the attorney periodic payments matching claimants periodic payments.	Senator Carson	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	New
<b>2. HB 2 Section to Consider</b> Section 245, relative to General Fund appropriations of \$10m in FY 2026 and \$10m in FY 2027 to the YDC Settlement Fund.	Senator Gray	GF	\$0	TBD	TBD	TBD	New

<b>Human Rights Commission</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>SOF</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>1a. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2445s, Page 24</b> Deletes sections 282-300 of HB 2 relative to abolishment of the Human Rights Commission and reassignment of the cases to the Judicial Branch and extra judges. Deletes NH Commercial Court Docket and Housing Appeals Board, previously adopted in committee amendment.	Senator Carson	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Hold - Carson
<b>1b. HB 1 Change Request / Amendment #2025-2443s, Page 25</b> -Restore the Human Rights Commission's budget and delete section 5, VII of HB 1 abolishing its positions. (AU 1041, compare page 371-372)	Senator Carson	GF	\$0	\$1,328,705	\$1,362,311	\$2,691,016	Hold - Carson
<b>-HB 1 Amendment #2025-2448s, Page 26</b> Back of the Budget reduction of General Funds of \$521,000 over the biennium (16% reduction).		FED	\$0	\$182,129	\$184,425	\$366,554	
<b>-HB 1 Change Request</b> Restore Human Rights Commission's IT Budget (AU 7676, compare page 55)		OTH	\$0	\$14,201	\$33,101	\$47,302	
<b>1c. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2490s, Page 27</b> Adds requirements to the Human Rights Commission by requiring an annual report addressing audit findings, mandating that its chair be a licensed attorney, and ensuring rules remain current. It also establishes a one-year advisory committee under the Judicial Branch to monitor and support the Commission's progress in implementing corrective actions from the 2025 audit.	Senator Carson	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	New

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Judicial Branch	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total	Status
<b>1. HB 1 Change Request</b> 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	Hold - Gray
<b>2a. HB 1 Change Request (Without Human Rights Commission Cases)</b> 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	Hold - Gray
<b>2b. HB 1 Change Request (With Human Rights Commission Cases)</b> Request to restore funding for court security per diem days. (AU 2034, compare page 218)	Chief Justice Gordon MacDonald	GF	\$0	\$177,854	\$165,937	\$343,791	Hold - Gray
<b>3. HB 1 Change Request</b> 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	Hold - Gray
<b>4. HB 1 Change Request</b> 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	Hold - Gray
<b>5. HB 1 Change Request (With Human Rights Commission Cases)</b> Request to fund Judge and staff for Human Right Commission Cases.	Chief Justice Gordon MacDonald	GF	\$0	\$539,132	\$548,598	\$1,087,730	Hold - Gray
<b>6. HB 2 Amendment 2025-2280s, Page 30</b> Adds SB 162, relative to restrictions on acquisition of ownership, controlling, and occupancy interests in real property by certain foreign principals on or around certain military installations, and criminal penalties and civil forfeiture procedures for illegal acquisition.	Senator Birdsell	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	New

Department of Insurance	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total	Status
<b>1. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2392s, Page 34</b> Adds SB 132, relative to Accident and Health Insurance; Coverage for Prosthetic Devices.	Senator Birdsell	GF	\$0	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Hold-Birdsell

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<b>Department of Environmental Services</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>SOF</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>1. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2052s, Page 36</b> Appropriates \$5,000,000 per a year for State aid grant wastewater infrastructure projects.	Senator Rosenwald	GF	\$0	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$10,000,000	Hold - Rosenwald
<b>2. HB 2 Amendment #2025-1896s, Page 37</b> Amends section 217 and 218 by reducing dam fees by 50% compared to HB 2. With the increase in the dam fee, DES moved positions off of General Funds and instead fund them with the fee increase.	Senator Lang	GF	\$0	\$329,090	\$335,200	\$664,290	Hold - Lang
<b>3. HB 2 Amendment # 2025-2499s, Page 38</b> Amends section 165, relative to wetlands council and the appointment of the council.	Senator Watters	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	New
<b>4. HB 2 Amendment # 2025-2504s, Page 39</b> Amends section 222, relative to Solid Waste Management Fund providing quarterly payments, versus annual payments to NH municipalities to offset associated with solid waste disposal surcharge and reduces civil penalty.	Senator Pearl	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	New
<b>5. HB 2 Sections to Consider</b> Section 17 and 18 relative to the Solid Waste Facility Site Evaluation Committee and Solid Wast Evaluation Committee Fund.	Senator Pearl	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	New

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Department of Natural and Cultural Resources	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total	Status
<b>1. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2430s, Page 42</b> -Delete sections 247-250 of HB 2, which repeals the Division of the Arts.  <b>HB 1 Amendment # 2025-2437s, Page 43</b> Back of the budget General Fund reduction.  <b>HB 1 Change / Amendment #2025-2434s, Page 44</b> Delete section 5, XII of HB 1, which abolishes positions within the Division of the Arts and restore the funding. (AU 4100, 4104, 4100, compare page 758-762)	Senator Innis / Senator Rochefort	GF	\$0	\$625,000	\$625,000	\$1,250,000	New
		FED	\$0	\$1,012,038	\$1,034,350	\$2,046,388	
<b>2a. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2491s, Page 45</b> Restore division of the arts, create a new fund within the Division called the Granite Patron of the Arts Fund allowing for donations to be received as well as creates a new tax credit call the Granite Patron of the Arts Tax Credit allowing up to \$700,000 per a year to be made in donations in which a taxpayers could receive up to \$350,000 in tax credits against the Business Profits Tax and Business Enterprise Tax.	Senator Carson / Senator Lang	GF-Rev	\$0	(\$350,000)	(\$350,000)	(\$700,000)	New
<b>2b. HB 1 Change Request</b> Funds the Division of the Arts at \$150,000 per a Fiscal Year for personnel and overhead costs. (AU 4100, 4104, 4100, compare page 758-762)	Senator Carson / Senator Lang	GF	\$0	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000	New
		FED	\$0	\$1,012,038	\$1,034,350	\$2,046,388	

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<b>Department of Safety</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>SOF</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>1. HB 1 Change / Surplus Statement Adjustment</b> 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	Hold - Pearl
		HWY	\$0	\$325,630	\$667,860	\$993,490	
		<b>TOT</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$434,174</b>	<b>\$890,480</b>	<b>\$1,324,654</b>	
		GF-REV	\$0	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$450,000	
		HWY-REV	\$0	\$1,650,000	\$3,300,000	\$4,950,000	
		<b>TOT-REV</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,800,000</b>	<b>\$3,600,000</b>	<b>\$5,400,000</b>	
		<b>GF-NET</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$41,456</b>	<b>\$77,380</b>	<b>\$118,836</b>	
		<b>HWY-NET</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,324,370</b>	<b>\$2,632,140</b>	<b>\$3,956,510</b>	
		<b>TOT-NET</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,365,826</b>	<b>\$2,709,520</b>	<b>\$4,075,346</b>	
<b>2. RECONSIDERATION - HB 1 Change / HB 2 Amendment #2025-2435s, Page 47, to Replace Previously Approved #2025-1866s</b> Reconsider previous action and adopt new amendment, to use Opioid Abatement Trust Fund dollars for the Substance Abuse Enforcement Program ("Granite Shield"/"Northern Shield"), rather than General Funds. House budget also used the Opioid Abatement Trust Fund for this purpose. (AU 3077, compare page 471)	Senator Lang	OTH - Opioid Abatement Trust Fund	\$0	\$1,800,000	\$1,700,000	\$3,500,000	Reconsideration - Reconsider previously adopted amendment (1866s) and consider new amendment (2435s)
		GF	\$0	(\$1,800,000)	(\$1,700,000)	(\$3,500,000)	
<b>3. HB 1 Change / HB 2 Amendment #2025-2481s, Page 48</b> Language from HB 506 (relative to background checks during motions to return firearms and ammunition) and establish position (program assistant II, SOC 43-04) within the Department of Safety (AU 4019, compare page 484).	Senator Watters	GF	\$0	\$92,000	\$76,000	\$168,000	NEW
<b>4. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2442s, Page 50</b> In section 342, reduce certain registration fees from amounts included in House passed budget.	Senator Lang	HWY-REV	\$0	(\$4,500,000)	(\$9,000,000)	(\$13,500,000)	NEW
		HWY - Block Grants to Municipalities	\$0		(\$540,000)	(\$540,000)	
		Net HWY "Cost"	\$0	(\$4,500,000)	(\$8,460,000)	(\$12,960,000)	
<b>5. HB 2 Sections to Consider</b> Sections 350-351, modifying the new resident drivers' license transfer requirements and specifying when the division of motor vehicles shall send violation notices. (HB 133, Retained in House Finance)	Senator Gray	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	NEW

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Department of Education	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total	Status
<b>1a. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2426s, Page 51</b> Authorize Department to carry forward unexpended funds from FY 2025 to FY 2026, for repairs, improvements, maintenance, technology, safety, security, and facility improvements. Amount unknown at this time, as it will depend on spending during the remainder of the fiscal year.	Frank Edelblut, Commissioner / Senator Lang	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Hold - Gray
<b>1b. HB 1 Change / Surplus Statement Adjustment</b> Account for additional lapse in FY 2025, and appropriate funds in FY 2026 for repairs, improvements, maintenance, technology, safety, security, and facility improvements. (AU 6002, compare page 1395)	Senator Gray	GF-REV (Lapse)	\$460,000	\$0	\$0	\$460,000	NEW
		GF	\$0	\$460,000	\$0	\$460,000	
<b>2. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2451s, Page 52</b> This amendment makes a technical correction by setting the effective date of section 377 to 09/01/25, to become law after the changes in SB 292 (relative to special education aid). This bill has passed both bodies, however does not include some technical changes included in HB 2 section 377.	LBA / Senator Lang	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	NEW
<b>3. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2477s, Page 53</b> Directs the Department of Education to seek participation in the Demonstration Projects to Evaluate Direct Certification with Medicaid ("Medicaid Direct Certification"), with the intention that future legislation would be necessary to continue participation beyond FY 2028.	Senator Birdsell	GF - DOE Nutrition Aid	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000	NEW
		GF - DOE System Changes	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	
		GF - DHHS System Changes	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$175,000</b>	
<b>4. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2488s, Page 55</b> In sections 451-452, adds <i>"the policy shall not apply to any group classified under any federal or state statute for services based on group or demographic characteristics"</i> , in the definitions.	Senator Watters	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	NEW

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<b>University System of New Hampshire</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>SOF</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>1. HB 1 Change</b> Bring USNH's general fund total to \$85M per year (AU 1855, compare page 1548).	Senator Gray	GF	\$0	\$33,759,418	\$33,759,418	\$67,518,836	Hold - Gray

<b>Lottery Commission</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>SOF</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>1. RECONSIDERATION - HB 1 Change / HB 2 Amendment #2025-2432s, Page 58, to Replace Previously Approved #2025-1877s</b> Relative to video lottery terminals (VLTs). Changes from previously adopted amendment include: - Tax rate set at 31.25% (previously 32.5%) - No funds to EDBDER Fund until FY 2028 (will go to GF) - No Maximum Wager (previously \$50)  Figures presented represent total estimated VLT revenue, based on Senator Lang assumptions.	Senator Lang	GF-REV	\$0	\$23,788,020	\$38,060,831	\$61,848,851	Reconsideration - Amendment 2432s to replace previously adopted 1877s
		ETF-REV	\$0	\$7,929,340	\$12,686,944	\$20,616,284	
		OTH-REV Elderly-Disabled-Blind-Deaf Exemption Reimbursement Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
		OTH - Governor's Commission on Addiction, Treatment, and Prevention	\$0	\$393,516	\$629,625	\$1,023,141	
		<b>TOT-REV</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$32,110,876</b>	<b>\$51,377,400</b>	<b>\$83,488,276</b>	

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<b>DHHS - Division of Behavioral Health</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>SOF</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>1. HB 2 Amendment #2025s-2201s, Page 65</b> Incorporate a modified version of SB 114, providing funding for community mental health supported housing.	Sen. Birdsell	GF	\$0	\$2,500,000	\$1,000,000	\$3,500,000	Hold - Gray
<b>2. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2151s, Page 66</b> Incorporate SB 238, relative to prevention and treatment of adverse childhood experiences.	Sen. Watters / Sen. Rosenwald	GF	\$0	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000	Hold - Gray
<b>3. HB 1 Amendment Request</b> Restore funding for Friends of Aine peer-to-peer grief support. (AU 2053, Compare Page 1291)	Sen. Lang	GF	\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$400,000	Hold - Gray
<b>4. RECONSIDERATION - HB 2 Amendment #2025-2274s, Page 68</b> Consider lowering the 90 cent cap on the monthly telecommunications surcharge to 75 cents.	Sen. Birdsell	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	New
<b>5. HB 2 Sections to Consider</b> Section 98, relative to repeal of a mental health medical supervisor position.	Sen. Gray	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	New
<b>6. HB 2 Sections to Consider</b> Sections 416-417, relative to a lapse extension for a contract for a recovery friendly workplace initiative.	Sen. Gray	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	New

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<b>DHHS - Office of the Commissioner</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>SOF</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>1. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2251s, Page 76</b> Add funds for a contract to support Medicaid long-term care eligibility determinations. Partially offset costs by temporarily increasing the annual nursing home license fee from \$25 to \$80, expected to raise approximately \$300,000 per year, resulting in a net cost of \$2.4 million over the biennium.	Sen. Birdsell	GF	\$0	\$3,000,000		\$3,000,000	Hold - Gray
		GF Revenue - License Fees	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$600,000	
<b>2. HB 2 Sections to Consider</b> Section 100, relative to standing orders for over-the-counter medications.	Sen. Gray	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	New

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<b>DHHS - Division of Economic Stability</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>SOF</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>1. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2444s, Page 77</b> Fund a tier-one call center. Will be used for the purpose of supporting Medicaid eligibility determinations. Also a DHHS request.	Sen. Birdsell / Sen. Rosenwald	GF	\$0	\$3,825,000		\$3,825,000	Hold - Gray
<b>2. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2416s, Page 78</b> Incorporate only the rural residency component of SB 244.	Sen. Rosenwald / Sen. Rochefort	GF	\$0	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000	Hold - Rosenwald
<b>3. HB 2 Amendment #2025s-2455s, Page 79</b> Incorporate a modified version of SB 113, providing funds for DHHS to contract with nonprofits that provide eviction prevention and rehousing services.	Sen. Birdsell	GF	\$0	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$6,000,000	Policy portion adopted 5/22/25; Money portion (reflected in 2455s) put on hold - Gray
<b>4. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2470s, Page 80</b> Establish the childcare workforce program in statute, and appropriate \$10 million for the biennium.	Sen. Rosenwald	GF	\$0	\$10,000,000		\$10,000,000	Hold (new amendment #)- Gray
<b>5. HB 2 Amendment \$2025-2482s, Page 82</b> Reestablishes the childcare workforce program for the biennium, and funds with federal TANF reserve dollars. Requires DHHS to seek federal approval of TANF reserve funds for this purpose.	Sen. Lang	FF	\$0	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000	\$15,000,000	New

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<b>DHHS - Division of Medicaid Services</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>SOF</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>1. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2067s, Page 84</b> Delete sections 107 and 108, directing DHHS to institute premiums for those enrolled in the Granite Advantage and Children's Health Insurance Programs. Cost shown here reflects premium revenue assumptions included in the governor's recommended and House-passed budgets.	Sen. Rosenwald	GF	\$0	\$3,300,000	\$23,000,000	\$26,300,000	Hold - Gray
<b>2. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2063s, Page 85</b> Incorporate components of SB 122, relative to a Medicare Savings Program.	Sen. Rosenwald	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Hold - Gray
<b>3. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2254s, Page 86</b> Require DHHS to ensure rate parity for all Medicaid state plan case management services.	Sen. Pearl	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	New
<b>4. HB 2 Sections to Consider</b> Section 89, relative to Fiscal Committee approval of additional funds for the Medicaid to Schools program.	Sen. Gray	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	New
<b>5. Items to Consider</b> Section 105, relative to Medicaid pharmacy copays. House budget assumes revenue of \$750,000 per year from this provision.	Sen. Rosenwald	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	New

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<b>DHHS - Division of Long-Term Supports and Services</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>SOF</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>1. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2310s, Page 87</b> Incorporate a modified version of SB 127, funding guardianship services for older adults or adults with disabilities who have been discharged from a hospital to less restrictive settings.	Sen. Birdsell	GF	\$0	\$550,000		\$550,000	Hold - Gray
<b>2. HB 1 Amendment Request</b> Increase funding for the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD) respite caregiver grant program. (AU 8943, Compare Page 1171)	Sen. Watters	GF	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$200,000	Hold - Gray
<b>3. HB 2 Sections to Consider</b> Sections 101-102, relative to a lapse extension for funds appropriated for a developmental services pilot program.	Sen. Gray	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	New
<b>4. HB 2 Sections to Consider</b> Section 183, raising the year-over-year increase in the county cap to 3% for each year of the biennium. Compared to the 2% statutory cap that is suspended by this section, results in a state savings (and corresponding county cost) of \$4 million over the biennium.	Sen. Gray	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	New

**SENATE FINANCE - 2025 BUDGET RECAP SHEET**

<b>DHHS - Division of Public Health</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>SOF</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>1. HB 1 Change Request</b> Restore family planning funds to the governor's recommended level. (Also a DHHS request; AU 5530, Compare Page 1208)	Sen. Birdsell / Sen. Rosenwald	GF	\$0	\$839,219	\$839,942	\$1,679,161	Hold - Gray
		FF	\$0	\$997,673	\$994,676	\$1,992,349	Hold - Gray
<b>2. HB 1 Change Request</b> If item 1 above is not adopted, restore federal funds for family planning and appropriate \$500,000 per year of general funds. If adopted, DHHS will provide detail on the specific class lines to which the \$500,000 per year should be distributed. (AU 5530, Compare Page 1208)	Sen. Rosenwald	GF	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	Hold - Gray
		FF	\$0	\$997,673	\$994,676	\$1,992,349	Hold - Gray

<b>DHHS - Division for Children, Youth, and Families</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>SOF</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>1a. HB 1 Change Request</b> Restore residential placement contracts for youth to the governor's recommended level. (DHHS request; AU 2958, Compare Page 1098)	Nathan White	GF	\$0	\$3,057,046	\$3,725,048	\$6,782,094	Hold - Gray
<b>1b. HB 1 Change Request</b> In addition to DCYF, funding for youth residential placements is also found within the Bureau of Children's Behavioral Health. As in 1a above, restore funding to the governor's recommended level. (DHHS request; AU 2053, Compare Page 1291)	Nathan White	GF	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$4,000,000	Hold - Gray
<b>2. HB 1 Change Request</b> If 1a above is not adopted, move \$5 million from FY27 to FY26 to address anticipated need in FY26. (DHHS Request; AU 2958, Compare Page 1098)	Nathan White	GF	\$0	\$5,000,000	(\$5,000,000)	\$0	Hold - Gray

Amendment to HB 1-A

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 17 with the following:

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3 17 Estimates of Unrestricted Revenue.

	FY 2026	FY 2027
4 GENERAL FUND		
5 BUSINESS TAXES	\$649,000,000	\$699,200,000
6 MEALS AND ROOMS TAX	331,000,000	339,000,000
7 TOBACCO TAX	112,800,000	112,800,000
8 TRANSFER FROM LIQUOR	102,900,000	103,500,000
9 INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS TAX	8,700,000	0
10 INSURANCE	165,000,000	168,000,000
11 COMMUNICATIONS TAX	29,100,000	29,100,000
12 REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX	142,000,000	150,800,000
13 COURT FINES & FEES	13,700,000	13,700,000
14 SECURITIES REVENUE	44,400,000	44,500,000
15 BEER TAX	13,000,000	13,000,000
16 OTHER REVENUES	126,000,000	120,000,000
17 MEDICAID RECOVERIES	<u>3,200,000</u>	<u>3,200,000</u>
18 TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$1,740,800,000	\$1,796,800,000
19		
20 EDUCATION FUND		
21 BUSINESS TAXES	\$451,000,000	\$485,800,000
22 MEALS AND ROOMS TAX	11,000,000	11,000,000
23 TOBACCO TAX	64,900,000	64,900,000
24 REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX	70,000,000	74,200,000
25 TRANSFER FROM LOTTERY	220,300,000	220,300,000
26 TOBACCO SETTLEMENT	32,500,000	30,000,000
27 UTILITY PROPERTY TAX	48,500,000	50,000,000
28 STATEWIDE PROPERTY TAX	<u>363,100,000</u>	<u>363,100,000</u>
29 TOTAL EDUCATION FUND	\$1,261,300,000	\$1,299,300,000
30		
31 HIGHWAY FUND		
32 GASOLINE ROAD TOLL	FY 2026	FY 2027
	\$127,700,000	\$127,900,000

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1	MOTOR VEHICLE FEES	131,700,000	134,700,000
2	MISCELLANEOUS	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
3	TOTAL HIGHWAY FUND	\$259,600,000	\$262,800,000
4			
5	FISH AND GAME FUND	FY 2026	FY 2027
6	FISH AND GAME LICENSES	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
7	FINES AND MISCELLANEOUS	<u>4,000,000</u>	<u>4,000,000</u>
8	TOTAL FISH AND GAME FUND	\$14,000,000	\$14,000,000

Amendment to HB 1-A

- 1     1   Office of the Child Advocate; General Fund Appropriation Reductions. The office of the child
- 2     advocate shall reduce state general fund appropriations by \$125,000 for the fiscal year ending June
- 3     30, 2026, and \$125,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

DELAWARE LEGISLATURE

Sen. Watters, Dist 4  
May 27, 2025  
2025-2479s  
07/09

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 1 Public Safety and Welfare; Community Development Finance Authority; New Investment Tax
- 2 Credit. Amend RSA 162-L:10, IV(b) to read as follows:
- 3 (b) Contributions received by the authority for which credit is to be taken shall not
- 4 exceed **\$7,000,000** [~~\$5,000,000~~] in any state fiscal year. Contributions received by the authority in
- 5 excess of **\$7,000,000** [~~\$5,000,000~~] in any state fiscal year shall not be eligible for credit in such fiscal
- 6 year but may be carried forward to the next succeeding fiscal year or years and shall be given
- 7 priority in determining the total contributions eligible for credit in such fiscal year.

2025-2479s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Add:

1. Raises the funding cap for the New Hampshire community development finance authority.

Sen. Gray, Dist 6  
May 16, 2025  
2025-2237s  
08/06

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 1 Department of Administrative Services; Division of Enterprise Application Management. Any
- 2 funds appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, to the department of administrative
- 3 services, division of enterprise application management, in class 038 for the purpose of software
- 4 upgrades shall not lapse until June 30, 2027.
- 5 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect June 30, 2025.

2025-2237s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

1. Provides that the funds appropriated to the department of administrative services, enterprise application management in class 038 shall not lapse until June 30, 2027.

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by replacing sections 77-79 with the following:

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3 77 The State and Its Government; State Commission on Aging; State Commission on Aging  
4 Established; Membership. Amend RSA 19-P:1, IV-V to read as follows:

5 IV. The members appointed pursuant to subparagraph II(j) shall serve [~~2-year terms~~] **3-year**  
6 **terms effective for appointments made after July 1, 2025**; provided that initially such members  
7 shall serve staggered terms and no such member shall serve more than 2 consecutive terms, with the  
8 exception of the chairperson, vice-chairperson, and recorder, who may service an additional term for  
9 a total of 3 terms. A council member whose term of office is expiring may continue beyond the end of  
10 the term until reappointed or until a successor is nominated. Legislative members shall receive  
11 mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the commission. The first named  
12 member of the house of representatives shall convene the organizational meeting of the commission  
13 on or before 45 days of passage of this chapter for the purpose of electing officers serving on the  
14 commission. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. If any member is absent without  
15 previously being excused by the chairperson for 3 or more regular meetings, the member may be  
16 removed upon a majority vote of the commission.

17 V. The commission shall be authorized to select and hire select an executive director by a  
18 vote of a majority of the members. The executive director shall be [~~in the classified service of the~~  
19 ~~state~~] **a part-time position** and shall perform such duties as the commission may require. The  
20 commission shall hold no fewer than 9 regular meetings per year.

21 78 New Section; State Commission on Aging; Advisory Council on the System of Care for  
22 Healthy Aging in New Hampshire. Amend RSA 19-P by inserting after section 2 the following new  
23 section:

24 19-P:2-a Advisory Council on the System of Care for Health Aging in New Hampshire.

25 I. The commission shall establish an advisory council on the system of care for healthy aging  
26 in New Hampshire. The purpose of the advisory council shall be to:

27 (a) Improve the well-being of older adults and caregivers;

28 (b) Identify cost-savings and opportunities to increase collaboration, efficiency, and the  
29 effectiveness of the service array and service delivery system; and

30 (c) Assist and advise the commissioner of the department of health and human services  
31 on the system of care principles and values and implementation of RSA 151-E:22 through 151-E:27.

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1           II.(a) The director of the division of long-term supports and services, or the director's  
2           designee, and one member of the state commission on aging shall serve as the permanent co-  
3           chairpersons of the advisory council.

4           (b) Additional members of the advisory council representing diverse perspectives shall  
5           be appointed by the commission on aging and shall include older adults and family caregivers with  
6           relevant experience, members of agencies serving older adults including public, private, consumer  
7           advocacy, and non-profit organizations, and individuals with relevant policy expertise.

8           III. The advisory council shall meet at least quarterly and may meet more often at the call of  
9           the commission.

10          IV. The duties of the council shall include reviewing and making recommendations  
11          regarding all aspects of the implementation of the system of care for healthy aging established under  
12          RSA 151-E:22 through 151-E:27. Such duties shall also include addressing the availability of long  
13          term supports and services for individuals across the continuum of care, including but not be limited  
14          to:

15               (a) Reviewing and making recommendations that improve and shorten the timeline for  
16               accessing Medicaid long-term care benefits.

17               (b) Reviewing and making recommendations to remove barriers to hospital discharge for  
18               non-acute patients who require post hospital long-term supports and services.

19               (c) Gathering additional data to review the implementation of the system of care for  
20               healthy aging, including but not limited to:

21                     (1) Licensed long-term care beds in service versus licensed long-term care beds not  
22                     in service, and recommendations for optimal utilization of limited long-term care bed licenses to  
23                     increase access to long-term care.

24                     (2) Reviewing the availability of long-term services and supports for individuals  
25                     requiring post hospital or nursing facility care service.

26                     (3) Access to Medicaid Choices for Independence waiver services post hospital  
27                     discharge and recommendations for optimal program utilization.

28                     (4) Availability of long-term supports and services for non-Medicaid individuals.

29               (d) Working collaboratively with public and private stakeholders to strengthen the direct  
30               care workforce to meet the growing demand for long-term supports and services in New Hampshire.

31               (e) Advising the governor, the senate president, the speaker of the house, the oversight  
32               committee on health and human services, as established in RSA 126-A:13, and the commissioner of  
33               health and human services on any issue related to long-term services and supports within the  
34               system of care for healthy aging.

35          V. A summary of the advisory council's activities, findings, and recommendations shall be  
36          included in the commission's annual report submitted under RSA 19-P:3.

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1       79 New Section; State Commission on Aging; Fund Established. Amend RSA 19-P by inserting  
2 after section 4 the following new section:

3       19-P:5 Fund Established. There is established in the office of the state treasurer a fund known  
4 as the New Hampshire commission on aging fund, which shall be kept separate and distinct from all  
5 other funds and shall be continually appropriated to the commission. Such fund shall be the  
6 depository of all gifts, grants, or donations made to the commission pursuant to RSA 19-P. The  
7 payment of the part-time executive director of the commission, the expenses of the commission, and  
8 all other overhead costs of the commission, shall be paid from such fund. Any moneys in such fund  
9 shall not lapse into the general fund of the state.

10       80 New Subparagraph; State Treasurer; Application of Receipts. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by  
11 inserting after subparagraph 399 the following new subparagraph:

12               (400) Moneys deposited in the New Hampshire commission on aging fund  
13 established in RSA 19-P:5.

14       81 Appropriation. The New Hampshire commission on aging fund established pursuant to RSA  
15 19-P:5 is hereby appropriated \$100,000 in general funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 and  
16 \$100,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. This appropriation shall be used exclusively to  
17 support payment of the part-time executive director and the activities of the commission. The  
18 governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not  
19 otherwise appropriated.

Sen. Carson, Dist 14  
May 26, 2025  
2025-2445s  
07/06

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 Amend the bill by deleting sections 282-300, relative to consolidating special dockets in the superior
- 2 court, abolishing the human rights commission, and repealing the housing appeals board.

2025-2445s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Delete:

123. Consolidates the business and commercial dispute docket and the land use review docket of the superior court into one commercial court docket.
124. Abolishes the human rights commission and reassigns cases formerly under their jurisdiction to the superior court.
125. Abolishes the housing appeals board.

Sen. Carson, Dist 14  
May 26, 2025  
2025-2443s  
06/05

Amendment to HB 1-A

- 1 Amend section 5 of the bill by deleting paragraph VII and renumbering the original paragraphs VIII
- 2 through XIV to read as paragraphs VII through XIII, respectively.

DETAILED PRELIMINARY

Sen. Carson, Dist 14  
May 26, 2025  
2025-2448s  
07/06

Amendment to HB 1-A

- 1     1   Human Rights Commission; General Fund Appropriation Reductions. The human rights
- 2     commission shall reduce general fund appropriations by \$254,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30,
- 3     2026, and by \$267,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

BEA ORDINANCE

Sen. Carson, Dist 14  
May 27, 2025  
2025-2490s  
07/08

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 1 Trade and Commerce; State Commission for Human Rights. Amend RSA 354-A:3, I to read as  
2 follows:
- 3 I. There is hereby created a commission to be known as the New Hampshire commission for  
4 human rights, which shall be administratively attached to the department of justice pursuant to  
5 RSA 21-G:10, **with additional oversight provided by the director of the department's civil**  
6 **rights unit, or designee, pursuant to a memorandum of understanding entered into by the**  
7 **department and the commission.** Such commission shall consist of 7 members, who shall be  
8 appointed by the governor, with the consent of the council, and one of whom shall be designated as  
9 chair by the governor. The term of office of each member of the commission shall be for 5 years.
- 10 2 Trade and Commerce; State Commission for Human Rights; General Powers and Duties of the  
11 Chair. Amend RSA 354-A:4 to read as follows:
- 12 354-A:4 General Powers and Duties of the Chair. The chair shall serve as the chief executive  
13 officer of the commission. **The chair shall be a licensed attorney admitted or eligible to**  
14 **practice law in this state.** The chair shall promote the efficient transaction of its business and the  
15 orderly handling of complaints and other matters before the commission. The chair shall designate  
16 commissioners to investigate and commissioners to hold hearings pursuant to RSA 354-A:21 and  
17 shall fix the times and places of public hearings. In the event of the chair's absence or inability to  
18 act, the vice-chair, or if no vice-chair has been designated, a commissioner designated by the chair  
19 shall act in the chair's stead. Otherwise a commissioner shall be designated by the governor to act  
20 as chair.
- 21 3 Trade and Commerce; State Commission for Human Rights; General Powers and Duties of the  
22 Commission. Amend RSA 354-A:5, V to read as follows:
- 23 V. To adopt rules, under RSA 541-A, suitable to carry out the provisions of this chapter, and  
24 the policies and practices of the commission in connection therewith. **Such rules shall be kept**  
25 **current and shall not be permitted to expire. Such rules shall reflect any findings or**  
26 **determinations made in audits conducted by the legislative budget assistant pursuant to**  
27 **RSAs 14:31 and 14:31-a.**
- 28 4 Trade and Commerce; State Commission for Human Rights; General Powers and Duties of the  
29 Commission. Amend RSA 354-A:5, X to read as follows:
- 30 X. To render [biennially] **annually** to the governor, **president of the senate, speaker of**  
31 **the house of representatives, senate clerk, house clerk, legislative fiscal committee,** and  
32 council a full written report of its activities and of its recommendations. **The report shall include:**

- 1           **(a) A detailed summary of actions taken to address and remediate findings**  
2 **identified in the most recent performance audit issued by the legislative budget assistant**  
3 **in February 2025, including but not limited to:**
- 4           **(1) Timeliness of case investigations and resolutions, the number of cases**  
5 **resolved, the number of outstanding cases before the commission, whether the commission**  
6 **has a backlog of cases, and the average time it takes to close a case;**  
7           **(2) Implementation of a case management system;**  
8           **(3) Development of strategic planning, internal controls, and performance**  
9 **metrics;**  
10           **(4) Training and oversight of staff and commissioners;**  
11           **(5) Adoption and enforcement of administrative rules;**  
12           **(6) Correction of prior audit findings;**  
13           **(7) Confidentiality and data management improvements; and**  
14           **(8) Definitions and processes related to legal standards in investigations.**  
15           **(b) Quantitative performance measures including average time to assign and**  
16 **close cases, number of cases exceeding statutory time limits, and comparison to prior years.**  
17           **(c) Progress updates on administrative rulemaking, strategic plan**  
18 **implementation, and IT modernization initiatives.**  
19           **(d) Status of required statutory filings including biennial reports, statements of**  
20 **financial interests, and reconciliations with federal data systems.**  
21           **(e) Any additional recommendations or needs for legislative action.**

22           **II. The report shall be made publicly available online on the TransparentNH**  
23 **website in accordance with executive order 2014-03.**

24           5 Advisory Committee Established. There is established a temporary human rights commission  
25 advisory committee to study, monitor, and support implementation of corrective measures identified  
26 in the 2025 legislative budget assistant audit. The committee shall exist for a period of one year  
27 following enactment and shall be administratively attached to the judicial branch.

28           6 Membership and Compensation.

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

- 30           (a) The chief justice of the New Hampshire supreme court, or designee;  
31           (b) One representative of the department of justice with experience in civil rights or  
32 administrative law, appointed by the governor;  
33           (c) One member of the house judiciary committee, appointed by the speaker of the house  
34 of representatives;  
35           (d) One member of the senate judiciary committee, appointed by the president of the  
36 senate;

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- 1 (e) One representative of a nonprofit organization with expertise in anti-discrimination  
2 law, appointed by the governor;
- 3 (f) One municipal human rights officer, appointed by the governor;
- 4 (g) One public member with lived experience in housing, employment, or public  
5 accommodation discrimination, appointed by the governor.
- 6 II. Legislative members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when  
7 attending to the duties of the committee.
- 8 7 Duties. The committee shall:
- 9 (a) Meet at least quarterly, but may recommend extension of its oversight period if  
10 substantial progress has not been demonstrated within one year;
- 11 (b) Review the human rights commission's progress in implementing audit  
12 recommendations; and
- 13 (c) Provide guidance and support on policy, training, and legal rule development.
- 14 8 Chairperson; Quorum. The designee of the chief justice of the New Hampshire supreme court  
15 shall serve as chair;. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the chair. The first  
16 meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Four  
17 members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.
- 18 9 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed  
19 legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate  
20 clerk, the house clerk, the governor, the New Hampshire supreme court, the administrative office of  
21 the courts, the New Hampshire law library, and the state library on or before November 1, 2026.
- 22 10 Effective Date. Sections 5-9 of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 1 New Subdivision; Ownership or Lease of Real Property by Foreign Principals from Foreign  
2 Countries of Concern. Amend RSA 477 by inserting after section 477:22-a the following new  
3 subdivision:
- 4 Ownership or Lease of Real Property by Foreign Principals from Foreign Countries of Concern  
5 477:22-b Definitions. In this subdivision:
- 6 I. "Company" or "development" means a sole proprietorship, organization, association,  
7 corporation, partnership, trust, venture, group, subgroup, or any other entity or organization,  
8 including its subsidiary or affiliate, that exists for profit-making purposes or to otherwise secure  
9 economic advantage.
- 10 II. "Foreign country of concern" means the People's Republic of China, the Russian  
11 Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Syrian Arab Republic, and the Democratic People's  
12 Republic of Korea, including any agencies, institutions, instrumentalities, ruling political parties, or  
13 any other entity exercising significant control over any of these listed countries.
- 14 III. "Foreign principal" means:
- 15 (a) The government or any government official, in any capacity, of a foreign country of  
16 concern.
- 17 (b) A company, development, or other entity organized under the laws of, or having its  
18 principal place of business in, a foreign country of concern.
- 19 (c) Any natural person who is an employee or agent of a foreign country of concern.
- 20 IV. "Protected facility" means the buildings, fixtures, and land contained on or within the  
21 perimeters of the following:
- 22 (a) New Hampshire National Guard in Concord, New Hampshire.
- 23 (b) New Hampshire Army Aviation Support Facility in Concord, New Hampshire.
- 24 (c) Readiness Center of the 197th Artillery Brigade in Manchester, New Hampshire.
- 25 (d) Pease Air National Guard Base in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.
- 26 (e) New Boston Space Force Station in New Boston, New Hampshire.
- 27 (f) Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.
- 28 V. "Real property" means land, buildings, fixtures, and all other improvements to land.
- 29 VI. "Within 10 miles of a protected facility" means real property within 10 miles of a  
30 protected facility, measured as the shortest distance between any portion of the real property's  
31 perimeter and any portion of the protected facility's perimeter.
- 32 477:22-c Ownership, Control, and Occupancy; Prohibitions.

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- 1 I. No foreign principal may acquire any ownership or controlling interest in real property  
2 within 10 miles of any protected facility by any means, including but not limited to, purchase, grant,  
3 contract, eminent domain, or demise.
- 4 II. No foreign principal may lease or otherwise enter into a contract to occupy or control, or  
5 allow another foreign principal or agent to occupy or control, any real property within 10 miles of a  
6 protected facility.
- 7 477:22-d Qualified Renter/Purchaser Affidavit Required.
- 8 I. Every person or entity who leases or acquires an ownership or controlling interest in  
9 property within 10 miles of a protected facility shall file with the office of the attorney general,  
10 within one business day of closing, or, in the case of a lease, within one business day of the delivery  
11 of keys, access codes, or other methods of access to the premises, a qualified renter/purchaser  
12 affidavit signed under penalty of perjury, attesting that the person acquiring an ownership or  
13 controlling interest, or leasing the property:
- 14 (a) Is not a foreign principal or an agent of a foreign principal, as defined in this  
15 subdivision;
- 16 (b) Has read and understands both the prohibitions in this subdivision and the penalties  
17 for violations of the terms of this subdivision; and
- 18 (c) Is not prohibited from purchasing or leasing the property under this subdivision.
- 19 II. A failure to submit the qualified renter/purchaser affidavit to the attorney general's office  
20 does not affect the title or insurability of the title for the real property, or subject the listing,  
21 brokering, closing, or leasing agent to civil or criminal liability, unless the agent has actual  
22 knowledge that the transaction will result in a violation of this section so long as the agent has  
23 complied with the notice requirement in RSA 477:4-i. Nothing in this paragraph shall preclude the  
24 attorney general's office from initiating a forfeiture action in accordance with RSA 477:22-f.
- 25 III. Failure to submit a required affidavit under this section shall result in a \$500 civil  
26 penalty. Prior to an action against a natural person to impose the civil penalty, the attorney general  
27 shall give notice and provide 60 days to cure the violation. No opportunity to cure shall be offered to  
28 an entity in RSA 477:22-b, as knowledge of the filing requirement under this section shall be  
29 imputed.
- 30 477:22-e Illegal Acquisition of Property by a Foreign Principal.
- 31 I. Acquisition of property in violation of RSA 477:22-c is a:
- 32 (a) Class A misdemeanor, when committed by a natural person.
- 33 (b) Class B felony, when committed by an entity defined in RSA 477:22-b, I.
- 34 II. The attorney general's office may refer a violation of this section for prosecution to the  
35 county attorney's office in the county in which the subject property is located.
- 36 III. The attorney general's office may pursue a forfeiture action according to RSA 477:22-f  
37 against a person or entity convicted of an offense under paragraph I of this section.

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1 477:22-f Forfeiture of Real Property.

2 I. The department of justice may bring a forfeiture action according to this section against a  
3 person or entity who secured any ownership interest in real property in violation of this subdivision  
4 and who is convicted of an offense under RSA 477:22-e, I regarding that subject property.

5 II. Real property that is the subject of a conviction under RSA 477:22-e, I may be seized by  
6 the state and forfeited as provided in this section. Property seized under this section may be held by  
7 the state to secure it prior to forfeiture proceedings.

8 III. The state may seize the subject property by filing in the registry of deeds in the county  
9 where the property is located a notice of attachment stating that the state has attached the  
10 identified property pursuant to this section.

11 IV. The state shall have a lien on any property subject to forfeiture under this section upon  
12 seizure of such property. Upon forfeiture, the state's title to the property relates back to the date of  
13 seizure.

14 V. Within 30 days of the seizure of any real property under paragraph II, the attorney  
15 general shall file a petition in the superior court of the county in which the property was seized,  
16 requesting forfeiture of the property. The court shall issue an order of notice requiring the state to  
17 send by certified mail a copy of the petition to all owners of the property, including those with partial  
18 ownership or controlling interests, and to other persons appearing to have an interest in the  
19 property. If no such petition is filed within 30 days of the seizure of the property, the property shall  
20 be returned to its owners.

21 VI. Within 30 days of receipt of the attorney general's petition for forfeiture, the court shall  
22 schedule a hearing. This hearing shall be conducted as a civil action. The court may order forfeiture  
23 of the property seized under paragraph II if the state establishes, by a preponderance of the  
24 evidence, that (a) the ownership or controlling interest in the property was acquired in violation of  
25 this section, and (b) that the person or entity holding their interest in the property knew or should  
26 have known that they acquired their interest in violation of this chapter.

27 VII. If forfeiture is granted, the attorney general shall provide for the disposition of the  
28 forfeited property in any manner not prohibited by law, including retention of the property for  
29 official use by law enforcement or other public agencies, or by sale at public auction. The attorney  
30 general shall pay the reasonable expenses of the seizure, forfeiture proceeding, and sale of property  
31 from the proceeds of any public auction of forfeited items or from any penalty obtained under this  
32 chapter. All outstanding recorded liens on any property forfeited shall be paid in full within a  
33 reasonable time following the court proceedings.

34 477:22-g Rulemaking. The attorney general shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative  
35 to:

36 I. The contents and filing requirements for the qualified renter/purchaser affidavit; and

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- 1 II. Other provisions of this subdivision that the attorney general determines require  
2 administrative rules.
- 3 2 New Section; Notification of Qualified Renter/Purchaser Affidavit Requirement. Amend RSA  
4 477 by inserting after section 4-h the following new section:
- 5 477:4-i Notification of Qualified Renter/Purchaser Affidavit Requirement.
- 6 In any purchase and sale agreement, lease agreement, or rental agreement involving real  
7 property within 10 miles of a protected facility as defined in RSA 477:22-b, before signing an  
8 agreement to sell, transfer, lessee, or rent such real property the seller, lessor, or landlord, or the  
9 seller, lessor, or landlord's agent, shall provide written notice to the buyer, lessee, or tenant that the  
10 buyer, lessee, or tenant is required to file a qualified renter/purchase affidavit with the attorney  
11 general's office pursuant to RSA 477:22-d.
- 12 3 Effective Date. Sections 1 and 2 shall take effect January 1, 2026.

Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19  
Sen. Gannon, Dist 23  
Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5  
Sen. Rochefort, Dist 1  
May 22, 2025  
2025-2392s  
07/08

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 Accident and Health Insurance; Coverage for Prosthetic Devices. Amend RSA 415:18-ff to  
2 read as follows:

3 415:18-ff Coverage for Prosthetic Devices [~~for Children~~].

4 **I.** Each insurer that issues or renews a policy of group or blanket accident or health  
5 insurance providing benefits for medical or hospital expenses shall provide coverage for prosthetic  
6 devices, including activity-specific prosthetic devices, for children under 19 years of age, who are  
7 residents of this state and covered by such insurance. The insurer may limit coverage for activity-  
8 specific prosthetic devices to one activity-specific prosthetic device per plan year. Medically  
9 necessary prosthetic devices shall not be subject to any annual limits. Coverage under this section  
10 shall be subject to such other terms and conditions of the policy that may apply.

11 **II. Each insurer that issues or renews a policy of group or blanket accident or**  
12 **health insurance providing benefits for medical or hospital expenses shall provide**  
13 **coverage for prosthetic devices, including activity-specific prosthetic devices, for**  
14 **individuals over 19 years of age, who are residents of this state and covered by such**  
15 **insurance. The insurer may limit coverage for activity-specific prosthetic devices to one**  
16 **activity-specific prosthetic device every 5 years. Medically necessary prosthetic devices**  
17 **shall not be subject to any annual limits. Coverage under this section shall be subject to**  
18 **such other terms and conditions of the policy that may apply. The terms of this section do**  
19 **not apply to self-funded plans, including the State of NH's employee benefit plan.**

20 [~~H~~] **III.** Covered benefits shall include:

21 (a) All materials and components necessary to use the device;

22 (b) Instruction to the enrollee on using the device; and

23 (c) The repair or replacement of a prosthetic device that is determined medically  
24 necessary or is necessary for maximizing the enrollee's ability to engage in the specific activity.

25 [~~H~~] **IV.** In this section:

26 (a) "Prosthetic" means an artificial substitute for a body part for functional or  
27 therapeutic purposes.

28 (b) "Activity-specific prosthetic device" means a prosthetic device designed to allow an  
29 individual to participate in a specific activity that could damage the residual limb or everyday

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1 prosthesis, or when the everyday prosthesis would not function effectively to perform that specified  
2 activity.

3 ~~[[H.]]~~ **V.** This section shall not apply to plans available through the Small Business Health  
4 Options Program (SHOP).

5       **2** Coverage for Certain Prosthetic Devices. Amend RSA 415:18-n, I to read as follows:

6       **I.** Each insurer that issues or renews any policy of group accident or health insurance  
7 providing benefits for medical or hospital expenses, except for supplemental policies covering a  
8 specified disease or other limited benefit, shall provide to each group, or to the portion of each group  
9 comprised of certificate holders of such insurance who are residents of this state and whose principal  
10 place of employment is in this state, coverage for benefits for prosthetic devices under the same  
11 terms and conditions that apply to other durable medical equipment covered under the policy, except  
12 as otherwise provided in this section ***and except as otherwise provided in RSA 415:18-ff.***

13       **3** Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13  
May 9, 2025  
2025-2052s  
07/09

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Department of Environmental Services; Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated to the  
2 department of environmental services the sum of \$5,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026,  
3 and the sum of \$5,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, which shall be nonlapsing, for  
4 the purpose of making payments to communities for projects that have previously been awarded  
5 state aid grant funding for eligible and completed wastewater infrastructure projects, per RSA 486,  
6 as approved by the governor and executive council. Any remaining funds not used for making  
7 payments on existing grants may be used to award new grants. The governor is authorized to draw  
8 a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

2025-2052s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

1. Appropriates funds to the department of environmental services for the purpose of making payments to communities for projects that have previously been awarded state aid grant funding for eligible and completed wastewater infrastructure projects.

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- 1 Amend the bill by replacing sections 217 and 218 with the following:  
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- 3 217 Water Management and Protection; Dams, Mills, and Flowage; Annual Registration Fee.  
4 Amend RSA 482:8-a to read as follows:  
5 482:8-a Annual Registration Fee. Annual registration fees for dams shall be payable to the  
6 department on January 1 of each calendar year. Yearly dam registration fees shall be based on  
7 classification as follows: Low hazard potential = [~~\$400~~] **\$600**; Significant hazard potential = [~~\$750~~]  
8 **\$1,125**; High hazard potential = [~~\$1,500~~] **\$2,250**. If the hazard classification designated by the  
9 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a dam differs from the classification designated by the  
10 department, the annual dam registration fees shall be based on the classification designated by the  
11 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission except that a dam which is classified as a non-menace dam  
12 by the department shall be exempt from the annual dam registration fee for as long as the dam is  
13 classified by the department as a non-menace dam. Revenues from this annual registration are to be  
14 collected by the department and deposited in the dam maintenance fund established in RSA 482:55  
15 to be used for the inspection of dams.
- 16 218 Water Management and Protection; Dams, Mills, and Flowage; Preliminary Filing of  
17 Information. Amend RSA 482:9, II(a)-(d) to read as follows:  
18 (a) Non-hazard potential dam [~~\$2,000~~] **\$3,000**  
19 (b) Low hazard potential dam [~~\$3,000~~] **\$4,500**  
20 (c) Significant hazard potential dam [~~\$4,000~~] **\$6,000**  
21 (d) High hazard potential dam [~~\$4,000~~] **\$6,000**

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 165 with the following:

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3 165 Department of Environmental Services; Wetlands Council. Amend RSA 21-O:5-a, I(f) to  
4 read as follows:

5 (f) Eight members of the public appointed by the governor and council for a term of 3  
6 years or until a successor is chosen. One of these shall be a member of a municipal conservation  
7 commission at the time of appointment~~], and be one of 3 nominees submitted by the New Hampshire~~  
8 ~~Association of Conservation Commissions] and shall be submitted by the New Hampshire~~  
9 **Association of Conservation Commissions**; one shall be a supervisor, associate supervisor,  
10 former associate supervisor, or former supervisor, of a conservation district at the time of  
11 appointment~~], and be one of 3 nominees submitted by the New Hampshire Association of~~  
12 ~~Conservation Districts] and shall be submitted by the New Hampshire Association of~~  
13 **Conservation Districts**; one shall be a municipal official other than a member of the conservation  
14 commission at the time of appointment~~], and be nominated by the New Hampshire Municipal~~  
15 ~~Association] and shall be submitted by the New Hampshire Municipal Association~~; one shall  
16 be a natural resource scientist~~], and be one of 3 nominees submitted by the New Hampshire~~  
17 ~~Association of Natural Resource Scientists] submitted by the New Hampshire Association of~~  
18 **Natural Resource Scientists**; one shall be a member of the construction industry~~], and be one of 3~~  
19 ~~nominees submitted by the Associated General Contractors of New Hampshire] and shall be~~  
20 **submitted by the Associated General Contractors**; one shall be a member of the marine  
21 industry~~], and be one of 3 nominees submitted by the New Hampshire Marine Trades Association]~~  
22 **and shall be submitted by the New Hampshire Marine Trades Association**; one shall have  
23 experience in environmental protection and resource management at the time of appointment~~], and~~  
24 ~~be one of 4 nominees submitted, 2 each, by the New Hampshire Audubon Society and the Society for~~  
25 ~~the Protection of New Hampshire Forests] and shall be jointly submitted by New Hampshire~~  
26 **Audubon and the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests**; and one shall be a  
27 farm or forest landowner~~], and be one of 2 nominees submitted, one each, by the New Hampshire~~  
28 ~~Farm Bureau Federation and the New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association] and shall be~~  
29 **jointly submitted by the New Hampshire Farm Bureau Federation and the New Hampshire**  
30 **Timberland Owners Association**. One member of the council shall be elected annually as  
31 chairperson by the members of the council.

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 222 with the following:

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3 222 Public Health; Solid Waste Management Fund. RSA 149-R:4-6 are repealed and reenacted  
4 to read as follows:

5 149-R:4 Purpose and Use of the Fund.

6 I. The fund shall be used to support the administration and implementation of the  
7 department's solid waste technical assistance, planning, regulatory and permitting activities,  
8 including, but not limited to, waste reduction and diversion technical assistance, reducing the  
9 expense to municipalities of hazardous waste materials disposal and recycling, long term solid waste  
10 management planning, education and outreach efforts, and administration of payments in  
11 accordance with paragraphs II and III.

12 II. The fund shall be used to provide quarterly payments to New Hampshire municipalities  
13 for source reduction and recycling efforts to offset payments made by the municipality associated  
14 with the solid waste disposal surcharge established under RSA 149-R:5, based upon the tonnage of  
15 solid waste for which the municipality was financially responsible for disposal at a New Hampshire  
16 landfill, incinerator, or waste-to-energy facility. Administration of the payment program shall be in  
17 accordance with procedures established by rulemaking under the authority of RSA 149-R:6, IV and  
18 V. Such rulemaking shall specifically address the unique circumstances for municipalities that own  
19 and operate a facility that is subject to RSA 149-R:5, or that are part of a solid waste district that  
20 owns and operates such a facility, to ensure that the costs incurred by those municipalities are offset  
21 consistent with this chapter.

22 III. The fund shall be used to provide matching grant funding to New Hampshire  
23 municipalities, private entities, and businesses for projects that will provide a demonstrated,  
24 significant improvement in waste diversion methods and contribute to a reduction of wastes,  
25 including hazardous waste materials, requiring disposal, including a regional or municipal materials  
26 recovery facility operated by a public or private entity, and other regional recycling efforts.

27 IV. The fund may be used to hire consultants or contractors, or to pay other necessary  
28 expenses directly associated with approved activities in this chapter.

29 V. The department is authorized to solicit funds from any source, including the United  
30 States Environmental Protection Agency and other federal agencies, gifts, donations of money,  
31 grants, legislative appropriations, or any matching funds and incentives. Notwithstanding RSA 4:8

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- 1 and RSA 14:30, VI, the commissioner may accept and deposit such funds directly into the solid waste  
2 management fund to be used for the purpose described in RSA 149-R:4.
- 3 149-R:5 Solid Waste Disposal Surcharge.
- 4 I. Beginning January 1, 2026, solid waste disposed of at a New Hampshire landfill,  
5 incinerator, or waste-to-energy facility shall be subject to a surcharge at the rate of \$3.50 per ton.  
6 Notwithstanding RSA 149-M:4, XXII, materials used as cover material at landfills shall not be  
7 subject to the surcharge.
- 8 II. Such surcharge shall be paid quarterly to the department by each holder of a permit  
9 issued pursuant to RSA 149-M for a New Hampshire landfill, incinerator, or waste-to-energy facility  
10 for the solid waste disposed at such facility, on forms and with supporting documentation as  
11 provided for in rulemaking conducted pursuant to RSA 149-R:6, I, II, and III.
- 12 III. The first payment of the surcharge shall be due to the department no later than April  
13 30, 2026 and within 30 days of each quarter's end thereafter.
- 14 IV. The department shall deposit surcharges collected under this section into the fund.
- 15 V. Failure to pay surcharges within 30 days of the date due shall result in the assessment of  
16 interest at a rate established by rule pursuant to RSA 149-R:6, VII. The commissioner may waive  
17 all or any portion of interest for good cause. The department shall deposit interest collected under  
18 this section into the fund.
- 19 149-R:6 Rulemaking. The commissioner shall adopt rules, after public hearing and pursuant to  
20 RSA 541-A, relative to:
- 21 I. The time, amount, and manner of payment of solid waste disposal surcharges.
- 22 II. Required records to be kept by facility permit holders of the type and quantity of solid  
23 waste disposed.
- 24 III. Certified reports required to be submitted with surcharge payments by facility permit  
25 holders.
- 26 IV. The time, amount, and manner of payments to New Hampshire municipalities pursuant  
27 to RSA 149-R:4, II.
- 28 V. Certified reports required to be submitted by municipalities requesting payments  
29 pursuant to RSA 149-R:4, II.
- 30 VI. Administering matching grants pursuant to RSA 149-R:4, III.
- 31 VII. Establishment of the interest rate applied to late payments pursuant to RSA 149-R:5,  
32 V.
- 33 149-R:7 Penalties and Other Enforcement.
- 34 I. Any person who violates any of the provision of this chapter or any rule adopted under  
35 this chapter shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation. Each day a  
36 surcharge is not paid after it is due in accordance with RSA 149-R:5, III shall be a separate violation.

- 1           II. In addition to an action to recover unpaid surcharges and interest owed, any violation of  
2 the provisions of this chapter or of any rule adopted under this chapter, may be enjoined by the  
3 superior court upon application of the attorney general.
- 4           III. The provisions of RSA 7:15-a shall not apply to the collection of unpaid surcharges, and  
5 all money collected under this section shall be deposited into the fund.
- 6           149-R:8 Biennial Report. The department shall include in its biennial report required under  
7 RSA 149-M:29, II, information relative to the activities and finances of the solid waste management  
8 fund.

Sen. Innis, Dist 7  
Sen. Rochefort, Dist 1  
May 23, 2025  
2025-2430s  
07/11

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 Amend the bill by deleting sections 247 through 250, relative to the division of the arts.

2025-2430s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

DELETE:

111. Repeals the division of the arts in the department of natural and cultural resources.

Sen. Innis, Dist 7  
Sen. Rochefort, Dist 1  
May 23, 2025  
2025-2437s  
07/06

Amendment to HB 1-A

1     1 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources; General Fund Appropriation Reductions. The  
2 department of natural and cultural resources shall reduce general fund appropriations in AU 03-35-  
3 035-353510, Division of the Arts, by \$341,370 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and by  
4 \$152,641 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

Sen. Innis, Dist 7  
Sen. Rochefort, Dist 1  
May 23, 2025  
2025-2434s  
07/09

Amendment to HB 1-A

- 1 Amend the bill by deleting section 5, paragraph XII, and renumbering the original paragraphs XIII
- 2 and XIV to read as XII and XIII, respectively.

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Sen. Carson, Dist 14  
Sen. Lang, Dist 2  
May 27, 2025  
2025-2491s  
07/08

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by deleting sections 247-250, relative to repealing the division of the arts.

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3 1 The State and Its Government; State Treasurer and State Accounts; Application of Receipts.  
4 Amend RSA 6:12, I(b)(103) to read as follows:

5 (103) Moneys deposited in the ~~[state-art]~~ **granite patron of the arts** fund under  
6 RSA 19-A:9.

7 2 The State and Its Government; Council on the Arts; State Art Fund; Granite Patron of the  
8 Arts Fund. RSA 19-A:9 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:  
9 19-A:9 Granite Patron of the Arts Fund.

10 I. There is hereby established in the office of the state treasurer a fund to be known as the  
11 granite patron of the arts fund, which shall be kept separate and distinct from all other funds and  
12 shall be continually appropriated to the division of the arts and the New Hampshire council of the  
13 arts. Such fund shall be the depository of all gifts, grants, federal funds, or donations made to the  
14 division of the arts or the New Hampshire council of the arts pursuant to RSA 19-A and RSA 12-A:2-  
15 K, IV. Implementation expenses, the expenses of the division and council, any employees of the  
16 division or council, and operations and initiatives of the division and council shall be paid from such  
17 fund. Any moneys in such fund shall not lapse into the general fund of the state.

18 II. The division and the council are authorized to institute programs to solicit and receive  
19 any gifts, grants, donations, or to receive federal matching funds made for the encouragement of the  
20 arts and to deposit such gifts, grants, or donations in the New Hampshire council on the arts fund  
21 under this section. The division and the council shall acknowledge receipt of any gifts, grants, or  
22 donations within 15 days of receipt on a form provided by the commissioner of the department of  
23 revenue administration.

24 3 New Paragraph; Taxation; Business Profits Tax; Credits. Amend RSA 77-A:5 by inserting  
25 after paragraph XVI the following new paragraph:

26 XVII. There shall be allowed a granite patron of the arts tax credit, according to the  
27 following:

28 (a) The credit shall be the lesser of 50 percent of donations made to the granite patron of  
29 the arts fund or the proportional share of the maximum aggregate credit amount allowed. The  
30 department of revenue administration shall oversee and administer the granite patron of the arts  
31 tax credit, and may make additional rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, concerning the credit under this

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1 paragraph. No carry forward of this credit shall be allowed. The maximum credit allowed for all  
2 taxpayers shall be \$350,000 per fiscal year.

3 (b) Taxpayers shall apply for the tax credit on forms provided by the commissioner and  
4 shall be accompanied by information or records required by the commissioner. Such application  
5 shall be filed no later than June 30 following the tax year during which the donations occurred.

6 (c) A determination on the final amount of the credit awarded by the commissioner to  
7 each taxpayer claiming the credit shall be made no later than September 30 of each year.

8 4 New Section; Business Enterprise Tax; Granite Patron of the Arts Credit. Amend RSA 77-E  
9 by inserting after section 3-e the following new section:

10 77-E:3-f Granite Patron of the Arts Credit. The unused portion of any granite patron of the arts  
11 tax credit awarded by the commissioner under RSA 77-A:5, XVII, shall be available to apply to the  
12 business enterprise tax.

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 69 with the following:

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3 69 Opioid Abatement Trust Fund; Substance Abuse Enforcement Program. For the biennium  
4 ending June 30, 2027, \$3,500,000 from the opioid abatement trust fund, established under RSA 126-  
5 A:83, may be appropriated to the department of safety, as authorized by the general court. These  
6 funds are intended to cover overtime costs for county and local law enforcement officers participating  
7 in the substance abuse enforcement program, established under RSA 21-P:66. Specifically, the  
8 funding 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.

11 70 Substance Abuse Enforcement Program. Amend RSA 21-P:66, I by inserting after  
12 subparagraph (b) the following new subparagraph:

13 (c) For law enforcement agencies in Coos, Grafton, Carroll, and Sullivan counties, costs  
14 for hiring additional officers carrying out law enforcement activities aimed at preventing or reducing  
15 overdose deaths and other opioid related harms.

16 71 Substance Abuse Enforcement Program. Amend RSA 21-P:66, IV(a) to read as follows:

17 (a) **Except for Coos, Grafton, Carroll, and Sullivan counties**, no funds shall be  
18 granted for "purchase of evidence" or for "confidential funds."

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 New Section; Criminal Background Checks; Motions for the Return of Firearms and  
2 Ammunition. Amend RSA 159-D by inserting after section 3 the following new section:

3 159-D:4 Motions for the Return of Firearms and Ammunition.

4 I. In any matter pending before a court in New Hampshire where firearms and/or  
5 ammunition have been seized or removed from an individual in connection with a restraining order  
6 issued under RSA 173-B or RSA 633:3-a, an order pertaining to a criminal proceeding such as a bail  
7 order, or any other order issued pursuant to the statutory or equitable authority of a court, the  
8 individual whose firearms and/or ammunition property has been seized or removed shall be entitled  
9 to the prompt return of his or her property upon the termination or expiration of the relevant order,  
10 unless such individual is explicitly prohibited from receiving said property by a state or federal  
11 statute.

12 II. A court shall not be required to request, conduct, or receive the results of a background  
13 check prior to returning firearm property to its owner. Should any New Hampshire court require, at  
14 its discretion, that a background check be conducted on an individual prior to the return of his or her  
15 firearm property, the following conditions shall apply:

16 (a) Upon receipt of a motion or other request for the return of firearms, whether written  
17 or oral, the court shall request a National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) check  
18 with the New Hampshire department of safety within 2 business days.

19 (b) The department of safety shall initiate a NICS check and shall provide a conclusive  
20 response to the court within 10 business days of receiving the court's request stating either "proceed"  
21 or "deny." A "deny" response shall only be provided if the NICS check depicts that the individual is  
22 clearly prohibited from possessing a firearm pursuant to state or federal law. If the NICS check is  
23 inconclusive and the department of safety cannot explicitly demonstrate that the individual is  
24 prohibited from possessing a firearm within 10 business days of the court's request, the department  
25 of safety may provide a "proceed" response to the requesting court.

26 (c) If the department of safety issues a "deny" response, it must provide a specific  
27 citation to statute, such as one of the prohibited categories included in 18 U.S.C. section 922(g), and  
28 a narration of the specific facts relied upon for finding that the individual is prohibited from  
29 possessing a firearm. The narration supporting a "deny" response shall be held in a confidential  
30 record with the court and only accessible to court staff, the individual seeking the return of firearms,  
31 and his or her designated legal counsel.

1 (d) Should the court receive a “deny” response from the department of safety, the  
2 individual seeking the return of firearms property shall be promptly notified and may, within 10  
3 business days of receiving notice, request that the court hold a hearing on the matter. Any such  
4 hearing shall be scheduled within 10 business days of the court's receiving such a request. At the  
5 hearing, the department of safety shall attend and shall hold the burden to demonstrate, by clear  
6 and convincing evidence, that the individual seeking the return of firearms property is prohibited  
7 from receiving said property under state or federal law. Should the department of safety fail to  
8 attend or to meet its burden, the court shall order that the firearms property at issue be returned.

9 (e) Should any person seeking the return of firearms be aggrieved by an order made by  
10 the trial court pursuant to the department of safety's determination pursuant to subparagraph II(c),  
11 or the court's determination after conducting a hearing as set forth in subparagraph II(d), such  
12 person shall be entitled to appeal the court's decision within 30 days, and have his or her case heard  
13 by the New Hampshire supreme court. In any such case, a transcript of the proceedings and the  
14 trial court's record shall be transmitted to the supreme court in full, without any fee charged to the  
15 petitioner.

16 (f) Upon receipt of a “proceed” response from the department of safety, the court shall  
17 immediately issue an order to return the property. The order shall be mailed to the law enforcement  
18 agency and the petitioner. The court shall telephonically notify the petitioner that he or she may  
19 pick up the order at the court. The law enforcement agency shall accept an original of the order from  
20 the petitioner and return the property.

21 2 Effective Date. Section 1 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend RSA 261:141, III(g)-(k) as inserted by section 342 of the bill by replacing it with the  
2 following:

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(g) For all motor vehicles other than those in RSA 261:141, I:

4 0-3000 lbs. [~~\$31.20~~(\$2.60 per month)] **\$42 (\$3.50 per month)**

5 3001-5000 lbs. [~~\$43.20~~(\$3.60 per month)] **\$48 (\$4 per month)**

6 5001-8000 lbs. [~~\$55.20~~(\$4.60 per month)] **\$66 (\$5.50 per month)**

7 8001-73,280 lbs. [~~\$-96~~] **\$1.06** per hundred lbs. gross weight.

8 (h) Truck-tractors to be used in conjunction with a semi-trailer, gross weight shall  
9 include the weight of such tractors, the weight of the heaviest semi-trailer to be used therewith, and  
10 the weight of the maximum load to be carried thereby: up to 73,280 pounds [~~\$-96~~] **\$1.06** per 100  
11 pounds gross weight, over 73,280 pounds [~~\$1.44~~] **\$1.58** shall be charged for each 100 pounds gross  
12 weight or portion thereof in excess of 73,280 pounds.

13 (i) Each additional semi-trailer used in conjunction with such truck-tractor [~~\$24.00~~]  
14 **\$26.40**

15 (j) For semi-trailers or automobile utility trailers (the weight of the trailer shall include  
16 the maximum load to be carried thereby):

17 0-1000 lbs. [~~\$-3.00~~] **\$3.30**

18 1001-1500 lbs. [~~6.00~~] **\$6.60**

19 1501-3000 lbs. [~~12.00~~] **\$13.20**

20 3001-5000 lbs. [~~24.00~~] **\$26.40**

21 5001-8000 lbs. [~~36.00~~] **\$39.60**

22 8001-up [~~-60~~] **\$0.66** per hundred lbs. gross weight.

23 (k) For each semi-trailer not registered in connection with a truck-tractor, the gross  
24 weight shall include the weight of such trailer and the weight of the maximum load to be carried  
25 thereby. The registration fee shall be [~~\$-60~~] **\$0.66** per hundred lbs. gross weight and such trailer  
26 shall not be registered for less than 10,000 lbs.  
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Sen. Lang, Dist 2  
May 23, 2025  
2025-2426s  
06/08

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 Appropriations. Any available funding, as of June 30, 2025, in the accounting units 06-56-56-  
2 567010-3041, 06-56-56-567010-3046, 06-56-56-567010-3047, 06-56-56-562010-2503, 06-56-56-5660010-  
3 6001, 06-56-56-560510-7007, 06-56-56-560510-6003, 06-56-56-567010-2171, 06-56-56-566510-3029,  
4 and 06-56-56-566510-8679, shall be continually appropriated to the department of education, for  
5 facility related expenditures, including but not limited to repairs, improvements, maintenance,  
6 technology, safety, security, and facility improvements, and shall not lapse until June 30, 2027.  
7 2 Effective Date. Section 1 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2025.

2025-2426s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Add:

1. Directs any available funding in certain accounts to be continually appropriated for the biennium to the department of education for expenditures related to repairs, improvements, maintenance, technology, safety, security, and facility upgrades.

Sen. Lang, Dist 2  
May 26, 2025  
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07/06

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1    1    Effective Date. Section 377 of this act shall take effect September 1, 2025.

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Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Department of Education; Application for Medicaid Direct Certification Program; Public  
2 Kindergarten, Elementary, and Secondary Schools. The department of education shall seek  
3 participation in the Demonstration Projects to Evaluate Direct Certification with Medicaid  
4 administered by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The department of health  
5 and human services shall assist the department of education as needed in pursuing and  
6 implementing this new direct certification methodology.

7 2 Department of Health and Human Services; Free And Reduced Meal Program. The  
8 department of health and human services shall provide Medicaid applicants the option to  
9 automatically enroll their children in the school free and reduced meals program, if income eligibility  
10 is met, to participate in the Demonstration Projects to Evaluate Direct Certification with Medicaid  
11 administered by the United States Department of Agriculture. Participants shall only be opted into  
12 such program if the participants consent on their application.

13 3 Education; School Money; Public Kindergarten, Elementary, and Secondary Schools. The  
14 department of education shall divide each pupil eligible for a free or reduced-price meal by the  
15 average daily membership in residence (ADMR), as defined in RSA 198:38, I-a(a), for each district  
16 and town for the 2025-2026 school year. The resulting percentage shall be applied to the ADMR for  
17 the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years to establish a new calculation of ADMR for which pupils  
18 are eligible for a free or reduced price meal, and shall be used to calculate differential aid under RSA  
19 198:40-a, II(b) and extraordinary need grants under RSA 198:40-f.

20 4 Contingency. Section 3 of this act shall take effect on the date the department of education's  
21 participation in Demonstration Projects to Evaluate Direct Certification with Medicaid has been  
22 approved by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the commissioner of the  
23 department of education provides notice of such to the secretary of state and the director of the office  
24 of legislative services. If the application is not approved, section 3 of this act shall not take effect.

25 5 Prospective Repeal. Sections 1, 2, and 3 of this act, relative to participation in the  
26 Demonstration Projects to Evaluate Direct Certification with Medicaid, are repealed.

27 6 Legislative Reporting Requirement. On or before July 1, 2028, the commissioner of the  
28 department of education and the commissioner of the department of health and human services shall  
29 submit a report to the senate president, the speaker of the house of representatives, the governor,  
30 the house clerk, the senate clerk, and state public library regarding the state's participation in the  
31 Demonstration Projects to Evaluate Direct Certification with Medicaid. The report shall include the  
32 number of children who signed up for the free and reduced meal program through Medicaid Direct

1 and, of those students, the number of children who were new participants to the free and reduced  
2 price meal program. The report shall also evaluate the relative success and cost of the program as  
3 implemented and, if possible, include projected costs of implementation in the future.

4 7 Effective Date.

5 I. Section 3 of this act shall take effect as provided in section 4 of this act.

6 II. Section 5 of this act shall take effect on July 1, 2028.

7 III. Sections 1 and 2 of this act take effect upon its passage.

DRAFT OR PRELIMINARY

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by replacing sections 451 and 452 with the following:

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3 451 New Subdivision; Prohibition on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Amend RSA 21-I by  
4 inserting after section 111 the following new subdivision:

5 Prohibition on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

6 21-I:112 Definitions. In this subdivision:

7 I. "Agency" means any department, office, commission, board, subdivision, or other unit,  
8 however designated, of the executive branch of state government.

9 II. "Diversity, equity, and inclusion" or "DEI" shall mean any program, policy, training, or  
10 initiative that classifies individuals based on a characteristic identified under RSA 354-A:1 for the  
11 purpose of achieving demographic outcomes, rather than treating individuals equally under the law.  
12 The policy shall not apply to any group classified under any federal or state statute for services  
13 based on group or demographic characteristics.

14 III. "Political subdivision" means any village district, school district, town, city, county, or  
15 unincorporated place in the state.

16 21-I:113 Prohibition on DEI Initiatives. No public entity shall implement, promote, or otherwise  
17 engage in any DEI-related initiatives, programs, training, or policies. No state funds shall be  
18 expended for DEI-related activities, including but not limited to implicit bias training, DEI  
19 assessments, critical race theory, or race-based hiring, promotion, or contracting preferences.

20 21-I:114 Prohibition on DEI-Related Contract Provisions. No agencies or political subdivisions  
21 shall enter into or renew any contract that includes DEI-related provisions, including requirements  
22 for contractors to implement DEI programs, conduct DEI training, or comply with DEI-related  
23 reporting obligations.

24 21-I:115 Review of Agency Contracts for DEI-Related Contract Provisions. Each state agency  
25 shall, no later than October 1, 2025, submit to the department of administrative services a report  
26 identifying all contracts under its control that include DEI-related provisions. The report shall  
27 include descriptions of each contract, the specific DEI-related provisions contained therein, and the  
28 total financial obligation associated with each contract. The department shall combine and submit a  
29 consolidated report to the governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and the president of the  
30 senate.

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1 21-I:116 Review of Political Subdivision DEI-Related Contract Provisions. The department of  
2 justice shall establish a process by which all political subdivisions review their existing contracts for  
3 the presence of DEI--related provisions.

4 452 New Subdivision; Prohibition on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Public Schools. Amend  
5 RSA 186 by inserting after section 70 the following new subdivision:

6 Prohibition on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Public Schools

7 186:71 Definitions. In this subdivision:

8 I. "Diversity, equity, and inclusion" or "DEI" shall mean any program, policy, training, or  
9 initiative that classifies individuals based on a characteristic identified under RSA 354-A:1 for the  
10 purpose of achieving demographic outcomes, rather than treating individuals equally under the law.  
11 The policy shall not apply to any group classified under any federal or state statute for services  
12 based on group or demographic characteristics.

13 II. "Public school" means any school, academic institution, or institution of higher education  
14 in this state supported by public funds.

15 186:72 Prohibition on DEI Initiatives. No public school shall implement, promote, or otherwise  
16 engage in any DEI-related initiatives, programs, training, or policies. No state funds shall be  
17 expended to public schools for DEI-related activities, including but not limited to implicit bias  
18 training, DEI assessments, critical race theory, or race-based hiring, promotion, or contracting  
19 preferences. This prohibition shall extend to any public school as defined in RSA 186:71, II.

20 186:73 Prohibition on DEI-Related Contract Provisions. No public school shall enter into,  
21 renew, or amend any contract that includes DEI-related provisions, including requirements for  
22 contractors to implement DEI programs, conduct DEI training, or comply with DEI-related reporting  
23 obligations.

24 186:74 Review of Public School Contracts for DEI-Related Contract Provisions. No later than  
25 October 1, 2025, the commissioner of the department of education shall submit a single report to the  
26 senate education, senate education finance, house education funding, and house education policy and  
27 administration committees of the general court identifying all existing contracts containing DEI-  
28 related provisions in public schools. The report shall include contract descriptions, the specific DEI-  
29 related provisions, and the total financial obligation associated with each contract.

30 186:75 Review of Public School DEI-Related Contract Provisions.

31 I. The commissioner of the department of education shall establish a process by which all  
32 public schools shall conduct a review of existing contracts for the presence of DEI-related provisions.

33 II. No later than September 30, 2025, each public school shall submit a signed and certified  
34 report to the commissioner of the department of education identifying any contract containing DEI-  
35 related provisions. The report shall include contract descriptions, the specific DEI-related  
36 provisions, and the total financial obligation associated with each contract.

1 186:76 Final Compliance Report. The commissioner of the department of education shall submit  
2 a final compliance report to the governor, executive council, and the senate education, senate  
3 education finance, house education funding, and house education policy and administration  
4 committees of the general court by April 1, 2026, detailing the progress of public schools in  
5 eliminating DEI-related provisions from contracts.

6 187:77 Interpretation and Compliance.

7 I. Should a public school fail to abide by any section of this subdivision, either knowingly or  
8 unknowingly, the commissioner of the department of education shall immediately halt all sources of  
9 public funding to that public school, until such time as the school comes into compliance with all  
10 sections of this subdivision.

11 II. The commissioner of the department of education shall notify the state treasurer if a  
12 public school is not in compliance with this subdivision, at which time the treasurer shall halt all  
13 forms of public funding to the school until the commissioner has certified the school come into  
14 compliance with this subdivision.

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by replacing sections 60-68 with the following:

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3 60 New Subparagraph; Application of Receipts. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by inserting after  
4 subparagraph (399) the following new subparagraph:

5 (400) Moneys deposited in the elderly, disabled, blind, and deaf exemption  
6 reimbursement fund as established in RSA 72:42-a.

7 61 New Section; Elderly-Disabled-Blind-Deaf Exemption Reimbursement Fund Established.  
8 Amend RSA 72 by inserting after section 42 the following new section:

9 72:42-a Elderly, Disabled, Blind, and Deaf Exemption Reimbursement Fund established

10 I. There is hereby established an elderly, disabled, blind, and deaf exemption  
11 reimbursement fund ("fund"). The purpose of the fund shall be to reimburse municipalities for  
12 revenue not realized due to tax exemptions utilized in their communities under RSAs 72:37, 72:37-b,  
13 72:38-b, 72:39-a, and 72:39-b. The fund shall be funded by fees collected pursuant to RSA 287-J:6,  
14 II(b)(2).

15 II.(a) Not later than May 1 of every year, the department of revenue administration shall  
16 provide to the department of treasury a report of the exemptions under RSAs 72:37, 72:37-b, 72:38-b,  
17 72:39-a, and 72:39-b, as reported by municipalities on their summary inventory of valuation (MS-1)  
18 for the preceding tax year.

19 (b) Not later than July 31 of every year, the department of revenue administration shall  
20 pay to each municipality out of the fund the amount reported pursuant to subparagraph (a), as  
21 reimbursement.

22 (c) Notwithstanding subparagraph (b), if the fund does not have sufficient funds to fully  
23 pay municipalities as set forth in subparagraph (b), the department of revenue administration shall  
24 pay to each municipality a pro-rated amount of its reported exemptions, by applying the ratio of  
25 available funds to total claimed exemptions to each municipality's reported exemptions.

26 (d) Not later than October 1 of every year, department of revenue administration shall  
27 issue a report of the amounts paid to municipalities under either subparagraph (b) or (c), for use by  
28 the department in municipal rate setting. Such report shall be submitted to the president of the  
29 senate, the speaker of the house, and the chairs of the house and senate ways and means  
30 committees.

31 III. The department of revenue administration is authorized to create rules under RSA 541-  
32 a to implement this chapter.

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1       62 New Section; Voluntary Statewide Self-Exclusion. Amend RSA 284 by inserting after section  
2 6-c the following new section:

3       284:6-d Voluntary Statewide Self-Exclusion.

4           I. To reduce and mitigate the effects of problem gambling, the commission shall establish a  
5 centralized voluntary statewide self-exclusion database for all forms of legal gaming throughout New  
6 Hampshire, through an agent selected through a competitive bid process and approved by the  
7 governor and executive council. The commission shall ensure that an agent demonstrates financial  
8 stability, responsibility, good character, honesty, and integrity. In selecting an agent, the  
9 commission shall consider, at a minimum, the experience and background of the agent and the  
10 ability of the agent to securely and anonymously collect and transmit relevant data among the  
11 operators and systems of all forms of regulated gaming in New Hampshire. The commission shall  
12 select a group of bidders who best meet the criteria set forth in this paragraph and select from that  
13 group the agent whose bid is best suited to accomplish the stated objectives. All agents shall be  
14 subject to criminal and financial background checks as prescribed by the commission.

15           II. The commission may adopt rules requiring vendors, agents, and entities licensed or  
16 registered under chapter 284, chapter 287-D, chapter 287-H, chapter 287-I, and chapter 287-J to  
17 participate in any program established in section II, above.

18           III. Notwithstanding RSA 91-A, records and information obtained or developed by the  
19 commission or its agent as part of establishing and administering the list of persons who voluntarily  
20 request exclusion under paragraph I, above, shall be confidential and shall not be subject to  
21 disclosure or to public inspection except that information may be released only with the written  
22 consent of the person requesting voluntary exclusion. Statistical data and general information that  
23 do not allow for a person on the voluntary exclusion list to be personally identified are not  
24 confidential.

25       63 State Lottery and Gaming Commission. Amend RSA 284:21-a to read as follows:

26       284:21-a State Lottery **and Gaming** Commission. There shall be and hereby is created a state  
27 lottery **and gaming** commission consisting of 3 members who shall be appointed and may be  
28 removed for cause by the governor with the advice and consent of the council. One member shall be  
29 appointed for one year, one for 2 years and one for 3 years, and upon the expiration of their terms of  
30 office their successors shall be appointed for a term of 3 years. Any vacancy shall be filled by  
31 appointment for the unexpired term. No member of the commission shall have any pecuniary or  
32 other interest in any supplier or agent to the commission or in any licensee licensed under the  
33 provisions of this chapter. ***The commission shall be properly addressed as the “New  
34 Hampshire lottery and gaming commission” but all statutory and regulatory references to  
35 “lottery commission” shall remain valid and shall be used synonymously.***

36       64 Definitions. Amend RSA 287-D:1, XII to read as follows:

1 XII. *"High-Stakes tournament" means a tournament of a game of chance in which*  
2 *the required buy-in for participation in the tournament is \$2,500 or greater.*

3 XIII. *"Video lottery terminal" or "VLT" means any device which, upon payment of*  
4 *bill, coins or vouchers, is available to play or operate and may entitle the patron to receive*  
5 *cash, vouchers, or electronic credits redeemable for cash. The results, including options*  
6 *available to the patron, are randomly determined by the device. A device may use spinning*  
7 *reels or video displays or both. This definition does not include any device that sells lottery*  
8 *tickets, pari-mutuel wagers, nor any device which is operated through, utilizes, or is played*  
9 *on or with assistance from the Internet.*

10 XIV. "Wager" means a monetary agreement between 2 or more persons that a sum of money  
11 or other valuable thing shall be paid to one of them on the happening or not happening of an  
12 uncertain event. Wager may be used synonymously with the term "bet."

13 XV. *"Wide-area progressive link" means a networked gaming system that connects*  
14 *electronic gaming devices located at multiple licensed gaming establishments to a common*  
15 *progressive jackpot pool, allowing for contributions from each linked machine, regardless*  
16 *of location, to incrementally increase a shared jackpot prize, which can be won by any*  
17 *eligible player participating on any of the linked devices.*

18 65 Rulemaking. Amend RSA 287-D:3, XVII to read as follows:

19 XVII. *The licensing and enforcement of VLT licensees, terminals, and compliance*  
20 *requirements under RSA 287-J.*

21 XVIII. Other matters related to the proper administration of this chapter.

22 66 New Section; Games of Chance; High-Stakes Tournaments. Amend RSA 287-D by inserting  
23 after section 3 the following new section:

24 287-D:3-a High-Stakes Tournaments. A licensed game operator employer may conduct a high-  
25 stakes game of chance tournament provided that:

26 I. The tournament is held at a facility licensed to conduct games of chance under RSA 287-  
27 D.

28 II. The tournament is conducted in accordance with the rules and procedures established by  
29 the lottery commission.

30 III. The game operator submits the tournament structure, entry fees, rake structure, and  
31 prize payout distribution to the lottery commission at least 30 days prior to the tournament start  
32 date for approval.

33 IV. The tournament is conducted using approved dealers and equipment.

34 67 Games, Amusements, and Athletic Exhibitions; Games of Chance; Wager RSA 287-D:16 is  
35 repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

1 287-D:16 Wagers. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no maximum  
2 wager shall apply to any game of chance conducted under this chapter or any historic horse race  
3 under RSA 284:22-b, including table games, historic horse racing, and VLT wagers.

4 68 Games, Amusements, and Athletic Exhibitions; Games of Chance; Prizes. Amend RSA 287-  
5 D:20 to read as follows:

6 287-D:20 Prizes.

7 I. In games where chips have no monetary value, **except for high-stakes tournaments, as**  
8 **defined in RSA 287-D:1, XI-a**, 3 percent of all funds collected from players, less moneys used by  
9 the lottery commission to fund authorized personnel expenses and related costs, shall be paid to the  
10 state treasurer to be deposited into the special fund established in RSA 284:21-j. Such payments  
11 shall be made once per month not later than the [5th] **15th** day of the month for the funds collected  
12 in the previous month.

13 **I-a. In high-stakes tournaments, as defined in RSA 287-D:1, XI-a, 5 percent of house**  
14 **winnings, after prizes paid, less moneys used by the lottery commission to fund authorized**  
15 **personnel expenses and related costs, shall be paid to the state treasurer to be deposited**  
16 **into the special fund established in RSA 284:21-j. Such payments shall be made once per**  
17 **month not later than the 15th day of the month for the funds collected in the previous**  
18 **month.**

19 II. In games where chips have monetary value, 10 percent of the rake or house winnings and  
20 other moneys collected by the game operator that are not paid out as prizes to players, less moneys  
21 used by the lottery commission to fund authorized personnel expenses and related costs, shall be  
22 paid to the state treasurer for deposit into the special fund established in RSA 284:21-j. Such  
23 payments shall be made once per month not later than the [5th] **15th** day of the month for the funds  
24 collected in the previous month.

25 **III. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the cash value of free bets and**  
26 **promotional credits of all table games, historic horse racing (HHR), and VLTs shall be**  
27 **exempted from revenues subject to charity allocation and payments to the state, so long as**  
28 **the cash value of such promotions for each type of game, whether it be table games, HHR,**  
29 **or VLTs, does not exceed 15 percent of the total revenue from that type of game for a given**  
30 **month.**

31 69 New Chapter; Video Lottery Terminals. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 287-I the  
32 following new chapter:

33 CHAPTER 287-J

34 VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS

35 287-J:1 Definitions.

36 For the purposes of this chapter these words shall have the following meaning:

37 I. "Applicant" means an individual or entity applying for a license under this chapter.

- 1 II. "Commission" means the lottery and gaming commission.
- 2 III. "Gross video lottery revenue" means the total of all sums actually received by a VLT
- 3 licensee from operation of video lottery terminals, minus the total of all sums actually paid out as
- 4 winnings to patrons, less any free play paid to patrons. The maximum amount of free play that any
- 5 one licensee can deduct from gross video lottery revenue shall be 12.5 percent in any calendar year.
- 6 IV. "Facility" means a facility licensed under RSA 287-D for the conduct of charitable
- 7 gaming.
- 8 V. "Video lottery terminal" or "VLT" means any device which, upon payment of bills, coins or
- 9 vouchers, is available to play or operate and may entitle the patron to receive cash, vouchers, or
- 10 electronic credits redeemable for cash. The results, including options available to the patron, are
- 11 randomly determined by the device. A device may use spinning reels or video displays or both. This
- 12 definition does not include any device that sells lottery tickets, pari-mutuel wagers, nor any device
- 13 which is operated through, utilizes, or is played on or with assistance from the Internet.
- 14 VI. "VLT license" means a license issued in accordance with this section, to offer video
- 15 lottery terminals to the public.
- 16 VII. "VLT licensee" means a game operator employer licensee that has been granted a VLT
- 17 license under this section.
- 18 VIII. "Voucher" means a printed wagering instrument, issued by a video lottery terminal at
- 19 a facility, that has a fixed dollar wagering value which can only be used to acquire an equivalent
- 20 value of cashable credits or cash.
- 21 287-J:2 Enforcement. The commission, with the assistance of the attorney general and the chief
- 22 of police of any city or town where licensed facilities are located, shall administer and enforce the
- 23 provisions of this chapter. To enforce the requirements of this chapter, the commission may exercise
- 24 all rights of enforcement, including but not limited to its subpoena power, investigation authority,
- 25 and authority to issue administrative orders and fines, granted to the commission by RSA 287-D.
- 26 287-J:3 Rulemaking. The commission shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to:
- 27 I. The application procedure for VLT licenses for game operators.
- 28 II. Information to be required on VLT license applications for VLT licenses for game
- 29 operators.
- 30 III. The conducting and operation of video lottery terminals.
- 31 IV. Accountability controls to ensure game integrity, including, but not limited to, cash,
- 32 prizes, income, expense and financial reporting, and recordkeeping to be implemented by VLT
- 33 licensees in addition to requirements set forth in RSA 287-D:22.
- 34 V. Investigation and enforcement to ensure compliance with this chapter.
- 35 VI. Other matters related to the proper administration of this chapter.
- 36 287-J:4 Eligible Operators.

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- 1 I. To be eligible for a VLT license, the applicant shall have been licensed or eligible for  
2 licensure to sell pari-mutuel pools on historic horse races under RSA 287-D and under RSA 284:22-b  
3 as of the effective date of this chapter. A license shall not be permitted to be transferred or sold.
- 4 II. Applicants eligible to obtain a VLT license pursuant to paragraph I of this section shall  
5 submit to background, financial, and suitability checks pursuant to RSA 287-D:11 and RSA 287-  
6 D:12, to ensure the applicant's ability to conduct video lottery terminals in accordance with the  
7 provisions of RSA 287-D and this chapter. An entity found suitable for gaming by the commission as  
8 of the effective date of this chapter shall satisfy paragraph I and RSA 284:22-b. The applicant for a  
9 VLT license shall submit to the commission a criminal history records release form, as provided by  
10 the division of state police, which authorizes the division of state police to conduct a criminal history  
11 records check through its state records and through the Federal Bureau of Investigation and to  
12 release a report of the applicant's criminal history and record information, including confidential  
13 criminal history record information, to the commission.
- 14 III. Applicants seeking a VLT license shall apply utilizing forms supplied by the lottery  
15 commission. The VLT license fee shall be \$2,000 per three-year license period.
- 16 IV. Applicants seeking a VLT license must also obtain a game operator employer license in  
17 accordance with RSA 287-D prior to commencing VLT operations.
- 18 287-J:5 Operation of Video Lottery Terminals.
- 19 I. Prior to use all VLTs must have been tested by an independent testing laboratory and  
20 approved by the commission to ensure integrity and proper working order.
- 21 II. No VLT shall be operated except within the facility of an eligible VLT licensee during the  
22 facility's approved hours of play of charitable games.
- 23 III. VLTs shall operate to ensure a minimum average daily aggregate payback of 88 percent  
24 computed for all VLTs operated at each facility on a quarterly basis.
- 25 IV. VLTs shall operate to ensure a minimum average daily aggregate payback of 88 percent  
26 computed for all VLTs operated at each facility on a quarterly basis, except for machines that are  
27 tied to a wide-area progressive link, which shall have minimum average daily aggregate payback of  
28 80 percent. For historic horse racing pools authorized by RSA 284:22-b tied to a wide-area  
29 progressive link, the commission on such pools shall be set at a rate no greater than 20 percent.  
30 287-J:6 Revenue Share.
- 31 I. Each VLT licensee shall collect a sum equal to 31.25 percent of gross video lottery  
32 revenue.
- 33 II. Each VLT licensee shall distribute 0.25 percent of gross video lottery revenue collected to  
34 the governor's commission on addiction, treatment, and prevention.
- 35 III. Each VLT licensee shall distribute 31 percent of gross video lottery revenue shall be  
36 distributed pursuant to subparagraphs (a) and (b).

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- 1 (a) Each licensee shall distribute 35 percent of the amount collected under paragraph III  
2 to charitable organizations with whom the licensee contracts on each licensed game date. Each VLT  
3 licensee must contract with 2 licensed charitable organizations for each game date.
- 4 (b) The remainder collected under paragraph III shall be paid to the commission and  
5 distributed as follows:
- 6 (1) 25 percent to the special fund established under RSA 284:21-j for use as provided  
7 in that section;
- 8 (2) 75 percent to the general fund.
- 9 287-J:7 Unclaimed Vouchers.
- 10 I. Vouchers shall remain valid for 180 days from the date printed, after which the obligation  
11 of the VLT licensee to pay the patron any value remaining on a voucher expires.
- 12 II. Before the end of each calendar month, the VLT licensee shall report and remit the total  
13 value of vouchers that expired during the preceding calendar month in a format prescribed by the  
14 commission.
- 15 III. Such moneys shall become a part of the special fund established in RSA 284:21-j.
- 16 70 Games, Amusements, and Athletic Exhibitions; Games of Chance; Video Lottery Terminals.
- 17 Amend RSA 287-J:6, III(b)(1) and (2) to read as follows:
- 18 (1) 25 percent to the special fund established under RSA 284:21-j for use as provided  
19 in that section;
- 20 (2) **25 percent to the elderly-disabled-blind-deaf exemption reimbursement**  
21 **fund established under RSA 72:42-a; and**
- 22 (3) [75] 50 percent to the general fund.
- 23 71 Effective Date. Sections 60, 61, and 70 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2027.

Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19  
May 15, 2025  
2025-2201s  
05/09

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services; Community Mental Health Center  
2 Housing Grants. The sum of \$1,500,000, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, is appropriated to  
3 the department of health and human services to support existing mental health housing stocks and  
4 develop expansion of existing facilities. Said sum shall be nonlapsing. The governor is authorized to  
5 draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. The  
6 department of health and human services shall issue a request for grant applications for the purpose  
7 of awarding housing grants to community mental health centers to retain and create new housing in  
8 the community. Grants may be disbursed for up to \$50,000 per bed. The department shall initiate  
9 the request for grant applications and grant disbursement by December 1, 2025.  
10 2 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services; Community Mental Health Center  
11 Supported Housing Programs. The sum of \$1,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and  
12 the sum of \$1,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, are appropriated to the department of  
13 health and human services for community mental health center supported housing programs  
14 operated by community mental health centers designated under administrative rule He-M 425.03.  
15 Said sum shall be nonlapsing and used for the purpose of covering non-billable services for supported  
16 community housing. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money  
17 in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.  
18 3 Department of Health and Human Services; Rates for Community Mental Health Supportive  
19 Housing Programs for High Acuity Patients. The department of health and human services is  
20 directed to adjust the Medicaid reimbursement rates for community mental health center housing  
21 programs for high acuity individuals needing 24/7 support who otherwise might not be able to be  
22 discharged from New Hampshire Hospital. The current rate of approximately \$278 a day shall be  
23 increased to \$350 a day and shall be eligible for a 50 percent federal match.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

1. Makes appropriations to the department of health and human services for the purpose of increasing community housing options for individuals suffering from mental illness.

Sen. Watters, Dist 4  
Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13  
May 13, 2025  
2025-2151s  
05/11

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 Home and Community Based Behavioral Health Services for Children; Adverse Childhood  
2 Experiences (ACEs) Prevention and Treatment Program. Amend RSA 167:3-1, IV to read as follows:  
3 IV.(a) ~~On or before January 1, 2023, the department shall develop a timeline, conduct a cost~~  
4 ~~analysis plan, and provide a detailed report of the timeline and cost analysis plan to the senate~~  
5 ~~health and human services committee and the house children and family law and health, human~~  
6 ~~services and elderly affairs committees, to] **The department of health and human services shall**~~  
7 ~~**establish the ACEs prevention and treatment program, to support children, birth to age 6,**~~  
8 ~~**with exposure to adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and severe emotional disturbances**~~  
9 ~~**whose needs cannot be met through childcare, educational, and developmental services**~~  
10 ~~**alone. The program shall be designed to provide prevention, assessment, diagnoses, and**~~  
11 ~~**treatment services for such children and their families, by:**~~

12 (1) ~~[Increase]~~ **Increasing** Medicaid reimbursement for early childhood mental  
13 health care, including but not limited to child parent psychotherapy, to enhance services for  
14 Medicaid patients;

15 (2) ~~[Elevate]~~ **Elevating** the early childhood and family mental health credential  
16 statewide by requiring the credential for specific provider levels and/or associating the credential  
17 with an increased salary level or higher reimbursement rates; and

18 (3) ~~[Offer]~~ **Offering continued funding, including** scholarships or  
19 reimbursements, to cover costs associated with ~~[the training to incentivize providers to take part in~~  
20 ~~the training] **ongoing training and professional development in early childhood mental**~~  
21 ~~**health care, including but to limited to child parent psychotherapy, to ensure the highest**~~  
22 ~~**levels of training and services to children and families.**~~

23 (b) Within one year of the effective date of this paragraph, the department shall develop  
24 and begin implementation of a 5-year plan to build the state's workforce capacity to provide child-  
25 parent psychotherapy (CPP), an intervention model for children from birth to age 6, who have  
26 experienced at least one traumatic event and/or are experiencing mental health, attachment, and/or  
27 behavioral problems, including posttraumatic stress disorder.

28 2 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services; Adverse Childhood Experiences  
29 (ACEs) Prevention and Treatment Program.

30 I. The sum of \$150,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 is hereby appropriated to the  
31 department of health and human services to fund the adverse childhood experiences (ACEs)

1 prevention and treatment program, and continue to expand and fund continued professional  
2 development for child-parent psychotherapy (CPP) services, as described in RSA 167:3-1, IV. The  
3 governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not  
4 otherwise appropriated.

5 II. The sum of \$150,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 is hereby appropriated to  
6 the department of health and human services to fund the ACEs prevention and treatment program,  
7 and continue to expand and fund continued professional development for CPP services, as described  
8 in RSA 167:3-1, IV.

2025-2151s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

ADD:

1. Establishes the adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) prevention and treatment program as an ongoing program rather than as a pilot within the department of health and human services. The bill also makes an appropriation to the department of health and human services for this purpose.

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- 1 1 New Subparagraph; State Treasurer and State Accounts; Application of Receipts. Amend RSA  
2 6:12, I(b) by inserting after subparagraph (399) the following new subparagraph:
- 3 (400) Moneys deposited in the 988 trust fund as established in RSA 135-C:70.
- 4 2 New Paragraph; Public Health; New Hampshire Mental Health Services System; Definitions.  
5 Amend RSA 135-C:2 by inserting after paragraph X the following new paragraph:
- 6 X-a. "National Suicide Prevention Lifeline" or "988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline" means the  
7 national network of local crisis hotline centers that provide free and confidential support to people in  
8 suicidal crisis or other behavioral health crisis 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, via a toll-free  
9 telephone hotline number that receives calls made through the 988 system.
- 10 3 New Paragraphs; Public Health; New Hampshire Mental Health Services System; Definitions.  
11 Amend RSA 135-C:2 by inserting after paragraph XVI the following new paragraphs:
- 12 XVII. "988" means the 3-digit telephone number designated by the Federal Communications  
13 Commission for the purpose of connecting individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis with  
14 counselors trained in suicide prevention and behavioral health crisis and with the capacity to  
15 connect callers to behavioral health crisis services through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline  
16 network.
- 17 XVIII. "988 Administrator" means the Administrator of the national 988 Suicide and Crisis  
18 Lifeline system maintained by the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use.
- 19 XIX. "988 center" means a center operating on a county or regional basis in New Hampshire  
20 and participating in the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline network to respond to statewide or  
21 regional 988 calls, chats, and texts.
- 22 4 New Sections; Public Health; New Hampshire Mental Health Services System. Amend RSA  
23 135-C by inserting after section 69 the following new sections:
- 24 135-C:70 988 Trust Fund; Fund Established.
- 25 I. There is hereby established in the state treasury the 988 trust fund that shall be kept  
26 distinct and separate from all other funds. The 988 trust fund consists of:
- 27 (a) Revenues from the 988 coordinated crisis services telecommunications surcharge  
28 established under RSA 135-C:74;
- 29 (b) Gifts, grants, and donations to the fund from public and private sources; and  
30 (c) Moneys deposited into the fund from other sources.
- 31 II. The state treasurer shall be the trustee of the trust fund, and shall invest the trust fund  
32 in accordance with RSA 6:8. Any earnings on trust fund moneys shall be added to the trust fund.

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1 All moneys in the trust fund shall be nonlapsing and shall be continually appropriated to the state  
2 treasury. The state treasurer shall disburse funds from the trust fund solely for the purposes and in  
3 the manner set forth in RSA 135-C:71.

4 III. Moneys in the 988 trust fund may only be used for expenses that are not:

5 (a) Reimbursed through Medicaid, Medicare, federal or state-regulated health insurance  
6 plans, disability insurers, and programs or funding not otherwise covered by another entity,  
7 including municipal or county programs; and

8 (b) Covered because the service recipient's name and health coverage information cannot  
9 be obtained or billed.

10 III-a. Moneys in the 988 trust fund originating from the 988 coordinated crisis services  
11 telecommunications surcharge shall only be used to fund the equipment, communications services,  
12 and direct costs for crisis hotline center personnel for 988 call-taking and appropriate call routing for  
13 988 centers.

14 IV. The department of health and human services shall provide an annual report of deposits  
15 into and expenditures from the 988 trust fund to the health and human services oversight  
16 committee, the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk,  
17 the senate clerk, the governor, and to the Federal Communications Commission. The report shall  
18 include all revenue generated by the 988 coordinated crisis services telecommunications surcharge  
19 established under RSA 135-C:74.

20 135-C:71 988 Trust Fund; Management and Distribution of Funds.  
21 I. The commissioner of the department of health and human services, in consultation with  
22 the behavioral health crisis services advisory commission established in RSA 135-C:72, shall  
23 administer the 988 trust fund established in RSA 135-C:70. The commissioner shall draw from the  
24 988 trust fund for qualifying purposes under paragraph II.

25 II. The purpose of the 988 trust fund shall be to establish, operate, maintain, promote  
26 awareness of, and improve 988 and the behavioral health crisis services system. The 988 trust fund  
27 shall be expended to offset costs that are or can be reasonably attributed to:

28 (a) Implementing, maintaining, and improving the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline  
29 including staffing and technological infrastructure enhancements necessary to achieve operational  
30 and clinical standards and best practices set forth by the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline;

31 (b) Provision of acute behavioral health, mobile crisis response teams, and receiving and  
32 stabilization services by directly responding to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline;

33 (c) Personnel for the 988 centers and acute mental health, mobile crisis response teams,  
34 and stabilization services, which should include individuals that reflect the demographics of the  
35 community served and have specialized training to serve at risk communities, including culturally  
36 and linguistically competent services for LGBTQIA+ individuals, children, youth, and young people,  
37 and racially, ethnically, and linguistically diverse communities;

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- 1 (d) Provision of data, reporting, participation in evaluations and related quality  
2 improvement activities as required by the 988 administrator, department of health and human  
3 services, and the general court; and
- 4 (e) Administration, oversight, and evaluation of the fund.
- 5 135-C:72 Behavioral Health Crisis Services Advisory Commission Established.
- 6 I. There is hereby established a behavioral health crisis services advisory commission.
- 7 II. Notwithstanding RSA 14:49, the commission shall consist of the following members:
- 8 (a) The state treasurer, or designee.
- 9 (b) One member of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of  
10 representatives.
- 11 (c) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.
- 12 (d) The commissioner of the department of health and human services, or designee.
- 13 (e) The director of the department of safety, division of emergency services and  
14 communications ("E911"), or designee.
- 15 (f) The commissioner of the insurance department, or designee.
- 16 (g) One representative from the National Alliance on Mental Illness of New Hampshire,  
17 appointed by that organization.
- 18 (h) One representative of the New Hampshire Community Behavioral Health  
19 Association, appointed by the association.
- 20 (i) One representative of the New Hampshire Hospital Association, appointed by the  
21 association.
- 22 (j) One representative of New Futures, appointed by the organization.
- 23 (k) One representative from each of New Hampshire's 2 centers participating in the  
24 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline network.
- 25 (l) One representative of America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP), appointed by the  
26 association.
- 27 (m) One representative of community health centers appointed by the Bi-State Primary  
28 Care Association.
- 29 (n) One representative from the New Hampshire Psychological Association, appointed by  
30 that organization.
- 31 III. Members appointed under subparagraphs (b) through (c) shall serve a term coterminous  
32 with their term in office, or for 2 years, whichever is shorter. Members appointed under  
33 subparagraphs (g) through (n) shall serve 2 years, or until a successor is appointed and qualified in  
34 the case of a vacancy, and shall be eligible for reappointment at the end of their term. The term of  
35 office for all other members shall be coterminous with the term of office for the position that qualifies  
36 that member to serve on the advisory council. A vacancy shall be filled in the same manner, but only

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1 for the unexpired term. The advisory commission shall elect a chairperson every year with no  
2 person serving as chairperson for more than 2 consecutive one-year terms.

3 IV. Each member of the advisory commission shall have one vote, with all actions being  
4 taken by an affirmative vote of the majority of present members. Eight members shall constitute a  
5 quorum.

6 V. Legislative members shall receive the receive mileage at the legislative rate while  
7 attending to the duties of the commission.

8 VI. Meetings of the advisory commission shall be conducted in accordance with RSA 91-A  
9 and take place no less than 4 times per year.

10 VII. The department of health and human services shall provide administrative support to  
11 the advisory commission.

12 135-C:73 Behavioral Health Crisis Services Advisory Commission; Duties. The behavioral  
13 health crisis services advisory commission established in RSA 135-C:72 shall be responsible for:

14 I. Consulting with and advising the commissioner of the department of health and human  
15 services on the administration and management of the 988 trust fund under RSA 135-C:70, and  
16 advise and make recommendations on expenditures from that fund under RSA 135-C:71.

17 II. Advising and making recommendations to the governor, general court, department of  
18 health and human services, and other necessary stakeholders on strategies to support and fund the  
19 behavioral health crisis system.

20 III. Overseeing and making recommendations about the provision of 988 and behavioral  
21 health crisis services throughout the state.

22 135-C:74 988 Coordinated Crisis Services Telecommunications Surcharge Established.

23 I. In compliance with the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020, and by  
24 recommendation of the commission on behavioral health crisis services, the equipment,  
25 communications services, and direct costs for crisis hotline center personnel for 988 call-taking and  
26 appropriate call routing for 988 centers shall be funded through a surcharge to be levied upon each  
27 residence and business telephone exchange line, including PBX trunks and Centrex lines, each  
28 individual commercial mobile radio service number and each VoIP service number with a place of  
29 primary use within New Hampshire, and each semi-public and public coin and public access line. For  
30 purposes of this paragraph, "place of primary use" shall have the same meaning as the definition  
31 contained in 4 U.S.C. section 124(8). No such surcharge shall be imposed upon more than 25  
32 business telephone exchange lines, including PBX trunks and Centrex lines, or more than 25  
33 commercial mobile radio service exchange lines or VoIP service lines or channels per customer  
34 billing account. No other services shall be funded using revenue from the 988 coordinated crisis  
35 services telecommunications surcharge.

36 II. In the case of local exchange telephone companies, the surcharge shall be contained  
37 within tariffs or rate schedules filed with the public utilities commission and shall be billed on a

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1 monthly basis by each local exchange telephone company. The public utilities commission may  
2 impose a tax, fee, or surcharge on telecommunications services for 988 services of no more than 90  
3 cents per line per month.

4 III. In the case of an entity which provides commercial mobile radio service the surcharge  
5 shall be billed to each customer on a monthly basis and shall not be subject to any state or local tax;  
6 the surcharge shall be collected by the commercial mobile radio service provider, and may be  
7 identified on the customer's bill. For prepaid commercial mobile radio service, the provisions of  
8 paragraph VI of this section shall apply.

9 IV. In the case of a VoIP provider, the surcharge shall be billed to each customer on a  
10 monthly basis and shall not be subject to any state or local tax; the surcharge shall be collected by  
11 the VoIP provider, and may be identified on the customer's bill.

12 V. Each local exchange telephone company, VoIP service provider, or entity which provides  
13 commercial mobile radio service, including prepaid commercial mobile radio service except as  
14 otherwise provided in subparagraph VI (i), shall remit the surcharge amounts on a monthly basis to  
15 the department of health and human services, which shall be forwarded to the state treasurer for  
16 deposit in the 988 trust fund. The state treasurer shall disburse funds from the 988 trust fund solely  
17 for the purposes and in the manner set forth in RSA 135-C:71. 988 coordinated crisis services  
18 telecommunications surcharge revenue shall be used to supplement any federal, state or local  
19 funding for suicide prevention or behavioral health crisis services. Surcharge amounts shall be  
20 reviewed after the budget has been approved or modified, and if appropriate, new tariffs or rate  
21 schedules shall be filed with the public utilities commission reflecting the surcharge amount.

22 VI. Prepaid commercial mobile radio service.

23 (a) In this paragraph:

24 (1) "Consumer" means a natural person or any other person who purchases prepaid  
25 commercial mobile radio service in a retail transaction.

26 (2) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the department of health and human  
27 services.

28 (3) "Division" means the division of behavioral health of the department of health  
29 and human services.

30 (4) "Entity" means a natural person or any other person, including any firm,  
31 corporation, partnership, or business organization.

32 (5) "Provider" means an entity that provides prepaid commercial mobile radio  
33 service pursuant to a license issued by the Federal Communications Commission.

34 (6) "Retail transaction" means the purchase of prepaid commercial mobile radio  
35 service from a seller for any purpose other than resale.

36 (7) "Seller" means an entity, including a provider, who sells prepaid commercial  
37 mobile radio service to a consumer.

1 (b) There is hereby imposed a prepaid commercial mobile radio service 988 coordinated  
2 crisis services telecommunications surcharge that shall be levied on each retail transaction sourced  
3 to New Hampshire. The amount of the surcharge levied for each retail transaction shall be the same  
4 as the surcharge imposed under RSA 135-C:74, I.

5 (c) For purposes of subparagraph (b), a retail transaction is sourced to New Hampshire:

6 (1) If the transaction occurs in person at a seller's location in New Hampshire; or

7 (2) If subparagraph (1) does not apply, the prepaid commercial mobile radio service  
8 is evidenced by a physical item, such as a card, and the purchaser provides a New Hampshire  
9 delivery address for such item; or

10 (3) If subparagraphs (1) and (2) do not apply, the consumer gives a New Hampshire  
11 address during the consummation of the sale, including the address associated with the consumer's  
12 payment instrument if no other address is available, and the address is not given in bad faith; or

13 (4) If subparagraphs (1)-(3) do not apply, the consumer's mobile telephone number is  
14 associated with a postal zip code, telephone area code, or location within New Hampshire.

15 (d) The prepaid commercial mobile radio service 988 coordinated crisis services  
16 telecommunications surcharge shall be collected by the seller from the consumer with respect to each  
17 retail transaction sourced to New Hampshire. The amount of the surcharge shall be either  
18 separately stated on an invoice, receipt, or other similar document that is provided by the seller to  
19 the consumer, or otherwise disclosed to the consumer.

20 (e) The seller shall be liable to remit all charges required by this paragraph that are  
21 collected from consumers, including all such charges that the seller is deemed to collect where the  
22 amount of the surcharge has not been separately stated on an invoice, receipt, or other similar  
23 document provided by the seller to the consumer.

24 (f) The prepaid commercial mobile radio service 988 coordinated crisis services  
25 telecommunications surcharge shall not be subject to any other state or local tax.

26 (g) If a minimal amount of prepaid commercial mobile radio service is sold with a  
27 prepaid mobile device for a single, non-itemized price, then the seller may elect not to apply the  
28 surcharge to such transaction. For purposes of this subparagraph, an amount of service  
29 denominated as 10 minutes or less, or \$5 or less, is minimal.

30 (h) A seller may deduct and retain 3 percent of the prepaid commercial mobile radio  
31 service 988 coordinated crisis services telecommunications surcharges that are collected by the seller  
32 from consumers.

33 (i) A seller having less than 150 retail transactions in a calendar quarter and who has  
34 not collected the surcharge on such transactions shall not be required to remit the surcharge on  
35 those transactions, provided that the seller:

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1 (1) Submits a certification to the department of health and human services, not later  
2 than the 15th day following such quarter, that the seller had less than 150 retail transactions in  
3 such quarter and did not collect the surcharge; and  
4 (2) Submits with such certification copies of invoices, receipts, or other similar  
5 documentation establishing the number of retail transactions in such quarter.

6 (j) Whenever lawful, providers and sellers of prepaid commercial mobile radio service  
7 shall put forth reasonable good faith efforts to cooperate with and provide timely and reasonable  
8 assistance to the division, its 988 centers, in connection with locating the source of any emergency  
9 988 call. In such instances, providers and sellers of prepaid commercial mobile radio service shall  
10 not be liable for damages to any person resulting from or incurred in connection with the provision of  
11 such lawful assistance.

12 (k) Beginning on January 1, 2026, prepaid commercial mobile radio service providers  
13 shall report annually to the division the total number of active prepaid commercial mobile radio  
14 service customers in New Hampshire. For purposes of such report, "active prepaid commercial  
15 mobile radio service customers" shall include all prepaid commercial mobile radio service customers  
16 with a New Hampshire telephone number on the date of the report, or if account balance information  
17 is not available, otherwise determined not to be active by comparable data. All information  
18 submitted to the division by a provider shall be considered proprietary and confidential and shall not  
19 be considered a public record under RSA 91-A.

20 VII.(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and except as otherwise provided in  
21 RSA 82-A, the records and files of the department, related to this section, are confidential and  
22 privileged. Neither the department of health and human services, nor any employee of the  
23 department, nor any other person charged with the custody of such records or files, nor any vendor  
24 or any of its employees to whom such information becomes available in the performance of any  
25 contractual services for the department shall disclose any information obtained from the  
26 department's records, files, or returns or from any examination, investigation, or hearing, nor may  
27 any such employee or person be required to produce any such information for the inspection of any  
28 person or for the use in any action or proceeding except as provided in this paragraph.

29 (b) The following exceptions shall apply to this paragraph:

30 (1) Delivery to the surcharge collector or its representative of a copy of any return or  
31 other papers filed by the surcharge collector.

32 (2) Disclosure of department records, files, returns, or information in a New  
33 Hampshire state judicial or administrative proceeding pertaining to administration of the surcharge  
34 where the information is directly related to an issue in the proceeding regarding the surcharge under  
35 this section, or the surcharge collector whom the information concerns is a party to such proceeding,  
36 or the information concerns a transactional relationship between a person who is a party to the  
37 proceeding and the taxpayer.

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1 (3) Disclosure to the department of revenue administration of records, files, and  
2 information required by the department of revenue administration to administer the  
3 communications services tax pursuant to RSA 82-A and to assist the bureau in its administration of  
4 RSA 135-C:71.

5 (4) Disclosure of department records, files, and information to the legislative budget  
6 assistant, when requested by the legislative budget assistant pursuant to RSA 14:31, IV.

7 VIII. Any information or records compiled under this chapter shall not be considered a  
8 public record for the purposes of RSA 91-A regardless of the use of such information.

9 IX. The commissioner is authorized to charge a penalty not to exceed \$1,000, plus interest of  
10 18 percent per year, on surcharge receipts that are more than 90 days in arrears, which penalty and  
11 interest shall be forwarded to the state treasurer for deposit in the 988 trust fund.

12 5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 30 days after its passage.

Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19  
May 19, 2025  
2025-2251s  
07/08

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 Department of Health and Human Services; Processing of Medical Assistance Applications;  
2 Hiring Consultant; Appropriation.

3 I. The sum of \$3,000,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, is hereby appropriated to  
4 the department of health and human services for the purpose of hiring a contractor to provide  
5 staffing support to assist with Medicaid long-term care eligibility. The department shall begin a  
6 competitive bidding process on or before September 30, 2025, to hire a contractor to begin on or  
7 before December 31, 2025, subject to governor and executive council approval, for the purposes of  
8 this section. In addition to providing staffing support, the contractor shall develop a plan for the  
9 efficient processing of long-term care applications by or before June 30, 2026. The governor is  
10 authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise  
11 appropriated. The department may accept and expend additional federal funds without prior  
12 approval of the fiscal committee of the general court.

13 II. For the biennium ending June 30, 2027, the annual licensing fee set forth in RSA 151:5,  
14 IV for nursing homes shall be \$85 per licensed bed and \$60 of said fees collected by the department  
15 of health and human services during this period shall be deposited into the general fund of the state.  
16 The purpose of this is to partially offset the appropriation set forth in paragraph I in this section.  
17 The remaining \$25 per licensed bed will continue to go into account 05-95-95-2010-5146.

18 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

2025-2251s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Add:

1. Appropriates money to the department of health and human services for the purpose of hiring a contractor to provide staffing support to assist with Medicaid long-term care eligibility.

Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19  
Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13  
May 26, 2025  
2025-2444s  
07/06

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1       1 Department of Health and Human Services; Appropriation; Tier-One Call Center. There is  
2 hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services the sum of \$3,825,000 for the  
3 biennium ending June 30, 2027, for the purpose of financing a tier-one call center. The department  
4 may accept and expend matching federal funds without prior approval of the fiscal committee of the  
5 general court. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the  
6 treasury not otherwise appropriated.

2025-2444s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

ADD:

1. Appropriates the sum of \$3,825,000 to the department of health and human services to fund a tier-one call center.

Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13  
Sen. Rohefort, Dist 1  
May 23, 2025  
2025-2416s  
07/08

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 Department of Health and Human Services; Division of Public Health Services; Public-Private  
2 Health Care Workforce Recruitment and Retention Hub; Infrastructure Contracts. The department  
3 of health and human services, division of public health services, rural health and primary care  
4 section shall amend its current contract with Bi-State Primary Care Association's Recruitment  
5 Center to require the Recruitment Center to collaborate with a family medicine residency program in  
6 rural New Hampshire at a teaching health center program to support the training of family medicine  
7 residents in the north country. The teaching health center program shall be accredited or eligible for  
8 accreditation by a nationally recognized accreditation agency.  
9 2 Appropriation; Bi-State Primary Care Association Sub-recipient Contract with a Rural  
10 Residency Training at a Teaching Health Center Program. The sum of \$500,000 for the fiscal year  
11 ending June 30, 2027 is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services,  
12 division of public health services, rural health and primary care section for the purposes set forth in  
13 section 1 of this act. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in  
14 the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

2025-2416s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

ADD:

1. Directing the department of health and human services to amend its contract with the Bi-State Primary Care Association's Recruitment Center.

Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19  
May 26, 2025  
2025-2455s  
06/07

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services. The sum of \$3,000,000 for the  
2 fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and the sum of \$3,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027,  
3 are hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services for the housing  
4 stabilization fund to contract with nonprofits that provide eviction prevention and rehousing  
5 services. Funding may be used for assistance with rental deposits, rental guarantees, or rental  
6 assistance. The department of health and human services shall annually report the usage of this  
7 fund with regional breakdowns according to populations including families with children, low-income  
8 seniors, and veterans.

2025-2455s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Add:

1. Makes appropriations to the department of health and human services for homeless prevention services.

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 New Section; Childcare Workforce Program. Amend RSA 126-A by inserting after section 4-i  
2 the following new section:

3 126-A:4-j Childcare Workforce Program.

4 I. "Eligible childcare programs" or "eligible programs" means programs operating in New  
5 Hampshire with an active childcare license or that are license-exempt and enrolled in the  
6 department of health and human services childcare scholarship program. Eligible programs shall  
7 include those who serve children from birth through age 12 and are also referred to as center-based,  
8 family-based, early childhood education, early learning, outside of school time, before and after  
9 school, and summer camp programs, as well as non-profit and privately-owned center-based and  
10 family-based childcare programs.

11 II. The department shall develop and implement a grant application process for eligible  
12 programs, and may consider additional grant amounts for childcare programs enrolled in or in  
13 preparation to enroll in the granite steps for quality in recognition of their extra effort and  
14 commitment to continuous quality improvement. Grant amounts shall be determined by the  
15 department after all applications have been received and approved.

16 III. Grants received by the programs may be used in the following ways:

- 17 (a) Deposit into an eligible, tax-advantaged health savings account or flexible spending  
18 account;
- 19 (b) Mentor credentialing and support networks for mentors;
- 20 (c) Sign-on and/or retention incentives and/or wage increases;
- 21 (d) Professional costs such as training hours, CPR, or memberships in professional  
22 organizations;
- 23 (e) Childcare tuition assistance;
- 24 (f) Credit towards the employee's share of the cost of their health insurance plan;
- 25 (g) Paid time off equivalent;
- 26 (h) Childcare tuition discount;
- 27 (i) Student loan repayment;
- 28 (j) Telemedicine coverage; or
- 29 (k) Payment towards a physical, first-aid certification, CPR certification, background  
30 check, or other credential required for the childcare position.

31 IV. If grant application requests exceed available funding, preference shall be given to  
32 eligible childcare programs which are:

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- 1 (a) Enrolled in New Hampshire's childcare scholarship program; and  
2 (b) Connected to the work of their related early childhood regional network, as  
3 determined by the department.
- 4 V. The department of health and human services shall incorporate in its biennial  
5 appropriation request pursuant to RSA 9:4 an amount necessary to fully fund the childcare  
6 workforce programs contained in this section.
- 7 VI. Any programs, grants, or other benefits conferred under this section shall be subject to  
8 availability of funding.
- 9 2 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services. The sum of \$10,000,000 is hereby  
10 appropriated to the department of health and human services for the biennium ending June 30,  
11 2027, for the purpose of financing recruitment and retention bonus and benefit grants for New  
12 Hampshire childcare employers under RSA 126-A:4-j. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant  
13 for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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1 1 Department of Health and Human Services. Appropriation; Child Care Programs.

2 I. The sums of \$7,500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 and \$7,500,000 for the  
3 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 are hereby appropriated from federal TANF reserve funds to the  
4 department of health and human services for the purpose of financing recruitment and retention  
5 bonus and benefit grants for New Hampshire child care employers. The appropriation is contingent  
6 upon the department seeking formal approval from the federal Department of Health and Human  
7 Services to use the funds for the purposes specified in this section. If necessary, and if a waiver  
8 process is available, the department of health and human services shall seek a waiver to use the  
9 funds for these purposes. The department shall make the initial request no later than August 1,  
10 2025, and upon receiving a determination, shall notify the fiscal committee of the general court of  
11 the decision received.

12 II. Eligible child care programs shall be programs operating in New Hampshire with an  
13 active child care license or that are license-exempt and enrolled in the department of health and  
14 human services child care scholarship program. These programs shall include those who serve  
15 children from birth through age 12 and are also referred to as center-based, family-based, early  
16 childhood education, early learning, outside of school time, before and after school, and summer  
17 camp programs, as well as non-profit and privately-owned center-based and family-based child care  
18 programs.

19 III. The department shall develop and implement a grant application process for eligible  
20 programs, and may consider additional grant amounts for child care programs enrolled in or in  
21 preparation to enroll in the granite steps for quality in recognition of their extra effort and  
22 commitment to continuous quality improvement. Grant amounts shall be determined by the  
23 department after all applications have been received and approved.

24 IV. Grants received by the programs may be used in the following ways:

- 25 (a) Deposit into an eligible, tax-advantaged health savings account or flexible spending
- 26 account;
- 27 (b) Mentor credentialing and support networks for mentors;
- 28 (c) Sign-on and/or retention incentives and/or wage increases;
- 29 (d) Professional costs such as training hours, CPR, or memberships in professional
- 30 organizations;
- 31 (e) Child care tuition assistance;
- 32 (f) Credit towards the employee's share of the cost of their health insurance plan;

- 1 (g) Paid time off equivalent;
- 2 (h) Child care tuition discount;
- 3 (i) Student loan repayment;
- 4 (j) Telemedicine coverage; or
- 5 (k) Payment towards a physical, first-aid certification, CPR certification, background
- 6 check, or other credential required for the child care position.

7 V. If grant application requests exceed available funding, preference shall be given to

- 8 eligible child care programs which are:
- 9 (a) Enrolled in New Hampshire's child care scholarship program; and
- 10 (b) Connected to the work of their related early childhood regional network, as
- 11 determined by the department.

12 VI. The department of health and human services shall incorporate in its biennial

13 appropriation request pursuant to RSA 9:4 an amount necessary to fully fund the child care

14 workforce programs contained in this section.

Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13  
May 9, 2025  
2025-2067s  
07/08

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- 1 Amend the bill by deleting sections 107-108.

2025-2067s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Deletes paragraphs 42 and 43, which direct the department of health and human services to file a Medicaid waiver and state plan amendment to institute premiums based on income for individuals participating in the granite advantage health care program and households with children participating in the Medicaid program.

Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13  
May 9, 2025  
2025-2063s  
05/06

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1     1     New Section; Financial Eligibility for Medicare Savings Program. Amend RSA 167 by  
2     inserting after section 4-f the following new section:  
3     167:4-g Medicare Savings Program. The department shall administer the Medicare savings  
4     program as described in 42 U.S.C. section 1396a(a)(10)(E) in accordance with federal law and this  
5     section.  
6     I. Financial eligibility for the Medicare savings program shall include a resource disregard,  
7     thereby eliminating the resource test.  
8     II. The commissioner of the department of health and human services shall adopt rules  
9     under RSA 541-A relative to the Medicare savings program in accordance with the requirements of  
10    this section.  
11    III. On or before November 1, 2025, the department of health and human services shall  
12    prepare and submit to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services any amendments to the state  
13    Medicaid plan necessary for implementation of the Medicare savings program, including eliminating  
14    the financial eligibility resource test as provided in paragraph I.  
15    2     Effective Date. Section 1 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2027.

Sen. Pearl, Dist 17  
May 19, 2025  
2025-2254s  
05/11

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- 1 1 New Section; Rate Setting for Medicaid State Plan Case Management Services. Amend RSA  
2 126-A by inserting after section 18-b the following new section:
- 3 126-A:18-c Rate Setting for Medicaid State Plan Case Management Services.
- 4 I. Annually, on or before October 1, the department of health and human services shall  
5 establish unit rates for all case management services paid under the Medicaid state plan which  
6 better reflect the average cost to deliver services. The department shall ensure rate parity for all  
7 Medicaid state plan case management services using the billing code T1016. For the biennium  
8 ending June 30, 2027, the department shall achieve such rate parity in a budget-neutral manner  
9 within the department's appropriated budget.
- 10 II. The department shall consider the factors of economy, efficiency, quality of care, and  
11 access to care, in accordance with guidelines in federal regulations.

2025-2254s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Add:

1. Directs the department of health and human services to annually establish rates for Medicaid state plan case management services to better reflect the cost of such services and to create rate parity for such services within the program.

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- 1 1 New Section; Long-Term Care; Guardianship Contracted Services. Amend RSA 151-E by  
2 inserting after section 27 the following new section:  
3 151-E:28 Guardianship Contracted Services.  
4 I. When all other resources are exhausted, hospitals seeking to assist older adults or adults  
5 with a disability as defined in RSA 151-E:24 with discharge from a hospital setting to a less  
6 restrictive setting may seek to have a guardian or conservator appointed by the probate court,  
7 pursuant to RSA 464-A, for any older adult or adult with a disability who:  
8 (a) Requires an alternative decision maker to assist with discharge;  
9 (b) Is deemed incapacitated by a court of competent jurisdiction; and  
10 (c) Cannot secure guardianship services through any other alternative.  
11 II. The department shall contract with office of the public guardian to provide publicly  
12 funded guardianship slots for individuals in need of guardianship pursuant to paragraph I.  
13 III. Hospitals seeking to assist adults with discharge shall apply to the department for  
14 access to the publicly funded guardianship slots.  
15 IV. Availability of publicly funded guardianship slots shall be subject to the availability of  
16 funding.  
17 2 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services. The sum of \$550,000 for the  
18 biennium ending June 30, 2027 is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human  
19 services. Said appropriation shall be used for 50 slots to provide publicly funded guardianship for  
20 individuals as set forth in RSA 151-E:28. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum  
21 out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

22 3 Effective Date. Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall take effect September 30, 2025.

2025-2310s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

1. Authorizes hospitals seeking to assist older adults or adults with a disability with discharge from a hospital setting to a less restrictive setting to seek to have a guardian or conservator appointed by the probate court, and makes an appropriation to the department of health and human services to fund guardianship slots.