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1 New Paragraphs; Fish and Game; Endangered Species Conservation Act; Definitions. Amend RSA 212-A:2 by inserting after paragraph V the following new paragraphs: VI. "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the department of environmental services. VII. "Department" means the department of environmental services.	1 New Paragraphs; Fish and Game; Endangered Species Conservation Act; Definitions. Amend RSA 212-A:2 by inserting after paragraph V the following new paragraphs: VI. "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the department of environmental services. VII. "Department" means the department of environmental services.
2 Fish and Game; Endangered Species Conservation Act; Conservation Program. Amend RSA 212-A:9 to read as follows: 212-A:9 Conservation Programs. I. The executive director shall establish such programs, including acquisition of land or aquatic habitat or interests therein, as are deemed necessary for the conservation of endangered or threatened species. The executive director shall utilize all authority vested in the fish and game department to carry out the purposes of this section. II. In carrying out programs authorized by this section the executive director shall consult with other states having a common interest in particular threatened or endangered species of wildlife and may enter into agreements with federal agencies, other states, political subdivisions of this state or private persons with respect to programs designed to conserve endangered or threatened species of wildlife including, where appropriate, agreements for administration and management if any are established under this section or utilized for conservation of endangered or threatened species of wildlife. III. All other state departments and agencies, to the extent possible, consistent with their authorities and responsibilities, shall [~~assist and cooperate with the executive director in the furtherance of the purposes of this chapter for the conservation of endangered or threatened species. They shall~~] take such action as is reasonable and prudent to insure that actions authorized, funded, or carried out by them do not appreciably jeopardize the continued existence of such species or result in the destruction or modification of habitat of such species which is determined by the executive	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 2 Fish and Game; Endangered Species Conservation Act; Conservation Program. Amend RSA 212-A:9 to read as follows: 212-A:9 Conservation Programs. I. The executive director shall establish such programs, including acquisition of land or aquatic habitat or interests therein, as are deemed necessary for the conservation of endangered or threatened species. The executive director shall utilize all authority vested in the fish and game department to carry out the purposes of this section. II. In carrying out programs authorized by this section the executive director shall consult with other states having a common interest in particular threatened or endangered species of wildlife and may enter into agreements with federal agencies, other states, political subdivisions of this state or private persons with respect to programs designed to conserve endangered or threatened species of wildlife including, where appropriate, agreements for administration and management if any are established under this section or utilized for conservation of endangered or threatened species of wildlife. III. All other state departments and agencies, to the extent possible, consistent with their authorities and responsibilities, shall [~~assist and cooperate with the executive director in the furtherance of the purposes of this chapter for the conservation of endangered or threatened species. They shall~~] take such action as is reasonable and prudent to [~~insure~~] ***ensure*** that actions authorized, funded, or carried out by them do not appreciably jeopardize the continued existence of such species or result in the destruction or modification of habitat of such species which is determined by the

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director to be critical, by requiring that all such action is designed to avoid [~~and~~]***,*** minimize***, and mitigate*** harm to such species and habitat designated as critical. ***Other departments and agencies may consult with the executive director or hire their own internal wildlife biologists to carry out the requirements of this paragraph. The executive director shall assist other departments and agencies in carrying out this paragraph.*** For the purpose of this statute, "appreciably jeopardize the continued existence of such species" shall be defined in rules adopted by the executive director pursuant to RSA 541-A. The provisions of RSA 212-A or any rule promulgated under this chapter shall not be applicable to a state department or agency when that state department or agency, in the process of undertaking an action, is required by federal law or regulation to address the environmental impact on wildlife or wildlife habitat, of that action.	executive director to be critical, by requiring that all such action is designed to avoid [~~and~~]***,*** minimize***, and mitigate*** harm to such species and habitat designated as critical. ***Other departments and agencies may consult with the executive director or hire their own internal wildlife biologists to carry out the requirements of this paragraph. The executive director shall assist other departments and agencies in carrying out this paragraph.*** For the purpose of this statute, "appreciably jeopardize the continued existence of such species" shall be defined in rules adopted by the executive director pursuant to RSA 541-A. The provisions of RSA 212-A or any rule promulgated under this chapter shall not be applicable to a state department or agency when that state department or agency, in the process of undertaking an action, is required by federal law or regulation to address the environmental impact on wildlife or wildlife habitat, of that action.
IV. To meet the requirements of paragraph III, the department of environmental services shall complete the review for any permit, approval, or written authorization required pursuant to RSA 482-A, RSA 485-A, and RSA 236. The department of environmental services shall adopt rules under RSA 541-A to implement the review process and establish a fee schedule for any requested reviews. Such rulemaking shall commence within 90 days of the effective date of this paragraph. The revenue collected from this section shall be deposited into the water resources fund established in RSA 482-A:3, III.	***IV. To meet the requirements of paragraph III, the department of environmental services shall complete the review for any permit, approval, or written authorization required pursuant to RSA 482-A, RSA 485-A, and RSA 236. The department of environmental services shall adopt rules under RSA 541-A to implement the review process and establish a fee schedule for any requested reviews. Such rulemaking shall commence within 90 days of the effective date of this paragraph. The revenue collected from this section shall be deposited into the water resources fund established in RSA 482-A:3, III.***
V. Any reviews conducted to fulfill the requirements of paragraph III for any permit, approval, or written authorization shall be conducted as follows:	***V. Any reviews conducted to fulfill the requirements of paragraph III for any permit, approval, or written authorization shall be conducted as follows:***
(a) Reviews shall not exceed 60 days from receipt of all information as required by rules developed pursuant to paragraph IV;	***(a) Reviews shall not exceed 60 days from receipt of all information as required by rules developed pursuant to paragraph IV;***
(b) The time to complete the review may be extended with written authorization from the applicant;	***(b) The time to complete the review may be extended with written authorization from the applicant;***
(c) If the agency or department requests additional information from the applicant necessary to complete the review, the time it takes the applicant to respond shall not count against the 60 day timeline in subparagraph (a); and	***(c) If the agency or department requests additional information from the applicant necessary to complete the review, the time it takes the applicant to respond shall not count against the 60 day timeline in subparagraph (a); and***

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(d) If the review period is not completed within the required timelines, except as provided for in subparagraph (c), then the permit, approval, or written authorization shall be deemed to not appreciably jeopardize the continued existence of a threatened or endangered species.	***(d) If the review period is not completed within the required timelines, except as provided for in subparagraph (c), then the permit, approval, or written authorization shall be deemed to not appreciably jeopardize the continued existence of a threatened or endangered species.***
3 Department of Environment Services; Position Established. There shall be an environmental scientist position established within the department of environmental services, compensated under SOC 19, Payband 8, for the purpose of administering the environmental species act conservation program under RSA 212-A:9, III.	3 Department of Environment Services; Position Established. There shall be an environmental scientist position established within the department of environmental services, compensated under SOC 19, Payband 8, for the purpose of administering the environmental species act conservation program under RSA 212-A:9, III.
4 Fish and Game; Endangered Species Conservation Act; Threatened and Endangered Species Compensatory Mitigation Fund. Amend RSA 212-A:16 to read as follows: 212-A:16 Threatened and Endangered Species Compensatory Mitigation Fund. ***I.*** There is hereby established in the state treasury a separate fund to be known as the threatened and endangered species compensatory mitigation fund into which payments made pursuant to this section shall be credited. The fund shall be non-lapsing and continually appropriated to the ***fish and game*** department, for the purpose of funding projects that facilitate a net conservation benefit to threatened and endangered species, including, but not limited to critical habitat creation or restoration and the monitoring and maintenance of such areas. The state treasurer shall invest the fund as provided by law and any interest received on such investment shall be credited to the fund. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the executive director may accept payment for deposit into the fund for an unavoidable loss of critical habitat from a proposed activity without the approval of the governor, the governor and council, or the commission. The executive director shall approve disbursements from the fund following consultation with the commissioner [~~of the department of environmental services~~]. The [~~department~~] ***executive director*** shall submit an annual report by October 1, 2022, and every year thereafter, to the fiscal committee, the speaker of the house of	4 Fish and Game; Endangered Species Conservation Act; Threatened and Endangered Species Compensatory Mitigation Fund. Amend RSA 212-A:16 to read as follows: 212-A:16 Threatened and Endangered Species Compensatory Mitigation Fund. ***I.*** There is hereby established in the state treasury a separate fund to be known as the threatened and endangered species compensatory mitigation fund into which payments made pursuant to this section shall be credited. The fund shall be non-lapsing and continually appropriated to the ***fish and game*** department, for the purpose of funding projects that facilitate a net conservation benefit to threatened and endangered species, including, but not limited to critical habitat creation or restoration and the monitoring and maintenance of such areas. The state treasurer shall invest the fund as provided by law and any interest received on such investment shall be credited to the fund. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the executive director may accept payment for deposit into the fund for an unavoidable loss of critical habitat from a proposed activity without the approval of the governor, the governor and council, or the commission. The executive director shall approve disbursements from the fund following consultation with the commissioner [~~of the department of environmental services~~]. The [~~department~~] ***executive director*** shall submit an annual report by October 1, 2022, and every year thereafter, to the fiscal committee, the speaker of the house of

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representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library, summarizing all deposits and expenditures from the fund. The report shall include, but not be limited to a description of all projects undertaken. ***II.*** The executive director shall adopt rules under RSA 541-A for the ***disbursement of money from the*** threatened and endangered species compensatory mitigation fund no later than one year following the effective date of this section. ***Those rules shall establish an administrative fee that the executive director may collect from payments made to the fund to cover the cost of operation of the fund.*** ***III. The department of environmental services shall adopt rules under RSA 541-A regarding when mitigation payments to the fund are required for impacts to threatened and endangered species or the habitats of threatened and endangered species, pursuant to RSA 206:33-g, II, resulting from the issuance of a permit by the department of environmental services, and the calculation of those payments.***	representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library, summarizing all deposits and expenditures from the fund. The report shall include, but not be limited to a description of all projects undertaken. ***II.*** The executive director shall adopt rules under RSA 541-A for the ***disbursement of money from the*** threatened and endangered species compensatory mitigation fund no later than one year following the effective date of this section. ***Those rules shall establish an administrative fee that the executive director may collect from payments made to the fund to cover the cost of operation of the fund.*** ***III. The department of environmental services shall adopt rules under RSA 541-A regarding when mitigation payments to the fund are required for impacts to threatened and endangered species or the habitats of threatened and endangered species, pursuant to RSA 206:33-g, II, resulting from the issuance of a permit by the department of environmental services, and the calculation of those payments.***
5 Public Recreation; New Hampshire Native Plant Protection; Definitions. Amend RSA 217-A:3, VI to read as follows: VI. "Environmental review" means a [~~natural heritage bureau~~] review of potential impacts to protected species and exemplary natural community occurrences to enable planning, permitting, and funding.	5 Public Recreation; New Hampshire Native Plant Protection; Definitions. Amend RSA 217-A:3, VI to read as follows: VI. "Environmental review" means a [~~natural heritage bureau~~] review of potential impacts to protected species and exemplary natural community occurrences to enable planning, permitting, and funding.
6 Public Recreation; New Hampshire Native Plant Protection; Cooperation with Other State Agencies. Amend RSA 217-A:7 to read as follows: 217-A:7 Cooperation with Other State Agencies. ***I.*** All state agencies, consistent with their authority and responsibilities, shall assist and cooperate with the commissioner to carry out the purposes of this chapter. To the extent possible	6 Public Recreation; New Hampshire Native Plant Protection; Cooperation with Other State Agencies. Amend RSA 217-A:7 to read as follows: 217-A:7 Cooperation with Other State Agencies. ***I.*** All state agencies, consistent with their authority and responsibilities, shall assist and cooperate with the commissioner to carry out the purposes of this chapter. To the extent possible

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actions funded or carried out by state agencies shall not jeopardize the continued existence of any protected plant species or exemplary natural community. ***II. If another state agency or department requires an environmental review to meet its obligations in paragraph I, they shall consult with the department of environmental services. The department of environmental services may charge a fee of not less than $50 for screening the database for instances of protected species and may charge a fee for providing an environmental review. Such fees shall be sufficient to cover the cost of building and maintaining a database for instances of protected species, for screening the database for instances of protected species, and for providing an environmental review. Fees shall be deposited in the water resources fund established in RSA 482-A:3, III. The commissioner of the department of natural and cultural resources shall be responsible for providing the data necessary for the database.*** ***III. The department of environmental services shall adopt rules to establish the process for requesting a screening and for the environmental review process in paragraph II. Such rulemaking shall begin within 90 days of the effective date of this section. The commissioner shall assist and cooperate with the department of environmental services to ensure the agency has the information necessary to adequately complete the environmental review process.***	actions funded or carried out by state agencies shall not jeopardize the continued existence of any protected plant species or exemplary natural community. ***II. If another state agency or department requires an environmental review to meet its obligations in paragraph I, they shall consult with the department of environmental services. The department of environmental services may charge a fee of not less than $50 for screening the database for instances of protected species and may charge a fee for providing an environmental review. Such fees shall be sufficient to cover the cost of building and maintaining a database for instances of protected species, for screening the database for instances of protected species, and for providing an environmental review. Fees shall be deposited in the water resources fund established in RSA 482-A:3, III. The commissioner of the department of natural and cultural resources shall be responsible for providing the data necessary for the database.*** ***III. The department of environmental services shall adopt rules to establish the process for requesting a screening and for the environmental review process in paragraph II. Such rulemaking shall begin within 90 days of the effective date of this section. The commissioner shall assist and cooperate with the department of environmental services to ensure the agency has the information necessary to adequately complete the environmental review process.***
7 Public Recreation; New Hampshire Native Plant Protection; Natural Heritage Bureau Fund Established. Amend RSA 217-A:7-a to read as follows: 217-A:7-a Natural Heritage Bureau Fund Established. I. The commissioner may charge a fee [~~for screening department records for instances of protected species or environmental review,~~] for using inventory and information services[~~,~~] and for publications and reports to recover the costs of providing products and services [~~and a reasonable portion of the costs associated with building and maintaining the database~~].	7 Public Recreation; New Hampshire Native Plant Protection; Natural Heritage Bureau Fund Established. Amend RSA 217-A:7-a to read as follows: 217-A:7-a Natural Heritage Bureau Fund Established. I. The commissioner may charge a fee [~~for screening department records for instances of protected species or environmental review,~~] for using inventory and information services[~~,~~] and for publications and reports to recover the costs of providing products and services [~~and a reasonable portion of the costs associated with building and maintaining the database~~].

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II. Fees shall be sufficient to cover the costs of providing services and producing and providing products authorized by this chapter. III. Fees shall be fixed in a schedule prepared and revised as necessary by the natural heritage bureau, approved by the commissioner, and established in rules adopted pursuant to RSA 541-A. The fees charged under this paragraph shall be deposited in the fund established in paragraph IV. IV. There is hereby established in the office of the state treasurer a fund to be known as the natural heritage bureau fund. Moneys collected under this section and RSA 217-A:6, III shall be deposited in this fund. The fund shall be nonlapsing and continually appropriated to the commissioner [~~for the purposes of providing environmental reviews,~~] for the costs of providing publications or reports to the public, for the costs of providing inventory and information services, and to accomplish the purposes of this chapter.	II. Fees shall be sufficient to cover the costs of providing services and producing and providing products authorized by this chapter. III. Fees shall be fixed in a schedule prepared and revised as necessary by the natural heritage bureau, approved by the commissioner, and established in rules adopted pursuant to RSA 541-A. The fees charged under this paragraph shall be deposited in the fund established in paragraph IV. IV. There is hereby established in the office of the state treasurer a fund to be known as the natural heritage bureau fund. Moneys collected under this section and RSA 217-A:6, III shall be deposited in this fund. The fund shall be nonlapsing and continually appropriated to the commissioner [~~for the purposes of providing environmental reviews,~~] for the costs of providing publications or reports to the public, for the costs of providing inventory and information services, and to accomplish the purposes of this chapter.
8 New Paragraph; Water Management and Protection; Fill and Dredge In Wetlands; Definitions. Amend RSA 482-A:2 by inserting after paragraph VIII the following new paragraph: VIII-a. "Boathouse" means a docking structure having a permanent roof covering one or more boat slips.	8 New Paragraph; Water Management and Protection; Fill and Dredge In Wetlands; Definitions. Amend RSA 482-A:2 by inserting after paragraph VIII the following new paragraph: VIII-a. "Boathouse" means a docking structure having a permanent roof covering one or more boat slips.
9 New Paragraph; Water Management and Protection; Fill and Dredge In Wetlands; Definitions. Amend RSA 482-A:2 by inserting after paragraph IX the following new paragraph: IX-a. "Structural height" means the vertical distance from its lowest dock surface of a structure to the highest point of the structure.	9 New Paragraph; Water Management and Protection; Fill and Dredge In Wetlands; Definitions. Amend RSA 482-A:2 by inserting after paragraph IX the following new paragraph: IX-a. "Structural height" means the vertical distance from its lowest dock surface of a structure to the highest point of the structure.
10 Water Management and Protection; Fill and Dredge In Wetlands; Excavating and Dredging Permit; Certain Exemptions. Amend RSA 482-A:3, I(b)-(d) to read as follows: (b) The application fee for shoreline structure projects shall be [~~$400~~] ***$600*** plus an amount based on the area of dredge, fill, or dock surface area proposed, or a combination thereof, which shall	10 Water Management and Protection; Fill and Dredge In Wetlands; Excavating and Dredging Permit; Certain Exemptions. Amend RSA 482-A:3, I(b)-(d) to read as follows: (b) The application fee for shoreline structure projects shall be [~~$400~~] ***$600*** plus an amount based on the area of dredge, fill, or dock surface area proposed, or a combination thereof, which shall

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be [~~$4~~] ***$6*** per square foot for permanent dock surface area; [~~$2~~] ***$3*** per square foot for seasonal dock surface area; and [~~$.40~~] ***$0.60*** per square foot for dredge or fill surface area or both. For projects involving only the repair, reconstruction, or reconfiguration of an existing docking structure, the application fee shall be [~~$400~~] ***$600***. (c) The application fee shall be [~~$400~~] ***$600*** for minimum impact dredge and fill projects and for non-enforcement related publicly funded and supervised restoration projects as defined by rules, regardless of impact classification, if undertaken by other than the person or persons responsible for causing the restoration to be needed. The application fee for all projects under this chapter which are not covered by subparagraph (b) or (c) or paragraphs IV-a, V, X through XII, XV, XVI, or XVII through XIX shall be [~~$.40~~] ***$0.60*** per square foot of proposed impact, with a minimum fee of [~~$400~~] ***$600*** for all such projects that impact fewer than 600 square feet. (d) If an owner chooses to voluntarily register existing docking structures, at the time the owner registers the structures with the department, he or she shall also submit a nonrefundable fee of [~~$200~~] ***$300***.	be [~~$4~~] ***$6*** per square foot for permanent dock surface area; [~~$2~~] ***$3*** per square foot for seasonal dock surface area; and [~~$.40~~] ***$0.60*** per square foot for dredge or fill surface area or both. For projects involving only the repair, reconstruction, or reconfiguration of an existing docking structure, the application fee shall be [~~$400~~] ***$600***. (c) The application fee shall be [~~$400~~] ***$600*** for minimum impact dredge and fill projects and for non-enforcement related publicly funded and supervised restoration projects as defined by rules, regardless of impact classification, if undertaken by other than the person or persons responsible for causing the restoration to be needed. The application fee for all projects under this chapter which are not covered by subparagraph (b) or (c) or paragraphs IV-a, V, X through XII, XV, XVI, or XVII through XIX shall be [~~$.40~~] ***$0.60*** per square foot of proposed impact, with a minimum fee of [~~$400~~] ***$600*** for all such projects that impact fewer than 600 square feet. (d) If an owner chooses to voluntarily register existing docking structures, at the time the owner registers the structures with the department, he or she shall also submit a nonrefundable fee of [~~$200~~] ***$300***.
11 Water Management and Protection; Fill and Dredge In Wetlands; Administrative Provisions. Amend RSA 482-A:11, III(a) to read as follows: III.(a) Upon written notification to the department by a municipal conservation commission, a local river management advisory committee, or the New Hampshire Rivers Council that it intends to investigate any notice received by it pursuant to RSA 482-A:3, the department shall not make its decision on the application that is the subject of the notice until it has received and acknowledged receipt of a written report from such commission, local river management advisory committee, or the council, or until 40 days from the date of filing with the municipal clerk of such notice, whichever occurs earlier[~~, subject to an extension of up to 40 days, as permitted by the commissioner, for good cause shown~~]. In connection with any local investigation, a conservation commission may hold a public informational meeting or a public hearing, the record of which shall be made a part of the record of	11 Water Management and Protection; Fill and Dredge In Wetlands; Administrative Provisions. Amend RSA 482-A:11, III(a) to read as follows: III.(a) Upon written notification to the department by a municipal conservation commission, a local river management advisory committee, or the New Hampshire Rivers Council that it intends to investigate any notice received by it pursuant to RSA 482-A:3, the department shall not make its decision on the application that is the subject of the notice until it has received and acknowledged receipt of a written report from such commission, local river management advisory committee, or the council, or until 40 days from the date of filing with the municipal clerk of such notice, whichever occurs earlier[~~, subject to an extension of up to 40 days, as permitted by the commissioner, for good cause shown~~]. In connection with any local investigation, a conservation commission may hold a public informational meeting or a public hearing, the record of which shall be made a part of the record of the

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the department. [~~Where the commissioner grants an extension, the time limits prescribed by RSA 482-A:3, XIV(b) shall be suspended for up to 40 days as agreed to by the applicant and the department.~~] If a conservation commission, a local river management advisory committee, or the New Hampshire Rivers Council makes a recommendation to the department in its report, the department shall specifically consider such recommendation and shall make written findings with respect to each issue raised in such report which is contrary to the decision of the department. If notification by a local conservation commission, local river management advisory committee, or the New Hampshire Rivers Council pursuant to this paragraph**,** is not received by the department within 14 days following the date the notice is filed with the municipal clerk, the department shall not suspend its normal action, but shall proceed as if no notification has been made.	department. [~~Where the commissioner grants an extension, the time limits prescribed by RSA 482-A:3, XIV(b) shall be suspended for up to 40 days as agreed to by the applicant and the department.~~] If a conservation commission, a local river management advisory committee, or the New Hampshire Rivers Council makes a recommendation to the department in its report, the department shall specifically consider such recommendation and shall make written findings with respect to each issue raised in such report which is contrary to the decision of the department. If notification by a local conservation commission, local river management advisory committee, or the New Hampshire Rivers Council pursuant to this paragraph**,** is not received by the department within 14 days following the date the notice is filed with the municipal clerk, the department shall not suspend its normal action, but shall proceed as if no notification has been made.
12 Terrain Alteration. Amend RSA 485-A:17, II to read as follows: II.(a) The department shall charge a fee for [~~each review of plans~~] ***applications***, including project inspections, required under this section.[~~ The plan review fee shall be based on the total area to be disturbed.~~] ***For projects that qualify for a permit by notification allowed by paragraph II-a, the application fee for a permit by notification shall be $3,125.*** Except for [~~property subject to RSA 483-B:9~~] ***projects that qualify for a permit by notification allowed by paragraph II-a***, the fee for [~~review of plans~~] ***applications*** encompassing an area of at least [~~100,000~~] ***150,000*** square feet but less than 200,000 square feet shall be [~~$3,125~~] ***$6,250***. [~~For the property subject to RSA 483-B:9, the fee for review of plans encompassing an area of at least 50,000 square feet but less than 200,000 square feet shall be $3,125.~~] An additional fee of [~~$1,250~~] ***$2,500*** shall be assessed for each additional area of up to 100,000 square feet to be disturbed. ***For any property subject to RSA 483-B:9, the fee for review of plans encompassing an area of at least 50,000 square feet but less than 150,000 square feet shall be $5,000. For all other projects, the fee shall be $500 plus $0.005 per square foot of disturbance.*** No application shall be accepted by the department until the fee required by this paragraph is paid. All fees required under this paragraph shall be paid when	12 Terrain Alteration. Amend RSA 485-A:17, II to read as follows: II.(a) The department shall charge a fee for [~~each review of plans~~] ***applications***, including project inspections, required under this section.[~~ The plan review fee shall be based on the total area to be disturbed.~~] ***For projects that qualify for a permit by notification allowed by paragraph II-a, the application fee for a permit by notification shall be $3,125.*** Except for [~~property subject to RSA 483-B:9~~] ***projects that qualify for a permit by notification allowed by paragraph II-a***, the fee for [~~review of plans~~] ***applications*** encompassing an area of at least [~~100,000~~] ***150,000*** square feet but less than 200,000 square feet shall be [~~$3,125~~] ***$6,250***. [~~For the property subject to RSA 483-B:9, the fee for review of plans encompassing an area of at least 50,000 square feet but less than 200,000 square feet shall be $3,125.~~] An additional fee of [~~$1,250~~] ***$2,500*** shall be assessed for each additional area of up to 100,000 square feet to be disturbed. ***For any property subject to RSA 483-B:9, the fee for review of plans encompassing an area of at least 50,000 square feet but less than 150,000 square feet shall be $5,000. For all other projects, the fee shall be $500 plus $0.005 per square foot of disturbance.*** No application shall be accepted by the department until the fee required by this paragraph is paid. All fees required under this paragraph shall be paid when

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plans are submitted for review and shall be deposited in the water resources fund established in RSA 482-A:3, III. (b) The department shall charge a non-refundable fee of $500 [~~plus a $.10 fee per square foot of disturbance associated with the amendment request~~] for each request to amend a permit that requires plans to be reviewed.	plans are submitted for review and shall be deposited in the water resources fund established in RSA 482-A:3, III. (b) The department shall charge a non-refundable fee of $500 [~~plus a $.10 fee per square foot of disturbance associated with the amendment request~~] for each request to amend a permit that requires plans to be reviewed.
13 Permit by Notification. RSA 485-A:17, II-a is repealed and reenacted to read as follows: II-a. By January 1, 2026, the department shall adopt rules to establish a permit by notification for projects with plans encompassing an area less than 150,000 square feet that are not subject to RSA 483-B:9.	13 Permit by Notification. RSA 485-A:17, II-a is repealed and reenacted to read as follows: II-a. By January 1, 2026, the department shall adopt rules to establish a permit by notification for projects with plans encompassing an area less than 150,000 square feet that are not subject to RSA 483-B:9.
14 New Section; Boathouse Requirements. Amend RSA 482-A by inserting after section 26 the following new section: 482-A:26-a Boathouse Requirements. I. Any boathouse constructed after July 1, 2025, and located over public waters shall not exceed a structural height of 18 feet, have no second floor, and minimize storage to accommodate only those items, such as life-jackets, paddles, and rigging, reasonably related to the use of a boat. No boathouse over public waters existing as of July 1, 2025, shall be modified to increase its structural height or to add additional floors. II. For the purposes of this section, "public waters" means all natural ponds of more than 10 acres and all tidal waters up to the high water mark at the level of the mean high tide.	14 New Section; Boathouse Requirements. Amend RSA 482-A by inserting after section 26 the following new section: 482-A:26-a Boathouse Requirements. I. Any boathouse constructed after July 1, 2025, and located over public waters shall not exceed a structural height of 18 feet, have no second floor, and minimize storage to accommodate only those items, such as life-jackets, paddles, and rigging, reasonably related to the use of a boat. No boathouse over public waters existing as of July 1, 2025, shall be modified to increase its structural height or to add additional floors. II. For the purposes of this section, "public waters" means all natural ponds of more than 10 acres and all tidal waters up to the high water mark at the level of the mean high tide.
15 Water Management and Protection; Fill and Dredge In Wetlands; Restrictions on Use of Structures Built Over the Waters of the State; Penalty. Amend RSA 482-A:27 to read as follows: 482-A:27 Penalty. Any person who violates any provision of RSA 482-A:26 ***or 482-A:26-a*** shall be required to remove the structure or portion of the structure constructed, reconstructed, repaired,	15 Water Management and Protection; Fill and Dredge In Wetlands; Restrictions on Use of Structures Built Over the Waters of the State; Penalty. Amend RSA 482-A:27 to read as follows: 482-A:27 Penalty. Any person who violates any provision of RSA 482-A:26 ***or 482-A:26-a*** shall be required to remove the structure or portion of the structure constructed, reconstructed, repaired,

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converted, or modified in violation of said section and shall be subject to the civil, criminal, and other penalties set forth in RSA 482-A:13, 14, and 14-b. Any criminal fine collected for a violation of RSA 482-A:26 shall accrue to the use of the municipality in which the structure is located.	converted, or modified in violation of said section and shall be subject to the civil, criminal, and other penalties set forth in RSA 482-A:13, 14, and 14-b. Any criminal fine collected for a violation of RSA 482-A:26 shall accrue to the use of the municipality in which the structure is located.
16 New Paragraph; Cell Phone Use Policy. Amend RSA 189:1-a by inserting after paragraph IV the following new paragraph: V. School boards and boards of trustees of chartered public schools shall develop and adopt a policy governing the use of student cell phones and other personal electronic communication devices in schools. The policy shall, at a minimum, restrict the use of student personal cell phones during class instruction, with approved exceptions determined by the superintendent or their designee for student medical, disability, or language proficiency needs. School district policies shall not prohibit students with medical needs, such as insulin pumps and glucose sensors, or students with disabilities, from using a device necessary to support their learning as identified in their individualized education program (IEP) or a plan developed under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. section 794. Policies shall also not prohibit the use of devices required to support emergent multilingual students through appropriate language access programs and services pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	523 Solid Waste Facility Site Evaluation Committee; Purpose and Findings. The general court hereby finds and declares that: I. There is a compelling state interest in maintaining adequate, reasonably priced disposal capacity for solid waste generated in New Hampshire. II. As a result of changes in federal and state law over the past 50 years and the economics of solid waste management, waste disposal facilities are sited regionally in New Hampshire, but they provide disposal capacity for municipalities throughout the state, often irrespective of whether a municipality is in close proximity to the disposal facility.

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	III. The siting of new disposal capacity is often locally controversial and the use of local land-use regulation to prevent siting of new capacity can result in the frustration of the state's interest in maintaining adequate capacity. The general court prefers that new landfill capacity be developed in expansions of existing permitted landfills instead of on greenfield sites because existing sites have already been carefully studied before being permitted and have been found suitable for landfilling by the department of environmental services. IV. The department of environmental services typically has decades of familiarity with conditions at such sites and the expansion of an existing use is generally consistent with the overall objectives of land-use controls. V. The state's preference for such expansions warrants that the state's regulatory and policy interests take precedence over local regulation and restrictions, particularly because the department's rules provide robust protection of human health and the environment. VI. Because of the overriding state interest, the department already regulates virtually every aspect of landfill siting and development that would ordinarily be regulated under local zoning and planning ordinances. VII. This legislation establishes a preference for siting of new landfill capacity on land adjacent to existing permitted landfill capacity and gives the department of environmental services comprehensive exclusive authority to approve the siting of such new capacity. VIII. This legislation leaves unchanged current law regarding siting of new landfill capacity on land that is not adjacent to existing permitted landfill capacity.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	524 New Paragraph; Public Health; Solid Waste Management; Definitions. Amend RSA 149-M:4 by inserting after paragraph X-a the following new paragraph: X-b. "Landfill expansion" means a landfill cell permitted under this chapter and located within 500 feet of an existing landfill that was permitted under this chapter but does not include a remedial

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	landfill expansion. Subject to approval by the department, a landfill expansion may either be integrated into an existing landfill or be developed separately from the existing landfill.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	525 New Paragraph; Public Health; Solid Waste Management; Definitions. Amend RSA 149-M:4 by inserting after paragraph XX the following new paragraph: XX-a. "Recycling facility" means a collection, storage, and transfer facility which collects, stores, and prepares recyclable materials for market and transfers both processed recyclable materials to markets for recycling and bypass waste for disposal.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	526 New Paragraph; Public Health; Solid Waste Management; Definitions. Amend RSA 149-M:4 by inserting after paragraph XXI the following new paragraph: XXI-a. "Remedial landfill expansion" means an expansion of an existing landfill that has ceased operating, that is not in compliance with the department's then-current rules for the design and construction of landfills, and that is a source of ongoing contamination of soils, surface water, or groundwater, where there is no solvent person other than state, county, or municipal government that can be compelled by law to fully remediate the existing landfill site and where expansion will provide the permittee with revenue to effectuate a substantial reduction in such ongoing contamination and provide substantially greater protection of the environment during operation and upon closure of the expansion than would be the case if the expansion were not permitted.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	527 New Paragraph; Public Health; Solid Waste Management; Definitions. Amend RSA 149-M:9 by inserting after paragraph XV the following new paragraph: XVI.(a) To implement the state's preference for landfill expansion over greenfield siting of new landfill capacity and notwithstanding any other provision in this section, landfill expansions shall be subject to approval solely by the department, and no municipal ordinance, bylaw, rule, regulation, agreement, or other restriction shall be effective to prevent the siting of a landfill expansion approved

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	by the department. Nothing in this subparagraph shall be construed to limit the jurisdiction that any other state department may have over such landfill expansions. (b) The owner of any landfill receiving an approval of a landfill expansion under this paragraph and who has an existing agreement with the host municipality to pay the municipality a fee for each ton of waste received at the landfill shall increase the fee by a minimum of 25 percent for all waste received in the landfill expansion.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	528 New Paragraph; Public Health; Solid Waste Management; Definitions. Amend RSA 149-M:11 by inserting after paragraph VII the following new paragraph: VII-a. Any remedial landfill expansion or facility designed to manage food waste in accordance with RSA 149-M:27, V(b) shall be deemed to satisfy the requirements of paragraph III.
17 New Subdivision; Solid Waste Facility Site Evaluation Committee. Amend RSA 149-M by inserting after section 64 the following new subdivision: Solid Waste Facility Site Evaluation Committee 149-M:65 Declaration of Purpose. The legislature and the executive branch recognize that the selection of sites for major solid waste disposal facilities may have significant statewide, regional and local impacts that are not fully evaluated through existing regulatory review. Accordingly, the legislature and the executive branch find that it is in the public interest to establish a procedure to evaluate the local, regional and statewide benefits and burdens of a new major solid waste facility that are not captured by existing regulatory reviews, including noise, odor, aesthetics, local and regional economic impacts, property value impacts, nature and source of waste, need, impacts on tourism, recreation and traffic, and other similar impacts. 149-M:66 Definitions. In this subdivision:	**AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 529 New Subdivision; Solid Waste Facility Site Evaluation Committee. Amend RSA 149-M by inserting after section 64 the following new subdivision: Solid Waste Facility Site Evaluation Committee 149-M:65 Declaration of Purpose. The legislature and the executive branch recognize that the selection of sites for major solid waste disposal facilities may have significant statewide, regional and local impacts that are not fully evaluated through existing regulatory review. Accordingly, the legislature and the executive branch find that it is in the public interest to establish a procedure to evaluate the suitability of the proposed site for a new major solid waste facility, considering criteria that are not captured by existing regulatory reviews, including local and in-state regional economic impacts, property value impacts, and impacts on tourism and recreation. 149-M:66 Definitions. In this subdivision:

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I. "Acceptance" means a determination by the committee that it finds that the application is complete and ready for consideration.	I. "Acceptance" means a determination by the committee that it finds that the application is complete and ready for consideration.
II. "Administrator" means the administrator of the site evaluation committee established pursuant to RSA 162-H:3-a.	II. "Administrator" means the administrator of the site evaluation committee established pursuant to RSA 162-H:3-a.
III. "Affected municipality" means any municipality or unincorporated place in which any part of a major solid waste disposal facility is proposed to be located and any municipality or unincorporated place from which any part of the proposed major solid waste disposal facility will be visible or audible, including off-site traffic impacts.	III. "Affected municipality" means any municipality or unincorporated place in which a major solid waste disposal facility is proposed to be located and any bordering municipality or unincorporated place from which any part of the proposed major solid waste disposal facility will be visible or audible.
IV. "Certificate" means the document issued by the committee, containing such terms and conditions as the committee deems appropriate, that authorizes the applicant to proceed with the proposed site and facility.	IV. "Certificate" means the document issued by the committee, containing such reasonable terms and conditions as the committee deems appropriate, that authorizes the use of the site for the proposed facility.
V. "Commence construction" means any clearing of the land, excavation or other substantial action that would result in long-term impacts to the site of the proposed facility, but does not include land surveying, optioning or acquiring land or rights in land, changes desirable for temporary use of the land for public recreational uses, necessary subsurface explorations to determine hydrogeologic and soil conditions, work required as part of an application to any federal, state, or local authority, or other preconstruction monitoring or testing to establish background information related to the suitability of the site for the proposed use.	
VI. "Committee" means the solid waste evaluation committee established by this chapter.	V. "Committee" means the solid waste facility site evaluation committee established by this subdivision.
VII. "Department" means the department of environmental services.	
VIII. "Major solid waste disposal facility" means a location, system, or physical structure for the collection, separation, storage, transfer, processing, treatment, or disposal of solid waste with a proposed waste acceptance rate greater than 100,000 tons per year. Major solid waste disposal facility does not include any facility proposed to be constructed by a New Hampshire municipal government.	VI. "Major solid waste disposal facility" means a location, system, or physical structure for the collection, separation, storage, transfer, processing, treatment, or disposal of solid waste with a proposed waste acceptance rate greater than 100,000 tons per year and includes the real property on which such structure or system is sited. Major solid waste disposal facility does not include a facility designed to manage food waste in accordance with RSA 149-M:27, V(b)(1)-(5), an expansion of a

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IX. "Filing" means the date on which the application is first submitted to the committee.	recycling facility, a landfill expansion, or any facility proposed to be constructed by a New Hampshire municipal government.
X. "Person" means any individual, group, firm, partnership, corporation, cooperative, municipality, political subdivision, government agency, or other organization.	VII. "Filing" means the date on which the application is first submitted to the committee. VIII. "Person" means any individual or other jural entity.
	IX. "Region" means the area of the state in which a major solid waste disposal facility is to be sited if a certificate is issued.
149-M:67 Solid Waste Evaluation Committee Established.	149-M:67 Solid Waste Facility Site Evaluation Committee Established.
I. There is hereby established a committee to be known as the New Hampshire solid waste evaluation committee consisting of 5 members, as follows:	I. There is hereby established a committee to be known as the New Hampshire solid waste facility site evaluation committee consisting of 5 members, as follows:
(a) The chairperson of the waste management council established under RSA 21-O:9, who shall serve as chairperson of the committee. If there is an appeal pending before the waste management council related to the major solid waste disposal facility, then the chairperson of the wetlands council, water council or air resources council established under RSA 21-O, selected by the commissioner of the department, shall serve as chairperson of the committee.	(a) The commissioner of the department of business and economic affairs, or designee, who shall serve as chairperson of the committee.
(b) The commissioner of the department of environmental services, or designee.	(b) The commissioner of the department of environmental services, or designee.
(c) Two members and, when required by RSA 149-M:68, an alternate member, appointed by the governor with the consent of the executive council, including a member who serves on a local conservation commission and a member who has expertise in the private waste management industry.	(c) Three members and, as provided by RSA 149-M:68, alternate members, appointed by the governor with the consent of the executive council, including a member with expertise in municipal planning, a member with expertise in achieving natural resource protection in the context of large project development, and a member who is representative of the business community.
(d) One public member and, when required by RSA 149-M:68, an alternate public member, appointed by the governor with the consent of the executive council as described in RSA 149-M:68, with expertise or experience in one or more of the following areas: business management; environmental protection; natural resource protection; solid waste disposal facility design, construction, operation, or management; community and regional planning or economic development; municipal or county government; or the governing of unincorporated places.	

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II. All members, including those who sit for a member recused under RSA 149-M:68, shall refrain from ex parte communications regarding any matter pending before the committee. A majority of the members of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting the committee's business.	II. All members, including those who sit for a member disqualified or recused under RSA 149-M:68, shall refrain from ex parte communications regarding any matter pending before the committee.
III. The committee shall be administratively attached to the department of environmental services.	III. The committee shall be administratively attached to the department of environmental services.
IV. The chairperson shall serve as the chief executive of the committee and may:	IV. The chairperson shall serve as the chief executive of the committee and may:
(a) Serve as presiding officer.	(a) Serve as presiding officer.
(b) Delegate to other members the duties of the presiding officer, as appropriate.	(b) Delegate to other members the duties of the presiding officer, as appropriate.
(c) Establish, with the consent of the committee, the budgetary requirements of the committee.	(c) Establish, with the consent of the committee, the budgetary requirements of the committee.
(d) Engage personnel in accordance with this chapter.	(d) Engage personnel in accordance with this subdivision.
V. The presiding officer may appoint a hearing officer to perform the functions described in RSA 149-M:70, V.	V. The presiding officer may appoint a retired justice of the supreme court, superior court, or circuit court or another person with similar experience adjudicating disputes as a hearing officer to perform the functions described in RSA 149-M:70, V.
149-M:68 Members Appointed By The Governor With The Consent Of Council.	149-M:68 Committee Members.
	I. All members of the committee and any hearing officer appointed under RSA 149-M:67, V, shall meet the impartiality standard set forth in Part 1 Article 35 of the state constitution.
I. Members and alternate members appointed under RSA 149-M:67, I(c) and (d) shall serve 4-year terms and until their successors are appointed and qualified. Any member chosen to fill a vacancy occurring other than by expiration of a term shall be appointed for the unexpired term of the member who is succeeded.	II. Members and alternate members appointed under RSA 149-M:67, I(c) shall serve 5-year terms and until their successors are appointed and qualified. Any member chosen to fill a vacancy occurring other than by expiration of a term shall be appointed for the unexpired term of the member who is succeeded.
II. If at any time the member appointed by the governor with the consent of the executive council must recuse himself or herself from a matter before the committee or is not otherwise available for good reason, the alternate member shall replace such member.	III. If at any time a member appointed by the governor with the consent of the executive council is recused or otherwise disqualified from participating in a matter before the committee or is not otherwise available for good reason, an alternate member shall replace such member.

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III. No member nor any member of his or her family shall receive income from entities that own or operate, or have applied to own or operate, major solid waste disposal facilities in New Hampshire. The members appointed by the governor with the consent of the executive council and their alternates shall comply with RSA 15-A and RSA 15-B.	IV. If at any time an ex officio member of the committee under RSA 149-M:67, I(a) and (b) or designee is recused or otherwise disqualified from participating in a matter before the committee or is not otherwise available for good reason, the ex officio member shall designate a replacement for such member.
	V. Neither a member nor any spouse or domestic partner, parent, child, in-law, or sibling of a member shall receive income from entities that own or operate, or have applied to own or operate, major solid waste disposal facilities in New Hampshire. The members appointed by the governor with the consent of the executive council and their alternates shall comply with RSA 15-A and RSA 15-B.
IV. Any member appointed by the governor with the consent of the executive council may be removed from office in accordance with RSA 4:1.	VI. Any member appointed by the governor with the consent of the executive council may be removed from office in accordance with RSA 4:1 and shall be promptly replaced by the governor with the consent of the executive council.
149-M:69 Administrator and Other Committee Support.	149-M:69 Administrator and Other Committee Support.
The administrator shall provide support to the committee. If the administrator is not available or the position is vacant, the committee may hire an independent contractor at the expense of the applicant. The administrator shall be under the supervision of the chairperson when performing duties for the committee. The administrator shall be compensated for work performed for the committee as set forth in RSA 149-M:85. The administrator, or chairperson in the absence of an administrator, with committee approval, may engage additional technical, legal, or administrative support to fulfill the functions of the committee as necessary.	The administrator shall provide support to the committee. If the administrator is not available or the position is vacant, the committee may hire an independent contractor. The administrator shall be under the supervision of the chairperson when performing duties for the committee. The administrator shall be compensated for work performed for the committee as set forth in RSA 149-M:85. The administrator, or chairperson in the absence of an administrator, with committee approval, may engage additional technical, legal, or administrative support to fulfill the functions of the committee as necessary.
149-M:70 Powers and Duties of the Committee; Rules.	149-M:70 Powers and Duties of the Committee; Rules.
I. The committee shall:	I. The committee shall:
(a) Evaluate and issue any certificate under this chapter for a major solid waste disposal facility.	(a) Evaluate an application on the merits after acceptance and timely grant or deny the application in accordance with this subdivision, incorporating in its decision such findings and rulings as are reasonably necessary to support its decision.

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(b) Determine the terms and conditions of any certificate issued under this chapter.	(b) Include with any decision the reasonable terms and conditions of any certificate issued under this subdivision, including, without limitation and if warranted, bonding or other form of security for performance.
(c) Adjudicate enforcement matters.	
(d) Assist the public in understanding the requirements of this chapter.	(c) Assist the public in understanding the requirements of this subdivision.
(e) Deny applications for a certificate based on such findings and rulings as may be necessary to support its decision to deny.	
II. The committee shall hold hearings as required by this chapter and such additional hearings as it deems necessary and appropriate and, in addition to the requirements under RSA 91-A, ensure adequate and timely public notice of no less than 7 calendar days.	II. The committee shall hold the hearings required by this subdivision and in addition to any other notice requirements provided by law it shall ensure public notice of such hearings of no less than 7 calendar days.
	III. The department shall use its enforcement powers under this chapter, including its power to refer a matter to the department of justice, to enforce the terms and conditions the committee imposes on the issuance of a certificate.
III. The committee may delegate to the administrator or such state agency or official as it deems appropriate the authority to specify the use of any technique, methodology, practice, or procedure approved by the committee within a certificate issued under this chapter, or the authority to specify minor changes in the major solid waste disposal facility configuration to the extent that such changes are authorized by the certificate for those portions of a proposed major solid waste disposal facility project.	
IV. The committee shall not delegate its authority or duties except as provided under this chapter.	IV. The committee shall not delegate its authority or duties except as provided under this subdivision.
V. In any matter before the committee, the presiding officer, or a hearing officer designated by the presiding officer, may hear and decide procedural matters that are before the committee, including procedural schedules, consolidation of parties with substantially similar interests, discovery schedules and motions, and identification of significant disputed issues for hearing and decision by the committee. Undisputed petitions for intervention may be decided by the hearing officer and disputed	V. In any matter before the committee, the presiding officer, or a hearing officer designated by the presiding officer, may hear and decide prehearing matters that are before the committee, including procedural schedules, consolidation of parties with substantially similar interests, discovery schedules and methods, motions, and conferences to identify witnesses and exhibits and otherwise plan for the hearing on the merits. Undisputed motions for intervention may be decided by the hearing

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petitions shall be decided by the presiding officer. Any party aggrieved by a decision on a petition to intervene may within 10 calendar days request that the committee review such decision. Other procedural decisions may be reviewed by the committee at its discretion.	officer and disputed motions for intervention shall be decided by the presiding officer. Any party aggrieved by a decision on a motion to intervene may within 10 calendar days request that the committee review such decision de novo. All prehearing decisions by the presiding officer or the hearing officer shall be provided promptly to the committee members, and any such decision shall be reviewed de novo by the full committee upon written request by any member to the presiding officer within 7 days of the member's receipt of the decision.
VI. The committee shall issue such rules to administer this chapter, pursuant to RSA 541-A, after public notice and hearing, as may from time to time be required.	VI. On or before July 1, 2026, the committee shall adopt rules to implement and administer the requirements of this subdivision pursuant to RSA 541-A, after public notice and hearing, and may adopt further rules thereafter as may from time to time be required. The committee's failure to adopt rules under this paragraph shall not affect the committee's obligation to accept, process, and rule upon applications for a certificate under this subdivision.
	VII. The committee shall hold its first organizational meeting on or before September 1, 2025. The department shall prepare an application form for the use of applicants for a certificate and shall present such application form to the committee at its first organizational meeting for the committee's review and approval.
149-M:71 Prohibitions and Restrictions.	149-M:71 Prohibitions and Restrictions.
I. No person shall commence construction of any major solid waste disposal facility within the state unless it has obtained a certificate pursuant to this chapter. Such facilities shall be constructed, operated, and maintained in accordance with the terms of the certificate and any other federal, state, or local permits or approvals. Such certificates are required for changes or additions to existing facilities that propose an annual throughput of greater than or equal to 100,000 tons per year. Such a certificate shall not be transferred or assigned without approval of the committee.	I. No person shall commence construction of any major solid waste disposal facility within the state unless it has obtained a certificate pursuant to this subdivision. Such facilities shall be constructed, operated, and maintained in accordance with the terms and conditions of the certificate.
	Such a certificate shall not be transferred or assigned without approval of the committee as provided by RSA 149-M:73, VII.
Unless otherwise specified in this chapter, any approved major solid waste facility shall not be constructed, operated, or closed in a manner materially different than the manner in which it was presented in the application for a certificate as modified and conditioned by such certificate.	Unless otherwise specified in this subdivision or required by any other state or federal permit for the facility, any approved major solid waste facility shall not be constructed, operated, or closed in a manner materially different than the manner in which it was presented in the application for a certificate as modified and conditioned by such certificate.

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II. Notwithstanding RSA 541-A:29 or any other law to the contrary, an application for a certificate from the committee shall be approved or denied by the committee prior to final decisions on all other state agency permit applications. Applications for certificates may be filed and evaluated by the committee concurrently with other state approvals and public hearings may be scheduled concurrently with hearings held by other state agencies as part of their permitting process for the same facility.	II. Applications for certificates may at the election of the applicant be filed and evaluated by the committee concurrently with other state approvals and public hearings may be scheduled concurrently with hearings held by other state agencies as part of their permitting process for the same facility.
III. Notwithstanding paragraph II, for facilities under review by the department for a permit on or prior to July 1, 2025, an application for a certificate from the committee shall be approved or denied after other state agency approvals have been obtained. The committee shall not consider technical questions already considered by other state or federal agencies, nor include terms or conditions in a certificate that have already been reviewed and decided upon by other state or federal agency regulatory reviews.	III. Notwithstanding paragraph II, for permit applications under this subdivision for major solid waste disposal facilities pending before the department on or prior to July 1, 2025, the applicant shall make a filing with the committee within one year of the effective date of this act.
149-M:72 Application for Certificate.	149-M:72 Application for Certificate.
I. All applications for a certificate for a major solid waste disposal facility shall be filed with the administrator or the chair of the committee.	I. All applications for a certificate for a major solid waste disposal facility shall be filed with the administrator or the chair of the committee.
II. Upon filing of an application, the chairperson or designated presiding officer shall expeditiously conduct a preliminary review to ascertain if the application contains sufficient information to carry out the purposes of this chapter. If the application does not contain such sufficient information, the chairperson or designated presiding officer shall, in writing, expeditiously notify the applicant of that fact and specify what information the applicant must supply.	II. Within 30 days of the filing of an application, the committee shall notify the applicant in writing whether the application contains all of the information required by this subdivision and by rule for such applications. If the committee concludes that the application is not complete, it shall include in its notice the specific information the applicant must submit to render the application complete. The applicant's submission of additional information in response to any notice from the committee that the application is incomplete shall restart the 30-day period for the committee's determination whether the application is complete. If the committee concludes that the application is complete, it shall notify the applicant, and such notice shall constitute an acceptance. During any period between a notice that the application is incomplete and the applicant's response to such a notice, the committee shall suspend its consideration of the application.

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III. To carry out the committee's duties in RSA 149-M:70, each application shall:	III. To carry out the committee's duties in RSA 149-M:70, each application shall:
(a) Describe in reasonable detail the types and quantities of waste and their characteristics proposed to be accepted and size of each major part of the proposed facility.	(a) Describe in reasonable detail the types and quantities of waste the applicant expects to accept and the proposed location and dimensions of each principal component of the proposed facility.
(b) Describe in reasonable detail the source of waste to be accepted.	(b) Describe in reasonable detail the impact of the proposed facility on existing local, regional, and state land uses.
(c) Describe how the proposed facility satisfies the criteria listed under RSA 149-M:11,III.	
(d) Identify both the applicant's preferred choice and other alternatives it considers available for the site and configuration of each major part of the proposed facility and the reasons for the applicant's preferred choice.	
(e) Describe in reasonable detail the impact of each major part of the proposed facility on existing local, regional, and state land uses.	
(f) Document that written notification of the proposed project, including appropriate copies of the application, has been given to the appropriate governing body of each affected municipality, as defined in RSA 149-M:66, III. The application shall include a list of the affected municipalities.	(c) Document that copies of the application have been hand-delivered or sent by certified mail to the governing body of each affected municipality. The application shall include a list of each affected municipality.
(g) Provide analysis on the local, regional and statewide visual impact of the proposed facility during construction, operation, and post-closure and the visual impacts as evaluated through a visual impact assessment prepared in accordance with professional standards by an expert in the field.	(d) Provide analysis on the visual impact of the proposed facility during construction, operation, and post-closure through a visual impact assessment prepared in accordance with professional standards by an expert in the field.
(h) Provide information in reasonable detail about the impacts on local, regional and state property values, human health, tourism, outdoor recreation, wildlife, traffic, noise, and odor by the proposed facility. These analyses shall be conducted in accordance with professional standards by an expert in these fields.	(e) Provide information in reasonable detail about the projected impacts of the proposed facility on state and regional business development, local, regional and state economies, property values, aesthetics, tourism, and outdoor recreation. These analyses shall be conducted in accordance with professional standards by an expert in these fields.
(i) Provide a reasonable amount of information relative to how new contaminants of concern not regulated by a permit issued by the department, will be monitored, evaluated and managed over the proposed life of the facility.	(f) Provide information in reasonable detail relative to the economic impacts of the proposed facility and potential infrastructure improvements associated with the proposed project on affected municipalities, the region, and the state.

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(j) Provide a reasonable amount of information relative to the economic impacts of the proposed facility on affected municipalities, the region, and the state.	(g) Provide information in reasonable detail about the projected impacts from noise, odor, or traffic associated with the transportation of waste to the facility over roads between the closest federal interstate highway and the facility site to the extent such noise, odor, or traffic is not regulated by the department. These analyses shall be conducted in accordance with professional standards by an expert in these fields.
(k) An assessment of greenhouse gas and other emissions emanating from the facility and from transport of solid waste-related material and by-products to and from the proposed facility.	
(l) Potential economic benefits to the local area and potential infrastructure improvements associated with the proposed project.	
(m) Provide such additional information as the committee may require or request to carry out the purpose of this chapter.	(h) Provide such additional information regarding subjects not regulated by the department or any other state agency as the committee may require by rule to carry out the purpose of this subdivision.
IV. To the extent any information provided in the application was submitted and considered by a state agency as part of its permitting evaluation and decision under RSA 149-M:71, III, the applicant shall specify what information was so considered and the statutory and regulatory authority for that agency's consideration of the information.	
V. For all information submitted with the application that was prepared by an outside consultant or expert, the applicant shall submit the qualifications of such consultants or experts to prepare such information.	IV. For all information submitted with the application that was prepared by a consultant or expert retained by the applicant, the applicant shall submit the qualifications of each such consultant or expert to prepare such information.
VI. The committee shall require the applicant to hire an independent third party at the expense of the applicant and agreed upon by the committee in consultation with the municipality where the facility is proposed to be located, to peer review any assessments provided under this section.	V. The committee may seek such additional information from the applicant or a consultant or expert retained by the applicant as may be necessary for the committee to conduct its assessment of the application and proposed project and to understand the basis for the analyses and conclusions prepared by such consultant or expert as part of the application. To the extent any such consultant or expert fails to respond to such a request for additional information to the reasonable satisfaction of the committee, the committee may hire another consultant or expert with expertise in the same discipline as the applicant's retained consultant or expert to assist the commission in its assessment of the application. The applicant shall bear the reasonable fees and expenses of any such consultant or expert hired by the committee.
VII. The chairperson or designated presiding officer shall decide whether to accept the application as administratively complete within 60 days of filing. If the chairperson or designated presiding officer rejects an application because it determines it to be administratively incomplete, the applicant may choose to file a new and more complete application or cure the defects in the rejected application within 10 days of receipt of notification of rejection.	

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VIII. Public information sessions shall be held in accordance with RSA 149-M:76.	VI. Public information sessions shall be held in accordance with RSA 149-M:76, I and II.
IX. Within 180 days of the acceptance of an application, the committee shall issue or deny a certificate for the proposed major solid waste disposal facility.	VII. Within 180 days of the acceptance of an application, the committee shall issue or deny a certificate for the proposed major solid waste disposal facility.
X. The applicant shall immediately inform the committee of any substantive modification to its application.	
XI. The committee may require state agencies with relevant technical expertise to participate in committee proceedings.	VIII. The committee may request that state agencies with relevant technical expertise participate in committee proceedings.
XII. The department shall conduct a review of the application information submitted pursuant to RSA 149-M:72, III(c) to determine whether the facility has demonstrated that it satisfies the criteria in RSA 149-M:11, III. Such review shall be conducted in accordance with RSA 149-M:11. The department shall report its findings to the committee in order to inform the committee's decision on the application.	
XIII. The committee may deny a permit application based upon the criteria in RSA 149-M:9, IX.	IX. The committee may deny a certificate based upon the criteria in RSA 149-M:9, IX.
XIV. A state agency may intervene as a party in any committee proceeding in the same manner as other persons under RSA 541-A.	X. A state agency may seek intervention as a party in any proceeding before the committee in accordance with RSA 541-A:32.
149-M:73 Disclosure of Ownership.	149-M:73 Disclosure of Ownership.
Any application for a certificate, or for change in ownership and transfer of certificate, shall be signed and sworn to by the person or executive officer of the association or corporation making such application and shall contain the following information:	Any application for a certificate, or for change in ownership and transfer of certificate, shall be signed and sworn to by or on behalf of the person making such application and shall contain the following information:
I. Full name and address of the person, association, or corporation.	I. Full name and address of the applicant.
II. If an association or limited liability company, the name of the state under which it was formed, the names and residences of the members of the association or limited liability company.	II. If the applicant is not an individual,
III. If a corporation, the name of the state under which it is incorporated with its principal place of business and the names and addresses of its directors, officers and stockholders.	(a) The state in which the applicant was formed and the address of the applicant's principal place of business.
	(b) The names and addresses of each person having an ownership interest in the applicant, provided that if the applicant is a subsidiary of a publicly traded company it shall provide, (1) the

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IV. If doing business in a form other than as an association, limited liability company or corporation, the form of the business, the name of the state under which it was formed, and the names and residences of anyone with a financial, ownership or control interest in the organization.	names and addresses of each intermediate subsidiary of the publicly traded company having an ownership interest in the applicant and the names and addresses of each person having an ownership interest in each intermediate subsidiary and (2) the names and addresses of the directors and officers and the states of formation and principal places of business of the publicly traded company and each such intermediate subsidiary.
V. The location or locations where an applicant is to conduct its business.	
VI. A statement of assets and liabilities of the applicant and other relevant financial information of such applicant.	III. A statement demonstrating that the applicant will have the financial resources to develop the major solid waste disposal facility as proposed in the application.
VII. The committee shall administratively approve changes of ownership and transfers of certificates within 90 days of a petition if it determines the new certificate holder has adequate financial, technical, and managerial capability to assure construction and operation of the facility in continuing compliance with the terms and conditions of the certificate and any federal, state and local permits.	IV. The committee shall administratively approve changes of ownership and transfers of certificates within 90 days of a petition if it determines the new certificate holder has adequate financial, technical, and managerial capability to assure construction and operation of the facility in continuing compliance with the terms and conditions of the certificate.
149-M:74 Application and Filing Fees.	149-M:74 Application and Filing Fees.
I. A person filing with the committee an application for a certificate for a major solid waste disposal facility, shall pay to the committee at the time of filing a fee determined in accordance with the fee schedule described in paragraph II. If an application for a certificate for a major solid waste disposal facility is deemed incomplete pursuant to RSA 149-M:72, VII, and a new application is submitted thereunder, the unused portion of the initial application fee shall be refunded to the applicant or credited to the filing of the new application. The committee may in its discretion provide for a credit or refund in other circumstances that are unforeseen by the applicant.	I. A person filing an application for a certificate for a major solid waste disposal facility under this subdivision shall pay to the committee at the time of filing the fee prescribed in paragraph II.
II. The fees under paragraph I shall be determined in accordance with a fee schedule posted by the committee on its website, which shall include the following amounts:	II. The committee shall charge the following fees for filings made pursuant to this subdivision and shall post such filing fees on its website:
(a) Application fee for a major solid waste disposal facility: $20,000 base charge and $1,000 per additional 10,000 tons/year throughput in excess of 100,000 tons per year.	(a) Application fee for a major solid waste disposal facility: $20,000 base charge and $1,000 per additional 10,000 tons/year throughput in excess of 100,000 tons per year.
(b) Filing fees for administrative proceedings:	(b) Filing fees for administrative proceedings:
(1) Petition for committee jurisdiction: $500.	(1) Petition for committee jurisdiction: $500.

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(2) Certificate transfer of ownership: $1,000.	(2) Certificate transfer of ownership: $1,000.
(3) Request to modify a certificate: $1,000.	(3) Request to modify a certificate: $1,000.
III. All fee charges shall be deposited in the solid waste evaluation committee fund established in RSA 149-M:84 and shall be nonlapsing and accounted for as a separate line item.	III. All fees charged shall be deposited in the solid waste evaluation committee fund established in RSA 149-M:84 and shall be nonlapsing and accounted for as a separate line item.
IV. The committee shall review and evaluate the application fees and filing fees in the fee schedule in subparagraphs II(a) and (b) at least once each year. The committee may increase any amount in the fee schedule by no more than the increase in the consumer price index from the prior year, provided that any such increase shall occur not more frequently than once during any 12-month period. Modifications to the fee schedule shall be posted on the committee website, with a link prominently displayed on the home page.	IV. Each year the committee may increase the fees prescribed in paragraph II by no more than the increase in the consumer price index from the prior year, provided that any such increase shall occur not more frequently than once during any 12-month period. Modifications to the fee schedule shall be posted on the committee website, with a link prominently displayed on the home page.
149-M:75 Counsel for the Public.	149-M:75 Counsel for the Public.
I. The chair or the administrator shall notify the attorney general of all administrative proceedings. The attorney general may appoint an assistant attorney general as counsel for the public in administrative proceedings. Upon notification that an application for a certificate has been filed with the committee in accordance with RSA 149-M:72, the attorney general shall appoint an assistant attorney general as a counsel for the public. The counsel shall represent the public in all aspects of the committee's authority. The counsel shall be accorded all the rights and privileges, and responsibilities of an attorney representing a party in formal action and shall serve until the decision to issue or deny a certificate is final.	I. An application for a certificate under this subdivision shall be served contemporaneously by the applicant upon the attorney general. Upon receipt of such an application, the attorney general shall appoint an assistant attorney general as counsel for the public in connection with the committee's consideration of the application. Counsel for the public shall be deemed to represent the public as a party to the proceedings before the committee.
II. This section shall not be construed to prevent any person from being heard or represented by counsel; provided, however, the committee may compel consolidation of representation for such persons as have, in the committee's reasonable judgment, substantially identical interests.	II. This section shall not be construed to prevent any person otherwise entitled to participate in any meeting or hearing under this subdivision from being heard or represented by counsel.
149-M:76 Public Hearing; Studies.	149-M:76 Public Hearing; Studies.
I. At least 30 days prior to filing an application for a certificate, an applicant shall hold at least one public information session in the affected municipality where the proposed facility is to be	I. At least 30 days prior to filing an application for a certificate, an applicant shall hold at least one public information session in the affected municipality where the proposed facility is to be

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located. This session may be held concurrent with a public session held as a requirement of any other state permit or approval.	located. This session may be held concurrently with a public session held as a requirement of any other state or federal permit or approval.
II. The committee may order the applicant to provide such additional public information sessions in affected municipalities as are reasonable to inform the public of the proposed project.	
III. Within 90 days after acceptance of an application for a certificate, the committee shall hold at least one public information session in each the municipality where the proposed facility is proposed to be located.	II. Within 60 days after acceptance of an application for a certificate, the committee shall hold at least one public information session in the municipality where the major solid waste disposal facility is proposed to be located. Public information sessions under paragraphs I and II shall not be public hearings and shall be designed to reasonably explain and answer the public's questions about the proposed project and the committee's procedure for considering and deciding upon an application.
IV. Subsequent public hearings shall be in the nature of adjudicative proceedings under RSA 541-A and shall be held in the municipality in which the proposed facility is to be located or in Concord, New Hampshire, as determined by the committee. The committee shall give adequate public notice of the time and place of each subsequent hearing.	III. Public hearings on the application shall be in the nature of adjudicative proceedings under RSA 541-A and shall be held in the municipality in which the proposed major solid waste disposal facility is to be located or in Concord, New Hampshire, as determined by the committee.
V. The committee shall adopt rules regarding the timing and method of notices for public information sessions and public hearings and the any other requirements regarding such sessions and hearings.	IV. The committee shall adopt rules regarding the timing and method of notices for public information sessions and public hearings and any other requirements regarding such sessions and hearings, provided that such rules shall not provide less protection of the public's right to know than RSA 91-A provides.
VI. The committee shall consider and weigh all evidence presented at public hearings and shall consider and weigh written information and reports submitted to it by members of the public prior to the closing of the record of the proceeding. The committee shall provide an opportunity at one or more public hearings for comments from the governing body of each affected municipality and residents of each affected municipality. The committee shall consider, as appropriate, prior committee findings and rulings on the same or similar subject matters, but shall not be bound thereby.	V. The committee shall consider and weigh all evidence presented at public hearings. Members of the public may provide written comments, information, reports, arguments, analyses, and the like to counsel for the public who may present such comments, information, reports, arguments, analyses, and the like or a compilation or summary thereof in public hearings if they are relevant to the committee's jurisdiction and otherwise admissible under RSA 541-A:33. The committee shall provide an opportunity at one or more public hearings for testimony from the governing body of each affected municipality and the governing body of the county in which the proposed facility is proposed to be located. The committee shall consider, as appropriate, prior committee findings and rulings on
VII. The solid waste evaluation committee shall require from the applicant whatever information it deems necessary to assist in the conduct of the hearings, and any investigation or	

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studies it may undertake, and in the determination of the terms and conditions of any certificate under consideration.	the same or similar subject matters. The burden of establishing the existence of any adverse impacts from the proposed facility at the public hearing shall be upon the persons asserting their existence.
VIII. The committee and counsel for the public shall conduct such reasonable studies and investigations as they deem necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this chapter and may employ a consultant or consultants, legal counsel and other staff in furtherance of the duties imposed by this chapter, the cost of which shall be borne by the applicant or certificate holder in such amount as may be approved by the committee. The committee and counsel for the public are further authorized to assess the applicant or certificate holder for all travel and related expenses associated with the processing of an application or other proceedings under this chapter.	VI. The committee and counsel for the public shall conduct such reasonable studies and investigations as are necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this subdivision and may employ one or more qualified experts to the extent necessary to enable them to carry out their duties under this subdivision, the reasonable cost of which shall be borne by the applicant or certificate holder in such amount as may be approved by the committee.
IX. Times for conducting public hearings and rendering a decision on the application may be extended for good cause upon written request of the applicant.	VII. Times for conducting public hearings and rendering a decision on the application may be extended for good cause upon written request of the applicant.
149-M:77 Judicial Review.	149-M:77 Judicial Review.
Decisions made pursuant to this chapter shall be appealed in accordance with RSA 541.	Decisions made pursuant to this subdivision shall be reheard and appealed in accordance with RSA 541.
149-M:78 Monitoring and Enforcement.	149-M:78 Monitoring and Enforcement.
I. The department shall monitor the construction and operation of any major solid waste disposal facility granted a certificate under this chapter, after all other subsequent approvals are obtained, to ensure compliance with such certificate and enforce the terms and conditions of any such certificate. With the exception of the authority retained by the state agencies in accordance with paragraph V, the department may delegate the authority to monitor the construction or operation of any major solid waste disposal facility granted a certificate under this chapter to such state agency or official as it deems appropriate but shall ensure that the terms and conditions of the certificate are met. Any authorized representative or delegate of the department shall have a right of entry onto the premises of any part of the solid waste generation facility to ascertain if the facility is being constructed or operated in continuing compliance with the terms and conditions of the certificate. During normal hours of business administration and on the premises of the facility, such a representative or delegate	I. The department shall monitor the construction and operation of any major solid waste disposal facility granted a certificate under this subdivision to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of such certificate. With the exception of the authority retained by the state agencies in accordance with paragraph V, the department may delegate the authority to monitor the construction or operation of any major solid waste disposal facility granted a certificate under this subdivision to such state agency or official as it deems appropriate but shall ensure that the terms and conditions of the certificate are met. Any authorized representative or delegate of the department shall have a right of entry onto the premises of any part of the facility to ascertain if it is being constructed or operated in continuing compliance with the terms and conditions of the certificate. During normal hours of business, such a representative or delegate shall also have a right to inspect such records of the certificate-holder as are relevant to the terms or conditions of the certificate.

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shall also have a right to inspect such records of the certificate-holder as are relevant to the terms or conditions of the certificate.	
II. Whenever the department administratively determines, on its own or in response to a complaint, that any term or condition of any certificate issued under this chapter or prior law is being violated, it shall, in writing, notify the certificate holder of the specific violation and order the person to immediately terminate the violation. If, 15 days after receipt of the order, the person has failed or neglected to terminate the violation, the department shall notify the committee, which may suspend the person's certificate. In addition to suspension, if, after 15 days of receipt of the order, the person has failed or neglected to terminate the violation, the committee may impose a fine not to exceed $5,000 per day until the violation is corrected. Except for emergencies, prior to any suspension or imposition of a fine, the committee shall give written notice of its consideration of suspension or imposition of a fine and of its reasons therefor and shall provide opportunity for a prompt hearing.	II. Whenever the department administratively determines, on its own or in response to a complaint, that any term or condition of any certificate issued under this subdivision or prior law is being violated, it shall, in writing, notify the certificate holder of the specific violation and order the person to immediately terminate the violation. If, 15 days after receipt of the order, the person has failed or neglected to terminate the violation, the department shall notify the committee which may suspend the person's certificate. Except for emergencies posing an imminent threat to human health or the environment, prior to any suspension the committee shall give written notice of its consideration of suspension and of its reasons therefor and shall provide reasonable notice and an opportunity for a hearing before a suspension is ordered. In addition to suspension, if, after 15 days of receipt of the order, the person has failed or neglected to terminate the violation, after notice and a hearing the committee may impose a fine not to exceed $5,000 per day until the violation is corrected.
III. In addition to other remedies provided in this chapter, upon petition of the department, the committee may suspend a certificate if the committee determines that a person has made a material misrepresentation in the application, or in the supplemental or additional statements of fact, or studies required of the applicant, or if the committee determines that the person has violated the provisions of this chapter, or any rule adopted under this chapter. Except for emergencies, prior to any suspension, the committee shall give written notice of its consideration of suspension and of its reasons therefor and shall provide an opportunity for a prompt hearing.	III. In addition to other remedies provided in this subdivision, upon petition of the department, the committee may suspend a certificate if the committee determines that a person has made a material misrepresentation in the application, or in supplemental or additional statements of fact, or studies required of the applicant, or if the committee determines that the person has violated the provisions of this subdivision, or any rule adopted under this subdivision. Except for emergencies, prior to any suspension, the committee shall give written notice of its consideration of suspension and of its reasons therefor and shall provide an opportunity for a prompt hearing before a suspension is ordered.
IV. Upon petition of the department, the committee may revoke any certificate that is suspended after the person holding the suspended certificate has been given at least 90 days' written notice of the committee's consideration of revocation and of its reasons therefor and has been provided an opportunity for a full hearing.	IV. Upon petition of the department, the committee may revoke any certificate that is suspended after the person holding the suspended certificate has been given at least 90 days' written notice of the committee's consideration of revocation and of its reasons therefor and has been provided an opportunity for a full hearing before a revocation is ordered.

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V. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, each state agency having permitting or other regulatory authority shall retain all of its powers and duties of enforcement.	V. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subdivision, each state agency having permitting or other regulatory authority shall retain all of its powers and duties of enforcement.
VI. The full amount of costs and expenses incurred by the department and committee in connection with any enforcement action against a person holding a certificate, in which the person is determined to have violated any provision of this chapter, any rule adopted by the department or committee, or any of the terms and conditions of the issued certificate, shall be assessed to the person and shall be paid by the person to the committee. Any amounts paid by a person to the committee pursuant to this paragraph shall be deposited in the solid waste evaluation committee fund established in RSA 149-M:84.	VI. The full amount of actual costs and expenses incurred by the department and committee in connection with any enforcement action against a person holding a certificate, in which the person is determined to have violated any provision of this subdivision, any rule adopted by the committee, or any of the terms and conditions of the issued certificate, shall be assessed to the person and shall be paid by the person to the committee. Any amounts paid by a person to the committee pursuant to this paragraph shall be deposited in the state's general fund.
VII. The department may adopt rules in furtherance of its monitoring and enforcement responsibilities under this chapter.	VII. The department may adopt rules in furtherance of its monitoring and enforcement responsibilities under this subdivision.
149-M:79 Records.	149-M:79 Records.
Complete verbatim records shall be kept by the committee of all hearings, and records of all other actions, proceedings, and correspondence of the committee, including submittals of information and reports by members of the public, shall be maintained, all of which records shall be open to the public inspection and copying as provided for under RSA 91-A. Committee records regarding pending applications for a certificate shall also be made available on a website.	Complete verbatim records shall be kept by the committee of all hearings, and records of all other actions, proceedings, and correspondence of the committee, including submittals of information and reports by members of the public, shall be maintained, all of which records shall be open to the public inspection and copying as provided for under RSA 91-A and made available on the committee's website unless such records were submitted under seal and are exempt from public disclosure under RSA 91-A.
149-M:80 Temporary Suspension of Deliberations.	
If the committee, at any time while an application for a certificate is before it, deems it to be in the public interest, it may temporarily suspend its deliberations and time frames established under this chapter.	
149-M:81 Findings and Certificate Issuance.	149-M:80 Findings and Certificate Issuance.
I. Any certificate issued by the committee shall be based on the record. The decision to issue a certificate in its final form or to deny an application once it has been accepted shall be made by a majority of the committee.	I. The decision to issue or deny a certificate shall be based on the hearing record and made by a majority of the committee.

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II. The committee may consult with interested regional agencies and agencies of border states in the consideration of certificates.	
III. After due consideration of all relevant information regarding the potential siting, including potential significant impacts and benefits, the committee shall determine if issuance of a certificate will serve the objectives of this chapter. In order to issue a certificate, the committee shall find that:	II. In order to issue a certificate, the committee shall find that:
(a) The applicant has adequate financial, technical, and managerial capability to assure construction, operation, and closure of the facility in continuing compliance with the terms and conditions of the certificate.	(a) The applicant has adequate financial, technical, and managerial capability to assure construction, operation, and closure of the facility in continuing compliance with the terms and conditions of the certificate.
(b) The facility will not unduly interfere with the orderly development of the region with due consideration having been given to the views of municipal and regional planning commissions and municipal governing bodies.	(b) The facility will not unduly interfere with the orderly development of the region with due consideration having been given to the views of municipal and regional planning commissions and municipal governing bodies.
(c) The facility satisfies the criteria in RSA 149-M:11, III.	(c) The public benefit of the facility outweighs any adverse impact of the facility on aesthetics, historic preservation, economic impacts to the region, tourism, outdoor recreation, regional and statewide business development, existing land uses, and property values and from noise, odor, or traffic associated with the transportation of waste to the facility over roads between the closest federal interstate highway and the facility site to the extent such noise, odor, or traffic is not otherwise regulated by the department.
(d) The net public benefit of the facility to the region shall outweigh any adverse impact of the facility on human health, aesthetics, historic preservation, economic impacts to the region, tourism, outdoor recreation, regional and statewide business development, wildlife, noise, odor, traffic impacts, existing land uses, including property values, characteristics and source of waste, and any other impacts assessed as part of the application pursuant to RSA 149-M:72, III.	
(e) Issuance of a certificate will serve the public interest of the citizens of New Hampshire.	
IV. The committee shall issue an order granting or denying a certificate. Such order shall summarize and address issues of concern expressed during public information sessions and hearings to ensure that the public's voice has been heard and recorded.	III. The committee shall issue a written order granting or denying a certificate. Within 90 days of an order granting a certificate the committee shall issue a written summary and analysis of each issue raised in the public hearing in opposition to issuance of the certificate unless such issue addresses a subject matter regulated by a division of the department created by RSA 21-O or any other state agency, in which case the committee shall refer such issue in writing to such division or agency for analysis and response as part of the division or agency's consideration of an application for a permit

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	for such facility. Motions for rehearing of an order granting a certificate under RSA 541:3 shall not be due until 30 days after the committee has issued such written summary and analysis.
V. A certificate of site and facility may contain such reasonable terms and conditions, including, but not limited to the authority to require bonding, as the committee deems necessary. Such certificates, when issued, shall be final and subject only to judicial review.	IV. A certificate, when issued, shall be final and subject only to rehearing and judicial review.
VI. The committee shall condition the certificate upon the results of applicable federal and state approvals or appeal processes and required federal and state agency studies whose study period exceeds the application period.	V. The committee shall condition the certificate upon the applicant's obtaining the requisite federal and state approvals.
149-M:82 Penalties.	149-M:82 Penalties.
I. Any construction or operation of major solid waste disposal facilities without first obtaining a certificate from the committee, or any material violation of the terms and conditions of a certificate issued by the committee, shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $10,000 for each violation or for each day of a continuing violation. Such violation may also be enjoined by the superior court upon application of the attorney general.	I. Any construction or operation of major solid waste disposal facilities without first obtaining a certificate from the committee, or any material violation of the terms and conditions of a certificate issued by the committee, shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $10,000 for each violation or for each day of a continuing violation. Such violation may also be enjoined by the superior court upon application of the attorney general.
II. Whoever purposely or knowingly commits any violation of any provision of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor if a natural person, or guilty of a felony if any other person.	II. Whoever purposely or knowingly commits any violation of any provision of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor if a natural person, or guilty of a felony if any other person.
149-M:83 Severability.	149-M:83 Severability.
If any provision of this chapter, or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the chapter which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this chapter are severable.	If any provision of this subdivision, or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the subdivision which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this subdivision are severable.
149-M:84 Fund Established; Funding Plan.	149-M:84 Fund Established; Funding Plan; Fines and Penalties.
There is hereby established in the office of the state treasurer a nonlapsing, special fund to be known as the solid waste evaluation committee fund. All application and other filing fees received by the committee under this chapter shall be deposited in the fund. All moneys in the fund shall by continually appropriated to the committee and shall be used to pay for operating costs of the committee	I. There is hereby established in the office of the state treasurer a nonlapsing, special fund to be known as the solid waste facility site evaluation committee fund. All application and other filing fees received by the committee under this subdivision shall be deposited in the fund. All moneys in the fund shall be continually appropriated to the committee and shall be used to pay for operating costs of

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and the partial salary of the administrator. If the administrator position is vacant, the fund may be used to pay an independent contractor to perform those duties. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the committee may engage the department for additional technical, legal, or administrative support to fulfill the requirements of this chapter, the cost of which shall be charged directly to the applicant or major solid waste disposal facility owner.	the committee and the partial salary of the administrator. If the administrator position is vacant, the fund may be used to pay an independent contractor to perform the duties of the administrator for the committee. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the committee may engage the department for technical, legal, or administrative support to fulfill the requirements of this subdivision. Any cost incurred by the committee for such support shall be charged directly to the applicant. II. In the event lawful expenditures by the committee in a fiscal year are greater than the total monies held in the solid waste evaluation committee fund, the chair of the committee may request, with prior approval of the legislative fiscal committee, that the governor and council authorize additional funding from general funds not otherwise appropriated. III. All fines and civil penalties recovered by the committee, the department, or the department of justice from the enforcement of the provisions of this subdivision shall be deposited into the state's general fund.
149-M:85 Compensation and Reimbursement. I. The public members of the committee shall be compensated for all time spent on committee business, including compensation and reimbursement for major solid waste disposal facility proceeding time and expenses. Compensation shall be provided on a pro rata basis, based upon the daily salary rate of an unclassified position at the initial step in grade FF under RSA 94:1-a, I(a). II. State agencies represented on the committee shall be reimbursed for major solid waste disposal facility proceeding time and expenses incurred by their respective members or designees, except that time spent for the first 5 full days of their participation with respect to any application or other proceeding concerning a major solid waste disposal facility shall not be subject to reimbursement. The rate of reimbursement to each respective agency shall be based on a pro rata share of the employee's salary, benefits, and related costs. III. The department of justice shall be reimbursed in the same manner as described in paragraph II for major solid waste disposal facility proceeding time and expenses that are incurred by the counsel for the public.	149-M:85 Compensation and Reimbursement. I. The public members of the committee shall be compensated for all time spent on committee business, including compensation and reimbursement for major solid waste disposal facility proceeding time and expenses. Compensation shall be provided on a pro rata basis, based upon the daily salary rate of an unclassified position at the initial step in grade FF under RSA 94:1-a, I(a). II. State agencies represented on the committee shall be reimbursed for major solid waste disposal facility proceeding time and expenses incurred by their respective members or designees, except that time spent for the first 5 full days of their participation with respect to any application or other proceeding concerning a major solid waste disposal facility shall not be subject to reimbursement. The rate of reimbursement to each respective agency shall be based on a pro rata share of the employee's salary, benefits, and related costs. III. The department of justice shall be reimbursed in the same manner as described in paragraph II for major solid waste disposal facility proceeding time and expenses that are incurred by the counsel for the public.

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IV. All persons or agencies seeking compensation or reimbursement under this section shall keep detailed time and expense records which shall be submitted to the chairperson or administrator and used to determine the amount of compensation or reimbursement. The chairperson or administrator shall develop a recordkeeping system and accounting and payment procedures.	IV. All persons or agencies seeking compensation or reimbursement under this section shall keep detailed time and expense records which shall be submitted to the chairperson or administrator and used to determine the amount of compensation or reimbursement. The chairperson or administrator shall develop a recordkeeping system and accounting and payment procedures.
V. Compensation shall not be provided to members of the committee for initial meetings conducted prior to acceptance of application fees. The department shall provide support for the adoption of rules established by the committee.	V. Compensation shall not be provided to members of the committee for initial meetings conducted prior to acceptance of application fees. The department shall provide support for the adoption of rules established by the committee.
149-M:86 Solid Waste Permit Applications Suspended.	149-M:86 Solid Waste Permit Applications Suspended.
I. The department shall not issue any permit approvals that authorize new capacity for major solid waste disposal facilities until rules are adopted by the committee or until July 1, 2026, whichever is later.	Except for an application for a landfill expansion or a remedial landfill expansion, the department shall not issue any permit approvals that authorize new capacity for major solid waste disposal facilities until July 1, 2026. During the period that the department's authority to issue such permit approvals is suspended under this section, the department shall accept applications for new capacity at such facilities, evaluate such applications for completeness, request more information to make such applications complete, and, if warranted under the department's rules, find such applications to be complete, but shall not further evaluate or process any such complete applications, notwithstanding RSA 149-M:9, VIII.
II. Notwithstanding RSA 149-M:9, the department shall not issue any permit to construct or operate a new landfill facility in New Hampshire under RSA 149-M:9 until July 1, 2028. The department may accept applications, evaluate them for completeness, and request more information to make an application complete, but shall not proceed to further evaluation or process any applications, notwithstanding RSA 541-A:29, in order that any evaluation of need, benefit, harm, or appropriateness of the site proposed will await the development of new regulations, data, technologies, and policies.	
III. Nothing in paragraph II shall be construed to prohibit the expansion or modification of any landfill facilities on any site on which, as of December 1, 2022, a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Subtitle D landfill exists that has been permitted in accordance with RSA 149-M:9.	
IV. In this section, the term "site" means a single parcel or adjacent parcels, owned in their entirety by a landfill operator or its affiliates as of December 1, 2022, including a site where one or more public utility easements traverse the site.	

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18 New Subparagraph; Solid Waste Evaluation Committee Fund. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by inserting after subparagraph (399) the following new subparagraph: (400) Moneys deposited in the solid waste evaluation committee fund as established in RSA 149-M:84.	530 New Subparagraph; The State and Its Government; State Treasurer; Application of Receipts. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by inserting after subparagraph (399) the following new subparagraph: (400) Moneys deposited in the solid waste facility site evaluation committee fund as established in RSA 149-M:84.
19 Education Freedom Accounts; Definitions; Eligible Student. Amend RSA 194-F:1, VI to read as follows: VI. "Eligible student" means a resident of this state who is eligible to enroll in a public elementary or secondary school and whose annual household income at the time the student applies for the program is less than or equal to [~~350~~] ***400*** percent of the federal poverty guidelines as updated annually in the Federal Register by the United States Department of Health and Human Services under 42 U.S.C. section 9902(2). [~~No~~] ***After June 30, 2026, no*** income threshold need be met in subsequent years ***for a kindergarten through grade 12 student to enroll in the EFA program***, provided the student otherwise qualifies. Students in the special school district within the department of corrections established in RSA 194:60 shall not be eligible students.	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 16 Education; Education Freedom Accounts; Definitions. Amend RSA 194-F:1, VI to read as follows: VI. "Eligible student" means a resident of this state who is eligible to enroll in a public elementary or secondary school[~~- and whose annual household income at the time the student applies for the program is less than or equal to 350 percent of the federal poverty guidelines as updated annually in the Federal Register by the United States Department of Health and Human Services under 42 U.S.C. section 9902(2). No income threshold need be met in subsequent years, provided the student otherwise qualifies~~]. Students in the special school district within the department of corrections established in RSA 194:60 shall not be eligible students.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	17 New Paragraphs; Education; Education Freedom Accounts; Application for an Education Freedom Account. Amend RSA 194-F:1 by inserting after paragraph XII the following new paragraphs: XIII. "Priority Guidelines" means the ordered list: (a) A student currently enrolled in the EFA program; (b) A sibling of a student currently enrolled in the EFA program; (c) A child with disabilities as defined by RSA 186-C:2; (d) A student whose family income is less than or equal to 350 percent of the federal poverty guidelines as updated annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services under 42 U.S.C. section 9902 (2).

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	XIV. "Enrollment Cap" means the total number of students that may be enrolled in the EFA program in a given school year before further enrollment is closed to all but students meeting priority guidelines, for whom enrollment is always open.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	18 Education; Education Freedom Accounts; Application for an Education Freedom Account. Amend RSA 194-F:3, I to read as follows: I. A parent may apply to the scholarship organization to establish an EFA for an eligible student. The scholarship organization shall accept and approve applications [~~for the fall and spring semesters~~] ***for enrollment on a rolling basis*** each year and shall establish procedures for approving applications ***for enrollment*** in an expeditious manner. ***Priority guideline students shall not be subject to the enrollment cap and shall be enrolled on a rolling basis.***
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	19 Education; Education Freedom Accounts; Application for an Education Freedom Account. Amend RSA 194-F:3, I to read as follows: I. A parent may apply to the scholarship organization to establish an EFA for an eligible student. The scholarship organization shall accept and approve applications for enrollment on a rolling basis each year and shall establish procedures for approving applications for enrollment in an expeditious manner. [~~Priority guideline students shall not be subject to the enrollment cap and shall be enrolled on a rolling basis.~~]
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	20 New Paragraphs; Education; Education Freedom Accounts; Application for an Education Freedom Account. Amend RSA 194-F:3 by inserting after paragraph I the following new paragraphs: I-a. For the 2025-2026 school year, the enrollment cap shall be 10,000. For each subsequent year, if the total enrollment of the prior year is greater than 90 percent of the prior year's enrollment cap, then the enrollment cap shall be increased once by 25 percent when enrollment begins for the

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	year. The department of education shall publish on its website information identifying the enrollment cap when it is increased pursuant to this paragraph. I-b. The scholarship organization shall prioritize current EFA students for renewal in the subsequent year by reserving space for them under that subsequent year's enrollment cap before enrolling new EFA students in that subsequent year.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	21 Repeal. The following are repealed: I. RSA 194-F:I, XIII and XIV, relative to definitions related to education freedom accounts. II. RSA 194-F:3, I-a and I-b, relative to education freedom account eligibility.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	22 Contingency. Sections 19 and 21 of this act shall take effect on the date the department of education certifies to the secretary of state and the director of the office of legislative services that student applications for the education freedom account program have not exceeded the enrollment cap for 2 consecutive school years.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	23 Effective Dates. I. Sections 19 and 21 of this act shall take effect as provided in section 22 of this act. II. Sections 16-18, 20, and 22 of this act shall take effect upon its passage.
20 New Paragraph; Definition; Vested. Amend RSA 100-A:1 by inserting after paragraph XXXVII the following new paragraph: XXXVIII. "Vested" means that a member is eligible for a benefit after 10 years of service. The calculations of earnable compensation under RSA 100-A:1, XVII, and average final compensation under RSA 100-A:1, XVIII, shall not be reduced after 3 years of service.	**AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 531 New Paragraph; Definition; Vested; 2026 Change. Amend RSA 100-A:1 by inserting after paragraph XXXVII the following new paragraph: XXXVIII. "Vested" means that a member is eligible for a benefit after 10 years of service. The calculations of earnable compensation under RSA 100-A:1, XVII, and average final compensation under RSA 100-A:1, XVIII, shall not be reduced after 3 years of service.

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21 Earnable Compensation. Amend RSA 100-A:1, XVII to read as follows:	**AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 532 Earnable Compensation; 2026 Change. Amend RSA 100-A:1, XVII to read as follows:
XVII. "Earnable compensation" shall mean:	XVII. "Earnable compensation" shall mean:
(a) For ***group I*** members who have attained vested status prior to January 1, 2012 the full base rate of compensation paid, as determined by the employer, plus any overtime pay, holiday and vacation pay, sick pay, longevity or severance pay, cost of living bonus, annual attendance stipend or bonus, additional pay for extracurricular and instructional activities for full-time teachers and full-time employees who are employed in paraprofessional or support position, additional pay for instructional activities of full-time faculty of the community college system, and any military differential pay, plus the fair market value of non-cash compensation paid to, or on behalf of, the member for meals or living quarters if subject to federal income tax, but excluding other compensation except cash incentives paid by an employer to encourage members to retire, supplemental pay paid by the employer while the member is receiving workers' compensation, and teacher development pay that is not part of the contracted annual salary. [~~Compensation for extra and special duty, as reported by the employer, shall be included but limited during the highest 3 years of creditable service as provided in paragraph XVIII.~~] However, earnable compensation in the final 12 months of creditable service prior to termination of employment shall be limited to 1-1/2 times the higher of the earnable compensation in the 12-month period preceding the final 12 months or the highest compensation year as determined for the purpose of calculating average final compensation, but excluding the final 12 months. Any compensation received in the final 12 months of employment in excess of such limit shall not be subject to member or employer contributions to the retirement system and shall not be considered in the computation of average final compensation Provided that, the annual compensation limit for members of governmental defined benefit pension plans under section 401(a)(17) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, shall apply to earnable compensation for all employees[~~,~~] ***and*** teachers[~~, permanent firemen, and permanent policemen~~] who first become eligible for membership in the system on or after July 1, 1996. Earnable compensation shall not include	(a) For ***group I*** members who have attained vested status prior to January 1, 2012 the full base rate of compensation paid, as determined by the employer, plus any overtime pay, holiday and vacation pay, sick pay, longevity or severance pay, cost of living bonus, annual attendance stipend or bonus, additional pay for extracurricular and instructional activities for full-time teachers and full-time employees who are employed in paraprofessional or support position, additional pay for instructional activities of full-time faculty of the community college system, and any military differential pay, plus the fair market value of non-cash compensation paid to, or on behalf of, the member for meals or living quarters if subject to federal income tax, but excluding other compensation except cash incentives paid by an employer to encourage members to retire, supplemental pay paid by the employer while the member is receiving workers' compensation, and teacher development pay that is not part of the contracted annual salary. [~~Compensation for extra and special duty, as reported by the employer, shall be included but limited during the highest 3 years of creditable service as provided in paragraph XVIII.~~] However, earnable compensation in the final 12 months of creditable service prior to termination of employment shall be limited to 1-1/2 times the higher of the earnable compensation in the 12-month period preceding the final 12 months or the highest compensation year as determined for the purpose of calculating average final compensation, but excluding the final 12 months. Any compensation received in the final 12 months of employment in excess of such limit shall not be subject to member or employer contributions to the retirement system and shall not be considered in the computation of average final compensation. Provided that, the annual compensation limit for members of governmental defined benefit pension plans under section 401(a)(17) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, shall apply to earnable compensation for all employees[~~,~~] ***and*** teachers[~~, permanent firemen, and permanent policemen~~] who first become eligible for membership in the system on or after July 1, 1996. Earnable compensation shall not include

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compensation in any form paid later than 120 days after the member's termination of employment from a retirement eligible position, with the limited exceptions of disability related severance pay paid to a member or retiree no later than 120 days after a decision by the board of trustees granting the member or retiree disability retirement benefits pursuant to RSA 100-A:6 and of severance pay which a member was entitled to be paid within 120 days after termination but which, without the consent of the member and not through any fault of the member, was paid more than 120 days after the member's termination. The member shall have the burden of proving to the board of trustees that any severance payment paid later than 120 days after the member's termination of employment is earnable compensation and meets the requirements of an asserted exception to the 120-day post-termination payment requirement.	compensation in any form paid later than 120 days after the member's termination of employment from a retirement eligible position, with the limited exceptions of disability related severance pay paid to a member or retiree no later than 120 days after a decision by the board of trustees granting the member or retiree disability retirement benefits pursuant to RSA 100-A:6 and of severance pay which a member was entitled to be paid within 120 days after termination but which, without the consent of the member and not through any fault of the member, was paid more than 120 days after the member's termination. The member shall have the burden of proving to the board of trustees that any severance payment paid later than 120 days after the member's termination of employment is earnable compensation and meets the requirements of an asserted exception to the 120-day post-termination payment requirement.
(b)(1) For ***group I*** members who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2012, the full base rate of compensation paid, as determined by the employer, plus compensation over base pay. Compensation over base pay shall include as applicable, subject to subparagraphs (2)[~~, (3), and (4),~~] ***and (3),*** any overtime pay, cost of living bonus, annual attendance stipend or bonus, annual longevity pay, additional pay for extracurricular and instructional activities for full-time teachers and full-time employees who are employed in paraprofessional or support position, additional pay for instructional activities of full-time faculty of the community college system[~~, compensation for extra and special duty,~~] and any military differential pay, plus the fair market value of non-cash compensation paid to, or on behalf of, the member for meals or living quarters if subject to federal income tax, but excluding other compensation except supplemental pay paid by the employer while the member is receiving workers' compensation and teacher development pay that is not part of the contracted annual salary.	(b)(1) For ***group I*** members who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2012, the full base rate of compensation paid, as determined by the employer, plus compensation over base pay. Compensation over base pay shall include as applicable, subject to subparagraphs (2)[~~, (3), and (4),~~] ***and (3),*** any overtime pay, cost of living bonus, annual attendance stipend or bonus, annual longevity pay, additional pay for extracurricular and instructional activities for full-time teachers and full-time employees who are employed in paraprofessional or support position, additional pay for instructional activities of full-time faculty of the community college system[~~, compensation for extra and special duty,~~] and any military differential pay, plus the fair market value of non-cash compensation paid to, or on behalf of, the member for meals or living quarters if subject to federal income tax, but excluding other compensation except supplemental pay paid by the employer while the member is receiving workers' compensation and teacher development pay that is not part of the contracted annual salary.
[~~(2) Compensation over base pay shall be limited during the highest 5 years of creditable service as provided in paragraph XVIII.~~]	(2) Compensation over base pay shall be limited during the highest 5 years of creditable service as provided in paragraph XVIII.
[~~(3)~~] ***(2)*** Earnable compensation shall not include compensation for extra and special duty for members who commence service on and after July 1, 2011.	[~~(3) Earnable compensation shall not include compensation for extra and special duty for members who commence service on and after July 1, 2011.~~]

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[~~(4)~~] ***(3)*** Earnable compensation shall not include incentives to encourage members to retire, severance pay or end-of-career additional longevity payments, and pay for unused sick or vacation time. Earnable compensation in the final 12 months of creditable service prior to termination of employment shall be limited to 11/2 times the higher of the earnable compensation in the 12-month period preceding the final 12 months or the highest compensation year as determined for the purpose of calculating average final compensation, but excluding the final 12 months. Any compensation received in the final 12 months of employment in excess of such limit shall not be subject to member or employer contributions to the retirement system and shall not be considered in the computation of average final compensation. Provided that, the annual compensation limit for members of governmental defined benefit pension plans under section 401(a)(17) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, shall apply to earnable compensation for all employees[~~,~~] ***and*** teachers[~~, permanent firemen, and permanent policemen~~] who first become eligible for membership in the system on or after July 1, 1996. Earnable compensation shall not include compensation in any form paid later than 120 days after the member's termination of employment from a retirement eligible position.	[~~(4)~~] ***(3)*** Earnable compensation shall not include incentives to encourage members to retire, severance pay or end-of-career additional longevity payments, and pay for unused sick or vacation time. Earnable compensation in the final 12 months of creditable service prior to termination of employment shall be limited to 11/2 times the higher of the earnable compensation in the 12-month period preceding the final 12 months or the highest compensation year as determined for the purpose of calculating average final compensation, but excluding the final 12 months. Any compensation received in the final 12 months of employment in excess of such limit shall not be subject to member or employer contributions to the retirement system and shall not be considered in the computation of average final compensation. Provided that, the annual compensation limit for members of governmental defined benefit pension plans under section 401(a)(17) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, shall apply to earnable compensation for all employees[~~,~~] ***and*** teachers[~~, permanent firemen, and permanent policemen~~] who first become eligible for membership in the system on or after July 1, 1996. Earnable compensation shall not include compensation in any form paid later than 120 days after the member's termination of employment from a retirement eligible position.
(c) For group II members who attained vested status prior to September 1, 2013, the full base rate of compensation paid, as determined by the employer, plus any overtime pay, holiday and vacation pay, sick pay, longevity or severance pay, cost of living bonus, annual attendance stipend or bonus, additional pay for instructional activities, and any military differential pay, plus the fair market value of non-cash compensation paid to, or on behalf of, the member for meals or living quarters if subject to federal income tax, but excluding other compensation except cash incentives paid by an employer to encourage members to retire, supplemental pay paid by the employer while the member is receiving workers' compensation. Compensation for extra and special duty, as reported by the employer, shall be included but limited during the highest 3 years of creditable service as provided in paragraph XVIII. However, earnable compensation in the final 12 months of	***(c) For group II members who attained vested status prior to September 1, 2013, the full base rate of compensation paid, as determined by the employer, plus any overtime pay, holiday and vacation pay, sick pay, longevity or severance pay, cost of living bonus, annual attendance stipend or bonus, additional pay for instructional activities, and any military differential pay, plus the fair market value of non-cash compensation paid to, or on behalf of, the member for meals or living quarters if subject to federal income tax, but excluding other compensation except cash incentives paid by an employer to encourage members to retire, supplemental pay paid by the employer while the member is receiving workers' compensation. Compensation for extra and special duty, as reported by the employer, shall be included but limited during the highest 3 years of creditable service as provided in paragraph XVIII. However, earnable compensation in the final 12 months of***

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creditable service prior to termination of employment shall be limited to 1-1/2 times the higher of the earnable compensation in the 12-month period preceding the final 12 months or the highest compensation year as determined for the purpose of calculating average final compensation, but excluding the final 12 months. Any compensation received in the final 12 months of employment in excess of such limit shall not be subject to member or employer contributions to the retirement system and shall not be considered in the computation of average final compensation. Provided that, the annual compensation limit for members of governmental defined benefit pension plans under section 401(a)(17) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, shall apply to earnable compensation for all permanent firemen and permanent policemen who first become eligible for membership in the system on or after July 1, 1996. Earnable compensation shall not include compensation in any form paid later than 120 days after the member's termination of employment from a retirement-eligible position, with the limited exceptions of disability-related severance pay paid to a member or retiree no later than 120 days after a decision by the board of trustees granting the member or retiree disability retirement benefits pursuant to RSA 100-A:6 and of severance pay which a member was entitled to be paid within 120 days after termination but which, without the consent of the member and not through any fault of the member, was paid more than 120 days after the member's termination. The member shall have the burden of proving to the board of trustees that any severance payment paid later than 120 days after the member's termination of employment is earnable compensation and meets the requirements of an asserted exception to the 120-day post-termination payment requirement.	*creditable service prior to termination of employment shall be limited to 1-1/2 times the higher of the earnable compensation in the 12-month period preceding the final 12 months or the highest compensation year as determined for the purpose of calculating average final compensation, but excluding the final 12 months. Any compensation received in the final 12 months of employment in excess of such limit shall not be subject to member or employer contributions to the retirement system and shall not be considered in the computation of average final compensation. Provided that, the annual compensation limit for members of governmental defined benefit pension plans under section 401(a)(17) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, shall apply to earnable compensation for all permanent firemen and permanent policemen who first become eligible for membership in the system on or after July 1, 1996. Earnable compensation shall not include compensation in any form paid later than 120 days after the member's termination of employment from a retirement-eligible position, with the limited exceptions of disability-related severance pay paid to a member or retiree no later than 120 days after a decision by the board of trustees granting the member or retiree disability retirement benefits pursuant to RSA 100-A:6 and of severance pay which a member was entitled to be paid within 120 days after termination but which, without the consent of the member and not through any fault of the member, was paid more than 120 days after the member's termination. The member shall have the burden of proving to the board of trustees that any severance payment paid later than 120 days after the member's termination of employment is earnable compensation and meets the requirements of an asserted exception to the 120-day post-termination payment requirement.*
(d)(1) For group II members who have not attained vested status prior to September 1, 2013, the full base rate of compensation paid, as determined by the employer, plus compensation over base pay. Compensation over base pay shall include, as applicable and subject to subparagraphs (2) and (3), any overtime pay, cost of living bonus, annual attendance stipend or bonus, annual longevity pay, compensation for extra and special duty,	*(d)(1) For group II members who have not attained vested status prior to September 1, 2013, the full base rate of compensation paid, as determined by the employer, plus compensation over base pay. Compensation over base pay shall include, as applicable and subject to subparagraphs (2) and (3), any overtime pay, cost of living bonus, annual attendance stipend or bonus, annual longevity pay, compensation for extra and special duty,*

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and any military differential pay, plus the fair market value of non-cash compensation paid to or on behalf of the member for meals or living quarters if subject to federal income tax, but excluding other compensation except supplemental pay paid by the employer while the member is receiving workers' compensation that is not part of the contracted annual salary.	***and any military differential pay, plus the fair market value of non-cash compensation paid to or on behalf of the member for meals or living quarters if subject to federal income tax, but excluding other compensation except supplemental pay paid by the employer while the member is receiving workers' compensation that is not part of the contracted annual salary.***
(2) Earnable compensation shall not include compensation for extra and special duty for members who began service on or after July 1, 2011.	***(2) Earnable compensation shall not include compensation for extra and special duty for members who began service on or after July 1, 2011.***
(3) Earnable compensation shall not include incentives to encourage members to retire, severance pay, end-of-career additional longevity payments, or pay for unused sick or vacation time. Earnable compensation in the final 12 months of creditable service prior to termination of employment shall be limited to 1 1/2 times the higher of the earnable compensation in the 12-month period preceding the final 12 months or the highest compensation year as determined for the purpose of calculating average final compensation, but excluding the final 12 months. Any compensation received in the final 12 months of employment in excess of such limit shall not be subject to member or employer contributions to the retirement system and shall not be considered in the computation of average final compensation. Provided that, the annual compensation limit for members of governmental defined benefit pension plans under section 401(a)(17) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, shall apply to earnable compensation for all permanent firemen and permanent policemen who first become eligible for membership in the system on or after July 1, 1996. Earnable compensation shall not include compensation in any form paid later than 120 days after the member's termination of employment from a retirement-eligible position.	***(3) Earnable compensation shall not include incentives to encourage members to retire, severance pay, end-of-career additional longevity payments, or pay for unused sick or vacation time. Earnable compensation in the final 12 months of creditable service prior to termination of employment shall be limited to 1 1/2 times the higher of the earnable compensation in the 12-month period preceding the final 12 months or the highest compensation year as determined for the purpose of calculating average final compensation, but excluding the final 12 months. Any compensation received in the final 12 months of employment in excess of such limit shall not be subject to member or employer contributions to the retirement system and shall not be considered in the computation of average final compensation. Provided that, the annual compensation limit for members of governmental defined benefit pension plans under section 401(a)(17) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, shall apply to earnable compensation for all permanent firemen and permanent policemen who first become eligible for membership in the system on or after July 1, 1996. Earnable compensation shall not include compensation in any form paid later than 120 days after the member's termination of employment from a retirement-eligible position.***
22 Average Final Compensation. Amend RSA 100-A:1, XVIII to read as follows: XVIII. "Average final compensation" shall mean:	**AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 533 Average Final Compensation; 2026 Change. Amend RSA 100-A:1, XVIII to read as follows: XVIII. "Average final compensation" shall mean:

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(a) For ***group I*** members who have attained vested status prior to January 1, 2012, the average annual earnable compensation of a member during his or her highest 3 years of creditable service, or during all of the years in his or her creditable service if less than 3 years. For purposes of this calculation, the inclusion of the average annual compensation for extra and special duty in the 3 years shall not exceed the average annual amount of compensation for extra and special duty paid to the member over the member's last 7 years of creditable service on or after July 1, 2009, as reported by the employer in accordance with RSA 100-A:16, VI, or over all of the years in his or her creditable service on or after July 1, 2009, if less than 7 years.	(a) For ***group I*** members who have attained vested status prior to January 1, 2012, the average annual earnable compensation of a member during his or her highest 3 years of creditable service, or during all of the years in his or her creditable service if less than 3 years. [~~For purposes of this calculation, the inclusion of the average annual compensation for extra and special duty in the 3 years shall not exceed the average annual amount of compensation for extra and special duty paid to the member over the member's last 7 years of creditable service on or after July 1, 2009, as reported by the employer in accordance with RSA 100-A:16, VI, or over all of the years in his or her creditable service on or after July 1, 2009, if less than 7 years.~~]
(b) For group II members who attained vested status prior to September 1, 2013, the average annual earnable compensation shall be calculated based on the member's highest 3 years of creditable service, or during all years of creditable service if less than 3 years. For purposes of this calculation, the inclusion of the average annual compensation for extra and special duty in the 3 years shall not exceed the average annual amount of compensation for extra and special duty paid to the member over the member's last 7 years of creditable service on or after July 1, 2009, as reported by the employer in accordance with RSA 100-A:16, VI, or over all of the years in the member's creditable service on or after July 1, 2009, if less than 7 years.	***(b) For group II members who attained vested status prior to September 1, 2013, the average annual earnable compensation shall be calculated based on the member's highest 3 years of creditable service, or during all years of creditable service if less than 3 years. For purposes of this calculation, the inclusion of the average annual compensation for extra and special duty in the 3 years shall not exceed the average annual amount of compensation for extra and special duty paid to the member over the member's last 7 years of creditable service on or after July 1, 2009, as reported by the employer in accordance with RSA 100-A:16, VI, or over all of the years in the member's creditable service on or after July 1, 2009, if less than 7 years.***
[~~(b)~~] ***(c)*** For group I members who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011 or who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2012, the average annual earnable compensation of a member during his or her highest 5 years of creditable service, or during all of the years in his or her creditable service if less than 5 years. For purposes of inclusion in this calculation, the average percentage of compensation paid in excess of the full base rate of compensation in the highest 5 years shall not exceed the average percentage of compensation paid in excess of the full base rate of compensation over all the member's years of service on or after January 1, 2012, but excluding the highest 5 years.	[~~(b)~~] ***(c)*** For group I members who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011 or who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2012, the average annual earnable compensation of a member during his or her highest 5 years of creditable service, or during all of the years in his or her creditable service if less than 5 years. For purposes of inclusion in this calculation, the average percentage of compensation paid in excess of the full base rate of compensation in the highest 5 years shall not exceed the average percentage of compensation paid in excess of the full base rate of compensation over all the member's years of service on or after January 1, 2012, but excluding the highest 5 years.

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[~~(c)(1)~~] ***(d)(1)*** For group II members who commenced service [~~prior to July 1, 2011~~] ***on or after July 1, 2001,*** and who have not attained vested status prior to [~~January 1, 2012,~~] ***September 1, 2013,*** the average annual earnable compensation of a member during his or her highest 5 years of creditable service, or during all of the years in his or her creditable service if less than 5 years. For purposes of inclusion in this calculation, the average percentage of compensation paid in excess of the full base rate of compensation in the highest 5 years shall not exceed the average percentage of compensation paid in excess of the full base rate of compensation over all the member's years of service on or after [~~January 1, 2012~~] ***September 1, 2013***.	[~~(c)(1)~~] ***(d)(1)*** For group II members [~~who commenced service prior to July 1, 2011 and~~] who have not attained vested status prior to [~~January 1, 2012,~~] ***September 1, 2013,*** the average annual earnable compensation of a member during his or her highest 5 years of creditable service, or during all of the years in his or her creditable service if less than 5 years. For purposes of inclusion in this calculation, the average percentage of compensation paid in excess of the full base rate of compensation in the highest 5 years shall not exceed the average percentage of compensation paid in excess of the full base rate of compensation over all the member's years of service on or after [~~January 1, 2012~~] ***September 1, 2013***.
(2) For group II members who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011, [~~and who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2012,~~] the average annual earnable compensation of a member during his or her highest 5 years of creditable service, or during all of the years in his or her creditable service if less than 5 years. For purposes of inclusion in this calculation, the average percentage of compensation paid in excess of the full base rate of compensation in the highest 5 years shall not exceed the average percentage of compensation paid in excess of the full base rate of compensation over all the member's years of service on or after January 1, 2012, but excluding the highest 5 years.	(2) For group II members who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011, [~~and who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2012,~~] the average annual earnable compensation of a member during his or her highest 5 years of creditable service, or during all of the years in his or her creditable service if less than 5 years. For purposes of inclusion in this calculation, the average percentage of compensation paid in excess of the full base rate of compensation in the highest 5 years shall not exceed the average percentage of compensation paid in excess of the full base rate of compensation over all the member's years of service on or after January 1, 2012, but excluding the highest 5 years.
23 Group II Service Retirement Benefits. Amend RSA 100-A:5, II(a) to read as follows: II. Group II Members. (a) Any group II member in service, who is in vested status before [~~January 1, 2012~~] ***September 1, 2013***, who has attained age 45 and completed 20 years of creditable service, and any group II member who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011***,*** who has attained age 50 and completed 25 years of creditable service, and group II members who have not attained vested status prior to [~~January 1, 2012~~] ***September 1, 2013,*** as provided in the transition provisions in RSA 100-	**AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 534 Group II Service Retirement Benefits; 2026 Change. Amend RSA 100-A:5, II(a) to read as follows: II. Group II Members. (a) Any group II member in service, who is in vested status before [~~January 1, 2012~~] ***September 1, 2013***, who has attained age 45 and completed 20 years of creditable service, and any group II member who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011***,*** who has attained age 50 and completed 25 years of creditable service, and group II members who have not attained vested status prior to [~~January 1, 2012~~] ***September 1, 2013,*** as provided in the transition provisions in RSA 100-A:5, II(d), or any group II member in service who has attained age 60 regardless of the number of years

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A:5, II(d), or any group II member in service who has attained age 60 regardless of the number of years of creditable service, may retire on a service retirement allowance upon written application to the board of trustees setting forth at what time not less than 30 days nor more than 90 days subsequent to the filing thereof the member desires to be retired, notwithstanding that during such period of notification the member may have separated from service. Provided, however, that a group II member who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011 shall not receive a service retirement allowance until attaining the age of 52.5; but may receive a reduced allowance after age 50 if the member has at least 25 years of creditable service where the allowance shall be reduced, for each month by which the date on which benefits commence precedes the month after which the member attains 52.5 years of age, by 1/4 of one percent.	of creditable service, may retire on a service retirement allowance upon written application to the board of trustees setting forth at what time not less than 30 days nor more than 90 days subsequent to the filing thereof the member desires to be retired, notwithstanding that during such period of notification the member may have separated from service. Provided, however, that a group II member who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011 shall not receive a service retirement allowance until attaining the age of 52.5; but may receive a reduced allowance after age 50 if the member has at least 25 years of creditable service where the allowance shall be reduced, for each month by which the date on which benefits commence precedes the month after which the member attains 52.5 years of age, by 1/4 of one percent.
24 Group II Service Retirement Benefits. Amend RSA 100-A:5, II(b)(2) to read as follows: (2) For members who are in vested status before [~~January 1, 2012~~] ***September 1, 2013***, a state annuity which, together with his or her member annuity, shall be equal to 2-1/2 percent of his or her average final compensation multiplied by the number of years of his or her creditable service not in excess of 40 years, or for members who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011, a state annuity which, together with his or her member annuity, shall be equal to 2 percent of his or her average final compensation multiplied by the number of years of his or her creditable service not in excess of 42.5 years, and group II members who have not attained vested status prior to [~~January 1, 2012~~] ***September 1, 2013,*** shall be as provided in the transition provisions in RSA 100-A:5, II(d) with the maximum number of years of creditable service not in excess of the limits under RSA 100-A:6-a, but only for group II members in service who have attained age 60 regardless of the number of years of creditable service, or who work up to their full age and service requirements and retire under service retirement. If a member retires prior to reaching full age and service requirements, then their annuity multiplier remains the same as their first 15 years of creditable service.	**AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 535 Group II Service Retirement Benefits; 2026 Change. Amend RSA 100-A:5, II(b)(2) to read as follows: (2) For members who are in vested status before [~~January 1, 2012~~] ***September 1, 2013***, a state annuity which, together with his or her member annuity, shall be equal to 2-1/2 percent of his or her average final compensation multiplied by the number of years of his or her creditable service not in excess of 40 years, or for members who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011, a state annuity which, together with his or her member annuity, shall be equal to 2 percent of his or her average final compensation multiplied by the number of years of his or her creditable service not in excess of 42.5 years, and group II members who have not attained vested status prior to [~~January 1, 2012~~] ***September 1, 2013,*** shall be as provided in the transition provisions in RSA 100-A:5, II(d) with the maximum number of years of creditable service not in excess of the limits under RSA 100-A:6-a, but only for group II members in service who have attained age 60 regardless of the number of years of creditable service, or who work up to their full age and service requirements and retire under service retirement. If a member retires prior to reaching full age and service requirements, then their annuity multiplier remains the same as their first 15 years of creditable service.

25 Group II Service Retirement Benefits. Amend RSA 100-A:5, II(c)(1) to read as follows:

(c)(1) Notwithstanding any provision of RSA 100-A to the contrary, any group II member who is in vested status before [~~January 1, 2012~~] ***September 1, 2013,*** and has retired on or after the effective date of this subparagraph after attaining the age of 45 with at least 20 years of creditable service, and any group II member who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011***,*** and retires after the effective date of this subparagraph after attaining the age of 50 with at least 25 years of creditable service, and group II members who have not attained vested status prior to [~~January 1, 2012~~] ***September 1, 2013,*** who qualify as provided in the transition provisions in RSA 100-A:5, II(d), shall receive a minimum annual service retirement allowance of $10,000. If such group II member has elected to convert the retirement allowance into an optional allowance for the surviving spouse under RSA 100-A:13, the surviving spouse shall be entitled to a proportional share of the $10,000.

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536 Group II Service Retirement Benefits; 2026 Change. Amend RSA 100-A:5, II(c)(1) to read as follows:

(c)(1) Notwithstanding any provision of RSA 100-A to the contrary, any group II member who is in vested status before [~~January 1, 2012~~] ***September 1, 2013,*** and has retired on or after the effective date of this subparagraph after attaining the age of 45 with at least 20 years of creditable service, and any group II member who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011***,*** and retires after the effective date of this subparagraph after attaining the age of 50 with at least 25 years of creditable service, and group II members who have not attained vested status prior to [~~January 1, 2012~~] ***September 1, 2013,*** who qualify as provided in the transition provisions in RSA 100-A:5, II(d), shall receive a minimum annual service retirement allowance of $10,000. If such group II member has elected to convert the retirement allowance into an optional allowance for the surviving spouse under RSA 100-A:13, the surviving spouse shall be entitled to a proportional share of the $10,000.

26 Group II Service Retirement Benefits. Amend RSA 100-A:5, II(d) to read as follows:

(d) Active group II members who commenced service prior to July 1, 2011 and who have not attained vested status prior to [~~January 1, 2012~~] ***September 1, 2013,*** shall be subject to the following transition provisions for years of service required for regular service retirement, the minimum age for regular service retirement, and for the first 15 years of creditable service, the multiplier used to calculate the retirement annuity [~~, which shall be applicable on, or after January 1, 2012~~] according to the following table:

Creditable service on January 1, 2012	Minimum years of service	Minimum age attained	Annuity multiplier
[~~(1) Less than 4 years~~	~~24 age~~	~~49~~	~~2.1%~~

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537 Group II Service Retirement Benefits; 2026 Change. Amend RSA 100-A:5, II(d) to read as follows:

(d) Active group II members who commenced service prior to July 1, 2011, and who have not attained vested status prior to [~~January 1, 2012~~] ***September 1, 2013,*** shall be subject to the following transition provisions for years of service required for regular service retirement, the minimum age for regular service retirement, and for the first 15 years of creditable service, the multiplier used to calculate the retirement annuity [~~, which shall be applicable on, or after January 1, 2012~~] according to the following table:

Creditable service on January 1, 2012	Minimum years of service	Minimum age attained	Annuity multiplier
[~~(1) Less than 4 years~~	~~24 age~~	~~49~~	~~2.1%~~

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~~(2) At least 4 years but less than 6 years~~	~~23 age~~	~~48~~	~~2.2%~~	~~(2) At least 4 years but less than 6 years~~	~~23 age~~	~~48~~	~~2.2%~~
~~(3) At least 6 years but less than 8 years~~	~~22 age~~	~~47~~	~~2.3%~~	~~(3) At least 6 years but less than 8 years~~	~~22 age~~	~~47~~	~~2.3%~~
~~(4) At least 8 years but less than 10 years~~]	~~21 age~~	~~46~~	~~2.4%~~	~~(4) At least 8 years but less than 10 years~~]	~~21 age~~	~~46~~	~~2.4%~~
(1) Less than 1 year	***24***	***age 49***	***2.1%****	***(1) Less than 1 year***	***24***	***age 49***	***2.1%****
(2) At least 1 years but less than 2 years	***24***	***age 49***	***2.1%****	***(2) At least 1 years but less than 2 years***	***24***	***age 49***	***2.1%****
(3) At least 2 years but less than 3 years	***24***	***age 49***	***2.1%****	***(3) At least 2 years but less than 3 years***	***24***	***age 49***	***2.1%****
(4) At least 3 years but less than 4 years	***24***	***age 49***	***2.1%****	***(4) At least 3 years but less than 4 years***	***24***	***age 49***	***2.1%****
(5) At least 4 years but less than 5 years	***23***	***age 48***	***2.2%****	***(5) At least 4 years but less than 5 years***	***23***	***age 48***	***2.2%****
(6) At least 5 years but less than 6 years	***23***	***age 48***	***2.2%****	***(6) At least 5 years but less than 6 years***	***23***	***age 48***	***2.2%****
(7) At least 6 years but less than 7 years	***22***	***age 47***	***2.3%****	***(7) At least 6 years but less than 7 years***	***22***	***age 47***	***2.3%****
(8) At least 7 years but less than 8 years	***22***	***age 47***	***2.3%****	***(8) At least 7 years but less than 8 years***	***22***	***age 47***	***2.3%****
(9) At least 8 years but less than 9 years	***21***	***age 46***	***2.4%****	***(9) At least 8 years but less than 9 years***	***21***	***age 46***	***2.4%****
* The annuity multiplier applied to creditable service earned beyond 15 years of creditable service, shall be 2.5 percent, but only for group II members in service who have attained age 60 regardless of the number of years of creditable service, or who work up to their full age and service requirements				* The annuity multiplier applied to creditable service earned beyond 15 years of creditable service, shall be 2.5 percent, but only for group II members in service who have attained age 60 regardless of the number of years of creditable service, or who work up to their full age and service requirements			

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and retire under service retirement. If a member retires prior to reaching full age and service requirements, then their annuity multiplier remains the same as their first 15 years of creditable service.	and retire under service retirement. If a member retires prior to reaching full age and service requirements, then their annuity multiplier remains the same as their first 15 years of creditable service.
27 Retirement System; Group II; Date Change for Application of Retirement Provisions Adopted in 2011 to Members in Vested Status. Amend the following RSA provisions by replacing "January 1, 2012" with "September 1, 2013": 21-I:30, VIII; 100-A:1, XXXVII(b)(1) and (3); 100-A:5, II(a); 100-A:5, II(b)(2); 100-A:5, II(c)(1); 100-A:5, II(d) (except table heading); 100-A:6, II(b); 100-A:6, II(d)(1) and (3); 100-A:10, II(b); 100-A:16, I(aa); 100-A:19-b, II(a) and (c); and 100-A:19-d.	**AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 538 Retirement System; 2026 Change; Group II; Date Change for Application of Retirement Provisions Adopted in 2011 to Members in Vested Status. Amend the following RSA provisions by replacing "January 1, 2012" with "September 1, 2013": 21-I:30, VIII; 100-A:1, XXXVII(b)(1) and (3); 100-A:5, II(a); 100-A:5, II(b)(2); 100-A:5, II(c)(1); 100-A:5, II(d) (except table heading); 100-A:6, II(b); 100-A:6, II(d)(1) and (3); 100-A:10, II(b); 100-A:16, I(aa); 100-A:19-b, II(a) and (c); and 100-A:19-d.
28 Retirement System; 2026 Change; Group II; Date Change for Application of Retirement Provisions Adopted in 2011 to Members in Vested Status. Amend the following RSA provisions by replacing "September 1, 2013" with "January 1, 2014": 21-I:30, VIII; 100-A:1, XVII(c); 100-A:1, XVII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XVIII(b); 100-A:1, XVIII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XXXVII(b)(1) and (3); 100-A:5, II(a); 100-A:5, II(b)(2); 100-A:5, II(c)(1); 100-A:5, II(d) (except table heading); 100-A:6, II(b); 100-A:6, II(d)(1) and (3); 100-A:10, II(b); 100-A:16, I(aa); 100-A:19-b, II(a) and (c); and 100-A:19-d.	539 Retirement System; 2026 Change; Group II; Date Change for Application of Retirement Provisions Adopted in 2011 to Members in Vested Status. Amend the following RSA provisions by replacing "September 1, 2013" with "January 1, 2014": 21-I:30, VIII; 100-A:1, XVII(c); 100-A:1, XVII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XVIII(b); 100-A:1, XVIII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XXXVII(b)(1) and (3); 100-A:5, II(a); 100-A:5, II(b)(2); 100-A:5, II(c)(1); 100-A:5, II(d) (except table heading); 100-A:6, II(b); 100-A:6, II(d)(1) and (3); 100-A:10, II(b); 100-A:16, I(aa); 100-A:19-b, II(a) and (c); and 100-A:19-d.
29 Retirement System; 2027 Change; Group II; Date Change for Application of Retirement Provisions Adopted in 2011 to Members in Vested Status. Amend the following RSA provisions by replacing "January 1, 2014" with "January 1, 2015": 21-I:30, VIII; 100-A:1, XVII(c); 100-A:1, XVII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XVIII(b); 100-A:1, XVIII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XXXVII(b)(1) and (3); 100-A:5, II(a); 100-A:5, II(b)(2); 100-A:5, II(c)(1); 100-A:5, II(d) (except table heading); 100-A:6, II(b); 100-A:6, II(d)(1) and (3); 100-A:10, II(b); 100-A:16, I(aa); 100-A:19-b, II(a) and (c); and 100-A:19-d.	540 Retirement System; 2027 Change; Group II; Date Change for Application of Retirement Provisions Adopted in 2011 to Members in Vested Status. Amend the following RSA provisions by replacing "January 1, 2014" with "January 1, 2015": 21-I:30, VIII; 100-A:1, XVII(c); 100-A:1, XVII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XVIII(b); 100-A:1, XVIII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XXXVII(b)(1) and (3); 100-A:5, II(a); 100-A:5, II(b)(2); 100-A:5, II(c)(1); 100-A:5, II(d) (except table heading); 100-A:6, II(b); 100-A:6, II(d)(1) and (3); 100-A:10, II(b); 100-A:16, I(aa); 100-A:19-b, II(a) and (c); and 100-A:19-d.

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30 Retirement System; 2028 Change; Group II; Date Change for Application of Retirement Provisions Adopted in 2011 to Members in Vested Status. Amend the following RSA provisions by replacing "January 1, 2015" with "January 1, 2016": 21-I:30, VIII; 100-A:1, XVII(c); 100-A:1, XVII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XVIII(b); 100-A:1, XVIII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XXXVII(b)(1) and (3); 100-A:5, II(a); 100-A:5, II(b)(2); 100-A:5, II(c)(1); 100-A:5, II(d) (except table heading); 100-A:6, II(b); 100-A:6, II(d)(1) and (3); 100-A:10, II(b); 100-A:16, I(aa); 100-A:19-b, II(a) and (c); and 100-A:19-d.	541 Retirement System; 2028 Change; Group II; Date Change for Application of Retirement Provisions Adopted in 2011 to Members in Vested Status. Amend the following RSA provisions by replacing "January 1, 2015" with "January 1, 2016": 21-I:30, VIII; 100-A:1, XVII(c); 100-A:1, XVII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XVIII(b); 100-A:1, XVIII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XXXVII(b)(1) and (3); 100-A:5, II(a); 100-A:5, II(b)(2); 100-A:5, II(c)(1); 100-A:5, II(d) (except table heading); 100-A:6, II(b); 100-A:6, II(d)(1) and (3); 100-A:10, II(b); 100-A:16, I(aa); 100-A:19-b, II(a) and (c); and 100-A:19-d.
31 Retirement System; 2029 Change; Group II; Date Change for Application of Retirement Provisions Adopted in 2011 to Members in Vested Status. Amend the following RSA provisions by replacing "January 1, 2016" with "January 1, 2017": 21-I:30, VIII; 100-A:1, XVII(c); 100-A:1, XVII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XVIII(b); 100-A:1, XVIII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XXXVII(b)(1) and (3); 100-A:5, II(a); 100-A:5, II(b)(2); 100-A:5, II(c)(1); 100-A:5, II(d) (except table heading); 100-A:6, II(b); 100-A:6, II(d)(1) and (3); 100-A:10, II(b); 100-A:16, I(aa); 100-A:19-b, II(a) and (c); and 100-A:19-d.	542 Retirement System; 2029 Change; Group II; Date Change for Application of Retirement Provisions Adopted in 2011 to Members in Vested Status. Amend the following RSA provisions by replacing "January 1, 2016" with "January 1, 2017": 21-I:30, VIII; 100-A:1, XVII(c); 100-A:1, XVII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XVIII(b); 100-A:1, XVIII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XXXVII(b)(1) and (3); 100-A:5, II(a); 100-A:5, II(b)(2); 100-A:5, II(c)(1); 100-A:5, II(d) (except table heading); 100-A:6, II(b); 100-A:6, II(d)(1) and (3); 100-A:10, II(b); 100-A:16, I(aa); 100-A:19-b, II(a) and (c); and 100-A:19-d.
32 Retirement System; 2030 Change; Group II; Date Change for Application of Retirement Provisions Adopted in 2011 to Members in Vested Status. Amend the following RSA provisions by replacing "January 1, 2017" with "January 1, 2018": 21-I:30, VIII; 100-A:1, XVII(c); 100-A:1, XVII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XVIII(b); 100-A:1, XVIII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XXXVII(b)(1) and (3); 100-A:5, II(a); 100-A:5, II(b)(2); 100-A:5, II(c)(1); 100-A:5, II(d) (except table heading); 100-A:6, II(b); 100-A:6, II(d)(1) and (3); 100-A:10, II(b); 100-A:16, I(aa); 100-A:19-b, II(a) and (c); and 100-A:19-d.	543 Retirement System; 2030 Change; Group II; Date Change for Application of Retirement Provisions Adopted in 2011 to Members in Vested Status. Amend the following RSA provisions by replacing "January 1, 2017" with "January 1, 2018": 21-I:30, VIII; 100-A:1, XVII(c); 100-A:1, XVII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XVIII(b); 100-A:1, XVIII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XXXVII(b)(1) and (3); 100-A:5, II(a); 100-A:5, II(b)(2); 100-A:5, II(c)(1); 100-A:5, II(d) (except table heading); 100-A:6, II(b); 100-A:6, II(d)(1) and (3); 100-A:10, II(b); 100-A:16, I(aa); 100-A:19-b, II(a) and (c); and 100-A:19-d.
33 Retirement System; 2031 Change; Group II; Date Change for Application of Retirement Provisions Adopted in 2011 to Members in Vested Status. Amend the following RSA provisions by replacing "January 1, 2018" with "January 1, 2019": 21-I:30, VIII; 100-A:1, XVII(c); 100-A:1, XVII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XVIII(b); 100-A:1, XVIII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XXXVII(b)(1) and (3); 100-A:5, II(a); 100-A:5, II(b)(2); 100-A:5,	544 Retirement System; 2031 Change; Group II; Date Change for Application of Retirement Provisions Adopted in 2011 to Members in Vested Status. Amend the following RSA provisions by replacing "January 1, 2018" with "January 1, 2019": 21-I:30, VIII; 100-A:1, XVII(c); 100-A:1, XVII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XVIII(b); 100-A:1, XVIII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XXXVII(b)(1) and (3); 100-A:5, II(a); 100-A:5, II(b)(2); 100-

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II(c)(1); 100-A:5, II(d) (except table heading); 100-A:6, II(b); 100-A:6, II(d)(1) and (3); 100-A:10, II(b); 100-A:16, I(aa); 100-A:19-b, II(a) and (c); and 100-A:19-d.	A:5, II(c)(1); 100-A:5, II(d) (except table heading); 100-A:6, II(b); 100-A:6, II(d)(1) and (3); 100-A:10, II(b); 100-A:16, I(aa); 100-A:19-b, II(a) and (c); and 100-A:19-d.
34 Retirement System; 2032 Change; Group II; Date Change for Application of Retirement Provisions Adopted in 2011 to Members in Vested Status. Amend the following RSA provisions by replacing "January 1, 2019" with "January 1, 2020": 21-I:30, VIII; 100-A:1, XVII(c); 100-A:1, XVII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XVIII(b); 100-A:1, XVIII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XXXVII(b)(1) and (3); 100-A:5, II(a); 100-A:5, II(b)(2); 100-A:5, II(c)(1); 100-A:5, II(d) (except table heading); 100-A:6, II(b); 100-A:6, II(d)(1) and (3); 100-A:10, II(b); 100-A:16, I(aa); 100-A:19-b, II(a) and (c); and 100-A:19-d.	545 Retirement System; 2032 Change; Group II; Date Change for Application of Retirement Provisions Adopted in 2011 to Members in Vested Status. Amend the following RSA provisions by replacing "January 1, 2019" with "January 1, 2020": 21-I:30, VIII; 100-A:1, XVII(c); 100-A:1, XVII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XVIII(b); 100-A:1, XVIII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XXXVII(b)(1) and (3); 100-A:5, II(a); 100-A:5, II(b)(2); 100-A:5, II(c)(1); 100-A:5, II(d) (except table heading); 100-A:6, II(b); 100-A:6, II(d)(1) and (3); 100-A:10, II(b); 100-A:16, I(aa); 100-A:19-b, II(a) and (c); and 100-A:19-d.
35 Retirement System; 2033 Change; Group II; Date Change for Application of Retirement Provisions Adopted in 2011 to Members in Vested Status. Amend the following RSA provisions by replacing "January 1, 2020" with "January 1, 2021": 21-I:30, VIII; 100-A:1, XVII(c); 100-A:1, XVII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XVIII(b); 100-A:1, XVIII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XXXVII(b)(1) and (3); 100-A:5, II(a); 100-A:5, II(b)(2); 100-A:5, II(c)(1); 100-A:5, II(d) (except table heading); 100-A:6, II(b); 100-A:6, II(d)(1) and (3); 100-A:10, II(b); 100-A:16, I(aa); 100-A:19-b, II(a) and (c); and 100-A:19-d.	546 Retirement System; 2033 Change; Group II; Date Change for Application of Retirement Provisions Adopted in 2011 to Members in Vested Status. Amend the following RSA provisions by replacing "January 1, 2020" with "January 1, 2021": 21-I:30, VIII; 100-A:1, XVII(c); 100-A:1, XVII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XVIII(b); 100-A:1, XVIII(d)(1); 100-A:1, XXXVII(b)(1) and (3); 100-A:5, II(a); 100-A:5, II(b)(2); 100-A:5, II(c)(1); 100-A:5, II(d) (except table heading); 100-A:6, II(b); 100-A:6, II(d)(1) and (3); 100-A:10, II(b); 100-A:16, I(aa); 100-A:19-b, II(a) and (c); and 100-A:19-d.
36 Medical and Surgical Benefits; 2034 Change. Amend RSA 21-I:30, VIII to read as follows: VIII. Any vested deferred state retiree may receive medical and surgical benefits under this section if the vested deferred state retiree is eligible. To be eligible, a group I vested deferred state retiree shall have at least 10 years of creditable service with the state if the employee's service began prior to July 1, 2003 or 20 years of creditable service with the state if the employee's service began on or after July 1, 2003 and a group II vested deferred state retiree shall have at least 20 years of creditable service with the state if the employee's service with the state began on or after July 1, 2010. In addition, if the vested deferred state retiree is a member of group I, such retiree shall be at least 60 years of age to be eligible. If the vested deferred state retiree is a member of group II who is in vested	547 Medical and Surgical Benefits; 2034 Change. Amend RSA 21-I:30, VIII to read as follows: VIII. Any vested deferred state retiree may receive medical and surgical benefits under this section if the vested deferred state retiree is eligible. To be eligible, a group I vested deferred state retiree shall have at least 10 years of creditable service with the state if the employee's service began prior to July 1, 2003 or 20 years of creditable service with the state if the employee's service began on or after July 1, 2003 and a group II vested deferred state retiree shall have at least 20 years of creditable service with the state if the employee's service with the state began on or after July 1, 2010. In addition, if the vested deferred state retiree is a member of group I, such retiree shall be at least 60 years of age to be eligible. If the vested deferred state retiree is a member of group II who is in vested

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status before January 1, 2012, such retiree shall not be eligible until 20 years from the date of becoming a member of group II and shall be at least 45 years of age, and any group II member who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011 shall not be eligible until 25 years from the date of becoming a member of group II and shall be at least 52.5 years of age[~~, and group II members who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2012 shall be as provided in the transition provisions in RSA 100-A:5, II(d)~~].	status before January 1, 2012, such retiree shall not be eligible until 20 years from the date of becoming a member of group II and shall be at least 45 years of age, and any group II member who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011 shall not be eligible until 25 years from the date of becoming a member of group II and shall be at least 52.5 years of age[~~, and group II members who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2012 shall be as provided in the transition provisions in RSA 100-A:5, II(d)~~].
37 Definitions; 2034 Change. Amend RSA 100-A:1, XVII(d)(1) to read as follows: (d)(1) For group II members [~~who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2021~~] ***who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011***, the full base rate of compensation paid, as determined by the employer, plus compensation over base pay. Compensation over base pay shall include, as applicable and subject to subparagraphs (2) and (3), any overtime pay, cost of living bonus, annual attendance stipend or bonus, annual longevity pay, compensation for extra and special duty, and any military differential pay, plus the fair market value of non-cash compensation paid to or on behalf of the member for meals or living quarters if subject to federal income tax, but excluding other compensation except supplemental pay paid by the employer while the member is receiving workers' compensation that is not part of the contracted annual salary.	548 Definitions; 2034 Change. Amend RSA 100-A:1, XVII(d)(1) to read as follows: (d)(1) For group II members [~~who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2021~~] ***who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011***, the full base rate of compensation paid, as determined by the employer, plus compensation over base pay. Compensation over base pay shall include, as applicable and subject to subparagraphs (2) and (3), any overtime pay, cost of living bonus, annual attendance stipend or bonus, annual longevity pay, compensation for extra and special duty, and any military differential pay, plus the fair market value of non-cash compensation paid to or on behalf of the member for meals or living quarters if subject to federal income tax, but excluding other compensation except supplemental pay paid by the employer while the member is receiving workers' compensation that is not part of the contracted annual salary.
38 Definitions; 2034 Change. Amend RSA 100-A:1, XXXVII(b)(1) through (3) to read as follows: (b)(1) For a group II member who is [~~in vested status before January 1, 2012~~] ***who commenced service prior to July 1, 2011***, the later of the date that the member has both attained age 45 and completed 20 years of creditable service; ***or*** (2) For a group II member who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011, the later of the date that the member has both attained age 52.5 and completed 25 years of creditable service.[~~;~~] [~~(3) For a group II member who commenced service prior to July 1, 2011, and who has not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2012, as provided in the transition provisions in RSA 100-A:5, II(d); or~~]	549 Definitions; 2034 Change. Amend RSA 100-A:1, XXXVII(b)(1) through (3) to read as follows: (b)(1) For a group II member who is [~~in vested status before January 1, 2012~~] ***who commenced service prior to July 1, 2011***, the later of the date that the member has both attained age 45 and completed 20 years of creditable service; ***or*** (2) For a group II member who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011, the later of the date that the member has both attained age 52.5 and completed 25 years of creditable service.[~~;~~] [~~(3) For a group II member who commenced service prior to July 1, 2011, and who has not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2012, as provided in the transition provisions in RSA 100-A:5, II(d); or~~]

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39 Service Retirement Benefits; 2034 Change. Amend RSA 100-A:5, II(a) to read as follows: (a) Any group II member in service, [~~who is in vested status before January 1, 2021~~] ***who commenced service prior to July 1, 2011***, who has attained age 45 and completed 20 years of creditable service, and any group II member who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011 who has attained age 50 and completed 25 years of creditable service[~~, and group II members who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2021, as provided in the transition provisions in RSA 100-A:5, II(d)~~], or any group II member in service who has attained age 60 regardless of the number of years of creditable service, may retire on a service retirement allowance upon written application to the board of trustees setting forth at what time not less than 30 days nor more than 90 days subsequent to the filing thereof the member desires to be retired, notwithstanding that during such period of notification the member may have separated from service. Provided, however, that a group II member who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011 shall not receive a service retirement allowance until attaining the age of 52.5; but may receive a reduced allowance after age 50 if the member has at least 25 years of creditable service where the allowance shall be reduced, for each month by which the date on which benefits commence precedes the month after which the member attains 52.5 years of age, by 1/4 of one percent.	550 Service Retirement Benefits; 2034 Change. Amend RSA 100-A:5, II(a) to read as follows: (a) Any group II member in service, [~~who is in vested status before January 1, 2021~~] ***who commenced service prior to July 1, 2011***, who has attained age 45 and completed 20 years of creditable service, and any group II member who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011 who has attained age 50 and completed 25 years of creditable service[~~, and group II members who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2021, as provided in the transition provisions in RSA 100-A:5, II(d)~~], or any group II member in service who has attained age 60 regardless of the number of years of creditable service, may retire on a service retirement allowance upon written application to the board of trustees setting forth at what time not less than 30 days nor more than 90 days subsequent to the filing thereof the member desires to be retired, notwithstanding that during such period of notification the member may have separated from service. Provided, however, that a group II member who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011 shall not receive a service retirement allowance until attaining the age of 52.5; but may receive a reduced allowance after age 50 if the member has at least 25 years of creditable service where the allowance shall be reduced, for each month by which the date on which benefits commence precedes the month after which the member attains 52.5 years of age, by 1/4 of one percent.
40 Service Retirement Benefits; 2034 Change. Amend RSA 100-A:5, II(b)(2) to read as follows: (2) For members [~~who are in vested status before January 1, 2021~~] ***who commenced service prior to July 1, 2011***, a state annuity which, together with his or her member annuity, shall be equal to 2- 1/2 percent of his or her average final compensation multiplied by the number of years of his or her creditable service not in excess of 40 years, or for members who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011, a state annuity which, together with his or her member annuity, shall be equal to 2 percent of his or her average final compensation multiplied by the number of years of his or her creditable service not in excess of 42.5 years[~~, and group II members who have not attained vested~~	551 Service Retirement Benefits; 2034 Change. Amend RSA 100-A:5, II(b)(2) to read as follows: (2) For members [~~who are in vested status before January 1, 2021~~] ***who commenced service prior to July 1, 2011***, a state annuity which, together with his or her member annuity, shall be equal to 2- 1/2 percent of his or her average final compensation multiplied by the number of years of his or her creditable service not in excess of 40 years, or for members who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011, a state annuity which, together with his or her member annuity, shall be equal to 2 percent of his or her average final compensation multiplied by the number of years of his or her creditable service not in excess of 42.5 years[~~, and group II members who have not attained vested~~

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~~status prior to January 1, 2021 shall be as provided in the transition provisions in RSA 100-A:5, II(d) with the maximum number of years of creditable service not in excess of 40.5 years~~].	~~status prior to January 1, 2021 shall be as provided in the transition provisions in RSA 100-A:5, II(d) with the maximum number of years of creditable service not in excess of 40.5 years~~].
41 Service Retirement Benefits; 2034 Change. Amend RSA 100-A:5, II(c)(1) to read as follows: (c)(1) Notwithstanding any provision of RSA 100-A to the contrary, any group II member who [~~is in vested status before January 1, 2021 and~~] ***commenced service prior to July 1, 2011,*** has retired on or after the effective date of this subparagraph after attaining the age of 45 with at least 20 years of creditable service, and any group II member who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011 and retires after the effective date of this subparagraph after attaining the age of 50 with at least 25 years of creditable service, [~~and group II members who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2021 who qualify as provided in the transition provisions in RSA 100-A:5, II(d),~~] shall receive a minimum annual service retirement allowance of $10,000. If such group II member has elected to convert the retirement allowance into an optional allowance for the surviving spouse under RSA 100-A:13, the surviving spouse shall be entitled to a proportional share of the $10,000.	552 Service Retirement Benefits; 2034 Change. Amend RSA 100-A:5, II(c)(1) to read as follows: (c)(1) Notwithstanding any provision of RSA 100-A to the contrary, any group II member who [~~is in vested status before January 1, 2021 and~~] ***commenced service prior to July 1, 2011,*** has retired on or after the effective date of this subparagraph after attaining the age of 45 with at least 20 years of creditable service, and any group II member who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011 and retires after the effective date of this subparagraph after attaining the age of 50 with at least 25 years of creditable service, [~~and group II members who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2021 who qualify as provided in the transition provisions in RSA 100-A:5, II(d),~~] shall receive a minimum annual service retirement allowance of $10,000. If such group II member has elected to convert the retirement allowance into an optional allowance for the surviving spouse under RSA 100-A:13, the surviving spouse shall be entitled to a proportional share of the $10,000.
42 Disability Retirement Benefit; 2034 Changes. Amend RSA 100-A:6, II(b) to read as follows: (b) Upon ordinary disability retirement, the group II member shall receive an ordinary disability retirement allowance which shall consist of: a member annuity which shall be the actuarial equivalent of his or her accumulated contributions at the time of his or her ordinary disability retirement; and a state annuity which, together with his or her member annuity, for members who [~~are in vested status before January 1, 2012~~] ***commenced service before July 1, 2011***, shall be equal to 2 1/2 percent of his or her average final compensation at the time of ordinary disability retirement multiplied by the number of years of his or her creditable service not in excess of 40 at the time of ordinary disability retirement, or for members who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011, shall be equal to 2 percent of his or her average final compensation at the time of ordinary disability retirement multiplied by the number of years of his or her creditable service not in excess of 42.5 at	553 Disability Retirement Benefit; 2034 Changes. Amend RSA 100-A:6, II(b) to read as follows: (b) Upon ordinary disability retirement, the group II member shall receive an ordinary disability retirement allowance which shall consist of: a member annuity which shall be the actuarial equivalent of his or her accumulated contributions at the time of his or her ordinary disability retirement; and a state annuity which, together with his or her member annuity, for members who [~~are in vested status before January 1, 2012~~] ***commenced service before July 1, 2011***, shall be equal to 2 1/2 percent of his or her average final compensation at the time of ordinary disability retirement multiplied by the number of years of his or her creditable service not in excess of 40 at the time of ordinary disability retirement, or for members who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011, shall be equal to 2 percent of his or her average final compensation at the time of ordinary disability retirement multiplied by the number of years of his or her creditable service not in excess of 42.5 at

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the time of ordinary disability retirement, [~~and group II members who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2012, shall be as provided in the transition provisions in RSA 100-A:5, II(d) with the maximum number of years of creditable service not in excess of the limits under RSA 100-A:6-a provided~~], however, that such allowance shall not be less than 25 percent of the member's final compensation at the time of his or her disability retirement. Members who retire upon ordinary disability or qualify for accidental death benefits as outlined in RSA 100-A:8 shall not be subject to the full age and service requirements listed under RSA 100-A:5, II(d).	the time of ordinary disability retirement, [~~and group II members who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2012, shall be as provided in the transition provisions in RSA 100-A:5, II(d) with the maximum number of years of creditable service not in excess of the limits under RSA 100-A:6-a provided~~], however, that such allowance shall not be less than 25 percent of the member's final compensation at the time of his or her disability retirement. Members who retire upon ordinary disability or qualify for accidental death benefits as outlined in RSA 100-A:8 shall not be subject to the full age and service requirements listed under RSA 100-A:5, II(d).
43 Disability Retirement Benefits; 2034 Change. Amend RSA 100-A:6, II(d)(1) through (3) to read as follows: (1) For members [~~who are in vested status before January 1, 2021~~] ***who commenced service before July 1, 2011***, any group II member who has more than 262/3 years of service, a supplemental disability retirement allowance shall be paid. Such supplement shall be equal to 21/2 percent of his or her average final compensation multiplied by the number of years of his or her creditable service in excess of 262/3 but not in excess of 40 years. (2) For members who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011, any group II member who has more than 331/3 years of service, a supplemental disability retirement allowance shall be paid. Such supplement shall be equal to 2 percent of his or her average final compensation multiplied by the number of years of his or her creditable service in excess of 331/3 but not in excess of 42.5 years. [~~(3) For group II members who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2012, calculation of the supplemental allowance shall use the percentage multipliers for the corresponding years of creditable service on January 1, 2012 in the transition provisions in RSA 100-A:5, II(d) with the range for the number of excess years for the supplement adjusted proportionally.~~]	554 Disability Retirement Benefits; 2034 Change. Amend RSA 100-A:6, II(d)(1) through (3) to read as follows: (1) For members [~~who are in vested status before January 1, 2021~~] ***who commenced service before July 1, 2011***, any group II member who has more than 262/3 years of service, a supplemental disability retirement allowance shall be paid. Such supplement shall be equal to 21/2 percent of his or her average final compensation multiplied by the number of years of his or her creditable service in excess of 262/3 but not in excess of 40 years. (2) For members who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011, any group II member who has more than 331/3 years of service, a supplemental disability retirement allowance shall be paid. Such supplement shall be equal to 2 percent of his or her average final compensation multiplied by the number of years of his or her creditable service in excess of 331/3 but not in excess of 42.5 years. [~~(3) For group II members who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2012, calculation of the supplemental allowance shall use the percentage multipliers for the corresponding years of creditable service on January 1, 2012 in the transition provisions in RSA 100-A:5, II(d) with the range for the number of excess years for the supplement adjusted proportionally.~~]

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44 Vested Deferred Retirement Benefit; 2034 Change. Amend RSA 100-A:10, II(b) to read as follows: (b) For members [~~who are in vested status before January 1, 2021~~] ***who commenced service before July 1, 2011***, upon the member's attainment of age 45, provided the member would then have completed 20 years of creditable service, otherwise the subsequent date on which such 20 years would have been completed, or for members who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011, upon the member's attainment of age 50, provided the member would then have completed 25 years of creditable service, otherwise the subsequent date on which such 25 years would have been completed, [~~and group II members who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2012 shall be as provided in the transition provisions in RSA 100-A:5, II(d),~~] or at any time after age 60, a group II member who meets the requirement of subparagraph (a) may make application on a form prescribed by the board of trustees and receive a vested deferred retirement allowance which shall consist of: (1) A member annuity which shall be the actuarial equivalent of accumulated contributions on the date the member's retirement allowance commences; and (2) A state annuity which, together with the member annuity, shall be equal to a service retirement allowance based on the member's average final compensation and creditable service at the time the member's service is terminated. Provided, however, that a group II member who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011 shall not receive a vested deferred retirement allowance until attaining the age of 52.5; but may receive a reduced allowance after age 50 if the member has at least 25 years of creditable service where the allowance shall be reduced, for each month by which the date on which benefits commence precedes the month after which the member attains 52.5 years of age, by 1/4 of one percent.	555 Vested Deferred Retirement Benefit; 2034 Change. Amend RSA 100-A:10, II(b) to read as follows: (b) For members [~~who are in vested status before January 1, 2021~~] ***who commenced service before July 1, 2011***, upon the member's attainment of age 45, provided the member would then have completed 20 years of creditable service, otherwise the subsequent date on which such 20 years would have been completed, or for members who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011, upon the member's attainment of age 50, provided the member would then have completed 25 years of creditable service, otherwise the subsequent date on which such 25 years would have been completed, [~~and group II members who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2012 shall be as provided in the transition provisions in RSA 100-A:5, II(d),~~] or at any time after age 60, a group II member who meets the requirement of subparagraph (a) may make application on a form prescribed by the board of trustees and receive a vested deferred retirement allowance which shall consist of: (1) A member annuity which shall be the actuarial equivalent of accumulated contributions on the date the member's retirement allowance commences; and (2) A state annuity which, together with the member annuity, shall be equal to a service retirement allowance based on the member's average final compensation and creditable service at the time the member's service is terminated. Provided, however, that a group II member who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011 shall not receive a vested deferred retirement allowance until attaining the age of 52.5; but may receive a reduced allowance after age 50 if the member has at least 25 years of creditable service where the allowance shall be reduced, for each month by which the date on which benefits commence precedes the month after which the member attains 52.5 years of age, by 1/4 of one percent.
45 Method of Financing; 2034 Change. Amend RSA 100-A:16, I(aa) to read as follows: (aa) The board of trustees shall certify to the proper authority or officer responsible for making up the payroll of each employer, and such authority or officer shall cause to be deducted from the compensation of each member, except group II members who are in vested status before January 1, 2012 with creditable service in excess of 40 years, and group II members who commenced service on	556 Method of Financing; 2034 Change. Amend RSA 100-A:16, I(aa) to read as follows: (aa) The board of trustees shall certify to the proper authority or officer responsible for making up the payroll of each employer, and such authority or officer shall cause to be deducted from the compensation of each member, except group II members who are in vested status before January 1, 2012 with creditable service in excess of 40 years, and group II members who commenced service on

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or after July 1, 2011 or who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2012 with creditable service in excess of 42.5 years as provided in RSA 100-A:5, II(b) and RSA 100-A:6, II(b), on each and every payroll of such employer for each and every payroll period, the percentage of earnable compensation applicable to such member. No deduction from earnable compensation under this paragraph shall apply to any group II member [~~who is in vested status before January 1, 2021~~] ***who commenced service prior to July 1, 2011,*** with creditable service in excess of 40 years, and any group II member who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011 or who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2012 with creditable service in excess of 42.5 years as provided in RSA 100-A:5, II(b) and RSA 100-A:6, II(b), and this provision for such members shall not affect the method of determining average final compensation as provided in RSA 100-A:1, XVIII. In determining the amount earnable by a member in a payroll period, the board may consider the rate of compensation payable to such member on the first day of a payroll period as continuing throughout the payroll period and it may omit deduction from compensation for any period less than a full payroll period if such person was not a member on the first day of the payroll period, and to facilitate the making of deductions it may modify the deduction required of any member by such an amount as shall not exceed 1/10 of one percent of the annual earnable compensation upon the basis of which such deduction is made. The amounts deducted shall be reported to the board of trustees. Each of such amounts, when deducted, shall be paid to the retirement system at such times as may be designated by the board of trustees and credited to the individual account, in the member annuity savings fund, of the member from whose compensation the deduction was made.	or after July 1, 2011 or who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2012 with creditable service in excess of 42.5 years as provided in RSA 100-A:5, II(b) and RSA 100-A:6, II(b), on each and every payroll of such employer for each and every payroll period, the percentage of earnable compensation applicable to such member. No deduction from earnable compensation under this paragraph shall apply to any group II member [~~who is in vested status before January 1, 2021~~] ***who commenced service prior to July 1, 2011,*** with creditable service in excess of 40 years, and any group II member who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011 or who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2012 with creditable service in excess of 42.5 years as provided in RSA 100-A:5, II(b) and RSA 100-A:6, II(b), and this provision for such members shall not affect the method of determining average final compensation as provided in RSA 100-A:1, XVIII. In determining the amount earnable by a member in a payroll period, the board may consider the rate of compensation payable to such member on the first day of a payroll period as continuing throughout the payroll period and it may omit deduction from compensation for any period less than a full payroll period if such person was not a member on the first day of the payroll period, and to facilitate the making of deductions it may modify the deduction required of any member by such an amount as shall not exceed 1/10 of one percent of the annual earnable compensation upon the basis of which such deduction is made. The amounts deducted shall be reported to the board of trustees. Each of such amounts, when deducted, shall be paid to the retirement system at such times as may be designated by the board of trustees and credited to the individual account, in the member annuity savings fund, of the member from whose compensation the deduction was made.
46 Minimum Age; 2034 Change. Amend RSA 100-A:19-b, II to read as follows: II.(a) For a member [~~who is in vested status before January 1, 2021~~] ***who commenced service prior to July 1, 2011,*** and, who has completed 20 or more years of combined creditable service, one year shall be deducted from age 60 for each year of creditable group II service, provided that the age shall not be less than 45 years.	557 Minimum Age; 2034 Change. Amend RSA 100-A:19-b, II to read as follows: II.(a) For a member [~~who is in vested status before January 1, 2021~~] ***who commenced service prior to July 1, 2011,*** and, who has completed 20 or more years of combined creditable service, one year shall be deducted from age 60 for each year of creditable group II service, provided that the age shall not be less than 45 years.

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(b) For a member who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011 and who has completed 25 or more years of combined creditable service, one year shall be deducted from age 60 for each year of creditable group II service, provided that the age shall not be less than 50 years, and provided that a the member shall not be eligible to receive a retirement allowance until attaining the age of 52.5. [~~(c) For members who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2012, minimum age shall be as provided in the transition provisions in RSA 100-A:5, II(d) with one year deducted from age 60 to not less than the adjusted minimum age.~~]	(b) For a member who commenced service on or after July 1, 2011 and who has completed 25 or more years of combined creditable service, one year shall be deducted from age 60 for each year of creditable group II service, provided that the age shall not be less than 50 years, and provided that a the member shall not be eligible to receive a retirement allowance until attaining the age of 52.5. [~~(c) For members who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2012, minimum age shall be as provided in the transition provisions in RSA 100-A:5, II(d) with one year deducted from age 60 to not less than the adjusted minimum age.~~]
47 Reduced Early Retirement; 2034 Change. Amend RSA 100-A:19-d to read as follows: 100-A:19-d Reduced Early Retirement. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any retirement system member who has creditable service in both group I and group II with at least 10 years combined creditable service, and who has attained an age which is at least 45 [~~for members who are in vested status with group II service before January 1, 2012~~] ***for members who commenced service before July 1, 2011,*** or at least 50 for members who commenced group II service on or after July 1, 2011, and group II members who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2012 shall be as provided in the transition provisions in RSA 100-A:5, II(d), and is within 10 years of the minimum age set forth in RSA 100-A:19-b, may elect to retire and have benefits commence immediately as a reduced split-benefit service retirement allowance. Application shall be as provided in RSA 100-A:5, I(c). The allowance shall be determined as a split-benefit service retirement allowance in accordance with RSA 100-A:19-c, and the total combined split-benefit service allowance shall be reduced by the percentages shown in RSA 100-A:5, I(c), based on the total combined length of creditable service, for each month by which the date on which benefits commence precedes the month after which the member attains the minimum age set forth in RSA 100-A:19-b.	558 Reduced Early Retirement; 2034 Change. Amend RSA 100-A:19-d to read as follows: 100-A:19-d Reduced Early Retirement. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any retirement system member who has creditable service in both group I and group II with at least 10 years combined creditable service, and who has attained an age which is at least 45 [~~for members who are in vested status with group II service before January 1, 2012~~] ***for members who commenced service before July 1, 2011,*** or at least 50 for members who commenced group II service on or after July 1, 2011, and group II members who have not attained vested status prior to January 1, 2012 shall be as provided in the transition provisions in RSA 100-A:5, II(d), and is within 10 years of the minimum age set forth in RSA 100-A:19-b, may elect to retire and have benefits commence immediately as a reduced split-benefit service retirement allowance. Application shall be as provided in RSA 100-A:5, I(c). The allowance shall be determined as a split-benefit service retirement allowance in accordance with RSA 100-A:19-c, and the total combined split-benefit service allowance shall be reduced by the percentages shown in RSA 100-A:5, I(c), based on the total combined length of creditable service, for each month by which the date on which benefits commence precedes the month after which the member attains the minimum age set forth in RSA 100-A:19-b.

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NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	559 Public Officers and Employees; Method of Financing; 2027 Change. Amend RSA 100-A:16, II(b) to read as follows: (b) The contributions of each employer for benefits under the retirement system on account of group II members shall consist of a percentage of the earnable compensation of its members to be known as the "normal contribution," and an additional amount to be known as the "accrued liability contribution;" provided that beginning with state fiscal year [~~2013~~] ***2028*** and for each state fiscal year thereafter, ***the state shall pay the normal contribution and accrued liability contributions attributable to this act, and*** any employer [~~shall pay the full amount of such total contributions~~] ***other than the state, shall pay the remaining percentage, thereof; and provided further that, in the case of group II members employed by the state, the state shall pay both normal and accrued liability contributions***. The rate percent of such normal contribution, including contributions on behalf of group II members whose group II creditable service is in excess of 40 years, in each instance shall be fixed on the basis of the liabilities of the system with respect to the particular members of the various member classifications as shown by actuarial valuations, except as provided in subparagraph (i). ***The board of trustees of the retirement system shall certify the amount required for each such state payment and each biennium thereafter, and the total amount of the state grants, to the treasurer. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.***
48 Funding; Appropriations. The sum of $27,500,000 per state fiscal year is hereby appropriated to the retirement system to fund the cost of benefits under this act. Such sums shall be transferred on July 1 each year until 2034. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.	**AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 560 Funding; Appropriations. The sum of $14,500,000 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and $27,500,000 per state fiscal year every year thereafter is hereby appropriated to the retirement system to fund the cost of benefits under this act. Such sums shall be transferred on July 1 each year until 2034. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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49 Repeal. RSA 100-A:5, II(d)(9), relative to group II service retirement benefits.	561 Repeal. RSA 100-A:5, II(d)(9), relative to group II service retirement benefits.
50 Repeal. RSA 100-A:5, II(d)(8), relative to group II service retirement benefits.	562 Repeal. RSA 100-A:5, II(d)(8), relative to group II service retirement benefits.
51 Repeal. RSA 100-A:5, II(d)(7), relative to group II service retirement benefits.	563 Repeal. RSA 100-A:5, II(d)(7), relative to group II service retirement benefits.
52 Repeal. RSA 100-A:5, II(d)(6), relative to group II service retirement benefits.	564 Repeal. RSA 100-A:5, II(d)(6), relative to group II service retirement benefits.
53 Repeal. RSA 100-A:5, II(d)(5), relative to group II service retirement benefits.	565 Repeal. RSA 100-A:5, II(d)(5), relative to group II service retirement benefits.
54 Repeal. RSA 100-A:5, II(d)(4), relative to group II service retirement benefits.	566 Repeal. RSA 100-A:5, II(d)(4), relative to group II service retirement benefits.
55 Repeal. RSA 100-A:5, II(d)(3), relative to group II service retirement benefits.	567 Repeal. RSA 100-A:5, II(d)(3), relative to group II service retirement benefits.
56 Repeal. RSA 100-A:5, II(d)(2), relative to group II service retirement benefits.	568 Repeal. RSA 100-A:5, II(d)(2), relative to group II service retirement benefits.
57 Repeal. RSA 100-A:5, II(d), relative to group II service retirement benefits.	569 Repeal. RSA 100-A:5, II(d), relative to group II service retirement benefits.
58 Repeal. RSA 100-A:1, XXXVII(d)(1) relative to group II service retirement definition.	570 Repeal. RSA 100-A:1, XXXVII(d)(1) relative to group II service retirement definition.
59 Effective Date. I. Sections 28 and 49 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2026. II. Sections 29 and 50 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2027. III. Sections 30 and 51 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2028. IV. Sections 31 and 52 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2029. V. Sections 32 and 53 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2030. VI. Sections 33 and 54 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2031. VII. Sections 34 and 55 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2032. VIII. Sections 35 and 56 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2033. IX. Sections 36 through 47, and 57 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2034.	**AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 571 Effective Date. I. Sections 531 through 538 and 570 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2026. II. Sections 539 and 561 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2026. III. Sections 540, 559, and 562 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2027. IV. Sections 541 and 563 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2028. V. Sections 542 and 564 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2029. VI. Sections 543 and 565 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2030. VII. Sections 544 and 566 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2031. VIII. Sections 545 and 567 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2032. IX. Sections 546 and 568 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2033. X. Sections 547 through 558, and 569 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2034.

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NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	24 New Subparagraph; Application of Receipts. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by inserting after subparagraph (399) the following new subparagraph: (400) Moneys deposited in the elderly, disabled, blind, and deaf exemption reimbursement fund as established in RSA 72:42-a.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	25 New Section; Elderly-Disabled-Blind-Deaf Exemption Reimbursement Fund Established. Amend RSA 72 by inserting after section 42 the following new section: 72:42-a Elderly, Disabled, Blind, and Deaf Exemption Reimbursement Fund established I. There is hereby established an elderly, disabled, blind, and deaf exemption reimbursement fund ("fund"). The purpose of the fund shall be to reimburse municipalities for revenue not realized due to tax exemptions utilized in their communities under RSAs 72:37, 72:37-b, 72:38-b, 72:39-a, and 72:39-b. The fund shall be funded by fees collected pursuant to RSA 287-J:6, II(b)(2). II.(a) Not later than May 1 of every year, the department of revenue administration shall provide to the department of treasury a report of the exemptions under RSAs 72:37, 72:37-b, 72:38-b, 72:39-a, and 72:39-b, as reported by municipalities on their summary inventory of valuation (MS-1) for the preceding tax year. (b) Not later than July 31 of every year, the department of revenue administration shall pay to each municipality out of the fund the amount reported pursuant to subparagraph (a), as reimbursement. (c) Notwithstanding subparagraph (b), if the fund does not have sufficient funds to fully pay municipalities as set forth in subparagraph (b), the department of revenue administration shall pay to each municipality a pro-rated amount of its reported exemptions, by applying the ratio of available funds to total claimed exemptions to each municipality's reported exemptions. (d) Not later than October 1 of every year, department of revenue administration shall issue a report of the amounts paid to municipalities under either subparagraph (b) or (c), for use by

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	the department in municipal rate setting. Such report shall be submitted to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house, and the chairs of the house and senate ways and means committees. III. The department of revenue administration is authorized to create rules under RSA 541-a to implement this chapter.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	26 New Section; Voluntary Statewide Self-Exclusion. Amend RSA 284 by inserting after section 6-c the following new section: 284:6-d Voluntary Statewide Self-Exclusion. I. To reduce and mitigate the effects of problem gambling, the commission shall establish a centralized voluntary statewide self-exclusion database for all forms of legal gaming throughout New Hampshire, through an agent selected through a competitive bid process and approved by the governor and executive council. The commission shall ensure that an agent demonstrates financial stability, responsibility, good character, honesty, and integrity. In selecting an agent, the commission shall consider, at a minimum, the experience and background of the agent and the ability of the agent to securely and anonymously collect and transmit relevant data among the operators and systems of all forms of regulated gaming in New Hampshire. The commission shall select a group of bidders who best meet the criteria set forth in this paragraph and select from that group the agent whose bid is best suited to accomplish the stated objectives. All agents shall be subject to criminal and financial background checks as prescribed by the commission. II. The commission may adopt rules requiring vendors, agents, and entities licensed or registered under chapter 284, chapter 287-D, chapter 287-H, chapter 287-I, and chapter 287-J to participate in any program established in section II, above. III. Notwithstanding RSA 91-A, records and information obtained or developed by the commission or its agent as part of establishing and administering the list of persons who voluntarily request exclusion under paragraph I, above, shall be confidential and shall not be subject to disclosure or to public inspection except that information may be released only with the written consent of the

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	person requesting voluntary exclusion. Statistical data and general information that do not allow for a person on the voluntary exclusion list to be personally identified are not confidential.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	27 State Lottery and Gaming Commission. Amend RSA 284:21-a to read as follows: 284:21-a State Lottery ***and Gaming*** Commission. There shall be and hereby is created a state lottery ***and gaming*** commission consisting of 3 members who shall be appointed and may be removed for cause by the governor with the advice and consent of the council. One member shall be appointed for one year, one for 2 years and one for 3 years, and upon the expiration of their terms of office their successors shall be appointed for a term of 3 years. Any vacancy shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term. No member of the commission shall have any pecuniary or other interest in any supplier or agent to the commission or in any licensee licensed under the provisions of this chapter. ***The commission shall be properly addressed as the "New Hampshire lottery and gaming commission" but all statutory and regulatory references to "lottery commission" shall remain valid and shall be used synonymously.***
60 Games of Chance; Definition of High Stakes Tournament. Amend RSA 287-D:1 by inserting after paragraph IX the following new paragraph: IX-a. "High-Stakes Tournament" means a tournament of a game of chance in which the required buy-in for participation in the tournament is $2,500 or greater.	**SEE SENATE SECTION 28**
61 Games of Chance; Definitions. Amend RSA 287-D:1, XII to read as follows: XII. ***"Video lottery terminal" or "VLT" means any device which, upon payment of bills, coins or vouchers, is available to play or operate and may entitle the patron to receive cash, vouchers, or electronic credits redeemable for cash. The results, including options available to the patron, are randomly determined by the device. A device may use spinning reels or video displays or both. This definition does not include any device that sells lottery tickets,***	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 28 Definitions. Amend RSA 287-D:1, XII to read as follows: XII. ***"High-Stakes tournament" means a tournament of a game of chance in which the required buy-in for participation in the tournament is $2,500 or greater.*** ***XIII. "Video lottery terminal" or "VLT" means any device which, upon payment of bills, coins or vouchers, is available to play or operate and may entitle the patron to receive cash, vouchers, or electronic credits redeemable for cash. The results, including options available to the patron, are randomly determined by the device. A device may use spinning reels or video displays or both. This definition does not include any device that sells lottery***

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pari-mutuel wagers, nor any device which is operated through, utilizes, or is played on or with assistance from the Internet. ***XIII.*** "Wager" means a monetary agreement between 2 or more persons that a sum of money or other valuable thing shall be paid to one of them on the happening or not happening of an uncertain event. Wager may be used synonymously with the term "bet." ***XIV. "Wide-Area Progressive Link" means a networked gaming system that connects electronic gaming devices located at multiple licensed gaming establishments to a common progressive jackpot pool, allowing for contributions from each linked machine, regardless of location, to incrementally increase a shared jackpot prize, which can be won by any eligible player participating on any of the linked devices.***	***tickets, pari-mutuel wagers, nor any device which is operated through, utilizes, or is played on or with assistance from the Internet.*** ***XIV.*** "Wager" means a monetary agreement between 2 or more persons that a sum of money or other valuable thing shall be paid to one of them on the happening or not happening of an uncertain event. Wager may be used synonymously with the term "bet." ***XV. "Wide-area progressive link" means a networked gaming system that connects electronic gaming devices located at multiple licensed gaming establishments to a common progressive jackpot pool, allowing for contributions from each linked machine, regardless of location, to incrementally increase a shared jackpot prize, which can be won by any eligible player participating on any of the linked devices.***
62 Games of Chance; Rulemaking. Amend RSA 287-D:3, XVII to read as follows: XVII. ***The licensing and enforcement of VLT licensees, terminals, and compliance requirements under RSA 287-J.*** ***XVIII.*** Other matters related to the proper administration of this chapter.	29 Rulemaking. Amend RSA 287-D:3, XVII to read as follows: XVII. ***The licensing and enforcement of VLT licensees, terminals, and compliance requirements under RSA 287-J.*** ***XVIII.*** Other matters related to the proper administration of this chapter.
63 New Section; Games of Chance; High-Stakes Tournaments. Amend RSA 287-D by inserting after section 3 the following new section: 287-D:3-a High-Stakes Tournaments. A licensed game operator employer may conduct a high-stakes game of Chance Tournament provided that: I. The tournament is held at a facility licensed to conduct games of chance under RSA 287-D. II. The tournament is conducted in accordance with the rules and procedures established by the lottery commission. III. The game operator submits the tournament structure, entry fees, rake structure, and prize payout distribution to the lottery commission at least 30 days prior to the tournament start date for approval. IV. The tournament is conducted using approved dealers and equipment.	30 New Section; Games of Chance; High-Stakes Tournaments. Amend RSA 287-D by inserting after section 3 the following new section: 287-D:3-a High-Stakes Tournaments. A licensed game operator employer may conduct a high-stakes game of chance tournament provided that: I. The tournament is held at a facility licensed to conduct games of chance under RSA 287-D. II. The tournament is conducted in accordance with the rules and procedures established by the lottery commission. III. The game operator submits the tournament structure, entry fees, rake structure, and prize payout distribution to the lottery commission at least 30 days prior to the tournament start date for approval. IV. The tournament is conducted using approved dealers and equipment.

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64 New Section; 24-Hour Gaming and Liquor Sales. Amend RSA 287-D by inserting after section 4-a the following new section: 287-D:4-b 24-Hour Gaming and Liquor Sales. Any municipality may, by majority vote of its legislative body, authorize gaming facilities licensed under this chapter to operate for up to 24 hours per day. Such authorization may include the ability for such facilities to serve liquor for up to 24 hours per day, notwithstanding any other provision of law.	**NO COMAPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
65 Games, Amusements, and Athletic Exhibitions; Games of Chance; Wagers. RSA 287-D:16 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows: 287-D:16 Wagers. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no maximum wager shall apply to any game of chance conducted under this chapter, or any historic horse race under RSA 284:22-b, including table games, historic horse racing, and VLT wagers.	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 31 Games, Amusements, and Athletic Exhibitions; Games of Chance; Wager RSA 287-D:16 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows: 287-D:16 Wagers. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no maximum wager shall apply to any game of chance conducted under this chapter or any historic horse race under RSA 284:22-b, including table games, historic horse racing, and VLT wagers.
66 Games, Amusements, and Athletic Exhibitions; Games of Chance; Prizes. Amend RSA 287-D:20 to read as follows: 287-D:20 Prizes. I. In games where chips have no monetary value, ***except for high-stakes tournaments, as defined in RSA 287-D:1, XI-a***, 3 percent of all funds collected from players, less moneys used by the lottery commission to fund authorized personnel expenses and related costs, shall be paid to the state treasurer to be deposited into the special fund established in RSA 284:21-j. Such payments shall be made once per month not later than the [~~5th~~] ***15th*** day of the month for the funds collected in the previous month. ***I-a. In high-stakes tournaments, as defined in RSA 287-D:1, XI-a, 5 percent of house winnings, after prizes paid, less moneys used by the lottery commission to fund authorized personnel expenses and related costs, shall be paid to the state treasurer to be deposited into the special fund established in RSA 284:21-j. Such payments shall be made once per month not later than the 15th day of the month for the funds collected in the previous month.***	32 Games, Amusements, and Athletic Exhibitions; Games of Chance; Prizes. Amend RSA 287-D:20 to read as follows: 287-D:20 Prizes. I. In games where chips have no monetary value, ***except for high-stakes tournaments, as defined in RSA 287-D:1, XI-a,*** 3 percent of all funds collected from players, less moneys used by the lottery commission to fund authorized personnel expenses and related costs, shall be paid to the state treasurer to be deposited into the special fund established in RSA 284:21-j. Such payments shall be made once per month not later than the [~~5th~~] ***15th*** day of the month for the funds collected in the previous month. ***I-a. In high-stakes tournaments, as defined in RSA 287-D:1, XI-a, 5 percent of house winnings, after prizes paid, less moneys used by the lottery commission to fund authorized personnel expenses and related costs, shall be paid to the state treasurer to be deposited into the special fund established in RSA 284:21-j. Such payments shall be made once per month not later than the 15th day of the month for the funds collected in the previous month.***

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II. In games where chips have monetary value, 10 percent of the rake or house winnings and other moneys collected by the game operator that are not paid out as prizes to players, less moneys used by the lottery commission to fund authorized personnel expenses and related costs, shall be paid to the state treasurer for deposit into the special fund established in RSA 284:21-j. Such payments shall be made once per month not later than the [~~5th~~] ***15th*** day of the month for the funds collected in the previous month. ***III. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the cash value of free bets and promotional credits of all table games, historic horse racing (HHR), and VLTs shall be exempted from revenues subject to charity allocation and payments to the state, so long as the cash value of such promotions for each type of game, whether it be table games, HHR, or VLTs, does not exceed 15 percent of the total revenue from that type of game for a given month.***	II. In games where chips have monetary value, 10 percent of the rake or house winnings and other moneys collected by the game operator that are not paid out as prizes to players, less moneys used by the lottery commission to fund authorized personnel expenses and related costs, shall be paid to the state treasurer for deposit into the special fund established in RSA 284:21-j. Such payments shall be made once per month not later than the [~~5th~~] ***15th*** day of the month for the funds collected in the previous month. ***III. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the cash value of free bets and promotional credits of all table games, historic horse racing (HHR), and VLTs shall be exempted from revenues subject to charity allocation and payments to the state, so long as the cash value of such promotions for each type of game, whether it be table games, HHR, or VLTs, does not exceed 15 percent of the total revenue from that type of game for a given month.***
67 Games, Amusements, and Athletic Exhibitions; Games of Chance; Unlawful Gambling Machines. RSA 287-D:26 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows: 287-D:26 Unlawful Gambling Machines. No person shall possess or operate any gambling machine, slot machine, or other gaming device, unless specifically authorized under RSA 287-D or RSA 284:22-b, or licensed by the lottery commission.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
68 New Chapter; Video Lottery Terminals. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 287-I the following new chapter: CHAPTER 287-J VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS 287-J:1 Definitions. For the purposes of this chapter these words shall have the following meaning: I. "Applicant" means an individual or entity applying for a license under this chapter. II. “Commission” means the lottery and gaming commission.	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 33 New Chapter; Video Lottery Terminals. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 287-I the following new chapter: CHAPTER 287-J VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS 287-J:1 Definitions. For the purposes of this chapter these words shall have the following meaning: I. "Applicant" means an individual or entity applying for a license under this chapter. II. “Commission” means the lottery and gaming commission.

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III. "Gross video lottery revenue" means the total of all sums actually received by a VLT licensee from operation of video lottery terminals, minus the total of all sums actually paid out as winnings to patrons.	III. "Gross video lottery revenue" means the total of all sums actually received by a VLT licensee from operation of video lottery terminals, minus the total of all sums actually paid out as winnings to patrons, less any free play paid to patrons. The maximum amount of free play that any one licensee can deduct from gross video lottery revenue shall be 12.5 percent in any calendar year.
IV. "Facility" means a facility licensed under RSA 287-D for the conduct of charitable gaming.	IV. "Facility" means a facility licensed under RSA 287-D for the conduct of charitable gaming.
V. "Video lottery terminal" or "VLT" means any device which, upon payment of bills, coins or vouchers, is available to play or operate and may entitle the patron to receive cash, vouchers, or electronic credits redeemable for cash. The results, including options available to the patron, are randomly determined by the device. A device may use spinning reels or video displays or both. This definition does not include any device that sells lottery tickets, pari-mutuel wagers, nor any device which is operated through, utilizes, or is played on or with assistance from the Internet.	V. "Video lottery terminal" or "VLT" means any device which, upon payment of bills, coins or vouchers, is available to play or operate and may entitle the patron to receive cash, vouchers, or electronic credits redeemable for cash. The results, including options available to the patron, are randomly determined by the device. A device may use spinning reels or video displays or both. This definition does not include any device that sells lottery tickets, pari-mutuel wagers, nor any device which is operated through, utilizes, or is played on or with assistance from the Internet.
VI. "VLT license" means a license issued in accordance with this section, to offer video lottery terminals to the public.	VI. "VLT license" means a license issued in accordance with this section, to offer video lottery terminals to the public.
VII. "VLT licensee" means a game operator employer licensee that has been granted a VLT license under this section.	VII. "VLT licensee" means a game operator employer licensee that has been granted a VLT license under this section.
VIII. "Voucher" means a printed wagering instrument, issued by a video lottery terminal at a facility, that has a fixed dollar wagering value which can only be used to acquire an equivalent value of cashable credits or cash.	VIII. "Voucher" means a printed wagering instrument, issued by a video lottery terminal at a facility, that has a fixed dollar wagering value which can only be used to acquire an equivalent value of cashable credits or cash.
287-J:2 Enforcement. The commission, with the assistance of the attorney general and the chief of police of any city or town where licensed facilities are located, shall administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter. To enforce the requirements of this chapter, the commission may exercise all rights of enforcement, including but not limited to its subpoena power, investigation authority, and authority to issue administrative orders and fines, granted to the commission by RSA 287-D.	287-J:2 Enforcement. The commission, with the assistance of the attorney general and the chief of police of any city or town where licensed facilities are located, shall administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter. To enforce the requirements of this chapter, the commission may exercise all rights of enforcement, including but not limited to its subpoena power, investigation authority, and authority to issue administrative orders and fines, granted to the commission by RSA 287-D.
287-J:3 Rulemaking. The commission shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to:	287-J:3 Rulemaking. The commission shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to:
I. The application procedure for VLT licenses for game operators.	I. The application procedure for VLT licenses for game operators.
II. Information to be required on VLT license applications for VLT licenses for game operators.	II. Information to be required on VLT license applications for VLT licenses for game operators.

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III. The conducting and operation of video lottery terminals.	III. The conducting and operation of video lottery terminals.
IV. Accountability controls to ensure game integrity, including, but not limited to, cash, prizes, income, expense and financial reporting, and recordkeeping to be implemented by VLT licensees in addition to requirements set forth in RSA 287-D:22.	IV. Accountability controls to ensure game integrity, including, but not limited to, cash, prizes, income, expense and financial reporting, and recordkeeping to be implemented by VLT licensees in addition to requirements set forth in RSA 287-D:22.
V. Investigation and enforcement to ensure compliance with this chapter.	V. Investigation and enforcement to ensure compliance with this chapter.
VI. Other matters related to the proper administration of this chapter.	VI. Other matters related to the proper administration of this chapter.
287-J:4 Eligible Operators.	287-J:4 Eligible Operators.
I. To be eligible for a VLT license, the applicant shall have been licensed or eligible for licensure to sell pari-mutuel pools on historic horse races under RSA 287-D and under RSA 284:22-b as of the effective date of this chapter. A license shall not be permitted to be transferred or sold.	I. To be eligible for a VLT license, the applicant shall have been licensed or eligible for licensure to sell pari-mutuel pools on historic horse races under RSA 287-D and under RSA 284:22-b as of the effective date of this chapter. A license shall not be permitted to be transferred or sold.
II. Applicants eligible to obtain a VLT license pursuant to paragraph I of this section shall submit to background, financial, and suitability checks pursuant to RSA 287-D:11 and RSA 287-D:12, to ensure the applicant's ability to conduct video lottery terminals in accordance with the provisions of RSA 287-D and this chapter. An entity found suitable for gaming by the commission as of the effective date of this chapter shall satisfy paragraph I and RSA 284:22-b. The applicant for a VLT license shall submit to the commission a criminal history records release form, as provided by the division of state police, which authorizes the division of state police to conduct a criminal history records check through its state records and through the Federal Bureau of Investigation and to release a report of the applicant's criminal history and record information, including confidential criminal history record information, to the commission. Floor space allocated to VLTs shall represent no more than 70 percent of a facility's total gaming space.	II. Applicants eligible to obtain a VLT license pursuant to paragraph I of this section shall submit to background, financial, and suitability checks pursuant to RSA 287-D:11 and RSA 287-D:12, to ensure the applicant's ability to conduct video lottery terminals in accordance with the provisions of RSA 287-D and this chapter. An entity found suitable for gaming by the commission as of the effective date of this chapter shall satisfy paragraph I and RSA 284:22-b. The applicant for a VLT license shall submit to the commission a criminal history records release form, as provided by the division of state police, which authorizes the division of state police to conduct a criminal history records check through its state records and through the Federal Bureau of Investigation and to release a report of the applicant's criminal history and record information, including confidential criminal history record information, to the commission.
	III. Applicants seeking a VLT license shall apply utilizing forms supplied by the lottery commission. The VLT license fee shall be $2,000 per three-year license period.
	IV. Applicants seeking a VLT license must also obtain a game operator employer license in accordance with RSA 287-D prior to commencing VLT operations.
287-J:5 Operation of Video Lottery Terminals.	287-J:5 Operation of Video Lottery Terminals.

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I. Prior to use all VLTs shall have been tested by an independent testing laboratory and approved by the commission to ensure integrity and proper working order.	I. Prior to use all VLTs must have been tested by an independent testing laboratory and approved by the commission to ensure integrity and proper working order.
II. There shall be no bet limit imposed on VLTs.	
III. No VLT shall be operated except within the facility of an eligible VLT licensee during the facility's approved hours of play of charitable games.	II. No VLT shall be operated except within the facility of an eligible VLT licensee during the facility's approved hours of play of charitable games.
IV. Floor space allocated to VLTs and to historic horse racing terminals, as authorized by RSA 284:22-b, shall represent no more than 70 percent of a facility's total gaming space.	
	III. VLTs shall operate to ensure a minimum average daily aggregate payback of 88 percent computed for all VLTs operated at each facility on a quarterly basis.
V. VLTs shall operate to ensure a minimum average daily aggregate payback of 88 percent computed for all VLTs operated at each facility on a quarterly basis, except for machines that are tied to a wide-area progressive link, which shall have minimum average daily aggregate payback of 80 percent. For historic horse racing pools authorized by RSA 284:22-b tied to a wide-area progressive link, the commission on such pools shall be set at a rate no greater than 20 percent.	IV. VLTs shall operate to ensure a minimum average daily aggregate payback of 88 percent computed for all VLTs operated at each facility on a quarterly basis, except for machines that are tied to a wide-area progressive link, which shall have minimum average daily aggregate payback of 80 percent. For historic horse racing pools authorized by RSA 284:22-b tied to a wide-area progressive link, the commission on such pools shall be set at a rate no greater than 20 percent.
VI. VLTs shall operate pursuant to any other such characteristics as the commission may establish by rule to safeguard the integrity of gaming in New Hampshire.	
287-J:6 Revenue Share.	287-J:6 Revenue Share.
I. Each video lottery terminal licensee shall collect a tax equal to 30 percent of gross video lottery revenue, less any free play offered by the operator, for distribution under paragraph II.	I. Each VLT licensee shall collect a sum equal to 31.25 percent of gross video lottery revenue.
II.(a) Each licensee shall distribute 35 percent of the amount collected under paragraph I to charitable organizations with whom the licensee contracts on each licensed game date. Each VLT licensee shall contract with 2 licensed charitable organizations for each game date.	II. Each VLT licensee shall distribute 0.25 percent of gross video lottery revenue collected to the governor's commission on addiction, treatment, and prevention.
(b) The remainder of the total amount collected by the licensee under paragraph I shall be paid to the commission and distributed as follows:	III. Each VLT licensee shall distribute 31 percent of gross video lottery revenue shall be distributed pursuant to subparagraphs (a) and (b).
(1) 0.25 percent for payment of problem gaming services by the commission; and	(a) Each licensee shall distribute 35 percent of the amount collected under paragraph III to charitable organizations with whom the licensee contracts on each licensed game date. Each VLT licensee must contract with 2 licensed charitable organizations for each game date.

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(2) The remaining 64.75 percent restricted to accounting unit 06-56-56-560040-4079 in the department of education for the purpose of distributing state adequacy grants to public school districts. III. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the cash value of free bets and promotional credits of all table games, historic horse racing, and VLTs shall be exempted from revenues subject to charity allocation and payments to the state, so long as the cash value of such promotions for each type of game, whether table games, historic horse racing, or VLTs, does not exceed 15 percent of the total revenue from that type of game for a given month. 287-J:7 Unclaimed Vouchers. I. Vouchers shall remain valid for 180 days from the date printed, after which the obligation of the VLT licensee to pay the patron any value remaining on a voucher expires. II. Before the end of each calendar month, the VLT licensee shall report and remit the total value of vouchers that expired during the preceding calendar month in a format prescribed by the commission. III. Such moneys shall become a part of the special fund established in RSA 284:21-j. 287-J:8 Election of Central Monitory System or Audit. I. If the lottery commission elects to implement a central monitoring system for VLTs, the state shall bear all associated costs, including any connectivity fees, service fees, or equipment fees. II. If the state chooses not to implement a central monitoring system, the state shall be responsible for conducting audits of VLT and associated costs.	(b) The remainder collected under paragraph III shall be paid to the commission and distributed as follows: (1) 25 percent to the special fund established under RSA 284:21-j for use as provided in that section; (2) 75 percent to the general fund. 287-J:7 Unclaimed Vouchers. I. Vouchers shall remain valid for 180 days from the date printed, after which the obligation of the VLT licensee to pay the patron any value remaining on a voucher expires. II. Before the end of each calendar month, the VLT licensee shall report and remit the total value of vouchers that expired during the preceding calendar month in a format prescribed by the commission. III. Such moneys shall become a part of the special fund established in RSA
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	34 Games, Amusements, and Athletic Exhibitions; Games of Chance; Video Lottery Terminals. Amend RSA 287-J:6, III(b)(1) and (2) to read as follows: (1) 25 percent to the special fund established under RSA 284:21-j for use as provided in that section; (2) ***25 percent to the elderly-disabled-blind-deaf exemption reimbursement fund established under RSA 72:42-a; and***

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NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	35 Effective Date. Sections 24, 25, and 34 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2027.
69 Opioid Abatement Trust Fund; Substance Abuse Enforcement Program. For the biennium ending June 30, 2027, funds from the opioid abatement trust fund, established under RSA 126-A:83, may be appropriated to the department of safety, as authorized by the general court. The funds are intended to cover overtime costs for county and local law enforcement officers participating in the substance abuse enforcement program, established in RSA 21-P:66. Specifically, the funding may support officers in Coos, Grafton, Carroll, and Sullivan counties in carrying out law enforcement activities related to the program, which aims to prevent or reduce overdose deaths and other opioid-related harms.	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 36 Opioid Abatement Trust Fund; Substance Abuse Enforcement Program. For the biennium ending June 30, 2027, $3,500,000 from the opioid abatement trust fund, established under RSA 126-A:83, may be appropriated to the department of safety, as authorized by the general court. These funds are intended to cover overtime costs for county and local law enforcement officers participating in the substance abuse enforcement program, established under RSA 21-P:66. Specifically, the funding may support officers in Coos, Grafton, Carroll, and Sullivan counties in carrying out law enforcement activities related to the program, which aims to prevent or reduce overdose deaths and other opioid-related harms.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	37 Substance Abuse Enforcement Program. Amend RSA 21-P:66, I by inserting after subparagraph (b) the following new subparagraph: (c) For law enforcement agencies in Coos, Grafton, Carroll, and Sullivan counties, costs for hiring additional officers carrying out law enforcement activities aimed at preventing or reducing overdose deaths and other opioid related harms.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	38 Substance Abuse Enforcement Program. Amend RSA 21-P:66, IV(a) to read as follows: (a) ***Except for Coos, Grafton, Carroll, and Sullivan counties,*** no funds shall be granted for "purchase of evidence" or for "confidential funds."
70 Board of Tax and Land Appeals; Staff. Amend RSA 71-B:14 to read as follows: 70-B:14 Staff. [~~The board shall have upon its staff at least one review appraiser who shall be a classified state employee and who shall be competent to review the value of property for tax and~~	39 Board of Tax and Land Appeals; Staff. Amend RSA 71-B:14 to read as follows: 70-B:14 Staff. [~~The board shall have upon its staff at least one review appraiser who shall be a classified state employee and who shall be competent to review the value of property for tax and~~

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~~eminent domain purposes. In addition,~~] The board shall have such clerical and technical staff as may be necessary within the limits of appropriation made therefor.	~~eminent domain purposes. In addition,~~] The board shall have such clerical and technical staff as may be necessary within the limits of appropriation made therefor.
70-A Board of Tax and Land Appeals; Staff; Offices. Amend RSA 498-A:15 and RSA 498-A:16 to read as follows: 498-A:15 Clerk; Staff. [~~The board shall have a clerk who shall be appointed by the board and who shall be a classified state employee.~~] In the exercise of the authority and performance of the duties prescribed by law, the board shall have the authority, within the limits of the appropriation for such purposes, to employ such [~~other~~] staff as it shall deem necessary. 498-A:16 Offices; Hearings. The board shall be provided with suitable office space in Concord, together with such furnishings and office equipment as shall be necessary for the administration of its business***, and with a suitable room in which it may hold hearings. Any party may elect to participate in a just compensation hearing under RSA 498-A:24 though electronic or telephonic means consistent with RSA 91-A***. All hearings before the board shall be open to the public[~~, and each hearing shall be held in the county in which the declaration has been filed unless the parties agree to a hearing elsewhere. To the extent of available space, hearings shall be conducted in the respective county courthouse; otherwise, they shall be held in such place or places, accessible to the public, as the board shall direct~~].	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
71 Department of Business and Economic Affairs; Division of Planning and Community Development Established. The subdivision heading preceding RSA 12-O:53 and RSA 12-O:53 are repealed and reenacted to read as follows: Planning and Community Development 12-O:53 Division of Planning and Community Development. There is established within the department the division of planning and community development under the supervision of a classified director of the division of planning and community development. The director of the division of	40 Department of Business and Economic Affairs; Division of Planning and Community Development Established. The subdivision heading preceding RSA 12-O:53 and RSA 12-O:53 are repealed and reenacted to read as follows: Planning and Community Development 12-O:53 Division of Planning and Community Development. There is established within the department the division of planning and community development under the supervision of a classified director of the division of planning and community development. The director of the division of

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planning and community development shall administer and supervise the programs related to planning and development, broadband, and housing within the department and shall serve under the supervision of the commissioner of the department.	planning and community development shall administer and supervise the programs related to planning and development, broadband, and housing within the department and shall serve under the supervision of the commissioner of the department.
12-O:53-a Office of Planning and Development.	12-O:53-a Office of Planning and Development.
I. There is established the office of planning and development within the department of business and economic affairs, division of planning and community development. The office shall be under the supervision of the director of the division of planning and community development, who shall serve under the supervision of the commissioner.	I. There is established the office of planning and development within the department of business and economic affairs, division of planning and community development. The office shall be under the supervision of the director of the division of planning and community development, who shall serve under the supervision of the commissioner.
II. The office of planning and development shall:	II. The office of planning and development shall:
(a) Plan for the orderly development of the state and the wise management of the state's resources.	(a) Plan for the orderly development of the state and the wise management of the state's resources.
(b) Compile, analyze, and disseminate data, information, and research services as necessary to advance the welfare of the state.	(b) Compile, analyze, and disseminate data, information, and research services as necessary to advance the welfare of the state.
(c) Encourage and assist planning, growth management, and development activities of cities and towns and groups of cities and towns with the purpose of encouraging smart growth.	(c) Encourage and assist planning, growth management, and development activities of cities and towns and groups of cities and towns with the purpose of encouraging smart growth.
(d) Encourage the coordination and correlation of state planning by agencies of state government.	(d) Encourage the coordination and correlation of state planning by agencies of state government.
(e) Participate in interstate, regional, and national planning efforts.	(e) Participate in interstate, regional, and national planning efforts.
(f) Administer federal and state grant-in-aid programs assigned to the office by statute or executive order.	(f) Administer federal and state grant-in-aid programs assigned to the office by statute or executive order.
(g) Participate and advise in matters of land use planning regarding water resources and floodplain management.	(g) Participate and advise in matters of land use planning regarding water resources and floodplain management.
(h) Take a leadership role in encouraging smart growth and preserving farmland, open space land, and traditional village centers.	(h) Take a leadership role in encouraging smart growth and preserving farmland, open space land, and traditional village centers.

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(i) Administer the following programs: the statewide comprehensive outdoor recreation plan, the national flood insurance program, and the land conservation investment program. The office shall employ necessary personnel to administer these programs. (j) Perform such other duties as the commissioner may assign.	(i) Administer the following programs: the statewide comprehensive outdoor recreation plan, the national flood insurance program, and the land conservation investment program. The office shall employ necessary personnel to administer these programs. (j) Perform such other duties as the commissioner may assign.
72 State Development Plan. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 12-O:54, I and 12-O:54, I(a) to read as follows: I. The office of planning and development, under the direction of the [~~commissioner~~] ***director of the division of planning and community development***, shall: (a) Assist [~~the commissioner~~] in preparing, publishing, and revising the comprehensive development plan required under RSA 9-A.	41 State Development Plan. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 12-O:54, I and 12-O:54, I(a) to read as follows: I. The office of planning and development, under the direction of the [~~commissioner~~] ***director of the division of planning and community development***, shall: (a) Assist [~~the commissioner~~] in preparing, publishing, and revising the comprehensive development plan required under RSA 9-A.
73 Change "Director of the Office of Planning and Development" to "Director of the Division of Planning and Community Development". Amend the following RSA provisions by replacing "director of the office of planning and development" with "director of the division of planning and community development": 12-O:57; 17-M:2, V; 21-O:5-a, I(d); 21-P:48, I(h); 36-B:1; 78-A:25, III; 162-L:15, II(b); 233-A:2, I(f); 432:19, II(c); 482-A:32, II(c); 483:8, II; 483-A:6, III.	42 Change "Director of the Office of Planning and Development" to "Director of the Division of Planning and Community Development". Amend the following RSA provisions by replacing "director of the office of planning and development" with "director of the division of planning and community development": 12-O:57; 17-M:2, V; 21-O:5-a, I(d); 21-P:48, I(h); 36-B:1; 78-A:25, III; 162-L:15, II(b); 233-A:2, I(f); 432:19, II(c); 482-A:32, II(c); 483:8, II; 483-A:6, III.
74 State Development Plan; Office of Planning and Development. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 9-A:2 and 9-A:2, I to read as follows: 9-A:2 Office of Planning and Development. The office of planning and development, under the direction of the [~~commissioner of business and economic affairs~~] ***division of planning and community development***, shall: I. Assist [~~the commissioner~~] in preparing, publishing and revising the comprehensive development plan.	43 State Development Plan; Office of Planning and Development. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 9-A:2 and 9-A:2, I to read as follows: 9-A:2 Office of Planning and Development. The office of planning and development, under the direction of the [~~commissioner of business and economic affairs~~] ***division of planning and community development***, shall: I. Assist [~~the commissioner~~] in preparing, publishing and revising the comprehensive development plan.
75 New Hampshire Workforce Development; State Workforce Innovation Fund. Amend RSA 12-O:45 to read as follows: 12-O:45 State Workforce Innovation Fund.	44 New Hampshire Workforce Development; State Workforce Innovation Fund. Amend RSA 12-O:45 to read as follows: 12-O:45 State Workforce Innovation Fund.

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I. There is hereby established the state workforce innovation fund which shall be nonlapsing and administered by the commissioner of the department of business and economic affairs. Said fund shall be for the purpose of receiving financial assistance under the [~~Workforce Investment Act of 1998~~] ***Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014*** and providing funds for grants and other workforce development initiatives.	I. There is hereby established the state workforce innovation fund which shall be nonlapsing and administered by the commissioner of the department of business and economic affairs. Said fund shall be for the purpose of receiving financial assistance under the [~~Workforce Investment Act of 1998~~] ***Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014*** and providing funds for grants and other workforce development initiatives.
II. The fund shall be distributed or expended by the commissioner after consultation with the State Workforce Innovation Board established in RSA 12-O:44 and the approval of the governor and council for any of the following purposes:	II. The fund shall be distributed or expended by the commissioner after consultation with the State Workforce Innovation Board established in RSA 12-O:44 and the approval of the governor and council for any of the following purposes:
(a) [~~Workforce Investment Act~~] ***Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014*** Adult and Dislocated Worker programs.	(a) [~~Workforce Investment Act~~] ***Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014*** Adult and Dislocated Worker programs.
(b) [~~Workforce Investment Act~~] ***Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014*** Youth programs.	(b) [~~Workforce Investment Act~~] ***Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014*** Youth programs.
(c) [~~Workforce Investment Act~~] ***U.S. Department of Labor,*** Senior Community Service Employment programs.	(c) [~~Workforce Investment Act~~] ***U.S. Department of Labor,*** Senior Community Service Employment programs.
(d) [~~Workforce Investment Act~~] ***U.S. Department of Labor*** Disability programs.	(d) [~~Workforce Investment Act~~] ***U.S. Department of Labor*** Disability programs.
(e) [~~Workforce Investment Act~~] ***U.S. Department of Labor*** Regional Innovation and National Emergency grant programs.	(e) [~~Workforce Investment Act~~] ***U.S. Department of Labor*** Regional Innovation and National Emergency grant programs.
(f) Other projects, programs, or grants recognized as being beneficial to workforce development initiatives and consistent with the goals of the [~~Workforce Investment Act~~] ***Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014***.	(f) Other projects, programs, or grants recognized as being beneficial to workforce development initiatives and consistent with the goals of the [~~Workforce Investment Act~~] ***Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014***.
III.(a) The department may accept gifts, grants, donations, or other moneys for the purposes of this section. Said moneys shall be deposited into the state workforce innovation fund.	III.(a) The department may accept gifts, grants, donations, or other moneys for the purposes of this section. Said moneys shall be deposited into the state workforce innovation fund.
(b) The commissioner may enter into contracts and agreements and may take other actions that may be necessary or desirable to effect the transfer to it of operations currently conducted by [~~the Workforce Opportunity Council, Inc. or the New Hampshire Workforce Opportunity Council under the Workforce Investment Act~~] ***the department of business and economic affairs,*** and to effect the	(b) The commissioner may enter into contracts and agreements and may take other actions that may be necessary or desirable to effect the transfer to it of operations currently conducted by [~~the Workforce Opportunity Council, Inc. or the New Hampshire Workforce Opportunity Council under the Workforce Investment Act~~] ***the department of business and economic affairs,*** and to effect the

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transfer of assets utilized by them in doing so; and, the commissioner may assume, bear, and agree to perform those contracts of [~~the Workforce Opportunity Council, Inc. or the New Hampshire Workforce Opportunity Council~~] ***the state workforce innovation board*** that may be necessary or desirable for carrying out the purposes of this section.	transfer of assets utilized by them in doing so; and, the commissioner may assume, bear, and agree to perform those contracts of [~~the Workforce Opportunity Council, Inc. or the New Hampshire Workforce Opportunity Council~~] ***the state workforce innovation board*** that may be necessary or desirable for carrying out the purposes of this section.
IV. The commissioner of the department of business and economic affairs shall have the authority to enter into such agreements for leasing real property, acquiring goods, and engaging services to perform Rapid Response activities in accordance with this subdivision. The commissioner shall provide the governor and council an information item not less frequently than semi-annually describing all such agreements and amounts expended pursuant thereto. Such agreements shall be made pursuant to forms of agreement that shall be approved by governor and council which forms of agreement have been reviewed by the attorney general and the commissioner of the department of administrative services.	IV. The commissioner of the department of business and economic affairs shall have the authority to enter into such agreements for leasing real property, acquiring goods, and engaging services to perform Rapid Response activities in accordance with this subdivision. The commissioner shall provide the governor and council an information item not less frequently than semi-annually describing all such agreements and amounts expended pursuant thereto. Such agreements shall be made pursuant to forms of agreement that shall be approved by governor and council which forms of agreement have been reviewed by the attorney general and the commissioner of the department of administrative services.
[~~V. In accordance with RSA 282-A:181 through RSA 282-A:184, the commissioner of the department of employment security shall have the authority to make grants to New Hampshire employers for the purpose of training employees in accordance with this chapter, such grants not to exceed the amounts specified in RSA 282-A:87, IV(a)(2), and not to exceed to any single employer in any grant year the sum of $70,000, unless first approved by governor and council. The commissioner shall provide the governor and council an information item not less frequently than semi-annually describing all such grants expended pursuant thereto. Such grants shall be made pursuant to a form of agreement that shall be approved by governor and council after review by the attorney general and the commissioner of the department of administrative services.~~]	[~~V. In accordance with RSA 282-A:181 through RSA 282-A:184, the commissioner of the department of employment security shall have the authority to make grants to New Hampshire employers for the purpose of training employees in accordance with this chapter, such grants not to exceed the amounts specified in RSA 282-A:87, IV(a)(2), and not to exceed to any single employer in any grant year the sum of $70,000, unless first approved by governor and council. The commissioner shall provide the governor and council an information item not less frequently than semi-annually describing all such grants expended pursuant thereto. Such grants shall be made pursuant to a form of agreement that shall be approved by governor and council after review by the attorney general and the commissioner of the department of administrative services.~~]
76 New Section; Unemployment Compensation; Job Training Program; State workforce Innovation Grants. Amend RSA 282-A by inserting after section 184 the following new section:	45 New Section; Unemployment Compensation; Job Training Program; State workforce Innovation Grants. Amend RSA 282-A by inserting after section 184 the following new section:
282-A:185 State Workforce Innovation Grants. In accordance with RSA 282-A:181 through RSA 282-A:184, the commissioner of the department of employment security may make grants to New Hampshire employers for the purpose of training employees in accordance with RSA 12-O:45, such	282-A:185 State Workforce Innovation Grants. In accordance with RSA 282-A:181 through RSA 282-A:184, the commissioner of the department of employment security may make grants to New Hampshire employers for the purpose of training employees in accordance with RSA 12-O:45, such

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grants not to exceed the amounts specified in RSA 282-A:87, IV(a)(2), and not to exceed to any single employer in any grant year the sum of $70,000, unless first approved by governor and council. The commissioner shall provide the governor and council an information item not less frequently than semi-annually describing all such grants expended pursuant thereto. Such grants shall be made pursuant to a form of agreement that shall be approved by governor and council after review by the attorney general and the commissioner of the department of administrative services.	grants not to exceed the amounts specified in RSA 282-A:87, IV(a)(2), and not to exceed to any single employer in any grant year the sum of $70,000, unless first approved by governor and council. The commissioner shall provide the governor and council an information item not less frequently than semi-annually describing all such grants expended pursuant thereto. Such grants shall be made pursuant to a form of agreement that shall be approved by governor and council after review by the attorney general and the commissioner of the department of administrative services.
77 Repeal; Commission on Aging. RSA 19-P, relative to the commission on aging, is repealed.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
78 Health and Human Services Oversight Committee; Reference Removed. Amend RSA 126-A:15, IV to read as follows: IV. Directly or through an ancillary body, the oversight committee shall **[**~~serve as the legislative liaison for the state commission on aging, established under RSA 19-P:1, and shall~~**]** consider the major problems facing elderly citizens.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
79 System of Care for Healthy Aging; Reference Removed. Amend RSA 151-E:27, IV to read as follows: IV. Beginning November 1, 2023, and annually thereafter, the department shall report to the governor[~~, the state commission on aging established in RSA 19-P:1~~] and the joint legislative committee on health and human services established in RSA 126-A:13. The report shall provide detailed information regarding the status of the implementation of this subdivision.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	46 The State and Its Government; State Commission on Aging; State Commission on Aging Established; Membership. Amend RSA 19-P:1, IV to read as follows: IV. The members appointed pursuant to subparagraph II(j) shall serve [~~2 year terms~~] ***3-year terms effective for appointments made after July 1, 2025***; provided that initially such members shall serve staggered terms and no such member shall serve more than 2 consecutive terms, with the exception of the chairperson, vice-chairperson, and recorder, who may service an additional term for a

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	total of 3 terms. A council member whose term of office is expiring may continue beyond the end of the term until reappointed or until a successor is nominated. Legislative members shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the commission. The first named member of the house of representatives shall convene the organizational meeting of the commission on or before 45 days of passage of this chapter for the purpose of electing officers serving on the commission. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. If any member is absent without previously being excused by the chairperson for 3 or more regular meetings, the member may be removed upon a majority vote of the commission.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	47 New Section; State Commission on Aging; Advisory Council on the System of Care for Healthy Aging in New Hampshire. Amend RSA 19-P by inserting after section 2 the following new section: 19-P:2-a Advisory Council on the System of Care for Health Aging in New Hampshire. I. The commission shall establish an advisory council on the system of care for healthy aging in New Hampshire. The purpose of the advisory council shall be to: (a) Improve the well-being of older adults and caregivers; (b) Identify cost-savings and opportunities to increase collaboration, efficiency, and the effectiveness of the service array and service delivery system; and (c) Assist and advise the commissioner of the department of health and human services on the system of care principles and values and implementation of RSA 151-E:22 through 151-E:27. II.(a) The director of the division of long-term supports and services, or the director's designee, and one member of the state commission on aging shall serve as the permanent co-chairpersons of the advisory council. (b) Additional members of the advisory council representing diverse perspectives shall be appointed by the commission on aging and shall include older adults and family caregivers with relevant experience, members of agencies serving older adults including public, private, consumer advocacy, and non-profit organizations, and individuals with relevant policy expertise.

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	III. The advisory council shall meet at least quarterly and may meet more often at the call of the commission. IV. The duties of the council shall include reviewing and making recommendations regarding all aspects of the implementation of the system of care for healthy aging established under RSA 151-E:22 through 151-E:27. Such duties shall also include addressing the availability of long term supports and services for individuals across the continuum of care, including but not be limited to: (a) Reviewing and making recommendations that improve and shorten the timeline for accessing Medicaid long-term care benefits. (b) Reviewing and making recommendations to remove barriers to hospital discharge for non-acute patients who require post hospital long-term supports and services. (c) Gathering additional data to review the implementation of the system of care for healthy aging, including but not limited to: (1) Licensed long-term care beds in service versus licensed long-term care beds not in service, and recommendations for optimal utilization of limited long-term care bed licenses to increase access to long-term care. (2) Reviewing the availability of long-term services and supports for individuals requiring post hospital or nursing facility care service. (3) Access to Medicaid Choices for Independence waiver services post hospital discharge and recommendations for optimal program utilization. (4) Availability of long-term supports and services for non-Medicaid individuals. (d) Working collaboratively with public and private stakeholders to strengthen the direct care workforce to meet the growing demand for long-term supports and services in New Hampshire. (e) Advising the governor, the senate president, the speaker of the house, the oversight committee on health and human services, as established in RSA 126-A:13, and the commissioner of health and human services on any issue related to long-term services and supports within the system of care for healthy aging.

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	V. A summary of the advisory council's activities, findings, and recommendations shall be included in the commission's annual report submitted under RSA 19-P:3.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	48 New Section; State Commission on Aging; Fund Established. Amend RSA 19-P by inserting after section 4 the following new section: 19-P:5 Fund Established. There is established in the office of the state treasurer a fund known as the New Hampshire commission on aging fund, which shall be kept separate and distinct from all other funds and shall be continually appropriated to the commission. Such fund shall be the depository of all gifts, grants, or donations made to the commission pursuant to RSA 19-P. The payment of the executive director of the commission, the expenses of the commission, and all other overhead costs of the commission, shall be paid from such fund. Any moneys in such fund shall not lapse into the general fund of the state.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	49 New Subparagraph; State Treasurer; Application of Receipts. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by inserting after subparagraph 399 the following new subparagraph: (400) Moneys deposited in the New Hampshire commission on aging fund established in RSA 19-P:5.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	50 Appropriation. The New Hampshire commission on aging fund established pursuant to RSA 19-P:5 is hereby appropriated $150,000 in general funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 and $150,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. This appropriation shall be used exclusively to support payment of the executive director and the activities of the commission. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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80 Department of Corrections; Funding Transfer Authority. The following classes within the department of corrections shall be exempt from the transfer restrictions in RSA 9:17a, 9:17c, classes 10-personal services-perm classified, 11- personal services unclassified, 12-personal services-unclassified, 18-overtime, 19-holiday pay, 50- personal service-temp/appointed and 60-benefits. The department is authorized to transfer funding in these classes within and amongst all accounting units provided that quarterly these transfers are reported to the fiscal committee within 60 days of the end of that quarter. In the event class 18 overtime expenditures are more than amounts appropriated and transferred from vacant positions, the commissioner may request, with prior approval of the fiscal committee, that the governor and council authorize additional funding. Upon fiscal committee and governor and council approval, the governor is authorized to draw a warrant from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.	51 Department of Corrections; Funding Transfer Authority. The following classes within the department of corrections shall be exempt from the transfer restrictions in RSA 9:17a, 9:17c, classes 10-personal services-perm classified, 11- personal services unclassified, 12-personal services-unclassified, 18-overtime, 19-holiday pay, 50- personal service-temp/appointed and 60-benefits. The department is authorized to transfer funding in these classes within and amongst all accounting units provided that quarterly these transfers are reported to the fiscal committee within 60 days of the end of that quarter. In the event class 18 overtime expenditures are more than amounts appropriated and transferred from vacant positions, the commissioner may request, with prior approval of the fiscal committee, that the governor and council authorize additional funding. Upon fiscal committee and governor and council approval, the governor is authorized to draw a warrant from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.
81 Department of Corrections; Qualifications and Compensation of Certain Officials. Amend RSA 21-H:7 to read as follows: 21-H:7 Qualifications and Compensation of Certain Officials. I. The commissioner, assistant commissioner, [~~director of personnel and information, director of rehabilitative services, and the~~] division directors***, deputy warden, and deputy directors*** of the department shall be qualified to hold such positions by reason of education and experience. II. The salaries of the commissioner, assistant commissioner, [~~director of personnel and information, director of rehabilitative services, and the~~] division directors***, deputy warden, and deputy directors*** of the department shall be as specified in RSA 94:1-a.	52 Department of Corrections; Qualifications and Compensation of Certain Officials. Amend RSA 21-H:7 to read as follows: 21-H:7 Qualifications and Compensation of Certain Officials. I. The commissioner, assistant commissioner, [~~director of personnel and information, director of rehabilitative services, and the~~] division directors***, deputy warden, and deputy directors*** of the department shall be qualified to hold such positions by reason of education and experience. II. The salaries of the commissioner, assistant commissioner, [~~director of personnel and information, director of rehabilitative services, and the~~] division directors***, deputy warden, and deputy directors*** of the department shall be as specified in RSA 94:1-a.
82 The State Prisons; Sale of Prison Products; Industries Inventory Account. Amend RSA 622:28-a, I to read as follows: I. An industries inventory account shall be maintained to enable the state prisons to implement RSA 622:26-28. [~~Except for~~] ***All*** permanent personnel, [~~all~~] operating expenses, materials,	53 The State Prisons; Sale of Prison Products; Industries Inventory Account. Amend RSA 622:28-a, I to read as follows: I. An industries inventory account shall be maintained to enable the state prisons to implement RSA 622:26-28. [~~Except for~~] ***All*** permanent personnel, [~~all~~] operating expenses, materials,

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supplies, overtime and purchase and repair of equipment determined to be necessary for the growing or manufacture of products for resale shall be a proper charge against this account. Charges for the sale of goods and services produced by the industries program shall be sufficient to defray the expenditures charged against this account and any sums obtained therefrom shall be a credit to the account.	supplies, overtime and purchase and repair of equipment determined to be necessary for the growing or manufacture of products for resale shall be a proper charge against this account. Charges for the sale of goods and services produced by the industries program shall be sufficient to defray the expenditures charged against this account and any sums obtained therefrom shall be a credit to the account.
83 Department of Health and Human Services; State Grant in Aid. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, there is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services the sum of $5,000,000 for the state fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and the sum of $5,000,000 for the state fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, from the opioid abatement trust fund, established under RSA 126-A:83, for the purpose of providing year-round emergency shelter services to individuals with an opioid and/or co-occurring substance use or mental health disorder. Such shelter programs must provide supportive services designed to assist people obtain recovery and permanent housing to achieve self-sufficiency.	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 54 Department of Health and Human Services; State Grant in Aid. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, there is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services the sum of $5,000,000 for the state fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and the sum of $5,000,000 for the state fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, from the opioid abatement trust fund, established under RSA 126-A:83, for the purpose of providing year-round emergency shelter services to individuals with an opioid use disorder. Such shelter programs must provide supportive services designed to assist people obtain recovery and permanent housing to achieve self-sufficiency.
84 Department of Health and Human Services; Prospective Repeal Regarding the Exemption from Certain Transfer Procedures Extended. Amend 2018, 163:11, IV as amended by 2019, 346:64, as amended by 2021, 91:27, and as amended by 2023, 79:215, to read as follows: IV. Section 10 of this act shall take effect June 30, [~~2025~~] ***2027***.	55 Department of Health and Human Services; Prospective Repeal Regarding the Exemption from Certain Transfer Procedures Extended. Amend 2018, 163:11, IV as amended by 2019, 346:64, as amended by 2021, 91:27, and as amended by 2023, 79:215, to read as follows: IV. Section 10 of this act shall take effect June 30, [~~2025~~] ***2027***.
85 Effective Date. Section 84 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2025.	56 Effective Date. Section 55 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2025.
86 Prospective Repeal Regarding Eligibility for Services Extended. Amend 2011, 209:6, I, as amended by 2013, 140:1, I, as amended by 2015, 276:41, I, as amended by 2017, 156:85, I, as amended by 2019, 346:61, I, as amended by 2021, 91:404, as amended by 2023, 79:198, to read as follows:	57 Prospective Repeal Regarding Eligibility for Services Extended. Amend 2011, 209:6, I, as amended by 2013, 140:1, I, as amended by 2015, 276:41, I, as amended by 2017, 156:85, I, as amended by 2019, 346:61, I, as amended by 2021, 91:404, as amended by 2023, 79:198, to read as follows:

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I. Section 5 of this act shall take effect July 1, [~~2025~~] ***2027***.	I. Section 5 of this act shall take effect July 1, [~~2025~~] ***2027***.
87 Health and Human Services; Graduate Medical Education Payments Suspended. The commissioner of the department of health and human services shall submit a Title XIX Medicaid state plan amendment to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to suspend the provision of direct and indirect graduate medical education payments to hospitals as provided in 42 C.F.R. section 413.75 for the biennium ending June 30, 2027. Upon approval of the state plan amendment, and as of the effective date of the state plan amendment, any obligations for payment of direct and indirect graduate medical education shall be suspended for the biennium ending June 30, 2027.	58 Health and Human Services; Graduate Medical Education Payments Suspended. The commissioner of the department of health and human services shall submit a Title XIX Medicaid state plan amendment to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to suspend the provision of direct and indirect graduate medical education payments to hospitals as provided in 42 C.F.R. section 413.75 for the biennium ending June 30, 2027. Upon approval of the state plan amendment, and as of the effective date of the state plan amendment, any obligations for payment of direct and indirect graduate medical education shall be suspended for the biennium ending June 30, 2027.
88 Health and Human Services; Suspension of Catastrophic Aid Payments to Hospitals. The commissioner of the department of health and human services shall submit a Title XIX Medicaid state plan amendment to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to suspend all catastrophic aid payments to hospitals effective for the biennium ending June 30, 2027.	59 Health and Human Services; Suspension of Catastrophic Aid Payments to Hospitals. The commissioner of the department of health and human services shall submit a Title XIX Medicaid state plan amendment to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to suspend all catastrophic aid payments to hospitals effective for the biennium ending June 30, 2027.
89 Medicaid to Schools Program; Fiscal Committee Approval of Supplemental Funding. For the biennium ending June 30, 2027, in the event funds appropriated in accounting unit 05-95-47-0010-7207 Medicaid to schools are insufficient, the department of health and human services may accept and expend additional federal funds with the prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court. Any request to the fiscal committee shall include a detailed explanation of the types of assistance the department is providing to school districts to ensure eligibility for reimbursement under the Medicaid to schools program.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
90 Department of Health and Human Services; Division of Medicaid Services. Any funds appropriated to activity 05-95-47-470010, division of Medicaid services, for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, shall	60 Department of Health and Human Services; Division of Medicaid Services. Any funds appropriated to activity 05-95-47-470010, division of Medicaid services, for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, shall

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not lapse until June 30, 2027, and shall be treated as restricted revenue for the purpose of funding expenditures in account 05-95-47-470010-7948, Medicaid care management. The department of health and human services is authorized to accept and expend any matching federal funds for the purposes of this section without prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court.	not lapse until June 30, 2027, and shall be treated as restricted revenue for the purpose of funding expenditures in account 05-95-47-470010-7948, Medicaid care management. The department of health and human services is authorized to accept and expend any matching federal funds for the purposes of this section without prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court.
91 Effective Date. Section 90 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2025.	61 Effective Date. Section 60 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2025.
92 Suspension Pending Funding; WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program. For the biennium ending June 30, 2027, the WIC farmers' market nutrition program established by RSA 132:12-f shall be suspended until such time as the commissioner of the department of health and human services determines that sufficient funds are available to implement the program.	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 62 Appropriation; WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program. There is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services the sum of $15,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and the sum of $15,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, for the purpose of funding the WIC farmers' market nutrition program in RSA 132:12-f. The department is authorized to accept and expend any matching federal funds without the prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.
93 New Paragraph; Gifts to the State. Amend RSA 4:8 by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph: III. Notwithstanding paragraph I, the commissioner of the department of health and human services may accept gifts of personal property valued at $250,000 or less for the benefit of the department. The commissioner shall distribute unrestricted gifts based on his or her assessment of departmental needs. The commissioner shall file an annual report to the fiscal committee of the general court and the governor on or before November 1, disclosing the nature and value of all gifts received by the department and how those gifts were allocated.	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 63 New Paragraph; Gifts to the State. Amend RSA 4:8 by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph: III. Notwithstanding paragraph I, the commissioner of the department of health and human services may accept gifts of personal property valued at $1,000 or less for the benefit of New Hampshire hospital, Hampstead hospital residential treatment facility, Glencliff home, and the New Hampshire youth development center.

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94 Department of Health and Human Services; Unclassified Positions Established. I. There are hereby established 2 unclassified supervising regional attorney positions in the department of health and human services. II. The salary of the unclassified positions established in paragraph I shall be in accordance RSA 94:1-a, I. III. The incumbents in the classified positions, establish by 2024, 377:8 shall be offered the opportunity to transfer into the unclassified positions established in paragraph I. IV. The classified positions established by 2024, 377:8 shall be abolished on June 30, 2027, or upon transfer of the incumbents in accordance with paragraph III, whichever is sooner.	64 Department of Health and Human Services; Unclassified Positions Established. I. There are hereby established 2 unclassified supervising regional attorney positions in the department of health and human services. II. The salary of the unclassified positions established in paragraph I shall be in accordance RSA 94:1-a, I. III. The incumbents in the classified positions, establish by 2024, 377:8 shall be offered the opportunity to transfer into the unclassified positions established in paragraph I. IV. The classified positions established by 2024, 377:8 shall be abolished on June 30, 2027, or upon transfer of the incumbents in accordance with paragraph III, whichever is sooner.
95 Department of Health and Human Services; Bureau of Adult and Elderly Services; Congregate Housing and Services; Suspension. Congregate housing provided for under the Medicaid waiver pursuant to RSA 151-E and congregate services provided for in RSA 161-F:37 are hereby suspended for the biennium ending June 30, 2027.	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 65 Congregate Housing; Appropriation. The sum of $350,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and the sum of $350,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, are hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services for the purpose of funding congregate housing provided for under the Medicaid waiver pursuant to RSA 151-E and congregate services provided for in RSA 161-F:37. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.
96 Department of Health and Human Services; Positions Established; Staffing. Amend the introductory clause of RSA 126-A:9, I to read as follows: I. There shall be established within the department the following unclassified positions[~~, in addition to existing unclassified positions and positions established in paragraph II of this section~~].	66 Department of Health and Human Services; Positions Established; Staffing. Amend the introductory clause of RSA 126-A:9, I to read as follows: I. There shall be established within the department the following unclassified positions[~~, in addition to existing unclassified positions and positions established in paragraph II of this section~~].

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97 Department of Health and Human Services; Positions Established; Staffing. Amend RSA 126-A:9, II(b) to read as follows: (b) The commissioner shall appoint a person to each ***unclassified*** position [~~established pursuant to subparagraph (a)~~] ***authorized by the legislature***. Any [~~vacancy~~] ***vacant position not established under paragraph I*** shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. The annual salary of such unclassified employees shall be as prescribed in RSA 94:1-a ***and RSA 94:3-b, II***. The provisions of RSA 21:33-a shall not apply to appointments made under this subparagraph.	67 Department of Health and Human Services; Positions Established; Staffing. Amend RSA 126-A:9, II(b) to read as follows: (b) The commissioner shall appoint a person to each ***unclassified*** position [~~established pursuant to subpragraph (a)~~] ***authorized by the legislature***. Any [~~vacancy~~] ***vacant position not established under paragraph I*** shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. The annual salary of such unclassified employees shall be as prescribed in RSA 94:1-a ***and RSA 94:3-b, II***. The provisions of RSA 21:33-a shall not apply to appointments made under this subparagraph.
98 Repeal; Mental Health Medical Supervisor Position. RSA 126-A:9, I(c), relative to appointment of an unclassified mental health medical supervisor, is repealed.	68 Repeal; Mental Health Medical Supervisor Position. RSA 126-A:9, I(c), relative to appointment of an unclassified mental health medical supervisor, is repealed.
99 Department of Health and Human Services; General Provisions; Drug Prescriptions. Amend RSA 126-A:3, V to read as follows: V. Pharmacists shall substitute generically equivalent drug products for all legend and non-legend prescriptions paid for by the department of health and human services, [~~including the Medicaid program,~~] unless the prescribing practitioner specifies that the brand name drug product is medically necessary. Such notification shall be in the practitioner's own handwriting ***or as otherwise authorized by law or regulation*** and shall be retained [~~in the pharmacist's file~~] ***by the pharmacy. Pertaining to Medicaid, pharmacists shall dispense brand name drug products to Medicaid beneficiaries when the brand name drug product is listed on the department's Medicaid preferred drug list, and not substitute generically equivalent drugs***. The provisions of paragraph III shall not apply to the dispensing by a pharmacy for medical assistance reimbursement for legend and non-legend drugs. The commissioner, in consultation with pharmacy providers, shall establish medical assistance reimbursement for legend and non-legend drugs. For Medicaid fee for service [~~clients~~] ***beneficiaries***, no prior authorization [~~for generically equivalent drugs shall be required~~] ***shall be required for generic drug products unless the drug class is recommended***	69 Department of Health and Human Services; General Provisions; Drug Prescriptions. Amend RSA 126-A:3, V to read as follows: V. Pharmacists shall substitute generically equivalent drug products for all legend and non-legend prescriptions paid for by the department of health and human services, [~~including the Medicaid program,~~] unless the prescribing practitioner specifies that the brand name drug product is medically necessary. Such notification shall be in the practitioner's own handwriting ***or as otherwise authorized by law or regulation*** and shall be retained [~~in the pharmacist's file~~] ***by the pharmacy. Pertaining to Medicaid, pharmacists shall dispense brand name drug products to Medicaid beneficiaries when the brand name drug product is listed on the department's Medicaid preferred drug list, and not substitute generically equivalent drugs***. The provisions of paragraph III shall not apply to the dispensing by a pharmacy for medical assistance reimbursement for legend and non-legend drugs. The commissioner, in consultation with pharmacy providers, shall establish medical assistance reimbursement for legend and non-legend drugs. For Medicaid fee for service [~~clients~~] ***beneficiaries***, no prior authorization [~~for generically equivalent drugs shall be required~~] ***shall be required for generic drug products unless the drug class is recommended***

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by the drug utilization review board for clinical appropriateness and safety utilization review.	***by the drug utilization review board for clinical appropriateness and safety utilization review.***
100 New Paragraph; Public Health; Department of Health and Human Services; General Provisions. Amend RSA 126-A:3 by inserting after paragraph V the following new paragraph: V-a.(a) When deemed medically necessary and cost effective by the department of health and human services' chief medical officer, a standing order may be issued by the chief medical officer for certain Medicaid covered over-the-counter (non-legend) medications, medical supplies, and laboratory tests. Such standing order shall be reviewed annually by the chief medical officer for continuation or discontinuation of the standing order. (b) The chief medical officer's standing order, as provided in subparagraph (a), shall also permit non-Medicaid recipients to obtain over-the-counter (non-legend) medications, medical supplies, and laboratory tests pursuant to the standing order. Nothing in this paragraph shall prohibit insurers from applying appropriate medical management techniques or require insurers to pay for the cost of these items unless expressly stated by the insurer's terms of coverage. (c) No health care professional, acting in good faith and with reasonable care, who issues a standing order, or who dispenses, or distributes over-the-counter (non-legend) medications, medical supplies, or laboratory tests by standing order shall be subject to any criminal or civil liability, or any professional disciplinary action, for any action authorized by this paragraph or any outcome resulting from an action authorized by this paragraph.	70 New Paragraph; Public Health; Department of Health and Human Services; General Provisions. Amend RSA 126-A:3 by inserting after paragraph V the following new paragraph: V-a.(a) When deemed medically necessary and cost effective by the department of health and human services' chief medical officer, a standing order may be issued by the chief medical officer for certain Medicaid covered over-the-counter (non-legend) medications, medical supplies, and laboratory tests. Such standing order shall be reviewed annually by the chief medical officer for continuation or discontinuation of the standing order. (b) The chief medical officer's standing order, as provided in subparagraph (a), shall also permit non-Medicaid recipients to obtain over-the-counter (non-legend) medications, medical supplies, and laboratory tests pursuant to the standing order. Nothing in this paragraph shall prohibit insurers from applying appropriate medical management techniques or require insurers to pay for the cost of these items unless expressly stated by the insurer's terms of coverage. (c) No health care professional, acting in good faith and with reasonable care, who issues a standing order, or who dispenses, or distributes over-the-counter (non-legend) medications, medical supplies, or laboratory tests by standing order shall be subject to any criminal or civil liability, or any professional disciplinary action, for any action authorized by this paragraph or any outcome resulting from an action authorized by this paragraph.
101 Appropriation; Developmental Services; Pilot Program. Amend 2022, 272:9, VII as amended by 2023, 79:548 to read as follows: VII. There is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services the sum of $2,800,000, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, for the purpose of implementing the pilot program	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 71 Developmental Services; Pilot Program Limited to Current Enrollment. Amend 2022, 272:9, VII as amended by 2023, 79:548 to read as follows: VII. There is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services the sum of $2,800,000, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, for the purpose of implementing the pilot program

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plan or the pilot itself, for developmental services established in this section. This appropriation shall not lapse until June 30, [~~2025~~] ***2027, to continue services for those enrolled***. Additionally, the department may accept and expend any applicable federal funds, and any gifts, grants, or donations that may be available for the purposes of the pilot program. [~~In the event of any remaining funds not otherwise expended after reaching the cap of serving 20 eligible individuals under the pilot program, the department may allocate funding and provide services to additional eligible individuals.~~] The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.	plan or the pilot itself, for developmental services established in this section. This appropriation shall not lapse until June 30, 2025. Additionally, the department may accept and expend any applicable federal funds, and any gifts, grants, or donations that may be available for the purposes of the pilot program. [~~In the event of any remaining funds not otherwise expended after reaching the cap of serving 20 eligible individuals under the pilot program, the department may allocate funding and provide services to additional eligible individuals.~~] The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.
102 Effective Date. Section 101 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2025.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	72 Developmental Services; Pilot Program; Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services the sum of $1,000,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, for the purpose of continuing services for those enrolled in the developmental services pilot program established in 2022, 272:9. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. The department is authorized to accept and expend any available federal funds or gifts, grants, or donations for this purpose without prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court.
103 Expanding Access to Court-appointed Counsel for Children in Dependency Proceedings; Prospective Effective Date Extended. Amend 2024, 296:6 to read as follows: 296:6 Effective Date. I. Sections 3 and 5 of this act shall take effect August 1, 2026. II. The remainder of this act shall take effect [~~July 1, 2025~~] ***January 1, 2026***.	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 73 Expanding Access to Court-appointed Counsel for Children in Dependency Proceedings; Prospective Effective Date Extended. Amend 2024, 296:6 to read as follows: 296:6 EffectIve Date. I. Sections 3 and 5 of this act shall take effect August 1, [~~2026~~] ***2028***. II. The remainder of this act shall take effect July 1, [~~2025~~] ***2027***.

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104 Department of Health and Human Services; Division for Children, Youth and Families; Classified Positions Established; Appropriation. I. There is hereby established 3 unclassified staff attorney positions in the department of health and human services for the purposes of fulfilling responsibilities related to expanded access to court-appointed counsel for children in out-of-home placements pursuant to 2024, 296. The salaries of the unclassified positions established in this paragraph shall be established in accordance with RSA 94:1-a, I. II. From general funds appropriated to the department of health and human services in account 05-95-95-952010-5680, $155,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and $310,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, shall be used for the purpose of funding the positions established in paragraph I. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the department may accept and expend matching federal funds without prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
105 Department of Health and Human Services; Pharmacy Copays; Medicaid Program. The department of health and human services shall file a Medicaid state plan amendment on or before January 1, 2026, to increase the prescription drug copay amount to $4, subject to federal limitations on cost sharing and eligibility limitations.	74 Department of Health and Human Services; Pharmacy Copays; Medicaid Program. The department of health and human services shall file a Medicaid state plan amendment on or before January 1, 2026, to increase the prescription drug copay amount to $4, subject to federal limitations on cost sharing and eligibility limitations.
106 Department of Health and Human Services; Medicaid Managed Care. The department of health and human services is hereby directed to complete no more than one Medicaid rate filing with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services each state fiscal year for the biennium ending June 30, 2027.	75 Department of Health and Human Services; Medicaid Managed Care. The department of health and human services is hereby directed to complete no more than one Medicaid rate filing with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services each state fiscal year for the biennium ending June 30, 2027.
107 Department of Health and Human Services; New Hampshire Granite Advantage Health Care Program; Premiums Established. The department of health and human services shall file a Medicaid	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 76 New Section; New Hampshire Granite Advantage Health Care Program; Premiums Established. Amend RSA 126-AA by inserting after section 2 the following new section:

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waiver and state plan amendment, if necessary, on or before July 1, 2026, to institute premiums, subject to federal limitations on cost sharing and eligibility limitations, for individuals participating in the Granite Advantage Health Care Program who have income at or above 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Limit.	126-AA:2-a New Hampshire Granite Advantage Health Care Program; Premiums Established. The department of health and human services shall file a Medicaid waiver and state plan amendment, if necessary, on or before July 1, 2026, to institute premiums, as provided in this section, for individuals participating in the granite advantage health care program who have income at or above 100 percent of the federal poverty level, subject to federal limitations on cost sharing and eligibility limitations. The premium amount shall be based on a portion of the cost of the services and the program, and shall not vary based on the participant's income. The department shall develop hardship criteria in administering these premiums. I. For the biennium ending June 30, 2027, monthly premium amounts for individuals participating in the granite advantage health care program shall be: (a) Household size of one: $60 per month. (b) Household size of 2: $80 per month. (c) Household size of 3: $90 per month. (d) Household size of 4 or more: $100 per month. II. Beginning in fiscal year 2028, the commissioner shall adopt rules under RSA 541-A, to establish monthly premiums for individuals participating in the program in accordance with this section.
108 Department of Health and Human Services; Medicaid Program; Premiums Established. The department of health and human services shall file a Medicaid state plan amendment on or before January 1, 2026, to institute premiums, subject to federal limitations, for households with children enrolled in Medicaid with income at or above 255 percent of the federal poverty limit.	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 77 New Paragraph; Department of Health and Human Services; Children's Health Insurance Program; Premiums Established. Amend RSA 126-A:3 by inserting after paragraph VIII the following new paragraph: IX. The commissioner shall file a Medicaid state plan amendment on or before January 1, 2026, to institute premiums, as provided in this paragraph, for households with children enrolled in Medicaid with income at or above 255 percent of the federal poverty level, subject to federal limitations. The premium amount shall be based on a portion of the cost of the services and the program, and shall

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	not vary based on the participant's income. The premium shall only apply to Medicaid and shall not apply to waiver services. The department shall develop hardship criteria in administering these premiums. (a) For the biennium ending June 30, 2027, monthly premium amounts for households with children enrolled in Medicaid with income at or above 255 percent of the federal poverty limit shall be: (1) Household size of 2: $190 per month. (2) Household size of 3: $230 per month. (3) Household size of 4 or more: $270 per month. (b) Beginning in fiscal year 2028, the commissioner shall adopt rules under RSA 541-A to establish monthly premiums for households with children enrolled in Medicaid in accordance with this paragraph.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	78 Report Required; Department of Health and Human Services. The department of health and human services shall submit, for the premiums established in sections 76 and 77 of this act, a report on the department's success in collecting said premiums as well as the impact of the premiums on Medicaid enrollment. The first report shall be submitted by January 1, 2026, to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, and the chairs of the senate health and human services committee and the house of representatives health, human services, and elderly affairs committee. The department shall provide an updated report to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, and the chairs of the senate health and human services committee and the house of representatives health, human services, and elderly affairs committee every 6 months.
109 Department of Health and Human Services; Medicaid Eligibility. To restore income verification for Medicaid redetermination to pre-public health emergency income verification standards for the	79 Department of Health and Human Services; Medicaid Eligibility. To restore income verification for Medicaid redetermination to pre-public health emergency income verification standards for the

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biennium ending June 30, 2027, the department of health and human services shall allow the federal public health emergency Social Security Act Section 1902e(14)(A) waiver authorities to expire effective June 30, 2025.	biennium ending June 30, 2027, the department of health and human services shall allow the federal public health emergency Social Security Act Section 1902e(14)(A) waiver authorities to expire effective June 30, 2025.
110 Department of Health and Human Services; Appropriation; Child Care Scholarship Program. To avoid a waitlist for the New Hampshire child care scholarship program, the commissioner of the department of health and human services may request, with prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court, that the governor and council authorize additional funding. If approved by governor and council, the governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury otherwise not appropriated.	80 Department of Health and Human Services; Appropriation; Child Care Scholarship Program. To avoid a waitlist for the New Hampshire child care scholarship program, the commissioner of the department of health and human services may request, with prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court, that the governor and council authorize additional funding. If approved by governor and council, the governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury otherwise not appropriated.
111 Department of Information Technology; Salary Grades for Certain Positions. Amend the following positions in RSA 94:1-a, I(b) to read as follows: GG Department of information technology director***, user services division*** GG Department of information technology director***, user experience division*** GG Department of information technology assistant director, [~~agency software division~~] ***business relationship management division*** HH Department of information technology director***, business relationship management division*** HH Department of information technology director***, infrastructure and operations division***	81 Department of Information Technology; Salary Grades for Certain Positions. Amend the following positions in RSA 94:1-a, I(b) to read as follows: GG Department of information technology director***, user services division*** GG Department of information technology director***, user experience division*** GG Department of information technology assistant director, [~~agency software division~~] ***business relationship management division*** HH Department of information technology director***, business relationship management division*** HH Department of information technology director***, infrastructure and operations division***
112 Department of Justice; Division of Legal Counsel. Amend RSA 7:8-b to read as follows: 7:8-b Division of Legal Counsel. I. There is hereby established, within the office of the attorney general, a division of legal counsel. The division shall be supervised by an associate attorney general appointed under RSA 7:16.	82 Department of Justice; Division of Legal Counsel. Amend RSA 7:8-b to read as follows: 7:8-b Division of Legal Counsel. I. There is hereby established, within the office of the attorney general, a division of legal counsel. The division shall be supervised by an associate attorney general appointed under RSA 7:16.

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II. The division of legal counsel shall consist of the following units: (a) A bureau of civil law. (b) [~~A transportation and construction bureau.~~] ***A public safety and infrastructure bureau, as provided in RSA 21-M:12.*** (c) [~~An office of the solicitor general.~~] ***A civil rights unit, which shall be responsible for enforcing the New Hampshire Law Against Discrimination and the New Hampshire Civil Rights Act, bringing civil enforcement actions on behalf of the public to redress discriminatory acts and civil rights violations, and enforcing any other state or federal antidiscrimination laws that authorize the attorney general to enforce them.*** ***(d) A charitable trusts unit, which shall be responsible for administering the duties assigned to the attorney general regarding charitable trusts under RSA 7:19 through 7:32-a.*** ***(e) An election law unit, which shall be responsible for enforcing violations of New Hampshire election laws under RSA 7:6-c and the Uniform Law on Notarial Acts.*** [~~III. The division shall also be responsible for administering the duties assigned to the attorney general regarding charitable trusts under RSA 7:19 through 7:32 a.~~]	II. The division of legal counsel shall consist of the following units: (a) A bureau of civil law. (b) [~~A transportation and construction bureau.~~] ***A public safety and infrastructure bureau, as provided in RSA 21-M:12.*** (c) [~~An office of the solicitor general.~~] ***A civil rights unit, which shall be responsible for enforcing the New Hampshire Law Against Discrimination and the New Hampshire Civil Rights Act, bringing civil enforcement actions on behalf of the public to redress discriminatory acts and civil rights violations, and enforcing any other state or federal antidiscrimination laws that authorize the attorney general to enforce them.*** ***(d) A charitable trusts unit, which shall be responsible for administering the duties assigned to the attorney general regarding charitable trusts under RSA 7:19 through 7:32-a.*** ***(e) An election law unit, which shall be responsible for enforcing violations of New Hampshire election laws under RSA 7:6-c and the Uniform Law on Notarial Acts.*** [~~III. The division shall also be responsible for administering the duties assigned to the attorney general regarding charitable trusts under RSA 7:19 through 7:32 a.~~]
113 Department of Justice; Division of Legal Counsel. Amend RSA 21-M:7 to read as follows: 21-M:7 Division of Legal Counsel. I. There is established within the department a division of legal counsel. The division shall be supervised by an associate attorney general appointed under RSA 21-M:3. II. The division of legal counsel shall consist of the following units: (a) A bureau of civil law. (b) A public safety and infrastructure bureau***, as provided in RSA 21-M:12***. (***c) A civil rights unit, which shall be responsible for enforcing the New Hampshire Law Against Discrimination and the New Hampshire Civil Rights Act.***	83 Department of Justice; Division of Legal Counsel. Amend RSA 21-M:7 to read as follows: 21-M:7 Division of Legal Counsel. I. There is established within the department a division of legal counsel. The division shall be supervised by an associate attorney general appointed under RSA 21-M:3. II. The division of legal counsel shall consist of the following units: (a) A bureau of civil law. (b) A public safety and infrastructure bureau***, as provided in RSA 21-M:12***. (***c) A civil rights unit, which shall be responsible for enforcing the New Hampshire Law Against Discrimination and the New Hampshire Civil Rights Act.***

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(d) A charitable trusts unit, which shall be responsible for administering the duties assigned to the attorney general regarding charitable trusts under RSA 7:19 through 7:32-a. ***(e) An election law unit, which shall be responsible for enforcing violations of New Hampshire election laws under RSA 7:6-c and the Uniform Law on Notarial Acts.*** [~~III. The division shall also be responsible for administering the duties assigned to the attorney general regarding charitable trusts under RSA 7:19 through 32-a.~~]	***(d) A charitable trusts unit, which shall be responsible for administering the duties assigned to the attorney general regarding charitable trusts under RSA 7:19 through 7:32-a.*** ***(e) An election law unit, which shall be responsible for enforcing violations of New Hampshire election laws under RSA 7:6-c and the Uniform Law on Notarial Acts.*** [~~III. The division shall also be responsible for administering the duties assigned to the attorney general regarding charitable trusts under RSA 7:19 through 32-a.~~]
114 Repeal; Bureau of Civil Law; Regulation of Charitable Trusts. RSA 21-M:11, II(c), relative to responsibility for the regulation of charitable trusts by the bureau of civil law, is repealed.	84 Repeal; Bureau of Civil Law; Regulation of Charitable Trusts. RSA 21-M:11, II(c), relative to responsibility for the regulation of charitable trusts by the bureau of civil law, is repealed.
115 Department of Justice; Private Practice Prohibited. Amend RSA 7:6-d to read as follows: 7:6-d Private Practice Prohibited. The attorney general, deputy attorney general, assistant attorneys general and all attorneys employed by the department of justice shall not directly or indirectly engage in the private practice of law, nor shall they accept any fees or emoluments other than their official salaries for any legal services. Private practice of law shall not include the provision of legal services without charge to the members of an attorney's family when the same shall not conflict with the attorney's official duties. The provisions of this section shall not apply to [~~the director of charitable trusts, nor to~~] special counsel retained by the attorney general.	85 Department of Justice; Private Practice Prohibited. Amend RSA 7:6-d to read as follows: 7:6-d Private Practice Prohibited. The attorney general, deputy attorney general, assistant attorneys general and all attorneys employed by the department of justice shall not directly or indirectly engage in the private practice of law, nor shall they accept any fees or emoluments other than their official salaries for any legal services. Private practice of law shall not include the provision of legal services without charge to the members of an attorney's family when the same shall not conflict with the attorney's official duties. The provisions of this section shall not apply to [~~the director of charitable trusts, nor to~~] special counsel retained by the attorney general.
116 Director of Charitable Trusts; Authority. Amend RSA 7:19, I to read as follows: I. RSA 7:19 through [~~32-a~~] ***7:32-b*** inclusive shall apply to all trustees holding property for charitable purposes and to all persons soliciting for charitable purposes or engaging in charitable sales promotions; and the attorney general shall have and exercise, in addition to all the common law and statutory rights, duties and powers of the attorney general in connection with the supervision, administration and enforcement of charitable trusts, charitable solicitations, and charitable sales	86 Director of Charitable Trusts; Authority. Amend RSA 7:19, I to read as follows: I. RSA 7:19 through [~~32-a~~] ***7:32-b*** inclusive shall apply to all trustees holding property for charitable purposes and to all persons soliciting for charitable purposes or engaging in charitable sales promotions; and the attorney general shall have and exercise, in addition to all the common law and statutory rights, duties and powers of the attorney general in connection with the supervision, administration and enforcement of charitable trusts, charitable solicitations, and charitable sales

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promotions, the rights, duties and powers set forth in RSA 7:19 through [~~32-a~~] ***7:32-b*** inclusive. The attorney general shall also have the authority to prepare and maintain a register of all charitable trusts heretofore or hereafter established or active in this state. However, this subdivision does not apply to the United States; any state, territory or possession of the United States; the District of Columbia; the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or to any of their agencies or governmental subdivisions or to any religious organization which holds property for charitable or religious purposes or their integrated auxiliaries or to conventions or associations of churches.	promotions, the rights, duties and powers set forth in RSA 7:19 through [~~32-a~~] ***7:32-b*** inclusive. The attorney general shall also have the authority to prepare and maintain a register of all charitable trusts heretofore or hereafter established or active in this state. However, this subdivision does not apply to the United States; any state, territory or possession of the United States; the District of Columbia; the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or to any of their agencies or governmental subdivisions or to any religious organization which holds property for charitable or religious purposes or their integrated auxiliaries or to conventions or associations of churches.
117 Attorney General; Enforcement of the Election Laws. Amend RSA 7:6-c, I to read as follows: I. Upon receipt of a signed written complaint, or upon his or her own motion, the attorney general may in his or her discretion, conduct investigations to determine whether any violation of the election ***or lobbying*** laws has occurred and may prosecute anyone responsible for such a violation. In conducting an investigation under this section the attorney general may enlist the aid of the county attorneys, the state police, and other public officers. In the exercise of his or her powers and duties under this section, the attorney general may hold hearings and require the attendance of individuals by the use of subpoena and may require the production of books, documents, records, and other tangible goods by use of subpoena duces tecum. Any testimony required by the attorney general at a hearing which he or she is empowered to hold under this section shall be given under oath. The attorney general shall maintain records of complaints and investigations of alleged violations of the election laws.	87 Attorney General; Enforcement of the Election Laws. Amend RSA 7:6-c, I to read as follows: I. Upon receipt of a signed written complaint, or upon his or her own motion, the attorney general may in his or her discretion, conduct investigations to determine whether any violation of the election ***or lobbying*** laws has occurred and may prosecute anyone responsible for such a violation. In conducting an investigation under this section the attorney general may enlist the aid of the county attorneys, the state police, and other public officers. In the exercise of his or her powers and duties under this section, the attorney general may hold hearings and require the attendance of individuals by the use of subpoena and may require the production of books, documents, records, and other tangible goods by use of subpoena duces tecum. Any testimony required by the attorney general at a hearing which he or she is empowered to hold under this section shall be given under oath. The attorney general shall maintain records of complaints and investigations of alleged violations of the election laws.
118 Education; Special Education; Liability for Children With Disabilities in Certain Court Ordered Placements. Amend RSA 186-C:19-b, V to read as follows: V. If the total amount required for court ordered placements or placements for an episode of treatment exceeds the amount appropriated to the department for such payments, the governor is	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

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authorized to draw a warrant from the [~~education trust~~] ***general*** fund for such sum to satisfy the state's obligation under this section.	
119 Games, Amusements, and Athletic Exhibitions; Lottery; Establishment. Amend RSA 284:21-j, I to read as follows: I. The state treasurer shall credit all moneys received from the lottery commission under RSA 284, RSA 287-D, and RSA 287-E, and interest received on such moneys, to a special fund from which the treasurer shall pay all expenses of the commission incident to the administration of this subdivision and all administration and enforcement expenses of racing and charitable gaming under RSA 284, RSA 287-D, and RSA 287-E. Any balance left in such fund after such expenses are paid shall be [~~deposited in the education trust fund established under RSA 198:39~~] ***restricted to accounting unit 06-56-56-560040-4079 in the department of education, for the purpose of distributing state adequacy grants to public school districts***.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
120 Games, Amusements, and Athletic Exhibitions; Lottery; Operation of Keno Games. Amend RSA 284:47, II to read as follows: II. A licensee may retain 8 percent of the proceeds from keno games. The remainder, less the administrative costs of the lottery commission and prize payouts, shall be [~~deposited in the education trust fund established in RSA 198:39~~] ***restricted to accounting unit 06-56-56-560040-4079 in the department of education, for the purpose of distributing state adequacy grants to public school districts***.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
121 Games, Amusements, and Athletic Exhibitions; Sports Betting; Proceeds to Education Fund. Amend RSA 287:I-9 to read as follows: 287-I:9 Proceeds to Education Fund. The proceeds received by the commission from sports wagering, less the administrative costs of the commission, prizes paid, and payments for problem	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

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gambling services, shall be [~~deposited in the education trust fund established in RSA 198:39~~] ***restricted to accounting unit 06-56-56-560040-4079 in the department of education, for the purpose of distributing state adequacy grants to public school districts***.	
122 Repeal. The following are repealed: I. RSA 198:39, I(g), relative to using monies in the education trust fund for the statewide assessment program. II. RSA 198:39, I(j), relative to using monies in the education trust fund to fund school building aid. III. RSA 198:39, I(k), relative to using monies in the education trust fund for tuition and transportation funds to school districts for students attending career and technical education programs. IV. RSA 198:39, I(l), relative to using monies in the education trust fund for special education aid to school districts. V. RSA 198:39, I(m), relative to using monies in the education trust fund for payments to education service providers on behalf of school districts for children with disabilities in certain court ordered placements or placements for an episode of treatment. VI. RSA 198:39, I(n), relative to using monies in the education trust fund for grants for leased space to approved chartered public schools. VII. RSA 198:39, II(g), relative to depositing into the education trust fund monies relative to sweepstakes and the lottery. VIII. RSA 198:39, II(j), relative to depositing into the education trust fund monies collected and paid over to the state treasurer by the lottery commission.	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 88 Education; School Money; Educated Trust Fund Created and Invested. Amend RSA 198:39, I(m)-(n) to read as follows: (m) To distribute payments to education service providers on behalf of school districts for children with disabilities in certain court ordered placements [~~or placements for an episode of treatment~~] pursuant to RSA 186-C:19-b. (n) ***To distribute payments to providers for costs of special education and education services related to an episode of treatment pursuant to RSA 193:27, VII.*** ***(o)*** To distribute grants for leased space to approved chartered public schools pursuant to RSA 198:15-hh. ***(p) To fund grants from the public school infrastructure fund under RSA 198:15-y.*** ***(q) To fund department of education operating costs, as authorized under RSA 198:39, III.***

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123 Chartered Public Schools; Funding. Amend RSA 194-B:11, I(c) to read as follows: (c) The [~~commissioner of the~~] department of education shall calculate and distribute chartered public school tuition payments as set forth herein. The first payment shall be 30 percent of the per pupil amount multiplied by the number of eligible pupils ***enrolled and*** present on the first day of the current school year. Such payment shall be made no later than 15 days after the department of education receives the [~~attendance~~] ***approved enrollment*** report. The December 1 payment shall be 30 percent of the per pupil amount multiplied by the membership on [~~November~~] ***October*** 1, and the March 1 payment shall be 30 percent of the per pupil amount multiplied by the membership on February 1. To calculate the final payment, [~~the commissioner of~~] the department of education shall multiply the per pupil amount by the average daily membership in attendance for the full school year, and subtract the total amount of the first 3 payments made. The remaining balance shall be the final payment. Eligible chartered public schools shall report membership in accordance with RSA 189:1-d. In this subparagraph, "membership" shall be as defined in RSA 189:1-d, II. Tuition amounts shall be prorated on a per diem basis for pupils attending a school for less than a full school year. ***The average daily membership in attendance for the Virtual Learning Academy Charter School shall be calculated by converting each credit completed into an average daily membership metric utilizing the basis that 12 half-credits equal 1.0 average daily membership. No full-time enrolled pupil at the Virtual Learning Academy Charter School shall have an average daily membership that exceeds 1.0.***	89 Chartered Public Schools; Funding. Amend RSA 194-B:11, I(c) to read as follows: (c) The [~~commissioner of the~~] department of education shall calculate and distribute chartered public school tuition payments as set forth herein. The first payment shall be 30 percent of the per pupil amount multiplied by the number of eligible pupils ***enrolled and*** present on the first day of the current school year. Such payment shall be made no later than 15 days after the department of education receives the [~~attendance~~] ***approved enrollment*** report. The December 1 payment shall be 30 percent of the per pupil amount multiplied by the membership on [~~November~~] ***October*** 1, and the March 1 payment shall be 30 percent of the per pupil amount multiplied by the membership on February 1. To calculate the final payment, [~~the commissioner of~~] the department of education shall multiply the per pupil amount by the average daily membership in attendance for the full school year, and subtract the total amount of the first 3 payments made. The remaining balance shall be the final payment. Eligible chartered public schools shall report membership in accordance with RSA 189:1-d. In this subparagraph, "membership" shall be as defined in RSA 189:1-d, II. Tuition amounts shall be prorated on a per diem basis for pupils attending a school for less than a full school year. ***The average daily membership in attendance for the Virtual Learning Academy Charter School shall be calculated by converting each credit completed into an average daily membership metric utilizing the basis that 12 half-credits equal 1.0 average daily membership. No full-time enrolled pupil at the Virtual Learning Academy Charter School shall have an average daily membership that exceeds 1.0.***
124 New Subparagraph; Chartered Public Schools; Funding. Amend RSA 194-B:11, I by inserting after subparagraph (e) the following new subparagraph: (f) The first 3 payments made pursuant to subparagraph (c) to the Virtual Learning Academy Charter School shall be made based on the estimated end of year full-time student and full-time equivalent student average daily membership in attendance calculation. The department may make a May 1 payment distribution to the Virtual Learning Academy using the most current data to	90 New Subparagraph; Chartered Public Schools; Funding. Amend RSA 194-B:11, I by inserting after subparagraph (e) the following new subparagraph: (f) The first 3 payments made pursuant to subparagraph (c) to the Virtual Learning Academy Charter School shall be made based on the estimated end of year full-time student and full-time equivalent student average daily membership in attendance calculation. The department may make a May 1 payment distribution to the Virtual Learning Academy using the most current data to

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ensure the Virtual Learning Academy Charter School receives an estimated 90 percent of adequacy distribution before the end of the fiscal year. The department of education may adjust down the December 1 or March 1 payment on the estimated average end of year enrollment during the school year for any charter school with a 20 percent or greater enrollment decline after the first day of school.	ensure the Virtual Learning Academy Charter School receives an estimated 90 percent of adequacy distribution before the end of the fiscal year. The department of education may adjust down the December 1 or March 1 payment on the estimated average end of year enrollment during the school year for any charter school with a 20 percent or greater enrollment decline after the first day of school.
125 Determination of Education Grants. Amend RSA 198:41, VI to read as follows: VI. [~~When final determination year data is available, but not later than April 1,~~] The department shall make a final determination of grant amounts ***by October 1***. A municipality's grant estimate shall not be less than 95 percent of the estimate reported pursuant to paragraph IV. The department shall adjust the April grant disbursement required pursuant to RSA 198:42 so that the total amount disbursed for the fiscal year shall match the final grant determination. ***VI-a. The final determination of the grant amount can be modified after October 1 after a vote in the affirmative by the state board under the following conditions:*** ***(a) The department or a school district petitioned the state board to modify the October 1 grant determination prior to January 15 of the same fiscal year and the school board votes in the affirmative to accept the petition by February 15;*** ***(b) The change being considered within the scope of the petition shall have a total adequacy dollar impact greater than $10,000 for at least one municipality; and*** ***(c) The petition specifically identifies the municipality or municipalities requiring change in the final grant amount and the amount being modified.***	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 91 Determination of Education Grants. Amend RSA 198:41, VI to read as follows: VI. [~~When final determination year data is available, but not later than April 1,~~] The department shall make a final determination of grant amounts ***by October 1***. A municipality's grant estimate shall not be less than 95 percent of the estimate reported pursuant to paragraph IV. The department shall adjust the April grant disbursement required pursuant to RSA 198:42 so that the total amount disbursed for the fiscal year shall match the final grant determination. ***VI-a. The final determination of the grant amount can be modified after October 1 after a vote in the affirmative by the state board under the following conditions:*** ***(a) The department or a school district petitioned the state board to modify the October 1 grant determination prior to January 15 of the same fiscal year and the state board votes in the affirmative to accept the petition by February 15;*** ***(b) The change being considered within the scope of the petition shall have a total adequacy dollar impact greater than $10,000 for at least one municipality; and*** ***(c) The petition specifically identifies the municipality or municipalities requiring change in the final grant amount and the amount being modified.***
126 Adequate Representation for Indigent Defendants in Criminal Cases; Services Other Than Counsel. RSA 604-A:6 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows: 604-A:6 Services Other Than Counsel.	92 Adequate Representation for Indigent Defendants in Criminal Cases; Services Other Than Counsel. RSA 604-A:6 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows: 604-A:6 Services Other Than Counsel.

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I. In any criminal case in which counsel has been appointed to represent a defendant who is financially unable to obtain investigative, expert or other services necessary to an adequate defense in his or her case, counsel may apply therefor to the court, and, upon finding that such services are necessary and that the defendant is financially unable to obtain them, the court shall authorize counsel to obtain the necessary services on behalf of the defendant. The court may, in the interests of justice and upon finding that timely procurement of necessary services could not await prior authorization, ratify and approve such services after they have been obtained. The court shall determine reasonable compensation for the services and direct payment upon the filing of a claim for compensation supported by an affidavit specifying the time expended, the nature of the services rendered, the expenses incurred on behalf of the defendant, and the compensation, if any, received in the same case for the same services from any other source. II. The administrative judges of the circuit and superior court may designate classes of routine, necessary services, under $1,500 per service, that are not subject to the procedure above. Invoices classified as routine and necessary may be submitted directly to the judicial council for review and payment. These invoices shall include a certification by the attorney assigned to the case that the services were necessary to representation in the matter that the attorney was assigned to. III. The executive director of the judicial council may, upon review of any particular invoice, decline to process such invoice without judicial review, and may direct the attorney to go through the process outline in paragraph I. IV. Vendor invoices and certifications under this section will be retained by the judicial council. V. Any indigent defendant appearing pro se may seek services as outlined in paragraph I.	I. In any criminal case in which counsel has been appointed to represent a defendant who is financially unable to obtain investigative, expert or other services necessary to an adequate defense in his or her case, counsel may apply therefor to the court, and, upon finding that such services are necessary and that the defendant is financially unable to obtain them, the court shall authorize counsel to obtain the necessary services on behalf of the defendant. The court may, in the interests of justice and upon finding that timely procurement of necessary services could not await prior authorization, ratify and approve such services after they have been obtained. The court shall determine reasonable compensation for the services and direct payment upon the filing of a claim for compensation supported by an affidavit specifying the time expended, the nature of the services rendered, the expenses incurred on behalf of the defendant, and the compensation, if any, received in the same case for the same services from any other source. II. The administrative judges of the circuit and superior court may designate classes of routine, necessary services, under $1,500 per service, that are not subject to the procedure above. Invoices classified as routine and necessary may be submitted directly to the judicial council for review and payment. These invoices shall include a certification by the attorney assigned to the case that the services were necessary to representation in the matter that the attorney was assigned to. III. The executive director of the judicial council may, upon review of any particular invoice, decline to process such invoice without judicial review, and may direct the attorney to go through the process outline in paragraph I. IV. Vendor invoices and certifications under this section will be retained by the judicial council. V. Any indigent defendant appearing pro se may seek services as outlined in paragraph I.
127 Contract Services. Amend RSA 604-A:6-a to read as follows: 604-A:6-a Contract Services. The state of New Hampshire, by the judicial council and with the approval of governor and council, may, within the limits of appropriations, contract with qualified	93 Contract Services. Amend RSA 604-A:6-a to read as follows: 604-A:6-a Contract Services. The state of New Hampshire, by the judicial council and with the approval of governor and council, may, within the limits of appropriations, contract with qualified

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firms or individuals in the state to provide stenographic***, interpretation, translation, transportation, investigation, and psychological, psychiatric, mental health, and substance abuse evaluations*** and clerical services where, pursuant to RSA 604-A:6, the defendant has been found to be eligible for such services. The executive director of the judicial council shall authorize payments to such individuals and firms as provided for under this section.	firms or individuals in the state to provide stenographic***, interpretation, translation, transportation, investigation, and psychological, psychiatric, mental health, and substance abuse evaluations*** and clerical services where, pursuant to RSA 604-A:6, the defendant has been found to be eligible for such services. The executive director of the judicial council shall authorize payments to such individuals and firms as provided for under this section.
128 Compensation of Counsel. Amend RSA 604-A:4 to read as follows: 604-A:4 Compensation of Counsel. ***I.*** [~~Subject to the provisions of RSA 604-A:6,~~] Counsel appointed pursuant to this chapter to represent the defendant, at the conclusion of the representation or any segment thereof, shall be reasonably compensated therefor and shall be reimbursed for expenses reasonably incurred. A separate claim for compensation and reimbursement shall be made to each court before which the counsel represented the defendant. Each claim shall be supported by a written statement specifying the time expended, services rendered and expenses incurred while the case was pending before the court. Each court before which the counsel represented the defendant shall fix the compensation and reimbursement to be paid the counsel for services rendered and expenses incurred while representing the defendant in proceedings before the court; however, no justice shall approve any unreasonable or unnecessary charge. ***II. The administrative judges of the circuit and superior court may order that any invoice for fees that falls within the limits of the supreme court rules governing assigned counsel may be submitted directly to the judicial council for review and payment.*** ***III. The executive director of the judicial council may, upon review of any particular invoice, decline to process such invoice without judicial review, and may direct the attorney to go through the process outline in paragraph I.*** ***IV. Vendor invoices and certifications under this section shall be retained by the judicial council.***	94 Compensation of Counsel. Amend RSA 604-A:4 to read as follows: 604-A:4 Compensation of Counsel. ***I.*** [~~Subject to the provisions of RSA 604-A:6,~~] Counsel appointed pursuant to this chapter to represent the defendant, at the conclusion of the representation or any segment thereof, shall be reasonably compensated therefor and shall be reimbursed for expenses reasonably incurred. A separate claim for compensation and reimbursement shall be made to each court before which the counsel represented the defendant. Each claim shall be supported by a written statement specifying the time expended, services rendered and expenses incurred while the case was pending before the court. Each court before which the counsel represented the defendant shall fix the compensation and reimbursement to be paid the counsel for services rendered and expenses incurred while representing the defendant in proceedings before the court; however, no justice shall approve any unreasonable or unnecessary charge. ***II. The administrative judges of the circuit and superior court may order that any invoice for fees that falls within the limits of the supreme court rules governing assigned counsel may be submitted directly to the judicial council for review and payment.*** ***III. The executive director of the judicial council may, upon review of any particular invoice, decline to process such invoice without judicial review, and may direct the attorney to go through the process outline in paragraph I.*** ***IV. Vendor invoices and certifications under this section shall be retained by the judicial council.***

129 New Section; Protective Legislation; Payment of Wages; Wage Claim Settlement Account. Amend RSA 275 by inserting after section 53 the following new section: 275:53-a Wage Claim Settlement Account. A special fund is hereby established in the state treasury for the purpose of receiving and distributing wages in accordance with RSA 275:53, II. The commissioner shall administer the fund. The state treasurer shall be the custodian of the fund, and all moneys in the fund shall be held in trust by the state treasurer and shall not constitute money or property of the state.	95 New Section; Protective Legislation; Payment of Wages; Wage Claim Settlement Account. Amend RSA 275 by inserting after section 53 the following new section: 275:53-a Wage Claim Settlement Account. A special fund is hereby established in the state treasury for the purpose of receiving and distributing wages in accordance with RSA 275:53, II. The commissioner shall administer the fund. The state treasurer shall be the custodian of the fund, and all moneys in the fund shall be held in trust by the state treasurer and shall not constitute money or property of the state.
130 New Subparagraph; Wage Claim Settlement Account. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by inserting after subparagraph (399) the following new subparagraph: (400) Moneys deposited in the wage claim settlement account fund established pursuant to RSA 275:53-a.	96 New Subparagraph; Wage Claim Settlement Account. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by inserting after subparagraph (399) the following new subparagraph: (400) Moneys deposited in the wage claim settlement account fund established pursuant to RSA 275:53-a.
131 Repeal. RSA 281-A:30, relative to the special fund for active cases, is repealed.	97 Repeal. RSA 281-A:30, relative to the special fund for active cases, is repealed.
132 Effective Date. Section 131 of this act shall take effect September 1, 2025.	98 Effective Date. Section 97 of this act shall take effect September 1, 2025.
133 Workers Compensation; Hearings and Awards. Amend RSA 281-A:43, II to read as follows: II. A decision of the commissioner, the commissioner's authorized representative, or the board shall take effect and shall become final, in the absence of an appeal from it, 30 days from the date of the decision. Payment of weekly compensation and entitlement to medical and vocational benefits, if necessary and so ordered by the commissioner or the board, shall begin or continue as soon as possible, but no later than 5 working days after [~~the decision's effective date~~] ***issuance of the decision***, and shall not be terminated except in accordance with the terms of the decision or of a final court determination. If the commissioner determines that the employer or carrier has failed to comply with	99 Workers Compensation; Hearings and Awards. Amend RSA 281-A:43, II to read as follows: II. A decision of the commissioner, the commissioner's authorized representative, or the board shall take effect and shall become final, in the absence of an appeal from it, 30 days from the date of the decision. Payment of weekly compensation and entitlement to medical and vocational benefits, if necessary and so ordered by the commissioner or the board, shall begin or continue as soon as possible, but no later than 5 working days after [~~the decision's effective date~~] ***issuance of the decision***, and shall not be terminated except in accordance with the terms of the decision or of a final court determination. If the commissioner determines that the employer or carrier has failed to comply with

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any order, then the commissioner may assess a penalty not to exceed $100 for each day of noncompliance, beginning on the date of notification of its assessment. Upon continued failure to comply with an order to make payment of the compensation or medical benefits, or to institute vocational rehabilitation, or to pay the penalty, or any combination thereof, the commissioner shall petition the superior court for an injunction to comply. The commissioner shall deposit into the department of labor restricted fund established in RSA 273:1-b any penalty collected under this section.	any order, then the commissioner may assess a penalty not to exceed $100 for each day of noncompliance, beginning on the date of notification of its assessment. Upon continued failure to comply with an order to make payment of the compensation or medical benefits, or to institute vocational rehabilitation, or to pay the penalty, or any combination thereof, the commissioner shall petition the superior court for an injunction to comply. The commissioner shall deposit into the department of labor restricted fund established in RSA 273:1-b any penalty collected under this section.
134 Workers Compensation; Appeals Board; Composition. Amend RSA 281-A:42-a, I to read as follows: I. There is established a compensation appeals board. [~~Until January 1, 2024,~~] The board shall consist of a pool of [~~33~~] ***27*** members, of which [~~11~~] ***9*** members shall represent labor, [~~11~~] ***9*** members shall represent employers or workers' compensation insurers and [~~11~~] ***9*** members shall be attorneys who shall be neutral. [~~On January 1, 2024, the commissioner shall identify 2 seats from each of the 3 sectors that are vacant or of an expired term, and eliminate those seats, reducing the entire pool to 27 members in total.~~] Members of the board shall be appointed by the governor and council from a list of nominees submitted by the commissioner. The commissioner shall submit at least 2 nominees for each vacancy to be filled. Any person appointed by the governor and council who is not qualified or who ceases to be qualified in the capacity in which such person is serving on the appeals board shall be replaced by the governor and council. Terms of board members shall be 3 years, except the initial appointments shall be staggered so that no more than 1/3 of the members' terms shall expire in the same year. Members of the board shall have at least 5 years' experience in the area of workers' compensation or human resources or administrative law. As a condition to maintaining eligibility to hear appeals, board members shall have at least 10 hours annually of training and briefing in the area of workers' compensation and relevant disciplines. The commissioner, or designee, with the assistance of the attorney general's staff shall supervise and approve the training. The commissioner shall have	100 Workers Compensation; Appeals Board; Composition. Amend RSA 281-A:42-a, I to read as follows: I. There is established a compensation appeals board. [~~Until January 1, 2024,~~] The board shall consist of a pool of [~~33~~] ***27*** members, of which [~~11~~] ***9*** members shall represent labor, [~~11~~] ***9*** members shall represent employers or workers' compensation insurers and [~~11~~] ***9*** members shall be attorneys who shall be neutral. [~~On January 1, 2024, the commissioner shall identify 2 seats from each of the 3 sectors that are vacant or of an expired term, and eliminate those seats, reducing the entire pool to 27 members in total.~~] Members of the board shall be appointed by the governor and council from a list of nominees submitted by the commissioner. The commissioner shall submit at least 2 nominees for each vacancy to be filled. Any person appointed by the governor and council who is not qualified or who ceases to be qualified in the capacity in which such person is serving on the appeals board shall be replaced by the governor and council. Terms of board members shall be 3 years, except the initial appointments shall be staggered so that no more than 1/3 of the members' terms shall expire in the same year. Members of the board shall have at least 5 years' experience in the area of workers' compensation or human resources or administrative law. As a condition to maintaining eligibility to hear appeals, board members shall have at least 10 hours annually of training and briefing in the area of workers' compensation and relevant disciplines. The commissioner, or designee, with the assistance of the attorney general's staff shall supervise and approve the training. The commissioner shall have

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the authority to suspend the eligibility of any member of the board who is not in compliance with such annual training requirements, and to reinstate such member's eligibility upon compliance. The commissioner may suspend from active participation any board member who fails to render a decision or order within 30 days of the hearing as required by RSA 281-A:43, I(b). The commissioner may rescind the suspension once the board member is in compliance with RSA 281-A:43, I(b). Appeals from a decision of the commissioner or the commissioner's representative shall be heard de novo by a 3-member panel, composed of an attorney who shall serve as chair, one member representing labor and one member representing employers or workers' compensation insurers. At least 2 like votes shall be necessary for a decision by the panel. The board shall hear appeals, in accordance with RSA 281-A:43, I(b), from the decisions of the commissioner made pursuant to RSA 281-A:43. No person who is an interested party or an employee of an interested party shall participate as a member of the panel. The board shall conduct its proceedings in such a manner as to ensure a fair and impartial hearing.	the authority to suspend the eligibility of any member of the board who is not in compliance with such annual training requirements, and to reinstate such member's eligibility upon compliance. The commissioner may suspend from active participation any board member who fails to render a decision or order within 30 days of the hearing as required by RSA 281-A:43, I(b). The commissioner may rescind the suspension once the board member is in compliance with RSA 281-A:43, I(b). Appeals from a decision of the commissioner or the commissioner's representative shall be heard de novo by a 3-member panel, composed of an attorney who shall serve as chair, one member representing labor and one member representing employers or workers' compensation insurers. At least 2 like votes shall be necessary for a decision by the panel. The board shall hear appeals, in accordance with RSA 281-A:43, I(b), from the decisions of the commissioner made pursuant to RSA 281-A:43. No person who is an interested party or an employee of an interested party shall participate as a member of the panel. The board shall conduct its proceedings in such a manner as to ensure a fair and impartial hearing.
135 Confidentiality of Workers Compensation Claims. Amend RSA 281-A:21-b to read as follows: 281-A:21-b Confidentiality of Workers' Compensation Claims. Proceedings and records of the department of labor ***and the compensation appeals board*** with respect to workers' compensation claims under RSA 281-A shall be exempt from RSA 91-A. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the department of labor ***or the compensation appeals board*** from releasing information on a person's claim or claims to the person, the person's legal representative, attorney, health care providers, employer, the employer's workers' compensation insurer, the attorneys for the employer or employer's insurer, or state and federal agencies with relevant jurisdiction. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, information relating to a person's claim or claims may be released to other parties only with the prior written permission of the claimant.	101 Confidentiality of Workers Compensation Claims. Amend RSA 281-A:21-b to read as follows: 281-A:21-b Confidentiality of Workers' Compensation Claims. Proceedings and records of the department of labor ***and the compensation appeals board*** with respect to workers' compensation claims under RSA 281-A shall be exempt from RSA 91-A. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the department of labor ***or the compensation appeals board*** from releasing information on a person's claim or claims to the person, the person's legal representative, attorney, health care providers, employer, the employer's workers' compensation insurer, the attorneys for the employer or employer's insurer, or state and federal agencies with relevant jurisdiction. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, information relating to a person's claim or claims may be released to other parties only with the prior written permission of the claimant.

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136 Department of Labor; Reports. Amend RSA 273:10 to read as follows: 273:10 Reports. [~~He~~] ***The labor commissioner*** shall transmit to the legislature a report upon these matters when [~~he~~] ***the labor commissioner*** shall deem the occasion of sufficient importance, with such recommendations as [~~he~~] ***the labor commissioner*** shall think advisable. [~~He~~] ***The labor commissioner*** shall biennially make a report of the proceedings of the department of labor to the governor and council, containing the transactions of the office and such other matters and recommendations as [~~he~~] ***the labor commissioner*** shall deem proper.	102 Department of Labor; Reports. Amend RSA 273:10 to read as follows: 273:10 Reports. [~~He~~] ***The labor commissioner*** shall transmit to the legislature a report upon these matters when [~~he~~] ***the labor commissioner*** shall deem the occasion of sufficient importance, with such recommendations as [~~he~~] ***the labor commissioner*** shall think advisable. [~~He~~] ***The labor commissioner*** shall biennially make a report of the proceedings of the department of labor to the governor and council, containing the transactions of the office and such other matters and recommendations as [~~he~~] ***the labor commissioner*** shall deem proper.
137 Workers Compensation; Hearings and Awards. Amend RSA 281-A:43, I(a) to read as follows: I.(a) In a controversy as to the responsibility of an employer or the employer's insurance carrier for the payment of compensation and other benefits under this chapter, any party at interest may petition the commissioner in writing for a hearing and award. The petition shall be sent to the commissioner at the department's offices in Concord and shall set forth the reasons for requesting the hearing and the questions in dispute which the applicant expects to be resolved. The commissioner or the commissioner's authorized representative shall schedule a hearing, either in Concord or at a location nearest the employee as determined by the commissioner, by fixing its time and place and giving notice at least 14 days prior to the date for which it is scheduled. The hearing date shall be set for a time not to exceed 6 weeks from the date the petition was received. In those instances where an expedited hearing is requested, the petition for hearing shall set forth the facts in sufficient detail to support the request for an expedited hearing. The commissioner, or his or her authorized agent shall, in his or her discretion, determine whether the need exists for an expedited hearing. Any requests for an expedited hearing shall be periodically reviewed by the commissioner to determine whether such requests are given proper attention. The commissioner shall also identify any overutilization by the requesting parties and responses given to such requests by the commissioner. An annual report of the expedited requests, responses, the number of continuances, the reasons for such continuances, the number of requests for hearing, and the time within which the hearings were held shall be made	103 Workers Compensation; Hearings and Awards. Amend RSA 281-A:43, I(a) to read as follows: I.(a) In a controversy as to the responsibility of an employer or the employer's insurance carrier for the payment of compensation and other benefits under this chapter, any party at interest may petition the commissioner in writing for a hearing and award. The petition shall be sent to the commissioner at the department's offices in Concord and shall set forth the reasons for requesting the hearing and the questions in dispute which the applicant expects to be resolved. The commissioner or the commissioner's authorized representative shall schedule a hearing, either in Concord or at a location nearest the employee as determined by the commissioner, by fixing its time and place and giving notice at least 14 days prior to the date for which it is scheduled. The hearing date shall be set for a time not to exceed 6 weeks from the date the petition was received. In those instances where an expedited hearing is requested, the petition for hearing shall set forth the facts in sufficient detail to support the request for an expedited hearing. The commissioner, or his or her authorized agent shall, in his or her discretion, determine whether the need exists for an expedited hearing. Any requests for an expedited hearing shall be periodically reviewed by the commissioner to determine whether such requests are given proper attention. The commissioner shall also identify any overutilization by the requesting parties and responses given to such requests by the commissioner. An annual report of the expedited requests, responses, the number of continuances, the reasons for such continuances, the number of requests for hearing, and the time within which the hearings were held shall be made

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annually to the advisory council established in RSA 281-A:62. The notice may be given in hand, via first class mail, or, [~~upon consent of the parties,~~] by electronic transmission ***to any party with that party's consent***. Continuances of any hearing are discouraged; however, should a continuance be necessary, the parties requesting such continuance shall file with the department a written petition for such continuance at least 7 days prior to the hearing. Failure to file such a petition shall bar any right to a continuance. Thereafter, a continuance may only be granted upon the commissioner's finding that a compelling need exists so as to require a continuance. At such hearing, it shall be incumbent upon all parties to present all available evidence and the person conducting the hearing shall give full consideration to all evidence presented. In addition, the person conducting the hearing shall freely and comprehensively examine all witnesses to determine the merits of the matter. Also, the person conducting the hearing may recess the hearing to a date certain and direct the parties, or either of them, to provide such further information that may be necessary to decide the matter. No later than 30 days after the hearing, the commissioner or the commissioner's authorized representative shall render a decision and shall forthwith notify the parties of it. When appropriate, the commissioner, or his or her authorized representative, may render a decision at the hearing. Unless excused for good cause shown, or a party has not received notice, failure of any or all parties at interest to appear at a duly scheduled hearing or to petition for a continuance shall bar such parties from any further action concerning an adverse decision, a decision by default, or a dismissal of a petition for hearing and award. The commissioner, or his or her authorized representative, shall serve notice of a pending default, default decision, or dismissal of a petition for hearing and award on the defaulting party via certified mail, return receipt requested. Upon receipt of undeliverable certified mail, the commissioner, or his or her authorized representative, shall stay the proceedings for up to one year from the date of the receipt of undeliverable certified mail during which time the commissioner, or his or her authorized representative, shall make all reasonable attempts to provide notice to the defaulting party. If notice cannot be provided within one year, the commissioner, or his or her authorized representative, shall render a decision in favor of the non-defaulting party.	annually to the advisory council established in RSA 281-A:62. The notice may be given in hand, via first class mail, or, [~~upon consent of the parties,~~] by electronic transmission ***to any party with that party's consent***. 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Upon receipt of undeliverable certified mail, the commissioner, or his or her authorized representative, shall stay the proceedings for up to one year from the date of the receipt of undeliverable certified mail during which time the commissioner, or his or her authorized representative, shall make all reasonable attempts to provide notice to the defaulting party. If notice cannot be provided within one year, the commissioner, or his or her authorized representative, shall render a decision in favor of the non-defaulting party.

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138 Elevator and Accessibility Lifts; Inspection Report and Certificates; Fee; Penalty. Amend RSA 157-B:5, I to read as follows: I. Subsequent to the inspection of an elevator or accessibility lift, an inspector shall file with the commissioner an inspection report on a form prescribed by the commissioner indicating whether or not the elevator or accessibility lift is certifiable and shall provide a copy of the inspection report to the owner or the owner's designee. When an elevator or accessibility lift passes inspection, the commissioner shall furnish an [~~inspection certificate to its owner or the owner's designee on a form prescribed by the commissioner. A fee of $50 shall be charged for each certificate. If the fee is not paid within 30 days of the date on which the certificate is issued, the certificate shall be void.~~] ***invoice for a fee of $75 to the unit owner or designee. Upon receipt of the fee, the commissioner shall issue an inspection certificate to its owner or the owner's designee on a form prescribed by the commissioner, with a separate fee required for each certificate.***	104 Elevator and Accessibility Lifts; Inspection Report and Certificates; Fee; Penalty. Amend RSA 157-B:5, I to read as follows: I. Subsequent to the inspection of an elevator or accessibility lift, an inspector shall file with the commissioner an inspection report on a form prescribed by the commissioner indicating whether or not the elevator or accessibility lift is certifiable and shall provide a copy of the inspection report to the owner or the owner's designee. When an elevator or accessibility lift passes inspection, the commissioner shall furnish an [~~inspection certificate to its owner or the owner's designee on a form prescribed by the commissioner. A fee of $50 shall be charged for each certificate. If the fee is not paid within 30 days of the date on which the certificate is issued, the certificate shall be void.~~] ***invoice for a fee of $75 to the unit owner or designee. Upon receipt of the fee, the commissioner shall issue an inspection certificate to its owner or the owner's designee on a form prescribed by the commissioner, with a separate fee required for each certificate.***
139 Labor Commissioner; Civil Penalties. Amend RSA 273:11-a, I to read as follows: I. In addition to any criminal penalty provided under this title, the commissioner may, after hearing, impose a civil penalty not to exceed $2,500, ***unless specifically authorized to do so by another provision of law,*** as determined by the commissioner, for any violation of the provisions of, or any rule adopted pursuant to, this title, except RSA 273-A, RSA 273-C, and RSA 282-A. All moneys collected under this section shall be deposited into the department of labor restricted fund established in RSA 273:1-b.	105 Labor Commissioner; Civil Penalties. Amend RSA 273:11-a, I to read as follows: I. In addition to any criminal penalty provided under this title, the commissioner may, after hearing, impose a civil penalty not to exceed $2,500, ***unless specifically authorized to do so by another provision of law,*** as determined by the commissioner, for any violation of the provisions of, or any rule adopted pursuant to, this title, except RSA 273-A, RSA 273-C, and RSA 282-A. All moneys collected under this section shall be deposited into the department of labor restricted fund established in RSA 273:1-b.
140 New Subparagraphs; Labor Commissioner; Civil Penalties. Amend RSA 273:11-a, III by inserting after subparagraph (h) the following new subparagraphs: (i) Failure to comply with RSA 281-A regarding the workers compensation law. (j) Violations pursuant to RSA 276-A relative to youth labor laws.	106 New Subparagraphs; Labor Commissioner; Civil Penalties. Amend RSA 273:11-a, III by inserting after subparagraph (h) the following new subparagraphs: (i) Failure to comply with RSA 281-A regarding the workers compensation law. (j) Violations pursuant to RSA 276-A relative to youth labor laws.

141 New Paragraph; Workers Compensation; Payment for Second Injuries from the Special Fund. Amend RSA 281-A:54 by inserting after paragraph X the following new paragraph: XI. In the event the commissioner denies reimbursement, the employer or employer's insurance carrier may petition the commissioner in writing for a hearing within 30 days of the date of the notice of denial. The petition shall be sent to the commissioner at the department's offices in Concord and shall identify each alleged error of law, fact, or reasoning that the petitioning party wishes to challenge. The commissioner or the commissioner's authorized representative shall schedule a hearing and give notice at least 14 days prior to the date for which it is scheduled. Unless excused for good cause shown, or a party has not received notice, failure of any or all parties at interest to appear at a duly scheduled hearing or to petition for a continuance shall bar such parties from any further action concerning an adverse decision, a decision by default, or a dismissal of a petition for hearing. The scope of the hearing shall be limited to each alleged error of law, fact, or reasoning that the petitioner raised in their petition for hearing. The documentary evidence admissible at the hearing shall be limited to the forms and supporting documentation submitted by the petitioner to the commissioner in support of the denied reimbursement request, and any responsive communications or orders from the commissioner regarding the denied reimbursement request. No later than 30 days after the hearing, the commissioner or the commissioner's authorized representative shall render a decision and shall forthwith notify the parties of it. When appropriate, the commissioner, or his or her authorized representative, may render a decision at the hearing. Any party in interest aggrieved by the rendered order or decision of the commissioner or the commissioner's authorized representative may appeal to the supreme court pursuant to RSA 541.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
142 New Paragraph; Workers Compensation; Reimbursement for Payment of Additional Compensation. Amend RSA 281-A:55-a by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph:	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

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III. In the event the commissioner denies reimbursement for requests made under this section, the employer or employer's insurance carrier may petition the commissioner for a hearing pursuant to RSA 281-A:54, XI.	
143 New Hampshire Retirement System. The funds in accounting unit 1051 shall not lapse until June 30, 2027.	107 New Hampshire Retirement System. The funds in accounting unit 1051 shall not lapse until June 30, 2027.
144 Department of Safety; General Fund Lapse to Fire Standards and Training and Emergency Medical Services Fund. Unspent general funds appropriated to the fire safety administration accounting unit 66310000 shall lapse to the fire standards and training and emergency medical services fund established in RSA 21-P:12-d, on June 30, 2026.	108 Department of Safety; General Fund Lapse to Fire Standards and Training and Emergency Medical Services Fund. Unspent general funds appropriated to the fire safety administration accounting unit 66310000 shall lapse to the fire standards and training and emergency medical services fund established in RSA 21-P:12-d, on June 30, 2026.
145 Effective Date. Section 144 of this act shall take effect on June 30, 2026.	109 Effective Date. Section 108 of this act shall take effect on June 30, 2026.
146 Department of Safety; Prohibitions. Amend RSA 263:12, VI to read as follows: VI. Manufacture, advertise for sale, sell, or possess any fictitious, facsimile or simulated license to drive a motor vehicle ***unless specifically authorized by the director***.	110 Department of Safety; Prohibitions. Amend RSA 263:12, VI to read as follows: VI. Manufacture, advertise for sale, sell, or possess any fictitious, facsimile or simulated license to drive a motor vehicle ***unless specifically authorized by the director***.
147 Department of Safety; Provision for Federal Identification Database Prohibited. Amend RSA 260:14-a, VIII to read as follows: VIII. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the department may provide driver history records to a federal entity ***or their authorized agents*** for uses authorized in RSA 260:14, IV, RSA 260:14, IV-a, and RSA 260:14, V.	111 Department of Safety; Provision for Federal Identification Database Prohibited. Amend RSA 260:14-a, VIII to read as follows: VIII. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the department may provide driver history records to a federal entity ***or their authorized agents*** for uses authorized in RSA 260:14, IV, RSA 260:14, IV-a, and RSA 260:14, V.

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148 Department of Safety; Division of Fire Safety. Amend RSA 21-P:15-a to read as follows: 21-P:15-a Hazardous Materials Incident Response Coordinator. There is created within the department of safety, division of fire safety, the classified[~~, full-time~~] position of hazardous materials incident response coordinator. [~~The position shall be at labor grade 23.~~] The coordinator[~~ shall be appointed by the state fire marshal and~~] shall oversee the preparedness of the state's regional hazardous materials response teams as provided in RSA 21-P:12, III. ***During full-time service as hazardous materials incident response coordinator, the hazardous materials incident response coordinator shall be eligible to be a group II member, if he or she was a group II member or receiving a group II retirement allowance prior to being hired into this position.***	112 Department of Safety; Division of Fire Safety. Amend RSA 21-P:15-a to read as follows: 21-P:15-a Hazardous Materials Incident Response Coordinator. There is created within the department of safety, division of fire safety, the classified[~~, full-time~~] position of hazardous materials incident response coordinator. [~~The position shall be at labor grade 23.~~] The coordinator[~~ shall be appointed by the state fire marshal and~~] shall oversee the preparedness of the state's regional hazardous materials response teams as provided in RSA 21-P:12, III. ***During full-time service as hazardous materials incident response coordinator, the hazardous materials incident response coordinator shall be eligible to be a group II member, if he or she was a group II member or receiving a group II retirement allowance prior to being hired into this position.***
149 Department of Safety; Division of Fire Standards and Training and Emergency Medical Services. Amend RSA 153-A:1, I to read as follows: I. The general court declares that it is the policy of the state of New Hampshire to save lives and speed the healing of persons in need of medical services by providing an emergency medical and trauma services system that will bring an injured or sick person under the care of properly trained individuals in the shortest practical time, and that will provide safe transportation to the most appropriate treatment center prepared to receive the sick or injured person. It is the policy of the state of New Hampshire to [~~insure~~] ***ensure*** that the sick or injured person is safely transported in properly equipped vehicles which are designed to supply supportive care and which are able to communicate with medical treatment centers. [~~The use of properly licensed wheelchair vans for hire is to ensure that patients confined to a wheelchair are transported in equipped vehicles driven by personnel approved by the division.~~]	113 Department of Safety; Division of Fire Standards and Training and Emergency Medical Services. Amend RSA 153-A:1, I to read as follows: I. The general court declares that it is the policy of the state of New Hampshire to save lives and speed the healing of persons in need of medical services by providing an emergency medical and trauma services system that will bring an injured or sick person under the care of properly trained individuals in the shortest practical time, and that will provide safe transportation to the most appropriate treatment center prepared to receive the sick or injured person. It is the policy of the state of New Hampshire to [~~insure~~] ***ensure*** that the sick or injured person is safely transported in properly equipped vehicles which are designed to supply supportive care and which are able to communicate with medical treatment centers. [~~The use of properly licensed wheelchair vans for hire is to ensure that patients confined to a wheelchair are transported in equipped vehicles driven by personnel approved by the division.~~]
150 Department of Safety; Division of Fire Standards and Training and Emergency Medical Services. Amend RSA 21-P:12-b, II(f) to read as follows:	114 Department of Safety; Division of Fire Standards and Training and Emergency Medical Services. Amend RSA 21-P:12-b, II(f) to read as follows: (f) License emergency medical care providers, emergency medical service units, emergency

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(f) License emergency medical care providers, emergency medical service units, emergency medical service instructor/coordinators, emergency medical service training agencies, [~~emergency medical services dispatchers,~~] and emergency medical service vehicles[~~, including wheelchair vans for hire~~].	medical service instructor/coordinators, emergency medical service training agencies, [~~emergency medical services dispatchers,~~] and emergency medical service vehicles[~~, including wheelchair vans for hire~~].
151 Repeal. RSA 21-P:12-b, II(d), relative to division of fire standards and training and emergency medical services responsibility for a communications network for EMS units, is repealed.	115 Repeal. RSA 21-P:12-b, II(d), relative to division of fire standards and training and emergency medical services responsibility for a communications network for EMS units, is repealed.
152 Department of Safety; Chief of Policy and Planning. Amend RSA 21-P:5-b to read as follows: 21-P:5-b Chief of Policy and Planning. The commissioner of safety shall nominate a chief of policy and planning for appointment by the governor, with the consent of the council. The chief of policy and planning shall serve at the pleasure of the commissioner and shall be qualified to hold that position by reason of education and experience and shall perform such duties as are assigned. ***Notwithstanding RSA 100-A:3 or any other law to the contrary, membership in the retirement system shall be optional. If the incumbent opts to become a member of the retirement system, the incumbent may enroll as a group II member if he or she was a group II member or was receiving a group II retirement allowance prior to appointment.***	116 Department of Safety; Chief of Policy and Planning. Amend RSA 21-P:5-b to read as follows: 21-P:5-b Chief of Policy and Planning. The commissioner of safety shall nominate a chief of policy and planning for appointment by the governor, with the consent of the council. The chief of policy and planning shall serve at the pleasure of the commissioner and shall be qualified to hold that position by reason of education and experience and shall perform such duties as are assigned. ***Notwithstanding RSA 100-A:3 or any other law to the contrary, membership in the retirement system shall be optional. If the incumbent opts to become a member of the retirement system, the incumbent may enroll as a group II member if he or she was a group II member or was receiving a group II retirement allowance prior to appointment.***
153 Repeal. RSA 11:6, RSA 6:12, I(b)(134), RSA 624:16, V, and 1909, 131, relative to the Benjamin Thompson trust fund, are repealed.	117 Repeal. RSA 11:6, RSA 6:12, I(b)(134), RSA 624:16, V, and 1909, 131, relative to the Benjamin Thompson trust fund, are repealed.
154 Budget and Appropriations; Revolving Funds. Amend RSA 9:16-a, II-a(e) to read as follows: (e) The following classes shall not lapse in the first year of the operating budget: class 028-transfers to general services, class 040-indirect costs, class 041-audit funds set aside, class 042-additional fringe benefits, class 061-unemployment compensation, class 062-workers compensation, class 064-retiree pension benefit-health insurance, class-210 bond insurance, [~~and~~] class-211 property casualty insurance***, class-043 debt service treasury, and class 044 debt service other agencies***.	118 Budget and Appropriations; Revolving Funds. Amend RSA 9:16-a, II-a(e) to read as follows: (e) The following classes shall not lapse in the first year of the operating budget: class 028-transfers to general services, class 040-indirect costs, class 041-audit funds set aside, class 042-additional fringe benefits, class 061-unemployment compensation, class 062-workers compensation, class 064-retiree pension benefit-health insurance, class-210 bond insurance, [~~and~~] class-211 property casualty insurance***, class-043 debt service treasury, and class 044 debt service other agencies***.

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155 Repeal. RSA 31-A, relative to revenue sharing with cities and towns, is repealed.	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 119 Revenue Sharing; Suspension. RSA 31-A, relative to revenue sharing with cities and towns, shall be suspended for the biennium ending June 30, 2027.
156 Repeal. 2023, 79:512 and 2023, 79:513, relative to wastewater state aid grants, are repealed.	120 Repeal. 2023, 79:512 and 2023, 79:513, relative to wastewater state aid grants, are repealed.
157 Record of Wells; Monitoring Wells. Amend RSA 482-B:10, I(c)(1) to read as follows: (1) Coordinates provided by global positioning technology in units of decimal degrees [and decimal minutes] of latitude and longitude, with at least [3] 5 decimal places of precision and referenced to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84) datum or its successor;	121 Record of Wells; Monitoring Wells. Amend RSA 482-B:10, I(c)(1) to read as follows: (1) Coordinates provided by global positioning technology in units of ***decimal*** degrees [~~and decimal minutes~~] of latitude and longitude, with at least [~~3~~] ***5*** decimal places of precision and referenced to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84) datum or its successor;
158 Repeal. RSA 485-A:4, IX-a, relative to water pollution and waste disposal, is repealed.	122 Repeal. RSA 485-A:4, IX-a, relative to water pollution and waste disposal, is repealed.
159 Repeal. RSA 487:43, relative to aquatic invasive species decal, is repealed.	123 Repeal. RSA 487:43, relative to aquatic invasive species decal, is repealed.
160 New Paragraph; Acquisition by State of Certain Dams and Water Rights; Acquisition Authorized. Amend RSA 482:48 by inserting after paragraph XI the following new paragraph: XII. For a consideration of $1, the department of environmental services may accept an easement from the abutting property owners of all rights necessary for access, and to store equipment during repair, reconstruction, maintaining, and operation of Pequawket Dam in the Town of Conway, Horn Pond Dam in the Town of Wakefield, and Souhegan Site #35 in the Town of New Ipswich for the purpose of repairing and reconstructing these dams. The rights and easements the department is authorized to acquire for the benefit of the state shall be exempt from taxation as long as the easements are held by the state. Except for the $1 consideration, nothing in this paragraph shall mandate or authorize the expenditure of any funds or capital in relation to its provisions.	124 New Paragraph; Acquisition by State of Certain Dams and Water Rights; Acquisition Authorized. Amend RSA 482:48 by inserting after paragraph XI the following new paragraph: XII. For a consideration of $1, the department of environmental services may accept an easement from the abutting property owners of all rights necessary for access, and to store equipment during repair, reconstruction, maintaining, and operation of Pequawket Dam in the Town of Conway, Horn Pond Dam in the Town of Wakefield, and Souhegan Site #35 in the Town of New Ipswich for the purpose of repairing and reconstructing these dams. The rights and easements the department is authorized to acquire for the benefit of the state shall be exempt from taxation as long as the easements are held by the state. Except for the $1 consideration, nothing in this paragraph shall mandate or authorize the expenditure of any funds or capital in relation to its provisions.

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161 Department Of Environmental Services; Commissioner; Assistant Commissioner; Directors; Chief Operations Officer; Compensation. Amend RSA 21-O:2, III(c) to read as follows: (c) The commissioner shall, after consulting with the waste management council, nominate for appointment by the governor and council a director of waste management. Each nominee shall hold a ***baccalaureate or*** master's degree from a recognized college or university with major study in environmental sciences, chemistry, civil engineering, public health, public administration, or a related field, and have 5 years' experience in a high level supervisory or administrative position in a public or private agency engaged in waste management, environmental health, or a related discipline.	125 Department Of Environmental Services; Commissioner; Assistant Commissioner; Directors; Chief Operations Officer; Compensation. Amend RSA 21-O:2, III(c) to read as follows: (c) The commissioner shall, after consulting with the waste management council, nominate for appointment by the governor and council a director of waste management. Each nominee shall hold a ***baccalaureate or*** master's degree from a recognized college or university with major study in environmental sciences, chemistry, civil engineering, public health, public administration, or a related field, and have 5 years' experience in a high level supervisory or administrative position in a public or private agency engaged in waste management, environmental health, or a related discipline.
162 Department of Environmental Services; Air Resources Council. Amend RSA 21-O:11, I to read as follows: I. There is hereby established an air resources council which shall be composed of 11 members, including one representing the [~~steam power~~] ***electric*** generating industry; one representing the oil industry; one representing the natural gas industry; ***one representing the renewable energy industry;*** one representing the manufacturing component of industry; one representing the field of municipal government; and [~~6~~] ***5*** members appointed at large who shall represent the public interest, one of whom shall be[~~-a licensed practicing physician or other health care professional possessing expertise in the field of public health and the health related impacts of air pollution~~] ***in the field of public health***, one of whom shall represent the field of recreation, and at least one of whom shall represent environmental interests. The council members who shall represent the public interest may not derive any significant portion of their income from persons subject to permits or enforcement orders, and may not serve as attorney for, act as consultant for, serve as officer or director of, or hold any other official or contractual relationship with any person subject to permits or enforcement orders. All potential conflicts of interest shall be adequately disclosed. The members shall be residents of the	126 Department of Environmental Services; Air Resources Council. Amend RSA 21-O:11, I to read as follows: I. There is hereby established an air resources council which shall be composed of 11 members, including one representing the [~~steam power~~] ***electric*** generating industry; one representing the oil industry; one representing the natural gas industry; ***one representing the renewable energy industry;*** one representing the manufacturing component of industry; one representing the field of municipal government; and [~~6~~] ***5*** members appointed at large who shall represent the public interest, one of whom shall be[~~-a licensed practicing physician or other health care professional possessing expertise in the field of public health and the health related impacts of air pollution~~] ***in the field of public health***, one of whom shall represent the field of recreation, and at least one of whom shall represent environmental interests. The council members who shall represent the public interest may not derive any significant portion of their income from persons subject to permits or enforcement orders, and may not serve as attorney for, act as consultant for, serve as officer or director of, or hold any other official or contractual relationship with any person subject to permits or enforcement orders. All potential conflicts of interest shall be adequately disclosed. The members shall be residents of the state and shall be appointed by the governor with the consent of the executive council. Each member

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state and shall be appointed by the governor with the consent of the executive council. Each member shall serve for a term of 4 years.	shall serve for a term of 4 years.
163 Department of Environmental Services; Waste Management Council. Amend RSA 21-O:9, I-II to read as follows: I. There is established a waste management council consisting of the following, appointed by the governor and council, each of whom shall serve a 4-year term: (a) A chairman, representing the public interest; (b) Three municipal officials, at least 2 of whom shall be elected officials, representing the public interest[~~, nominated by the New Hampshire Municipal Association~~]; (c) An expert in public health, representing the public interest; (d) A local conservation commission member, representing the public interest[~~, nominated by the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions~~]; (e) A professor or assistant professor of environmental science or sanitary engineering, representing the public interest; (f) A representative of the private waste management industries; (g) A licensed sanitary or environmental engineer from private industry; (h) A representative of the municipal public works field; (i) A representative of the business or financial communities; (j) [Repealed.] (k) A representative of communities which recycle or recover solid waste, representing the public interest[~~, nominated by the New Hampshire Resources Recovery Association~~]; and (l) A representative of private industries that generate hazardous waste. II. One member of the council shall be elected vice chairman by the members of the council. ***When the chairman is absent, it shall be the duty of the vice-chairman to assume and administer the duties of the chairman.*** All members shall be New Hampshire residents. The members representing the public interest shall not have any official or contractual relationship with,	127 Department of Environmental Services; Waste Management Council. Amend RSA 21-O:9, I-II to read as follows: I. There is established a waste management council consisting of the following, appointed by the governor and council, each of whom shall serve a 4-year term: (a) A chairman, representing the public interest; (b) Three municipal officials, at least 2 of whom shall be elected officials, representing the public interest[~~, nominated by the New Hampshire Municipal Association~~]; (c) An expert in public health, representing the public interest; (d) A local conservation commission member, representing the public interest[~~, nominated by the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions~~]; (e) A professor or assistant professor of environmental science or sanitary engineering, representing the public interest; (f) A representative of the private waste management industries; (g) A licensed sanitary or environmental engineer from private industry; (h) A representative of the municipal public works field; (i) A representative of the business or financial communities; (j) [Repealed.] (k) A representative of communities which recycle or recover solid waste, representing the public interest[~~, nominated by the New Hampshire Resources Recovery Association~~]; and (l) A representative of private industries that generate hazardous waste. II. One member of the council shall be elected vice chairman by the members of the council. ***When the chairman is absent, it shall be the duty of the vice-chairman to assume and administer the duties of the chairman.*** All members shall be New Hampshire residents. The members representing the public interest shall not have any official or contractual relationship with,

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or receive any significant portion of their income from, any person subject to division of waste management permits or enforcement orders. Members shall disclose all potential conflicts of interest, and shall not vote on matters in which they have a direct interest. The council may elect other officers.	or receive any significant portion of their income from, any person subject to division of waste management permits or enforcement orders. Members shall disclose all potential conflicts of interest, and shall not vote on matters in which they have a direct interest. The council may elect other officers.
164 Department of Environmental Services; Water Council. Amend RSA 21-O:7, I(a) to read as follows: (a) Thirteen of the members shall be public members appointed by the governor, with the consent of the council, who shall serve for terms of 4 years. Of these members, 2 shall represent the industrial interests of the state; one shall represent the vacation home or private recreational interests of the state; one shall represent the agricultural interests of the state; one shall be an employee of any municipal or privately-owned waterworks in the state; one shall be a representative of the septage hauling industry[~~, nominated by the New Hampshire Association of Septage Haulers~~]; one shall be a member of a statewide nonprofit conservation or environmental organization; one shall be a treatment plant operator; one shall be a designer or installer of septic systems[~~, nominated by the Granite State Designers and Installers Association~~]; one shall represent ***a*** New Hampshire rivers ***council***[~~, nominated by the New Hampshire Rivers Council~~], and one shall represent ***a*** New Hampshire lakes ***association***[~~, nominated by the New Hampshire Lakes Association~~]. The 2 remaining members shall be appointed and commissioned respectively as the chairman and vice chairman of the council;	128 Department of Environmental Services; Water Council. Amend RSA 21-O:7, I(a) to read as follows: (a) Thirteen of the members shall be public members appointed by the governor, with the consent of the council, who shall serve for terms of 4 years. Of these members, 2 shall represent the industrial interests of the state; one shall represent the vacation home or private recreational interests of the state; one shall represent the agricultural interests of the state; one shall be an employee of any municipal or privately-owned waterworks in the state; one shall be a representative of the septage hauling industry[~~, nominated by the New Hampshire Association of Septage Haulers~~]; one shall be a member of a statewide nonprofit conservation or environmental organization; one shall be a treatment plant operator; one shall be a designer or installer of septic systems[~~, nominated by the Granite State Designers and Installers Association~~]; one shall represent ***a*** New Hampshire rivers ***council***[~~, nominated by the New Hampshire Rivers Council~~], and one shall represent ***a*** New Hampshire lakes ***association***[~~, nominated by the New Hampshire Lakes Association~~]. The 2 remaining members shall be appointed and commissioned respectively as the chairman and vice chairman of the council;
165 Department of Environmental Services; Wetlands Council. Amend RSA 21-O:5-a, I(f) to read as follows: (f) Eight members of the public appointed by the governor and council for a term of 3 years or until a successor is chosen. One of these shall be a member of a municipal conservation commission at the time of appointment[~~, and be one of 3 nominees submitted by the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions~~]; one shall be a supervisor, associate supervisor, former associate supervisor, or former supervisor, of a conservation district at the time of appointment[~~, and be one of~~	129 Department of Environmental Services; Wetlands Council. Amend RSA 21-O:5-a, I(f) to read as follows: (f) Eight members of the public appointed by the governor and council for a term of 3 years or until a successor is chosen. One of these shall be a member of a municipal conservation commission at the time of appointment[~~, and be one of 3 nominees submitted by the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions~~]; one shall be a supervisor, associate supervisor, former associate supervisor, or former supervisor, of a conservation district at the time of appointment[~~, and be one of~~

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~~3 nominees submitted by the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Districts~~]; one shall be a municipal official other than a member of the conservation commission at the time of appointment, [~~and be nominated by the New Hampshire Municipal Association~~]; one shall be a natural resource scientist[~~ and be one of 3 nominees submitted by the New Hampshire Association of Natural Resource Scientists~~]; one shall be a member of the construction industry[~~ and be one of 3 nominees submitted by the Associated General Contractors of New Hampshire~~]; one shall be a member of the marine industry[~~ and be one of 3 nominees submitted by the New Hampshire Marine Trades Association~~]; one shall have experience in environmental protection and resource management at the time of appointment[~~ and be one of 4 nominees submitted, 2 each, by the New Hampshire Audubon Society and the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests~~]; and one shall be a farm or forest landowner[~~ and be one of 2 nominees submitted, one each, by the New Hampshire Farm Bureau Federation and the New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association~~]. One member of the council shall be elected annually as chairperson by the members of the council.	~~3 nominees submitted by the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Districts~~]; one shall be a municipal official other than a member of the conservation commission at the time of appointment, [~~and be nominated by the New Hampshire Municipal Association~~]; one shall be a natural resource scientist[~~ and be one of 3 nominees submitted by the New Hampshire Association of Natural Resource Scientists~~]; one shall be a member of the construction industry[~~ and be one of 3 nominees submitted by the Associated General Contractors of New Hampshire~~]; one shall be a member of the marine industry[~~ and be one of 3 nominees submitted by the New Hampshire Marine Trades Association~~]; one shall have experience in environmental protection and resource management at the time of appointment[~~ and be one of 4 nominees submitted, 2 each, by the New Hampshire Audubon Society and the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests~~]; and one shall be a farm or forest landowner[~~ and be one of 2 nominees submitted, one each, by the New Hampshire Farm Bureau Federation and the New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association~~]. One member of the council shall be elected annually as chairperson by the members of the council.
166 New Sections; New Hampshire Lakes Number Plates. Amend RSA 261 by inserting after section 261:97-f the following new sections: 261:97-g New Hampshire Lakes Number Plates. I. The director may issue special number plates, to be called "Love NH Lakes" number plates. The design of these special plates shall be determined by the division of motor vehicles, in consultation with the department of environmental services. The plates shall prominently display a loon on a lake. The plates shall retain the "live free or die" logo. Such plates shall be issued only upon application and upon payment of a $30 fee that shall be in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee and any other number plate fees otherwise required. II. The director may issue vanity "Love NH Lakes" number plates. The fee for any such vanity conservation number plate shall be the fee as provided in RSA 261:97-g, I, in addition to the fees for	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

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vanity plates which are otherwise established by law. The vanity plate portion of the fee shall be distributed as provided in RSA 261:89 and RSA 263:52. III. The director shall establish a numbering system and method of distribution. IV. Plates shall be renewed on an annual basis for $30 per set. Of this sum, the department shall retain an amount as is necessary to recover production and administrative costs as approved by the fiscal committee of the general court. The remaining funds shall be paid to the state treasurer and distributed to the cyanobacteria mitigation loan and grant fund under RSA 485-A:61. The cost of replacement number plates shall be identical to the cost of initial number plates and the revenue from replacement number plates shall be distributed in the same manner as revenue derived from initial number plates. 261:97-h Plate Use. "Love NH Lakes" plates may be used on passenger motor vehicles and recreation vehicles. 261:97-i Commercial Use of Plate Design. The commissioner of safety shall ensure that the plate design is registered with the secretary of state. The commissioner, with the approval of the governor and council, shall have the authority to enter into contractual arrangements for the commercial use of the "Love NH Lakes" plate design. Any royalties or proceeds derived from such contracts shall be deposited into the cyanobacteria mitigation loan and grant fund under RSA 485-A:61.	
167 Funds Derived From "Love NH Lakes" Number Plates. Amend RSA 485-A:61 to read as follows: 485-A:61 Cyanobacteria Mitigation Loan and Grant Fund Established. There is hereby established in the department of environmental services the cyanobacteria mitigation loan and grant fund which shall be maintained by the state treasurer in distinct and separate custody from all other funds. The state treasurer may invest the fund in accordance with RSA 6:8. Any earnings on fund moneys shall be added to the fund. All moneys in the fund shall be nonlapsing and continually appropriated to the department of environmental services. The cyanobacteria mitigation loan and	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

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grant fund shall be used to fund loans, grants, and reimbursements in accordance with this subdivision. Funds from any bond proceeds, grants, loan repayments, legislative appropriations, donations, ***"Love NH Lakes" number plates under RSA 261:97-g and RSA 261:97-i,*** and other funds shall be credited to this fund.	
168 Water Management and Protection; Water Pollution and Waste Disposal; Sewage Disposal Systems; Fees. Amend RSA 485-A:30 to read as follows: 485-A:30 Fees. I. Any person submitting plans and specifications for a subdivision of land shall pay to the department a fee of [~~$300~~] ***$450*** per lot. Said fee shall be for reviewing such plans and specifications and making site inspections. Any person submitting plans and specifications or an application for a permit by rule as provided in RSA 485-A:33, IV for sewage or waste disposal systems shall pay to the department a fee of [~~$290~~] ***$450*** for each system. Said fee shall be for reviewing such plans and specifications or application for permit by rule, making site inspections, the administration of sludge and septage management programs, and establishing a system for electronic permitting for waste disposal systems, subdivision plans, and permits and approvals under the department's land regulation authority. The fees required by this paragraph shall be paid at the time said plans and specifications or application for permit by rule are submitted and shall be deposited in the subsurface systems fund established in paragraph I-b. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "lot" shall not include tent sites or travel trailer sites in recreational parks which are operated on a seasonal basis for not more than 9 months per year. I-a. In addition to fees required under paragraph I, any person submitting plans and specifications or an application for a permit by rule as provided in RSA 485-A:33, IV for sewage or waste disposal systems shall pay to the department a fee of [~~$10~~] ***$25*** for each system for use in the septage handling and treatment facilities grant program to municipalities under RSA 486:3, III. The fees required by this paragraph shall be paid at the time said plans and specifications or application	130 Water Management and Protection; Water Pollution and Waste Disposal; Sewage Disposal Systems; Fees. Amend RSA 485-A:30 to read as follows: 485-A:30 Fees. I. Any person submitting plans and specifications for a subdivision of land shall pay to the department a fee of [~~$300~~] ***$450*** per lot. Said fee shall be for reviewing such plans and specifications and making site inspections. Any person submitting plans and specifications or an application for a permit by rule as provided in RSA 485-A:33, IV for sewage or waste disposal systems shall pay to the department a fee of [~~$290~~] ***$450*** for each system. Said fee shall be for reviewing such plans and specifications or application for permit by rule, making site inspections, the administration of sludge and septage management programs, and establishing a system for electronic permitting for waste disposal systems, subdivision plans, and permits and approvals under the department's land regulation authority. The fees required by this paragraph shall be paid at the time said plans and specifications or application for permit by rule are submitted and shall be deposited in the subsurface systems fund established in paragraph I-b. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "lot" shall not include tent sites or travel trailer sites in recreational parks which are operated on a seasonal basis for not more than 9 months per year. I-a. In addition to fees required under paragraph I, any person submitting plans and specifications or an application for a permit by rule as provided in RSA 485-A:33, IV for sewage or waste disposal systems shall pay to the department a fee of [~~$10~~] ***$25*** for each system for use in the septage handling and treatment facilities grant program to municipalities under RSA 486:3, III. The fees required by this paragraph shall be paid at the time said plans and specifications or application

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for permit by rule are submitted and shall be deposited in the septage management fund established in paragraph I-c. I-b. The fees collected under paragraph I shall be deposited in the water resources fund established in RSA 482-A:3, III for the purpose of paying all costs and salaries associated with the subsurface systems program and other land resources management programs. I-c. There is hereby established the septage management fund into which the fees collected under paragraph I-a shall be deposited. The fund shall be a separate, nonlapsing fund, continually appropriated to the department for the purpose of paying costs associated with the septage handling and treatment facilities grant program or for research, engineering analysis, or septage sampling and analysis by the department to advance septage management in the state of New Hampshire. II. [Repealed]. III. Any person submitting plans and specifications as a resubmission for reapproval of such shall not be required to pay any additional fee under RSA 485-A:30, I or I-a if changes to such plans and specifications would not constitute a new subdivision under the provisions of RSA 485-A:2, XIII.	for permit by rule are submitted and shall be deposited in the septage management fund established in paragraph I-c. I-b. The fees collected under paragraph I shall be deposited in the water resources fund established in RSA 482-A:3, III for the purpose of paying all costs and salaries associated with the subsurface systems program and other land resources management programs. I-c. There is hereby established the septage management fund into which the fees collected under paragraph I-a shall be deposited. The fund shall be a separate, nonlapsing fund, continually appropriated to the department for the purpose of paying costs associated with the septage handling and treatment facilities grant program or for research, engineering analysis, or septage sampling and analysis by the department to advance septage management in the state of New Hampshire. II. [Repealed]. III. Any person submitting plans and specifications as a resubmission for reapproval of such shall not be required to pay any additional fee under RSA 485-A:30, I or I-a if changes to such plans and specifications would not constitute a new subdivision under the provisions of RSA 485-A:2, XIII.
169 Unfunded Positions; Authorization. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any executive branch department or agency may fill unfunded positions during the biennium ending June 30, 2027, provided that the total expenditures for such positions shall not exceed the amount appropriated for personnel and benefit services.	131 Unfunded Positions; Authorization. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any executive branch department or agency may fill unfunded positions during the biennium ending June 30, 2027, provided that the total expenditures for such positions shall not exceed the amount appropriated for personnel and benefit services.
170 Highways and Other Public Works; Application for and Administration of Federal Aid. Amend RSA 124:4 to read as follows: 124:4 Application for and Administration of Federal Aid. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the governor and council are hereby authorized to designate from time to time, as they may deem in the best interest of the state, the proper persons or agencies in the state government to take all	132 Highways and Other Public Works; Application for and Administration of Federal Aid. Amend RSA 124:4 to read as follows: 124:4 Application for and Administration of Federal Aid. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the governor and council are hereby authorized to designate from time to time, as they may deem in the best interest of the state, the proper persons or agencies in the state government to take all

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necessary action to apply for, receive, and administer any federal benefits, facilities, grants-in-aid, or other federal appropriations or services made available to assist state activities, for which the state is, or may become eligible. All such moneys in excess of [~~$50,000~~] ***$100,000*** made available, after designation by the governor and council, may be expended by the proper persons or agencies in the state government only with the prior approval of the joint legislative fiscal committee. In addition to such other instruments, documents, and agreements as may be executed under the authority of this section, such persons or agencies may execute indemnification agreements, with the approval of governor and council, in the name of the state with and for the benefit of the United States whenever such execution is required as a condition of receipt of such federal assistance.	necessary action to apply for, receive, and administer any federal benefits, facilities, grants-in-aid, or other federal appropriations or services made available to assist state activities, for which the state is, or may become eligible. All such moneys in excess of [~~$50,000~~] ***$100,000*** made available, after designation by the governor and council, may be expended by the proper persons or agencies in the state government only with the prior approval of the joint legislative fiscal committee. In addition to such other instruments, documents, and agreements as may be executed under the authority of this section, such persons or agencies may execute indemnification agreements, with the approval of governor and council, in the name of the state with and for the benefit of the United States whenever such execution is required as a condition of receipt of such federal assistance.
171 Appropriations; Transfers Authorized. Amend RSA 9:16-a, I to read as follows: I. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, every department as defined in RSA 9:1 is hereby authorized to transfer funds within and among all accounting units within said department, ***with the approval of the commissioner of the department of administrative services,*** provided that any transfer of $100,000 or more shall require prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court and the governor and council, and provided that no funds may be transferred in violation of the provisions of RSA 9:17-a, 9:17-b, 9:17-c, or 9:17-d or in violation of any restrictions otherwise provided by law. The restrictions included in RSA 9:17-a, 9:17-b, 9:17-c, or 9:17-d shall not apply if a transfer is necessary to satisfy a federal maintenance of effort requirement to ensure the receipt of federal funds.	133 Appropriations; Transfers Authorized. Amend RSA 9:16-a, I to read as follows: I. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, every department as defined in RSA 9:1 is hereby authorized to transfer funds within and among all accounting units within said department, ***with the approval of the commissioner of the department of administrative services,*** provided that any transfer of $100,000 or more shall require prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court and the governor and council, and provided that no funds may be transferred in violation of the provisions of RSA 9:17-a, 9:17-b, 9:17-c, or 9:17-d or in violation of any restrictions otherwise provided by law. The restrictions included in RSA 9:17-a, 9:17-b, 9:17-c, or 9:17-d shall not apply if a transfer is necessary to satisfy a federal maintenance of effort requirement to ensure the receipt of federal funds.
172 Bridges House Special Account; Establishing the Bridges House Special Account Fund. Amend RSA 4:9-s to read as follows: 4:9-s Establishing the Bridges House Special Account Fund. There is hereby established in the state treasury the bridges house special account fund. [~~The funds may be comprised of~~] ***The governor is authorized to accept*** public funds, gifts, grants, donations or any other source of funds, [~~and~~]	134 Bridges House Special Account; Establishing the Bridges House Special Account Fund. Amend RSA 4:9-s to read as follows: 4:9-s Establishing the Bridges House Special Account Fund. There is hereby established in the state treasury the bridges house special account fund. [~~The funds may be comprised of~~] ***The governor is authorized to accept*** public funds, gifts, grants, donations or any other source of funds, [~~and~~]

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which shall be used for the purposes of the care, maintenance, repair of, and additions to, the bridges house, or for any other relevant purpose deemed appropriate by the bridges house advisory board. The fund shall be non-lapsing and shall be continually appropriated to the department ***of administrative services.***	***which*** shall be used for the purposes of the care, maintenance, repair of, and additions to, the bridges house, or for any other relevant purpose deemed appropriate by the bridges house advisory board. The fund shall be non-lapsing and shall be continually appropriated to the department ***of administrative services.***
173 Capital Project Overview Committee; Duties. Amend RSA 17-J:4 to read as follows: 17-J:4 Duties. The capital project overview committee shall review the status of capital [~~budget~~] projects both during and between legislative sessions. Each state agency with capital [~~budget~~] projects shall report to the department of administrative services, in the format the department of administrative services prescribes, for the quarters ending September 30, December 31, March 31, and June 30. The department of administrative services shall combine these reports and present the summarized report to the capital project overview committee for review quarterly on the first of November, February, May, and August. The department of administrative services, division of public works design and construction shall, within 90 days of the approval of funding for any capital [~~budget~~] project, submit a timeline or schedule for such project to the capital project overview committee for review.	135 Capital Project Overview Committee; Duties. Amend RSA 17-J:4 to read as follows: 17-J:4 Duties. The capital project overview committee shall review the status of capital [~~budget~~] projects both during and between legislative sessions. Each state agency with capital [~~budget~~] projects shall report to the department of administrative services, in the format the department of administrative services prescribes, for the quarters ending September 30, December 31, March 31, and June 30. The department of administrative services shall combine these reports and present the summarized report to the capital project overview committee for review quarterly on the first of November, February, May, and August. The department of administrative services, division of public works design and construction shall, within 90 days of the approval of funding for any capital [~~budget~~] project, submit a timeline or schedule for such project to the capital project overview committee for review.
174 General Provisions; Divisions of Procurement and Support Services, Public Works Design and Construction, and Plant and Property. Amend RSA 21-I:11, I(a)(6)(A)-(B)(i) to read as follows: (A) Be sufficiently high to defray all administrative, warehousing, processing, distribution, and transportation costs incurred by the surplus distribution section and to allow the accumulation of a working capital reserve equal to the cost of [~~6~~] ***3*** months' operation of the surplus distribution section so that the operation of said section shall result in no expense to the state; and (B) Be maintained by the treasurer in one of 2 separate, restricted funds:	136 General Provisions; Divisions of Procurement and Support Services, Public Works Design and Construction, and Plant and Property. Amend RSA 21-I:11, I(a)(6)(A)-(B)(i) to read as follows: (A) Be sufficiently high to defray all administrative, warehousing, processing, distribution, and transportation costs incurred by the surplus distribution section and to allow the accumulation of a working capital reserve equal to the cost of [~~6~~] ***3*** months' operation of the surplus distribution section so that the operation of said section shall result in no expense to the state; and (B) Be maintained by the treasurer in one of 2 separate, restricted funds:

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(i) The surplus distribution section administrative assessments fund, into which shall be deposited funds received by the department by virtue of the disposition of surplus property ***and which shall be continually appropriated and nonlapsing***; and	(i) The surplus distribution section administrative assessments fund, into which shall be deposited funds received by the department by virtue of the disposition of surplus property ***and which shall be continually appropriated and nonlapsing***; and
175 New Subparagraph; General Provisions; Division of Accounting Services. Amend RSA 21-I:8, I by inserting after subparagraph (h) the following new subparagraph: (i) After exhausting any relevant appeal process, state agencies may use funds in existing class 60, or other appropriate budget class, to pay any penalties, fines, interest or other costs imposed on the state of New Hampshire by the NH retirement system or by the IRS, relating to employer payments, reporting or audits. The department of administrative services will seek concurrence of the department of justice prior to processing any such payment and will facilitate and charge applicable state agencies as necessary.	137 New Subparagraph; General Provisions; Division of Accounting Services. Amend RSA 21-I:8, I by inserting after subparagraph (h) the following new subparagraph: (i) After exhausting any relevant appeal process, state agencies may use funds in existing class 60, or other appropriate budget class, to pay any penalties, fines, interest or other costs imposed on the state of New Hampshire by the NH retirement system or by the IRS, relating to employer payments, reporting or audits. The department of administrative services will seek concurrence of the department of justice prior to processing any such payment and will facilitate and charge applicable state agencies as necessary.
176 Games, Amusements, and Athletic Exhibitions; Horse and Dog Racing; Administrative and Rulemaking Provisions. Amend RSA 284:21-i, II(c)(1) to read as follows: (1) The price for which tickets for drawings shall be sold; not to exceed [~~$30~~] ***$50*** per ticket.	138 Games, Amusements, and Athletic Exhibitions; Horse and Dog Racing; Administrative and Rulemaking Provisions. Amend RSA 284:21-i, II(c)(1) to read as follows: (1) The price for which tickets for drawings shall be sold; not to exceed [~~$30~~] ***$50*** per ticket.
177 Business Profits Tax; Distribution of Funds. Amend RSA 77-A:20-a, I to read as follows: I. The commissioner shall determine [~~41~~] ***30*** percent of the revenue produced by the tax imposed by RSA 77-A:2 for each fiscal year and shall certify such amounts to the state treasurer by October 1 of that year for deposit in the education trust fund established by RSA 198:39.	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 139 Business Profits Tax; Distribution of Funds. Amend RSA 77-A:20-a, I to read as follows: I. The commissioner shall determine [~~41~~] ***35.5*** percent of the revenue produced by the tax imposed by RSA 77-A:2 for each fiscal year and shall certify such amounts to the state treasurer by October 1 of that year for deposit in the education trust fund established by RSA 198:39.

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178 Business Enterprise Tax; Distribution of Funds. Amend RSA 77-E:14, I to read as follows: I. The commissioner shall determine [~~41~~] ***30*** percent of the revenue produced by the tax imposed by RSA 77-E:2 for each fiscal year and shall certify such amounts to the state treasurer by October 1 of that year for deposit in the education trust fund established by RSA 198:39.	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 140 Business Enterprise Tax; Distribution of Funds. Amend RSA 77-E:14, I to read as follows: I. The commissioner shall determine [~~41~~] ***35.5*** percent of the revenue produced by the tax imposed by RSA 77-E:2 for each fiscal year and shall certify such amounts to the state treasurer by October 1 of that year for deposit in the education trust fund established by RSA 198:39.
179 Tobacco Tax; Distribution of Funds. RSA 78:24 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows: 78:24 Distribution of Funds. I. Tax revenue on all tobacco products sold at retail in this state imposed by RSA 78:2 shall be divided with 30 percent of that total revenue deposited in the education trust fund established by RSA 198:39 and the remaining revenue deposited in the general fund. II. The commissioner shall certify such amount to the state treasurer for deposit in the education trust fund established by RSA 198:39. Such estimates shall be certified on June 1, September 1, December 1, and March 1 of each year.	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 141 Tobacco Tax; Distribution of Funds. RSA 78:24 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows: 78:24 Distribution of Funds. I. Tax revenue on all tobacco products sold at retail in this state imposed by RSA 78:2 shall be divided with 35.5 percent of that total revenue deposited in the education trust fund established by RSA 198:39 and the remaining revenue deposited in the general fund. II. The commissioner shall certify such amount to the state treasurer for deposit in the education trust fund established by RSA 198:39. Such estimates shall be certified on June 1, September 1, December 1, and March 1 of each year.
180 Tax on Transfer of Real Property; Distribution of Funds. RSA 78-B:13, I, is repealed and reenacted to read as follows: I. Tax revenue collected by RSA 78-B:1 shall be divided, with 30 percent of that total revenue deposited in the education trust fund established by RSA 198:39 and the remaining revenue deposited in the general fund.	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 142 Tax on Transfer of Real Property; Distribution of Funds. RSA 78-B:13, I, is repealed and reenacted to read as follows: I. Tax revenue collected by RSA 78-B:1 shall be divided, with 35.5 percent of that total revenue deposited in the education trust fund established by RSA 198:39 and the remaining revenue deposited in the general fund.
181 Appropriation; Cannon Mountain Tramway. 2023, 79:510 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows: 79:510 Appropriation; Cannon Mountain Tramway. The sum of $18,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, is hereby appropriated to the department of natural and cultural resources for the maintenance and operation of the tramway at Cannon Mountain. The governor is authorized to	143 Appropriation; Cannon Mountain Tramway. 2023, 79:510 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows: 79:510 Appropriation; Cannon Mountain Tramway. The sum of $18,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, is hereby appropriated to the department of natural and cultural resources for the maintenance and operation of the tramway at Cannon Mountain. The governor is authorized to

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draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. Any remaining funds hereby appropriated shall lapse to the general fund on June 30, 2025.	draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. Any remaining funds hereby appropriated shall lapse to the general fund on June 30, 2025.
182 Effective Date. Section 181 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2025.	144 Effective Date. Section 143 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2025.
183 County Reimbursement of Funds; Limitations on Payments. Amend RSA 167:18-a, II(a) to read as follows: II.(a) ***Notwithstanding subparagraph III(a), due to exigent circumstances, an additional one percent shall be added to the annual increase on the cap on county billings for each year of the biennium ending June 30, 2027, resulting in annual increases of 3 percent for each year of that biennium.*** The total billings to all counties made pursuant to this section shall not exceed the amounts set forth below for state fiscal years [~~2024-2025~~] ***2026-2027***: (1) State fiscal year [~~2024~~] ***2026***,[~~$131,849,659~~] ***$135,805,149.*** (2) State fiscal year [~~2025~~], ***2027*** [~~$131,849,659~~]; ***$139,879,303.***	145 County Reimbursement of Funds; Limitations on Payments. Amend RSA 167:18-a, II(a) to read as follows: II.(a) ***Notwithstanding subparagraph III(a), due to exigent circumstances, an additional one percent shall be added to the annual increase on the cap on county billings for each year of the biennium ending June 30, 2027, resulting in annual increases of 3 percent for each year of that biennium.*** The total billings to all counties made pursuant to this section shall not exceed the amounts set forth below for state fiscal years [~~2024-2025~~] ***2026-2027***: (1) State fiscal year [~~2024~~] ***2026***,[~~$131,849,659~~] ***$135,805,149.*** (2) State fiscal year [~~2025~~], ***2027*** [~~$131,849,659~~]; ***$139,879,303.***
184 New Paragraph; Revenue Stabilization Reserve Account. Amend RSA 9:13-e by inserting after paragraph V the following new paragraph: VI. Notwithstanding any other provision of RSA 9:13-e, in the event of a general fund operating budget deficit at the close of fiscal year 2025, as determined by the official audit performed pursuant to RSA 21-I:8, II(a), the state comptroller shall notify the fiscal committee and the governor of such deficit and request approval to transfer funds from the revenue stabilization reserve account to eliminate such deficit.	146 New Paragraph; Revenue Stabilization Reserve Account. Amend RSA 9:13-e by inserting after paragraph V the following new paragraph: VI. Notwithstanding any other provision of RSA 9:13-e, in the event of a general fund operating budget deficit at the close of fiscal year 2025, as determined by the official audit performed pursuant to RSA 21-I:8, II(a), the state comptroller shall notify the fiscal committee and the governor of such deficit and request approval to transfer funds from the revenue stabilization reserve account to eliminate such deficit.
185 Department of Energy; Transfer of Funds. The department of energy shall transfer any uncommitted moneys from the renewable energy fund, established in RSA 362-F:10, to the general fund on July 1, 2025.	147 Department of Energy; Transfer of Funds. The department of energy shall transfer any uncommitted moneys from the renewable energy fund, established in RSA 362-F:10, to the general fund on July 1, 2025.

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186 Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard; Renewable Energy Fund. Amend RSA 362-F:10, I to read as follows:	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 148 Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard; Renewable Energy Fund. Amend RSA 362-F:10, I to read as follows:
I. There is hereby established a renewable energy fund. This nonlapsing special fund shall be continually appropriated to the department of energy to be expended in accordance with this section; provided that at the start of the period in which there is no adopted state operating budget, the department of energy shall in a timely manner seek the approval of the fiscal committee of the general court to continue using moneys from the renewable energy fund to support renewable energy rebate and grant programs in order to ensure there are no interruptions to the programs. The state treasurer shall invest the moneys deposited therein as provided by law. Income received on investments made by the state treasurer shall also be credited to the fund. All payments to be made under this section shall be deposited in the fund. Any remaining moneys paid into the fund under paragraph II of this section[~~, excluding class II moneys, shall be used by the department of energy to support thermal and electrical renewable energy initiatives and offshore wind initiatives, including the office of offshore wind industry development and energy innovation. Class II moneys shall primarily be used to support solar energy technologies in New Hampshire. All initiatives supported out of these funds shall be subject to audit by the department of energy as deemed necessary~~] ***that exceed administration costs and funding for the office of offshore wind industry development and energy innovation, as determined by the department, shall be credited to the general fund in a timely manner, as determined by the commission***. All fund moneys including those from class II may be used to administer this chapter, but all new employee positions shall be approved by the fiscal committee of the general court. No new employees shall be hired by the department of energy due to the inclusion of useful thermal energy in class I production.	I. There is hereby established a renewable energy fund. This nonlapsing special fund shall be continually appropriated to the department of energy to be expended in accordance with this section; provided that at the start of the period in which there is no adopted state operating budget, the department of energy shall in a timely manner seek the approval of the fiscal committee of the general court to continue using moneys from the renewable energy fund to support renewable energy rebate and grant programs in order to ensure there are no interruptions to the programs. The state treasurer shall invest the moneys deposited therein as provided by law. Income received on investments made by the state treasurer shall also be credited to the fund. All payments to be made under this section shall be deposited in the fund. Any remaining moneys paid into the fund under paragraph II of this section, excluding class II moneys, shall ***first*** be used by the department of energy to ***fund administrative cost for the office of offshore wind industry development and energy innovations, as determined by the department. After funding of the administrative costs, up to $1,000,000 annually shall*** support thermal and electrical renewable energy initiatives***, pursuant to RSA 362-F:10, VIII, and shall not be used to support residential solar initiatives.*** [~~and offshore wind initiatives, including the office of offshore wind industry development and energy innovation~~] ***Any monies remaining shall be transferred to the general fund***. Class II moneys shall primarily be used to support solar energy technologies in New Hampshire. All initiatives supported out of these funds shall be subject to audit by the department of energy as deemed necessary. All fund moneys including those from class II may be used to administer this chapter, but all new employee positions shall be approved by the fiscal committee of the general court. No new employees shall be hired by the department of energy due to the inclusion of useful thermal energy in class I production.

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187 2027 Prospective Change; Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard; Renewable Energy Fund. Amend RSA 362-F:10, I to read as follows: I. There is hereby established a renewable energy fund. This nonlapsing special fund shall be continually appropriated to the department of energy to be expended in accordance with this section; provided that at the start of the period in which there is no adopted state operating budget, the department of energy shall, in a timely manner, seek the approval of the fiscal committee of the general court to continue using moneys from the renewable energy fund to support renewable energy rebate and grant programs in order to ensure there are no interruptions to the programs. The state treasurer shall invest the moneys deposited therein as provided by law. Income received on investments made by the state treasurer shall also be credited to the fund. All payments to be made under this section shall be deposited in the fund. Any remaining moneys paid into the fund under paragraph II of this section ~~[that are in excess of administration costs, funding for the office of offshore wind industry development and energy innovation, and incentive payments, shall be credited to the general fund, in a timely manner, as determined by the commission~~] ***that exceed administration costs, funding for the office of offshore wind industry development and energy innovation, and incentive payments as determined by the department, shall be credited to all retail electric ratepayers in the state on a per-kilowatt-hour basis in a timely manner, as determined by the commission***. All fund moneys including those from class II may be used to administer this chapter, but all new employee positions shall be approved by the fiscal committee of the general court. No new employees shall be hired by the department of energy due to the inclusion of useful thermal energy in class I production.	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 149 2027 Prospective Change; Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard; Renewable Energy Fund. RSA 362-F:10, I is repealed and reenacted to read as follows: I. There is hereby established a renewable energy fund. This nonlapsing special fund shall be continually appropriated to the department of energy to be expended in accordance with this section; provided that at the start of the period in which there is no adopted state operating budget, the department of energy shall in a timely manner seek the approval of the fiscal committee of the general court to continue using moneys from the renewable energy fund to support renewable energy rebate and grant programs in order to ensure there are no interruptions to the programs. The state treasurer shall invest the moneys deposited therein as provided by law. Income received on investments made by the state treasurer shall also be credited to the fund. All payments to be made under this section shall be deposited in the fund. Any remaining moneys paid into the fund under paragraph II of this section, excluding class II moneys, shall be used by the department of energy to support thermal and electrical renewable energy initiatives and offshore wind initiatives, including the office of offshore wind industry development and energy innovation. Class II moneys shall primarily be used to support solar energy technologies in New Hampshire. All initiatives supported out of these funds shall be subject to audit by the department of energy as deemed necessary. All fund moneys including those from class II may be used to administer this chapter, but all new employee positions shall be approved by the fiscal committee of the general court. No new employees shall be hired by the department of energy due to the inclusion of useful thermal energy in class I production.
188 Effective Date. Section 187 of this act shall take effect on July 1, 2027.	150 Effective Date. Section 149 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2027.

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189 Mechanical Licensing; Inspectors. Amend RSA 153:34, I and II to read as follows: I. The [~~office of professional licensure and certification~~] ***department of safety*** with the approval of the [~~board and the executive director of the office of professional licensure and certification~~] ***state fire marshal*** shall have the authority to appoint such inspectors as are necessary to insure compliance throughout the state with practices consistent with the public safety and welfare. Any person so employed shall be under the administration and supervisory direction of the [~~office of professional licensure and certification~~] ***department of safety***. II. An inspector appointed under this subdivision shall have the authority to enter any premises in which a fuel gas fitter or plumber subject to regulation is performing, or has completed, work regulated under this subdivision for the purpose of making such inspection as is necessary to carry out his or her duties under this subdivision. If consent for such inspection is denied or not reasonably obtainable, the ***state fire marshal*** [~~executive director of the office of professional licensure and certification~~], or his or her designee, may obtain an administrative inspection warrant under RSA 595-B.	151 Mechanical Licensing; Inspectors. Amend RSA 153:34, I and II to read as follows: I. The [~~office of professional licensure and certification~~] ***department of safety*** with the approval of the [~~board and the executive director of the office of professional licensure and certification~~] ***state fire marshal*** shall have the authority to appoint such inspectors as are necessary to insure compliance throughout the state with practices consistent with the public safety and welfare. Any person so employed shall be under the administration and supervisory direction of the [~~office of professional licensure and certification~~] ***department of safety***. II. An inspector appointed under this subdivision shall have the authority to enter any premises in which a fuel gas fitter or plumber subject to regulation is performing, or has completed, work regulated under this subdivision for the purpose of making such inspection as is necessary to carry out his or her duties under this subdivision. If consent for such inspection is denied or not reasonably obtainable, the ***state fire marshal*** [~~executive director of the office of professional licensure and certification~~], or his or her designee, may obtain an administrative inspection warrant under RSA 595-B.
190 Electricians; Inspectors. Amend RSA 319-C:5, I to read as follows: I. The [~~office of professional licensure and certification~~] ***state fire marshal*** shall be empowered to appoint such inspectors as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter ***and RSA 319-C***. Any person so employed shall be under the administration and supervisory direction of the [~~office of professional licensure and certification~~] ***state fire marshal***.	152 Electricians; Inspectors. Amend RSA 319-C:5, I to read as follows: I. The [~~office of professional licensure and certification~~] ***state fire marshal*** shall be empowered to appoint such inspectors as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter ***and RSA 319-C***. Any person so employed shall be under the administration and supervisory direction of the [~~office of professional licensure and certification~~] ***state fire marshal***.
191 New Paragraph; Barbering, Cosmetology, and Esthetics; Definitions. Amend RSA 313-A:1 by inserting after paragraph XIII the following new paragraph: XIII-a. "Shop" means barbershop, mobile barbershop, and salon as defined in this section, as well as any other business location for barbering, cosmetology, or esthetics in New Hampshire.	153 New Paragraph; Barbering, Cosmetology, and Esthetics; Definitions. Amend RSA 313-A:1 by inserting after paragraph XIII the following new paragraph: XIII-a. "Shop" means barbershop, mobile barbershop, and salon as defined in this section, as well as any other business location for barbering, cosmetology, or esthetics in New Hampshire.

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192 Barbering, Cosmetology, and Esthetics; Rulemaking Authority. Amend RSA 313-A:8, VI to read as follows: VI. The regulation of tanning facilities including: (a) Sanitation and hygiene standards to be met and maintained by tanning facilities; (b) Standards for approving the training curricula and programs used for training tanning device operators; (c) Registering tanning facilities; (d) Standards for the inspection of tanning devices ***upon application for initial licensure***; (e) Standards for the consumer consent form required under RSA 313-A:30, IV.	154 Barbering, Cosmetology, and Esthetics; Rulemaking Authority. Amend RSA 313-A:8, VI to read as follows: VI. The regulation of tanning facilities including: (a) Sanitation and hygiene standards to be met and maintained by tanning facilities; (b) Standards for approving the training curricula and programs used for training tanning device operators; (c) Registering tanning facilities; (d) Standards for the inspection of tanning devices ***upon application for initial licensure***; (e) Standards for the consumer consent form required under RSA 313-A:30, IV.
193 New Paragraph; Barbering, Cosmetology, and Esthetics; Rulemaking Authority. Amend RSA 313-A:8 by inserting after paragraph XIV the following new paragraph: XV. Criteria for determining what other one-time certification programs are the equivalent of an OSHA certificate that meets or exceeds 10 hours and is earned in barbering, cosmetology, manicuring, and/or esthetics for the purposes of operating a shop or school under this chapter.	155 New Paragraph; Barbering, Cosmetology, and Esthetics; Rulemaking Authority. Amend RSA 313-A:8 by inserting after paragraph XIV the following new paragraph: XV. Criteria for determining what other one-time certification programs are the equivalent of an OSHA certificate that meets or exceeds 10 hours and is earned in barbering, cosmetology, manicuring, and/or esthetics for the purposes of operating a shop or school under this chapter.
194 Barbering, Cosmetology, and Esthetics; Licensure Required. Amend RSA 313-A:9, II(a) to read as follows: (a) Operate a [~~barbershop, salon,~~] ***shop*** or school unless such establishment is at all times under the direct supervision and management of a professional licensed under this chapter.	156 Barbering, Cosmetology, and Esthetics; Licensure Required. Amend RSA 313-A:9, II(a) to read as follows: (a) Operate a [~~barbershop, salon,~~] ***shop*** or school unless such establishment is at all times under the direct supervision and management of a professional licensed under this chapter.

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195 Barbering, Cosmetology, and Esthetics; Qualifications; Barbers. Amend RSA 313-A:10, I(c)(1) to read as follows: (1) A minimum of 800 hours of training in a school of barbering approved by the office of professional licensure and certification in accordance with ***this chapter and*** criteria established by the board pursuant to RSA 541-A; or	157 Barbering, Cosmetology, and Esthetics; Qualifications; Barbers. Amend RSA 313-A:10, I(c)(1) to read as follows: (1) A minimum of 800 hours of training in a school of barbering approved by the office of professional licensure and certification in accordance with ***this chapter and*** criteria established by the board pursuant to RSA 541-A; or
196 Barbering, Cosmetology, and Esthetics; Qualifications; Barbers. Amend RSA 313-A:10, III(c)(1) to read as follows: (1) A minimum of 1,500 hours of training in a school of master barbering approved by the [~~board~~] ***office of professional licensure and certification in accordance with this chapter and criteria established by the board pursuant to RSA 541-A***; or	158 Barbering, Cosmetology, and Esthetics; Qualifications; Barbers. Amend RSA 313-A:10, III(c)(1) to read as follows: (1) A minimum of 1,500 hours of training in a school of master barbering approved by the [~~board~~] ***office of professional licensure and certification in accordance with this chapter and criteria established by the board pursuant to RSA 541-A***; or
197 Barbering, Cosmetology, and Esthetics; Qualifications; Cosmetologists. Amend RSA 313-A:11, I(c)(1) to read as follows: (1) A minimum of 1,500 hours of training in a school of cosmetology approved by the [~~board~~] ***office of professional licensure and certification in accordance with this chapter and criteria established by the board pursuant to RSA 541-A***; or	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 159 Qualifications; Cosmetologists. Amend RSA 313-A:11, I(c)(1) to read as follows: (1) A minimum of [~~1,500~~] ***1,200*** hours of training in a school of cosmetology approved by the board; or
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	160 Effective Date. Section 159 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.
198 Barbering, Cosmetology, and Esthetics; Qualifications; Manicurists. Amend RSA 313-A:12, I to read as follows: I. Have completed a course of at least 300 hours of professional training in manicuring, in a school approved by the [~~board~~] ***the office of professional licensure and certification in***	161 Barbering, Cosmetology, and Esthetics; Qualifications; Manicurists. Amend RSA 313-A:12, I to read as follows: I. Have completed a course of at least 300 hours of professional training in manicuring, in a school approved by the [~~board~~] ***the office of professional licensure and certification in accordance with this chapter and criteria established by the board pursuant to RSA 541-A***

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accordance with this chapter and criteria established by the board pursuant to RSA 541-A and passed an examination; or	and passed an examination; or
199 Barbering, Cosmetology, and Esthetics; Qualifications; Estheticians. Amend RSA 313-A:13 to read as follows: 313-A:13 Qualifications; Estheticians. To be issued an esthetics license by the office of professional licensure and certification, an applicant shall, in addition to satisfying the requirements of RSA 313-A:11, I(a), (b), and (e), have completed a course of at least 600 hours of training in a school approved by the [~~board~~] ***the office of professional licensure and certification in accordance with this chapter and criteria established by the board pursuant to RSA 541-A*** and have passed an examination. An apprenticeship approved by the board may be substituted for the required training. Estheticians who have practiced professionally in this state for a period of at least 3 years prior to July 1, 1989, and who have satisfied the requirements of RSA 313-A:11, I(a), (b), and (e) and the training requirements of this section shall not be required to take the examination provided for in this section to be eligible for licensure under this chapter. Credit towards the hours requirement for esthetician training may be given to a licensed cosmetologist or barber for equivalent training in the cosmetology or barber program in a school approved by the board upon certification of the training by the school. Credit towards the hours requirement for esthetician training may be given to a licensed massage therapist for massage therapy training deemed equivalent by the board. Cosmetologists licensed under this chapter may obtain the training hours in subjects required by the board in increments at separate schools, but must present certifications to the office for all required hours and curriculum subjects.	162 Barbering, Cosmetology, and Esthetics; Qualifications; Estheticians. Amend RSA 313-A:13 to read as follows: 313-A:13 Qualifications; Estheticians. To be issued an esthetics license by the office of professional licensure and certification, an applicant shall, in addition to satisfying the requirements of RSA 313-A:11, I(a), (b), and (e), have completed a course of at least 600 hours of training in a school approved by the [~~board~~] ***the office of professional licensure and certification in accordance with this chapter and criteria established by the board pursuant to RSA 541-A*** and have passed an examination. An apprenticeship approved by the board may be substituted for the required training. Estheticians who have practiced professionally in this state for a period of at least 3 years prior to July 1, 1989, and who have satisfied the requirements of RSA 313-A:11, I(a), (b), and (e) and the training requirements of this section shall not be required to take the examination provided for in this section to be eligible for licensure under this chapter. Credit towards the hours requirement for esthetician training may be given to a licensed cosmetologist or barber for equivalent training in the cosmetology or barber program in a school approved by the board upon certification of the training by the school. Credit towards the hours requirement for esthetician training may be given to a licensed massage therapist for massage therapy training deemed equivalent by the board. Cosmetologists licensed under this chapter may obtain the training hours in subjects required by the board in increments at separate schools, but must present certifications to the office for all required hours and curriculum subjects.
200 Barbering, Cosmetology, and Esthetics; Shop Licensure. Amend RSA 313-A:19 to read as follows: 313-A:19 Shop Licensure. I. It shall be a misdemeanor for any person, as owner, manager, or agent, to open, establish, conduct, or maintain a [~~salon, barbershop, or mobile barbershop~~] ***shop*** without first having obtained	163 Barbering, Cosmetology, and Esthetics; Shop Licensure. Amend RSA 313-A:19 to read as follows: 313-A:19 Shop Licensure. I. It shall be a misdemeanor for any person, as owner, manager, or agent, to open, establish, conduct, or maintain a [~~salon, barbershop, or mobile barbershop~~] ***shop*** without first having obtained

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a shop license from the board. Application for such shop license shall be made to the [~~board~~] ***office of professional licensure and certification*** in writing and shall state the name and address of the owner of such shop, the shop's address or, in the case of a mobile barbershop, the business mailing address of the owner, and such other information as may be required by the board ***or office of professional licensure and certification***. Licenses under this section shall be conspicuously posted within the licensed establishment.	a shop license from the board. Application for such shop license shall be made to the [~~board~~] ***office of professional licensure and certification*** in writing and shall state the name and address of the owner of such shop, the shop's address or, in the case of a mobile barbershop, the business mailing address of the owner, and such other information as may be required by the board ***or office of professional licensure and certification***. Licenses under this section shall be conspicuously posted within the licensed establishment.
II. Any licensed barber, cosmetologist, manicurist, or esthetician shall, upon written application accompanied by the required fees, receive a license to operate a salon, barbershop, or mobile barbershop in this state, provided that the salon, barbershop, or mobile barbershop meets all requirements established in the rules of the board***, including passing an inspection***.	II. Any licensed barber, cosmetologist, manicurist, or esthetician shall, upon written application accompanied by the required fees, receive a license to operate a salon, barbershop, or mobile barbershop in this state, provided that the salon, barbershop, or mobile barbershop meets all requirements established in the rules of the board***, including passing an inspection***.
III. In the event of a change of location of any licensed shop and upon notice thereof, the [~~board~~] ***office of professional licensure and certification*** shall issue a transfer of licensure of such shop to its new location, provided such new location meets the requirements of this section. The board may [~~revoke~~] ***take disciplinary action, in accordance with RSA 310, against*** any shop license upon a finding that such shop fails to comply with this chapter or the rules adopted by the board***, or has committed professional conduct as defined in RSA 310***[~~; provided that, before any such certificate shall be revoked, the holder shall have notice thereof and be granted a proper hearing~~]. ***Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the board from taking disciplinary action in accordance with RSA 310 against any licensee managing or working at a shop.***	III. In the event of a change of location of any licensed shop and upon notice thereof, the [~~board~~] ***office of professional licensure and certification*** shall issue a transfer of licensure of such shop to its new location, provided such new location meets the requirements of this section. The board may [~~revoke~~] ***take disciplinary action, in accordance with RSA 310, against*** any shop license upon a finding that such shop fails to comply with this chapter or the rules adopted by the board***, or has committed professional conduct as defined in RSA 310***[~~; provided that, before any such certificate shall be revoked, the holder shall have notice thereof and be granted a proper hearing~~]. ***Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the board from taking disciplinary action in accordance with RSA 310 against any licensee managing or working at a shop.***
IV. In addition to licenses issued under paragraph II, the board may issue a license to an owner of a salon or barbershop who does not personally engage in cosmetology, barbering, or esthetics, provided the salon or barbershop shall fulfill all requirements [~~set forth in the rules of the board~~] ***for licensure*** and provided further that the owner has paid the required license fee for such salon or barbershop and employs a licensed cosmetologist, barber, manicurist, or esthetician as manager in the salon or barbershop. However, this section shall not authorize such owner to practice cosmetology,	IV. In addition to licenses issued under paragraph II, the board may issue a license to an owner of a salon or barbershop who does not personally engage in cosmetology, barbering, or esthetics, provided the salon or barbershop shall fulfill all requirements [~~set forth in the rules of the board~~] ***for licensure*** and provided further that the owner has paid the required license fee for such salon or barbershop and employs a licensed cosmetologist, barber, manicurist, or esthetician as manager in the salon or barbershop. However, this section shall not authorize such owner to practice cosmetology,

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barbering, manicuring, or esthetics unless the owner has a cosmetologist, barber, or esthetician license. ***V. Anyone holding a shop license may obtain a one-time Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) certificate that meets or exceeds 10 hours, or its equivalent, relative to health, safety, disinfection, and sanitation, in the professional service that is regulated by this chapter and is offered at the shop. The board may adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A as to what other one-time certification programs may be considered equivalent to an OSHA certificate that meets or exceeds 10 hours earned in barbering, cosmetology, esthetics, or manicuring.***	barbering, manicuring, or esthetics unless the owner has a cosmetologist, barber, or esthetician license. ***V. Anyone holding a shop license may obtain a one-time Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) certificate that meets or exceeds 10 hours, or its equivalent, relative to health, safety, disinfection, and sanitation, in the professional service that is regulated by this chapter and is offered at the shop. The board may adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A as to what other one-time certification programs may be considered equivalent to an OSHA certificate that meets or exceeds 10 hours earned in barbering, cosmetology, esthetics, or manicuring.***
201 New Section; Barbering, Cosmetology, and Esthetics; Operating a School. Amend RSA 313-A by inserting after section 19 the following new section: 313-A:19-a Operating a School. I. Applicants for initial licensure as a school shall meet all requirements established in the rules of the board, including passing an inspection. II. Anyone holding a school license may obtain a one-time Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) certificate that meets or exceeds 10 hours, or its equivalent, relative to health, safety, disinfection, and sanitation in each professional service that is regulated by this chapter and taught at the school. The board may adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A as to what other one-time certification programs are the equivalent of an OSHA certificate that meets or exceeds 10 hours earned in barbering, cosmetology, esthetics, or manicuring. III. It shall be the obligation of any individual who opens, establishes, conducts, maintains, or manages a school to ensure it maintains compliance with this chapter and board rules. Failure to maintain compliance shall constitute conduct sufficient to support disciplinary proceedings initiated	164 New Section; Barbering, Cosmetology, and Esthetics; Operating a School. Amend RSA 313-A by inserting after section 19 the following new section: 313-A:19-a Operating a School. I. Applicants for initial licensure as a school shall meet all requirements established in the rules of the board, including passing an inspection. II. Anyone holding a school license may obtain a one-time Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) certificate that meets or exceeds 10 hours, or its equivalent, relative to health, safety, disinfection, and sanitation in each professional service that is regulated by this chapter and taught at the school. The board may adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A as to what other one-time certification programs are the equivalent of an OSHA certificate that meets or exceeds 10 hours earned in barbering, cosmetology, esthetics, or manicuring. III. It shall be the obligation of any individual who opens, establishes, conducts, maintains, or manages a school to ensure it maintains compliance with this chapter and board rules. Failure to maintain compliance shall constitute conduct sufficient to support disciplinary proceedings initiated

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pursuant to RSA 310. This provision shall not be construed to prevent the board from also taking disciplinary action against any licensee working at such school.	pursuant to RSA 310. This provision shall not be construed to prevent the board from also taking disciplinary action against any licensee working at such school.
202 Barbering, Cosmetology, and Esthetics; Inspectors. RSA 313-A:21 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows: 313-A:21 Inspectors. I. The executive director of the office of professional licensure and certification or his or her designees shall be authorized to enter and make reasonable examination and inspection of any shop or school during business hours for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the administrative rules of the board and the provisions of this chapter are being observed. The executive director or his or her designees shall file a report with the board of such findings with respect to each inspection made. Any salaries and necessary expenses of employed inspectors shall be charged against the fees and other moneys collected by the board. II. Sanitary inspections of all shops and schools shall be made at the time of initial licensure and biannually thereafter, unless a shop or school has obtained an Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) certificate or its equivalent pursuant to RSA 313-A:19 or RSA 313-A:19-a. Sanitary inspections may also be made for investigations conducted pursuant to RSA 310:9, regardless of whether a shop or school has obtained a certificate.	165 Barbering, Cosmetology, and Esthetics; Inspectors. RSA 313-A:21 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows: 313-A:21 Inspectors. I. The executive director of the office of professional licensure and certification or his or her designees shall be authorized to enter and make reasonable examination and inspection of any shop or school during business hours for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the administrative rules of the board and the provisions of this chapter are being observed. The executive director or his or her designees shall file a report with the board of such findings with respect to each inspection made. Any salaries and necessary expenses of employed inspectors shall be charged against the fees and other moneys collected by the board. II. Sanitary inspections of all shops and schools shall be made at the time of initial licensure and biannually thereafter, unless a shop or school has obtained an Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) certificate or its equivalent pursuant to RSA 313-A:19 or RSA 313-A:19-a. Sanitary inspections may also be made for investigations conducted pursuant to RSA 310:9, regardless of whether a shop or school has obtained a certificate.
203 Repeal. RSA 313-A:24, V, relative to applicants for apprentice certificates providing a social security number, is repealed.	166 Repeal. RSA 313-A:24, V, relative to applicants for apprentice certificates providing a social security number, is repealed.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	167 Agriculture, Horticulture; and Animal Husbandry; Pesticide Controls; Registration Certificates and Permits. Amend RSA 430:33, I to read as follows: I. No person shall engage in the commercial application of pesticides or in the private application of restricted pesticides within this state without possessing a valid certificate of

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	registration issued by the division. An annual application for a certificate of registration with a fee of [~~$20~~] ***$60*** shall be collected by the division for each commercial ***application registration*** [~~or~~] ***and $20 shall be collected by the division for each*** private applicator registration, except that no fee shall be collected from any nonprofit entity or from any governmental entity. The board shall by rule establish the criteria for eligibility for, and the limits on the use of, certificates of registration for commercial applicator, private applicator, and commercial applicator for hire. Each application for registration shall contain such information regarding the applicant's qualifications and proposed operations and other relevant matters as the division may require. Every person applying for a registration certificate shall be required to demonstrate by examination, or by such other means as the board by rule may establish, his competency and ability to use pesticides in accordance with standards of the board. The division shall require from each applicant proof of financial responsibility in amounts to be determined under rules adopted by the board. Registered applicators shall maintain routine operational records pursuant to the rules of the board, which records shall be open to inspection at reasonable times by the division or its agents. Operational records for the preceding calendar year shall be submitted by an applicant for renewal of a certificate of registration. Upon submission of such records and satisfaction of such other conditions as the board may by rule impose, the division shall renew a certificate of registration.
204 Agriculture; Horticulture and Animal Husbandry; Insect Pests and Plant Diseases; Registration Certificates and Permits. Amend RSA 430:33, II to read as follows: II. No person, other than a commercial applicator, shall apply pesticides in this state without first obtaining a written permit from the division except as provided in RSA 430:46. An annual application for a permit with a fee of [~~$20~~] ***$60*** shall be collected by the division for each permit, except that no fee shall be collected from any nonprofit entity or from any governmental entity. The division shall require each applicant for a permit to demonstrate, by examination or other procedure prescribed by the board in rules, the applicant's competence and ability to use pesticides in accordance with	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

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standards of the board. Permit holders shall maintain routine operational records pursuant to rules of the board, which records shall be open to inspection at reasonable times by the division or its agents. Operational records for the preceding calendar year shall be submitted to the division by an applicant for renewal of a permit. Upon submission of such records and satisfaction of such other conditions as the board may by rule impose, the division shall renew a permit.	
205 Agriculture; Horticulture and Animal Husbandry; Insect Pests and Plant Diseases; Application for Registration and Permits. Amend RSA 430:34, III to read as follows: III. Each application for initial examination of a commercial or private applicator shall be accompanied by an examination fee of [~~$5~~] ***$15*** for each category or commodity group in which such examination is requested. When an applicator has been examined by the division and found not qualified, the applicant shall be re-examined at a subsequent date in accordance with rules adopted by the board, provided that each application for re-examination shall be accompanied by a re-examination fee of [~~$5~~] ***$15*** for each category or commodity group in which re-examination is requested. A separate application and re-examination fee shall be filed by the applicant each time a re-examination is requested.	168 Agriculture; Horticulture and Animal Husbandry; Insect Pests and Plant Diseases; Application for Registration and Permits. Amend RSA 430:34, III to read as follows: III. Each application for initial examination of a commercial or private applicator shall be accompanied by an examination fee of [~~$5~~] ***$15*** for each category or commodity group in which such examination is requested. When an applicator has been examined by the division and found not qualified, the applicant shall be re-examined at a subsequent date in accordance with rules adopted by the board, provided that each application for re-examination shall be accompanied by a re-examination fee of [~~$5~~] ***$15*** for each category or commodity group in which re-examination is requested. A separate application and re-examination fee shall be filed by the applicant each time a re-examination is requested.
206 Agriculture; Horticulture and Animal Husbandry; Insect Pests and Plant Diseases; Pesticide Dealer License. Amend RSA 430:35, II and III to read as follows: II. Application for a license shall be accompanied by a [~~$20~~] ***$60*** annual license fee. Dealer applications for renewal received beyond the December 31 deadline shall be subject to a $10 late registration fee. Application for a license shall be on a form prescribed by the division and shall include the full name of the person applying for such license. If such applicant is an individual, receiver, trustee, firm, partnership, association or corporation, the full name of each member of the firm or partnership or the names of the officers of the association or corporation shall be given on the application. Such application shall further state the principal business address of the applicant in the	169 Agriculture; Horticulture and Animal Husbandry; Insect Pests and Plant Diseases; Pesticide Dealer License. Amend RSA 430:35, II and III to read as follows: II. Application for a license shall be accompanied by a [~~$20~~] ***$60*** annual license fee. Dealer applications for renewal received beyond the December 31 deadline shall be subject to a $10 late registration fee. Application for a license shall be on a form prescribed by the division and shall include the full name of the person applying for such license. If such applicant is an individual, receiver, trustee, firm, partnership, association or corporation, the full name of each member of the firm or partnership or the names of the officers of the association or corporation shall be given on the application. Such application shall further state the principal business address of the applicant in the

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state and elsewhere and the name of a person domiciled in this state authorized to receive and accept service of summons of legal notices of all kinds for the applicant, and any other necessary information prescribed by the division; provided that the provisions of this section shall not apply to a pesticide applicator who sells pesticides only as an integral part of his pesticide application service when such pesticides are dispensed only through apparatuses used for such pesticide application; provided, further, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to any federal, state, or county agency which provides pesticides for their own programs. III. Each applicant shall satisfy the division as to his knowledge of the laws and rules governing the use and sale of pesticides and his responsibility in carrying on the business of a pesticide dealer through examination. In addition, each employee or agent of a pesticide dealer who sells or recommends restricted-use pesticides or state restricted-use pesticides shall obtain a pesticide dealer license. Each application for initial examination for a dealer license shall be accompanied by an examination fee of [~~$5~~] ***$15***. When an applicant has been examined by the division and found not qualified, the applicant shall be re-examined at a subsequent date in accordance with rules adopted by the board, provided that each application for re-examination shall be accompanied by a fee of [~~$5~~] ***$15***.	state and elsewhere and the name of a person domiciled in this state authorized to receive and accept service of summons of legal notices of all kinds for the applicant, and any other necessary information prescribed by the division; provided that the provisions of this section shall not apply to a pesticide applicator who sells pesticides only as an integral part of his pesticide application service when such pesticides are dispensed only through apparatuses used for such pesticide application; provided, further, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to any federal, state, or county agency which provides pesticides for their own programs. III. Each applicant shall satisfy the division as to his knowledge of the laws and rules governing the use and sale of pesticides and his responsibility in carrying on the business of a pesticide dealer through examination. In addition, each employee or agent of a pesticide dealer who sells or recommends restricted-use pesticides or state restricted-use pesticides shall obtain a pesticide dealer license. Each application for initial examination for a dealer license shall be accompanied by an examination fee of [~~$5~~] ***$15***. When an applicant has been examined by the division and found not qualified, the applicant shall be re-examined at a subsequent date in accordance with rules adopted by the board, provided that each application for re-examination shall be accompanied by a fee of [~~$5~~] ***$15***.
207 Agriculture; Horticulture and Animal Husbandry; Insect Pests and Plant Diseases; Statement Required. Amend RSA 430:38, III to read as follows: III.(a) The registrant shall pay an annual fee ***of at least $160*** for each pesticide registered as follows: (1) A restricted use pesticide. (2) A general use pesticide, other than a specialty/household pesticide. (3) A specialty/household pesticide.	170 Agriculture; Horticulture and Animal Husbandry; Insect Pests and Plant Diseases; Statement Required. Amend RSA 430:38, III to read as follows: III.(a) The registrant shall pay an annual fee ***of at least $220*** for each pesticide registered as follows: (1) A restricted use pesticide. (2) A general use pesticide, other than a specialty/household pesticide. (3) A specialty/household pesticide. (b) The commissioner shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to the amount of the fees charged under subparagraph (a). [~~Until such rules are adopted, the fees under subparagraph~~

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(b) The commissioner shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to the amount of the fees charged under subparagraph (a). [~~Until such rules are adopted, the fees under subparagraph (a) shall be the same as the fees which were in effect on June 30, 2015.~~]	~~(a) shall be the same as the fees which were in effect on June 30, 2015.~~]
208 Agriculture; Horticulture and Animal Husbandry; Soil and Plant Additives; Registration. Amend RSA 431:4, I to read as follows: I. Each brand and grade of fertilizer shall be registered in the name of that person whose name appears upon the label before being distributed in this state. The application for registration shall be submitted to the commissioner on a form furnished by the commissioner and shall be accompanied by a fee of [~~$75~~] ***$128*** per grade of each brand sold.	171 Agriculture; Horticulture and Animal Husbandry; Soil and Plant Additives; Registration. Amend RSA 431:4, I to read as follows: I. Each brand and grade of fertilizer shall be registered in the name of that person whose name appears upon the label before being distributed in this state. The application for registration shall be submitted to the commissioner on a form furnished by the commissioner and shall be accompanied by a fee of [~~$75~~] ***$128*** per grade of each brand sold.
209 Agriculture; Horticulture and Animal Husbandry; Soil and Plant Additives; Registration. Amend RSA 431:27, I to read as follows: I. Each separately identified product shall be registered before being distributed in this state. The application for registration shall be submitted to the commissioner on a form furnished or approved by the commissioner and shall be accompanied by a fee of [~~$50~~] ***$100*** per product. The fees collected under this section shall be deposited with the state treasurer into the agricultural products regulatory fund. Upon approval by the commissioner, a copy of the registration shall be furnished to the applicant. All registrations expire on January 1 of the following year.	172 Agriculture; Horticulture and Animal Husbandry; Soil and Plant Additives; Registration. Amend RSA 431:27, I to read as follows: I. Each separately identified product shall be registered before being distributed in this state. The application for registration shall be submitted to the commissioner on a form furnished or approved by the commissioner and shall be accompanied by a fee of [~~$50~~] ***$100*** per product. The fees collected under this section shall be deposited with the state treasurer into the agricultural products regulatory fund. Upon approval by the commissioner, a copy of the registration shall be furnished to the applicant. All registrations expire on January 1 of the following year.
210 Agriculture; Horticulture and Animal Husbandry; Horticultural Growing Media; Registration and Inspection Fees; Fund Established. Amend RSA 433-A:6 to read as follows: 433-A:6 Registration and Inspection Fees; Fund Established. The commissioner shall collect a [~~$50~~] ***$96*** annual registration and inspection fee for each product registered. The fees collected under this section shall be deposited with the state treasurer into the agricultural products regulatory fund established in RSA 435:20, IV. Moneys from the fund shall be used to offset costs associated with registration and inspection of horticultural growing media.	173 Agriculture; Horticulture and Animal Husbandry; Horticultural Growing Media; Registration and Inspection Fees; Fund Established. Amend RSA 433-A:6 to read as follows: 433-A:6 Registration and Inspection Fees; Fund Established. The commissioner shall collect a [~~$50~~] ***$96*** annual registration and inspection fee for each product registered. The fees collected under this section shall be deposited with the state treasurer into the agricultural products regulatory fund established in RSA 435:20, IV. Moneys from the fund shall be used to offset costs associated with registration and inspection of horticultural growing media.

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211 Agriculture; Horticulture and Animal Husbandry; Animal Care, Breeding and Feed. Amend RSA 435:20, II and III to read as follows: II. No person shall distribute in this state a commercial feed, except a customer-formula feed, which has not been registered pursuant to the provisions of this section. Applications for registration, accompanied by a [~~$75~~] ***$120*** per-product registration fee, shall be submitted in a manner prescribed by the commissioner. Upon approval by the commissioner, a registration shall be issued to the applicant. All registrations shall expire on December 31 of each year. III. The commissioner may refuse to register any commercial feed not in compliance with the provisions of this subdivision and to cancel any registration subsequently found not to be in compliance with any provision of this subdivision; provided that upon the refusal of registration, the [~~$75~~] ***$120*** registration fee shall be returned to the applicant; and provided further that no registration shall be refused or [~~cancelled~~] ***canceled*** unless the applicant or registrant has been given an opportunity to appear at a hearing before the commissioner and to amend his or her application in order to comply with the requirements of this subdivision.	174 Agriculture; Horticulture and Animal Husbandry; Animal Care, Breeding and Feed. Amend RSA 435:20, II and III to read as follows: II. No person shall distribute in this state a commercial feed, except a customer-formula feed, which has not been registered pursuant to the provisions of this section. Applications for registration, accompanied by a [~~$75~~] ***$120*** per-product registration fee, shall be submitted in a manner prescribed by the commissioner. Upon approval by the commissioner, a registration shall be issued to the applicant. All registrations shall expire on December 31 of each year. III. The commissioner may refuse to register any commercial feed not in compliance with the provisions of this subdivision and to cancel any registration subsequently found not to be in compliance with any provision of this subdivision; provided that upon the refusal of registration, the [~~$75~~] ***$120*** registration fee shall be returned to the applicant; and provided further that no registration shall be refused or [~~cancelled~~] ***canceled*** unless the applicant or registrant has been given an opportunity to appear at a hearing before the commissioner and to amend his or her application in order to comply with the requirements of this subdivision.
212 Agriculture; Horticulture and Animal Husbandry; Standards for Farm Products; Official Grades and Standards. Amend RSA 426:1 to read as follows: 426:1 Official Grades and Standards. The commissioner of agriculture, markets, and food, whenever, in the commissioner's opinion, the public good so requires, may adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, establishing official grades and standards for farm products which are produced within the state for purposes of sale. ***Fees for maple product permits shall not be less than $33 and other product permits shall not be less than $13.***	175 Agriculture; Horticulture and Animal Husbandry; Standards for Farm Products; Official Grades and Standards. Amend RSA 426:1 to read as follows: 426:1 Official Grades and Standards. The commissioner of agriculture, markets, and food, whenever, in the commissioner's opinion, the public good so requires, may adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, establishing official grades and standards for farm products which are produced within the state for purposes of sale. ***Fees for maple product permits shall not be less than $33 and other product permits shall not be less than $13.***

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213 Agriculture; Horticulture and Animal Husbandry; Soil and Plant Additives; Inspection Fees and Tonnage Reports. Amend RSA 431:6, I to read as follows: I. There shall be paid to the commissioner for all fertilizers distributed in this state to nonregistrants an inspection fee ***of at least $0.37*** on each ton of fertilizer sold ***with a minimum fee of at least $9 as*** [~~in a manner and at a fee~~] prescribed by the commissioner by rules; provided, that sales or exchanges between importers, manufacturers, distributors, or registrants are exempted.	176 Agriculture; Horticulture and Animal Husbandry; Soil and Plant Additives; Inspection Fees and Tonnage Reports. Amend RSA 431:6, I to read as follows: I. There shall be paid to the commissioner for all fertilizers distributed in this state to nonregistrants an inspection fee ***of at least $0.37*** on each ton of fertilizer sold ***with a minimum fee of at least $9 as*** [~~in a manner and at a fee~~] prescribed by the commissioner by rules; provided, that sales or exchanges between importers, manufacturers, distributors, or registrants are exempted.
214 Agriculture; Horticulture and Animal Husbandry; New Hampshire Seed Law; Duties and Authority of Commissioner; Rulemaking. Amend RSA 433:7, III(l)-(m) to read as follows: (l) Seed labeling license standards and procedures, including, but not limited to, application forms [~~and fees~~]. ***(m) Establish licensing fee of not less than $94 per company.*** [~~(m)~~] ***(n)*** The enforcement of this subdivision.	177 Agriculture; Horticulture and Animal Husbandry; New Hampshire Seed Law; Duties and Authority of Commissioner; Rulemaking. Amend RSA 433:7, III(l)-(m) to read as follows: (l) Seed labeling license standards and procedures, including, but not limited to, application forms [~~and fees~~]. ***(m) Establish licensing fee of not less than $94 per company.*** [~~(m)~~] ***(n)*** The enforcement of this subdivision.
215 Weights and Measures Fees. Amend RSA 438:10-a to read as follows: 438:10-a Fees for Licensing Commercial Devices. The following annual device license fees shall be charged for the following categories: I. Scales 100 pounds or less, other than precision scales, [~~$18~~] ***$35*** each; II. Scales over 100 pounds to 2,000 pounds, [~~$27~~] ***$50*** each; III. Scales over 2,000 pounds to 5,000 pounds,[~~$54~~] ***$100*** each; IV. Non-vehicle scales over 5,000 pounds, [~~$90~~] ***$165*** each; V. Vehicle scales, [~~$180~~] ***$330*** each; VI. Lift truck/forklifts, on board weighing systems/scales, [~~$90~~] ***$165*** each; VII. On board weighing systems/scales, refuse or recyclable materials collection trucks, [~~$90~~] ***$165*** each; VIII. Precision scales, [~~$36~~] ***$65*** each;	178 Weights and Measures Fees. Amend RSA 438:10-a to read as follows: 438:10-a Fees for Licensing Commercial Devices. The following annual device license fees shall be charged for the following categories: I. Scales 100 pounds or less, other than precision scales, [~~$18~~] ***$35*** each; II. Scales over 100 pounds to 2,000 pounds, [~~$27~~] ***$50*** each; III. Scales over 2,000 pounds to 5,000 pounds,[~~$54~~] ***$100*** each; IV. Non-vehicle scales over 5,000 pounds, [~~$90~~] ***$165*** each; V. Vehicle scales, [~~$180~~] ***$330*** each; VI. Lift truck/forklifts, on board weighing systems/scales, [~~$90~~] ***$165*** each; VII. On board weighing systems/scales, refuse or recyclable materials collection trucks, [~~$90~~] ***$165*** each; VIII. Precision scales, [~~$36~~] ***$65*** each;

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IX. Retail motor fuel dispensers, except liquefied petroleum gas and natural gas dispensers,[~~$18~~] ***$35*** per meter; X. Liquefied petroleum gas retail motor fuel dispensers, [~~$54~~] ***$100*** per meter; XI. Natural gas retail motor fuel dispensers, [~~$54~~] ***$100*** per meter; XII. Liquid vehicle tank meters, except liquefied petroleum gas and natural gas meters, [~~$54~~] ***$100*** per meter; XIII. Liquid bulk storage meters, [~~$90~~] ***$165*** per meter; XIV. Liquefied gas meters, [~~$90~~] ***$165*** per meter; XV. Taxi meters, [~~$27~~] ***$50*** per meter; and XVI. Linear and cordage measures, [~~$18~~] ***$35*** per meter.	IX. Retail motor fuel dispensers, except liquefied petroleum gas and natural gas dispensers,[~~$18~~] ***$35*** per meter; X. Liquefied petroleum gas retail motor fuel dispensers, [~~$54~~] ***$100*** per meter; XI. Natural gas retail motor fuel dispensers, [~~$54~~] ***$100*** per meter; XII. Liquid vehicle tank meters, except liquefied petroleum gas and natural gas meters, [~~$54~~] ***$100*** per meter; XIII. Liquid bulk storage meters, [~~$90~~] ***$165*** per meter; XIV. Liquefied gas meters, [~~$90~~] ***$165*** per meter; XV. Taxi meters, [~~$27~~] ***$50*** per meter; and XVI. Linear and cordage measures, [~~$18~~] ***$35*** per meter.
216 New Section; Weights and Measures; Registered Service Agencies. Amend RSA 438 by inserting after section 438:14-a the following new section: 438:14-b Registered Service Agencies. Registered service agencies that employ a service technician who is registered with the division of weights and measures to test, adjust, repair, certify, reject, add, remove, or replace a commercial weighing or measuring device, shall pay an annual registration fee of $250, to be collected by the division.	179 New Section; Weights and Measures; Registered Service Agencies. Amend RSA 438 by inserting after section 438:14-a the following new section: 438:14-b Registered Service Agencies. Registered service agencies that employ a service technician who is registered with the division of weights and measures to test, adjust, repair, certify, reject, add, remove, or replace a commercial weighing or measuring device, shall pay an annual registration fee of $250, to be collected by the division.
217 Water Management and Protection; Dams, Mills, and Flowage; Annual Registration Fee. Amend RSA 482:8-a to read as follows: 482:8-a Annual Registration Fee. Annual registration fees for dams shall be payable to the department on January 1 of each calendar year. Yearly dam registration fees shall be based on classification as follows: Low hazard potential = [~~$400~~] ***$800***; Significant hazard potential = [~~$750~~] ***$1,500***; High hazard potential = [~~$1,500~~] ***$3,000***. If the hazard classification designated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a dam differs from the classification designated by the department, the annual dam registration fees shall be based on the classification designated by the Federal Energy	180 Water Management and Protection; Dams, Mills, and Flowage; Annual Registration Fee. Amend RSA 482:8-a to read as follows: 482:8-a Annual Registration Fee. Annual registration fees for dams shall be payable to the department on January 1 of each calendar year. Yearly dam registration fees shall be based on classification as follows: Low hazard potential = [~~$400~~] ***$800***; Significant hazard potential = [~~$750~~] ***$1,500***; High hazard potential = [~~$1,500~~] ***$3,000***. If the hazard classification designated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a dam differs from the classification designated by the department, the annual dam registration fees shall be based on the classification designated by the Federal Energy

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Regulatory Commission except that a dam which is classified as a non-menace dam by the department shall be exempt from the annual dam registration fee for as long as the dam is classified by the department as a non-menace dam. Revenues from this annual registration are to be collected by the department and deposited in the dam maintenance fund established in RSA 482:55 to be used for the inspection of dams.	Regulatory Commission except that a dam which is classified as a non-menace dam by the department shall be exempt from the annual dam registration fee for as long as the dam is classified by the department as a non-menace dam. Revenues from this annual registration are to be collected by the department and deposited in the dam maintenance fund established in RSA 482:55 to be used for the inspection of dams.
218 Water Management and Protection; Dams, Mills, and Flowage; Preliminary Filing of Information. Amend RSA 482:9, II(a)-(d) to read as follows: (a) Non-hazard potential dam [~~$2,000~~] ***$4,000*** (b) Low hazard potential dam [~~$3,000~~] ***$6,000*** (c) Significant hazard potential dam [~~$4,000~~] ***$8,000*** (d) High hazard potential dam [~~$4,000~~] ***$8,000***	181 Water Management and Protection; Dams, Mills, and Flowage; Preliminary Filing of Information. Amend RSA 482:9, II(a)-(d) to read as follows: (a) Non-hazard potential dam [~~$2,000~~] ***$4,000*** (b) Low hazard potential dam [~~$3,000~~] ***$6,000*** (c) Significant hazard potential dam [~~$4,000~~] ***$8,000*** (d) High hazard potential dam [~~$4,000~~] ***$8,000***
219 Public Health; Hazardous Waste Cleanup Fund; Automotive Oil Fee. Amend RSA 147-B:12, I to read as follows: I. A fee of [~~$.02~~] ***$0.05*** per gallon of automotive oil shall be assessed at the time of import to this state. Persons licensed under RSA 146-A:11-b, II shall be liable for payment of this additional fee which shall be collected and enforced by the department of safety in the manner described in RSA 146-A:11-b. The department of environmental services may waive all or any portion of penalties or interest for good cause. All fee revenues shall be deposited in the hazardous waste cleanup fund in accordance with RSA 147-B:6, I-d.	182 Public Health; Hazardous Waste Cleanup Fund; Automotive Oil Fee. Amend RSA 147-B:12, I to read as follows: I. A fee of [~~$.02~~] ***$0.05*** per gallon of automotive oil shall be assessed at the time of import to this state. Persons licensed under RSA 146-A:11-b, II shall be liable for payment of this additional fee which shall be collected and enforced by the department of safety in the manner described in RSA 146-A:11-b. The department of environmental services may waive all or any portion of penalties or interest for good cause. All fee revenues shall be deposited in the hazardous waste cleanup fund in accordance with RSA 147-B:6, I-d.
220 Hazardous Waste Generator Self-Certification. Amend RSA 147-A:5, IV(b) to read as follows: (b) Each hazardous waste generator that generates less than 220 pounds/100 kilograms of hazardous waste per month shall pay non-refundable fees at a rate of [~~$60~~] ***$90*** per year for the period of [~~January 1, 2004 to June 30, 2007~~] ***July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2025***, and at a rate of [~~$90~~]	183 Hazardous Waste Generator Self-Certification. Amend RSA 147-A:5, IV(b) to read as follows: (b) Each hazardous waste generator that generates less than 220 pounds/100 kilograms of hazardous waste per month shall pay non-refundable fees at a rate of [~~$60~~] ***$90*** per year for the period of [~~January 1, 2004 to June 30, 2007~~] ***July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2025***, and at a rate of [~~$90~~]

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$140 per year beginning July 1, [~~2007~~] ***2025***, to cover department expenses for conducting the self-certification program and hiring of program staff. Total fees due for each year shall be submitted with the self-certification declaration form required under subparagraph (a).	***$140*** per year beginning July 1, [~~2007~~] ***2025***, to cover department expenses for conducting the self-certification program and hiring of program staff. Total fees due for each year shall be submitted with the self-certification declaration form required under subparagraph (a).
221 Public Health; Hazardous Waste Cleanup Fund; Hazardous Waste Cleanup Fund Fees. Amend RSA 147-B:8, I to read as follows: I. Each hazardous waste generator that generates in a 3-month period 660 pounds or more of unrecycled hazardous waste shall pay a quarterly fee of [~~$0.06~~] ***$0.12*** per pound or a minimum of $100, to the department.	184 Public Health; Hazardous Waste Cleanup Fund; Hazardous Waste Cleanup Fund Fees. Amend RSA 147-B:8, I to read as follows: I. Each hazardous waste generator that generates in a 3-month period 660 pounds or more of unrecycled hazardous waste shall pay a quarterly fee of [~~$0.06~~] ***$0.12*** per pound or a minimum of $100, to the department.
222 Public Health; Solid Waste Management Fund. RSA 149-R:4-6 are repealed and reenacted to read as follows: 149-R:4 Purpose and Use of the Fund. I. The fund shall be used to support the administration and implementation of the department's solid waste technical assistance, planning, regulatory and permitting activities, including, but not limited to, waste reduction and diversion technical assistance, reducing the expense to municipalities of hazardous waste materials disposal and recycling, long term solid waste management planning, education and outreach efforts, and administration of payments in accordance with paragraphs II and III. II. The fund shall be used to provide annual payments to New Hampshire municipalities, for source reduction and recycling efforts, to offset payments made by the municipality associated with the solid waste disposal surcharge established under RSA 149-R:5, based upon the tonnage of solid waste for which the municipality was financially responsible for disposal at a New Hampshire landfill, incinerator, or waste-to-energy facility. Administration of the payment program shall be in accordance with procedures established by rulemaking under the authority of RSA 149-R:6, IV and V. Such	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 185 Public Health; Solid Waste Management Fund. RSA 149-R:4-6 are repealed and reenacted to read as follows: 149-R:4 Purpose and Use of the Fund. I. The fund shall be used to support the administration and implementation of the department's solid waste technical assistance, planning, regulatory and permitting activities, including, but not limited to, waste reduction and diversion technical assistance, reducing the expense to municipalities of hazardous waste materials disposal and recycling, long term solid waste management planning, education and outreach efforts, and administration of payments in accordance with paragraphs II and III. II. The fund shall be used to provide quarterly payments to New Hampshire municipalities for source reduction and recycling efforts to offset payments made by the municipality associated with the solid waste disposal surcharge established under RSA 149-R:5, based upon the tonnage of solid waste for which the municipality was financially responsible for disposal at a New Hampshire landfill, incinerator, or waste-to-energy facility. Administration of the payment program shall be in accordance with procedures established by rulemaking under the authority of RSA 149-R:6, IV and V. Such

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rulemaking shall specifically address the unique circumstances for municipalities that own and operate a facility that is subject to RSA 149-R:5, or that are part of a solid waste district that owns and operates such a facility, to ensure that the costs incurred by those municipalities are offset consistent with this chapter.	rulemaking shall specifically address the unique circumstances for municipalities that own and operate a facility that is subject to RSA 149-R:5, or that are part of a solid waste district that owns and operates such a facility, to ensure that the costs incurred by those municipalities are offset consistent with this chapter.
III. The fund shall be used to provide matching grant funding to New Hampshire municipalities, private entities, and businesses for projects that will provide a demonstrated, significant improvement in waste diversion methods and contribute to a reduction of wastes, including hazardous waste materials, requiring disposal, including a regional or municipal materials recovery facility operated by a public or private entity, and other regional recycling efforts.	III. The fund shall be used to provide matching grant funding to New Hampshire municipalities, private entities, and businesses for projects that will provide a demonstrated, significant improvement in waste diversion methods and contribute to a reduction of wastes, including hazardous waste materials, requiring disposal, including a regional or municipal materials recovery facility operated by a public or private entity, and other regional recycling efforts.
IV. The fund may be used to hire consultants or contractors, or to pay other necessary expenses directly associated with approved activities in this chapter.	IV. The fund may be used to hire consultants or contractors, or to pay other necessary expenses directly associated with approved activities in this chapter.
V. The department is authorized to solicit funds from any source, including the United States Environmental Protection Agency and other federal agencies, gifts, donations of money, grants, legislative appropriations, or any matching funds and incentives. Notwithstanding RSA 4:8 and RSA 14:30, VI, the commissioner may accept and deposit such funds directly into the solid waste management fund to be used for the purpose described in RSA 149-R:4.	V. The department is authorized to solicit funds from any source, including the United States Environmental Protection Agency and other federal agencies, gifts, donations of money, grants, legislative appropriations, or any matching funds and incentives. Notwithstanding RSA 4:8 and RSA 14:30, VI, the commissioner may accept and deposit such funds directly into the solid waste management fund to be used for the purpose described in RSA 149-R:4.
149-R:5 Solid Waste Disposal Surcharge.	149-R:5 Solid Waste Disposal Surcharge.
I. Beginning January 1, 2026, solid waste disposed of at a New Hampshire landfill, incinerator, or waste-to-energy facility shall be subject to a surcharge at the rate of $3.50 per ton. Notwithstanding RSA 149-M:4, XXII, materials used as cover material at landfills shall not be subject to the surcharge.	I. Beginning January 1, 2026, solid waste disposed of at a New Hampshire landfill, incinerator, or waste-to-energy facility shall be subject to a surcharge at the rate of $3.50 per ton. Notwithstanding RSA 149-M:4, XXII, materials used as cover at landfills shall not be subject to the surcharge.
II. Such surcharge shall be paid quarterly to the department by each holder of a permit issued pursuant to RSA 149-M for a New Hampshire landfill, incinerator, or waste-to-energy facility for the solid waste disposed at such facility, on forms and with supporting documentation as provided for in rulemaking conducted pursuant to RSA 149-R:6, I, II, and III.	II. Such surcharge shall be paid by the customer of a facility that holds a permit issued pursuant to RSA 149-M for a New Hampshire landfill, incinerator, or waste-to-energy facility. This surcharge will be paid by the customer in addition to any other disposal tipping fee collected by the disposal facility, and such disposal facility shall remit the surcharge quarterly to the department on

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III. The first payment of the surcharge shall be due to the department no later than April 30, 2026 and within 30 days of each quarter's end thereafter.	forms and with supporting documentation as provided for in rulemaking conducted pursuant to RSA 149-R:6, I, II, and III.
IV. The department shall deposit surcharges collected under this section into the fund.	III. The first payment of the surcharge shall be due to the department no later than April 30, 2026, and within 30 days of each quarter's end thereafter.
V. Failure to pay surcharges within 30 days of the date due shall result in the assessment of interest at a rate established by rule pursuant to RSA 149-R:6, VII. The commissioner may waive all or any portion of interest for good cause. The department shall deposit interest collected under this section into the fund.	IV. The department shall deposit surcharges collected under this section into the fund.
149-R:6 Rulemaking. The commissioner shall adopt rules, after public hearing and pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to:	V. Failure to pay surcharges within 30 days of the date due shall result in the assessment of interest at a rate established by rule pursuant to RSA 149-R:6, VII. The commissioner may waive all or any portion of interest for good cause. The department shall deposit interest collected under this section into the fund.
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II. Required records to be kept by facility permit holders of the type and quantity of solid waste disposed.	I. The time, amount, and manner of payment of solid waste disposal surcharges.
III. Certified reports required to be submitted with surcharge payments by facility permit holders.	II. Required records to be kept by facility permit holders of the type and quantity of solid waste disposed.
IV. The time, amount, and manner of payments to New Hampshire municipalities pursuant to RSA 149-R:4, II.	III. Certified reports required to be submitted with surcharge payments by facility permit holders.
V. Certified reports required to be submitted by municipalities requesting payments pursuant to RSA 149-R:4, II.	IV. The time, amount, and manner of payments to New Hampshire municipalities pursuant to RSA 149-R:4, II.
VI. Administering matching grants pursuant to RSA 149-R:4, III.	V. Certified reports required to be submitted by municipalities requesting payments pursuant to RSA 149-R:4, II.
VII. Establishment of the interest rate applied to late payments pursuant to RSA 149-R:5, V.	VI. Administering matching grants pursuant to RSA 149-R:4, III.
149-R:7 Penalties and Other Enforcement.	VII. Establishment of the interest rate applied to late payments pursuant to RSA 149-R:5, V.
I. Any person who violates any of the provision of this chapter or any rule adopted under this chapter shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $25,000 for each violation. Each day a surcharge is not paid after it is due in accordance with RSA 149-R:5, III shall be a separate violation.	149-R:7 Penalties and Other Enforcement.
	I. Any person who violates any of the provision of this chapter or any rule adopted under this chapter shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $1,000 for each violation. Each day a surcharge is not paid after it is due in accordance with RSA 149-R:5, III shall be a separate violation.

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II. In addition to an action to recover unpaid surcharges and interest owed, any violation of the provisions of this chapter or of any rule adopted under this chapter, may be enjoined by the superior court upon application of the attorney general. III. The provisions of RSA 7:15-a shall not apply to the collection of unpaid surcharges, and all money collected under this section shall be deposited into the fund. 149-R:8 Biennial Report. The department shall include in its biennial report required under RSA 149-M:29, II, information relative to the activities and finances of the solid waste management fund.	II. In addition to an action to recover unpaid surcharges and interest owed, any violation of the provisions of this chapter or of any rule adopted under this chapter, may be enjoined by the superior court upon application of the attorney general. III. The provisions of RSA 7:15-a shall not apply to the collection of unpaid surcharges, and all money collected under this section shall be deposited into the fund. 149-R:8 Biennial Report. The department shall include in its biennial report required under RSA 149-M:29, II, information relative to the activities and finances of the solid waste management fund.
223 Certified Hazardous Waste Coordinator Program. Amend RSA 147-A:5, III(b) to read as follows: (b) Each application for initial or renewal of a hazardous waste coordinators certification shall be accompanied by a non-refundable fee of [~~$125~~] ***$225*** per year to cover department expenses for conducting the certification program.	186 Certified Hazardous Waste Coordinator Program. Amend RSA 147-A:5, III(b) to read as follows: (b) Each application for initial or renewal of a hazardous waste coordinators certification shall be accompanied by a non-refundable fee of [~~$125~~] ***$225*** per year to cover department expenses for conducting the certification program.
224 New Subparagraph; Waste Management Rules. Amend RSA 149-M:7 by inserting after paragraph XV the following new paragraph: XV-a. Relative to the safe management of solid waste. Such rules shall promote the hierarchy established under RSA 149-M:3, and shall develop and enforce siting, design, operation, and closure requirements.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
225 New Paragraphs; Groundwater Protection. Amend RSA 149-M:9 by inserting after paragraph XV the following new paragraphs: XVI. No permit shall be issued by any division of the department for the siting of a new landfill if any part of the actual solid waste disposal area is proposed to be located sufficiently close to any existing drinking water well, perennial river, lake, or coastal water of New Hampshire, as defined in RSA 483-B:4, XVI, such that groundwater on the landfill site would be able to reach the water body within 5 years of migrating off-site due to any leak, spill, or other failure.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

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XVII.(a) The department shall establish a site-specific setback distance for any proposed new landfill from any drinking water wells, perennial river, lake, or coastal water of New Hampshire, as defined in RSA 483-B:4, XVI. The setback distance shall be sufficient to prevent any contaminated groundwater at any part of the landfill footprint or leachate storage or piping infrastructure from reaching any existing drinking water wells, perennial river, lake, or coastal water of New Hampshire within 5 years. The setback distance shall be calculated as follows: (1) The applicant shall hire a hydrogeologist who has never worked with or been contracted through a third party with any applicant's current or previous projects, at the applicant's expense, to estimate based upon adequate and representative on-site field testing of both the landfill footprint and leachate storage or piping infrastructure, the estimated velocity of groundwater in both surficial geological deposits and bedrock. The velocity shall be estimated by calculating the 95th percentile upper confidence limit of the mean measured rate, using the formula recommended by the United States Environmental Protection Agency at EPA 600-R-97/006. (2) The 5-year distance-of-travel estimate shall be calculated by multiplying the velocity, in units of feet per year, by 5. (3) The setback from any existing drinking water well, perennial river, lake, or coastal water of New Hampshire shall be the greater of the 5-year distance-of-travel estimate calculated in subparagraph (2) or 1,500 feet. (b) No permit shall be issued by any division of the department for the siting of a new landfill that fails to conform to the setback distance as calculated using the method set forth in subparagraph (a). (c) In this section, "new landfill" excludes any expansion or modification of any landfill facilities on any site where, as of January 1, 2025, a RCRA Subtitle D landfill exists that has received all permits necessary to operate at present and is currently operating under such permits at the time it files an application to expand.	

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(d) In this section, "site" means a single parcel or adjacent parcels, owned in its entirety by a landfill operator or its affiliates as of January 1, 2025, including a site where one or more public utility easements traverse the site. XVIII. The department shall not issue a permit for a new landfill or landfill expansion unless the applicant conducts subsurface investigations in sufficient numbers and locations to properly describe the surficial stratigraphy and the bedrock beneath and adjacent to the proposed solid waste boundary, at least to the depth of any aquifers currently used to provide drinking water to residents. Pump tests shall be conducted at selected locations as needed to evaluate aquifer yield and connectivity of bedrock fractures using the department's database of the location and depth of private drinking water wells. XIX. All landfill facilities shall have at least one employee or contracted personnel at the site 24 hours a day, 365 days per year, beginning from the date the landfill begins accepting waste and continuing until final closure. XX. No permit shall be granted for a landfill unless undisturbed in-situ soils for 20 feet immediately beneath the footprint and underneath all leachate storage and transfer infrastructure have a maximum saturated hydraulic conductivity of 1 x 10^-4 centimeters per second(cm/sec) or less. If the above in-situ soils do not meet the maximum hydraulic conductivity criterion of 1 x 10^-4 cm/sec, no amount of imported soil can overcome such deficiency, and the tract shall be deemed impermissible for use as a landfill. XXI. No permit shall be granted for a landfill unless the subgrade below the liner consists of soil with a saturated hydraulic conductivity of 1 x 10^-4 cm/sec or less. XXII. All references to number-year storm events regarding solid waste landfill permitting requirements in relation to design, maintenance, leachate management, etc., shall have the value of a 100-year storm with a 50 percent margin of safety.	

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XXIII. The department shall incorporate the "Ford Act" found at 40 C.F.R. 258 into landfill permitting requirements, specifically the provision limiting the construction or establishment of municipal solid waste landfills within 6 miles of certain smaller public airports.	
226 Permit Denial. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 149-M:9, IX to read as follows: IX. The department [~~may~~] ***shall*** deny a permit application under this section to a person if any of the following applies:	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
227 Rulemaking. The introductory paragraph of RSA 149-M:7 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows: The commissioner shall have the responsibility and authority to adopt rules, under RSA 541-A, that are necessary to protect the public health and the environment with an ample margin of safety relative to this chapter, including rules relative to:	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
228 Boat Fee Decals. Amend RSA 270-E:5-a, II(a) to read as follows: (a) [~~$9.50~~] ***$12.50*** for each decal specified in paragraph I. The fees collected under this subparagraph shall be paid into the lake restoration and preservation fund established under RSA 487:25.	187 Boat Fee Decals. Amend RSA 270-E:5-a, II(a) to read as follows: (a) [~~$9.50~~] ***$12.50*** for each decal specified in paragraph I. The fees collected under this subparagraph shall be paid into the lake restoration and preservation fund established under RSA 487:25.
229 Per Diem; Public Employee Labor Relations Board. Amend RSA 273-A:2, VII to read as follows: VII. The members of the public employee labor relations board shall be paid [~~$50~~] ***$250*** a day and their necessary expenses while actually engaged in the performance of their duties.	188 Per Diem; Public Employee Labor Relations Board. Amend RSA 273-A:2, VII to read as follows: VII. The members of the public employee labor relations board shall be paid [~~$50~~] ***$250*** a day and their necessary expenses while actually engaged in the performance of their duties.
230 Court Fees and Fines; Equitable Fee Schedule; Credit Card Service Charge. Amend RSA 490:26-a to read as follows: 490:26-a Court Fees and Fines; Credit Card Payments.	189 Court Fees and Fines; Equitable Fee Schedule; Credit Card Service Charge. Amend RSA 490:26-a to read as follows: 490:26-a Court Fees and Fines; Credit Card Payments.

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I. The supreme court shall establish by rule an equitable fee schedule for all courts in the state. II.[~~(a) Except as provided in subparagraph (b), a $25 surcharge shall be added to each civil filing fee for all courts. This surcharge shall be deposited in the general fund.~~ ~~(b) The following shall be exempt from the surcharge under subparagraph (a):~~ ~~(1) Actions relating to children under RSA 169-B, RSA 169-C, and RSA 169-D.~~ ~~(2) Domestic violence actions under RSA 173-B.~~ ~~(3) Small claims actions under RSA 503.~~ ~~(4) Landlord/tenant actions under RSA 540, RSA 540-A, RSA 540-B, and RSA 540-C.~~ ~~(5) Stalking actions under RSA 633:3-a~~ ~~II-a.~~] The supreme court may establish by rule an equitable fee of not less than $25 to be added to a fine whenever a court extends the time for the payment of the fine. An equitable fee assessed by a court under this paragraph shall be paid prior to or simultaneously with the payment of the fine. III.***(a)*** All court fees, surcharges, and fines paid into any court may be paid by credit card in lieu of cash payment. ***(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the supreme court may, in establishing a fee schedule, establish a service charge for the acceptance of a credit card, debit card, or such other means of electronic payment.***	I. The supreme court shall establish by rule an equitable fee schedule for all courts in the state. II.[~~(a) Except as provided in subparagraph (b), a $25 surcharge shall be added to each civil filing fee for all courts. This surcharge shall be deposited in the general fund.~~ ~~(b) The following shall be exempt from the surcharge under subparagraph (a):~~ ~~(1) Actions relating to children under RSA 169-B, RSA 169-C, and RSA 169-D.~~ ~~(2) Domestic violence actions under RSA 173-B.~~ ~~(3) Small claims actions under RSA 503.~~ ~~(4) Landlord/tenant actions under RSA 540, RSA 540-A, RSA 540-B, and RSA 540-C.~~ ~~(5) Stalking actions under RSA 633:3-a~~ ~~II-a.~~] The supreme court may establish by rule an equitable fee of not less than $25 to be added to a fine whenever a court extends the time for the payment of the fine. An equitable fee assessed by a court under this paragraph shall be paid prior to or simultaneously with the payment of the fine. III.***(a)*** All court fees, surcharges, and fines paid into any court may be paid by credit card in lieu of cash payment. ***(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the supreme court may, in establishing a fee schedule, establish a service charge for the acceptance of a credit card, debit card, or such other means of electronic payment.***
231 Electric Renewable Energy Classes. Amend RSA 362-F:4, I(a) to read as follows: (a) Wind energy***, except that mandated by government procurements***.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
232 Electric Renewable Energy Classes. RSA 362-F:4, I(h) is repealed and reenacted to read as follows: (h) Solar energy if the solar energy produces electricity.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

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233 Minimum Electric Renewable Portfolio Standards. Amend RSA 362-F:3 to read as follows: 362-F:3 Minimum Electric Renewable Portfolio Standards. For each year specified in the table below, each provider of electricity shall obtain and retire certificates sufficient in number and class type to meet or exceed the following percentages of total megawatt-hours of electricity supplied by the provider to its end-use customers that year, except to the extent that the provider makes payments to the renewable energy fund under RSA 362-F:10, II: 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2025 and thereafter Class I 0.0% 0.5% 1% 2% 3% 3.8% 5% 6% 15% (*) ~~[Class II 0.0% 0.0% 0.04% 0.08% 0.15% 0.2% 0.3% 0.3% 0.7%]~~ Class III 3.5% 4.5% 5.5% 6.5% 1.4% 1.5% 3.0% 8.0% 8.0% Class IV 0.5% 1% 1% 1% 1% 1.3% 1.4% 1.5% 1.5% *Class I increases an additional 0.9 percent per year from 2015 through 2025. A set percentage of the class I totals shall be satisfied annually by the acquisition of renewable energy certificates from qualifying renewable energy technologies producing useful thermal energy as defined in RSA 362-F:2, XV-a. The set percentage shall be 0.4 percent in 2014, 0.6 percent in 2015, 0.8 percent in 2016, and increased annually by 0.2 percent per year from 2017 through 2023, ***and then reduce to 1.7 percent beginning on August 1, 2027,*** after which it shall remain unchanged. [~~Class II shall increase to 0.5 percent beginning in 2018, 0.6 percent beginning in 2019, and 0.7 percent beginning in 2020, otherwise~~] Classes [~~II IV~~] ***III and IV*** shall remain at the same percentages from 2015 through 2025 except as provided in RSA 362-F:4, V-VI.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
234 Electric Renewable Energy Classes. Amend RSA 362-F:4, V to read as follows: V. For good cause, and after notice and hearing, the department of energy may accelerate or delay by up to one year, any given year's incremental increase in class I [~~or II~~] renewable portfolio standards requirement under RSA 362-F:3.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

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235 Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard; Definitions. Amend RSA 362-F:2, XV to read as follows: XV. "Renewable energy source," "renewable source," or "source" means a class I, [~~II,~~] III, or IV source of electricity or a class I source of useful thermal energy. An electrical generating facility, while selling its electrical output at long-term rates established before January 1, 2007**,** by orders of the commission under RSA 362-A:4, shall not be considered a renewable source.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
236 Renewable Energy Fund. Amend RSA 362-F:10, I to read as follows: I. There is hereby established a renewable energy fund. This nonlapsing special fund shall be continually appropriated to the department of energy to be expended in accordance with this section; provided that at the start of the period in which there is no adopted state operating budget, the department of energy shall in a timely manner seek the approval of the fiscal committee of the general court to continue using moneys from the renewable energy fund to support renewable energy rebate and grant programs in order to ensure there are no interruptions to the programs. The state treasurer shall invest the moneys deposited therein as provided by law. Income received on investments made by the state treasurer shall also be credited to the fund. All payments to be made under this section shall be deposited in the fund. Any remaining moneys paid into the fund under paragraph II of this section[~~, excluding class II moneys,~~] shall be used by the department of energy to support thermal and electrical renewable energy initiatives and offshore wind initiatives, including the office of offshore wind industry development and energy innovation. [~~Class II moneys shall primarily be used to support solar energy technologies in New Hampshire.~~] All initiatives supported out of these funds shall be subject to audit by the department of energy as deemed necessary. All fund moneys [~~including those from class II~~] may be used to administer this chapter, but all new employee positions shall be approved by the fiscal committee of the general court. No new employees shall be hired by the department of energy due to the inclusion of useful thermal energy in class I production.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
237 Renewable Energy Fund. RSA 362-F:10, III is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

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III. Beginning July 1, 2027, these rates shall be fixed at the following levels: (a) Class I - $42, except for that portion of the class electric renewable portfolio standards to be met by qualifying renewable energy technologies producing useful thermal energy under RSA 362-F:3, which shall be $30. (b) Class III - $42. (c) Class IV - $37.	
238 Renewable Energy Certificates. Amend RSA 362-F:6, II-a to read as follows: II-a. The department of energy shall establish a methodology to estimate the total yearly production for customer-sited sources that are net metered under RSA 362-A:9 and for which class I [~~or II~~] certificates are not issued. For purposes of estimation, the department of energy shall use a capacity factor rating of 20 percent for each class I installation. [~~The department of energy shall separately estimate class II output using a capacity factor rating equal to the annual PV Energy Forecast issued by the Distributed Generation Working Group under ISO New England, or its successor.~~] Providers of electricity required to obtain and retire certificates under RSA 362-F:3 shall receive an annual credit for such production according to its class. By February 28 of each year, the department of energy shall compute and make public credit percentages that are equal to the estimated production for the prior calendar year in each class divided by the total amount of electricity supplied by providers of electricity to end-use customers in the prior calendar year, with the result converted to a percentage. Each provider may then, at the time of its annual report filing under RSA 362-F:8, claim a class I [~~and a class II~~] certificate credit equal to the credit percentage times the total megawatt-hours of electricity supplied by the provider to its end-use customers the prior calendar year.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
239 Repeal. The following are repealed: I. RSA 362-F:4, I(h), relative to class II sources. II. RSA 362-F:4, II, relative to class II renewable energy. III. RSA 362-F:15, I, relative to class II increases.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
240 Effective Date. Sections 231 through 239 of this act this act shall take effect July 1, 2027.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

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241 New Hampshire Energy Policy. RSA 378:37 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows: 378:37 New Hampshire Energy Policy. It is the policy of the sovereign state of New Hampshire and purpose of this chapter, to promote affordable, reliable, diverse, and secure energy resources for the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens. I. New Hampshire shall promote the development of resources to achieve the purpose of this chapter, fostering a range of technology types, including reliable, on-demand, and firm resources, while allowing for customer choice. II. New Hampshire shall promote the development of resources, tools, and infrastructure to enhance the state's ability to ensure the state's energy independence by removing regulatory barriers to innovation to ensure that the state can procure affordable, reliable, and secure energy resources, consistent with RSA 362-F. III. New Hampshire shall allow market forces and market-based mechanisms to drive prudent use of energy resources. Government intervention to economically advantage one technology over another shall be time-limited, narrow, and necessary to achieve a specific policy goal. IV. New Hampshire shall pursue energy conservation and efficiency according to market principles, focusing on market transformation, and in accordance with cost-effective fiscal strategies as authorized by the legislature, and consistent with RSA 374-F. V. New Hampshire shall maintain an environment that allows for accurate market signals while balancing affordable consumer prices, price stability, energy reliability, public health and safety, and the financial stability of utilities and energy suppliers. VI. State regulatory processes shall balance economic costs with the level of review necessary to ensure protection of the state's various interests, and where federal action is required, New Hampshire will collaborate to encourage expedited federal review and action.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

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242 Sununu Youth Services Center; Possession and Relinquishment. Amend 2023, 2:4 to read as follows: 2:4 Possession and Relinquishment of the Sununu Youth Services Center (SYSC). As of the date of the opening of the youth development center set forth in section 2 of this act, and notwithstanding RSA 4:40, the department of administrative services shall take possession of the entire property currently housing the SYSC on South River Road in Manchester, New Hampshire. The department shall relinquish the property and any revenues received shall be deposited in the general fund. ***Until such time the property is relinquished, the department shall request an appropriation, subject to the approval from the fiscal committee and the governor and executive council, funds necessary to maintain the property. The governor shall draw a warrant from funds not otherwise appropriated.*** The department shall consult with the city of Manchester, the New Hampshire department of business and economic affairs, and other organizations, as appropriate, prior to any sale of the property. In relinquishing the property, the return of the property to an entity that will enhance the tax and business tax rolls of the city of Manchester and the state of New Hampshire shall be a high priority. Any relinquishment of the SYSC shall be approved by the governor and council.	190 Sununu Youth Services Center; Possession and Relinquishment. Amend 2023, 2:4 to read as follows: 2:4 Possession and Relinquishment of the Sununu Youth Services Center (SYSC). As of the date of the opening of the youth development center set forth in section 2 of this act, and notwithstanding RSA 4:40, the department of administrative services shall take possession of the entire property currently housing the SYSC on South River Road in Manchester, New Hampshire. The department shall relinquish the property and any revenues received shall be deposited in the general fund. ***Until such time the property is relinquished, the department shall request an appropriation, subject to the approval from the fiscal committee and the governor and executive council, funds necessary to maintain the property. The governor shall draw a warrant from funds not otherwise appropriated.*** The department shall consult with the city of Manchester, the New Hampshire department of business and economic affairs, and other organizations, as appropriate, prior to any sale of the property. In relinquishing the property, the return of the property to an entity that will enhance the tax and business tax rolls of the city of Manchester and the state of New Hampshire shall be a high priority. Any relinquishment of the SYSC shall be approved by the governor and council.
243 Youth Detention Center; Construction Funds. Amend 2023, 79:443 to read as follows: 79:443 Youth Detention Center; Construction Funds. Notwithstanding any other act of the legislature or law to the contrary, any secured treatment facility constructed to replace the current Sununu Youth Services Center shall be funded entirely with federal discretionary funds appropriated in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, including any funds which have previously been allocated by the governor but which have not been expended. No state general funds shall be appropriated for the purpose of constructing the replacement facility and any funds appropriated to the project shall not be transferred or used for any other purpose. ***The use of general funds or***	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 191 Youth Detention Center; Construction Funds. Amend 2023, 79:443 to read as follows: 79:443 Youth Detention Center; Construction Funds. Notwithstanding any other act of the legislature or law to the contrary, any secured treatment facility constructed to replace the current Sununu Youth Services Center shall [~~be funded entirely with~~] ***maximize*** federal discretionary funds appropriated in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, including any funds which have previously been allocated by the governor but which have not been expended. [~~No state general funds shall be appropriated for the purpose of constructing the replacement facility and~~] Any funds appropriated to the project shall not be transferred or used for any other purpose. ***The use of general***

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federal discretionary funds which may become available, may be utilized to support activities or infrastructure to integrate facilities or operations between Hampstead Hospital and the replacement facility. The department shall undertake an initiative to consider establishment of a new permanent name for the Youth Development Center.	***funds, with prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court, or federal discretionary funds which may become available, may be utilized to support activities or infrastructure to integrate facilities or operations between Hampstead Hospital and the replacement facility. The department shall undertake an initiative to consider establishment of a new permanent name for the Youth Development Center.***
244 Youth Development Center Claims Administration and Settlement Fund; Attorney's Fees; Periodic Payment. Amend RSA 21-M:11-a, XV to read as follows: XV. The administrator may approve all fees and costs of attorneys who represent claimants in proceedings before the administrator. The administrator shall not approve any request of an attorney for fees or costs which are not reasonable. The administrator shall not approve an attorney's fee in excess of 33.33 percent of the amount of the award. All costs and attorney's fees paid to a claimant's attorney shall be paid from the amount awarded to the claimant. ***Whenever the administrator determines that a claim shall be paid in periodic payments pursuant to subparagraph XII(a), the administrator shall require that any attorney's fee approved under this paragraph be paid in equal installments and over the same number of years as the periodic payment schedule that is applicable to the amount awarded to the claimant. The administrator shall add an interest assessment of 5 percent of the remaining unpaid amount of the fee per annum for each year of repayment, which shall be compounded annually.***	518 Youth Development Center Claims Administration and Settlement Fund; Attorney's Fees; Periodic Payment. Amend RSA 21-M:11-a, XV to read as follows: XV. The administrator may approve all fees and costs of attorneys who represent claimants in proceedings before the administrator. The administrator shall not approve any request of an attorney for fees or costs which are not reasonable. The administrator shall not approve an attorney's fee in excess of 33.33 percent of the amount of the award. All costs and attorney's fees paid to a claimant's attorney shall be paid from the amount awarded to the claimant. ***Whenever the administrator determines that a claim shall be paid in periodic payments pursuant to subparagraph XII(a), the administrator shall require that any attorney's fee approved under this paragraph be paid in equal installments and over the same number of years as the periodic payment schedule that is applicable to the amount awarded to the claimant. The administrator shall add an interest assessment of 5 percent of the remaining unpaid amount of the fee per annum for each year of repayment, which shall be compounded annually.***
245 Youth Development Center Settlement Fund; Appropriations. The sum of $10,000,000 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and $10,000,000 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, is hereby appropriated to the youth development center YDC settlement fund	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 192 Youth Development Center Settlement Fund; Appropriations. The sum of $20,000,000 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, is hereby appropriated to the youth development center settlement fund established in RSA 21-M:11-a, II. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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246 Department of Justice; Approval of Settlement Agreement in Michael Gilpatrick v. N.H. D.H.H.S, et al. Pursuant to RSA 14:35-b, the settlement agreement executed by the department of justice in the case of *Michael Gilpatrick v. N.H. D.H.H.S, et al.*, Docket No. 217-2021-CV-00479, including the payment of $10,000,000 to plaintiff Michael Gilpatrick and all other terms of the settlement agreement dated March 5, 2025, is hereby approved, and the sum of $10,000,000 is hereby appropriated for the purpose of fulfilling the state's obligations under the settlement agreement. The payment of $10,000,000 to plaintiff Michael Gilpatrick shall be made pursuant to the processes established by the department of justice and department of administrative services pursuant to RSA 99-D:2, RSA 541-B, and the terms of the settlement agreement.	193 Department of Justice; Approval of Settlement Agreement in Michael Gilpatrick v. N.H. D.H.H.S, et al. Pursuant to RSA 14:35-b, the settlement agreement executed by the department of justice in the case of *Michael Gilpatrick v. N.H. D.H.H.S, et al.*, Docket No. 217-2021-CV-00479, including the payment of $10,000,000 to plaintiff Michael Gilpatrick and all other terms of the settlement agreement dated March 5, 2025, is hereby approved, and the sum of $10,000,000 is hereby appropriated for the purpose of fulfilling the state's obligations under the settlement agreement. The payment of $10,000,000 to plaintiff Michael Gilpatrick shall be made pursuant to the processes established by the department of justice and department of administrative services pursuant to RSA 99-D:2, RSA 541-B, and the terms of the settlement agreement.
SEE HOUSE SECTION 250	194 The State and Its Government; State Treasurer and State Accounts; Application of Receipts. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b)(103) to read as follows: (103) Moneys deposited in the [~~state art~~] ***granite patron of the arts*** fund under RSA 19-A:9.
SEE HOUSE SECTION 250	195 The State and Its Government; Council on the Arts; State Art Fund; Granite Patron of the Arts Fund. RSA 19-A:9 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows: 19-A:9 Granite Patron of the Arts Fund. I. There is hereby established in the office of the state treasurer a fund to be known as the granite patron of the arts fund, which shall be kept separate and distinct from all other funds and shall be continually appropriated to the division of the arts and the New Hampshire council of the arts. Such fund shall be the depository of all gifts, grants, federal funds, or donations made to the division

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	of the arts or the New Hampshire council of the arts pursuant to RSA 19-A and RSA 12-A:2-K, IV. Implementation expenses, the expenses of the division and council, any employees of the division or council, and operations and initiatives of the division and council shall be paid from such fund. Any moneys in such fund shall not lapse into the general fund of the state. II. The division and the council are authorized to institute programs to solicit and receive any gifts, grants, donations, or to receive federal matching funds made for the encouragement of the arts and to deposit such gifts, grants, or donations in the New Hampshire council on the arts fund under this section. The division and the council shall acknowledge receipt of any gifts, grants, or donations within 15 days of receipt on a form provided by the commissioner of the department of revenue administration.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	196 New Paragraph; Taxation; Business Profits Tax; Credits. Amend RSA 77-A:5 by inserting after paragraph XVI the following new paragraph: XVII. There shall be allowed a granite patron of the arts tax credit, according to the following: (a) The credit shall be the lesser of 50 percent of donations made to the granite patron of the arts fund or the proportional share of the maximum aggregate credit amount allowed. The department of revenue administration shall oversee and administer the granite patron of the arts tax credit, and may make additional rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, concerning the credit under this paragraph. No carry forward of this credit shall be allowed. The maximum credit allowed for all taxpayers shall be $350,000 per fiscal year. (b) Taxpayers shall apply for the tax credit on forms provided by the commissioner and shall be accompanied by information or records required by the commissioner. Such application shall be filed no later than June 30 following the tax year during which the donations occurred. (c) A determination on the final amount of the credit awarded by the commissioner to each taxpayer claiming the credit shall be made no later than September 30 of each year.

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NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	197 New Section; Business Enterprise Tax; Granite Patron of the Arts Credit. Amend RSA 77-E by inserting after section 3-e the following new section: 77-E:3-f Granite Patron of the Arts Credit. The unused portion of any granite patron of the arts tax credit awarded by the commissioner under RSA 77-A:5, XVII, shall be available to apply to the business enterprise tax.
247 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources; Division of Arts; Removed. Amend RSA 12-A:1 to read as follows: 12-A:1 Establishment. There shall be a department of natural and cultural resources under the executive direction of a commissioner of natural and cultural resources, consisting of a division of forests and lands, a division of parks and recreation, a division of libraries,[~~ a division of arts,~~] and a division of historical resources, which shall also be known as the state historic preservation office. The department's purpose shall be to ensure the efficient coordinated function of the [~~5~~] *4* divisions, whereby the interests of protection and responsible management of natural and cultural resources, public enjoyment of state parks and forests, the state library, arts, film and digital media, and historic resources are each held to be of integral importance in the overall functioning of the department. All functions of the former department of cultural resources are hereby transferred, as of July 1, 2017, to the department of natural and cultural resources.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
248 Powers and Duties of Department of Natural and Cultural Resources; State Library and Arts Removed. Amend RSA 12-A:1-c to read as follows: 12-A:1-c Powers and Duties of Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. I. The department of natural and cultural resources shall be responsible for the following general functions: (a) Providing information services to state government. (b) Developing strategies for the conservation, management, and protection of the state's forests and lands and the promotion of the state's parks and recreation resources.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

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(c) Developing and coordinating a statewide library service network. (d) [~~Stimulating and encouraging public interest and participation in the study and presentation of the performing and fine arts.~~ ~~(e)~~] Sponsoring state historic preservation activities. [~~(f) [Repealed.]~~] II. The commissioner shall assign, with the approval of the advisory commission, such duties and functions to the [~~5~~] ***4*** divisions of the department, as in his or her discretion will best effectuate the purposes, powers, and duties set forth in this section and as otherwise provided by statute.	
249 New Hampshire Commission on Native American Affairs Established. Amend RSA 12-A;14-a, II to read as follows: II. The commission shall consist of 15 members who derive from geographically diverse areas of the state and are representative of the diverse groups, organizations, and individuals knowledgeable about Native American history, culture, and affairs as follows: (a) The director or designee of the division of travel and tourism development, department of business and economic affairs. (b) The director or designee of the Native American Program at Dartmouth College. (c) An archaeologist appointed by the director of the division of historical resources. (d) [~~The director or designee of the state council on the arts.~~ ~~(e) Eleven~~] ***Twelve*** members from the public at large, who shall be representatives from the Native American community, appointed by the governor from recommendations prepared by the director of the division of historical resources. All interested individuals shall submit a letter to the director of the division of historical resources stating why they wish to be considered and their qualifications accompanied by 3 letters of recommendation.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
250 Repeal. The following are repealed: I. RSA 19-A, relative to the council on the arts. II. RSA 21-K:6, relative to the division of the arts.	**SEE SENATE SECTIONS 194-195**

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III. RSA 6:12,I(b)(103), relative to the state art fund. IV. RSA 12-A:2-k, IV, relative to the administration of the division of the arts.	
251 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources; Division of Parks and Recreation; Bureau of Trails; Grant-in-Aid. For the biennium ending June 30, 2027, and notwithstanding any provision of law or administrative rule to the contrary, the limitations on percentages of grant-in-aid administered by the department of natural and cultural resources, division of parks and recreation, bureau of trails, for the development and maintenance of OHRV trails on private, municipal, state, or federal lands shall be as follows: I. For the grant period of June 1, 2025, to May 31, 2026: (a) Eighty percent of the cost of renting equipment required to complete a project. (b) Eighty percent of the cost of purchasing trail maintenance equipment. (c) Eighty percent of the cost of reconditioning trail grading equipment. (d) Eighty percent of the cost of operations for summer trail grading. II. For the grant period of June 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027: (a) Eighty percent of the cost of renting equipment required to complete a project. (b) Eighty percent of the cost of purchasing trail maintenance equipment. (c) Eighty percent of the cost of reconditioning trail grading equipment. (d) Eighty percent of the cost of operations for summer trail grading.	198 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources; Division of Parks and Recreation; Bureau of Trails; Grant-in-Aid. For the biennium ending June 30, 2027, and notwithstanding any provision of law or administrative rule to the contrary, the limitations on percentages of grant-in-aid administered by the department of natural and cultural resources, division of parks and recreation, bureau of trails, for the development and maintenance of OHRV trails on private, municipal, state, or federal lands shall be as follows: I. For the grant period of June 1, 2025, to May 31, 2026: (a) Eighty percent of the cost of renting equipment required to complete a project. (b) Eighty percent of the cost of purchasing trail maintenance equipment. (c) Eighty percent of the cost of reconditioning trail grading equipment. (d) Eighty percent of the cost of operations for summer trail grading. II. For the grant period of June 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027: (a) Eighty percent of the cost of renting equipment required to complete a project. (b) Eighty percent of the cost of purchasing trail maintenance equipment. (c) Eighty percent of the cost of reconditioning trail grading equipment. (d) Eighty percent of the cost of operations for summer trail grading.
252 Powers and Duties of the Hampton Beach Commission. Amend the introductory paragraph to RSA 216-J:3 to read as follows: ***Subject to available funds,*** the Hampton Beach area commission shall:	199 Powers and Duties of the Hampton Beach Commission. Amend the introductory paragraph to RSA 216-J:3 to read as follows: ***Subject to available funds,*** the Hampton Beach area commission shall:
253 Hampton Beach Master Plan Fund. Amend RSA 216-J:5 to read as follows: 216-J:5 Hampton Beach Master Plan Fund. There is hereby established in the office of the state treasurer a fund to be known as the Hampton Beach master plan fund which shall be kept separate	200 Hampton Beach Master Plan Fund. Amend RSA 216-J:5 to read as follows: 216-J:5 Hampton Beach Master Plan Fund. There is hereby established in the office of the state treasurer a fund to be known as the Hampton Beach master plan fund which shall be kept separate

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and distinct from all other funds and shall be continually appropriated to the commission. Such fund shall be the depository of all gifts, grants, or donations made to the commission pursuant to RSA 216-J:4. Implementation expenses, the expenses of the commission, its commissioners***,*** [~~and~~] any employees of the commission***, and operations and initiatives of the commission,*** shall be paid from such fund. Any moneys in such fund shall not lapse into the general fund of the state.	and distinct from all other funds and shall be continually appropriated to the commission. Such fund shall be the depository of all gifts, grants, or donations made to the commission pursuant to RSA 216-J:4. Implementation expenses, the expenses of the commission, its commissioners***,*** [~~and~~] any employees of the commission***, and operations and initiatives of the commission,*** shall be paid from such fund. Any moneys in such fund shall not lapse into the general fund of the state.
254 Department of Business and Economic Affairs; Division of Travel and Tourism; Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated to the department of business and economic affairs the sums of $7,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 and $7,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 for deposit into the travel and tourism fund. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
255 Department of Transportation; Rest Areas and Welcome Centers; Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated to the department of business and economic affairs the sum of $2,328,961, of which $2,251,815 shall be general funds, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 for the purpose of funding welcome centers. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for the general fund portion of said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
256 Assistant State Treasurers. Amend RSA 6:28 to read as follows: 6:28 Appointment; Removal. The state treasurer may appoint [~~2~~] assistant state treasurers who shall hold office during good behavior. The governor and council may remove an assistant for cause as they may remove the treasurer.	201 Assistant State Treasurers. Amend RSA 6:28 to read as follows: 6:28 Appointment; Removal. The state treasurer may appoint [~~2~~] assistant state treasurers who shall hold office during good behavior. The governor and council may remove an assistant for cause as they may remove the treasurer.
257 Tax on Meals and Rooms; Disposition of Revenue; Suspension of Deposits Into the Meals and Rooms Municipal Revenue Fund. RSA 78-A:26, III, relative to tax revenue deposited into the meals and rooms municipal revenue fund for distribution to cities, towns and unincorporated places, shall be	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

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suspended for the biennium ending June 30, 2027. The amount of meals and rooms tax deposited into the municipal revenue for distribution to the unincorporated towns, unorganized places, towns, and cities shall be $137,000,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 and $137,000,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 as appropriated in the operating budget for the biennium ending June 30, 2027. These funds shall be distributed based on the methodologies used for the distribution of such funds in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.	
258 Treasury Department; Transfer of Funds. Notwithstanding any provision of RSA 195-H:12 to the contrary, the state treasury shall transfer any uncommitted moneys from the governor's scholarship fund, established in RSA 195-H:12, to the general fund on July 1, 2025.	202 Treasury Department; Transfer of Funds. Notwithstanding any provision of RSA 195-H:12 to the contrary, the state treasury shall transfer any uncommitted moneys from the governor's scholarship fund, established in RSA 195-H:12, to the general fund on July 1, 2025.
259 Salaries Established. Amend RSA 94:1-a, I(b) by deleting the following: HH Office of the child advocate director	**SEE SENATE SECTIONS 203-211 BELOW**
260 Commissioner of Health and Human Services. Amend RSA 126-A:5, XXXIII(a) to read as follows: (a) On or before September 1, 2019, the commissioner shall submit a report on the New Hampshire 10-year mental health plan of 2018 containing the priorities for implementation of the plan to the oversight committee on health and human services, established under RSA 126-A:13, the chairpersons of the house and senate policy committees with jurisdiction over health and human services matters, the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, ***and*** the governor[~~, and the office of the child advocate established in RSA 21-V~~]. The commissioner shall submit a report on or before September 1, 2020 and annually thereafter on the status of the implementation of the 10-year mental health plan including, but not limited to, unmet benchmarks and recommendations for any necessary barrier resolution or necessary adjustments or modifications to the plan to better serve New Hampshire citizens, to the oversight committee on health and human services and the chairpersons of the house and senate policy committees with jurisdiction over health	**SEE SENATE SECTIONS 203-211 BELOW**

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and human services matters. The annual report shall include any recommendations by the commissioner for legislation as needed or appropriate in achieving important benchmarks in fully implementing the 10-year mental health plan.	
261 Notice and Record-Keeping Requirements. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 126-U:7, II to read as follows: II. A facility employee or school employee who uses seclusion or restraint, or if the facility employee or school employee is unavailable, a supervisor of such employee, shall, within 5 business days after the occurrence, submit a written notification, on a form developed by the department of education and department of health and human services[~~, in consultation with the office of the child advocate,~~] containing the following information to the director or his or her designee:	**SEE SENATE SECTIONS 203-211 BELOW**
262 Residential Treatment Programs; Certification Required. Amend RSA 169-F:9, III-V to read as follows: III. The team shall develop a standard operating procedure and form for assessment of the programs to be completed during each in-person visit[~~, in consultation with the office of the child advocate~~]. IV. The department shall assess and certify every in-state and out-of-state program including residential treatment programs and psychiatric residential treatment programs prior to entering into an agreement for payment, and prior to the placement of any child in that facility. To be certified by the department, the program shall demonstrate compliance with staff training and program requirements and offer an appropriate therapeutic milieu and culture centered in trauma-informed care, in accordance with standards adopted by the department[~~, in consultation of the office of the child advocate~~]. V. The department shall make monitoring visits at least twice per year, including at least one unannounced visit, to all facilities where New Hampshire children are currently placed by the state in	**SEE SENATE SECTIONS 203-211 BELOW**

residential treatment. The department shall continue to make annual certification or technical assistance visits to all certified residential placement facilities; if a child is being placed at a residential facility that did not currently have a New Hampshire child placed, the department shall make a visit prior to the placement of that child unless a department visit has occurred within the past 120 days. Clear and comprehensive records shall be maintained by the department on each facility showing the dates and findings of each such visit. Such records shall be available to the facility[~~, and provided to the office of the child advocate~~], as well as included in the paperwork for the certification and/or re-certification process. If the facility is found not to be in compliance with the statute, the rules adopted by the commissioner, or the contract, if applicable, a corrective action plan shall be submitted to the department, and the department shall notify the licensing agency of that facility[~~, and the office of the child advocate~~]. Failure to submit an acceptable plan or a failure to take the necessary corrective actions shall result in the immediate removal of all New Hampshire children from that facility, and/or revocation of the certification.	
263 Foster Care Children's Bill of Rights. Amend RSA 170-G:21, XIV to read as follows: XIV. To be informed of the process for contacting the child protective services worker's supervisor, or other department staff, ***and*** the guardian ad litem[~~, and the office of the child advocate~~].	**SEE SENATE SECTIONS 203-211 BELOW**
264 Claimant Eligibility; Compensation. Amend RSA 21-M:8-h, II to read as follows: II. The claimant, guardian ad litem [~~or child advocate~~], or parent may file a claim for compensation within 2 years of the crime, unless good cause is shown. A claimant who was the victim of sexual abuse or human trafficking under subparagraph I(a)(3), or a guardian ad litem, [~~child advocate,~~] or parent on behalf of such claimant, may file a claim at any time.	**SEE SENATE SECTIONS 203-211 BELOW**
265 Oversight of Children in Care; Department Responsibilities. Amend RSA 169-F:7, II to read as follows:	**SEE SENATE SECTIONS 203-211 BELOW**

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II. The department shall develop[~~, in consultation with the office of child advocate,~~] a standard operating procedure and form for monthly visits with children conducted by the department, pursuant to RSA 169-F:5, I, to be completed during each monthly in-person visit.	
266 Repeal. The following are repealed: I. RSA 21-V, relative to the office of the child advocate. II. RSA 132:41, III(l), relative to child fatality review committee.	**SEE SENATE SECTIONS 203-211 BELOW**
SEE HOUSE SECTIONS 259-266 ABOVE	203 New Paragraph; Use of Word "Child". Amend RSA 21-V:1 by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph: III-a. Any use of the word “child” within the definition of critical incident in this chapter means “child” as defined by RSA 21-V:1, IV.
SEE HOUSE SECTIONS 259-266 ABOVE	204 Child Advocate; Oversight Duties. Amend RSA 21-V:2, II(d)-(e) to read as follows: (d) [~~Examine~~] ***Prioritize examining***, on a system-wide basis, the care and services that agencies provide children, and provide recommendations to improve the quality of those services in order to provide each child the opportunity to live a full and productive life. (e) Advise ***in a non-partisan manner*** the public, governor, commissioners, speaker of the house of representatives, senate president, and oversight commission about how the state may improve its services to and for children and their families.
SEE HOUSE SECTIONS 259-266 ABOVE	205 Child Advocate; Educational Outreach and Advocacy; Partisan Advocacy Prohibited. Amend RSA 21-V:2, VI to read as follows: VI. Perform educational outreach and advocacy initiatives ***in a non-partisan manner,*** in furtherance of the mission and responsibilities of the office.

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SEE HOUSE SECTIONS 259-266 ABOVE	206 New Paragraph; Office of Child Advocate; Investigations. Amend RSA 21-V:2 by inserting after paragraph VIII the following new paragraph: IX. The office of the child advocate may conduct investigations at the request of the governor or the oversight commission.
SEE HOUSE SECTIONS 259-266 ABOVE	207 Child Advocate; Nominations. Amend RSA 21-V:3, II to read as follows: II. The child advocate shall be [~~appointed~~] ***nominated*** by the governor and ***approved by the*** executive council[~~, upon the recommendation of the oversight commission~~].
SEE HOUSE SECTIONS 259-266 ABOVE	208 Child Advocate; Assistant Child Advocate. Amend RSA 21-V:3, IV to read as follows IV. Upon any vacancy in the position of the child advocate, and until such time as a candidate has been appointed by the governor and council, [~~the associate~~] ***an assistant*** child advocate shall serve as the acting child advocate and be entitled to the compensation, privileges, and powers of the child advocate.
SEE HOUSE SECTIONS 259-266 ABOVE	209 Child Advocate; Travel Expenditures. Amend RSA 21-V:3, VII to read as follows: VII. The child advocate [~~shall appoint an associate child advocate, and~~] may, subject to appropriation, appoint such other personnel as the child advocate deems necessary for the efficient management of the office. The duties of these personnel shall be performed under and by the advice and direction of the child advocate. ***Out-of-state travel expenditures, except travel ensuring children are receiving appropriate services to meet their needs, shall be subject to approval by the joint legislative fiscal committee.***
SEE HOUSE SECTIONS 259-266 ABOVE	210 Office of the Child Advocate, Access to Information and Facilities. Amend RSA 21-V:4 to read as follows: 21-V:4 Access to Information and Facilities.

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	I. The office shall have access to the following information***, for children who are or have been involved with the division for children, youth, and families or who are receiving services in a residential treatment facility licensed by the state***: (a) All case records, all third party records, including the healthcare records of any child receiving services from an executive agency, and all records submitted to the courts. (b) Executive agencies' policies and procedures, including draft policies and procedures. (c) Executive agencies' records or reports, including draft records and reports. (d) Autopsy reports from the chief medical examiner, which shall be provided in a timely manner upon the request of the child advocate. II. The office shall be entitled to prompt electronic access to division records within the scope of its mission. III. The office, in performance of its duties under this chapter, may communicate privately with any child or person who has received, is receiving, or should have received services from the state. Such communications shall be confidential and not be subject to disclosure except as provided in RSA 21-V:5. ***IV. The office may have access to the records of other children when such records are directly relevant to the review of a case involving a child within the office's jurisdiction, as allowable by state and federal law.***
SEE HOUSE SECTIONS 259-266 ABOVE	211 Office of the Child Advocate; Funding Authorization. The office of child advocate may request, with prior approval of the fiscal committee, that the governor and council authorize additional funding for staffing costs. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.
267 Liquor Commission; Division of Enforcement and Licensing Renamed Division of Licensing. Amend RSA 176:8 to read as follows:	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

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176:8 Divisions and Directors. The commission shall have 3 divisions under the direction of unclassified division directors. The directors shall be nominated by the commissioner for appointment by the governor with the consent of the council and shall serve for terms of 4 years dependent upon maintaining good behavior and competence. There shall be a division of marketing, merchandising, and warehousing, a division of administration, and a division of [~~enforcement and~~] licensing. The director of the division of [~~enforcement and~~] licensing shall be subject to a background check by the state police prior to appointment.	
268 Liquor Commission; Liquor Investigator Renamed Liquor Specialist. Amend RSA 176:9 to read as follows: 176:9 Liquor [~~Investigator~~] ***License Specialists***; Training. I. The commission may, subject to rules adopted by the director of personnel, employ and dismiss liquor [~~investigators~~] ***license specialists***. Liquor [~~investigators~~] ***license specialists*** shall, under the direction of the commission, investigate any or all matters arising under this title. II.[~~Any new liquor investigator employed by the commission under this section after August 13, 1985, shall, within 6 months of employment, satisfactorily complete a preparatory police training program as provided by RSA 106-L:6, unless he or she has already completed such a program.~~ ~~III.~~] The commissioner, deputy commissioner, assistant, or liquor [~~investigator~~] ***license specialist,*** may enter any place where liquor, beverages, tobacco products, e-cigarettes are sold or manufactured, [~~at any time~~] ***only during business hours***, and may examine any license or permit issued or purported to have been issued under the terms of this title. They shall make complaints for violations of this title.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

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269 Closing of State Stores; Enforcement and Licensing Division Renamed. Amend RSA 177:2, II to read as follows: II. In order to properly reflect the operating expenses of each state store, the commission shall prepare annually an indirect cost allocation plan for all indirect operating expenses of the commission. All such expenses of the commission, with the exception of the [~~enforcement and~~] licensing division operating expenses, shall be included in the plan and allocated to all state stores on a consistent, rational basis. No later than 30 days following the closure of any state liquor store, the commission shall submit a revised indirect cost allocation plan to the fiscal committee of the general court and the governor and council for approval.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
270 Liquor/Wine/Beverage Warehouse License; Division of Enforcement and Licensing Renamed. Amend RSA 178:11, V to read as follows: V. Liquor/wine/beverage warehousers shall submit a monthly report both to the liquor commission [~~enforcement~~] and licensing division and the marketing, merchandising, and warehousing division of the commission by the fifteenth day of the following month indicating the quantity, type, size, and brands of all product received, stored, or shipped on their premises.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
271 On-Premises Cocktail Lounge Licenses; Enforcement and Licensing Division Renamed. Amend RSA 178:22,V(h)(12) to read as follows: (12) Violations of subparagraph ***(h)***(11) of this subparagraph shall be investigated by the [~~enforcement~~] ***licensing*** division of the liquor commission and directed to the department of justice for examination of issues unrelated to this title.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

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272 Fees; Expiration Dates; Enforcement and Licensing Division Renamed. Amend RSA 178:29, VIII(b) to read as follows: (b) After one year, a licensee may select the anniversary month in which to renew a license. A licensee may change the anniversary renewal month of a license once by making a written request to the director of [~~enforcement and~~] licensing. A licensee who changes the anniversary renewal month of a license shall not change the anniversary renewal month for a period of 3 years from the selected month. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to be contrary to the provisions of RSA 178:3 or commission rules.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
273 Transportation of Beverages and Wine; Liquor Investigators Renamed. Amend RSA 179:15, V to read as follows: V. Every person operating such a vehicle, when engaged in such transportation or delivery, shall carry a copy of the license in the vehicle so operated, and shall carry such evidence as the commission by rule may prescribe showing the origin and destination of the beverages and wines being transported or delivered. Upon demand of any [~~law enforcement officer, investigator,~~] ***liquor license specialist*** or employee of the commission, the person operating such vehicle shall produce for inspection a copy of the license and the evidence required by this section. Failure to produce such license or evidence shall constitute prima facie evidence of unlawful transportation. Except as otherwise provided, beverages and wines may be transported within the state only by a railroad or steamboat corporation or by a person regularly and lawfully conducting a general express or trucking business, and in each case holding a valid carrier's license issued by the commission. Nothing in this section shall prohibit individual retail licensees from arranging for the delivery of wine products to a location central for the parties involved.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

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274 Retention of Invoices and Sale and Delivery Slips; Liquor Investigators Renamed. Amend RSA 179:35 to read as follows: 179:35 Retention of Invoices and Sale and Delivery Slips. All invoices, sales slips and delivery slips, current and covering a period of 60 days prior to the current date pertaining to purchases of beverages and liquor shall be retained by the licensee on the premises or be readily available for examination by the commission or its liquor [~~investigators~~] ***license specialists***.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
275 Prosecutions; Liquor; January 1, 2026. RSA 179:59 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows: 179:59 Prosecutions. The commission shall appoint liquor license specialists whose primary function shall be the proper prosecution of this title. The liquor license specialists shall have statewide jurisdiction, with reference to enforcement of all laws either in cooperation with, or independently of, the officers of any county or town. The commission shall have the primary responsibility for the enforcement of all liquor and beverage laws upon premises where liquor and beverages are lawfully sold, stored, distributed, or manufactured. Any person violating the provisions of any law may be prosecuted by the commission or any of its investigators as provided in this section, or by county or city attorneys, or by sheriffs or their deputies, or by police officials of towns.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
276 Interference with Liquor Investigators; Renamed Liquor License Specialists. Amend RSA 179:60 to read as follows: 179:60 Interference With Liquor [~~Investigators~~] ***License Specialists***. It shall be unlawful to [~~resist or attempt to resist arrest by a liquor investigator, or to~~] obstruct[~~,~~] or to intimidate or interfere with a liquor [~~investigator~~] ***license specialist*** in the performance of [~~his~~] ***their*** duty. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

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277 Enforcement and Licensing Renamed. Amend RSA 21-J:14, V(d)(9) to read as follows: (9) An officer or employee of the division of enforcement of the liquor commission, pursuant to an agreement for exchange of information between the department and the division of [~~enforcement~~] ***licensing***, for the purposes of, and only to the extent necessary for, the administration and enforcement of RSA 78:16. Officers or employees of the division of [~~enforcement~~] ***licensing*** having any confidential and privileged department information obtained from the department pursuant to the exchange agreement authorized under this subparagraph shall be subject to the provisions of this section.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
278 Enforcement and Licensing Division Renamed. Amend RSA 179:13, V to read as follows: V. Each wholesale distributor, brew pub licensee, or beverage manufacturer shall notify any retailer reported to the commission pursuant to RSA 179:13, I who is delinquent in making payment of accounts. Notification shall be delivered in writing to the licensee by a representative of the wholesaler, brew pub licensee, or beverage manufacturer. Proof of notification shall be forwarded to the commission, whose [~~enforcement~~] ***licensing*** division shall issue an administrative notice for a violation of the provisions of RSA 179:13, I and shall forward a report of violation for administrative action. Any license issued to any business violating the provisions of RSA 179:13, I may be suspended by the commission for nonpayment of accounts which are delinquent more than 15 days from the date of the wholesale distributor's, brew pub licensee's, or beverage manufacturer's notification, providing the requirements of this section have been met.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
279 Effective Date. Section 275 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2026.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
280 Magistrates; Permitted to Continue Duties. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, any magistrate appointed to that position before January 31, 2025 pursuant to RSA 491-B:1 as that law existed on January 31, 2025, may continue to exercise the duties of the magistrate, as provided by RSA	212 Magistrates; Permitted to Continue Duties. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, any magistrate appointed to that position before January 31, 2025, pursuant to RSA 491-B:1 as that law existed on January 31, 2025, may continue to exercise the duties of the magistrate, as provided by RSA

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491-B:2 as that law existed on January 31, 2025, except no magistrate shall conduct bail hearings or make bail determinations. Any magistrate so appointed may continue to exercise those duties until the end of any term commenced before January 31, 2025, or the end of their employment with the judicial branch, whichever is earlier, but in no event later than January 1, 2030.	491-B:2 as that law existed on January 31, 2025, except no magistrate shall conduct bail hearings or make bail determinations. Any magistrate so appointed may continue to exercise those duties until the end of any term commenced before January 31, 2025, or the end of their employment with the judicial branch, whichever is earlier, but in no event later than January 1, 2030.
281 Effective Date. Section 280 of this act shall take effect September 21, 2025 at 12:01 a.m.	213 Effective Date. Section 212 of this act shall take effect September 21, 2025, at 12:01 a.m.
282 RSA 491:7-a is repealed and reenacted to read as follows: 491:7-a Commercial Court Docket. I. Without limiting the jurisdiction vested in any court in the state, the supreme court may establish by court order not inconsistent with this section, a commercial court docket in the superior court which shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine disputes identified in paragraph II. II. The court shall have jurisdiction to hear: (a) Commercial disputes when: (1) The parties have consented to the jurisdiction of the commercial court docket by agreement or stipulation; (2) At least one party is a "business entity," which means a corporation, a statutory trust, a business trust or association, a real estate investment trust, a common law trust, any other unincorporated business, including a partnership, whether a general or a limited liability partnership, or limited partnership, including a limited liability limited partnership, a limited liability company, a professional association, or a joint venture; (3) No party is a consumer, which means an individual who purchases or leases merchandise primarily for personal, family, or household purposes; (4) If money damages are sought, the amount in controversy exceeds $50,000 or such other greater amount as the supreme court determines by rule; and	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

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(5) The principal claim or claims arise from or involve one or more of the following: (A) Claims arising from breach of contract or fiduciary duties, fraud, misrepresentation, business tort, or statutory violations arising out of business dealings or transactions. (B) Claims arising from transactions under the Uniform Commercial Code. (C) Claims arising from the purchase, sale, and lease of commercial real or personal property or security interests therein. (D) Claims related to surety bonds. (E) Franchisee/franchisor relationships and liabilities. (F) Malpractice claims of non-medical professionals in connection with rendering services to a business enterprise. (G) Real estate title petitions. (H) Shareholder derivative actions. (I) Commercial class actions. (J) Commercial bank transactions. (K) Actions relating to the internal affairs or governance; dissolution or liquidation rights obligations between and among owners, including shareholders, partners, or members; or liability or indemnity of managers, including officers, directors, managers, trustees, or members or partners functioning as managers, of corporations, partnerships, limited partnerships, limited liability companies or partnerships, professional associations, business trusts, joint ventures, or other business enterprises. (L) Business insolvencies and receiverships. (M) Other complex disputes of a business or commercial nature. (b) Appeals from decisions of local land use boards, including, but not limited to decisions of municipal planning boards, zoning boards, historic district commissions, and conservation commissions. All appeals to superior court filed pursuant to RSA 677 and all proceedings for such	

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appeals, shall be assigned to the commercial court docket. The jurisdiction of this docket shall not include appeals of decisions by state agencies. III. The court shall have the jurisdiction to hear all proceedings of any case for which it has jurisdiction, including motion practice, discovery, injunctive relief, alternative dispute resolution, and hearing on the merits with or without a jury. IV. For any case heard pursuant to subparagraph II(b), the court shall hold a structuring conference within 30 days of its receipt of the notice of appeal. At the structuring conference the court shall set a deadline for the filing with the court of the certified record and shall schedule a hearing on the merits to be held within 60 days of receipt of the certified record. The court shall issue a decision on the merits within 60 days of the hearing. The court may extend any of the deadlines established in this paragraph upon agreement of the parties or for other good cause shown, but if the extension is based upon good cause, the court shall articulate in its order granting the extension the specific facts and circumstances that warrant the extension. V. The presiding justice of the former business and commercial dispute docket and the presiding justice of the former land use review docket shall continue their respective appointments as justices of the commercial court docket. The chief justice of the superior court may designate such additional justices to preside over commercial court docket cases, as necessary, based upon caseload, disqualification of the presiding justice, or efficient allocation of judicial resources. VI. The justices of the commercial court docket shall be associate justices of the superior court and shall be entitled to the compensation and benefits provided to all such justices under applicable law, including, but not limited to, RSA 491-A:1 and RSA 100-C. VII. The workload of the justices of the commercial court docket shall be the matters before that docket. The justices may be assigned to any other matter within the jurisdiction of the superior court or sit by designation on any other court in the same manner as any other associate justice of the superior court, as determined to be necessary by the chief justices of the superior and supreme court.	

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283 Superior Court; Justices. Amend RSA 491:1 to read as follows: 491:1 Justices. The superior court shall consist of a chief justice, appointed by the governor and council to a 5-year term, and [~~22~~] ***24*** associate justices. Said justices shall be appointed and commissioned as prescribed by the constitution and shall exercise the powers of the court unless otherwise provided. The chief justice shall be appointed from among the associate justices. In the event that the chief justice resigns as chief justice or is not reappointed at the expiration of the 5-year term, he or she may return to the position of associate justice, whether or not an associate justice vacancy then exists.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
284 Repeal. RSA 491:7-b, relative to land use review docket, is repealed.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
285 Chapter Name Change. The chapter name preceding RSA 354-A is repealed and reenacted to read as follows: LAWS AGAINST DISCRIMINATION	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
286 Title and Purpose of Chapter. Amend RSA 354-A:1 to read as follows: 354-A:1 Title and Purposes of Chapter. This chapter shall be known as the "Law Against Discrimination." It shall be deemed an exercise of the police power of the state for the protection of the public welfare, health and peace of the people of this state, and in fulfillment of the provisions of the constitution of this state concerning civil rights. The general court hereby finds and declares that practices of discrimination against any of its inhabitants because of age, sex, gender identity, race, creed, color, marital status, familial status, physical or mental disability or national origin are a matter of state concern, that such discrimination not only threatens the rights and proper privileges of its inhabitants but menaces the institutions and foundation of a free democratic state and threatens the peace, order, health, safety and general welfare of the state and its inhabitants. [~~A state agency is hereby created with power to eliminate and prevent discrimination in employment, in places of public~~	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

~~accommodation and in housing accommodations because of age, sex, gender identity, race, creed, color, marital status, familial status, physical or mental disability or national origin as herein provided; and the commission established hereunder is hereby given general jurisdiction and power for such purposes.~~] In addition, the ***state departments and*** agencies [~~and councils so created~~] shall exercise their authority to assure that no person be discriminated against on account of sexual orientation.	
287 Definitions; Employer. Amend RSA 354-A:2, VII to read as follows: VII. "Employer" does not include any employer with fewer than 6 persons in its employ, an exclusively social club, or a fraternal or religious association or corporation, if such club, association, or corporation is not organized for private profit, as evidenced by declarations filed with the Internal Revenue Service or for those not recognized by the Internal Revenue Service, those organizations recognized by the New Hampshire secretary of state. Entities claiming to be religious organizations, including religious educational entities, may file a good faith declaration with the [~~human rights commission~~] ***department of justice*** that the organization is an organization affiliated with, or its operations are in accordance with the doctrine and teaching of a recognized and organized religion to provide evidence of their religious status. "Employer" shall include the state and all political subdivisions, boards, departments, and commissions thereof.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
288 Fair Housing; Exemptions. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 354-A:15, VIII(a)(3)(C) to read as follows: (C) The housing facility or community complies with rules [~~adopted by the commission~~] for verification of occupancy, which shall:	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
289 Complaints; Pending Cases. RSA 354-A:21 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows: 354-A:21 Complaints; Pending Cases.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

I. Any person claiming to be aggrieved by a discriminatory practice prohibited by this chapter may initiate a civil action for legal or equitable relief by filing a complaint with the superior court. II. For any case pending before the state commission for human rights as of the effective date of this section, the person who initiated such case may refile the case in the superior court. Any filing fee normally charged shall be waived. Any applicable statute of limitations shall be considered tolled for the duration of the time that the case was pending before the commission for human rights.	
290 Posting of Notices. Amend RSA 354-A:23 to read as follows: 354-A:23 Posting of Commission Notices. Every person, employer, employment agency, labor union, real estate agency and rental office subject to this chapter shall post in a conspicuous place or places on his premises a notice to be prepared or approved by the ***department of justice*** [~~commission~~], which shall set forth excerpts of this chapter and such other relevant information which the [~~commission~~] ***department of justice*** deems necessary to explain the chapter. Any employer, employment agency, real estate agency, rental office or labor union refusing to comply with the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a violation if a natural person, or guilty of a misdemeanor if any other person.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
291 Construction. Amend RSA 354-A:25 to read as follows: 354-A:25 Construction. No provision of this chapter shall be deemed to supersede any other provision of law for the protection of minors or for the regulation of the employment of minors. The provisions of this chapter shall be construed liberally for the accomplishment of the purposes thereof. Nothing contained in this chapter shall be deemed to repeal any of the provisions of the civil rights law or any other law of this state relating to discrimination because of age, sex, gender identity, race, creed, color, marital status, physical or mental disability or national origin[~~; but, as to acts declared unlawful by this chapter the procedure provided in this chapter shall, while pending, be exclusive and the final determination therein shall exclude any other action, civil or criminal, based on the same~~	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

~~grievance of the individual concerned. If such individual institutes any action based on such grievance without resorting to the procedure provided in this chapter, such person may not subsequently resort to the procedure in this chapter, provided, however, that nothing in this section shall prevent any individual from applying for or receiving unemployment compensation while the procedure provided for in this chapter is pending or after the procedure provided in this chapter has been concluded. This section shall not prevent the commission for human rights from investigating and acting upon a complaint of discrimination when the complainant has also filed a claim for unemployment compensation in which the issue of illegal discrimination is raised~~].	
292 Procedure on Public School Complaints. Amend RSA 354-A:28 to read as follows: 354-A:28 Procedure on Public School Complaints. I. Any person claiming to be aggrieved by a discriminatory practice prohibited under RSA 354-A:27 may initiate a civil action in superior court against a school or school district for legal or equitable relief[~~, or file a complaint with the commission as provided in RSA 354-A:21~~]. The attorney general may also initiate such a civil action in superior court [~~or by complaint with the commission.~~ ~~II. Any complaint filed with the commission pursuant to paragraph I shall comply with and be subject to the procedures outlined in this chapter, with the exception that such complaints may be removed to superior court at any time in compliance with RSA 508:4~~].	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
293 Change of School or Assignment. Amend RSA 193:3, IV(d) to read as follows: (d) The decision by a school district or a public academy to deny enrollment of a non-resident pupil shall not be based, in whole or in part, on whether such pupil is a child with a disability as defined in RSA 186-C:2, I, or a child that requires an accommodation under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. If a parent or guardian believes the denial was based upon the child's disability, such parent may appeal the decision to the state board of education consistent with the provisions of	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

RSA 21-N:11, III or file a complaint with the [~~state commission for human rights under RSA 354-A:28~~] ***superior court***. The decision of a parent to enroll a child in a chartered public school shall not be subject to the provisions of this section.	
294 Discrimination in Public Schools. Amend RSA 193:38 to read as follows: 193:38 Discrimination in Public Schools. No person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in public schools because of their age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, color, marital status, familial status, disability, religion, or national origin, all as defined in RSA 354-A. Any person claiming to be aggrieved by a discriminatory practice prohibited under this section, including the attorney general, may initiate a civil action against a school or school district in superior court for legal or equitable relief[~~, or with the New Hampshire commission for human rights, as provided in RSA 354-A:27 28~~]. In this section, "race" means immutable traits associated with race, including hair texture and protective hairstyles and "protective hairstyles" means hairstyles or hair type, including braids, locs, tight coils or curls, cornrows, Bantu knots, Afros, twists, and headwraps.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
295 Prohibition on Teaching Discrimination. Amend RSA 193:40, III to read as follows: III. Any person claiming to be aggrieved by a violation of this section, including the attorney general, may initiate a civil action against a school or school district in superior court for legal or equitable relief[~~, or with the New Hampshire commission for human rights as provided in RSA 354-A:34~~].	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
296 Discrimination Based on Protective Hairstyles. Amend RSA 275:37-e to read as follows: 275:37-e Discrimination Based on Protective Hairstyle. No person shall be subjected to discrimination in employment because he or she wears a protective hairstyle. In this section, "protective hairstyles" means hairstyles or hair type, including braids, locs, tight coils or curls, corn	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

rows, Bantu knots, Afros, twists, and head wraps. A person subjected to discrimination based on wearing a protective hairstyle shall have a private cause of action [~~and shall be exempt from the jurisdiction of the human rights commission and the provisions of RSA 354-A~~]. This section shall not apply to those employed by the department of corrections.	
297 Repeal. The following are repealed: I. RSA 354-A:2, II, relative to definition of commission. II. RSA 354-A:3, relative to state commission for human rights. III. RSA 354-A:4, relative to general powers and duties of the chair. IV. RSA 354-A:5, relative to general powers and duties of the commission. V. RSA 354-A:9, X and XI, relative to the definitions of conciliation and conciliation agreement. VI. RSA 354-A:11, VII through IX regarding authority and responsibilities of the commission. VII. RSA 354-A:18-a, relative to exemptions for protective hairstyles. VIII. RSA 354-A:21-a, relative to choice of forum. IX. RSA 354-A:22, relative to judicial review and enforcement. X. RSA 354-A:24, relative to criminal penalty.	**SEE SENATE SECTIONS 402-411**
298 Housing Appeals Board; Positions Eliminated. Amend RSA 94:1-a, I(b) to remove the following positions from the subparagraph: DD Housing appeals board member DD Housing appeals board chair	**SEE SENATE SECTIONS 363-368 BELOW**
299 Repeal. RSA 679, relative to the housing appeals board, is repealed.	**SEE SENATE SECTIONS 363-368 BELOW**

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300 Applicability. Upon the passage of this act, the housing appeals board shall cease to accept any new cases or cases eligible to be transferred before the board. The board shall cease and desist any and all activities within 60 days following the passage of this act.	**SEE SENATE SECTIONS 363-368 BELOW**
SEE HOUSE SECTIONS 298-300 ABOVE	363 Board Established. Amend RSA 679:1 to read as follows: 679:1 Board Established. There is hereby established a housing appeals board, hereinafter referred to as the board, which shall be composed of [~~3~~] ***2*** members who shall individually and collectively be learned and experienced in questions of land use law or housing development or both. At least one member shall be an attorney licensed to practice law in the state of New Hampshire, and [~~at least one member~~] ***the other*** shall be either a professional engineer or land surveyor. The members of the board shall be full-time employees and shall not engage in any other employment, appointments, or duties during their terms that is in conflict with their duties as members of the board.
SEE HOUSE SECTIONS 298-300 ABOVE	364 New Section; Administrative Attachment. Amend RSA 679 by inserting after section 1 the following new section: 679:1-a Housing Appeals Board; Administrative Attachment. The housing appeals board shall be administratively attached to the board of tax and land appeals for budgetary and administrative purposes, in accordance with RSA 21-G:10. Staff for each board may provide support for either board, as is deemed necessary by each board.
SEE HOUSE SECTIONS 298-300 ABOVE	365 Appointment; Term; Chair. RSA 679:2 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows: 679:2 Appointment; Term; Chair. The members of the housing appeals board shall serve at the pleasure of the governor and council, rather than fixed terms. The governor and council shall appoint board members and designate one member as chair, who shall serve in that capacity at the discretion of the appointing authority.

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SEE HOUSE SECTIONS 298-300 ABOVE	366 New Section; Tie Vote; Resolution. Amend RSA 679 by inserting after section 9 the following new section: 679:9-a Tie Vote; Resolution. In the event of a tie vote between the 2 members of the housing appeals board, a third, temporary voting member shall be selected from among the sitting members of the board of tax and land appeals, who shall cast the deciding vote on the matter. The selection shall be made in rotation among available members of the board of tax and land appeals.
SEE HOUSE SECTIONS 298-300 ABOVE	367 Board of Tax and Land Appeals; Membership. Amend RSA 71-B:2 to read as follows: 71-B:2 Appointment; Term; Chairman. [~~The members of the board shall be appointed by the governor and executive council for a term of 5 years and until their successors are appointed and qualified; provided, however, that any vacancy on the board shall be filled for the unexpired term.~~] ***The members of the board shall serve at the pleasure of the governor and council, rather than fixed terms.*** The governor and council shall appoint one member as chairman to serve in that capacity for the duration of his or her term. The executive council shall hold a hearing prior to confirmation according to the procedures under RSA 4:44.
SEE HOUSE SECTIONS 298-300 ABOVE	368 Board of Tax and Land Appeals; Quorum. Amend RSA 71-B:6, I to read as follows: I. In all matters except in hearings and decisions relating to all taxation and eminent domain matters, a majority of the board shall constitute a quorum to transact business. In hearings and decisions in all taxation and eminent domain appeals, the board may sit with a quorum of 2; provided, however, that if the 2 members cannot reach a consensus on the decision, a third member shall review the record and participate in the decision, and the decision of the majority of the 3 shall constitute the board's decision. ***The third member may be a temporary voting member selected from among the sitting members of the housing appeals board, with the selection of the member being be made in rotation among available members of the housing appeals board.***

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301 Repeal. The following are repealed: I. RSA 21-I:108, II, relative to outreach and marketing of the Granite state paid family leave plan. II. RSA 282-B:6, II relative to outreach and marketing of the Granite state paid family leave plan.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
302 New Chapter; Office of State and Public Sector Labor Relations. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 273-D the following new chapter: CHAPTER 273-E OFFICE OF STATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR LABOR RELATIONS 273-E:1 Definitions. In this chapter: I. "Office" means the office of state and public sector labor relations created by RSA 273-E:2. II. "Public employee labor relations board" means the board created by RSA 273-A:2. III. "Personnel appeals board" means the board created by RSA 273-D:1, I. IV. "Right to know ombudsman" means the position created by RSA 91-A:7-a. 273-E:2 The Office. I. There is hereby created an office of state and public sector labor relations consisting of the public employee labor relations board, the personnel appeals board, and the right to know ombudsman. The purpose of the office is to consolidate the physical location of the public employee labor relations board, the personnel appeals board, and the right to know ombudsman and to have the public employee labor relations board provide administrative support to the personnel appeals board and the right to know ombudsman. II. The public employee labor relations board shall be responsible for the operations of the office and shall provide the personnel appeals board and the right to know ombudsman with use of its hearing room for the conduct of official business. The public employee labor relations board shall also	214 New Chapter; Office of State and Public Sector Labor Relations. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 273-D the following new chapter: CHAPTER 273-E OFFICE OF STATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR LABOR RELATIONS 273-E:1 Definitions. In this chapter: I. "Office" means the office of state and public sector labor relations created by RSA 273-E:2. II. "Public employee labor relations board" means the board created by RSA 273-A:2. III. "Personnel appeals board" means the board created by RSA 273-D:1, I. IV. "Right to know ombudsman" means the position created by RSA 91-A:7-a. 273-E:2 The Office. I. There is hereby created an office of state and public sector labor relations consisting of the public employee labor relations board, the personnel appeals board, and the right to know ombudsman. The purpose of the office is to consolidate the physical location of the public employee labor relations board, the personnel appeals board, and the right to know ombudsman and to have the public employee labor relations board provide administrative support to the personnel appeals board and the right to know ombudsman. II. The public employee labor relations board shall be responsible for the operations of the office and shall provide the personnel appeals board and the right to know ombudsman with use of its hearing room for the conduct of official business. The public employee labor relations board shall also

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provide administrative support and workspace to the personnel appeals board and the right to know ombudsman to the extent of their respective budgets, the public employee labor relation board's available staff, and its other resources. III. The public employee labor relations board, the right to know ombudsman, and the personnel appeals board shall have separate budgets organized under category 2 "Administration of Justice and Public PRTN" and department "Office of State and Public Sector Labor Relations." IV. The public employee labor relations board shall continue to independently exercise the jurisdiction conferred upon it pursuant to RSA 273-A. The New Hampshire administrative rules Pub 100-300 shall remain in full force and effect. V. The personnel appeals board shall continue to independently exercise the jurisdiction conferred upon it pursuant to RSA 273-D. The New Hampshire administrative rules Per 100-200 shall remain in full force and effect. VI. The right to know ombudsman shall continue to independently exercise the jurisdiction conferred upon it pursuant to RSA 91-A:7-a. The New Hampshire administrative rules Rko 100-300 shall remain in full force and effect.	provide administrative support and workspace to the personnel appeals board and the right to know ombudsman to the extent of their respective budgets, the public employee labor relation board's available staff, and its other resources. III. The public employee labor relations board, the right to know ombudsman, and the personnel appeals board shall have separate budgets organized under category 2 "Administration of Justice and Public PRTN" and department "Office of State and Public Sector Labor Relations." IV. The public employee labor relations board shall continue to independently exercise the jurisdiction conferred upon it pursuant to RSA 273-A. The New Hampshire administrative rules Pub 100-300 shall remain in full force and effect. V. The personnel appeals board shall continue to independently exercise the jurisdiction conferred upon it pursuant to RSA 273-D. The New Hampshire administrative rules Per 100-200 shall remain in full force and effect. VI. The right to know ombudsman shall continue to independently exercise the jurisdiction conferred upon it pursuant to RSA 91-A:7-a. The New Hampshire administrative rules Rko 100-300 shall remain in full force and effect.
303 Definitions; Public Employee Labor Relations; Per Diem. Amend RSA 273-A:2, VII to read as follows: VII. The members of the public employee labor relations board shall be paid [~~$50~~] ***$250*** a day and their necessary expenses while actually engaged in the performance of their duties.	215 Definitions; Public Employee Labor Relations; Per Diem. Amend RSA 273-A:2, VII to read as follows: VII. The members of the public employee labor relations board shall be paid [~~$50~~] ***$250*** a day and their necessary expenses while actually engaged in the performance of their duties.
304 Office of Right-to-Know Ombudsman. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 91-A:7-a to read as follows: There is hereby established the office of the right-to-know ombudsman to be administratively attached to the [~~department of state under RSA 21-G:10~~] ***office of state and public sector labor relations under RSA 273-E. The right-to-know ombudsman shall be paid a stipend of $200***	216 Office of Right-to-Know Ombudsman. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 91-A:7-a to read as follows: There is hereby established the office of the right-to-know ombudsman to be administratively attached to the [~~department of state under RSA 21-G:10~~] ***office of state and public sector labor relations under RSA 273-E. The right-to-know ombudsman shall be paid a stipend of $200***

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in each biweekly state payroll cycle for such work performed outside of scheduled sessions. The right-to-know ombudsman shall also be paid $400 for each day devoted to the work of the office and shall be reimbursed for travel, professional development, and other business-related expenses. The right-to-know ombudsman shall be paid $50 per hour for time spent on the drafting of final decisions. The ombudsman shall be appointed by the governor and council and shall have the following minimum qualifications:	***in each biweekly state payroll cycle for such work performed outside of scheduled sessions. The right-to-know ombudsman shall also be paid $400 for each day devoted to the work of the office and shall be reimbursed for travel, professional development, and other business-related expenses. The right-to-know ombudsman shall be paid $50 per hour for time spent on the drafting of final decisions.*** The ombudsman shall be appointed by the governor and council and shall have the following minimum qualifications:
305 Repeal. The following are repealed: I. 2022, 250:5, relative to the right-to-know ombudsman. II. 2022, 250:6, relative to repealing certain provisions relative to the right-to-know ombudsman. III. 2022, 250:7, relative to the effective date of the repeal of certain provisions of the right to know ombudsman.	217 Repeal. The following are repealed: I. 2022, 250:5, relative to the right-to-know ombudsman. II. 2022, 250:6, relative to repealing certain provisions relative to the right-to-know ombudsman. III. 2022, 250:7, relative to the effective date of the repeal of certain provisions of the right to know ombudsman.
306 Effective Date. Section 305 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2025.	218 Effective Date. Section 217 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2025.
307 New Subparagraph; Termination of Tenancy; Expiration of Term. Amend RSA 540:2, II by inserting after subparagraph (h) the following new subparagraph: (i) For a lease or tenancy with an original term of 6 months or longer, or for a lease or tenancy with a term of less than 6 months that has been renewed to a total period of 6 months or longer, the lease or tenancy shall expire, provided that the landlord has given the tenant written notice at least 60 days before the termination date of the lease term, stating that the lease will not be renewed and the tenant must vacate the rental property at the end of the lease term.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
308 Effective Date. Section 307 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2026.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

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309 Public Health; Use of Cannabis for Therapeutic Purposes; Definitions; Alternative Treatment Center. Amend RSA 126-X:1, I to read as follows: I. "Alternative treatment center" means a ***domestic business corporation organized under RSA 293-A, a domestic limited liability company organized under RSA 304-C, or a*** not-for-profit [~~entity~~] ***voluntary corporation organized under RSA 292 that is*** registered under RSA 126-X:7 ***and*** that acquires, possesses, cultivates, manufactures, delivers, transfers, transports, sells, supplies, and dispenses cannabis, and related supplies and educational materials, to qualifying patients, designated caregivers, other alternative treatment centers, and visiting qualifying patients.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
310 Public Health; Use of Cannabis for Therapeutic Purposes; Departmental Administration; Alternative Treatment Centers; Application Form. Amend RSA 126-X:7, IV(a)(4) to read as follows: (4) The name, address, and date of birth of each principal officer and board member of the alternative treatment center. The board of directors ***or board of managers, as applicable,*** for the [~~nonprofit~~] ***alternative treatment center*** shall include at least one physician, advance practice registered nurse, or pharmacist licensed to practice in New Hampshire and at least one patient qualified to register as a qualifying patient. The majority of board members ***or managers, as applicable,*** shall be New Hampshire residents. A medical professional listed in this subparagraph may be a member of the alternative treatment center board ***of directors or managers, as applicable,*** but shall not maintain an ownership interest in the center.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
311 Public Health; Use of Cannabis for Therapeutic Purposes; Alternative Treatment Centers; Requirements. Amend RSA 126-X:8, I to read as follows: I. An alternative treatment center [~~shall~~] ***may*** be operated on a ***for-profit or*** not-for-profit basis for the benefit of its patients. An alternative treatment center need not be recognized as a tax-exempt organization by the Internal Revenue Service.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

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312 New Paragraphs; Public Health; Use of Cannabis for Therapeutic Purposes; Alternative Treatment Centers; Requirements. Amend RSA 126-X:8 by inserting after paragraph XVIII the following new paragraphs: XIX. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, an alternative treatment center shall be subject to RSA 293-A if organized as a domestic business corporation, RSA 304-C if organized as a domestic limited liability company, and RSA 292 if organized as a voluntary corporation. XX. An alternative treatment center organized as a voluntary corporation under RSA 292 may convert from a voluntary corporation under RSA 292 to either a domestic business corporation organized under RSA 293-A or a limited liability company organized under RSA 304-C in any of the following ways: (a) By adopting a plan of entity conversion in accordance with RSA 293-A or RSA 304-C, as applicable, that includes a provision prohibiting the sale of memberships or shares to a foreign corporation for a period of 3 years, provided that each such conversion shall be authorized by a vote of 2/3 of the members of the board of directors at a meeting duly called for the purpose or by unanimous written consent. (b) By adopting a plan of merger in accordance with RSA 293-A that includes a provision prohibiting the sale of memberships or shares to a foreign corporation for a period of 3 years, for which the domestic business corporation shall be the surviving entity, provided that, such merger shall be authorized by a vote of 2/3 of the members of the board of directors of the alternative treatment center at a meeting duly called for the purpose or by unanimous written consent. (c) By adopting a plan of merger in accordance with RSA 304-C that includes a provision prohibiting the sale of memberships or shares to a foreign corporation for a period of 3 years, for which the domestic limited liability company shall be the surviving entity, provided that, such merger shall be authorized by a vote of 2/3 of the members of the board of directors at a meeting duly called for the purpose or by unanimous written consent.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

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XXI. Articles of entity conversion or articles of merger, as applicable, shall be signed and submitted to the secretary of state pursuant to RSA 293-A or RSA 304-C, as applicable, and the secretary of state shall approve all such filings submitted pursuant to this section. XXII. The secretary of state shall certify such articles of entity conversion or articles of merger and shall provide them to the department. Upon receipt, the department shall update the existing licenses held by the converted or merged alternative treatment center. XXIII. For the purposes of converting or merging an alternative treatment center pursuant to this section, notwithstanding any provision in the articles of agreement or alternative treatment center license applications to the contrary, the members of an alternative treatment center's board of directors may determine that a plan of entity conversion or merger is consistent with its corporate charter, and such voluntary corporation may surrender its articles of agreement in connection with the plan of entity conversion or merger.	
313 Voluntary Corporations and Associations; Powers of Corporations; Change of Name; Amending Articles; Conversion and Merger. Amend RSA 292:7 to read as follows: 292:7 Change of Name; Amending Articles. ***I.*** Any corporation now or hereafter organized or registered in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, and any existing corporation which may have been so organized or registered, may change its name, increase or decrease its capital stock or membership certificates, merge with or acquire any other corporation formed pursuant to this chapter, or amend its articles of agreement, by a majority vote of such corporation's board of directors or trustees, at a meeting duly called for that purpose, and by recording a certified copy of such vote in the office of the secretary of state and in the office of the clerk of the town or city in this state which is its principal place of business. In the case of a foreign nonprofit corporation registered in New Hampshire, a copy of the amendment or plan of merger, certified by the proper officer of the state of incorporation, shall be filed with the secretary of state, together with the fee provided in RSA 292:5. The surviving corporation in a merger shall	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

continue to have all the authority and powers vested in the merging corporations, including any powers previously conferred upon them by the legislature. ***II. An alternative treatment center registered pursuant to RSA 126-X and organized under this chapter may, pursuant to RSA 126-X:8, XX, convert to either a domestic corporation organized under RSA 293-A or a limited liability company organized under to RSA 304-C, and may merge with a domestic business corporation organized under RSA 293-A or a limited liability company organized under RSA 304-C.***	
314 New Subparagraph; New Hampshire Business Corporation Act; Domestication and Conversion; Entity Conversion Authorized. Amend RSA 293-A:9.50 by inserting after paragraph (f) the following new subparagraph: (g) Alternative treatment centers registered pursuant to RSA 126-X and organized pursuant to RSA 292 may become a domestic corporation pursuant to a plan of conversion in accordance with RSA 126-X:8, XX and this subdivision. The alternative treatment center shall be deemed to be a domestic unincorporated entity for purposes of applying RSA 293-A:9.50 through RSA 293-A:9.56, except that approval of the conversion shall be as outlined in RSA 126-X:8, XX.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
315 Limited Liability Companies; Statutory Conversions; Statutory Conversions of Other Business Entities to Limited Liability Companies. Amend RSA 304-C:149, I to read as follows: I. Any other business entity***, including alternative treatment centers pursuant to RSA 126-X:8, XX,*** may make a statutory conversion of its business organization form to the limited liability company business organization form under this act by complying with the requirements of this section and with applicable law governing the other business entity. ***Approval of a conversion of an alternative treatment center pursuant to this paragraph shall be as outlined in RSA 126-X:8, XX.***	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

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316 New Paragraph; Limited Liability Companies; Statutory Conversions; Statutory Conversions of Other Business Entities to Limited Liability Companies; Approvals of Statutory Conversion. Amend RSA 304-C:149 by inserting after paragraph VIII the following new paragraph: IX. In the case of the conversion of an alternative treatment center registered under RSA 126-X and organized pursuant to RSA 292, such conversion shall be approved by the board of directors in accordance with RSA 126-X:8, XX.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
317 Town Property; Authority of Select Board. Amend RSA 41:11-a to read as follows: 41:11-a Town Property. I. The [~~selectmen~~] ***select board*** shall have authority to manage all real property owned by the town and to regulate its use, unless such management and regulation is delegated to other public officers by vote of the town, or is governed by other statutes, including but not limited to RSA 31:112, RSA 35-B, RSA 36-A:4, and RSA 202-A:6. II. The authority under paragraph I shall include the power to rent or lease such property during periods not needed for public use, provided, however, that any rental or lease agreement for a period of more than one year shall not be valid unless ratified by vote of the town. III. Notwithstanding paragraph II, the legislative body may vote to [~~authorize the board of selectmen~~] ***grant the select board the authority*** to rent or lease any municipal property for a term of up to 5 years [~~without further vote or ratification of the town~~]. Once adopted, this authority shall remain in effect until specifically rescinded by the legislative body at any duly warned meeting, [~~provided that the term of any lease entered into prior to the rescission shall remain in effect~~] ***however, such rescission shall not terminate any existing leases***. ***IV. The governing body may choose to send to the planning board a list of real property owned by the town and managed by the select board that is in their judgment appropriate for development for residential use. No property acquired under tax deed pursuant to RSA 80 shall be added to this list.***	219 Town Property; Authority of Select Board. Amend RSA 41:11-a to read as follows: 41:11-a Town Property. I. The [~~selectmen~~] ***select board*** shall have authority to manage all real property owned by the town and to regulate its use, unless such management and regulation is delegated to other public officers by vote of the town, or is governed by other statutes, including but not limited to RSA 31:112, RSA 35-B, RSA 36-A:4, and RSA 202-A:6. II. The authority under paragraph I shall include the power to rent or lease such property during periods not needed for public use, provided, however, that any rental or lease agreement for a period of more than one year shall not be valid unless ratified by vote of the town. III. Notwithstanding paragraph II, the legislative body may vote to [~~authorize the board of selectmen~~] ***grant the select board the authority*** to rent or lease any municipal property for a term of up to 5 years [~~without further vote or ratification of the town~~]. Once adopted, this authority shall remain in effect until specifically rescinded by the legislative body at any duly warned meeting, [~~provided that the term of any lease entered into prior to the rescission shall remain in effect~~] ***however, such rescission shall not terminate any existing leases***. ***IV. The governing body may choose to send to the planning board a list of real property owned by the town and managed by the select board that is in their judgment appropriate for development for residential use. No property acquired under tax deed pursuant to RSA 80 shall be added to this list.***

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318 New Paragraph; Duties of the Planning Board. Amend RSA 674:1 by inserting after paragraph VI the following new paragraph: VII. The planning board may vote to designate any property recommended to it as appropriate for development as a residential use by the select board pursuant to RSA 41:11-a, IV, as appropriate for development for residential use and forward a description of said property to the office of planning and development pursuant to RSA 12-O:55, VIII.	220 New Paragraph; Duties of the Planning Board. Amend RSA 674:1 by inserting after paragraph VI the following new paragraph: VII. The planning board may vote to designate any property recommended to it as appropriate for development as a residential use by the select board pursuant to RSA 41:11-a, IV, as appropriate for development for residential use and forward a description of said property to the office of planning and development pursuant to RSA 12-O:55, VIII.
319 New Paragraph; Data and Information Services; Descriptions of Property to be Compiled. Amend RSA 12-O:55 by inserting after paragraph VII the following new paragraph: VIII. Pursuant to RSA 674:1, VII, compile descriptions of municipally and county-owned property determined to be appropriate for residential development by the select board as a residential use into a publicly available list of properties available for grant or loan funding pursuant to RSA 12-O:72-a.	221 New Paragraph; Data and Information Services; Descriptions of Property to be Compiled. Amend RSA 12-O:55 by inserting after paragraph VII the following new paragraph: VIII. Pursuant to RSA 674:1, VII, compile descriptions of municipally and county-owned property determined to be appropriate for residential development by the select board as a residential use into a publicly available list of properties available for grant or loan funding pursuant to RSA 12-O:72-a.
320 New Section; Partners in Housing Program. Amend RSA 12-O by inserting after section 72 the following new section: 12-O:72-a Partners in Housing Program. The department shall establish a program, known as the partners in housing program, for the purpose of building workforce housing. Properties identified on the list created pursuant to RSA 674:1, VII shall be given priority for program funding. Available funding may be made by the department to housing developers to whom a municipality or county, pursuant to RSA 28:8-c, transfers ownership of the municipally or county-owned property for the purpose of residential development where at least 20 percent of the housing units to be developed will be affordable for a period of at least 20 years. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A to implement the provisions of this section no later than December 1, 2026.	222 New Section; Partners in Housing Program. Amend RSA 12-O by inserting after section 72 the following new section: 12-O:72-a Partners in Housing Program. The department shall establish a program, known as the partners in housing program, for the purpose of building workforce housing. Properties identified on the list created pursuant to RSA 674:1, VII shall be given priority for program funding. Available funding may be made by the department to housing developers to whom a municipality or county, pursuant to RSA 28:8-c, transfers ownership of the municipally or county-owned property for the purpose of residential development where at least 20 percent of the housing units to be developed will be affordable for a period of at least 20 years. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A to implement the provisions of this section no later than December 1, 2026.

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321 New Paragraphs; Power to Review Site Plans. Amend RSA 674:43 by inserting after paragraph V the following new paragraphs: VI. If the planning board has submitted a property description to the office of planning and development, then the local governing body may further vote to authorize that properties in the municipality on the list generated pursuant to RSA 12-O:55, VIII qualify for expedited review and approval pursuant to RSA 676:4, III. VII. If the local legislative body of a municipality has by ordinance or resolution authorized minor site plan review pursuant to RSA 674:43, III, then all solely residential development projects proposing to construct workforce housing, as defined in RSA 674:58, IV, that are included on the list generated pursuant to RSA 12-0:55, VIII, may also qualify for expedited review and approval pursuant to RSA 676:4, III. VIII. The local legislative body of a municipality may by ordinance or resolution adopt pattern zoning regulations to accelerate the construction of infill housing in neighborhoods. To meet the definition of infill housing, projects must be new residential development constructed on vacant lots interspersed among lots with existing, non-vacant development. Pattern zoning provides permit-ready designs with appropriate zoning and regulations to speed the process of building high quality infill housing that is compatible with existing homes in the neighborhood.	223 New Paragraphs; Power to Review Site Plans. Amend RSA 674:43 by inserting after paragraph V the following new paragraphs: VI. If the planning board has submitted a property description to the office of planning and development, then the local governing body may further vote to authorize that properties in the municipality on the list generated pursuant to RSA 12-O:55, VIII qualify for expedited review and approval pursuant to RSA 676:4, III. VII. If the local legislative body of a municipality has by ordinance or resolution authorized minor site plan review pursuant to RSA 674:43, III, then all solely residential development projects proposing to construct workforce housing, as defined in RSA 674:58, IV, that are included on the list generated pursuant to RSA 12-0:55, VIII, may also qualify for expedited review and approval pursuant to RSA 676:4, III. VIII. The local legislative body of a municipality may by ordinance or resolution adopt pattern zoning regulations to accelerate the construction of infill housing in neighborhoods. To meet the definition of infill housing, projects must be new residential development constructed on vacant lots interspersed among lots with existing, non-vacant development. Pattern zoning provides permit-ready designs with appropriate zoning and regulations to speed the process of building high quality infill housing that is compatible with existing homes in the neighborhood.
322 Housing Champion Designation and Grant Program Fund; Compilation of Property. Amend RSA 12-O:74 to read as follows: 12-O:74 New Hampshire Housing Champion Designation and Grant Program Fund. There is hereby established in the state treasury the New Hampshire housing champion designation and grant program fund, for the purpose of funding the grant programs established in RSA 12-O:72 and[,] RSA 12-O:73***, and the compilation of municipally and county-owned property determined to be***	224 Housing Champion Designation and Grant Program Fund; Compilation of Property. Amend RSA 12-O:74 to read as follows: 12-O:74 New Hampshire Housing Champion Designation and Grant Program Fund. There is hereby established in the state treasury the New Hampshire housing champion designation and grant program fund, for the purpose of funding the grant programs established in RSA 12-O:72 and[,] RSA 12-O:73***, and the compilation of municipally and county-owned property determined to be appropriate for residential development pursuant to RSA 12-O:72-a and 674:1, VII***. The fund

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appropriate for residential development pursuant to RSA 12-O:72-a and 674:1, VII. The fund shall be non-lapsing and shall be continually appropriated to the department.	shall be non-lapsing and shall be continually appropriated to the department
323 Effective Date. Sections 317 through 322 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2025.	225 Effective Date. Sections 219 through 224 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2025.
324 Adequate Representation for Indigent Defendants in Criminal Cases; Determination of Financial Ability. Amend RSA 604-A:2-c to read as follows: 604-A:2-c Determination of Financial Ability. The determination of a defendant's financial ability to obtain counsel shall be made by comparing the defendant's assets and incomes with the minimum cost of obtaining qualified private counsel. The defendant's assets shall include all real and personal property owned in any manner by the defendant, excluding only those assets which are exempt from attachment and execution under RSA 511:2. The defendant's income shall include all income, whether earned or not, from any source, unless exempt from attachment under any state or federal law, and shall be reduced only by the amount of expenses which are reasonably necessary for the maintenance of the defendant and his dependents. In determining a defendant's financial ability to obtain counsel, the rules adopted by the commissioner under RSA 604-A:10, IV, shall contain a method for considering the defendant's ability to borrow some or all of the necessary funds. [~~The rules shall also consider the possibility of the defendant paying his counsel fees in periodic installments.~~]	226 Adequate Representation for Indigent Defendants in Criminal Cases; Determination of Financial Ability. Amend RSA 604-A:2-c to read as follows: 604-A:2-c Determination of Financial Ability. The determination of a defendant's financial ability to obtain counsel shall be made by comparing the defendant's assets and incomes with the minimum cost of obtaining qualified private counsel. The defendant's assets shall include all real and personal property owned in any manner by the defendant, excluding only those assets which are exempt from attachment and execution under RSA 511:2. The defendant's income shall include all income, whether earned or not, from any source, unless exempt from attachment under any state or federal law, and shall be reduced only by the amount of expenses which are reasonably necessary for the maintenance of the defendant and his dependents. In determining a defendant's financial ability to obtain counsel, the rules adopted by the commissioner under RSA 604-A:10, IV, shall contain a method for considering the defendant's ability to borrow some or all of the necessary funds. [~~The rules shall also consider the possibility of the defendant paying his counsel fees in periodic installments.~~]
325 Adequate Representation for Indigent Defendants in Criminal Cases; Appointment of Counsel for Nonpayment or Nonperformance; Cross-Reference Deleted. Amend RSA 604-A:2-f, IV to read as follows: IV. When the court appoints counsel to represent a defendant in a proceeding under this section, the court shall grant the defendant relief from the obligation to repay the state for appointed	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 227 Adequate Representation for Indigent Defendants in Criminal Cases; Appointment of Counsel for Nonpayment or Nonperformance; Cross-Reference Deleted. Amend RSA 604-A:2-f, IV to read as follows: IV. When the court appoints counsel to represent a defendant in a proceeding under this section, the court shall grant the defendant relief from the obligation to repay the state for appointed counsel fees [~~under RSA 604-A:9, I(b), if the court determines that the defendant is financially unable~~

counsel fees [~~under RSA 604-A:9, I(b),~~] if the court determines that the defendant is financially unable to repay.	~~to repay~~].
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	228 Repayment. RSA 604-A:9 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows: 604-A:9 Repayment. As of the effective date of this section, all collections efforts under this section or former versions of this chapter shall be terminated. Any person subject to a court order for reimbursement may petition the court to vacate the reimbursement order.
326 Adequate Representation for Indigent Defendants in Criminal Cases; Commissioner of Administrative Services. Amend RSA 604-A:10, IV to read as follows: IV. The commissioner of administrative services shall, with the approval of the attorney general, adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A, governing determinations of eligibility for payment of indigent defense expenditures[~~, determinations of repayment schedules, financial and credit investigations,~~] and any other matters the commissioner deems necessary or advisable for the performance of duties under this chapter.	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 229 Adequate Representation for Indigent Defendants in Criminal Cases; Commissioner of Administrative Services. Amend RSA 604-A:10, IV to read as follows: IV. The [~~commissioner of administrative services~~] ***judicial council*** shall, with the approval of the attorney general, adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A, governing determinations of eligibility for [~~payment of~~] indigent defense [~~expenditures, determinations of repayment schedules, financial and credit investigations, and any other matters the commissioner deems necessary or advisable for the performance of duties under this chapter~~].
327 Directive; Department of Administrative Services. Upon the effective date of this act, the director of the department of administrative services shall immediately cease all active collection efforts related to any money owed under RSA 604-A:9. The director shall wind down all aspects of the program within a reasonable timeframe, and once the program is ended, the director shall have all records related to payment of money owed under RSA 604-A:9 destroyed.	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 230 Directive; Department of Administrative Services. Upon the effective date of this act, the commissioner of the department of administrative services shall immediately cease all active collection efforts related to any money owed under RSA 604-A:9. The commissioner shall wind down all aspects of the program within a reasonable timeframe, and once the program is ended, the commissioner shall have all records related to payment of money owed under RSA 604-A:9 destroyed.
328 Repeal. The following are repealed:	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 231 Repeal. The following are repealed:

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I. RSA 604-A:2-a, relative to additional inquiry regarding appointed counsel for indigent criminal defendants. II. RSA 604-A:2-d, relative to partial liability regarding appointed counsel for indigent criminal defendants. III. RSA 604-A:9, relative to repayment regarding appointed counsel for indigent criminal defendants.	I. RSA 604-A:2-a, relative to additional inquiry regarding appointed counsel for indigent criminal defendants. II. RSA 604-A:2-d, relative to partial liability regarding appointed counsel for indigent criminal defendants.
329 Cost of an Opportunity for an Adequate Education. Amend RSA 198:40-a, I-II to read as follows: I. [~~For the biennium~~] Beginning July 1, [~~2023~~] ***2026***, the annual cost of providing the opportunity for an adequate education as defined in RSA 193-E:2-a shall be as specified in paragraph II. The department shall adjust the rates specified in this paragraph in accordance with RSA 198:40-d. II.(a) A cost of [~~$4,100~~] ***$4,351*** per pupil in the ADMR, plus differentiated aid as follows: (b) An additional [~~$2,300~~] $***2,441*** for each pupil in the ADMR who is eligible for a free or reduced price meal anytime during the determination year; plus (c) An additional [~~$800~~] ***$849*** for each pupil in the ADMR who is an English language learner anytime during the determination year; plus (d) An additional [~~$2,100~~] ***$3,140*** for each pupil in the ADMR who is receiving special education services anytime during the determination year.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
330 Annual Adjustment. Amend RSA 198:40-d to read as follows: 198:40-d Annual Adjustment. Beginning July 1, [~~2024~~] ***2027,*** and every year thereafter, the department of education shall adjust the following with an increase of 2 percent annually***, rounded up to the nearest whole dollar***:	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 232 Education; Adequate Education; Education Trust Fund; Annual Adjustment. Amend RSA 198:40-d to read as follows: 198:40-d Annual Adjustment. Beginning July 1, [~~2024~~] ***2026,*** and every year thereafter, the department of education shall adjust the following with an increase of 2 percent annually***, rounded up to the nearest whole dollar***:

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I. Per pupil costs in RSA 198:40-a, II; ***and***	I. Per pupil costs in RSA 198:40-a, II; ***and***
II. [~~Extraordinary need grant "grant floor," "grant ceiling," "factor," and "max grant" as defined in RSA 198:40-f, II, (a)-(d); and~~	II. [~~Extraordinary need grant "grant floor," "grant ceiling," "factor," and "max grant" as defined in RSA 198:40-f, II, (a)-(d); and~~
~~III.~~] Chartered public school additional grants under RSA 194-B:11, I(b)(1)(A) and (B).	~~III.~~] Chartered public school additional grants under RSA 194-B:11, I(b)(1)(A) and (B).
331 Extraordinary Need Grants. RSA 198:40-f is repealed and reenacted to read as follows: 198:40-f Extraordinary Need Grants. I. In addition to aid for the cost of the opportunity for an adequate education provided under RSA 198:40-a, each year the commissioner shall calculate an extraordinary need grant for schools and provide that amount of aid to a municipality's school districts as follows: (a) A municipality with an equalized valuation per pupil eligible to receive a free or reduced-priced meal of $1,700,000 or less shall receive $11,730 per pupil eligible to receive a free or reduced-price meal in the municipality's ADMR. (b) A municipality with an equalized valuation per pupil eligible to receive a free or reduced-price meal between $1,700,001 and $6,999,999 shall receive a grant equal to $0.00221321 for each dollar of difference between its equalized valuation per pupil eligible to receive a free or reduced-price meal and $6,999,999, for each pupil eligible to receive a free or reduced-price meal in the municipality's ADMR. (c) A municipality with an equalized valuation per pupil eligible to receive a free or reduced-price meal of $7,000,000 or more shall not receive an extraordinary need grant. II. In this section: (a) "Grant floor" means $1,700,000 in equalized valuation per free or reduced-price meal pupil. (b) "Grant ceiling" means $7,000,000 in equalized valuation per free or reduced-price meal pupil.	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 233 Education; Adequate Education; Education Trust Fund; Extraordinary Need Grants. RSA 198:40-f is repealed and reenacted to read as follows: I. In addition to aid for the cost of the opportunity for an adequate education provided under RSA 198:40-a, each year the commissioner shall calculate an extraordinary need grant for schools and provide that amount of aid to a municipality's school districts as follows: (a) A municipality with an equalized valuation per pupil eligible to receive a free or reduced-priced meal of $1,697,933 or less shall receive $11,730 per pupil eligible to receive a free or reduced-price meal in the municipality's ADMR. (b) A municipality with an equalized valuation per pupil eligible to receive a free or reduced-price meal between $1,697,934 and $7,003,972 shall receive a grant equal to $0.00221069 for each dollar of difference between its equalized valuation per pupil eligible to receive a free or reduced-price meal and $7,003,972 for each pupil eligible to receive a free or reduced-price meal in the municipality's ADMR. (c) A municipality with an equalized valuation per pupil eligible to receive a free or reduced-price meal of $7,003,973 or more shall not receive an extraordinary need grant. II. In this section: (a) "Grant floor" means $1,697,933 in equalized valuation per free or reduced-price meal pupil. (b) "Grant ceiling" means $7,003,973 in equalized valuation per free or reduced-price meal pupil.

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(c) "Factor" means $0.00221321 for each dollar difference between equalized valuation per free or reduced-price meal pupil. (d) "Maximum grant" means $11,730 per free or reduced-price meal pupil. III. The extraordinary needs grants shall be calculated using the formula described in paragraph I, however, beginning July 1, 2027, and every year thereafter, the grant floor, grant ceiling, and maximum grant shall be increased by 2 percent. The factor shall be readjusted by taking the newly adjusted maximum grant and dividing by the difference between the grant floor and grant ceiling.	(c) "Factor" means $0.00221069 for each dollar difference between equalized valuation per free or reduced-price meal pupil. (d) "Maximum grant" means $11,730 per free or reduced-price meal pupil. III. The extraordinary needs grants shall be calculated using the formula described in paragraph I, however, beginning July 1, 2027, and every year thereafter, the grant floor, grant ceiling, and maximum grant shall be increased by 2 percent. The factor shall be readjusted by taking the newly adjusted maximum grant and dividing by the difference between the grant floor and grant ceiling.
332 New Section; Fiscal Capacity Disparity Aid. Amend RSA 198 by inserting after section 40-f the following new section: 198:40-g Fiscal Capacity Disparity Aid. I. In addition to aid for the cost of the opportunity for an adequate education provided under RSA 198:40-a, each year the commissioner shall calculate a fiscal capacity disparity aid grant for schools and provide that amount of aid to a municipality's school districts as follows: (a) A municipality with an equalized valuation per pupil of $1,000,000 or less shall receive $1,250 per pupil eligible in the municipality's ADMR. (b) A municipality with an equalized valuation per pupil between $1,000,001 and $1,599,999 shall receive a grant equal to $0.00208333 for each dollar of difference between its equalized valuation per pupil and $1,599,999, for each pupil the municipality's ADMR. (c) A municipality with an equalized valuation per pupil of $1,600,000 or more shall not receive a fiscal capacity disparity aid grant. II. In this section: (a) "Grant floor" means $1,000,000 in equalized valuation per pupil. (b) "Grant ceiling" means $1,600,000 in equalized valuation per pupil.	234 New Section; Education; Adequate Education; Education Trust Fund; Fiscal Capacity Disparity Aid. Amend RSA 198 by inserting after section 40-f the following new section: 198:40-g Fiscal Capacity Disparity Aid. I. In addition to aid for the cost of the opportunity for an adequate education provided under RSA 198:40-a, each year the commissioner shall calculate a fiscal capacity disparity aid grant for schools and provide that amount of aid to a municipality's school districts as follows: (a) A municipality with an equalized valuation per pupil of $1,000,000 or less shall receive $1,250 per pupil eligible in the municipality's ADMR. (b) A municipality with an equalized valuation per pupil between $1,000,001 and $1,599,999 shall receive a grant equal to $0.00208333 for each dollar of difference between its equalized valuation per pupil and $1,599,999, for each pupil the municipality's ADMR. (c) A municipality with an equalized valuation per pupil of $1,600,000 or more shall not receive a fiscal capacity disparity aid grant. II. In this section: (a) "Grant floor" means $1,000,000 in equalized valuation per pupil. (b) "Grant ceiling" means $1,600,000 in equalized valuation per pupil.

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333 Determination of Education Grants. Amend RSA 198:41, I(b)-(c) to read as follows: (b) Subtract the amount of the education tax warrant to be issued by the commissioner of revenue administration for such municipality reported pursuant to RSA 76:8 for the next tax year; [~~and~~] (c) Add the municipality's extraordinary need grant pursuant to RSA 198:40-f**;**[~~.~~] ***(d) Add the municipality's fiscal capacity disparity aid grant pursuant to RSA 198:40-g; and*** ***(e) For municipalities with a total ADMR of 5,000 or more, subtract the amount necessary to limit the total additional targeted aid to $3,750 per pupil in the municipality's ADMR. For the purpose of this paragraph, additional targeted aid shall be the sum of a municipality's extraordinary needs grant and fiscal capacity disparity aid grant.***	235 Education; Adequate Education; Education Trust Fund; Determination of Education Grants. Amend RSA 198:41, I(a)-(c) to read as follows: (a) Add the per pupil cost of providing the opportunity for an adequate education for which each pupil is eligible pursuant to RSA 198:40-a, I-III, and from such amount; (b) Subtract the amount of the education tax warrant to be issued by the commissioner of revenue administration for such municipality reported pursuant to RSA 76:8 for the next tax year; [~~and~~] (c) Add the municipality's extraordinary need grant pursuant to RSA 198:40-f[~~.~~]**;** ***(d) Add the municipality's fiscal capacity disparity aid grant pursuant to RSA 198:40-g; and*** ***(e) For municipalities with a total ADMR of 5,000 or more, subtract the amount necessary to limit the total additional targeted aid to $3,750 per pupil in the municipality's ADMR. For the purpose of this paragraph, additional targeted aid shall be the sum of a municipality's extraordinary needs grant and fiscal capacity disparity aid grant.***
334 Effective Date. Sections 329 through 333 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2026.	236 Effective Date. Sections 232-235 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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335 Instruction in National and State History, Government, and Civics. Amend RSA 189:11, II to read as follows: II.***(a)*** As a component of instruction under this section, a locally developed competency assessment of United States government and civics that includes, but is not limited to, the nature, purpose, structure, function, and history of the United States government, the rights and responsibilities of citizens, and noteworthy government and civic leaders, shall be administered to students as part of the required high school course in history and government of the United States and New Hampshire. ***(b)*** To be eligible for a graduation certificate, a student in a public, chartered public, non-public school, or a privately incorporated school that serves as a public school in the state, shall attain a locally sanctioned passing grade on the competency assessment, and [~~a grade of~~] ***shall score*** 70 percent or better on the 128 question civics (history and government) naturalization examination developed by the 2020 United States Citizen and Immigration Services. ***Public and chartered public schools shall use the assessment provided by the department of education.*** ***(c)*** [~~Schools are required to~~] ***The department of education shall*** provide accommodations and may modify the naturalization examination for a child with a disability in accordance with the child's individualized education program. ***(d) Annually, the department shall publish a report of the state and district results of the civics assessment.*** ***(e)*** [~~By June 30 of each year, each school district, chartered public or~~] Non-public ***schools*** [~~school, or a privately incorporated school that serves as a public school in the state,~~] shall submit the results of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) test to the department of education.	237 Instruction in National and State History, Government, and Civics. Amend RSA 189:11, II to read as follows: II.***(a)*** As a component of instruction under this section, a locally developed competency assessment of United States government and civics that includes, but is not limited to, the nature, purpose, structure, function, and history of the United States government, the rights and responsibilities of citizens, and noteworthy government and civic leaders, shall be administered to students as part of the required high school course in history and government of the United States and New Hampshire. ***(b)*** To be eligible for a graduation certificate, a student in a public, chartered public, non-public school, or a privately incorporated school that serves as a public school in the state, shall attain a locally sanctioned passing grade on the competency assessment, and [~~a grade of~~] ***shall score*** 70 percent or better on the 128 question civics (history and government) naturalization examination developed by the 2020 United States Citizen and Immigration Services. ***Public and chartered public schools shall use the assessment provided by the department of education.*** ***(c)*** [~~Schools are required to~~] ***The department of education shall*** provide accommodations and may modify the naturalization examination for a child with a disability in accordance with the child's individualized education program. ***(d) Annually, the department shall publish a report of the state and district results of the civics assessment.*** ***(e)*** [~~By June 30 of each year, each school district, chartered public or~~] Non-public ***schools*** [~~school, or a privately incorporated school that serves as a public school in the state,~~] shall submit the results of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) test to the department of education.
336 Appropriations; Department of Education; Computer Science Professional Development. Amend 2023, 79:81, I-III to read as follows:	238 Appropriations; Department of Education; Computer Science Professional Development. Amend 2023, 79:81, I-III to read as follows:

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I. There is hereby appropriated to the department of education the sum of $500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 for the purpose of encouraging New Hampshire certified educators to pursue eligible industry recognized credentials in the field of computer science. This appropriation shall not lapse ***until June 30, 2025***. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. II. There is hereby appropriated to the department of education the sum of $2,741,871 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 for the purpose of encouraging individuals holding an eligible industry recognized credentials to teach computer science or related courses of study in New Hampshire approved education programs. This appropriation shall not lapse ***until June 30, 2025***. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. III. There is hereby appropriated to the department of education the sum of $455,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 for the purpose of implementing the experiential robotics platform in all New Hampshire classrooms for grades 6-12 including, but not limited to the purchase of robotics kits from First New Hampshire Robotics, Experiential Robotics Platform, career and technical education of community college fabrication sites, and professional development delivery and support. The sum appropriated shall not lapse ***until June 30, 2025***. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.	I. There is hereby appropriated to the department of education the sum of $500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, for the purpose of encouraging New Hampshire certified educators to pursue eligible industry recognized credentials in the field of computer science. This appropriation shall not lapse ***until June 30, 2025***. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. II. There is hereby appropriated to the department of education the sum of $2,741,871 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, for the purpose of encouraging individuals holding an eligible industry recognized credentials to teach computer science or related courses of study in New Hampshire approved education programs. This appropriation shall not lapse ***until June 30, 2025***. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. III. There is hereby appropriated to the department of education the sum of $455,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, for the purpose of implementing the experiential robotics platform in all New Hampshire classrooms for grades 6-12 including, but not limited to the purchase of robotics kits from First New Hampshire Robotics, Experiential Robotics Platform, career and technical education of community college fabrication sites, and professional development delivery and support. The sum appropriated shall not lapse ***until June 30, 2025***. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.
337 Effective Date. Section 336 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2025.	239 Effective Date. Section 238 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2025.
338 Motor Vehicles; Administration of Motor Vehicle Laws; Copies of Certificates and Motor Vehicle Records. Amend RSA 260:15, II to read as follows: II. The department may issue a copy of any motor vehicle record upon the request of an insurance company or any other authorized agent, and notwithstanding RSA 91-A shall require	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

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payment by the insurance company or authorized agent of a fee of [~~$17~~] ***$20***, which shall be deposited in the fire standards and training and emergency medical services fund established in RSA 21-P:12-d.	
339 Motor Vehicles; Administration of Motor Vehicle Laws; Identification Cards. Amend RSA 260:21, V(a) to read as follows: V.(a) The fee for such card shall be [~~$10~~] ***$20*** and is not refundable, except that no fee shall be charged to any person who, for reason of health or age, turns in his or her driver's license before the expiration date of such license. For purposes of this section, reasons of age shall be deemed to apply only to those persons over age 65. A person who requires a photo identification card only for voter identification purposes may obtain a voucher in the form provided for in subparagraph (b) from his or her town or city clerk or the secretary of state exempting the voter from the identification card fee. Upon presentation of the voucher to the division, the actual costs of issuing the card shall be paid by the secretary of state from the election fund established under RSA 5:6-d. An identification card paid for by the secretary of state shall be valid for voter identification purposes only, and the card, which shall be known as a voter identification card, shall be marked "for voter identification only."	240 Motor Vehicles; Administration of Motor Vehicle Laws; Identification Cards. Amend RSA 260:21, V(a) to read as follows: V.(a) The fee for such card shall be [~~$10~~] ***$20*** and is not refundable, except that no fee shall be charged to any person who, for reason of health or age, turns in his or her driver's license before the expiration date of such license. For purposes of this section, reasons of age shall be deemed to apply only to those persons over age 65. A person who requires a photo identification card only for voter identification purposes may obtain a voucher in the form provided for in subparagraph (b) from his or her town or city clerk or the secretary of state exempting the voter from the identification card fee. Upon presentation of the voucher to the division, the actual costs of issuing the card shall be paid by the secretary of state from the election fund established under RSA 5:6-d. An identification card paid for by the secretary of state shall be valid for voter identification purposes only, and the card, which shall be known as a voter identification card, shall be marked "for voter identification only."
340 Motor Vehicles; Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles; Fees. Amend RSA 261:20, I(a)-(i) to read as follows: (a) For filing an application for a first certificate of title, with or without a lienholder named, [~~$25~~] ***$35***; (b) For a certificate of title after a transfer, with or without a lienholder named, [~~$25~~] ***$35***; (c) For a duplicate certificate of title, [~~$25~~] ***$35***; (d) For an ordinary certificate of title issued upon surrender of a distinctive certificate, [~~$20~~] ***$40***; (e) For filing a notice of security interest, $20;	241 Motor Vehicles; Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles; Fees. Amend RSA 261:20, I(a)-(i) to read as follows: (a) For filing an application for a first certificate of title, with or without a lienholder named, [~~$25~~] ***$35***; (b) For a certificate of title after a transfer, with or without a lienholder named, [~~$25~~] ***$35***; (c) For a duplicate certificate of title, [~~$25~~] ***$35***; (d) For an ordinary certificate of title issued upon surrender of a distinctive certificate, [~~$20~~] ***$40***; (e) For filing a notice of security interest, $20;

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(f) For a certificate of search of the records of the division, for each name or identification number searched against, $20; (g) For filing an assignment of security interest, $2; (h) For issuing a distinctive New Hampshire number in place of a vehicle identification number, [~~$30~~] ***$40***; (i) For issuing a salvage vehicle decal pursuant to RSA 261:22, IV, [~~$50~~] ***$60***.	(f) For a certificate of search of the records of the division, for each name or identification number searched against, $20; (g) For filing an assignment of security interest, $2; (h) For issuing a distinctive New Hampshire number in place of a vehicle identification number, [~~$30~~] ***$40***; (i) For issuing a salvage vehicle decal pursuant to RSA 261:22, IV, [~~$50~~] ***$60***.
341 Motor Vehicles; Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles; Twenty-Day Registration. Amend RSA 261:57, I to read as follows: I. Any resident of this state who intends to purchase a vehicle in another state or from another person or who is unable to register a vehicle because of limited hours of operation of the town clerk in the town where the person resides may apply to the division or its substation or authorized agent nearest his or her residence for a registration to drive said vehicle on the ways of the state in an unregistered condition. Said resident shall appear in person at the division or substation to obtain such registration and shall sign under penalty of perjury a statement that the vehicle meets all New Hampshire inspection requirements, and in the case of a person seeking an extension of his or her registration, that he or she was unable to register the vehicle because of the limited hours of the town clerk, before said registration may be issued. Said registration shall be valid for 20 days from the time it is issued. Application blanks and permits in the form prescribed by the director shall be designed, printed, and supplied to the substations by the division. The fee for the issuance of a registration shall be [~~$10~~] ***$20***. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive a vehicle on the ways of the state under a registration issued pursuant to this section unless said person has in his or her possession a valid bill of sale for the vehicle he or she is driving, or in the case of a person whose registration is extended, a copy of the form indicating he or she was unable to register because of the limited hours of the town clerk. No person shall make application for a 20-day registration on the same vehicle more than once	242 Motor Vehicles; Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles; Twenty-Day Registration. Amend RSA 261:57, I to read as follows: I. Any resident of this state who intends to purchase a vehicle in another state or from another person or who is unable to register a vehicle because of limited hours of operation of the town clerk in the town where the person resides may apply to the division or its substation or authorized agent nearest his or her residence for a registration to drive said vehicle on the ways of the state in an unregistered condition. Said resident shall appear in person at the division or substation to obtain such registration and shall sign under penalty of perjury a statement that the vehicle meets all New Hampshire inspection requirements, and in the case of a person seeking an extension of his or her registration, that he or she was unable to register the vehicle because of the limited hours of the town clerk, before said registration may be issued. Said registration shall be valid for 20 days from the time it is issued. Application blanks and permits in the form prescribed by the director shall be designed, printed, and supplied to the substations by the division. The fee for the issuance of a registration shall be [~~$10~~] ***$20***. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive a vehicle on the ways of the state under a registration issued pursuant to this section unless said person has in his or her possession a valid bill of sale for the vehicle he or she is driving, or in the case of a person whose registration is extended, a copy of the form indicating he or she was unable to register because of the limited hours of the town clerk. No person shall make application for a 20-day registration on the same vehicle more than once

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within a 12-month period. Only 3 20-day registrations shall be issued on the same vehicle within a 12-month period.	within a 12-month period. Only 3 20-day registrations shall be issued on the same vehicle within a 12-month period.
342 Motor Vehicles; Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles; Fees to be Collected. Amend RSA 261:141, III to read as follows: III. Prorated fees: (a) For agricultural vehicles-[~~$3.60~~] ***$12***. (b) For each agricultural tractor-$[~~1.80~~] ***$12***. (c) For air compressors-[~~$6~~] ***$11***. (d) For cement mixers-[~~$6~~] ***$11***. (e) For saw rigs or log splitters-[~~$6~~] ***$11***. (If the equipment cited in RSA 261:141, III(c)-(e), is towed exclusively within the limits of a single city or town, the state registration fee shall not be collected.) (f) For antique motorcycles-[~~$2.40~~] ***$12***. (g) For all motor vehicles other than those in RSA 261:141, I: 0-3000 lbs. [~~$31.20 ($2.60 per month)~~] ***$42 ($3.50 per month)*** 3001-5000 lbs. [~~$43.20 ($3.60 per month)~~] ***$48 ($4 per month)*** 5001-8000 lbs. [~~$55.20 ($4.60 per month)~~] ***$66 ($5.50 per month)*** 8001-73,280 lbs. [~~$ .96~~] ***$1.44*** per hundred lbs. gross weight. (h) Truck-tractors to be used in conjunction with a semi-trailer, gross weight shall include the weight of such tractors, the weight of the heaviest semi-trailer to be used therewith, and the weight of the maximum load to be carried thereby: up to 73,280 pounds [~~$.96~~] ***$1.44*** per 100 pounds gross weight, over 73,280 pounds-[~~$1.44~~] ***$2.40*** shall be charged for each 100 pounds gross weight or portion thereof in excess of 73,280 pounds. (i) Each additional semi-trailer used in conjunction with such truck-tractor-[~~$24.00~~] ***$60***.	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 243 Motor Vehicles; Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles; Fees to be Collected. Amend RSA 261:141, III to read as follows: III. Prorated fees: (a) For agricultural vehicles-[~~$3.60~~] ***$12***. (b) For each agricultural tractor-$[~~1.80~~] ***$12***. (c) For air compressors-[~~$6~~] ***$11***. (d) For cement mixers-[~~$6~~] ***$11***. (e) For saw rigs or log splitters-[~~$6~~] ***$11***. (If the equipment cited in RSA 261:141, III(c)-(e), is towed exclusively within the limits of a single city or town, the state registration fee shall not be collected.) (f) For antique motorcycles-[~~$2.40~~] ***$12***. (g) For all motor vehicles other than those in RSA 261:141, I: 0-3000 lbs. [~~$31.20 ($2.60 per month)~~] ***$42 ($3.50 per month)*** 3001-5000 lbs. [~~$43.20 ($3.60 per month)~~] ***$48 ($4 per month)*** 5001-8000 lbs. [~~$55.20 ($4.60 per month)~~] ***$66 ($5.50 per month)*** 8001-73,280 lbs. [~~$ .96~~] ***$1.06*** per hundred lbs. gross weight. (h) Truck-tractors to be used in conjunction with a semi-trailer, gross weight shall include the weight of such tractors, the weight of the heaviest semi-trailer to be used therewith, and the weight of the maximum load to be carried thereby: up to 73,280 pounds [~~$.96~~] ***$1.06*** per 100 pounds gross weight, over 73,280 pounds-[~~$1.44~~] ***$1.58*** shall be charged for each 100 pounds gross weight or portion thereof in excess of 73,280 pounds.

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(j) For semi-trailers or automobile utility trailers (the weight of the trailer shall include the maximum load to be carried thereby):	(i) Each additional semi-trailer used in conjunction with such truck-tractor [~~$24.00~~] ***$26.40***
0-1000 lbs. [~~$ 3.00~~] ***$14***	(j) For semi-trailers or automobile utility trailers (the weight of the trailer shall include the maximum load to be carried thereby):
1001-1500 lbs. [~~6.00~~] ***$16***	0-1000 lbs. [~~$ 3.00~~] ***$3.30***
1501-3000 lbs. [~~12.00~~] ***$19***	1001-1500 lbs. [~~6.00~~] ***$6.60***
3001-5000 lbs. [~~24.00~~] ***$36***	1501-3000 lbs. [~~12.00~~] ***$13.20***
5001-8000 lbs. [~~36.00~~] ***$52***	3001-5000 lbs. [~~24.00~~] ***$26.40***
8001-up [~~.60~~] ***$0.95*** per hundred lbs. gross weight.	5001-8000 lbs. [~~36.00~~] ***$39.60***
(k) For each semi-trailer not registered in connection with a truck-tractor, the gross weight shall include the weight of such trailer and the weight of the maximum load to be carried thereby. The registration fee shall be [~~$.60~~] ***$0.95*** per hundred lbs. gross weight and such trailer shall not be registered for less than 10,000 lbs.	8001-up [~~.60~~] ***$0.66*** per hundred lbs. gross weight.
(l) For equipment mounted on trucks of which the equipment is an integral part of the unit and the truck is not capable of carrying freight or merchandise, the registration fee shall be 1/3 of the regular fee charged as determined by the corresponding weight chart specified in subparagraph (i).	(k) For each semi-trailer not registered in connection with a truck-tractor, the gross weight shall include the weight of such trailer and the weight of the maximum load to be carried thereby. The registration fee shall be [~~$.60~~] ***$0.66*** per hundred lbs. gross weight and such trailer shall not be registered for less than 10,000 lbs.
(m) For each farm truck or combination of motor type tractor and semi-trailer used only for transportation of agricultural products produced on and meant to be used in connection with the operation of a farm or farms owned, operated, or occupied by the registrant, for the first 16,000 pounds-[~~$24~~] ***$36***, for any additional weight above 16,000 pounds-[~~$.74~~] ***$1.44*** per hundred weight.	(l) For equipment mounted on trucks of which the equipment is an integral part of the unit and the truck is not capable of carrying freight or merchandise, the registration fee shall be 1/3 of the regular fee charged as determined by the corresponding weight chart specified in subparagraph (i).
(n) For each additional or extra semi-trailer used in connection with a motor type tractor registered for farm purposes-[~~$24~~] ***$36***. (In the event that a farm truck registered under the [~~$24~~] ***$36*** fee as provided in this subparagraph and thereafter registered for general use during the same registration year, such fee shall be applied toward the fee for such general registration.)	(m) For each farm truck or combination of motor type tractor and semi-trailer used only for transportation of agricultural products produced on and meant to be used in connection with the operation of a farm or farms owned, operated, or occupied by the registrant, for the first 16,000 pounds-[~~$24~~] ***$36***, for any additional weight above 16,000 pounds-[~~$.74~~] ***$1.44*** per hundred weight.
(o) For each motorcycle-[~~$15~~] ***$30***.	(n) For each additional or extra semi-trailer used in connection with a motor type tractor registered for farm purposes-[~~$24~~] ***$36***. (In the event that a farm truck registered under the [~~$24~~] ***$36*** fee as provided in this subparagraph and thereafter registered for general use during the same registration year, such fee shall be applied toward the fee for such general registration.)

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(p) For each moped-[~~$3~~] ***$14***.	(o) For each motorcycle-[~~$15~~] ***$30***.
(q) For each motor vehicle used exclusively as a school bus or owned by a religious organization or a non-profit organization used exclusively as a bus for the transportation of its members in connection with functions of the organization for which no fee is charged-$24. (These provisions shall not apply to municipally owned vehicles nor to vehicles of public utilities or common carriers.)	(p) For each moped-[~~$3~~] ***$14***.
	(q) For each motor vehicle used exclusively as a school bus or owned by a religious organization or a non-profit organization used exclusively as a bus for the transportation of its members in connection with functions of the organization for which no fee is charged-$24. (These provisions shall not apply to municipally owned vehicles nor to vehicles of public utilities or common carriers.)
(r) For antique motor vehicles other than antique motorcycles-[~~$6~~] ***$16***.	(r) For antique motor vehicles other than antique motorcycles-[~~$6~~] ***$16***.
(s) For each road oiler or bituminous distributor-$72.	(s) For each road oiler or bituminous distributor-$72.
(t) For plates issued to motor vehicle repairer-$24 for the first set of plates, [~~$9~~] ***$18*** for each additional set of plates.	(t) For plates issued to motor vehicle repairer-$24 for the first set of plates, [~~$9~~] ***$18*** for each additional set of plates.
(u)(1) For each vehicle, owned by or under control of a manufacturer, wholesaler, or dealer-[~~$200~~] ***$400*** for the first plate.	(u)(1) For each vehicle, owned by or under control of a manufacturer, wholesaler, or dealer-[~~$200~~] ***$400*** for the first plate.
(2) For every additional plate-[~~$12~~] ***$24***.	(2) For every additional plate-[~~$12~~] ***$24***.
(v) For motor vehicles owned by or under control of automotive recycling dealer licensee-[~~$30~~] ***$60*** up to first 7,000 lbs., over 7,000 lbs.-[~~$.74~~] ***$1.44*** per 100 lbs. gross weight.	(v) For motor vehicles owned by or under control of automotive recycling dealer licensee-[~~$30~~] ***$60*** up to first 7,000 lbs., over 7,000 lbs.-[~~$.74~~] ***$1.44*** per 100 lbs. gross weight.
(w)(1) For motorcycles owned or under the control of a manufacturer or dealer in motorcycles-[~~$12~~] ***$24*** for the first plate.	(w)(1) For motorcycles owned or under the control of a manufacturer or dealer in motorcycles-[~~$12~~] ***$24*** for the first plate.
(2) For every additional plate-[~~$3~~] ***$6***.	(2) For every additional plate-[~~$3~~] ***$6***.
(x)(1) For mopeds owned or under the control of a manufacturer or dealer in mopeds-[~~$12~~] ***$24*** for the first plate.	(x)(1) For mopeds owned or under the control of a manufacturer or dealer in mopeds-[~~$12~~] ***$24*** for the first plate.
(2) For every additional plate-[~~$3~~] ***$6***.	(2) For every additional plate-[~~$3~~] ***$6***.
(y) For each transporter-[~~$36~~] ***$72***. Additional sets of number plates at [~~$18~~] ***$36*** per set.	(y) For each transporter-[~~$36~~] ***$72***. Additional sets of number plates at [~~$18~~] ***$36*** per set.
(z) For each utility dealer registration-[~~$36~~] ***$72***. Additional number plates at [~~$9~~] ***$18*** per plate.	(z) For each utility dealer registration-[~~$36~~] ***$72***. Additional number plates at [~~$9~~] ***$18*** per plate.
(aa) For ski area vehicles-$6.	

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(bb) For construction equipment as defined by RSA 259:42-the exclusive fee charged by the state shall be [~~$25~~] ***$40***. (cc) For each vanity number plate set-[~~$40~~] ***$60***. (dd) For agricultural/industrial utility vehicles the registration fee shall be 1/3 of the registration fee determined by the corresponding weight chart specified in subparagraph (g).	(aa) For ski area vehicles-$6. (bb) For construction equipment as defined by RSA 259:42-the exclusive fee charged by the state shall be [~~$25~~] ***$40***. (cc) For each vanity number plate set-[~~$40~~] ***$60***. (dd) For agricultural/industrial utility vehicles the registration fee shall be 1/3 of the registration fee determined by the corresponding weight chart specified in subparagraph (g).
343 Motor Vehicles; Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles; Fees to be Collected. Amend RSA 261:141, VII(f) to read as follows: (f) For the replacement of lost or illegible validation sticker-[~~$1~~] ***$5***.	244 Motor Vehicles; Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles; Fees to be Collected. Amend RSA 261:141, VII(f) to read as follows: (f) For the replacement of lost or illegible validation sticker-[~~$1~~] ***$5***.
344 Motor Vehicles; Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles; Fees to be Collected. Amend RSA 261:141, IX to read as follows: IX. For every certified copy of and duplicate of a certificate of registration-[~~$15~~] ***$20***.	245 Motor Vehicles; Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles; Fees to be Collected. Amend RSA 261:141, IX to read as follows: IX. For every certified copy of and duplicate of a certificate of registration-[~~$15~~] ***$20***.
345 Motor Vehicles; Drivers' Licenses; Driver's License Fees. Amend RSA 263:42, II-IV-a to read as follows: II. For every certified copy of a registration, license, or driving record, [~~$15~~] ***$20***, except that the commissioner shall waive the fee for local, state, and federal law enforcement and criminal justice agencies requesting such information for investigative purposes and may, for good cause, waive the fee in cases involving other government agencies or the public defender if the commissioner determines that such a waiver is in the public interest. III. No fee shall be charged for a driver's license issued to a disabled veteran who because of being an amputee or a paraplegic has received a motor vehicle from the United States government. The provisions of this paragraph shall apply to a veteran who, because of a disability incurred in, or aggravated by such service, and upon satisfactory proof that the veteran is evaluated by the United	246 Motor Vehicles; Drivers' Licenses; Driver's License Fees. Amend RSA 263:42, II-IV-a to read as follows: II. For every certified copy of a registration, license, or driving record, [~~$15~~] ***$20***, except that the commissioner shall waive the fee for local, state, and federal law enforcement and criminal justice agencies requesting such information for investigative purposes and may, for good cause, waive the fee in cases involving other government agencies or the public defender if the commissioner determines that such a waiver is in the public interest. III. No fee shall be charged for a driver's license issued to a disabled veteran who because of being an amputee or a paraplegic has received a motor vehicle from the United States government. The provisions of this paragraph shall apply to a veteran who, because of a disability incurred in, or aggravated by such service, and upon satisfactory proof that the veteran is evaluated by the United

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States Department of Veterans Affairs to be permanently and totally disabled from such service-connected disability. IV. A duplicate copy of a photographic license or a new license with a different classification because of a commercial driver license disqualification may be issued for a fee of [~~$10~~] ***$20***. For the purpose of this chapter, the term "duplicate copy" shall mean an additional license containing an indicator that the license is a duplicate. A new photograph need not be taken. IV-a. For a new driver's license because of a change of address, [~~$3~~] ***$10***.	States Department of Veterans Affairs to be permanently and totally disabled from such service-connected disability. IV. A duplicate copy of a photographic license or a new license with a different classification because of a commercial driver license disqualification may be issued for a fee of [~~$10~~] ***$20***. For the purpose of this chapter, the term "duplicate copy" shall mean an additional license containing an indicator that the license is a duplicate. A new photograph need not be taken. IV-a. For a new driver's license because of a change of address, [~~$3~~] ***$10***.
346 Vanity Number Plates; Fees. Amend RSA 261:89 to read as follows: 261:89 Vanity Number Plates. The director is hereby authorized to design and to issue, under such rules as the director deems appropriate, vanity number plates to be used on motor vehicles in lieu of other number plates. Such number plates shall be of such design and shall bear such letters or letters and numbers as the director shall prescribe, but there shall be no duplication of identification. Such number plates or a changeable designation of the effective period thereof, as the director shall determine, shall be issued only upon application therefor and upon payment of a special vanity plate service fee of [~~$40~~] ***$60***, said special fee to be in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee and any other number plate manufacturing fee otherwise required by law for the particular vehicle. Plates shall be renewed on an annual basis for [~~$40~~] ***$60*** per set. All special fees collected under this section shall be paid to the state treasurer and distributed as provided by RSA 263:52. Upon rejection of an application for vanity number plates, the director shall refund or credit the collected special vanity plate service fee. The director shall recall any vanity number plates that have been issued which do not conform to applicable law and rules, regardless of when the plates were issued. Any person whose application for vanity number plates has been rejected or whose vanity number plates have been recalled shall be issued a number plate of the same classification as the plate that had been requested or recalled. The prorated by month portion of the special vanity plate service fee shall be refunded or credited to the person whose vanity number plates have been recalled.	247 Vanity Number Plates; Fees. Amend RSA 261:89 to read as follows: 261:89 Vanity Number Plates. The director is hereby authorized to design and to issue, under such rules as the director deems appropriate, vanity number plates to be used on motor vehicles in lieu of other number plates. Such number plates shall be of such design and shall bear such letters or letters and numbers as the director shall prescribe, but there shall be no duplication of identification. Such number plates or a changeable designation of the effective period thereof, as the director shall determine, shall be issued only upon application therefor and upon payment of a special vanity plate service fee of [~~$40~~] ***$60***, said special fee to be in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee and any other number plate manufacturing fee otherwise required by law for the particular vehicle. Plates shall be renewed on an annual basis for [~~$40~~] ***$60*** per set. All special fees collected under this section shall be paid to the state treasurer and distributed as provided by RSA 263:52. Upon rejection of an application for vanity number plates, the director shall refund or credit the collected special vanity plate service fee. The director shall recall any vanity number plates that have been issued which do not conform to applicable law and rules, regardless of when the plates were issued. Any person whose application for vanity number plates has been rejected or whose vanity number plates have been recalled shall be issued a number plate of the same classification as the plate that had been requested or recalled. The prorated by month portion of the special vanity plate service fee shall be refunded or credited to the person whose vanity number plates have been recalled.

347 Vanity Plates; Fee Collection. Amend RSA 261:141, VII(d) to read as follows: (d) For vanity plate service fee-[~~$40~~] ***$60***.	248 Vanity Plates; Fee Collection. Amend RSA 261:141, VII(d) to read as follows: (d) For vanity plate service fee-[~~$40~~] ***$60***.
348 Driver Training Fund; Application of Vanity Plate Fee. Amend RSA 263:52, II to read as follows: II. The [~~$40~~] ***$60*** vanity plate service fee and the fee for renewal of vanity number plates shall automatically be credited to the driver training fund until all fees in such fund equal the amount of money estimated by the general court as available for expenditure for course materials, licensing of schools, and certification services in connection with driver training from that fund for that fiscal year. Once the driver training course materials, licensing of schools, and certification services have been funded in accordance with the legislative estimates for the current fiscal year, the next 1.5 million dollars shall be transferred to the department of safety as restricted revenue, thereafter the balance of all such fees shall be transferred to the general fund and shall be available as unrestricted revenue.	249 Driver Training Fund; Application of Vanity Plate Fee. Amend RSA 263:52, II to read as follows: II. The [~~$40~~] ***$60*** vanity plate service fee and the fee for renewal of vanity number plates shall automatically be credited to the driver training fund until all fees in such fund equal the amount of money estimated by the general court as available for expenditure for course materials, licensing of schools, and certification services in connection with driver training from that fund for that fiscal year. Once the driver training course materials, licensing of schools, and certification services have been funded in accordance with the legislative estimates for the current fiscal year, the next 1.5 million dollars shall be transferred to the department of safety as restricted revenue, thereafter the balance of all such fees shall be transferred to the general fund and shall be available as unrestricted revenue.
349 Effective Date. Sections 338 through 348 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2026.	250 Effective Date. Sections 240 through 249 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2026.
350 Nonresident Who Establishes a Residency in the State. Amend RSA 263:35 to read as follows: 263:35 Nonresident Who Establishes a Residency in the State. ***I.(a)*** Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 261:44 or any other law to the contrary, any nonresident driver of a motor vehicle who holds a valid driver's license in another jurisdiction, upon the establishment of a bona fide residency in this state, shall have a maximum of 60 days from the date his or her residency was established to obtain a driver's license issued by the state of New Hampshire; provided that H-2A temporary agricultural workers satisfying the requirements under RSA 263:35-a shall have a maximum of 300 days. ***(b) An individual subject to subparagraph (a), who ceases to be a resident of this state within 60 days of establishing a bona fide residency and has not yet obtained a driver's***	251 Nonresident Who Establishes a Residency in the State. Amend RSA 263:35 to read as follows: 263:35 Nonresident Who Establishes a Residency in the State. ***I.(a)*** Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 261:44 or any other law to the contrary, any nonresident driver of a motor vehicle who holds a valid driver's license in another jurisdiction, upon the establishment of a bona fide residency in this state, shall have a maximum of 60 days from the date his or her residency was established to obtain a driver's license issued by the state of New Hampshire; provided that H-2A temporary agricultural workers satisfying the requirements under RSA 263:35-a shall have a maximum of 300 days. ***(b) An individual subject to subparagraph (a), who ceases to be a resident of this state within 60 days of establishing a bona fide residency and has not yet obtained a driver's***

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license issued by the state of New Hampshire, shall notify the director of their departure from the state. ***(c) A resident subject to subparagraph (a), whose out-of-state driver's license expires or is relinquished after becoming a resident of this state shall notify the director.*** ***II. The director shall notify any individual in violation of paragraph I who is more than 30 days past a deadline provided in this section. The notification shall be sent to the in-state address and out-of-state address, if available. The director shall begin sending such notifications within one year of the effective date of this section.*** ***III. The director, for good cause shown, may grant an extension of a deadline in this section to any individual.***	***license issued by the state of New Hampshire, shall notify the director of their departure from the state.*** ***(c) A resident subject to subparagraph (a), whose out-of-state driver's license expires or is relinquished after becoming a resident of this state shall notify the director.*** ***II. The director shall notify any individual in violation of paragraph I who is more than 30 days past a deadline provided in this section. The notification shall be sent to the in-state address and out-of-state address, if available. The director shall begin sending such notifications within one year of the effective date of this section.*** ***III. The director, for good cause shown, may grant an extension of a deadline in this section to any individual.***
351 New Subparagraph; Centralized Voter Registration Database; Information Sharing. Amend RSA 654:45, IV(b) to read as follows: (b) Voter database record data shall be verified by matching the records with those of the department of safety and the federal Social Security Administration as are required by law, and with the records of the state agency or division charged with maintaining vital records. For this purpose, the voter registration record database may be linked to the state agency or division charged with maintaining vital records and the department of safety, provided that no linked agency or division may save or retain voter information or use it for purposes other than verifying the accuracy of the information contained in the voter database. The link authorized by this subparagraph shall not allow the department of state or election officials direct access to the motor vehicle registration or driver's license records maintained by the division of motor vehicles***; provided that such link shall authorize the department of state to identify voter records with out-of-state driver's license information where the record cannot be matched to an in-state driver's license obtained within the deadline provided in RSA 263:35. The secretary of state shall authorize the release of information from the voter database necessary for the department of safety to***	252 New Subparagraph; Centralized Voter Registration Database; Information Sharing. Amend RSA 654:45, IV(b) to read as follows: (b) Voter database record data shall be verified by matching the records with those of the department of safety and the federal Social Security Administration as are required by law, and with the records of the state agency or division charged with maintaining vital records. For this purpose, the voter registration record database may be linked to the state agency or division charged with maintaining vital records and the department of safety, provided that no linked agency or division may save or retain voter information or use it for purposes other than verifying the accuracy of the information contained in the voter database. The link authorized by this subparagraph shall not allow the department of state or election officials direct access to the motor vehicle registration or driver's license records maintained by the division of motor vehicles***; provided that such link shall authorize the department of state to identify voter records with out-of-state driver's license information where the record cannot be matched to an in-state driver's license obtained within the deadline provided in RSA 263:35. The secretary of state shall authorize the release of information from the voter database necessary for the department of safety to***

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notify an individual pursuant to RSA 263:35, II. The commissioner of safety may authorize the release of information from motor vehicle registration and driver's license records to the extent that the information is necessary to department of state and department of safety cooperation in a joint notification to individuals of apparent discrepancies in their records and to the extent that the information is necessary to resolve those discrepancies. The commissioner of safety and the secretary of state are authorized to enter into an agreement that establishes the services to be provided by the department of safety and the cost for those services. The department of safety shall not be required to provide any services under this subparagraph unless an agreement is in place and there are sufficient funds in the election fund to pay the cost for the services. The system shall facilitate the identification and correction of voter registration records whenever a registered voter has died or has been disenfranchised pursuant to part I, article 11 of the New Hampshire constitution or RSA 654:5 through RSA 654:6, or when the domicile address does not match the address provided by the same individual to the department of safety.	***notify an individual pursuant to RSA 263:35, II***. The commissioner of safety may authorize the release of information from motor vehicle registration and driver's license records to the extent that the information is necessary to department of state and department of safety cooperation in a joint notification to individuals of apparent discrepancies in their records and to the extent that the information is necessary to resolve those discrepancies. The commissioner of safety and the secretary of state are authorized to enter into an agreement that establishes the services to be provided by the department of safety and the cost for those services. The department of safety shall not be required to provide any services under this subparagraph unless an agreement is in place and there are sufficient funds in the election fund to pay the cost for the services. The system shall facilitate the identification and correction of voter registration records whenever a registered voter has died or has been disenfranchised pursuant to part I, article 11 of the New Hampshire constitution or RSA 654:5 through RSA 654:6, or when the domicile address does not match the address provided by the same individual to the department of safety.
352 Motor Vehicle Air Pollution Abatement Fund; Definitions. Amend RSA 125-S:2 to read as follows: 125-S:2 Definitions. In this chapter: I. "Department" means the department of environmental services. II. [~~"Motor vehicle inspection fee" means the fee collected by the department of safety pursuant to RSA 266:2.~~ ~~III.~~] "Mobile source" means, for the purposes of this chapter, any motor vehicle registered for on-road use by the department of safety, division of motor vehicles.	**SEE SENATE SECTIONS 253-274**
353 Inspection; Power Unit and Trailer. Amend RSA 266:18-d, III to read as follows:	**SEE SENATE SECTIONS 253-274**

III. Vehicles so certified include the power unit and trailer. The vehicle shall be certified upon submission to the department of documentation satisfactory to the department from the manufacturer attesting that the vehicle is capable of safely carrying the additional weight. Such attestation shall be required upon the first application for certification and a new attestation shall be required at any time when the configuration of the vehicle relative to power unit, axles, springs, or other safety items that could affect the vehicle's ability to qualify for an excess weight certification is altered. Such attestation shall designate the maximum safe gross weight for the vehicles as determined by the components and the summation of the manufacturer's axle design limits for each axle of the vehicle [~~The power unit and trailer shall be required at all times to have a current inspection sticker or decal from an official inspection station~~].	
354 Inspection; Rulemaking. Amend RSA 266:18-d, VI to read as follows: VI. The commissioner or his designee may revoke or suspend any additional registration granted pursuant to paragraph V of any vehicle or vehicles which are being driven in violation of the limits established by RSA 266:18-b or any other provision of law as evidenced by a record of such violations. The commissioner shall adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A pertaining to the procedures for such revocation or suspension and the application[,] and certification[~~, and inspection~~] process for additional truck weights, as well as procedures to become certified as a vehicle inspector for additional weights.	**SEE SENATE SECTIONS 253-274**
355 Inspection; Motorcycle Noise. Amend RSA 266:59-a to read as follows: 266:59-a Motorcycle Noise Levels. I. No person shall operate in this state any motorcycle which produces a sound level in excess of the following decibels, when measured in accordance with the provisions of the SAE International Recommended Practice SAE J2825, "Measurement of Exhaust Sound Pressure Levels of Stationary On-Highway Motorcycles":	**SEE SENATE SECTIONS 253-274**

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(a) For all motorcycles, 92 decibels while the engine is operating at idle speed; or (b) For motorcycles with less than 3 or more than 4 cylinders, 96 decibels while the engine is operating at 2,000 revolutions per minute or 75 percent of maximum engine speed, whichever is less; or (c) For 3 and 4 cylinder motorcycles, 100 decibels while the engine is operating at 5,000 revolutions per minute or 75 percent of maximum engine speed, whichever is less. [~~II. No person shall pass for the purposes of the inspection required by RSA 266:1 any motorcycle which produces a sound level in excess of the following decibels, when measured in accordance with the provisions of the SAE International Recommended Practice SAE J2825, "Measurement of Exhaust Sound Pressure Levels of Stationary On Highway Motorcycles":~~ ~~(a) For all motorcycles, 92 decibels while the engine is operating at idle speed; or~~ ~~(b) For motorcycles with less than 3 or more than 4 cylinders, 96 decibels while the engine is operating at 2,000 revolutions per minute or 75 percent of maximum engine speed, whichever is less; or~~ ~~(c) For 3 and 4 cylinder motorcycles, 100 decibels while the engine is operating at 5,000 revolutions per minute or 75 percent of maximum engine speed, whichever is less.~~ ~~III.~~] ***II.*** Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a violation and shall be fined not less than $100 nor more than $300.	
356 Inspection; Odometers. Amend RSA 266:60 to read as follows: 266:60 Standards for Odometers. No passenger motor vehicle designated as a 1972 or later model which is manufactured after January 1, 1972, shall be registered in this state unless it is equipped with a tamper-resistant odometer designed with the intent to reduce the likelihood of unlawful tampering with the mileage reading thereon. The director may adopt rules pursuant to RSA 260:5 establishing standards for such devices, which standards shall be consistent with provisions of federal law, if any, relating thereto. The director shall not require, as a condition precedent to the initial sale	**SEE SENATE SECTIONS 253-274**

of a vehicle, [~~the inspection,~~] certification or other approval of such odometer if such device or equipment has been certified by the manufacturer as complying with federal or state law or rule.	
357 Street Rod Equipment; Inspection. Amend RSA 266:13, I to read as follows: I. A vehicle registered as a street rod shall be equipped as prescribed by RSA 266 [~~and state of New Hampshire official inspection station rules adopted pursuant to RSA 541-A,~~] as [~~they~~] ***it*** may be applicable to vehicles whose model year is prior to the year 1949.	**SEE SENATE SECTIONS 253-274**
358 Custom Vehicles; Inspection. Amend RSA 266:115, I to read as follows: I. A vehicle registered as a custom vehicle shall be equipped as prescribed by RSA 266 [~~and state of New Hampshire official inspection station rules adopted pursuant to RSA 541-A~~], as [~~they~~] ***it*** may be applicable to such vehicles.	**SEE SENATE SECTIONS 253-274**
359 Sale of Unsafe Used Motor Vehicles; Inspection. Amend RSA 358-F:2 to read as follows: 358-F:2 Inspection. Before selling to any customer any used motor vehicle which is ***believed by the customer to be*** unsafe for operation upon the highways pursuant to [~~RSA 266:8~~] ***RSA 266***, the dealer shall, upon the request of the customer, conduct or have conducted a safety inspection of such vehicle. If the vehicle is found to be unsafe for operation, the dealer may sell the vehicle to the customer without correcting the defects, but only if the dealer presents to the customer at the time of sale a notice which states: This motor vehicle [~~will not pass a New Hampshire inspection and~~] is unsafe for operation ***upon the highways pursuant to RSA 266***. The following defects must be corrected [~~before an inspection sticker will be issued~~]. The dealer shall list all [~~inspection~~] defects under this statement and specify the date on which the inspection was conducted and the person who performed the inspection. The dealer may make a reasonable charge for conducting the inspection.	**SEE SENATE SECTIONS 253-274**
360 Sale of Unsafe Used Motor Vehicles; Remedy. Amend RSA 358-F:4 to read as follows:	**SEE SENATE SECTIONS 253-274**

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358-F:4 Remedy. A failure of any dealer to comply with the provisions of this section, or a concealment by any dealer of any defect which was discovered, or should have been discovered, during the inspection [~~required by~~] ***requested under*** RSA 358-F:2 is an unfair or deceptive act or practice within the meaning of RSA 358-A:2. Any right or remedy set forth in RSA 358-A may be used to enforce the provisions of this chapter.	
361 Repeal. The following are repealed: I. RSA 125-S:4, relative to the motor vehicle air pollution abatement fund. II. RSA 260:6-a, relative to administrative review of sanctions against inspection stations. III. RSA 260:6-b, relative to point system for automobile dealer and inspection station violations. IV. RSA 266:1, relative to inspection authorized. V. RSA 266:1-a, relative to state police duties relative to vehicle inspection. VI. RSA 266:1-b, relative to inspection of trailers. VII. RSA 266:2, relative to fees. VIII. RSA 266:3, relative to inspection of spare tires. IX. RSA 266:3-a, relative to rust. X. RSA 266:4, relative to repair of defective equipment. XI. RSA 266:5, relative to penalties for failing to obey inspection requirements. XII. RSA 266:6, relative to driving of uninspected vehicles. XIII. RSA 266:8, relative to sales of unsafe vehicles. XIV. RSA 266:59-b, relative to emission control equipment. XV. RSA 266:78-o, relative to emergency and warning lights; duties of official inspection stations.	**SEE SENATE SECTIONS 253-274**
362 Effective Date. Sections 352 through 361 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2026.	**SEE SENATE SECTIONS 253-274**

SEE HOUSE SECTIONS 352-362	253 Inspections Authorized. Amend RSA 266:1, I to read as follows: I. The director may require the inspection of any vehicle, except an OHRV, snowmobile, moped, roadable aircraft, or any other vehicle exempted under this chapter, to determine whether it is fit to be driven. Such inspection shall be made at such times and in such manner as the director may specify, subject to the requirements set forth in this section, ***and shall consist of an examination of:*** ***(a) The registration certificate;*** ***(b) The vehicle identification number;*** ***(c) The steering and suspension systems;*** ***(d) The braking system, odometer and speedometer;*** ***(e) The horn;*** ***(f) The starter safety switch;*** ***(g) The reverse gear and parking position;*** ***(h) The lights and reflectors, including headlight aim;*** ***(i) The glass, glazing, and mirrors;*** ***(j) The windshield wipers and defroster;*** ***(k) The exhaust system;*** ***(l) The body, chassis, and bumper height;*** ***(m) The fuel system; and*** ***(n) The tires and wheels.*** ***I-a. Except for commercial motor vehicles and school buses, and notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 266:59, an inspection shall ensure the vehicle's compliance with applicable safety and operational standards. Items identified as mandatory failure items shall require the vehicle to fail inspection if objective, measurable safety defects are found, as set forth in this chapter. Items identified as advisory-only shall require the inspector to document and***

	disclose deficiencies to the vehicle owner but shall not result in a safety inspection failure. No vehicle shall fail inspection except as expressly authorized by the provisions of this chapter. ***I-b. Except for commercial motor vehicles and school buses, and notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 266:59-b, vehicle inspection failures shall be limited to the vehicle identification number (VIN); steering and suspension; brakes; reverse gear and parking position; horn; starter safety switch; lights and lighting, including aim; glass; mirrors; wiper function and defroster; body, chassis, and bumper height; fuel system; tires and wheels. No component outside of those listed shall serve as grounds for failure.***
SEE HOUSE SECTIONS 352-362	254 Motor Vehicle Inspection; Grace Period. Amend RSA 266:1, IV to read as follows: IV. [~~Notwithstanding paragraphs II and III~~] ***Except as provided in paragraph VIII***, newly registered vehicles, other than vehicles transferred to a licensed dealer, OHRVs, snowmobiles, mopeds, ***and*** roadable aircraft[~~, and vehicles, other than vehicles transferred to a licensed dealer, OHRVs, snowmobiles, mopeds, and roadable aircraft~~], the ownership of which has been transferred, shall be inspected not later than [~~10~~] ***30*** days after the registration or transfer of ownership of said vehicle. However, if a new vehicle is purchased at retail from a licensed dealer, as defined in RSA 259:18, the vehicle shall be inspected not later than [~~20~~] ***30*** days after the date of transfer. A used vehicle for which a dealer has issued a 20-day plate pursuant to RSA 261:109 shall be inspected by the dealer or an authorized inspection station on behalf of the dealer at the time of the attachment of the plate unless a valid inspection sticker issued by the dealer is in place, in which case the vehicle shall be inspected within [~~20~~] ***30*** days or before the sticker expires, whichever occurs first. All other expired motor vehicle inspections shall be subject to the [~~10-day~~] ***30-day*** grace period in RSA 266:5.
SEE HOUSE SECTIONS 352-362	255 Motor Vehicle Inspection; Motorcycle-Only Station Designation. Amend RSA 266:1, V-a to read as follows:

	V-a. An inspection station may, upon request, be designated a "motorcycle only" inspection station. A "motorcycle only" inspection station may inspect only motorcycles[~~ and shall not be required to conduct OBD II emission testing under RSA 266:59-b or to purchase or lease any equipment relating to the OBD II emission testing program~~].
SEE HOUSE SECTIONS 352-362	256 Motor Vehicle Inspection; Inspection Fees. Amend RSA 266:1, VII-VIIa to read as follows: VII. [~~Except as provided in paragraph XII,~~] Each inspection station shall conspicuously post on the outside of the building a sign showing the inspection fee charged [~~and the additional fee charged for OBD II testing under RSA 266:59-b. No inspection station shall include the cost of OBD II testing or reporting in the inspection fee charged for a vehicle not subject to the OBD II requirements under RSA 266:59-b~~]. VII-a. [~~(a)~~] The director is authorized to require inspection stations to submit inspection data to the department electronically, provided that if electronic submission is required the following inspection stations shall be allowed to submit inspection data electronically or on a designated schedule and form prescribed by the department: [~~(1)~~] ***(a)*** Inspection stations that are authorized to inspect only motorcycles. [~~(2)~~] [Repealed.] [~~(3)~~] ***(b)*** Fleet motor vehicle inspection stations [~~for non-OBD II vehicles~~]. [~~(4)~~] ***(c)*** Municipal and county government inspection stations. [~~(b) The department shall not require an inspection station to transfer inspection information electronically for any vehicle of model year 1995 or older.~~]
SEE HOUSE SECTIONS 352-362	257 Motor Vehicle Inspection; Inspection Fees. Amend RSA 266:1, VII-VIIa to read as follows:

	(d) Each inspection station authorized pursuant to this paragraph shall conspicuously post on the outside of its vehicle or trailer a sign showing the inspection fee charged[~~ and the additional fee charged for OBD II testing under RSA 266:59 b. No inspection station authorized pursuant to this paragraph shall include the cost of OBD II testing or reporting in the inspection fee charged for a vehicle not subject to the OBD II requirements under RSA 266:59 b~~].
SEE HOUSE SECTIONS 352-362	258 Penalty for Failing to Obey Inspection Requirements. Amend RSA 266:5 to read as follows: 266:5 Penalty for Failing to Obey Inspection Requirements. The driver or owner of any motor vehicle failing to comply with the requirements of the director relative to inspection shall be guilty of a violation, and the director may refuse to register, or may suspend or revoke the registration of, any motor vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer which has not been inspected as required or which is unsafe or unfit to be driven; provided, however, no person shall be charged with a violation of this section until a period of [~~10~~] ***30*** days has elapsed from the date the inspection was due. It shall be a rebuttable presumption that a vehicle that is required to be inspected is in violation of this section if the vehicle fails to display a valid inspection sticker. This section shall not apply to those vehicles required to be inspected under the provisions of RSA 266:1, IV. The fine for a violation of this section shall be $60.
SEE HOUSE SECTIONS 352-362	259 New Paragraphs; Inspection Upon Retail Sale. Amend RSA 266:1 by inserting after paragraph VIII the following new paragraphs: VIII-a. Every new vehicle, with a certificate of origin, excluding commercial motor vehicles, school buses, shall be subject to inspection at the time of initial registration in accordance with paragraph IV, and thereafter prior to the last day of the registered owner's month of birth that occurs not more than 36 months following the date of initial registration. VIII-b. The inspection sticker issued shall retain the originally scheduled expiration date corresponding to the registered owner's month of birth, provided such date does not exceed 36 months from the date of initial registration. Notwithstanding paragraph VIII-a, any vehicle registered under

	this title, except an OHRV, snowmobile, moped, roadable aircraft, or other exempt vehicle, shall be inspected once a year, during the month in which the birth date of the owner is observed, if the owner is a natural person. An inspection sticker shall be valid for the same duration as the vehicle's registration, which shall not exceed 16 months. If the month in which the anniversary of the owner's birth occurs will be one of the next 4 months, an inspection sticker may be issued, with an expiration date of the birth month in the following year, of the first person named on the title application. Nothing in this paragraph shall require any person who has registered and had inspected a vehicle with temporary plates to have the vehicle reinspected upon receipt of permanent motor vehicle plates. An inspection sticker shall not expire when a vehicle is transferred to a licensed dealer.
SEE HOUSE SECTIONS 352-362	260 Rust. RSA 266:3-a is repealed and reenacted to read as follows: 266-3:a Rust. I. Every motor vehicle shall at all times be equipped with a body and frame in sound and safe condition. A vehicle operated on a way shall fail inspection as a result of body or frame-related conditions due to rust only when there is any of the following: (a) A defect that permits exhaust gases to enter the passenger or cargo compartment. (b) A structural exterior panel, including doors, hood, fenders, trunk, or bumpers, that is missing, insecurely mounted, improperly latched, not at the correct height, or not constructed from materials meeting the manufacturer's specifications. (c) A frame or unibody that is cracked, broken or rusted to the extent that it compromises structural integrity.
SEE HOUSE SECTIONS 352-362	261 New Sections; Additional Equipment. Amend RSA 266 by inserting after section 3-a the following new sections:

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	266:3-b Starter Safety Switch. A motor vehicle shall fail inspection if it is manufactured with a starter safety switch and the engine starts with the gear selector in any position other than "park" or "neutral," or without engaging the clutch on a manual transmission. 266:3-c Steering and Suspension. Every motor vehicle shall be equipped with a steering and suspension system in good working order. A vehicle shall only fail inspection if any component is loose beyond manufacturer tolerances; improperly secured, bent, or damaged in a way that impairs control; excessively worn, corroded, or deteriorated such that it compromises the structural integrity; or repaired or modified in a manner inconsistent with manufacturer specifications or accepted industry standards. 266:3-d Fuel System. I. Every motor vehicle shall at all times be equipped with a fuel system in good working order, free from leaks and maintained in such a condition that leakage is not present at any part of the system. II. Fuel components shall be deemed to fail inspection only where there is evidence of leakage or improper connection in the fuel system, including lines, hoses, or tank. 266:3-e Reverse Gear. I. All passenger vehicles, trucks, and buses shall be equipped with a functional reverse gear capable of moving the vehicle backward under its own power. II. A vehicle shall fail inspection if the reverse gear is missing, inoperative, or otherwise incapable of propelling the vehicle in reverse under its own power.
SEE HOUSE SECTIONS 352-362	262 Parking Brake. Amend RSA 266:27-a to read as follows: 266:27-a Parking Brakes Required. ***I.*** Every motor vehicle and combination of vehicles except motorcycles, farm tractors and mopeds, shall have a parking brake system adequate to hold the vehicle or combination of vehicles on any grade on which it is driven under all conditions of loading on a surface free from snow, ice or loose

	material, and which shall comply with performance standards issued by the director by rule adopted pursuant to RSA 260:5. ***II. A vehicle equipped with an automatic transmission shall only fail inspection if it rolls or moves when placed in the "park" position on a grade.***
SEE HOUSE SECTIONS 352-362	263 Brake Performance. Amend RSA 266:28 to read as follows: 266:28 Brake Performance. ***I.*** Every motor vehicle and every combination of motor vehicle with trailer or semi-trailer when driven upon the ways of the state shall at a speed of 20 miles per hour be capable, at all times and under all conditions of loading, of stopping on a dry, smooth, approximately level pavement free from loose material, upon application of the foot or service brake, within a distance of 30 feet. ***II. Braking systems shall only cause inspection failure when any component shows fluid leakage; lines or hoses are improperly repaired or altered; brake linings are worn below 2/32 inch; rivets are exposed, loose, or the lining is unsecured; or if drums or rotors are cracked, damaged, excessively rusted, have defective grease retainers, collapsed vanes, or fall below the minimum allowable thickness.***
SEE HOUSE SECTIONS 352-362	264 Front Lights. Amend RSA 266:31 to read as follows: 266:31 Front Lights. I. Every motor vehicle driven during the period from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise, and whenever rain, snow, or fog shall interfere with the proper view of the road so that persons and vehicles on the way are not clearly discernible at a distance of 1,000 feet ahead, shall display at least 2 lighted lamps on the front; provided, however, that one suitable lighted lamp on the front of a motorcycle shall be sufficient. The headlamp shall throw sufficient light ahead within the traveled portion of the way to make clearly visible all vehicles, persons, or substantial objects within a distance of 200 feet, except that the headlamps of motorcycles shall be sufficient if they make clearly visible

	objects within a distance of 150 feet. No headlamp shall be used unless it is approved by the director and is equipped with a proper lens or other device designed to prevent glaring rays. All headlamps on every motor vehicle shall be located at a height of not more than 54 inches nor less than 24 inches from the ground on an unladen vehicle. The measurement shall be made from the ground to the center of the lens. No device which obstructs, reflects, or alters the beam of such headlamp shall be used in connection therewith unless approved by the director. Every lens or other device to prevent glaring rays, the use of which on motor vehicles has been approved by the director, shall be arranged, adjusted, and operated in accordance with the requirements of the certificate approving the use thereof. Every lamp, bulb, or light used in any headlamp shall be of such candle power as may be specified for the approved device in the certificate approving the use thereof. Every reflector which is used as a part of such headlamp shall have a reflecting surface approved by the director after satisfactory tests have been made[~~, and every reflecting surface shall be free from dents, rust, and other imperfections~~]. The driver of every motor vehicle shall permit any properly authorized person to inspect the headlighting equipment of such motor vehicle and to make such tests as he or she may deem necessary to determine whether the provisions of this section are being complied with. ***Headlamp aim shall only be checked if the inspection reveals that the beams appear to be misaligned.*** Any headlamp color approved by the director for motor vehicles shall be considered approved for motorcycles. [~~Any headlamp color approved by the director for motor vehicles shall also apply to headlamps approved for motorcycles.~~] II. Headlamps shall shine white when shined against a white surface. All other forward facing lights shall be amber or white. III. Notwithstanding paragraph II, fog lights shall be permitted to shine yellow. IV. The provisions of this section shall not apply to a vehicle with an original equipment manufacturer (OEM) front lighting system, or a front lighting system of a similar type installed as standard equipment by the vehicle manufacturer.

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	V. A headlamp shall not cause inspection failure unless it fails to light or does not function properly, does not meet the manufacturer's specifications or violates federal motor vehicle safety standards, is a LED headlamp that is not 100 percent functional, shows a color which is not approved by the director, is improperly aimed, is not securely mounted in the manufacturer-specified location, is obscured, permits the accumulation of water within the assembly excluding normal condensation, or provides a level of light output and projection that is inferior to that of the vehicle's original equipment. ***VI. Tape or a comparable sealing method shall be deemed an acceptable repair of a headlamp assembly, provided it effectively prevents the pooling of water.*** ***VII. A required colored lamp or lens shall not be missing or damaged in such a manner that white light is emitted.***
SEE HOUSE SECTIONS 352-362	265 Directional Signals. Amend RSA 266:42 to read as follows: 266:42 Directional Signals. It shall be unlawful to drive on any way in this state any motor vehicle registered in this state which is manufactured or assembled after January 1, 1952, unless such vehicle is equipped with directional signals approved by the director. The provisions of this section shall not apply to motorcycles manufactured prior to January 1, 1973. ***A directional signal shall cause inspection failure only if fails to light or does not function properly, does not meet the manufacturer's specifications or violates federal motor vehicle safety standards, is a LED lamp that is more than 25 percent inoperable, shows a color which is not approved by the director, is not securely mounted in the manufacturer-specified location, is obscured from view, is damaged in a manner that causes the emission of white light, permits the accumulation of water within the assembly excluding normal condensation, or provides a level of light output and projection that is inferior to that of the vehicle's original equipment. Tape or a comparable sealing method shall be deemed an acceptable repair if it effectively prevents water accumulation.***

SEE HOUSE SECTIONS 352-362	266 Additional Lighting Equipment. Amend RSA 266:45-a to read as follows: 266:45-a Additional Lighting Equipment. ***I.*** Any vehicle 80 inches or more in overall width, if not otherwise required by this chapter, may be equipped with not more than 5 identification lamps showing to the front which shall emit an amber or white light without glare and with not more than 3 identification lamps showing to the rear which shall emit a red light without glare. Such lamps shall be grouped in a horizontal row, with lamp centers spaced not less than 6 nor more than 12 inches apart, and mounted on the permanent structure of the vehicle as close as practicable to the vertical center line. Any vehicle may be equipped with one or more side marker lamps, and any such lamp may be flashed in conjunction with turn or vehicular warning signals. Lamps allowed by this section shall be of a type approved by the director. ***II. Except as provided by RSA 266:31, the failure of an auxiliary light to illuminate shall not cause inspection failure.***
SEE HOUSE SECTIONS 352-362	267 Wheel and Tire Requirements. RSA 266:49 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows: 266:49 Wheel and Tire Requirements. I. A tire shall be deemed to be in unsafe driving condition, and shall cause inspection failure, only if such tire has: (a) A fabric break, or a cut in excess of one inch in any direction as measured on the outside of the tire and deep enough to reach the body cords, or has been repaired temporarily by the use of blowout patches or boots; (b) Any bump, bulge, or knot related to separation or partial failure of the tire structure; (c) Any portion of the ply or cord structure exposed; (d) A portion of the tread design completely worn, provided such worn portion is of sufficient size to affect the traction and stopping ability of the tire; or

	(e) With tread depth having been measured in accordance with the method prescribed under RSA 266:51, a tread depth in a major tread groove nearest the center of the tire which measures less than 2/32 inch or 4/32 inch on the front axles of any vehicle with a gross vehicle weight in excess of 10,000 pounds. II. Notwithstanding paragraph I, the any of the following shall cause inspection failure: (a) Radial and bias-ply tires on the same axle. (b) Different tire sizes on the same axle, except for U.S. and metric sizes of compatible construction, dimensions and load capacity. (c) Tires marked "for farm use only", "off highway use only", or "racing only" on any axle. III. A wheel shall not be considered to be in safe operating condition and shall be cause for inspection failure only if any wheel bolt, nut, stud, or lug is loose, missing, or cracked.
SEE HOUSE SECTIONS 352-362	268 Muffler, Horn and Lamps. Amend RSA 266:54 to read as follows: 266:54 Muffler, Horn and Lamps. Every motor vehicle driven on the ways of this state shall be provided with a muffler, a suitable and adequate horn or other device for signaling, and suitable lamps. ***A motor vehicle shall fail inspection if the horn is not securely mounted, fails to emit a sound audible from a distance of at least 200 feet under normal operating conditions, or is inoperative.***
SEE HOUSE SECTIONS 352-362	269 Mirrors. Amend RSA 266:55 to read as follows: 266:55 Mirrors. ***I.*** No person shall drive upon any way any closed motor vehicle, or motor vehicle so constructed, equipped, or loaded that the driver is prevented from having a constantly free and unobstructed view of the way immediately in the rear, unless there is attached to the vehicle a mirror or reflector so placed and adjusted as to afford the driver a clear, reflected view of the way in the rear of the vehicle.

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	II. No rule shall require inspection failure due to cracks in an exterior mirror provided that the mirror continues to provide an unobstructed view to the rear of the vehicle. ***III. No rule shall require inspection failure due to cracks in the interior mirror provided that exterior mirrors are installed on both the left and right sides.***
SEE HOUSE SECTIONS 352-362	270 Windshield Wipers and Defrosters. Amend RSA 266:56 to read as follows: 266:56 Windshield Wipers and Defrosters. ***I.*** Every motor vehicle shall be equipped with a windshield wiper, or wipers so-called, for cleaning rain, ice, snow or other moisture from its windshield, and every motor vehicle manufactured after January 1, 1947, shall, in addition to such windshield wiper, be also equipped with a defroster, so-called, designed for melting snow and ice from the windshield. All such devices shall at all times be maintained in good working condition. ***II. A vehicle manufactured after January 1, 1968, shall be rejected from inspection if the windshield wiper system does not have at least two distinct operating speeds.*** ***III. A vehicle manufactured after January 1, 1947, shall be rejected from inspection if not equipped with a functional defroster capable of melting snow and ice on the windshield.***
SEE HOUSE SECTIONS 352-362	271 Safety Glass. Amend RSA 266:58 to read as follows: 266:58 Safety Glass Required. ***I.*** It shall be unlawful to register or to drive on any way in this state any motor vehicle which shall have been manufactured or assembled on or after January 1, 1936, unless it be equipped with safety glass wherever glass is used in partitions, doors, windows, or windshields. This section shall not apply to any motor vehicle registered in another state by a bona fide resident of said state. ***Failure to comply with this requirement shall result in inspection failure.***

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	II. No windshield shall be deemed to be in safe driving condition and shall only fail inspection if it contains any intersecting cracks, or two or more star breaks or bullseyes larger than 1.5 inches, within the critical viewing area. For the purposes of inspection under this section, the critical viewing area shall mean the portion of the windshield extending 2 inches inward from the left-side windshield post, 2 inches down from the top edge, 2 inches up from the bottom edge, and 2 inches to the right of the vertical centerline.
SEE HOUSE SECTIONS 352-362	272 Emission Control Equipment. RSA 266:59-b, is repealed and reenacted as follows: 266:59-b Emission Control Equipment. Every motor vehicle driven on the ways of this state which is subject to inspection under this chapter shall be equipped with all of the emission control equipment which was part of that motor vehicle as originally equipped, and such equipment shall be properly connected to prevent excessive emissions.
SEE HOUSE SECTIONS 352-362	273 Rulemaking Amendments. The department of environmental services shall submit amendments to the state implementation plan (SIP) that reduces the scope of the emissions testing program by January 1, 2026. The initial SIP amendment shall remove the emissions testing requirements under 266:59-b. Notwithstanding RSA 266, the department of safety shall establish draft amendments to its rules implementing the vehicle inspection program consistent with the proposed SIP amendments, as revised according to this section, necessary for review and concurrence by the Environmental Protection Agency in their review of the SIP submittals. The draft rules shall be finalized for inclusion in the final SIP submittals for the Environmental Protection Agency approval, and shall become effective when the commissioner of the department of environmental services certifies to the director of the office of legislative services that the Environmental Protection Agency has approved amendments to the SIP as it relates to emissions testing under the state's vehicle inspection program. These rules shall be exempt from the rulemaking process requirements under RSA 541-A.

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SEE HOUSE SECTIONS 352-362	274 Effective Date. I. Section 273 shall take effect upon its passage. II. Sections 253-272 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2027.
363 Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Program; State and Federal Funding. Amend RSA 228:114 to read as follows: 228:114 State and Federal Funding. ***I.*** Any public-private partnership projects utilizing federal or state funding shall be approved as part of the state 10-year transportation improvement program in accordance with RSA 240. ***II. All proceeds or revenues to the state derived from public-private partnerships and intended for payment to the department of transportation shall be credited to the department of transportation, restricted in accordance with the approved public-private partnership agreement, continuously appropriated, and non-lapsing.***	275 Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Program; State and Federal Funding. Amend RSA 228:114 to read as follows: 228:114 State and Federal Funding. ***I.*** Any public-private partnership projects utilizing federal or state funding shall be approved as part of the state 10-year transportation improvement program in accordance with RSA 240. ***II. All proceeds or revenues to the state derived from public-private partnerships and intended for payment to the department of transportation shall be credited to the department of transportation, restricted in accordance with the approved public-private partnership agreement, continuously appropriated, and non-lapsing.***
364 Fish and Game; Gifts, Donations, and Raffles. Amend RSA 206:33-a to read as follows: 206:33-a Gifts***,*** [~~and~~] Donations***, and Raffles***; Account Established. I. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, individual gifts and donations not exceeding $2,500 in value in a year may be received by the fish and game department with the consent of the commission and without the approval of the governor or the governor and council. Individual gifts and donations exceeding $2,500 in value in a year may be received by the fish and game department with the consent of the commission and with the approval of the governor and council. ***I-a. The fish and game department is authorized to conduct raffles for fundraising purposes. Revenue received shall be credited to the gifts, donations, and raffles account established in RSA 206:33-a, II.***	276 Fish and Game; Gifts, Donations, and Raffles. Amend RSA 206:33-a to read as follows: 206:33-a Gifts***,*** [~~and~~] Donations***, and Raffles***; Account Established. I. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, individual gifts and donations not exceeding $2,500 in value in a year may be received by the fish and game department with the consent of the commission and without the approval of the governor or the governor and council. Individual gifts and donations exceeding $2,500 in value in a year may be received by the fish and game department with the consent of the commission and with the approval of the governor and council. ***I-a. The fish and game department is authorized to conduct raffles for fundraising purposes. Revenue received shall be credited to the gifts, donations, and raffles account established in RSA 206:33-a, II.***

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II. There is established an account within the fish and game fund to be known as the gifts**,** [~~and~~] donations***, and raffles*** account. Moneys in the gifts and donations account are nonlapsing and continually appropriated to the fish and game department. All gifts and donations shall be deposited in this account, except gifts and donations made to the department in support of a specific program that has an established dedicated account in title XVIII which shall be deposited into the appropriate dedicated account and expended in accordance with the purpose of the dedicated account. III. This section shall not apply to gifts, grants, bequests, or donations received pursuant to RSA 206:33-c or RSA 212-B:6.	II. There is established an account within the fish and game fund to be known as the gifts**,** [~~and~~] donations***, and raffles*** account. Moneys in the gifts and donations account are nonlapsing and continually appropriated to the fish and game department. All gifts and donations shall be deposited in this account, except gifts and donations made to the department in support of a specific program that has an established dedicated account in title XVIII which shall be deposited into the appropriate dedicated account and expended in accordance with the purpose of the dedicated account. III. This section shall not apply to gifts, grants, bequests, or donations received pursuant to RSA 206:33-c or RSA 212-B:6.
365 Fish and Game; Gifts, Donations, and Raffles. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b)(231) to read as follows: (231) Moneys deposited in the fish and game department gifts**,** [~~and~~] donations***, and raffles*** account under RSA 206:33-a.	277 Fish and Game; Gifts, Donations, and Raffles. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b)(231) to read as follows: (231) Moneys deposited in the fish and game department gifts**,** [~~and~~] donations***, and raffles*** account under RSA 206:33-a.
366 Pheasant License Revenues. Amend RSA 206:35-a to read as follows: 206:35-a Pheasant License Revenues. The state treasurer shall establish a separate account to which shall be credited all moneys collected by the fish and game department from issuance of pheasant licenses under RSA 214:9, X. The moneys in said account shall be used only for purchase or propagation of pheasants, ***as well as for program management and implementation,*** and is hereby appropriated for said purposes. Said funds shall be expended for the purposes hereof as determined by the executive director with the approval of the commission. The moneys in said account shall be nonlapsing.	278 Pheasant License Revenues. Amend RSA 206:35-a to read as follows: 206:35-a Pheasant License Revenues. The state treasurer shall establish a separate account to which shall be credited all moneys collected by the fish and game department from issuance of pheasant licenses under RSA 214:9, X. The moneys in said account shall be used only for purchase or propagation of pheasants, ***as well as for program management and implementation,*** and is hereby appropriated for said purposes. Said funds shall be expended for the purposes hereof as determined by the executive director with the approval of the commission. The moneys in said account shall be nonlapsing.
367 Fisheries Habitat Fee. Amend RSA 214:1-g to read as follows:	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 279 Fisheries Habitat Fee. Amend RSA 214:1-g to read as follows:

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I. A [~~one dollar~~] ***$5*** fisheries habitat fee shall be required to be paid by all persons 16 years of age or older, in addition to each applicable fishing or combination license required by Title XVIII, in order to take fish in the fresh waters of this state. ***The $5 fee shall be credited as $4 of unrestricted revenue to the fish and game fund and $1 to the fisheries habitat account under RSA 214:1-g, II.*** This paragraph shall not apply to any person who takes fish under a complimentary license, excluding any administrative fee, issued pursuant to RSA 214:3, RSA 214:7-a, RSA 214:13, RSA 214:13-b, or RSA 214:13-c, or a lifetime license issued pursuant to RSA 214:9-c that was purchased in a prior calendar year. II. The state treasurer shall establish a separate nonlapsing account within the fish and game fund, to be known as the fisheries habitat account, to which [~~shall be credited all~~] ***a portion of the*** fees collected under RSA 214:1-g, I ***shall be allocated***. The state treasurer may accept public and private grants and donations for deposit into the account. ***Beginning in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and each year thereafter, any amount in this account in excess of $750,000 at the end of the fiscal year shall be transferred to the fish and game fund.***	I. A [~~one dollar~~] ***$5*** fisheries habitat fee shall be required to be paid by all persons 16 years of age or older, in addition to each applicable fishing or combination license required by Title XVIII, in order to take fish in the fresh waters of this state. ***The $5 fee shall be credited to the fisheries habitat account under RSA 214:1-g, II.*** This paragraph shall not apply to any person who takes fish under a complimentary license, excluding any administrative fee, issued pursuant to RSA 214:3, RSA 214:7-a, RSA 214:13, RSA 214:13-b, or RSA 214:13-c, or a lifetime license issued pursuant to RSA 214:9-c that was purchased in a prior calendar year. II. The state treasurer shall establish a separate nonlapsing account within the fish and game fund, to be known as the fisheries habitat account, to which shall be credited all fees collected under RSA 214:1-g, I. The state treasurer may accept public and private grants and donations for deposit into the account. ***The executive director may transfer any amount in this account in excess of $750,000 to the fish and game fund at the end of the fiscal year.***
368 Game Management Account Established; Report. Amend RSA 206:34-b, I to read as follows: I. The state treasurer shall establish a separate nonlapsing account within the fish and game fund, to be known as the game management account. Each month the department shall determine the number of licenses, applications, or permits sold for moose, bear, turkey, and waterfowl and, for each, transfer $10 to the game management account. The moneys in this account shall be used exclusively for the implementation of a comprehensive population and habitat management program, including research and management, protection, education, and outreach for game as defined in RSA 207:1, IX, fur-bearing animals as defined in RSA 207:1, VIII, and migratory game birds as defined in RSA 209:5 to include waterfowl, snipe, and woodcock. Funds in the game management account are hereby continually appropriated for said purposes. Said funds shall be expended for the purposes of	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 280 Game Management Account Established; Report. Amend RSA 206:34-b, I to read as follows: I. The state treasurer shall establish a separate nonlapsing account within the fish and game fund, to be known as the game management account. Each month the department shall determine the number of licenses, applications, or permits sold for moose, bear, turkey, and waterfowl and, for each, transfer $10 to the game management account. The moneys in this account shall be used exclusively for the implementation of a comprehensive population and habitat management program, including research and management, protection, education, and outreach for game as defined in RSA 207:1, IX, fur-bearing animals as defined in RSA 207:1, VIII, and migratory game birds as defined in RSA 209:5 to include waterfowl, snipe, and woodcock. Funds in the game management account are hereby continually appropriated for said purposes. Said funds shall be expended for the purposes of

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this section as determined by the executive director with approval of the commission. ***Beginning in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and each year thereafter, any amount in this account in excess of $750,000 at the end of the fiscal year shall be transferred to the fish and game fund.***	this section as determined by the executive director with approval of the commission. ***The executive director may transfer any amount in this account in excess of $750,000 at the end of the fiscal year to the fish and game fund.***
369 Wildlife Habitat License. Amend RSA 214:1-f, V to read as follows: V. The state treasurer shall establish a separate nonlapsing account within the fish and game fund, to be known as the wildlife habitat account, to which shall be credited all fees collected under RSA 214:9, XV from the sale of wildlife habitat licenses. The state treasurer may accept public and private grants and donations into the account. ***Beginning in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and each year thereafter, any amount in this account in excess of $750,000 at the end of the fiscal year shall be transferred to the fish and game fund.***	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 281 Wildlife Habitat License. Amend RSA 214:1-f, V to read as follows: V. The state treasurer shall establish a separate nonlapsing account within the fish and game fund, to be known as the wildlife habitat account, to which shall be credited all fees collected under RSA 214:9, XV from the sale of wildlife habitat licenses. The state treasurer may accept public and private grants and donations into the account. ***The executive director may transfer any amount in this account in excess of $750,000 at the end of the fiscal year to the fish and game fund.***
370 Application; Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping Licenses. Amend RSA 214:9 to read as follows: XV. If the applicant wishes to take wild animals, excluding fish and marine species, or wild birds, a fee set by the executive director pursuant to RSA 206:10, I, and the agent shall thereupon issue a wildlife habitat license as provided in RSA 214:1-f. For any year in which a license is issued, the agent shall be entitled to retain a portion of the fee as set by the executive director pursuant to RSA 206:10, I for each wildlife habitat license sold and all licenses sold at the department headquarters or any subagency thereof shall retain the same portion of the fee which, notwithstanding RSA 214:1-f, V, shall be credited to the general fish and game fund. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there shall be no agent fee for a wildlife habitat license issued pursuant to RSA 214:1-f. ***The wildlife habitat fee shall be set no less than $5, with $2.50 credited to the wildlife habitat account established under RSA 214:1-f and the remainder credited to the fish and game fund.***	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 282 Application; Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping Licenses. Amend RSA 214:9, XV to read as follows: XV. If the applicant wishes to take wild animals, excluding fish and marine species, or wild birds, a fee set by the executive director pursuant to RSA 206:10, I, and the agent shall thereupon issue a wildlife habitat license as provided in RSA 214:1-f. For any year in which a license is issued, the agent shall be entitled to retain a portion of the fee as set by the executive director pursuant to RSA 206:10, I for each wildlife habitat license sold and all licenses sold at the department headquarters or any subagency thereof shall retain the same portion of the fee which, notwithstanding RSA 214:1-f, V, shall be credited to the general fish and game fund. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there shall be no agent fee for a wildlife habitat license issued pursuant to RSA 214:1-f. ***The wildlife habitat fee shall be set no less than $5.***

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371 Transfers to Fish and Game Fund. I. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any amounts in excess of $750,000 in the fisheries habitat account established under RSA 214:1-g, II, shall be transferred to the fish and game fund on June 30, 2025. II. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any amounts in excess of $750,000 in game management account established under RSA 206:34-b, I, shall be transferred to the fish and game fund on June 30, 2025. III. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any amount remaining in the fish food sales revenue account established under RSA 206:35-c, shall be transferred to the fish and game fund on June 30, 2025.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
372 Repeal. The following are repealed: I. RSA 206:35-c, relative to the fish food sales revenue account. II. RSA 6:12, I(b)(182), relative to the fish food sales revenue account.	283 Repeal. The following are repealed: I. RSA 206:35-c, relative to the fish food sales revenue account. II. RSA 6:12, I(b)(182), relative to the fish food sales revenue account.
373 Effective Date. I. Sections 371 and 372 shall take effect June 30, 2025. II. Sections 367 and 370 shall take effect January 1, 2026.	284 Effective Date. I. Section 283 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2025. II. Sections 279 and 282 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2026.
374 New Hampshire Retirement System; Membership; Division of Fire Safety. Amend RSA 100-A:3, III-c to read as follows: III-c. Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 100-A:1, VIII, any permanent fireman who has been a group II member and who has 10 years' fire service experience, or any person included in the definition of "fire service personnel" as defined in RSA 21-P:25, II(c) who has 10 years' fire service experience, who is or becomes the director of the division of fire safety, the director of the division of	285 New Hampshire Retirement System; Membership; Division of Fire Safety. Amend RSA 100-A:3, III-c to read as follows: III-c. Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 100-A:1, VIII, any permanent fireman who has been a group II member and who has 10 years' fire service experience, or any person included in the definition of "fire service personnel" as defined in RSA 21-P:25, II(c) who has 10 years' fire service experience, who is or becomes the director of the division of fire safety, the director of the division of

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homeland security and emergency management, the director of the division of fire standards and training and emergency medical services, any fire instructor, supervisor, instructor, or other technical specialist who has hazardous materials, firefighting, or rescue training functions and who has as a job requirement satisfied the fire standards and training commission's entrance and certification requirements for physical condition, education, and training shall be construed to be a permanent fireman for the purposes of membership in group II and shall remain in the system for the duration of service in that capacity with the fire standards and training commission ***or the division of fire safety***.	homeland security and emergency management, the director of the division of fire standards and training and emergency medical services, any fire instructor, supervisor, instructor, or other technical specialist who has hazardous materials, firefighting, or rescue training functions and who has as a job requirement satisfied the fire standards and training commission's entrance and certification requirements for physical condition, education, and training shall be construed to be a permanent fireman for the purposes of membership in group II and shall remain in the system for the duration of service in that capacity with the fire standards and training commission ***or the division of fire safety.***
375 Public School Infrastructure Fund. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 198:15-y, III to read as follows: III. The public school infrastructure commission may authorize the department of education to fund expenditures [~~with approval of the fiscal committee of the general court~~] for the following purposes:	286 Public School Infrastructure Fund. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 198:15-y, III to read as follows: III. The public school infrastructure commission may authorize the department of education to fund expenditures [~~with approval of the fiscal committee of the general court~~] for the following purposes:
376 Education; Special Education; Program Approval, Monitoring, and Corrective Action. Amend RSA 186-C:5, IX to read as follows: IX. The department, with input from the advisory committee on the education of children/students with disabilities, shall select and contract with an independent, nationally recognized organization in program evaluation and quality assurance to evaluate in 2010, 2015, and decennially thereafter, the effectiveness of the program approval and monitoring system, including whether it is carrying out activities in RSA 186-C:5 in an efficient manner. Such organization shall submit recommendations for any improvements to the commissioner, the state board of education, the governor, and the general court within 90 days of completing the program evaluation. On or before September 1, 2013, the department shall submit a written response to the report submitted by the organization that conducted the 2012 independent evaluation. The written response shall include a	287 Education; Special Education; Program Approval, Monitoring, and Corrective Action. Amend RSA 186-C:5, IX to read as follows: IX. The department, with input from the advisory committee on the education of children/students with disabilities, shall select and contract with an independent, nationally recognized organization in program evaluation and quality assurance to evaluate in 2010, 2015, and decennially thereafter, the effectiveness of the program approval and monitoring system, including whether it is carrying out activities in RSA 186-C:5 in an efficient manner. Such organization shall submit recommendations for any improvements to the commissioner, the state board of education, the governor, and the general court within 90 days of completing the program evaluation. On or before September 1, 2013, the department shall submit a written response to the report submitted by the organization that conducted the 2012 independent evaluation. The written response shall include a

detailed plan for how the department will address the areas identified as needing improvement and the recommendations made in the initial evaluation required under this section. The written response shall include specific steps the department plans to take, along with a timeline for each step. The written response shall also provide an explanation for any actions the department will not implement or complete during the plan's timeframe. On or before December 30, 2013 and June 30, 2014, the department shall submit a report of its progress toward completing its plan. The plan and reports shall be submitted to the governor, to the chairpersons of the senate and house committees with jurisdiction over education policy, to the state advisory committee for the education of children with disabilities established in RSA 186-C:3-b, and to the state board of education. For the 2015 evaluation, the department shall invite the same organization that conducted the 2012 evaluation to respond to a request for proposals. The 2015 evaluation shall include feedback on the steps the department has taken in response to the recommendations in the 2012 report. The department shall provide unimpeded access to all documents requested by the organization, except as otherwise required by law. ***For the 2025 evaluation, the department may utilize the Special Education Dispute Resolution performance audit and the Special Education performance audit from the audit division of the office of legislative budget assistant of the New Hampshire general court to meet this requirement.***	detailed plan for how the department will address the areas identified as needing improvement and the recommendations made in the initial evaluation required under this section. The written response shall include specific steps the department plans to take, along with a timeline for each step. The written response shall also provide an explanation for any actions the department will not implement or complete during the plan's timeframe. On or before December 30, 2013, and June 30, 2014, the department shall submit a report of its progress toward completing its plan. The plan and reports shall be submitted to the governor, to the chairpersons of the senate and house committees with jurisdiction over education policy, to the state advisory committee for the education of children with disabilities established in RSA 186-C:3-b, and to the state board of education. For the 2015 evaluation, the department shall invite the same organization that conducted the 2012 evaluation to respond to a request for proposals. The 2015 evaluation shall include feedback on the steps the department has taken in response to the recommendations in the 2012 report. The department shall provide unimpeded access to all documents requested by the organization, except as otherwise required by law. ***For the 2025 evaluation, the department may utilize the Special Education Dispute Resolution performance audit and the Special Education performance audit from the audit division of the office of legislative budget assistant of the New Hampshire general court to meet this requirement.***
377 Education; Special Education; State Aid. Amend RSA 186-C:18, III(a)-(b) to read as follows: III.(a) The [~~state board of education through the commissioner,~~] department of education[~~,~~] shall distribute aid available under this paragraph as entitlement to such school districts as have a special education pupil for whose costs they are responsible, for whom the costs of special education in the fiscal year exceed 3 ***and*** 1/2 times the [~~estimated~~] ***most current*** state average expenditure per pupil for the school year preceding the year of distribution. [~~If in any year, the amount appropriated for distribution as special education aid in accordance with this section is insufficient therefor, the appropriation shall be prorated proportionally based on entitlement among the districts entitled to a~~	288 Education; Special Education; State Aid. Amend RSA 186-C:18, III(a)-(b) to read as follows: III.(a) The [~~state board of education through the commissioner,~~] department of education[~~,~~] shall distribute aid available under this paragraph as entitlement to such school districts as have a special education pupil for whose costs they are responsible, for whom the costs of special education in the fiscal year exceed 3 ***and*** 1/2 times the [~~estimated~~] ***most current*** state average expenditure per pupil for the school year preceding the year of distribution. [~~If in any year, the amount appropriated for distribution as special education aid in accordance with this section is insufficient therefor, the appropriation shall be prorated proportionally based on entitlement among the districts entitled to a~~

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~~grant.~~] ***If in any year, the amount appropriated for distribution as special education aid in accordance with this section is insufficient therefor, the appropriation shall be prorated proportionally based on entitlement among the districts entitled to a grant, provided that the department of education shall distribute to the school district not less than 80 percent of the district's entitlement in the fiscal year.*** [~~If there are unexpended funds appropriated under this paragraph at the end of any fiscal year, such funds shall be distributed for court-ordered placements and episodes of treatment under RSA 186-C:19-b.~~] The state may designate up to $250,000 of the funds which are appropriated as required by this paragraph, for each fiscal year, to assist those school districts which, under guidelines established by rules of the state board of education, may qualify for emergency assistance to mitigate the impact of special education costs. The state may designate up to an additional $250,000 of the funds which are appropriated under this paragraph for each fiscal year for any community of 1,000 or fewer residents to mitigate the impact of special education costs when emergency assistance is necessary to prevent significant financial harm to such district or community. Upon application to the commissioner of education, and approval by the commissioner, such funds may be accepted and expended by school districts in accordance with this chapter; provided, however, that if a school district has received emergency assistance funds for certain children with disabilities, it shall not receive special education aid for those same children with disabilities. If any of the funds designated for emergency assistance under this paragraph are not used for such emergency assistance purposes, the funds shall be used to assist school districts in meeting special education cost increases in their special education programs as provided by this paragraph. (b) The school district shall be liable for 3 ***and*** 1/2 times the estimated state average expenditure per pupil for the school year preceding the year of distribution, plus 20 percent of the additional cost, up to 10 times the estimated state average expenditure per pupil for the school year preceding the year of distribution.	~~grant.~~] ***If in any year, the amount appropriated for distribution as special education aid in accordance with this section is insufficient therefor, the appropriation shall be prorated proportionally based on entitlement among the districts entitled to a grant, provided that the department of education shall distribute to the school district not less than 80 percent of the district's entitlement in the fiscal year.*** [~~If there are unexpended funds appropriated under this paragraph at the end of any fiscal year, such funds shall be distributed for court-ordered placements and episodes of treatment under RSA 186-C:19-b.~~] The state may designate up to $250,000 of the funds which are appropriated as required by this paragraph, for each fiscal year, to assist those school districts which, under guidelines established by rules of the state board of education, may qualify for emergency assistance to mitigate the impact of special education costs. The state may designate up to an additional $250,000 of the funds which are appropriated under this paragraph for each fiscal year for any community of 1,000 or fewer residents to mitigate the impact of special education costs when emergency assistance is necessary to prevent significant financial harm to such district or community. Upon application to the commissioner of education, and approval by the commissioner, such funds may be accepted and expended by school districts in accordance with this chapter; provided, however, that if a school district has received emergency assistance funds for certain children with disabilities, it shall not receive special education aid for those same children with disabilities. If any of the funds designated for emergency assistance under this paragraph are not used for such emergency assistance purposes, the funds shall be used to assist school districts in meeting special education cost increases in their special education programs as provided by this paragraph. (b) The school district shall be liable for 3 ***and*** 1/2 times the estimated state average expenditure per pupil for the school year preceding the year of distribution, plus 20 percent of the additional cost, up to 10 times the estimated state average expenditure per pupil for the school year preceding the year of distribution.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	289 Effective Date. Section 288 of this act shall take effect September 1, 2025.

378 Education; Special Education; State Aid. Amend RSA 186-C:18, IV to read as follows: IV. [~~The state shall appropriate an amount for each fiscal year to assist special education programs that are statewide in their scope, and that meet the standards for such programs established by the state board of education. Funds under this paragraph shall be administered and distributed by the state board of education through the commissioner.~~] ***The amount necessary to fund special education aid under this section is hereby appropriated to the department. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant to satisfy the state's obligation under this section.***	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 290 Education; Special Education; State Aid. Amend RSA 186-C:18, IV to read as follows: IV. [~~The state shall appropriate an amount for each fiscal year to assist special education programs that are statewide in their scope, and that meet the standards for such programs established by the state board of education. Funds under this paragraph shall be administered and distributed by the state board of education through the commissioner.~~] ***The amount necessary to fund special education aid under this section is hereby appropriated to the department from the education trust fund created under RSA 198:39. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant from the education trust fund to satisfy the state's obligation under this section. Such warrant for payment shall be issued regardless of the balance of funds available in the education trust fund. If the balance in the education trust fund, after the issuance of any such warrant, is less than zero, the state comptroller shall transfer sufficient funds from the general fund to eliminate such deficit. The commissioner of the department of administrative services shall inform the fiscal committee and the governor and council of such balance. This reporting shall not in any way prohibit or delay the distribution of payments.***
379 New Hampshire Excellence in Higher Education Endowment Trust Fund Established. Amend RSA 6:38, I to read as follows: I. There is hereby established in the office of the treasurer the New Hampshire excellence in higher education endowment trust fund which shall be kept distinct and separate from all other funds. Annual assessments***,*** less any annual administrative costs received from the New Hampshire college tuition savings plan established under RSA 195-H***, and less $15,000,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and $15,000,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, which shall be***	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 291 The State and Its Government; State Treasurer and State Accounts; New Hampshire Excellence in Higher Education Endowment Trust Fund Established. Amend RSA 6:38, I to read as follows: I. There is hereby established in the office of the treasurer the New Hampshire excellence in higher education endowment trust fund which shall be kept distinct and separate from all other funds. [~~Annual~~] ***During the biennium ending June 30, 2027, annual*** assessments less any annual administrative costs received from the New Hampshire college tuition savings plan established under RSA 195-H***, and less $6,000,000 per year of gross proceeds from assessments collected, which***

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allocated as state support to the university system of New Hampshire, shall be credited to the trust fund to provide scholarships for the benefit of residents of the state pursuing programs of study at eligible educational institutions within the state.	***shall be allocated to the general fund,*** shall be credited to the trust fund to provide scholarships for the benefit of residents of the state pursuing programs of study at eligible educational institutions within the state.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	292 The State and Its Government; State Treasurer and State Accounts; New Hampshire Excellence in Higher Education Endowment Trust Fund Established. Amend RSA 6:38, I to read as follows: I. There is hereby established in the office of the treasurer the New Hampshire excellence in higher education endowment trust fund which shall be kept distinct and separate from all other funds. [~~During the biennium ending June 30, 2027, annual~~] ***Annual*** assessments less any annual administrative costs received from the New Hampshire college tuition savings plan established under RSA 195-H[~~, and less $6,000,000 per year of gross proceeds from assessments collected, which shall be allocated to the general fund,~~] shall be credited to the trust fund to provide scholarships for the benefit of residents of the state pursuing programs of study at eligible educational institutions within the state.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	293 Effective Date. Section 292 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2027.
380 Agency Directive; Department of Health and Human Services. For the biennium ending June 30, 2027, the department of health and human services shall not enroll any new participants into the state loan repayment program (SLRP). The department may continue to fund existing agreements with existing participants who enrolled in the SLRP prior to the effective date of this section.	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 294 Agency Directive; Department of Health and Human Services. For the biennium ending June 30, 2027, the department of health and human services shall not use general funds to enroll any new participants into the state loan repayment program (SLRP). The department may continue to use general funds to fund existing agreements with existing participants who enrolled in the SLRP prior to this section taking effect.

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381 Department of Health and Human Services; Contracts. All department of health and human services contracts or contract amendments shall include a provision requiring the contractor to comply with the patients' bill of rights as applicable pursuant to RSA 151:21.	295 Department of Health and Human Services; Contracts. All department of health and human services contracts or contract amendments shall include a provision requiring the contractor to comply with the patients' bill of rights as applicable pursuant to RSA 151:21.
382 Applicability. Section 381 of this act shall apply to contracts or contract amendments entered into on or after the effective date of that section.	296 Applicability. Section 295 of this act shall apply to contracts or contract amendments entered into on or after the effective date of that section.
383 Repeal. Section 381 of this act, relative to department of health and human services contracts, is repealed.	297 Repeal. Section 295 of this act, relative to department of health and human services contracts, is repealed.
384 Effective Date. I. Section 383 of this act shall take effect November 30, 2026. II. Sections 381 and 382 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.	298 Effective Date. I. Section 297 of this act shall take effect November 30, 2026. II. Sections 295 and 296 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.
385 New Subparagraphs; County Reimbursement of Funds; Limitation on Payments. Amend RSA 167:18-a, III(b) by inserting after subparagraph (4) the following new subparagraphs: (5) For fiscal year 2026, in addition to the $5,000,000 allocated pursuant to subparagraph III(b)(3), an aggregate credit of $5,625,000 shall be allocated among the counties based upon their relative proportional share of overpayments in fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021. (6) For fiscal year 2027, in addition to the $5,000,000 allocated pursuant to subparagraph III(b)(3), an aggregate credit of $5,625,000 shall be allocated among the counties based upon their relative proportional share of overpayments in fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021. (7) For fiscal year 2028, in addition to the $5,000,000 allocated pursuant to subparagraph III(b)(3), an aggregate credit of $5,625,000 shall be allocated among the counties based upon their relative proportional share of overpayments in fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021.	299 New Subparagraphs; County Reimbursement of Funds; Limitation on Payments. Amend RSA 167:18-a, III(b) by inserting after subparagraph (4) the following new subparagraphs: (5) For fiscal year 2026, in addition to the $5,000,000 allocated pursuant to subparagraph III(b)(3), an aggregate credit of $5,625,000 shall be allocated among the counties based upon their relative proportional share of overpayments in fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021. (6) For fiscal year 2027, in addition to the $5,000,000 allocated pursuant to subparagraph III(b)(3), an aggregate credit of $5,625,000 shall be allocated among the counties based upon their relative proportional share of overpayments in fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021. (7) For fiscal year 2028, in addition to the $5,000,000 allocated pursuant to subparagraph III(b)(3), an aggregate credit of $5,625,000 shall be allocated among the counties based upon their relative proportional share of overpayments in fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021. (8) For fiscal year 2029, in addition to the $5,000,000 allocated pursuant to

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(8) For fiscal year 2029, in addition to the $5,000,000 allocated pursuant to subparagraph III(b)(3), an aggregate credit of $5,625,000 shall be allocated among the counties based upon their relative proportional share of overpayments in fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021.	subparagraph III(b)(3), an aggregate credit of $5,625,000 shall be allocated among the counties based upon their relative proportional share of overpayments in fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021.
386 New Section; Circumcision under the State Medicaid Plan; Restrictions. Amend RSA 167 by inserting after section 3-m the following new section: 167:3-n State Medicaid Plan; Circumcision. I. In this section: (a) "Health care provider" means a hospital, health care facility, physician, resident physician, physician assistant, or registered nurse, practicing in the state of New Hampshire. (b) "Newborn child" means a person under 1 year of age. (c) "Child" or "minor" means a person who is under 18 years of age. II. Medical assistance provided under the state Medicaid plan shall not include the circumcision of children unless the procedure is medically necessary pursuant to paragraphs III or IV. III. Medically necessary circumcision for a newborn child shall be valid for the following diagnoses: (a) Congenital obstructive urinary tract anomalies. (b) Neurogenic bladder. (c) Spina bifida. (d) Recurrent urinary tract infections. IV. Medically necessary circumcision for a minor shall be valid for the following diagnoses: (a) A documented prior history of recurrent urinary tract infections. (b) Documented vesicoureteral reflux of at least a Grade III. (c) Paraphimosis unresponsive to medical therapy. (d) Recurrent balanoposthitis. (e) Recurrent balanitis or balanitis xerotica obliterans. (f) Congenital chordee.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

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(g) Phimosis after puberty which has been unresponsive to medical therapy. (h) Secondary or acquired phimosis causing urinary obstruction, hematuria or preputial pain unresponsive to medical therapy. (i) Condyloma acuminatum. (j) Malignant neoplasm of the prepuce. (k) Or any diagnosed condition for which a circumcision is deemed medically necessary by a physician or other health care provider licensed in New Hampshire.	
387 Effective Date. Section 386 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2026.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
388 Senior Volunteer Grant Program; Establishment of Program. Amend RSA 161-F:40 to read as follows: I. There is hereby established a senior volunteer grant program in the department. The program shall, within the limits of funds appropriated, reimburse the senior companion [~~and foster grandparents programs~~] ***program*** for the volunteers' stipends, benefits, travel, and administrative expenses incurred in providing volunteer services. II. The funds so appropriated shall be disbursed by the department in quarterly payments. The funds shall be allocated to ***the*** senior companion [~~and foster grandparents programs~~] ***program***.	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 300 Department of Health and Human Services; Foster Grandparent Program. The reimbursements to the foster grandparent program through the senior volunteer grant program, established in RSA 161-F:40, are hereby suspended for the biennium ending June 30, 2027.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	301 The State and Its Government; New Hampshire Recovery Monument Commission; Commission Established; Special Account. Amend RSA 4:9-p, II to read as follows: II. The gifts of money, which are donated to contract, construct, and maintain the monument, shall be placed in a special nonlapsing account in the state treasury, to be expended for the purposes of the New Hampshire recovery monument. Any money remaining in the special account after construction of the monument is completed shall be used for the care, maintenance, repair, and

	additions to the monument. Any funds left in the special account after annual care, maintenance, and repair of the monument shall be deposited in the [~~alcohol abuse prevention treatment~~] ***addiction, treatment, and prevention*** fund under RSA 176-A:1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the commission may expend the money raised or accepted as a gift without the approval of governor and council, to contract for the construction and perpetual maintenance of the monument.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	302 New Hampshire Recovery Monument Commission; Commission Membership. Amend RSA 4:9-q to read as follows: 4:9-q Commission Membership and Duties. ***I.*** The members of the commission established in RSA 4:9-p shall be as follows: (a) One senator, appointed by the president of the senate. (b) Two representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. (c) Two directors of recovery organizations, appointed by the governor. (d) Two persons in recovery, appointed by the governor. (e) Two family members of persons lost to substance use disorder, appointed by the governor. (f) The chairperson of the recovery task force of the governor's commission on [~~alcohol and drug abuse, prevention,~~] ***addiction,*** treatment, and [~~recovery~~] ***prevention***, or designee. (g) The president of New Futures, or designee. (h) The director of National Alliance for Mental Illness, New Hampshire (NAMI-NH), or designee. (i) The commissioner of the department of health and human services, or designee. II.(a) The members appointed pursuant to subparagraphs (a), (b), and (i) shall serve coterminous with their terms in office. The remaining members of the commission shall serve 3-year terms and may be reappointed.

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	(b) Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate while attending to the duties of the commission. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first named house member shall call the first meeting of the commission. Seven members of the commission shall constitute a quorum. III. The commission shall select the location and design for the New Hampshire recovery monument and oversee the construction and maintenance of the monument. In selecting a design for the monument, the commission shall develop a request for proposals and criteria for the evaluation of proposals. Design criteria shall include, after public consultation with interested parties, a monument including central features of a figural, representational, symbolic, or abstract form that recognize inclusively the varied New Hampshire historical and contemporary aspects of recovery from substance use disorders, with appropriate inscriptions and that recognize inclusively those New Hampshire individuals whose lives were lost and those affected by lost lives due to substance use disorders, with appropriate inscriptions. The design may also include an area surrounding the central monument for permanent individual commemoration for those New Hampshire individuals whose lives were lost due to substance use disorders. The design criteria shall include, after public consultation with interested parties, an area around the central features of the monument suitable for reflection and such commemorative activities as envisioned by the commission. The commission shall approve a memorandum of understanding with the host community governing the siting, design, and construction of the monument, and subsequent related activities. IV. The commission shall privately raise all the money necessary for the planning, design, construction, and maintenance of the New Hampshire recovery monument.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	303 The State and Its Government; State Treasurer; Application of Receipts. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b)(72) to read as follows: (72) Moneys deposited in the [~~alcohol abuse prevention and treatment~~] ***addiction, treatment, and prevention*** fund established in RSA 176-A:1, as administered by [~~the governor's~~

	~~commission on alcohol and drug abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery~~] ***the governor's commission on addiction, treatment, and prevention*** in accordance with RSA 12-J:1.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	304 New Hampshire Drug Overdose Fatality Review Commission; Commission. Amend RSA 126-DD:1, I(g) to read as follows: (g) The chairperson of the governor's commission on [~~alcohol and drug abuse prevention,~~] ***addiction,*** treatment, and [~~recovery~~] ***prevention***, or designee.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	305 New Hampshire Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission. Amend RSA 126-A:85, II to read as follows: II. The commission shall consist of the following members: (a) The governor, or designee. (b) The attorney general, or designee. (c) The state treasurer, or designee. (d) The commissioner of the department of corrections, or designee. (e) The commissioner of the department of health and human services, or designee. (f) One member of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. (g) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate. (h) The chairperson of the governor's commission on [~~alcohol and drug abuse, prevention,~~] ***addiction,*** treatment***,*** and [~~recovery~~] ***prevention***, or designee. (i) A county attorney appointed by the governor. (j) A county corrections superintendent, or designee, appointed by the governor. (k) A county nursing home supervisor, or designee, appointed by the New Hampshire Association of Counties. (l) A New Hampshire municipal fire chief, appointed by the governor.

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	(m) A New Hampshire municipal police chief, appointed by the governor. (n) One designee from a county with a population of 100,000 or more, appointed by the governor. (o) One designee from a county with a population of less than 100,000, appointed by the governor. (p) One designee of a city with a population over 75,000, appointed by the governor. (q) One designee of a city or town with a population under 75,000, appointed by the governor. (r) One designee representing a town with a population under 20,000, appointed by the governor. (s) One designee representing victims of the opioid crisis, appointed by the attorney general. (t) One member representing prevention, appointed by the governor's commission [~~alcohol and drug abuse prevention~~] ***on addiction***, treatment, and [~~recovery~~] ***prevention***, or designee. (u) One member representing treatment, appointed by the governor's commission on [~~alcohol and drug abuse prevention,~~] ***addiction,*** treatment, and [~~recovery~~] ***prevention***, or designee. (v) One member representing recovery, appointed by the governor's commission on [~~alcohol and drug abuse prevention,~~] ***addiction,*** treatment, and [~~recovery~~] ***prevention***, or designee. (w) One public school superintendent, or designee, appointed by the New Hampshire School Administrators Association.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	306 Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission; Duties. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 126-A:86, I to read as follows: I. The opioid abatement advisory commission in coordination with the governor's commission on [~~alcohol and other drugs,~~] ***addiction, treatment, and prevention,*** and in alignment with relevant state plans, shall:

NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	307 Controlled Drug Prescription Health and Safety Program; Advisory Council. Amend RSA 126-A:96, I(j) to read as follows: (j) Two public members appointed by the governor's commission on [~~alcohol and other drugs,~~] ***addiction, treatment, and prevention,*** one of whom may be a member of the commission.
389 Alcohol Abuse Prevention and Training Fund; Appropriations and Disbursements. Amend RSA 176-A:1, III to read as follows: III. Moneys [~~received from all other sources other than the liquor commission pursuant to RSA 176:16, III, including any community benefit contribution made by New Hampshire's hospitals,~~] shall be disbursed from the fund upon the authorization of the governor's commission on alcohol and drug abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery established pursuant to RSA 12-J:1 and shall not be diverted for any other purposes. Funds disbursed shall be used for alcohol and other drug abuse	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 309 Alcoholic Beverages; Alcohol Abuse Prevention and Treatment Fund. Amend RSA 176-A:1 to read as follows: 176-A:1 [~~Alcohol Abuse Prevention and Treatment~~] ***Addiction, Treatment, and Prevention*** Fund. I. There is hereby established an [~~alcohol abuse prevention and treatment~~] ***addiction, treatment, and prevention*** fund to fund alcohol education and abuse ***and problem gambling*** prevention and treatment programs. II. The fund shall be nonlapsing and continually appropriated for the purposes of funding alcohol education and abuse ***and problem gambling*** prevention and treatment programs. The commissioner of the department of health and human services may accept gifts, grants, donations, or other funding from any source and shall deposit all such revenue received into the fund. The state treasurer shall invest the moneys deposited in the fund as provided by law. Interest earned on moneys deposited in the fund shall be deposited into the fund. III. Moneys received from all other sources other than the liquor commission pursuant to RSA 176:16, III, including any community benefit contribution made by New Hampshire's hospitals, shall be disbursed from the fund upon the authorization of [~~the governor's commission on alcohol and drug abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery~~] ***the governor's commission on addiction, treatment, and prevention*** established pursuant to RSA 12-J:1 and shall not be diverted for any other purposes. Funds disbursed shall be used for alcohol and other drug abuse prevention, ***problem gambling***

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prevention, treatment, and recovery services, and other purposes related to the duties of the commission under RSA 12-J:3.	***prevention,*** treatment, [~~and~~] recovery services, and other purposes related to the duties of the commission under RSA 12-J:3.
390 Repeal. RSA 176:16, III, relative to the disbursement of funds from the liquor commission to the alcohol abuse prevention and training fund, is repealed.	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 308 Alcoholic Beverages; The Liquor Commission; Funds. Amend RSA 176:16, III to read as follows: III. Five percent of the preceding fiscal year gross profits derived by the commission from the sale of liquor shall be deposited into the [~~alcohol abuse prevention and treatment~~] ***addiction, treatment, and prevention*** fund established by RSA 176-A:1. For the purpose of this section, gross profit shall be defined as total operating revenue minus the cost of sales and services as presented in the state of New Hampshire annual comprehensive financial report, statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position for proprietary funds. Such deposit shall be processed in 2 installments as follows: (a) The commission shall process the initial deposit on or before August 1st of the ensuing fiscal year. Such deposit shall be calculated based on an estimate of the preceding fiscal year gross profit derived by the commission from the sale of liquor. (b) Upon issuance of the audited annual comprehensive financial report pursuant to RSA 21-I:8, II(a), the commission shall process a second and final deposit or adjustment. (c) If the amount of the initial deposit exceeds the final amount calculated based on the audited annual comprehensive financial report pursuant to RSA 21-I:8, II(a), the comptroller shall transfer the excess amount from the [~~alcohol abuse prevention and treatment~~] ***addiction, treatment, and prevention*** fund established by RSA 176-A:1 to the liquor fund.

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NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	310 Occupations and Professions; Controlled Drug Act; Personal Possession of Marijuana. Amend RSA 318-B:2-c, VII to read as follows: VII. All fines imposed pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the [~~alcohol abuse prevention and treatment~~] ***addiction, treatment, and prevention*** fund established in RSA 176-A:1 and utilized for evidence-informed substance abuse prevention programs.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	312 Repeal. RSA 338-B, relative to council for responsible gambling, is repealed.
391 Home Dialysis; State Program Implementation. The department of health and human services shall, as part of the state Medicaid program, accelerate the implementation of the at home dialysis program. The department may, as part of its contracts with managed care organizations, provide incentives for such acceleration if the commissioner deems it necessary.	313 Home Dialysis; State Program Implementation. The department of health and human services shall, as part of the state Medicaid program, accelerate the implementation of the at home dialysis program. The department may, as part of its contracts with managed care organizations, provide incentives for such acceleration if the commissioner deems it necessary.
392 Education; Education Freedom Accounts; Program. Amend RSA 194-F:2, VII to read as follows: VII. An EFA shall remain in force, and any unused funds shall roll over from quarter-to-quarter and from year-to-year until the parent withdraws the EFA student from the EFA program or until the EFA student graduates from high school, unless the EFA is closed because of a substantial misuse of funds. Any unused funds shall revert to the education trust fund established in RSA 198:39 [~~and be allocated to fund other EFAs~~].	314 Education; Education Freedom Accounts; Program. Amend RSA 194-F:2, VII to read as follows: VII. An EFA shall remain in force, and any unused funds shall roll over from quarter-to-quarter and from year-to-year until the parent withdraws the EFA student from the EFA program or until the EFA student graduates from high school, unless the EFA is closed because of a substantial misuse of funds. Any unused funds shall revert to the education trust fund established in RSA 198:39 [~~and be allocated to fund other EFAs~~].
393 Applicability; Re-retiring. Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 100-A, any retiree who returns to active service shall only retain eligibility for the benefits applicable to their initial retirement and the calculation of average final compensation, or the calculation of other benefits resulting from the return to active service under RSA 100-A shall not apply.	519 Applicability; Re-retiring. Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 100-A, any retiree who returns to active service shall only retain eligibility for the benefits applicable to their initial retirement and the calculation of average final compensation, or the calculation of other benefits resulting from the return to active service under RSA 100-A shall not apply.

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394 Residential Care and Health Facility Licensing; License or Registration Required. Amend RSA 151:4-a, II(a) to read as follows: II.(a) Any person or entity proposing to establish [~~an ambulatory surgical center, emergency medical care center,~~] ***a*** hospital[~~, birthing center, drop in or walk in care center, dialysis center, or special health care service~~] within a radius of 15 miles of the primary physical location of a New Hampshire hospital certified as a critical access hospital pursuant to 42 C.F.R 485.610(b) and (c), shall give written notice of the intent to establish a health care facility within a 15 mile radius with a description of the facility [~~or special health care service~~] to the chief executive officer of the hospital by certified mail.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
395 Effective Date. Section 394 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
396 Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery. Amend RSA 12-J:1 through RSA 12-J:4 to read as follows: 12-J:1 Commission Established; Membership; Terms. There is hereby established a commission which shall serve in an advisory capacity to the governor and the general court regarding ***the importance of prevention as well as*** the delivery of effective and coordinated alcohol and ***other*** drug [~~abuse~~] ***misuse programs of*** prevention, treatment ***using a public health informed approach to address addiction***, and recovery services throughout the state. The commission shall consist of the following members:	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 311 Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery. Amend the chapter heading of RSA 12-J, and RSA 12-J:1 through RSA 12-J:4, to read as follows: Chapter 12-J [~~GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND RECOVERY~~] ***THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ADDICTION, TREATMENT, AND PREVENTION*** 12-J:1 Commission Established; Membership; Terms. There is hereby established a commission which shall serve in an advisory capacity to the governor and the general court regarding ***the importance of prevention as well as*** the delivery of effective and coordinated alcohol and ***other*** drug [~~abuse~~] ***misuse programs of*** prevention, ***problem gambling prevention,*** treatment ***using a public health informed approach to address addiction***, and recovery services throughout the state. The commission shall consist of the following members:

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I. Seven public members, 2 of whom shall be professionals knowledgeable about alcohol and ***other*** drug [~~abuse~~] ***misuse*** prevention, one of whom shall be appointed by the governor and one of whom shall be appointed by the senate president; 2 of whom shall be professionals knowledgeable about alcohol and ***other*** drug [~~abuse~~] ***misuse*** treatment ***including reduction of societal and individual harm***, one of whom shall be appointed by the governor and one of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; 2 of whom shall be public members who are not professionals within the alcohol and drug [~~addiction~~] ***misuse*** prevention and treatment system, one of whom shall be appointed by the senate president and one of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; and one member in long-term recovery, appointed by the governor.	I. Seven public members, 2 of whom shall be professionals knowledgeable about alcohol and ***other*** drug [~~abuse~~] ***misuse*** prevention, one of whom shall be appointed by the governor and one of whom shall be appointed by the senate president; 2 of whom shall be professionals knowledgeable about alcohol and ***other*** drug [~~abuse~~] ***misuse*** treatment ***including reduction of societal and individual harm***, one of whom shall be appointed by the governor and one of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; 2 of whom shall be public members who are not professionals within the alcohol and drug [~~addiction~~] ***misuse*** prevention and treatment system, one of whom shall be appointed by the senate president and one of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; and one member in long-term recovery, appointed by the governor.
II. Two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, and 2 members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate. The term of the legislative members of the commission shall be for the biennium and shall be coterminous with membership in the general court. Legislative members shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the commission.	II. Two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, and 2 members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate. The term of the legislative members of the commission shall be for the biennium and shall be coterminous with membership in the general court. Legislative members shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the commission.
III.(a)(1) The attorney general, or designee. (2) The adjutant general, or designee. (3) The administrative judge of the circuit court, or designee. (4) The chairperson of the liquor commission, or designee. (5) The commissioner of the department of health and human services, or designee. (6) The director of juvenile justice services, department of health and human services, or designee. (7) The commissioner of the department of education, or designee. (8) The commissioner of the department of corrections, or designee. (9) The commissioner of the department of safety, or designee. (10) The director of the office of alcohol and drug policy, department of health and human services, or designee.	III.(a)(1) The attorney general, or designee. (2) The adjutant general, or designee. (3) The administrative judge of the circuit court, or designee. (4) The chairperson of the liquor commission, or designee. (5) The commissioner of the department of health and human services, or designee. (6) The director of juvenile justice services, department of health and human services, or designee. (7) The commissioner of the department of education, or designee. (8) The commissioner of the department of corrections, or designee. (9) The commissioner of the department of safety, or designee. (10) The director of the office of alcohol and drug policy, department of health and human services, or designee.

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(11) The commissioner of the department of insurance, or designee.	(11) The commissioner of the department of insurance, or designee.
(b) The members under this paragraph shall serve terms coterminous with their terms in office.	(b) The members under this paragraph shall serve terms coterminous with their terms in office.
IV.(a)(1) A representative of the Business and Industry Association of New Hampshire, appointed by the association.	IV.(a)(1) A representative of the Business and Industry Association of New Hampshire, appointed by the association.
(2) A representative of the New Hampshire Medical Society, appointed by the society.	(2) A representative of the New Hampshire Medical Society, appointed by the society.
(3) The chancellor of the community college system of New Hampshire, or designee.	(3) The chancellor of the community college system of New Hampshire, or designee.
(4) The chairman of the New Hampshire Suicide Prevention Council.	(4) The chairman of the New Hampshire Suicide Prevention Council.
(5) A representative of the New Hampshire Nurses' Association, appointed by the association.	(5) A representative of the New Hampshire Nurses' Association, appointed by the association.
(6) A representative of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, appointed by the foundation.	(6) A representative of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, appointed by the foundation.
(7) A representative of the New Hampshire Hospital Association, appointed by the association.	(7) A representative of the New Hampshire Hospital Association, appointed by the association.
(8) The president of the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police, or designee.	***(8) The president of the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police, or designee.***
(b) A representative of the state's faith-based community, who shall be a nonvoting member, appointed by the governor.	(b) A representative of the state's faith-based community, who shall be a nonvoting member, appointed by the governor.
(c) The members under this paragraph shall serve 3-year terms.	(c) The members under this paragraph shall serve 3-year terms.
12-J:2 Organization of Commission; Task Forces; Staffing.	12-J:2 Organization of Commission; Task Forces; Staffing.
I. The commission shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson. The executive director of the commission shall be the director of the appropriate division responsible for alcohol and drug [~~abuse~~] ***misuse*** prevention and recovery, who shall serve without additional compensation. Twelve members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.	I. The commission shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson. The executive director of the commission shall be the director of the appropriate division responsible for alcohol and drug [~~abuse~~] ***misuse*** prevention and recovery, who shall serve without additional compensation. Twelve members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.
II.(a) To assist the commission in the performance of its duties, the chairperson shall create task forces. The chairperson shall initially create task forces to address the following issues:	II.(a) To assist the commission in the performance of its duties, the chairperson shall create task forces. The chairperson shall initially create task forces to address the following issues:

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(1) Prevention.	(1) Prevention.
(2) Treatment ***and reduction of societal and individual harm***.	(2) Treatment ***and reduction of societal and individual harm***.
(3) Recovery.	(3) Recovery.
(4) Program monitoring and evaluation.	(4) Program monitoring and evaluation.
(b) To assist the commission in the performance of its duties, the chairperson may create additional task forces.	(b) To assist the commission in the performance of its duties, the chairperson may create additional task forces.
(c) The commission chairperson shall appoint at least one commission member to serve on each task force as chairperson.	(c) The commission chairperson shall appoint at least one commission member to serve on each task force as chairperson.
(d) Based upon recommendations from each task force, the commission chairperson may appoint non-commission members to serve as adjunct members of each task force for a term of one year. In appointing adjunct members, the chairperson shall ensure that youth have the opportunity to participate directly in the work of appropriate task forces.	(d) Based upon recommendations from each task force, the commission chairperson may appoint non-commission members to serve as adjunct members of each task force for a term of one year. In appointing adjunct members, the chairperson shall ensure that youth have the opportunity to participate directly in the work of appropriate task forces.
(e) Each task force shall:	(e) Each task force shall:
(1) Develop a mission statement, including its goals and objectives.	(1) Develop a mission statement, including its goals and objectives.
(2) Report to the commission on a regular basis concerning available programs, funding, and unmet needs.	(2) Report to the commission on a regular basis concerning available programs, funding, and unmet needs.
(3) Identify program areas where improved coordination is needed.	(3) Identify program areas where improved coordination is needed.
II-a. The chairperson shall create a budget task force comprised of the individuals listed in RSA 12-J:1, III(a) to report biannually on financial expenditures for substance [~~abuse~~] ***misuse*** related work throughout state government as detailed in RSA 12-J:4, III and recommend budget policy priorities to the commission regarding the allocation of funding alcohol and ***other*** drug prevention, treatment ***including reduction of societal and individual harm***, and recovery services across state agencies and throughout the state.	II-a. The chairperson shall create a budget task force comprised of the individuals listed in RSA 12-J:1, III(a) to report biannually on financial expenditures for substance [~~abuse~~] ***misuse*** related work throughout state government as detailed in RSA 12-J:4, III and recommend budget policy priorities to the commission regarding the allocation of funding alcohol and ***other*** drug prevention, treatment ***including reduction of societal and individual harm***, and recovery services across state agencies and throughout the state.
III. All executive branch departments shall provide administrative support to the commission. The executive director of the commission shall direct and coordinate the administrative support to the commission.	III. All executive branch departments shall provide administrative support to the commission. The executive director of the commission shall direct and coordinate the administrative support to the commission.

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IV. All executive branch departments shall respond promptly to written requests from the commission for information concerning the alcohol and drug abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery programs and services provided by them and the costs and funding sources for such programs and services.	IV. All executive branch departments shall respond promptly to written requests from the commission for information concerning the alcohol and drug abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery programs and services provided by them and the costs and funding sources for such programs and services.
12-J:2-a Definition of Harm Reduction.	***12-J:2-a Definition of Harm Reduction.***
I. For the purposes of this chapter, RSA 126-A, RSA 318-B:93, RSA 328-D:3, and RSA 329:16-g, "harm reduction" is an approach that emphasizes engaging directly with people who use alcohol and other drugs to prevent overdose and infectious disease transmission, improve the physical, mental, and social function of those served, and offer low-threshold options for accessing substance use disorder treatment and other health care services. Harm reduction shall be balanced by the imperative to protect society from the ravages of alcohol or drug misuse.	***I. For the purposes of this chapter, RSA 126-A, RSA 318-B:43, RSA 328-D:3, and RSA 329:16-g, "harm reduction" is an approach that emphasizes engaging directly with people who use alcohol and other drugs to prevent overdose and infectious disease transmission, improve the physical, mental, and social function of those served, and offer low-threshold options for accessing substance use disorder treatment and other health care services. Harm reduction shall be balanced by the imperative to protect society from the ravages of alcohol or drug misuse.***
II. This approach shall be limited to the following:	***II. This approach shall be limited to the following:***
(a) Connecting individuals to overdose education, counseling, and referral to treatment for infectious diseases and substance use disorders.	***(a) Connecting individuals to overdose education, counseling, and referral to treatment for infectious diseases and substance use disorders.***
(b) Distributing opioid overdose reversal medications, such as naloxone to individuals at risk of overdose, or to those who might respond to an overdose, and provide training in overdose reversal and prevention.	***(b) Distributing opioid overdose reversal medications, such as naloxone to individuals at risk of overdose, or to those who might respond to an overdose, and provide training in overdose reversal and prevention.***
(c) Making available substance test kits, including fentanyl test strips.	***(c) Making available substance test kits, including fentanyl test strips.***
(d) Lessening harms associated with drug use and related behaviors that increase the risk of infectious diseases, including HIV, viral hepatitis, and bacterial and fungal infections; via referrals, syringe service programs, sharps disposal and medication disposal kits, wound care supplies medication lock boxes, education, testing, and prophylactic measures.	***(d) Lessening harms associated with drug use and related behaviors that increase the risk of infectious diseases, including HIV, viral hepatitis, and bacterial and fungal infections; via referrals, syringe service programs, sharps disposal and medication disposal kits, wound care supplies medication lock boxes, education, testing, and prophylactic measures.***

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(e) Reducing infectious disease transmission among people who use drugs, including those who inject drugs by equipping them with accurate information and facilitating referral to resources.	***(e) Reducing infectious disease transmission among people who use drugs, including those who inject drugs by equipping them with accurate information and facilitating referral to resources.***
(f) Reducing overdose deaths, promoting linkages to care, and facilitating appropriate co-location of services as part of a comprehensive, integrated approach.	***(f) Reducing overdose deaths, promoting linkages to care, and facilitating appropriate co-location of services as part of a comprehensive, integrated approach.***
(g) Providing education and public awareness programs to reduce stigma associated with substance use and co-occurring disorders.	***(g) Providing education and public awareness programs to reduce stigma associated with substance use and co-occurring disorders.***
(h) Promoting a philosophy of hope and healing by utilizing those with lived experience of recovery in the management of harm reduction services, and connecting those who have expressed interest to treatment, peer support workers and other recovery support services.	***(h) Promoting a philosophy of hope and healing by utilizing those with lived experience of recovery in the management of harm reduction services, and connecting those who have expressed interest to treatment, peer support workers and other recovery support services.***
(i) Promoting a healthy society by mitigating the harmful effects of individual misuse of alcohol and other drugs.	***(i) Promoting a healthy society by mitigating the harmful effects of individual misuse of alcohol and other drugs.***
12-J:3 Duties.	12-J:3 Duties.
The duties of the commission shall be to:	The duties of the commission shall be to:
I. Develop and revise, as necessary, a statewide plan for the effective prevention of alcohol and ***other*** drug [~~abuse~~] ***misuse***, particularly among youth, and a comprehensive system of treatment ***including reduction of societal and individual harm*** and recovery services for individuals and families affected by alcohol and ***other*** drug [~~abuse~~] ***misuse***.	I. Develop and revise, as necessary, a statewide plan for the effective prevention of alcohol and ***other*** drug [~~abuse~~] ***misuse and problem gambling***, particularly among youth, and a comprehensive system of treatment ***including reduction of societal and individual harm*** and recovery services for individuals and families affected by alcohol and ***other*** drug [~~abuse~~] ***misuse and problem gambling***.
Nothing in RSA 12-J should be construed to limit care of chronic pain and hospice and palliative care patients, including use of the term "misuse" which shall be utilized, as intended, to broaden the scope of work across the substance use continuum of care. The statewide plan shall:	***Nothing in RSA 12-J should be construed to limit care of chronic pain and hospice and palliative care patients, including use of the term "misuse" which shall be utilized, as intended, to broaden the scope of work across the substance use continuum of care.*** The statewide plan shall:
(a) Identify the causes, the nature and scope, and the impact of alcohol and ***other*** drug [~~abuse~~] ***misuse*** in New Hampshire.	(a) Identify the causes, the nature and scope, and the impact of alcohol and ***other*** drug [~~abuse~~] ***misuse and problem gambling*** in New Hampshire.

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(b) Identify and prioritize unmet needs for prevention ***as a leading state initiative***, treatment ***including reduction of societal and individual harm***, and recovery services.	(b) Identify and prioritize unmet needs for prevention ***as a leading state initiative***, treatment ***including reduction of societal and individual harm***, and recovery services.
(c) Recommend initiatives and policy considerations to the general court to reduce the incidence of alcohol and ***other*** drug [~~abuse~~] ***misuse*** in New Hampshire.	(c) Recommend initiatives and policy considerations to the general court to reduce the incidence of alcohol and ***other*** drug [~~abuse~~] ***misuse and problem gambling*** in New Hampshire.
(d) Identify and quantify public and private resources available to support alcohol and drug [~~abuse~~] ***misuse*** prevention, treatment ***including reduction of societal and individual harm***, and recovery.	(d) Identify and quantify public and private resources available to support alcohol and drug [~~abuse~~] ***misuse and problem gambling*** prevention, treatment ***including reduction of societal and individual harm***, and recovery.
(e) Specify additional resources necessary to address unmet needs for prevention, treatment ***including reduction of societal and individual harm***, and recovery.	(e) Specify additional resources necessary to address unmet needs for prevention, treatment ***including reduction of societal and individual harm***, and recovery.
(f) Specify evaluation and monitoring methodology.	(f) Specify evaluation and monitoring methodology.
II. Advise the governor and general court on and promote the development of effective community-based alcohol and ***other*** drug [~~abuse~~] ***misuse*** prevention strategies.	II. Advise the governor and general court on and promote the development of effective community-based alcohol and ***other*** drug [~~abuse~~] ***misuse and problem gambling*** prevention strategies.
III. Advise the governor and the general court on and promote the development of treatment services***, including reduction of societal and individual harm,*** to meet the needs of ***society and*** citizens addicted to alcohol or other drugs.	III. Advise the governor and the general court on and promote the development of treatment services***, including reduction of societal and individual harm,*** to meet the needs of ***society and*** citizens addicted to alcohol or other drugs ***and problem gambling***.
III-a. Advise the governor and the general court on and promote the development of recovery services to meet the needs of citizens in recovery from alcohol and other drug misuse.	III-a. Advise the governor and the general court on and promote the development of recovery services to meet the needs of citizens in recovery from alcohol and other drug misuse ***and problem gambling***.
IV. Identify unmet needs and the resources required to reduce the incidence of alcohol and drug [~~abuse~~] ***misuse*** in New Hampshire and to make recommendations to the governor and general court regarding legislation and funding to address such needs.	IV. Identify unmet needs and the resources required to reduce the incidence of alcohol and drug [~~abuse~~] ***misuse and problem gambling*** in New Hampshire and to make recommendations to the governor and general court regarding legislation and funding to address such needs.
V. Authorize the disbursement of moneys from the alcohol abuse prevention and treatment fund, pursuant to RSA 176-A:1, III.	V. Authorize the disbursement of moneys from the [~~alcohol abuse prevention and treatment~~] ***addiction, treatment, and prevention*** fund, pursuant to RSA 176-A:1, III.

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VI. Make presentations at least once each legislative session to the house and senate finance committees, the senate health and human services committee, the house health, human services and elderly affairs committee, and the fiscal committee of the general court.	VI. Make presentations at least once each legislative session to the house and senate finance committees, the senate health and human services committee, the house health, human services and elderly affairs committee, and the fiscal committee of the general court.
VII. Develop a handout which shall describe the risks of opioid use and how to mitigate them for the purposes of RSA 318-B:16-a.	VII. Develop a handout which shall describe the risks of opioid use and how to mitigate them for the purposes of RSA 318-B:16-a.
12-J:4 Meetings and Reports.	12-J:4 Meetings and Reports.
I. The commission shall meet at least 4 times each year and may convene public hearings as necessary to promote the goals of the commission.	I. The commission shall meet at least 4 times each year and may convene public hearings as necessary to promote the goals of the commission.
II. The commission shall submit an annual report to the governor, speaker of the house of representatives, president of the senate, chairpersons of the house and senate finance committees, chairperson of the house health, human services and elderly affairs committee, the chairperson of the senate health and human services committee, and the chairperson of the fiscal committee of the general court by October 1 of each year regarding the activities of the commission. The annual report shall:	II. The commission shall submit an annual report to the governor, speaker of the house of representatives, president of the senate, chairpersons of the house and senate finance committees, chairperson of the house health, human services and elderly affairs committee, the chairperson of the senate health and human services committee, and the chairperson of the fiscal committee of the general court by October 1 of each year regarding the activities of the commission. The annual report shall:
(a) Identify alcohol and ***other*** drug [~~abuse~~] ***misuse*** prevention ***as a leading state initiative***, treatment ***including reduction of societal and individual harm***, and recovery services and programs provided by state departments and agencies or funded in whole or in part by state or federal funds;	(a) Identify alcohol and ***other*** drug [~~abuse~~] ***misuse and problem gambling*** prevention ***as a leading state initiative***, treatment ***including reduction of societal and individual harm***, and recovery services and programs provided by state departments and agencies or funded in whole or in part by state or federal funds;
(b) Indicate the progress made during the prior year toward the implementation of the statewide plan developed by the commission pursuant to RSA 12-J:3, I;	(b) Indicate the progress made during the prior year toward the implementation of the statewide plan developed by the commission pursuant to RSA 12-J:3, I;
(c) Recommend any revisions to the statewide plan developed pursuant to RSA 12-J:3, I;	(c) Recommend any revisions to the statewide plan developed pursuant to RSA 12-J:3, I;
(d) Identify and prioritize unmet needs for prevention, treatment ***including reduction of societal and individual harm***, and recovery;	(d) Identify and prioritize unmet needs for prevention, treatment ***including reduction of societal and individual harm***, and recovery;
(e) Indicate the progress, or lack thereof, in addressing the unmet needs;	(e) Indicate the progress, or lack thereof, in addressing the unmet needs;
(f) Recommend initiatives and/or policy considerations to the governor and the general court to address the unmet needs;	(f) Recommend initiatives and/or policy considerations to the governor and the general court to address the unmet needs;

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(g) Specify the resources and any legislation necessary to support existing programs for prevention, treatment ***including reduction of societal and individual harm***, and recovery and to develop, implement, support, and evaluate the initiatives recommended by the commission;	(g) Specify the resources and any legislation necessary to support existing programs for prevention, treatment ***including reduction of societal and individual harm***, and recovery and to develop, implement, support, and evaluate the initiatives recommended by the commission;
(h) In even-numbered years the report may include specific recommendations for funds to be included in the next state biennial budget to support alcohol and ***other*** drug [~~abuse~~] ***misuse*** prevention, treatment ***including reduction of societal and individual harm***, and recovery services and programs; and	(h) In even-numbered years the report may include specific recommendations for funds to be included in the next state biennial budget to support alcohol and ***other*** drug [~~abuse~~] ***misuse and problem gambling*** prevention, treatment ***including reduction of societal and individual harm***, and recovery services and programs; and
(i) Incorporate the findings and recommendations of the report required under paragraph II-a and make specific findings and recommendations regarding public awareness, education, and legislation to address the dangers of synthetic drugs.	(i) Incorporate the findings and recommendations of the report required under paragraph II-a and make specific findings and recommendations regarding public awareness, education, and legislation to address the dangers of synthetic drugs.
	(j) Specify and itemize funds spent on prevention, treatment and reduction of societal and individual harm, recovery, and program monitoring and evaluation services and programs.
II-a. The commission shall prepare a report, including recommendations for policies to be implemented for coordinating public awareness of and education in the ***importance of prevention and health promotion, as well as the*** dangers of synthetic drugs and other emerging or designer synthetic drug substances. The report shall include substantive input from the commission's member agencies, including the department of health and human services, bureau of drug and alcohol services, the attorney general, the department of safety, and the department of education. The commission shall submit its initial report, including recommendations, to the senate president, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the governor no later than 3 months after the effective date of this paragraph. The commission shall submit subsequent reports, including recommendations, to the senate president, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the governor annually thereafter.	II-a. The commission shall prepare a report, including recommendations for policies to be implemented for coordinating public awareness of and education in the ***importance of prevention and health promotion, as well as the*** dangers of synthetic drugs and other emerging or designer synthetic drug substances. The report shall include substantive input from the commission's member agencies, including the department of health and human services, bureau of drug and alcohol services, the attorney general, the department of safety, and the department of education. The commission shall submit its initial report, including recommendations, to the senate president, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the governor no later than 3 months after the effective date of this paragraph. The commission shall submit subsequent reports, including recommendations, to the senate president, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the governor annually thereafter.
III.(a) To assist the commission in the timely completion of its annual report, each commission member representing an executive branch department or entity shall provide the information specified in paragraph II for its department or entity to the commission on or before August 1 of each year.	III.(a) To assist the commission in the timely completion of its annual report, each commission member representing an executive branch department or entity shall provide the information specified in paragraph II for its department or entity to the commission on or before August 1 of each year.

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(b) The commission shall submit a mid-year report to the governor, speaker of the house of representatives, president of the senate, chairpersons of the house and senate finance committees, chairperson of the house health, human services and elderly affairs committee, chairperson of the senate health and human services committee, and chairperson of the fiscal committee of the general court by March 1 of each year regarding the current state of drug [~~abuse~~] ***misuse***, prevention, treatment ***including reduction of societal and individual harm***, and recovery. The commission shall include a dashboard of the following, both in the interim and the annual report as required in RSA 12-J:4, II, that includes but is not limited to:	(b) The commission shall submit a mid-year report to the governor, speaker of the house of representatives, president of the senate, chairpersons of the house and senate finance committees, chairperson of the house health, human services and elderly affairs committee, chairperson of the senate health and human services committee, and chairperson of the fiscal committee of the general court by March 1 of each year regarding the current state of drug [~~abuse~~] ***misuse***, prevention, treatment ***including reduction of societal and individual harm***, and recovery. The commission shall include a dashboard of the following, both in the interim and the annual report as required in RSA 12-J:4, II, that includes but is not limited to:
(1) ***A summary of known prevention programs to include the general type and approaches being followed.***	(1) ***A summary of known prevention programs to include the general type and approaches being followed.***
(1-a) The number of known drug overdoses, broken out by drug involved.	***(1-a)*** The number of known drug overdoses, broken out by drug involved.
(2) The number of deaths attributable to overdoses, as reported by the chief medical examiner, broken out by drug involved.	(2) The number of deaths attributable to overdoses, as reported by the chief medical examiner, broken out by drug involved.
(3) The number of people known to be in treatment or recovery programs supported by commission funding.	(3) The number of people known to be in treatment or recovery programs supported by commission funding.
(4) The accessibility and availability of treatment programs, including waitlists.	(4) The accessibility and availability of treatment programs, including waitlists.
(5) The number of individuals in drug court programs, as reported by the judicial branch.	(5) The number of individuals in drug court programs, as reported by the judicial branch.
(6) The number of individuals in diversion programs, as reported by the judicial branch.	(6) The number of individuals in diversion programs, as reported by the judicial branch.
(7) The number of convictions for drug related offenses, as reported by the judicial branch.	(7) The number of convictions for drug related offenses, as reported by the judicial branch.
(8) The number of persons incarcerated for drug related offenses as reported by the department of corrections.	(8) The number of persons incarcerated for drug related offenses as reported by the department of corrections.
(9) Funds expended and balances remaining, programs and strategies created or sustained by the funds, and an estimate of the number of individuals served by these funds.	(9) Funds expended and balances remaining, programs and strategies created or sustained by the funds, and an estimate of the number of individuals served by these funds.

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(10) Barriers to data access and availability, with proposed strategies to develop or enhance data capacity. (11) Performance outcomes pursuant to National Outcomes Measurement Standards (NOMS) as required with federal funding sources. (12) Any other information requested by the governor or general court. (c) All data required in subparagraph (b) shall be presented in the aggregate to protect the privacy of the individual. The commission shall delete any data required in those paragraphs that enables the personal identification of an individual. IV. In the reports submitted by the commission to the governor, speaker of the house of representatives, president of the senate, chairpersons of the house and senate finance committees, chairperson of the house health, human services and elderly affairs committee, chairperson of the senate health and human services committee, and chairperson of the fiscal committee of the general court, the report shall include outcome data and/or research citations about the efficacy of funded programs based upon evidence of program results.	(10) Barriers to data access and availability, with proposed strategies to develop or enhance data capacity. (11) Performance outcomes pursuant to National Outcomes Measurement Standards (NOMS) as required with federal funding sources. (12) Any other information requested by the governor or general court. (c) All data required in subparagraph (b) shall be presented in the aggregate to protect the privacy of the individual. The commission shall delete any data required in those paragraphs that enables the personal identification of an individual. IV. In the reports submitted by the commission to the governor, speaker of the house of representatives, president of the senate, chairpersons of the house and senate finance committees, chairperson of the house health, human services and elderly affairs committee, chairperson of the senate health and human services committee, and chairperson of the fiscal committee of the general court, the report shall include outcome data and/or research citations about the efficacy of funded programs based upon evidence of program results.
397 Report on Cost-Effectiveness and Outcomes of Programs Required. Amend RSA 12-J:5, I(a)(2) to read as follows: (2) Prevention programs***, including reduction of societal and individual harm***.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
398 New Section; Substance Use Disorder Access Points. Amend RSA 126-A by inserting after section 98 the following new section: 126-A:99 Substance Use Disorder Access Points Established. I. With the availability of sufficient federal funding, the department of health and human services shall establish and administer statewide access points for delivery of substance use services and supports. The access points shall provide information and referrals for screening and evaluation;	315 New Subdivision; Substance Use Disorder Access Points. Amend RSA 126-A by inserting after section 105 the following new subdivision: Substance Use Disorder Access Points 126-A:106 Substance Use Disorder Access Points Established. I. With the availability of sufficient federal funding, the department of health and human services shall establish and administer statewide access points for delivery of substance use services and supports. The access points shall provide information and referrals for screening and evaluation;

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treatment, including medications for substance use disorders; prevention, and treatment including naloxone; supports and services to assist in long-term recovery; and peer recovery support services. II. The commissioner of the department of health and human services shall include the administration and operation of the access points in the department's report to the governor's commission on alcohol and other drug misuse prevention, treatment, and recovery under RSA 12-J:4, III. III. The program shall be funded through the state opioid response grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. In addition, the department may accept funds from any source, including state appropriations, federal funds, and private gifts, grants, or donations to operate and sustain the access points.	treatment, including medications for substance use disorders; prevention, and treatment including naloxone; supports and services to assist in long-term recovery; and peer recovery support services. II. The commissioner of the department of health and human services shall include the administration and operation of the access points in the department's report to the governor's commission on addiction, treatment, and prevention under RSA 12-J:4, III. III. The program shall be funded through the state opioid response grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. In addition, the department may accept funds from any source, including state appropriations, federal funds, and private gifts, grants, or donations to operate and sustain the access points.
399 Syringe Service Programs; Activities. Amend RSA 318-B:43, II(b) to read as follows: (b) Coordinate and collaborate with other local agencies, ***including law enforcement agencies,*** organizations, and providers involved in comprehensive prevention programs for people who inject drugs to minimize duplication of effort.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
400 New Subparagraph; Syringe Service Programs; Activities. Amend RSA 318-B:43, II by inserting after subparagraph (b) the following new subparagraph: (b-1) Consult and inform municipal law enforcement agencies concerning syringe service program and harm reduction activities.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
401 New Section; Controlled Drug Act; Syringe Service Programs. Amend RSA 318-B by inserting after section 43 the following new section: 318:43-a Syringe Service Programs; Authorized Activities and Funding Sources. I. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, any person authorized under RSA 318-B:43 to operate a syringe service program may engage in eligible activities, as defined in paragraph IV.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

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II. State funds including, but not limited to, funds received by the state in the New Hampshire opioid litigation settlement may be used to support the activities of syringe service programs as permitted under this section and RSA 318-B:43. III. No person shall be prohibited from using federal funds for eligible activities and syringe service programs as authorized in RSA 318-B:43, so long as the use of the federal funds is consistent with federal law and any rules governing use of the funds. IV. In this section: (a) "Drug checking" means the process of identifying, analyzing, or detecting the composition of a drug or the presence or composition of an unexpected substance within the drug. (b) "Drug checking equipment" means equipment, products, or materials used, designed for use, or intended for use to perform drug checking, including materials and items used by the person operating the equipment or products to store, measure, or process samples for analysis. Drug checking equipment includes fentanyl test strips, other immunoassay drug testing strips, colorimetric reagents, spectrometers such as Fourier Transform Infrared and Raman spectrometers, and equipment that uses high-performance liquid chromatography, gas chromatography, mass spectrometry, and nuclear magnetic resonance techniques. Drug checking equipment does not include the substances being analyzed, drug packaging, or drug supplies. (c) "Drug supplies" means hypodermic needles, syringes, preparation containers, cotton, filters, alcohol wipes, water, saline, tourniquets, disposal containers, wound care items, pipes, bubbles, snorting straws, pipe covers, and other items used in the consumption of drugs; (d) "Eligible activities" means: (1) Purchasing, obtaining, providing, transporting, distributing, using, or evaluating the use of drug checking equipment; (2) Training, both initial and ongoing, about drug checking equipment, the process of drug checking, and the purpose of drug checking;	

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(3) Technical assistance concerning drug checking equipment, the process of drug checking, and the purpose of drug checking; and (4) Providing drug supplies.	
402 New Paragraph; Controlled Drug Act; Definition of Drug Misuse Added. Amend RSA 318-B:1 by inserting after paragraph X-b the following new paragraph: X-c. "Drug misuse" means the use of a substance for a purpose that is not consistent with legal or medical guidelines.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
403 Effective Date. Sections 396 through 402 shall take effect 30 days after its passage.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
404 Public Health; Department of Health and Human Services; Commissioner of Health and Human Services. Amend RSA 126-A:5, XIX-a(a)(1) to read as follows: (1) The commissioner shall pursue contracting options to administer the state's Medicaid dental program with the goals of improving access to dental care for Medicaid populations, improving health outcomes for Medicaid enrollees, expanding the provider network, increasing provider capacity, fostering individual behaviors that promote good oral health, and retaining innovative programs that improve access and care through a value-based care model. ***The commissioner shall prepare and submit a report that contains a clinical and financial research study to determine cost-avoidance associated with adult dental benefits under this paragraph. The study shall consider the impact on emergency room visits, patient infections, and any other factors the commissioner determines should be included in the study. The commissioner shall submit their report to the chairs of the senate finance and house finance committees on or before January 1, 2027.***	316 Public Health; Department of Health and Human Services; Commissioner of Health and Human Services. Amend RSA 126-A:5, XIX-a(a)(1) to read as follows: (1) The commissioner shall pursue contracting options to administer the state's Medicaid dental program with the goals of improving access to dental care for Medicaid populations, improving health outcomes for Medicaid enrollees, expanding the provider network, increasing provider capacity, fostering individual behaviors that promote good oral health, and retaining innovative programs that improve access and care through a value-based care model. ***The commissioner shall prepare and submit a report that contains a clinical and financial research study to determine cost-avoidance associated with adult dental benefits under this paragraph. The study shall consider the impact on emergency room visits, patient infections, and any other factors the commissioner determines should be included in the study. The commissioner shall submit their report to the chairs of the senate finance and house finance committees on or before January 1, 2027.***

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405 Pharmacists and Pharmacies; Pharmacies; Substituting Biological Products. Amend RSA 318:47-dd to read as follows: 318:47-dd Pharmacies; Substituting Biological Products. I. In this section: (a) "Biological product" means a virus, therapeutic serum, toxin, antitoxin, vaccine, blood, blood component or derivative, allergenic product, protein (except any chemically synthesized polypeptide), or analogous product, or arsphenamine or derivative of arsphenamine (or any other trivalent organic arsenic compound), applicable to the prevention, treatment, or cure of a disease or condition of human beings. (b) "Proper name" means the nonproprietary name for a biological product designated by the federal Food and Drug Administration license for use upon each package of the product. (c) "Interchangeable biological product" means a biological product that the federal Food and Drug Administration: (1) Has licensed and determined meets the standards for interchangeability pursuant to 42 U.S.C. section 262(k)(4); or (2) Has determined ***does not require an interchangeable study to be*** [~~is~~] therapeutically equivalent as set forth in the latest edition of or supplement to the federal Food and Drug Administration's Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations. II. The board shall maintain a link on its website to the federal Food and Drug Administration's Lists of Licensed Biological Products with Reference Product Exclusivity and Biosimilarity or Interchangeability Evaluations. III. A pharmacist may substitute a biological product [~~pursuant to this section only if it has been licensed by the federal Food and Drug Administration as an interchangeable biological product~~] for the prescribed biological product ***when it meets the definition of interchangeable biological product***.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

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IV. When a pharmacist dispenses an interchangeable biological product for the prescribed biological product, the pharmacist or his or her designee shall inform the patient.	
V. A pharmacist shall not substitute an interchangeable biological product pursuant to this section if***:***	
(a) The prescriber indicates that substitution is not authorized by specifying on the prescription "medically necessary" on a paper prescription, or uses electronic indications when transmitted electronically, or gives instructions when transmitted orally that the biological product prescribed is medically necessary***; or***	
(b) The patient informs the pharmacist that he or she does not wish to receive an interchangeable biological product.	
VI.(a) Within 3 business days following the dispensing of a biological product, the dispensing pharmacist or the pharmacist's designee shall make an entry of the specific product provided to the patient, including the name of the product and the manufacturer. The communication shall be conveyed by making an entry that is electronically accessible to the prescriber through:	
(1) An interoperable electronic medical records system;	
(2) An electronic prescribing technology; or	
(3) A pharmacy benefit management system; or	
(4) A pharmacy record.	
(b) Entry into an electronic records system as described in this paragraph is presumed to provide notice to the prescriber. Otherwise, the pharmacist shall communicate the biological product dispensed to the prescriber using facsimile, telephone, electronic transmission, or other prevailing means, provided that the communication shall not be required where:	
(1) There is no federal Food and Drug Administration-approved interchangeable biological product for the biological product prescribed; or	
(2) A refill prescription is not changed from product dispensed on the prior filling of the prescription.	

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VII. The label of all biological products dispensed by a pharmacist shall include the proper name and the name of the manufacturer of the product.	
406 Effective Date. Section 405 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
407 Appropriation; Opioid Abatement Trust Fund. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the sum of $10,700,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and the sum of $10,700,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, are hereby appropriated from the opioid abatement trust fund, established under RSA 126-A:83, to the alcohol abuse prevention and training fund, established under RSA 176-A.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
408 New Subparagraph; The State and Its Government; Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery; Meetings and Reports. Amend RSA 12-J:4, II by inserting after subparagraph (i) the following new subparagraph: (j) Specify and itemize funds spent on prevention, treatment and reduction of societal and individual harm, recovery, and program monitoring and evaluation services and programs.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
409 New Hampshire Granite Advantage Health Care Program; Funding. Amend RSA 126-AA:2, I(a) to read as follows: 126-AA:2 New Hampshire Granite Advantage Health Care Program Established. I.(a) The commissioner shall apply for any necessary waivers and state plan amendments to implement a 5-year demonstration program beginning on January 1, 2019 to create the New Hampshire granite advantage health care program[~~ which shall be funded exclusively from non-general fund sources, including federal funds~~]. The commissioner shall include in an application for the necessary waivers submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) a waiver of the requirement to provide 90-day retroactive coverage and a state plan amendment allowing state	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

and county correctional facilities to conduct presumptive eligibility determinations for incarcerated inmates to the extent provided under federal law. To receive coverage under the program, those individuals in the new adult group who are eligible for benefits shall choose coverage offered by one of the managed care organizations (MCOs) awarded contracts as vendors under Medicaid managed care, pursuant to RSA 126-A:5, XIX(a). The program shall make coverage available in a cost-effective manner and shall provide cost transparency measures, and ensure that patients are utilizing the most appropriate level of care. Cost effectiveness shall be achieved by offering cash incentives and other forms of incentives to the insured by choosing preferred lower cost medical providers. Loss of incentives shall also be employed. MCOs shall employ reference-based pricing, cost transparency, and the use of incentives and loss of incentives to the Medicaid and newly eligible population. For the purposes of this subparagraph, "reference-based pricing" means setting a maximum amount payable for certain medical procedures.	
410 The New Hampshire Granite Advantage Health Care Trust Fund. Amend RSA 126-AA:3, I to read as follows: I. There is hereby established the New Hampshire granite advantage health care trust fund which shall be accounted for distinctly and separately from all other funds and shall be non-interest bearing. The fund shall be administered by the commissioner and shall be used solely to provide coverage for the newly eligible Medicaid population as provided for under RSA 126-AA:2, to pay for the administrative costs for the program, and reimburse the federal government for any over payments of federal funds. All moneys in the fund shall be nonlapsing and shall be continually appropriated to the commissioner for the purposes of the fund. The fund shall be authorized to pay and/or reimburse the cost of medical services and cost-effective related services, including without limitation, capitation payments to MCOs. [~~No state general funds shall be deposited into the fund.~~] Deposits into the fund shall be limited exclusively to the following:	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 317 The New Hampshire Granite Advantage Health Care Trust Fund. Amend RSA 126-AA:3, I to read as follows: I. There is hereby established the New Hampshire granite advantage health care trust fund which shall be accounted for distinctly and separately from all other funds and shall be non-interest bearing. The fund shall be administered by the commissioner and shall be used solely to provide coverage for the newly eligible Medicaid population as provided for under RSA 126-AA:2, to pay for the administrative costs for the program, and reimburse the federal government for any over payments of federal funds. All moneys in the fund shall be nonlapsing and shall be continually appropriated to the commissioner for the purposes of the fund. The fund shall be authorized to pay and/or reimburse the cost of medical services and cost-effective related services, including without limitation, capitation payments to MCOs. No state general funds shall be deposited into the fund. Deposits into the fund shall be limited exclusively to the following:

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(a) [Repealed.] (b) Federal Medicaid reimbursement for program costs and administrative costs attributable to the program; (c) Surplus funds generated as a result of MCOs managing the cost of their services below the medical loss ratio established by the commissioner for the managed care program beginning on July 1, 2019; (d) Taxes attributable to premiums written for medical and other medical related services for the newly eligible Medicaid population as provided for under this chapter, consistent with RSA 400-A:32, III(b); (e) Funds received from the assessment under RSA 404-G; (f) Revenue from the Medicaid enhancement tax to meet the requirements provided in RSA 167:64; [~~and~~] (g) Funds recovered or returnable to the fund that were originally spent on the cost of coverage of the granite advantage health care program[~~.~~]***;*** ***(h) Revenue that is attributable to premiums received from granite advantage health care program enrollees; and*** ***(i) State general funds that have been appropriated by the general court for the specific purpose of funding the granite advantage health care program or approved by the fiscal committee and governor and council for the specific purpose of addressing a funding shortfall identified by the commissioner of the department of health and human services.***	(a) [Repealed.] (b) Federal Medicaid reimbursement for program costs and administrative costs attributable to the program; (c) Surplus funds generated as a result of MCOs managing the cost of their services below the medical loss ratio established by the commissioner for the managed care program beginning on July 1, 2019; (d) Taxes attributable to premiums written for medical and other medical related services for the newly eligible Medicaid population as provided for under this chapter, consistent with RSA 400-A:32, III(b); (e) Funds received from the assessment under RSA 404-G; (f) Revenue from the Medicaid enhancement tax to meet the requirements provided in RSA 167:64; [~~and~~] (g) Funds recovered or returnable to the fund that were originally spent on the cost of coverage of the granite advantage health care program[~~.~~]***; and*** ***(h) Revenue that is attributable to premiums received from granite advantage health care program enrollees.***
411 The New Hampshire Granite Advantage Health Care Trust Fund. Amend the introductory paragraph to RSA 126-AA:3, VI to read as follows: VI. The commissioner, in accordance with the most current available information, shall be responsible for determining, quarterly commencing no later than December 31, 2018, whether there is sufficient funding in the fund to cover projected program costs for the nonfederal share for the next	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

6-month period. If at any time the commissioner determines that a projected shortfall exists, [~~then the sum necessary to cover such shortfall shall be transferred to the fund from the liquor commission fund established in RSA 176:16. In the event the commissioner determines that there are not sufficient funds in the liquor commission fund to cover the shortfall,~~] ***and the fiscal committee and governor and council do not authorize additional funding,*** then he or she shall terminate the program in accordance with the federally approved terms and conditions issued by CMS. Upon making a determination that a projected shortfall exists and [~~that there are insufficient funds in the liquor commission fund to cover the shortfall~~] ***if the fiscal committee and governor and council do not authorize additional funding***, the commissioner shall:	
412 Appropriation; Granite Advantage. The sum of $12,600,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and $1,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, is hereby appropriated to the New Hampshire granite advantage health care trust fund established under RSA 126-AA:3. In the event the program costs are greater than the amounts available from all sources, the commissioner many request, with prior approval of the fiscal committee, that the governor and council authorize additional funding. Upon fiscal committee and governor and council approval, the governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
413 Repeal. RSA 176:16, III-a, relative to deposits from the liquor commission into the New Hampshire granite advantage health care trust fund, is repealed.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
414 Department of Health and Human Services; Office of Health Access; Name Change; Hiring Freeze. The department of health and human services, office of health equity shall be renamed the office of health access. The office shall remain in compliance with the terms of Executive Order 2025-02, regarding executive branch hiring for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, even if the executive order is lifted. Furthermore, the office of health access shall serve every person with equal dignity and	318 Department of Health and Human Services; Office of Health Access; Name Change; Hiring Freeze. The department of health and human services, office of health equity shall be renamed the office of health access. The office shall remain in compliance with the terms of Executive Order 2025-02, regarding executive branch hiring for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, even if the executive order is lifted. Furthermore, the office of health access shall serve every person with equal dignity and

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415 New Paragraph; Medicaid to Schools Program; Termination. Amend RSA 186-C:25 by inserting after paragraph VII the following new paragraph: VIII. The program shall terminate statewide if the federal government or state adopts any policy contrary to a policy requiring parental control of all medical services provided to children. If a local school district adopts such a contrary policy, the program shall terminate for that school only.	319 New Paragraph; Medicaid to Schools Program; Termination. Amend RSA 186-C:25 by inserting after paragraph VII the following new paragraph: VIII. The program shall terminate statewide if the federal government or state adopts any policy contrary to a policy requiring parental control of all medical services provided to children. If a local school district adopts such a contrary policy, the program shall terminate for that school only.
416 Lapse Extension; Department of Health and Human Services; Granite United Way. Amend 2023, 79:559 to read as follows: 79:559 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services. There is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services, the sum of $2,054,360 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, which shall not lapse until June 30, [~~2025~~] ***2027***, for the purpose of Granite United Way administering the Recovery Friendly Workplace Initiative, which promotes individual wellness for Granite Staters by empowering workplaces to provide support for people recovering from substance use disorder. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.	320 Lapse Extension; Department of Health and Human Services; Granite United Way. Amend 2023, 79:559 to read as follows: 79:559 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services. There is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services, the sum of $2,054,360 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, which shall not lapse until June 30, [~~2025~~] ***2027***, for the purpose of Granite United Way administering the Recovery Friendly Workplace Initiative, which promotes individual wellness for Granite Staters by empowering workplaces to provide support for people recovering from substance use disorder. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.
417 428-A Effective Date. Section 416 of this act shall take effect June 20, 2025.	321 Effective Date. Section 320 of this act shall take effect June 20, 2025
418 Department of Health and Human Services; Availability of Funds Directive. The department of health and human services shall seek all available Title IV-E, Administration for Children and Families funds to maximize federal participation in expenses associated with eligibility screening, training, accounting, technology upgrades, and implementation of a child-centered approach to	322 Department of Health and Human Services; Availability of Funds Directive. The department of health and human services shall seek all available Title IV-E, Administration for Children and Families funds to maximize federal participation in expenses associated with eligibility screening, training, accounting, technology upgrades, and implementation of a child-centered approach to

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utilizing and conserving federal benefits to which children in its care might be eligible. The department shall twice annually provide a detailed report of its efforts to seek such funds and results of those efforts to the oversight committee on health and human services established in RSA 126-A:13, the senate finance and children and family law committees, the house children and family law and finance committees, and the fiscal committee of the general court.	utilizing and conserving federal benefits to which children in its care might be eligible. The department shall twice annually provide a detailed report of its efforts to seek such funds and results of those efforts to the oversight committee on health and human services established in RSA 126-A:13, the senate finance and children and family law committees, the house children and family law and finance committees, and the fiscal committee of the general court.
419 Directive; Department of Health and Human Services. The department of health and human services shall serve every person with equal dignity and respect. The department shall not contract with or pay vendors who fail to serve every person with equal dignity and respect. The department and all vendors shall comply with RSA 354-B, also known as the "civil rights act." In the event that the department determines that a contract violates the provisions of this section, it shall terminate said contract in accordance with applicable law and contract provisions, and the state shall be entitled to recover any funds unspent by the contractor at the time of termination.	323 Directive; Department of Health and Human Services. The department of health and human services shall serve every person with equal dignity and respect. The department shall not contract with or pay vendors who fail to serve every person with equal dignity and respect. The department and all vendors shall comply with RSA 354-B, also known as the "civil rights act." In the event that the department determines that a contract violates the provisions of this section, it shall terminate said contract in accordance with applicable law and contract provisions, and the state shall be entitled to recover any funds unspent by the contractor at the time of termination.
420 Prescription Drug Affordability Board; Definition of Public Payor. Amend RSA 126-BB:1, VI is repealed and reenacted to read as follows: VI. "Public payor" means any health plan which includes coverage for prescription drugs and is paid for in whole or in part by state general funds or any division of state, county, or municipal government that administers a health plan for its employees or an association of state, county, or municipal employers that administers a health plan for its employees. "Public payor" also includes health care paid for by the department of corrections.	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 324 Repeal. The following are repealed: I. RSA 126-BB, relative to the prescription drug affordability board. II. RSA 6:12, I(b)(384), relative to the prescription drug affordability board administration fund.

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NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	325 Public Officers and Employees; Compensation of Certain State Officers; Salaries Established; Position Removed. Strike from RSA 94:1-a, I(b) the following position: GG Department of health and human services executive director, prescription drug affordability board.
421 New Subparagraph; Prescription Drug Affordability Board; Alternate Member Added. Amend RSA 126-BB:2, I by inserting after subparagraph (c) the following new subparagraph: (d) One alternate appointed by the commissioner of the department of health and human services selected from the advisory council established in RSA 126-BB:4. Notwithstanding paragraph II, the alternate board member's term shall be coterminous with their membership on the advisory council. The alternate board member may participate in deliberations of the board in the event any member elects to be recused as provided in RSA 126-BB:3 or is absent.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
422 Prescription Board Affordability Board; Chairperson. Amend RSA 126-BB:2, IV to read as follows: IV. The chair of the board shall be elected by an affirmative vote of at least 4 of the 5 members of the board ***and shall serve a 2-year term. The chair of the board shall be elected in odd numbered years within 3 months of submission of the annual report specified in RSA 126-BB:5, IV***.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
423 Prescription Drug Affordability Board; Employee Authorization. Amend RSA 126-BB:2, VI to read as follows: VI. The board shall be administratively attached to the department of health and human services. [~~For a limited time,~~] The board may employ an executive director, who shall be an unclassified employee. The executive director shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the board. [~~Said position shall be effective for no more than 2 years following the date of hire of the individual first selected to fill the position. The board may also employ one contracted employee or more,~~] ***The board***	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

also may employ classified or contract employees or contract for similar services, dependent on the availability of funds.	
424 Prescription Drug Affordability Board; Competitive Bid Required. Amend RSA 126-BB:11 to read as follows: 126-BB:11 Competitive Bid Required. The contracts entered into by the board, including those for consulting services or personal contract services, shall be subject to the competitive bid process. Such contracts shall [~~also~~] be approved by [~~the fiscal committee of the general court,~~] the governor[~~,~~] and the executive council.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
425 Lapse Extension; Prescription Drug Affordability Board. Of funds appropriated to account 05-95-95-952010-6273, prescription drug affordability board, in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, up to $20,000 shall be nonlapsing until June 30, 2027.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
426 Effective Date. Section 425 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2025.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
427 Duty of Parent; Compulsory Attendance by Pupil. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 193:1, I to read as follows: I. A parent of any child at least 6 years of age and under 18 years of age shall cause such child to attend [~~the~~] ***a*** public school [~~to which the child is assigned in the child's resident district~~]. Such child shall attend full time when such school is in session unless:	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
428 School Attendance; Legal Residence Required. Amend RSA 193:12, III to read as follows: III. For the purposes of this title, "legal resident" of a school district means a natural person who is domiciled in the [~~school district~~] ***state*** and who, if temporarily absent, demonstrates an intent to maintain a principal dwelling place in the school district indefinitely and to return there, coupled	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

with an act or acts consistent with that intent. A married person may have a domicile independent of the domicile of his or her spouse. [~~If a person removes to another town with the intention of remaining there indefinitely, that person shall be considered to have lost residence in the town in which the person originally resided even though the person intends to return at some future time.~~] A person may have only one legal residence at a given time.	
429 School Attendance; Legal Residence Required. Amend RSA 193:12, VI(a) to read as follows: (a) The commissioner of the department of education, or designee, shall decide residency issues for all pupils, excluding homeless children and youths, in accordance with this section. [~~If more than one school district is involved in a residency dispute, or the parents who live apart cannot agree on the residence of a minor child, the respective superintendents shall jointly make such decision. In those instances when an agreement cannot be reached, the commissioner of the department of education, or designee, shall make a determination within 30 days of notice of the residency dispute and such determination shall be final. If the unresolved residency dispute has resulted in an interruption of educational or related services, or such an interruption is likely to occur if the determination cannot be made before the expiration of 30 days, the determination shall be made within 14 days. With the agreement of the school districts involved and of the minor child's parent or legal representative, the time for determination of the residency dispute may be extended. Residency disputes may be submitted to the commissioner for determination by a school district involved in a dispute. In cases where the failure to resolve a residency dispute has resulted in or is likely to result in the interruption of educational or related services, a minor child's parent or legal representative may submit a residency dispute for determination to the commissioner. In all cases, all parties with an interest in the dispute shall be notified of the pendency of the proceedings, shall have an opportunity to review all information provided to the commissioner, and shall have an opportunity to present facts and legal arguments to the commissioner.~~] ***When addressing residency issues, the only question the commissioner shall consider is whether the child is a resident of the state.***	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

The commissioner's decision, including a written explanation for that decision, shall be provided to the parties of record and a copy of such explanation shall be kept on file by the department of education. No school district shall deny a pupil attendance or implementation of an existing individualized education program.	
430 Open Enrollment Schools; Definitions; Open Enrollment Public School. Amend RSA 194-D:1, I to read as follows: I. "Open enrollment public school" or "open enrollment school" means any public school [~~which, in addition to providing educational services to pupils~~] ***that is currently enrolling pupils both*** residing within its attendance area or district, [~~chooses to accept~~] ***and*** pupils from other attendance areas within its district and from outside its district.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
431 Open Enrollment Schools; Definitions; Teacher. Amend RSA 194-D:1, IX to read as follows: IX. "Teacher" means any individual providing or capable of providing direct instructional services to pupils, and who meets requirements prescribed in the [~~Elementary and Secondary Education Act~~] ***Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015*** and the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
432 Open Enrollment Schools; Establishment; Parental Choice; Admission. Amend RSA 194-D:2 to read as follows: 194-D:2 Establishment; Parental Choice; Admission. I. [~~Any school district legislative body may vote to designate one or more of its schools as an open enrollment school.~~] ***Each district legislative body shall establish an open enrollment policy to allow pupils to transfer among schools within the district, from another district in the state, or in any state that has an interstate compact with New Hampshire that does not require nonresident pupils to pay an application fee or tuition.***	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

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II. [~~Open enrollment schools shall operate under the same laws, rules, and policies as any other public school, except as provided in this chapter.~~] ***Each school district shall determine for each school in the district the capacity of each school and each grade level. A school district shall post the total capacity of each individual school in the district, the capacity of each grade level, and the number of vacancies in each individual school in the district on the district website by the first of each month. Each school district in the state shall report annually to the state commissioner of education the number of transfer applications, acceptances, denials and the reason for each denial. The department of education shall publish the data annually on its web site and provide reports to the senate and house education committees, and the state board of education.***	
III. [~~No public school, except a chartered public school, shall be required to be an open enrollment school.~~] ***A parent may apply to any school or district within the state on behalf of a pupil.***	
[~~IV. A school district may predetermine the number of pupils residing outside an open enrollment school's district or attendance area it deems appropriate to accept.~~]	
[~~V.~~] ***IV.*** Applications may be made on behalf of eligible pupils to more than one [~~open enrollment~~] school within the state.	
[~~VI.~~] ***V.*** Every [~~open enrollment~~] school shall make available information about its curriculum and policies to all persons, and parents and pupils considering enrollment in that school.	
[~~VII.~~] ***VI.*** There shall be no application fee for pupil admission to any [~~open enrollment~~] school.	
[~~VIII. A pupil who meets the admission requirements of an open enrollment school, and who is a resident of the district where the school is located or is a dependent child of active duty military personnel whose move resulted from military orders, shall be given absolute admission preference over a nonresident pupil. Once admitted and unless expelled, open enrollment school pupils need not reapply for admission for subsequent years.~~]	

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VII. A pupil who is a dependent child of active duty military personnel whose move resulted from military orders, shall be given admission preference over a nonresident pupil. Once admitted and unless expelled, military connected students as defined in RSA 110-E:1 need not reapply for admission for subsequent years. ***VIII. A school district may deny a transfer application only for the following reasons:*** ***(a) The student was expelled by the student's previous district;*** ***(b) The student has a documented history of significant disciplinary issues;*** ***(c) The student has a documented history of chronic absenteeism; or*** ***(d) The receiving district does not have available capacity pursuant to this section, provided that military connected students as defined in RSA 110-E:1 shall be exempt from capacity limits.*** IX. ***No receiving school or district shall accept or reject an applicant based upon grade or age levels, pupil needs, areas of academic focus, aptitude, academic or athletic achievement.*** ***X.*** Attendance at [~~an open enrollment~~] ***a public*** school for the purposes of transportation shall not constitute assignment under the provisions of RSA 189:6 and RSA 189:8. Pupils who reside in the school district in which the [~~open enrollment~~] school is located shall be provided transportation to that school by the district on the same terms and conditions as provided for in RSA 189:6 and RSA 189:8 and that transportation is provided to pupils attending other public schools within that district. However, any added costs for such transportation services shall be borne by the [~~open enrollment~~] school. For the purposes of open enrollment, neither the sending nor the receiving school district shall be obligated to provide transportation services for pupils attending [~~an open enrollment~~] ***a*** school outside the pupil's resident district. ***The parent may provide transportation to a specific bus stop on an existing route of the receiving school or district. The district shall provide the parents with information regarding transportation options.***	

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[~~X.~~] ***XI.*** Upon approval by each of the district's legislative bodies and after a public hearing, 2 or more school districts may consolidate otherwise eligible resident pupils into one applicant pool for the purposes of an admissions lottery for designated open enrollment schools [~~XI. Military-connected students as defined in RSA 110-E:1 who are the dependent children of a member of the active uniformed military services of the United States on full-time active duty status and students who are the dependent children of a member of the military reserve on active duty orders shall be eligible for admission to the school district of their choice. Students shall be eligible if:~~ ~~(a) At least one parent of the student has a Department of Defense issued identification card; and~~ ~~(b) At least one parent can provide evidence that he or she will be on active duty status or active duty orders, meaning the parent will be temporarily transferred in compliance with official orders to another location in support of combat, contingency operation or a natural disaster requiring the use of orders for more than 30 consecutive days.~~ ~~XII. A school district of residence shall not prohibit the transfer of a pupil who is a child of an active military duty parent to a school in any school district, if the school district to which the parent of the pupil applies approves the application for transfer.~~]	
433 Open Enrollment Schools; Funding. Amend RSA 194-D:5 to read as follows: 194-D:5 Funding. I. There shall be no tuition charge for any pupil attending [~~an open enrollment~~] ***a public*** school [~~located in that pupil's resident district~~]. For [~~an open enrollment school authorized by the school district~~] ***transferring students***, the pupil's resident district shall pay to [~~such school~~] ***the receiving district*** an amount equal to not less than 80 percent of that district's average cost per pupil as determined by the department of education using the most recent available data as reported by the district to the department.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

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II. In accordance with current department of education standards, the funding and [~~educational decision-making process~~] ***provision of services*** for children with disabilities [~~attending~~] ***transferring to*** a [~~chartered public or open enrollment~~] school shall be the responsibility of the ***resident*** school district and shall retain all current options available to the parent and to the school district. III. [~~Any federal or other funding available in any year to a sending district shall, to the extent and in a manner acceptable to the funding source, be directed to an open enrollment school in a receiving district on an eligible per pupil basis.~~] IV. The commissioner of the department of education shall apply for all federal funding available to open enrollment schools under [~~the No Child Left Behind Act, Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, or other~~] ***any*** federal source of funds. The commissioner shall expend any such funds received in a manner acceptable to the funding source. V. A sending district may provide funds, services, equipment, materials, or personnel to [~~an open enrollment~~] ***a*** school, in addition to the amounts specified in this section in accordance with the policies of the sending school district. VI. [~~An open enrollment~~] ***A*** school may accept pupils at tuition rates at less than the amounts established by this chapter. VII. [~~An open enrollment~~] ***A*** school may receive financial aid, private gifts, grants, or revenue as if it were a school district.	
434 Open Enrollment Schools; State Board; Duties. Amend RSA 194-D:7 to read as follows: 194-D:7 State Board; Duties. I. The state board shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, consistent with the provisions of this chapter relative to the administration of open enrollment ***in public*** schools ***across the state***. II. The state board [~~shall~~] ***may*** convene one or more working committees to study and make recommendations regarding the implementation and effectiveness of open enrollment [~~schools~~]	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

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policies. The recommendations shall be provided to the legislative oversight committee in RSA [~~194-B:21~~] ***193-C:8-a***.	
435 Repeal. The following are repealed: I. RSA 194-D:3, relative to limitations on procedure for adoption and rescission. II. RSA 194-D:4, relative to pupil selection and enrollment.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
436 Effective Date. Sections 427 through 435 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2026.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
437 Department of Health and Human Services; Termination of Contracts Using Opioid Abatement Funds. The department of health and human services shall terminate all contracts, grants, or other agreements funded with opioid abatement funds with effective dates on or after May 1, 2025, for the purposes of funding provisions contained in this act.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
438 Department of Health and Human Services; Child Care Services. The commissioner of the department of health and human services shall be responsible for determining, on an ongoing basis through June 30, 2027, whether there is sufficient funding for employment-related child care services to avoid a waitlist and support greater utilization of employment related child care. If at any time the commissioner determines that funding is insufficient, the commissioner shall, to the extent allowed by applicable federal regulations, utilize available federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) reserve funds to cover the amount of the shortfall. The department shall report quarterly to the fiscal committee of the general court on any funds expended on employment-related child care services, including federal TANF funds authorized by this section.	326 Department of Health and Human Services; Child Care Services. The commissioner of the department of health and human services shall be responsible for determining, on an ongoing basis through June 30, 2027, whether there is sufficient funding for employment-related child care services to avoid a waitlist and support greater utilization of employment related child care. If at any time the commissioner determines that funding is insufficient, the commissioner shall, to the extent allowed by applicable federal regulations, utilize available federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) reserve funds to cover the amount of the shortfall. The department shall report quarterly to the fiscal committee of the general court on any funds expended on employment-related child care services, including federal TANF funds authorized by this section.

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439 New Paragraph; Department of Health and Human Services; Medicaid; Outpatient Procedure Incentive Program. Amend RSA 126-A:3 by inserting after paragraph VIII the following new paragraph: IX. The department shall seek to implement in the Medicaid care management program and the contractual agreements with each managed care organization an outpatient procedure incentive program for Medicaid beneficiaries to choose, when clinically appropriate, to receive outpatient procedures, including ambulatory surgical care, in a lower cost setting. The outpatient procedure incentive program shall be included by the department in the managed care organization withhold and incentive program and part of each managed care organization's member incentive program, subject to federal limitations. The outpatient procedure incentive program shall be included in the next contract amendment between the department and the managed care organizations after the effective date of this paragraph. Within 30 days of the effective date of this paragraph, the department shall submit the plan for implementation of the outpatient procedure incentive program to the fiscal committee of the general court.	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 327 New Paragraph; Department of Health and Human Services; Medicaid; Outpatient Procedure Incentive Program. Amend RSA 126-A:3 by inserting after paragraph VIII the following new paragraph: IX. The department shall seek to implement in the Medicaid care management program and the contractual agreements with each managed care organization an outpatient procedure incentive program for Medicaid beneficiaries to choose, when clinically appropriate, to receive outpatient procedures, including ambulatory surgical care, in a lower cost setting. The outpatient procedure incentive program shall be included by the department in the managed care organization withhold and incentive program and part of each managed care organization's member incentive program, subject to federal limitations. The outpatient procedure incentive program shall be included in the next contract amendment between the department and the managed care organizations after the effective date of this paragraph. Within 120 days of the effective date of this paragraph, the department shall submit the plan for implementation of the outpatient procedure incentive program to the fiscal committee of the general court.
440 Tirrell House; Sale of Property. Notwithstanding RSA 10 and RSA 4:40, the commissioner of the department of administrative services shall offer for sale at fair market value the Tirrell House property located at 15 Brook Street, Manchester, New Hampshire. The property shall be offered first to the city of Manchester and then to Hillsborough County. If neither the city nor county accept the offer by January 1, 2026, the commissioner of the department of administrative services shall issue a request for proposals for the sale of the Manchester property at no less than the fair market value, such sale to be completed no later than June 30, 2027. The commissioner of the department of administrative services shall submit quarterly reports on the progress of the sale to the fiscal committee of the general court. All proceeds from the sale shall be deposited into the general fund.	328 Tirrell House; Sale of Property. Notwithstanding RSA 10 and RSA 4:40, the commissioner of the department of administrative services shall offer for sale at fair market value the Tirrell House property located at 15 Brook Street, Manchester, New Hampshire. The property shall be offered first to the city of Manchester and then to Hillsborough County. If neither the city nor county accept the offer by January 1, 2026, the commissioner of the department of administrative services shall issue a request for proposals for the sale of the Manchester property at no less than the fair market value, such sale to be completed no later than June 30, 2027. The commissioner of the department of administrative services shall submit quarterly reports on the progress of the sale to the fiscal committee of the general court. All proceeds from the sale shall be deposited into the general fund.

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441 Anna Philbrook Center for Children; Sale of Property. Notwithstanding RSA 10 and RSA 4:40, the commissioner of the department of administrative services shall offer for sale at fair market value the Philbrook Center for Children property located at 105 Pleasant Street, Concord, New Hampshire. The property shall be offered first to the city of Concord and then to Merrimack County. If neither the city nor county accept the offer by January 1, 2026, the commissioner of the department of administrative services shall issue a request for proposals for the sale of the Concord property at no less than the fair market value, such sale to be completed no later than June 30, 2027. The commissioner of the department of administrative services shall submit quarterly reports on the progress of the sale to the fiscal committee of the general court. All proceeds from the sale shall be deposited into the general fund.	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 329 Anna Philbrook Center for Children; Sale of Property. The department of health and human services shall develop a transition plan to vacate the Anna Philbrook Center for Children that ensures services to current clients residing there are not interrupted. Prior to finalizing the transition plan, the department of health and human services shall work with the current provider and consider reasonable alternatives that are consistent with the department's "mission zero" initiative. Upon completion of the transition plan, the commissioner of the department of health and human services shall send formal notice to the department of administrative services that the transition plan is finalized. Notwithstanding RSA 10 and RSA 4:40, the commissioner of the department of administrative services, following the completion of the transition plan, shall offer for sale at fair market value the Anna Philbrook Center for Children property located at 105 Pleasant Street, Concord, New Hampshire. The property shall be offered first to the city of Concord and then to Merrimack County. If neither the city nor county accept the offer by January 1, 2026, the commissioner of the department of administrative services shall issue a request for proposals for the sale of the Concord property at no less than the fair market value, such sale to be completed no later than June 30, 2027. The commissioner of the department of administrative services shall submit quarterly reports on the progress of the sale to the fiscal committee of the general court. All proceeds from the sale shall be deposited into the general fund.
442 Hampstead Hospital and Residential Treatment Facility; Sale of Property. Notwithstanding RSA 10 and RSA 4:40, the commissioner of the department of administrative services shall subdivide and offer for sale at fair market value the state-owned portions of the Hampstead Hospital property that are neither part of the Hampstead Hospital and Residential Treatment Facility nor necessary for use as the replacement facility for the Sununu Youth Services Center or other state operations, located at 218 East Road, Hampstead, New Hampshire. The property shall be offered first to the city of Hampstead and then to Rockingham County. If neither the city nor county accept the offer by January 1, 2026, the commissioner of the department of administrative services shall issue a request for	330 Hampstead Hospital and Residential Treatment Facility; Sale of Property. Notwithstanding RSA 10 and RSA 4:40, the commissioner of the department of administrative services shall subdivide and offer for sale at fair market value the state-owned portions of the Hampstead Hospital property that are neither part of the Hampstead Hospital and Residential Treatment Facility nor necessary for use as the replacement facility for the Sununu Youth Services Center or other state operations, located at 218 East Road, Hampstead, New Hampshire. The property shall be offered first to the city of Hampstead and then to Rockingham County. If neither the city nor county accept the offer by January 1, 2026, the commissioner of the department of administrative services shall issue a request for

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proposals for the sale of the Hampstead property at no less than the fair market value, such sale to be completed no later than June 30, 2028. The commissioner of the department of administrative services shall submit quarterly reports on the progress of the sale to the fiscal committee of the general court. All proceeds from the sale shall be deposited into the general fund.	proposals for the sale of the Hampstead property at no less than the fair market value, such sale to be completed no later than June 30, 2028. The commissioner of the department of administrative services shall submit quarterly reports on the progress of the sale to the fiscal committee of the general court. All proceeds from the sale shall be deposited into the general fund.
443 Department of Health and Human Services; Medicaid Provider Rate Reduction. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the commissioner of the department of health and human services shall reduce all Medicaid provider rates by 3 percent effective January 1, 2026. As a result of the savings achieved by implementing this section, the department shall reduce general fund appropriations by $17,500,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and by $35,000,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. The department shall work with the department of administrative services to reduce appropriated federal funds as needed to implement this section.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
444 Department of Health and Human Services; Delay of Capitation Payments. The department of health and human services shall delay the June 2027 capitation payments to Medicaid managed care organizations until the start of the state fiscal year ending June 30, 2028. As a result of implementing this section, the department shall reduce general fund appropriations by $25,000,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. The department shall work with the department of administrative services to reduce appropriated federal funds as needed to implement this section.	331 Department of Health and Human Services; Delay of Capitation Payments. The department of health and human services shall delay the June 2027 capitation payments to Medicaid managed care organizations until the start of the state fiscal year ending June 30, 2028. As a result of implementing this section, the department shall reduce general fund appropriations by $25,000,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. The department shall work with the department of administrative services to reduce appropriated federal funds as needed to implement this section.
445 Administrative Charge on Dedicated Funds for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027. I. Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 6:12 and any other provision of law to the contrary, for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, the department of administrative services shall assess an administrative charge of 5 percent per fiscal year on revenue deposited into a dedicated fund listed in	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 332 Dedicated Funds; Amendments, Lapses, and Other Uses. I. Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 6:12, or any provision of law to the contrary, for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, the governor shall increase state general fund revenues or decrease state general fund appropriations by a combined total of $16,000,000 per fiscal year. Such revenue increases and appropriation decreases shall be generated through assessments, lapses, or the

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RSA 6:12, I(b), except those funds exempted pursuant to paragraph II. Revenue collected by said charge shall be deposited into the general fund as unrestricted revenue. II. The following dedicated funds listed in RSA 6:12,I(b) shall be exempt from any assessment made pursuant to paragraph I: (a) RSA 6:12, I(b)(4), fees collected by the department of safety under RSA 107-B, which shall be credited to the New Hampshire nuclear planning and response fund. (b) RSA 6:12, I(b)(9), revenues from fees, rentals, and the sale of products from lands under the jurisdiction of the department of natural and cultural resources, which shall be credited as provided under RSA 227-G. (c) RSA 6:12, I(b)(17), money received under RSA 481:32, which shall be credited to the dam maintenance fund established under RSA 482:55. (d) RSA 6:12, I(b)(21), money received under RSA 230:52, II, which shall be credited to the division of travel and tourism development, department of business and economic affairs. (e) RSA 6:12, I(b)(36), moneys received by the commissioner of the department of health and human services, for the purchase of vaccines, which shall be credited to the vaccine purchase fund established in RSA 141-C:17-a. (f) RSA 6:12, I(b)(64), moneys deposited in the harbor dredging and pier maintenance fund established in RSA 12-G:46. (g) RSA 6:12, I(b)(71), funds received pursuant to RSA 6:12-b, which shall be maintained pursuant to the provisions of RSA 6:12-b. (h) RSA 6:12, I(b)(72), moneys deposited in the alcohol abuse prevention and treatment fund established in RSA 176-A:1, as administered by the governor's commission on alcohol and drug abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery in accordance with RSA 12-J:1. (i) RSA 6:12, I(b)(75), moneys received for deposit in the travel and tourism development fund established by RSA12-O:16.	appropriate utilizations of dedicated funds listed under RSA 6:12, I(b), as determined by the governor. The governor shall provide a report of said actions to the fiscal committee of the general court on December 31, 2025, June 30, 2026, December 31, 2026, and June 30, 2027. II. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, agencies with a dedicated fund may establish an administrative fee upon the adoption of rules through the administrative rules process under RSA 541-A, or through the passage of legislation, that shall be deposited into the general fund. Any agency that establishes such an administrative fee may be exempted from an assessment, lapse, or other appropriate utilization as contained in paragraph I. III. The governor may reduce the value of the increase in revenues or decrease in appropriations in paragraph I by the anticipated amount to be transferred to the general fund as a result of administrative fees established in paragraph II.

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(j) RSA 6:12, I(b)(78), moneys deposited in the land conservation investment program trust fund under RSA 162-C:10. (k) RSA 6:12, I(b)(89), moneys deposited in the audit set aside fund under RSA 124:18. (l) RSA 6:12, I(b)(90), moneys deposited in the salary adjustment fund under RSA 99:4. (m) RSA 6:12, I(b)(92), moneys deposited in the 2 surplus funds under RSA 21-I:11, I(a)(6)(B): the surplus distribution section administrative assessments fund and the federal surplus food fund. (n) RSA 6:12, I(b)(99), moneys deposited in the unemployment compensation and employment service administration fund under RSA 282-A:138. (o) RSA 6:12, I(b)(100), moneys deposited in the unemployment compensation fund under RSA 282-A:103. (p) RSA 6:12, I(b)(115), moneys deposited in the New Hampshire excellence in higher education endowment trust fund under RSA 6:38. (q) RSA 6:12, I(b)(121), moneys deposited in the resident personal funds fund under RSA 621:30, II. (r) RSA 6:12, I(b)(122), moneys deposited in the special projects fund under RSA 621:30, III. (s) RSA 6:12, I(b)(127), moneys deposited in the oil discharge and disposal cleanup fund under RSA 146-D:3. (t) RSA 6:12, I(b)(130), moneys deposited in the water pollution control and drinking water revolving loan fund under RSA 486:14. (u) RSA 6:12, I(b)(155), moneys deposited in the highway and bridge betterment account under RSA 235:23-a. (v) RSA 6:12, I(b)(158), moneys deposited in the turnpike system revenue and reserve accounts under the November 9, 1987 bond resolution.	

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(w) RSA 6:12, I(b)(163), moneys deposited in the prepaid fish and game license fund under RSA 214:9-c, IV and RSA 214:9-cc, IV. (x) RSA 6:12, I(b)(167), funds received pursuant to RSA 6:12-c, which shall be maintained under the terms of the referenced trust or agency fund. (y) RSA 6:12, I(b)(168), funds received pursuant to RSA 6:12-d, which shall be maintained under the terms of the referenced custodial or escrow account. (z) RSA 6:12, I(b)(174), moneys deposited in the dependent children support enforcement administrative expense account under RSA 161-C:25. (aa) RSA 6:12, I(b)(190), moneys deposited in the supply depot inventory account under RSA 219:21, II. (bb) RSA 6:12, I(b)(192), moneys deposited in the land and community heritage investment program administrative fund under RSA 227-M:7-a. (cc) RSA 6:12, I(b)(200), moneys deposited in the tri-state lotto prize account under RSA 287-F:9. (dd) RSA 6:12, I(b)(207), moneys deposited in the employee benefit adjustment account under RSA 9:17-c. (ee) RSA 6:12, I(b)(226), moneys deposited in the election fund under RSA 5:6-d. (ff) RSA 6:12, I(b)(253), moneys deposited in the renewable energy fund established under RSA 362-F:10. (gg) RSA 6:12, I(b)(257), all funds deposited in the employee and retiree benefit risk management fund established pursuant to RSA 21-I:30-e. (hh) RSA 6:12, I(b)(275), moneys deposited in the Pease development authority ports and harbors fund established in RSA 12-G:37. (ii) RSA 6:12, I(b)(307), moneys deposited in the department of labor restricted fund established in RSA 273:1-b.	

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(jj) RSA 6:12, I(b)(336), moneys deposited into the governor's scholarship fund established in RSA 195-H:12. (kk) RSA 6:12, I(b)(338), moneys deposited in the uncompensated care and Medicaid fund established in RSA 167:64, I. (ll) RSA 6:12, I(b)(343), moneys deposited in the New Hampshire granite advantage health care trust fund under RSA 126-AA:3. (mm) RSA 6:12, I(b)(352), moneys deposited in the developmental services fund established under RSA 171-A:8-b, I. (nn) RSA 6:12, I(b)(353), money deposited in the acquired brain disorder services fund established under RSA 171-A:8-b, II. (oo) RSA 6:12, I(b)(354), money deposited in the in-home support waiver fund established under RSA 171-A:8-b, III. (pp) RSA 6:12, I(b)(360), moneys deposited in the opioid abatement trust fund, established in RSA 126-A:83. (qq) RSA 6:12, I(b)(363), moneys deposited in the New Hampshire health professionals' program administration fund established in RSA 310-A:1-e, I-a. (rr) RSA 6:12, I(b)(369), moneys deposited in the meals and rooms municipal revenue fund established in RSA 78-A:26, IV. (ss) RSA 6:12, I(b)(377), moneys deposited in the forest protection personnel training fund under RSA 227-G:5, III.	
446 Department of Health and Human Services; Individuals with Developmental Disabilities; Funding for Recreational Services. Amend 2024, 376:4, V to read as follows: V. Payment for recreational ***and socialization*** services shall be limited to [~~$600~~] ***$595*** per individual.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

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447 Appropriation; Lapse Date. Amend 2024, 376:4, II, to read as follows: II. In order to ensure that costs to access recreational ***and socialization*** services are covered, and that individuals with developmental disabilities are able to participate in recreational ***and socialization*** activities within their communities, the sum of $500,000 is appropriated to the department of health and human services for the biennium ending June 30, 2025. This appropriation is in addition to any other funds appropriated to the department of health and human services. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. Any unexpended funds shall lapse to the general fund on June 30, [~~2025~~] ***2027***.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
448 New Section; Recreational Services Special Fund. Amend RSA 171-A by inserting after section 33 the following new section: 174-A:34 Purpose; Establishment of the Recreational Services Special Fund. I. There is hereby established a fund designated as the recreational and socialization services fund to provide financial support for recreational and socialization services for individuals with developmental disabilities. The fund shall accept donations, grants, and contributions. Notwithstanding RSA 287-D:1, IV and RSA 287-E:1, V, the administrator of the fund shall be recognized as a charitable organization for the purpose of qualifying for a charitable organization license for games of chance, bingo, lucky-7, and historic horse racing. II. The fund shall be administered by the department of health and human services and used exclusively for providing or supporting recreational and socialization services for individuals with developmental disabilities. III. Donations to the fund shall be deposited into a nonlapsing account, continuously appropriated to the department of health and human services, and unspent funds shall not lapse but shall remain available for their designated purpose in subsequent fiscal years.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

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IV. The recreational and socialization services fund is hereby authorized to participate as a charity eligible to receive contributions from gaming facilities licensed under RSA 287-D and RSA 287-E.	
449 New Subparagraphs; Application of Receipts; Recreational and Socialization Services Fund. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by inserting after subparagraph (399) the following new subparagraphs: (400) Moneys deposited in the recreational and socialization services fund established in RSA 174-A:34.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
450 Effective Date. Section 447 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2025.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
451 New Subdivision; Prohibition on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Amend RSA 21-I by inserting after section 111 the following new subdivision: Prohibition on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion 21-I:112 Definitions. In this subdivision: I. "Agency" means any department, office, commission, board, subdivision, or other unit, however designated, of the executive branch of state government. II. "Diversity, equity, and inclusion" or "DEI" shall mean any program, policy, training, or initiative that classifies individuals based on race, sex, ethnicity, or other group characteristics for the purpose of achieving demographic outcomes, rather than treating individuals equally under the law. III. "Political subdivision" means any village district, school district, town, city, county, or unincorporated place in the state. 21-I:113 Prohibition on DEI Initiatives. No public entity shall implement, promote, or otherwise engage in any DEI-related initiatives, programs, training, or policies. No state funds shall be expended	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 333 New Subdivision; Prohibition on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Amend RSA 21-I by inserting after section 111 the following new subdivision: Prohibition on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion 21-I:112 Definitions. In this subdivision: I. "Agency" means any department, office, commission, board, subdivision, or other unit, however designated, of the executive branch of state government. II. "Diversity, equity, and inclusion" or "DEI" shall mean any program, policy, training, or initiative that classifies individuals based on a characteristic identified under RSA 354-A:1 for the purpose of achieving demographic outcomes, rather than treating individuals equally under the law. III. "Political subdivision" means any village district, school district, town, city, county, or unincorporated place in the state. 21-I:113 Prohibition on DEI Initiatives. No public entity shall implement, promote, or otherwise engage in any DEI-related initiatives, programs, training, or policies. No state funds shall be expended

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for DEI-related activities, including but not limited to implicit bias training, DEI assessments, critical race theory, or race-based hiring, promotion, or contracting preferences. 21-I:114 Prohibition on DEI-Related Contract Provisions. No agencies or political subdivisions shall enter into or renew any contract that includes DEI-related provisions, including requirements for contractors to implement DEI programs, conduct DEI training, or comply with DEI-related reporting obligations. 21-I:115 Review of Agency Contracts for DEI-Related Contract Provisions. Each state agency shall, no later than October 1, 2025, submit to the department of administrative services a report identifying all contracts under its control that include DEI-related provisions. The report shall include descriptions of each contract, the specific DEI-related provisions contained therein, and the total financial obligation associated with each contract. The department shall combine and submit a consolidated report to the governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and the president of the senate. 21-I:116 Review of Political Subdivision DEI-Related Contract Provisions. The department of justice shall establish a process by which all political subdivisions review their existing contracts for the presence of DEI--related provisions.	for DEI-related activities, including but not limited to implicit bias training, DEI assessments, critical race theory, or race-based hiring, promotion, or contracting preferences. 21-I:114 Prohibition on DEI-Related Contract Provisions. No agencies or political subdivisions shall enter into or renew any contract that includes DEI-related provisions, including requirements for contractors to implement DEI programs, conduct DEI training, or comply with DEI-related reporting obligations. 21-I:115 Review of Agency Contracts for DEI-Related Contract Provisions. Each state agency shall, no later than October 1, 2025, submit to the department of administrative services a report identifying all contracts under its control that include DEI-related provisions. The report shall include descriptions of each contract, the specific DEI-related provisions contained therein, and the total financial obligation associated with each contract. The department shall combine and submit a consolidated report to the governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and the president of the senate. 21-I:116 Review of Political Subdivision DEI-Related Contract Provisions. The department of justice shall establish a process by which all political subdivisions review their existing contracts for the presence of DEI--related provisions.
452 New Subdivision; Prohibition on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Public Schools. Amend RSA 186 by inserting after section 70 the following new subdivision: Prohibition on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Public Schools 186:71 Definitions. In this subdivision: I. "Diversity, equity, and inclusion" or "DEI" shall mean any program, policy, training, or initiative that classifies individuals based on race, sex, ethnicity, or other group characteristics for the purpose of achieving demographic outcomes, rather than treating individuals equally under the law.	**AMENDED BY THE SENATE** 334 New Subdivision; Prohibition on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Public Schools. Amend RSA 186 by inserting after section 70 the following new subdivision: Prohibition on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Public Schools 186:71 Definitions. In this subdivision: I. "Diversity, equity, and inclusion" or "DEI" shall mean any program, policy, training, or initiative that classifies individuals based on a characteristic identified under RSA 354-A:1 for the purpose of achieving demographic outcomes, rather than treating individuals equally under the law.

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II. "Public school" means any school, academic institution, or institution of higher education in this state supported by public funds.	II. "Public school" means any school, academic institution, or institution of higher education in this state supported by public funds.
186:72 Prohibition on DEI Initiatives. No public school shall implement, promote, or otherwise engage in any DEI-related initiatives, programs, training, or policies. No state funds shall be expended to public schools for DEI-related activities, including but not limited to implicit bias training, DEI assessments, critical race theory, or race-based hiring, promotion, or contracting preferences. This prohibition shall extend to any public school as defined in RSA 186:71, II.	186:72 Prohibition on DEI Initiatives. No public school shall implement, promote, or otherwise engage in any DEI-related initiatives, programs, training, or policies. No state funds shall be expended to public schools for DEI-related activities, including but not limited to implicit bias training, DEI assessments, critical race theory, or race-based hiring, promotion, or contracting preferences. This prohibition shall extend to any public school as defined in RSA 186:71, II.
186:73 Prohibition on DEI-Related Contract Provisions. No public school shall enter into, renew, or amend any contract that includes DEI-related provisions, including requirements for contractors to implement DEI programs, conduct DEI training, or comply with DEI-related reporting obligations.	186:73 Prohibition on DEI-Related Contract Provisions. No public school shall enter into, renew, or amend any contract that includes DEI-related provisions, including requirements for contractors to implement DEI programs, conduct DEI training, or comply with DEI-related reporting obligations.
186:74 Review of Public School Contracts for DEI-Related Contract Provisions. No later than October 1, 2025, the commissioner of the department of education shall submit a single report to the senate education, senate education finance, house education funding, and house education policy and administration committees of the general court identifying all existing contracts containing DEI-related provisions in public schools. The report shall include contract descriptions, the specific DEI-related provisions, and the total financial obligation associated with each contract.	186:74 Review of Public School Contracts for DEI-Related Contract Provisions. No later than October 1, 2025, the commissioner of the department of education shall submit a single report to the senate education, senate education finance, house education funding, and house education policy and administration committees of the general court identifying all existing contracts containing DEI-related provisions in public schools. The report shall include contract descriptions, the specific DEI-related provisions, and the total financial obligation associated with each contract.
186:75 Review of Public School DEI-Related Contract Provisions.	186:75 Review of Public School DEI-Related Contract Provisions.
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II. No later than September 30, 2025, each public school shall submit a signed and certified report to the commissioner of the department of education identifying any contract containing DEI-related provisions. The report shall include contract descriptions, the specific DEI-related provisions, and the total financial obligation associated with each contract.	II. No later than September 30, 2025, each public school shall submit a signed and certified report to the commissioner of the department of education identifying any contract containing DEI-related provisions. The report shall include contract descriptions, the specific DEI-related provisions, and the total financial obligation associated with each contract.
186:76 Final Compliance Report. The commissioner of the department of education shall submit a final compliance report to the governor, executive council, and the senate education, senate education finance, house education funding, and house education policy and administration committees of the	186:76 Final Compliance Report. The commissioner of the department of education shall submit a final compliance report to the governor, executive council, and the senate education, senate education finance, house education funding, and house education policy and administration committees of the

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general court by April 1, 2026, detailing the progress of public schools in eliminating DEI-related provisions from contracts. 187:77 Interpretation and Compliance. I. Should a public school fail to abide by any section of this subdivision, either knowingly or unknowingly, the commissioner of the department of education shall immediately halt all sources of public funding to that public school, until such time as the school comes into compliance with all sections of this subdivision. II. The commissioner of the department of education shall notify the state treasurer if a public school is not in compliance with this subdivision, at which time the treasurer shall halt all forms of public funding to the school until the commissioner has certified the school come into compliance with this subdivision.	general court by April 1, 2026, detailing the progress of public schools in eliminating DEI-related provisions from contracts. 187:77 Interpretation and Compliance. I. Should a public school fail to abide by any section of this subdivision, either knowingly or unknowingly, the commissioner of the department of education shall immediately halt all sources of public funding to that public school, until such time as the school comes into compliance with all sections of this subdivision. II. The commissioner of the department of education shall notify the state treasurer if a public school is not in compliance with this subdivision, at which time the treasurer shall halt all forms of public funding to the school until the commissioner has certified the school come into compliance with this subdivision.
453 State Commission for Human Rights; Law Against Discrimination; Purpose and Scope. Amend RSA 354-A:1 to read as follows: 354-A:1 Title and Purposes of Chapter. ***I.*** This chapter shall be known as the "Law Against Discrimination." It shall be deemed an exercise of the police power of the state for the protection of the public welfare, health and peace of the people of this state, and in fulfillment of the provisions of the constitution of this state concerning civil rights. The general court hereby finds and declares that practices of discrimination against any of its inhabitants because of age, sex, gender identity, race, creed, color, marital status, familial status, physical or mental disability or national origin are a matter of state concern, that such discrimination not only threatens the rights and proper privileges of its inhabitants, but menaces the institutions and foundation of a free democratic state and threatens the peace, order, health, safety and general welfare of the state and its inhabitants. A state agency is hereby created with power to eliminate and prevent discrimination in employment, in places of public accommodation and in housing accommodations because of age, sex, gender identity, race, creed, color, marital status, familial status, physical or	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

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mental disability or national origin as herein provided; and the commission established hereunder is hereby given general jurisdiction and power for such purposes. In addition, the agencies and councils so created shall exercise their authority to assure that no person be discriminated against on account of sexual orientation. ***II. The general court also finds that, notwithstanding New Hampshire's fundamental commitment to treat all persons without discrimination and with equal dignity and respect, which commitment the legislature fully accepts and strongly endorses, there are certain limited circumstances in which classification of persons based on biological sex is proper because such classification serves the compelling state interests of protecting the privacy rights and physical safety of such persons and others. The legislature finds that permitting classification of persons based upon biological sex serves this compelling state interest in the 3 circumstances described in RSA 354-A:25-a.***	
454 New Section; Law Against Discrimination; Classification of Persons Based Upon Biological Sex. Amend RSA 354-A by adding after section 25 the following new section: 354-A:25-a Classification of Persons Based Upon Biological Sex. Notwithstanding RSA 354-A:2, XIV-e or any other provision of this chapter or any other law or regulation, it shall not constitute unlawful discrimination based on sexual or gender identity for any person or organization, public or private, to classify based on biological sex with respect to the following matters: I. In the construction, maintenance, operation, and use of lavatory facilities or locker rooms designed for usage by multiple persons at the same time, even if such facilities have individual urinals, stalls, or similar apparatus. II. In athletic or sporting events or competitions in a sport or similar activity in which physical strength, speed, or endurance is generally recognized to give an advantage to biological males.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

III. In the operation, maintenance, and use of facilities designed for usage as prisons, houses of correction, juvenile detention or commitment centers, mental health hospitals or treatment centers and like facilities to which persons may be committed involuntarily.	
455 Residential Care and Health Facility Licensing; License or Registration Required; Moratorium; Exception for Membership-Based and Direct Payment Facilities. Amend RSA 151:2, VI(a)(1) to read as follows: (1) No new license shall be issued for, and there shall be no increase in licensed capacity of, any nursing home, skilled nursing facility, intermediate care facility, or rehabilitation facility, including rehabilitation hospitals and facilities offering comprehensive rehabilitation services. This moratorium shall not apply to***:*** ***(A) Any facility that is not a nursing home or skilled nursing facility, that operates on a membership-based business model or exclusively provides services to persons who make direct payment for services;*** ***(B)*** Any rehabilitation facility whose sole purpose is to treat individuals for substance use disorder or mental health issues***;*** or [~~to~~] ***(C)*** Any continuing care facility for which a certificate of authority has been issued by the insurance commissioner pursuant to RSA 420-D:2.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
456 Patients' Bill of Rights; Definitions; Direct Payment and Membership-Based Facilities. Amend RSA 151:19, II to read as follows: II. "Facility" means any hospital, building, residence, or other place or part thereof, licensed under the provisions of RSA 151:2. For the purposes of RSA 151:21, RSA 151:25, and RSA 151:26, "facility" shall not include home health care providers, or private homes where home care services are provided. ***For the purposes of RSA 151:21, "facility" shall not include direct payment and membership-based facilities.***	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

457 Patients' Bill of Rights; Definitions; Direct Payment and Membership-Based Facilities. Amend RSA 151:19, VI to read as follows: VI. "Patients' rights" or "rights" means those rights established under RSA 151:21 [~~or~~] RSA 151:21-b, ***or RSA 151:21-c,*** as applicable.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
458 Residential Care and Health Facility Licensing; Policies Required. Amend RSA 151:2-f to read as follows: 151:2-f Policies Required for Health Facilities and Special Health Care Service Licenses. ***I.*** Every facility licensed under RSA 151:2, I(a) or (d) and every person holding a special health care service license under RSA 151:2-e shall: [~~I.~~]***(a)*** Adopt and enforce a written policy to assure that the facility provides its services to all persons who require the services the facility provides regardless of the source of payment for the services provided to any person; [~~II.~~]***(b)*** Adopt, publicize, and apply an assistance plan for persons who are uninsured or who do not have the financial resources to pay for the facility's services due to financial hardship; [~~III.~~]***(c)*** Provide data to the commissioner of the department of health and human services regarding the volume, cost and outcomes of services provided in the facility; and [~~IV.~~]***(d)*** Pay fees under RSA 151:2-e, III to the commissioner of the department to cover the costs of administering the licensing of special health care services, the administration of the quality and patient safety requirements of this section, and the collection and analysis of the data collected under this section. ***II. Subparagraph I(a) shall not apply to intermediate care facilities or rehabilitation facilities, including rehabilitation hospitals and facilities offering comprehensive rehabilitation services facilities, that operate on a membership-based business model or exclusively provide services to persons who make direct payment for***	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

services. For the purposes of this paragraph, a direct payment is one that is paid directly by the patient and is not reimbursed or otherwise paid by a third party.	
459 New Section; Residential Care and Health Facility Licensing; Patients' Bill of Rights for Direct Payment and Membership-Based Facilities. Amend RSA 151 by inserting after section 21-b the following new section: 151:21-c Patients' Bill of Rights for Direct Payment and Membership-Based Facilities. The policy describing the rights and responsibilities of each patient admitted to a facility that operates on a membership-based business model or exclusively provides services to persons who make direct payment for services as defined in RSA 151:2-f, II, except those admitted by a home health care provider, shall include, as a minimum, the following: I. The patient shall be treated with consideration, respect, and full recognition of the patient's dignity and individuality, including privacy in treatment and personal care and including being informed of the name, licensure status, and staff position of all those with whom the patient has contact, pursuant to RSA 151:3-b. II. The patient shall be fully informed of a patient's rights and responsibilities and of all procedures governing patient conduct and responsibilities. This information shall be provided orally and in writing before or at admission, except for emergency admissions. Receipt of the information shall be acknowledged by the patient in writing. When a patient lacks the capacity to make informed judgments the signing shall be by the person legally responsible for the patient. III. The patient shall be fully informed in writing in language that the patient can understand, before or at the time of admission and as necessary during the patient's stay, of the facility's basic per diem rate and of those services included and not included in the basic per diem rate. IV. The patient shall be fully informed by a health care provider of his or her medical condition, health care needs, and diagnostic test results, including the manner by which such results will be provided and the expected time interval between testing and receiving results, unless medically	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

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inadvisable and so documented in the medical record, and shall be given the opportunity to participate in the planning of his or her total care and medical treatment, to refuse treatment, and to be involved in experimental research upon the patient's written consent only. For the purposes of this paragraph "health care provider" means any person, corporation, facility, or institution either licensed by this state or otherwise lawfully providing health care services, including, but not limited to, a physician, hospital or other health care facility, dentist, nurse, optometrist, podiatrist, physical therapist, or psychologist, and any officer, employee, or agent of such provider acting in the course and scope of employment or agency related to or supportive of health care services. V. The patient shall be transferred or discharged after appropriate discharge planning only for medical reasons, for the patient's welfare or that of other patients, if the facility ceases to operate, or for nonpayment for the patient's stay. VI. The patient shall be encouraged and assisted throughout the patient's stay to exercise the patient's rights as a patient and citizen. The patient may voice grievances and recommend changes in policies and services to facility staff or outside representatives free from restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination, or reprisal. VII. The patient shall be permitted to manage the patient's personal financial affairs. If the patient authorizes the facility in writing to assist in this management and the facility so consents, the assistance shall be carried out in accordance with the patient's rights under this subdivision and in conformance with state law and rules. VIII. The patient shall be free from emotional, psychological, sexual and physical abuse and from exploitation, neglect, corporal punishment and involuntary seclusion. IX. The patient shall be free from chemical and physical restraints except when they are authorized in writing by a physician for a specific and limited time necessary to protect the patient or others from injury. In an emergency, restraints may be authorized by the designated professional staff member in order to protect the patient or others from injury. The staff member shall promptly report such action to the physician and document same in the medical records.	

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X. The patient shall be ensured confidential treatment of all information contained in the patient's personal and clinical record, including that stored in an automatic data bank, and the patient's written consent shall be required for the release of information to anyone not otherwise authorized by law to receive it. Medical information contained in the medical records at any facility licensed under this chapter shall be deemed to be the property of the patient. The patient shall be entitled to a copy of such records upon request. The charge for the copying of a patient's medical records shall not exceed $15 for the first 30 pages or $.50 per page, whichever is greater; provided, that copies of filmed records such as radiograms, x-rays, and sonograms shall be copied at a reasonable cost. XI. The patient shall not be required to perform services for the facility. Where appropriate for therapeutic or diversional purposes and agreed to by the patient, such services may be included in a plan of care and treatment. XII. The patient shall be free to communicate with, associate with, and meet privately with anyone, including family and resident groups, unless to do so would infringe upon the rights of other patients. The patient may send and receive unopened personal mail. The patient has the right to have regular access to the unmonitored use of a telephone. XIII. The patient shall be free to participate in activities of any social, religious, and community groups, unless to do so would infringe upon the rights of other patients. XIV. The patient shall be free to retain and use personal clothing and possessions as space permits, provided it does not infringe on the rights of other patients. XV. The patient shall be entitled to privacy for visits and, if married, to share a room with his or her spouse if both are patients in the same facility and where both patients consent, unless it is medically contraindicated and so documented by a physician. The patient has the right to reside and receive services in the facility with reasonable accommodation of individual needs and preferences, including choice of room and roommate, except when the health and safety of the individual or other patients would be endangered.	

XVI. The patient shall not be denied appropriate care on the basis of age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, color, marital status, familial status, disability, religion, national origin, source of income, or profession. XVII. The patient shall be entitled to be treated by the patient's physician of choice, subject to reasonable rules and regulations of the facility regarding the facility's credentialing process. XVIII. The patient shall be entitled to have the patient's parents, if a minor, or spouse, or next of kin, unmarried partner, or a personal representative chosen by the patient, if an adult, visit the facility, without restriction, if the patient is considered terminally ill by the physician responsible for the patient's care. XIX. The patient shall be entitled to receive representatives of approved organizations as provided in RSA 151:28.	
460 Department of Health and Human Services; Legislative Reporting Requirement. The commissioner of the department of health and human services shall conduct a study to examine the impact of direct pay models on the health care system of New Hampshire, with special attention given to the impact of implementation of the direct primary care law, RSA 329:1-e and 2019, 330 (HB 508). The department shall provide the results of the study to the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate president, the house clerk, and the senate clerk, on or before June 30, 2026.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
461 Elections; Checklist; Annual Verification. Amend RSA 654:39 to read as follows: 654:39 ***Annual*** Verification [~~Every 10 Years~~]. I. In addition to any verification carried out under the provisions of RSA 654:38, the supervisors shall verify the checklist in [~~1981~~] ***2026*** and [~~once every 10 years~~] ***annually*** thereafter. II. Between April 1 and August 1 of [~~1981~~] ***2026*** and ***annually*** thereafter [~~in each year ending with a one~~], the supervisors shall post notice of their sessions in 2 appropriate places one of which shall be the town or city's Internet website, if such exists, and published at least twice in a newspaper	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

of general circulation and hold sufficient sessions for verification of the checklist as in their opinion will enable all eligible voters in said town or ward to appear before them and register or reregister as the case may be. Whenever a person is reregistered, his or her party designation, if any, on the checklist undergoing revision shall not be changed except as provided in RSA 654:34. III. Beginning June 1 of such year, the supervisors shall review the checklist and shall strike therefrom the names of all persons who have not registered or reregistered under paragraphs I and IV; provided, that there shall not be stricken from said checklist the name of any person duly qualified to vote unless such person, not less than 30 days prior to such action, shall have been sent notice by the supervisors at his last known address of his failure to reregister stating the procedure to be followed in order to reregister and have his name retained on said checklist nor unless such person shall have been given a reasonable opportunity to follow said procedure. IV. For the purpose of this section, a person shall be deemed reregistered and need not appear before the supervisors if: (a) The person voted in any election within the [~~4~~] ***5*** years immediately preceding [~~a 10-year~~] ***an annual*** verification; or (b) The person has been added to the checklist since the last state general election. V. Upon completion of verification of the checklist, but in no event later than September 1, the supervisors shall file with the secretary of state the following certificate: We, the supervisors of the checklist (or registrars of voters) of the town (or ward _____) of _____ , do hereby certify that we have verified the checklist of registered voters in the town (or ward _____ of the city) of _____ , pursuant to the provisions of RSA 654:39. VI. In verifying the checklist in accordance with this section, the provisions of RSA 654:38, IV and V shall apply.	
462 Effective Date. Section 461 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2026.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

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463 Electioneering by Public Employees. RSA 659:44-a is repealed and reenacted to read as follows: 659:44-a Electioneering by Public Employees. I. No public employee shall electioneer while in the performance of his or her official duties. For purposes of this section, "public employee" shall have the same meaning as in RSA 273-A:1, IX; except that, notwithstanding RSA 273-A:1, IX(b), a person appointed to office by the chief executive or legislative body of the public employer shall be included in the definition of public employee. II. No public employee shall use any government property or equipment, including, but not limited to, telephones, facsimile machines, vehicles, and computers, for electioneering. III. For the purposes of this section, "electioneer" means to act in any way designed or having the effect of influencing the vote of a voter on any question or office, including but not limited to: (a) Distributing or displaying campaign materials for a campaign during an officially declared election period in an unbiased manner. (b) Making public statements in favor of or against any candidate, political party, or measure. (c) Organizing or conducting surveys, forums, or events that are expressly or primarily political. (d) Using official authority or influence to interfere with or affect the vote of a voter. IV. Nothing in this section shall prohibit: (a) Lawful participation by candidates, political parties, or private groups in public parades, fairs, festivals, or similar events, including the display of campaign materials or the solicitation of voter support, provided such participation is conducted in accordance with applicable laws and regulations and does not intentionally favor one candidate, party, or measure over another. (b) The use of public spaces or facilities by private individuals, groups, or organizations for lawful political activities, provided such use is not facilitated or promoted by public employees	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

beyond standard administrative support necessary for access and use of the space and follows any relevant ordinance or law where applicable. (c) Public employees engaging in strictly neutral voter registration drives or activities limited to general election awareness, such as announcing election dates or polling locations, without any reference to or discussion of candidates, parties, or measures, and provided such activities are authorized by law. (d) Public employees providing factual information derived directly from official filing forms or other legally required public documents regarding candidates who have officially filed for office, provided such information is presented in an impartial and neutral manner without additional commentary, analysis, or inference. (e) Public universities, colleges, or institutions of higher education conducting public opinion polls or surveys. V. Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.	
464 Effective Date. Section 463 of this act shall take effect upon its passage.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
465 Local Adoption of Public Health Ordinances. Amend RSA 147:1, I to read as follows: I. The health officers of towns may make regulations for the prevention and removal of nuisances, [~~and such other regulations relating to public health~~] as in their judgment the health and safety of the people require, which shall take effect when approved by the selectmen, recorded by the town clerk, and published in some newspaper printed in the town, or when copies thereof have been posted in 2 or more public places in the town.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
466 Communicable Disease; Immunization. Amend RSA 141-C:20-a, I to read as follows: I. All parents or legal guardians shall have their children**,** who are residing in this state, immunized against [~~certain diseases. These diseases shall include, but not be limited to,~~] diphtheria,	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

mumps, pertussis, poliomyelitis, rubella, rubeola, and tetanus. [~~The commissioner shall adopt rules under RSA 541-A relative to other diseases which require immunization.~~] ***The rules adopted by the commissioner requiring varicella, Hepatitis B, and Haemophilus influenzae type B (Hib) vaccinations shall remain in effect until their regular expiration date of June 30, 2026.***	
467 Repeal. RSA 141-C:6, XIII, relative to rulemaking for other communicable diseases under RSA 141-C:20-a, I.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
468 New Section; Firearms and Accessories; In-State Use Only. Amend RSA 159 by inserting after section 27 the following new section: 159:28 Firearms and Accessories Manufactured in New Hampshire for In-State Use Only. I. Firearms and accessories manufactured within the state of New Hampshire, including but not limited to rifles, pistols, revolvers, shotguns, slides, receivers, barrels, suppressors, magazines, grips, and stocks, may be marked "For NH use only. Not for export outside NH." II. Such marked firearms and accessories shall not be exported or possessed outside the state and shall be ineligible for interstate commerce. It shall be a class B misdemeanor to export or transfer such a marked firearm or accessory outside the borders of the state. III. It shall be a class B misdemeanor to alter, destroy, or remove the marking "For NH use only. Not for export outside NH" from marked firearms and accessories unless the firearm or accessory is rendered permanently inoperable. IV. Firearms and accessories marked "For NH use only. Not for export outside NH," while remaining within the state, shall be exempt from federal regulation of interstate commerce and any act of Congress reliant on authority delegated under the Commerce Clause of the United States Constitution.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
469 Effective Date. Section 468 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

470 Carrying or Selling Weapons. RSA 159:16 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows: 159:16 Carrying or Selling Weapons. I. Any person under the age of 18 who carries on his or her person any blackjack, slung shot, or metallic knuckles shall be guilty of a violation; and such weapon or articles so carried by such a person shall be forfeited to the state. II. Any person who sells, delivers, or otherwise transfers any blackjack, slung shot, or metallic knuckles to a person under the age of 18 shall be guilty of a violation.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
471 Repeal. RSA 159:17, relative to exceptions to the prohibition against carrying or selling weapons, is repealed.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
472 Effective Date. Sections 470 and 471 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2026.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
473 Child Protection Act; Reporting Law; Nature of Report; Liability. Amend RSA 169-C:30 and RSA 169-C:31 to read as follows: 169-C:30 Nature and Content of Report. An oral report shall be made immediately by telephone or otherwise, and followed within 48 hours by a report in writing, if so requested, to the department. Such report shall, if known, contain the name and address of the child suspected of being neglected or abused and the person responsible for the child's welfare, the specific information indicating neglect or the nature and extent of the child's injuries (including any evidence of previous injuries), the identity of the person or persons suspected of being responsible for such neglect or abuse, and any other information that might be helpful in establishing neglect or abuse or that may be required by the department. ***Reports made to the department may include the name, address, or phone number of the person or persons making the report of suspected abuse or neglect of a child under this chapter. The department may inform the complainant that should the complaint***	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

be made maliciously or with the intent to harm, the complainant may be subject to criminal and civil penalties. 169-C:31 Immunity From Liability. ***I.*** Anyone participating in good faith in the making of a report pursuant to this chapter or who provides information or assistance, including medical evaluations or consultations, in connection with a report, investigation, or legal intervention pursuant to a good faith report of child abuse or neglect, is immune from any liability, civil or criminal, that might otherwise be incurred or imposed. Any such participant has the same immunity with respect to participation in any investigation by the department or judicial proceeding resulting from such report. ***II. Nothing in this section shall provide civil or criminal immunity for a professional mandatory reporter who knowingly fails to make a report of suspected abuse or neglect under RSA 169-C:29 or for a person who knowingly files a false report of abuse or neglect with malice or the intent to harm under RSA 169-C:31-a.***	
474 New Sections; Child Abuse; Intentional False Report; Civil Liability. Amend RSA 169-C by inserting after section 31 the following new sections: 169-C:31-a Intentional False Report of Abuse or Neglect. No person shall maliciously or with the intent to harm make false statements of suspected child abuse or neglect as defined by RSA 169-C:3 to the department, to any court, to any law enforcement agency, to any social services agency, or to any professional mandatory reporter of suspected child abuse identified in RSA 169-C:29. Any person in violation of this section may be subject to civil and criminal liability under RSA 169-C:31-b and RSA 169-C:39, respectively. 169-C:31-b Civil Liability. I. Any person harmed by the intentional submission of a false report of abuse or neglect under RSA 169-C:31-a may bring a civil action against the responsible party for monetary damages and other appropriate relief.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**

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II. Any person who, in their professional capacity as a mandatory reporter under RSA 169-C:29, knowingly or intentionally fails to report suspected abuse or neglect may be subject to civil liability, including monetary damages, for the harm caused by the failure to report such abuse or neglect.	
475 Effective Date. Sections 473 and 474 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2026.	**NO COMPARABLE SENATE SECTION**
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	335 New Paragraph; The State and Its Government; Department of Information Technology; Commissioner; Deputy Commissioner; Directors; Compensation. Amend RSA 21-R:3 by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph: IV. The unclassified position of chief privacy officer is hereby established in the department of information technology. A person shall be qualified for the position by reason of education and experience, be appointed by the commissioner of the department of information technology, and serve at the pleasure of the commissioner. The salary of chief privacy officer shall be determined after assessment and review of the appropriate letter grade allocation in RSA 94:1-a, for positions which shall be conducted pursuant to RSA 94:1-d and RSA 14:14-c.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	336 One Granite Place. 2023, 79:56 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows: 79:56 One Granite Place. The proceeds of the sale of the former Laconia state school campus property shall be applied to any subsequent purchase of land, building, and other improvements at 1 Granite Place Concord, New Hampshire and such building shall be used for state government office space. Such funds shall not lapse until June 30, 2027. To the extent proceeds are insufficient to cover the full cost of acquisition, the purchase shall be conditioned on the seller taking a promissory note for any unpaid balance for a period of up to 2 years at no interest cost on said note.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	337 State Credit Card Contracts; Payment and Procurement Card Fund. Amend RSA 9-D:3, I to read as follows:

	I. There is hereby established in the office of the state treasurer the payment and procurement card fund, which shall be a revolving fund administered by the department of administrative services. [~~The fund shall be nonlapsing and continually appropriated to the department of administrative services.~~] The department of administrative services may make expenditures of up to $100,000 in anticipation of revenue which may be received by this fund.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	338 State Credit Card Contracts; Payment and Procurement Card Fund. Amend RSA 9-D:3, V to read as follows: V. At the end of each [~~fiscal year, the state treasurer shall credit the payment and procurement card fund with interest and any other income earned~~] ***biennium, any funds remaining in excess of $25,000 after expenses paid in accordance with paragraph III shall lapse to the general fund***.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	339 Directive; Department of Administrative Services; Transfer from the Payment and Procurement Card Fund to the General Fund. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the sum of $1,253,623 shall be transferred from the payment and procurement card fund, established under RSA 9-D:3, to the general fund on July 1, 2025.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	340 Taxation; Board of Tax and Land Appeals; Administration of Oaths, Subpoenas, Etc.; Fees. Amend RSA 71-B:9 to read as follows: 71-B:9 Administration of Oaths, Subpoenas, Etc.; Fees. The board shall have authority to administer oaths and to compel the attendance of witnesses to proceedings before it. The board shall have the power to subpoena and subpoena duces tecum. Witnesses compelled to appear shall be paid the same fee and mileage that are paid to witnesses in the superior court of the state. A subpoena or subpoena duces tecum of the board may be served by any person designated in the subpoena or subpoena duces tecum to serve it. Any testimony given by a person duly sworn shall be subject to the pains and penalties of perjury. All applications or petitions to the board for which no filing fee has

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	been otherwise specified by statute shall be accompanied by a [~~$65~~] ***$125*** filing fee. Costs and attorney's fees may be taxed as in the superior court.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	341 Taxation; Board of Tax and Land Appeals; Order for Reassessment. Amend RSA 71-B:16, I to read as follows: I. When a specific written complaint is filed with it, by a property owner, within 90 days of the date on which the last tax bill on the original warrant is sent by the collector of taxes of the taxing district, that a particular parcel of real estate or item of personal property not owned by him has been fraudulently, improperly, unequally or illegally assessed. The board shall consider only one complaint from a property owner for each parcel of land until such time as a reassessment has been made. The complainant shall pay a fee of [~~$65~~] ***$125*** for each specific particular parcel or specific item of personal property complained of. The board shall send notice by certified mail to the taxpayer against whose property the complaint is made; or
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	342 Taxation; Property Taxes; Appeal From Refusal to Grant Exemption, Deferral, or Tax Credit. Amend RSA 72:34-a to read as follows: 72:34-a Appeal From Refusal to Grant Exemption, Deferral, or Tax Credit. Whenever the selectmen or assessors refuse to grant an applicant an exemption, deferral, or tax credit to which the applicant may be entitled under the provisions of RSA 72:23, 23-d, 23-e, 23-f, 23-g, 23-h, 23-i, 23-j, 23-k, 28, 28-b, 28-c, 29-a, 30, 31, 32, 35, 36-a, 37, 37-a, 37-b, 38-a, 38-b, 39-a, 39-b, 41, 42, 62, 66, or 70 the applicant may appeal in writing, on or before September 1 following the date of notice of tax under RSA 72:1-d, to the board of tax and land appeals or the superior court, which may order an exemption, deferral, or tax credit, or an abatement if a tax has been assessed. ***The fee to appeal to the board of tax and land appeals shall be $75.***

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NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	343 Taxation; Excavation Tax; Excavation Tax Appeal and Abatement. Amend RSA 72-B:13 to read as follows: 72-B:13 Excavation Tax Appeal and Abatement. An owner may, within 90 days of notice of the excavation tax, appeal to the assessing officials in writing for an abatement from the original assessment, but no owner shall be entitled to an abatement unless such owner has complied with the provisions of RSA 72-B:8, RSA 72-B:8-a and RSA 72-B:9. If the assessing officials neglect or refuse to abate, an owner may, at the owner's election within 6 months of notice of such tax and not afterwards, petition the superior court of the county where the operation took place, or the board of tax and land appeals. A petition to the board of tax and land appeals shall be accompanied with a [~~$65~~] ***$100*** filing fee.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	344 Taxation; Residences in Industrial or Commercial Zone; Appeal to Board of Tax and Land Appeals. Amend RSA 75:14, I to read as follows: I. If the assessing officials deny in whole or in part any application for classification as an eligible residence, the applicant, having complied with the requirements of RSA 75:11, I, may, on or before 30 days after any such action by the assessing officials, in writing and upon a payment to the board of tax and land appeals of a [~~$40~~] ***$100*** filing fee, apply to such board for a review of the action of the assessing officials.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	345 Taxation; Residences in Industrial or Commercial Zone; Reclassification by Board of Tax and Land Appeals. Amend RSA 75:16, I to read as follows: I. When a specific written complaint is filed with it by a landowner, within 90 days of being listed as provided by RSA 75:11, III, that a particular residence not owned by the landowner has been fraudulently, improperly, or illegally so classified, the complainant shall pay to the board of tax and land appeals for each specific particular residence complained of a [~~$40~~] ***$100*** fee. The board shall send notice by certified mail to the owner against whose property the complaint is made; or

NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	346 Taxation; Abatement; By Board of Tax and Land Appeals. Amend RSA 76:16-a to read as follows: I. If the selectmen neglect or refuse to so abate, in accordance with RSA 76:16, I(b), any person aggrieved, having complied with the requirements of RSA 74[~~, upon payment of a $65 filing fee, may apply in writing to the board of tax and land appeals.~~] ***may appeal in writing to the board of tax and land appeals. Such appeal shall be subject to a filing fee of $125 for property assessed for $1,500,000 or less, and $200 for property assessed for more than $1,500,000.*** The appeal shall be filed on or before September 1 after the date of notice of tax under RSA 76:1-a, and not afterwards. The board, after inquiry and investigation, shall hold a hearing if requested as provided in this section and shall make such order thereon as justice requires; and such order shall be enforceable as provided hereafter. If the appeal is filed before July 1 the person aggrieved shall state in the appeal to the board the date of the municipality's decision on the RSA 76:16, I(b) application.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	347 Taxation; Abatement; By Court. Amend RSA 76:17 to read as follows: 76:17 By Court. [~~If the selectmen neglect or refuse so to abate in accordance with RSA 76:16, I(b), any person aggrieved, having complied with the requirements of RSA 74, may, in lieu of appealing pursuant to RSA 76:16-a, apply by petition to the superior court in the county, which shall make such order thereon as justice requires. The appeal shall be filed on or before September 1 following the date of notice of tax under RSA 76:1-a, and not afterwards. If the appeal is filed before July 1 following the date of notice of tax, the person aggrieved shall state in the appeal to the court the date of the municipality's decision on the RSA 76:16, I(b) application.~~] ***Any person having submitted a completed application to the board, pursuant to RSA 76:16-a, which the board has processed in accordance with RSA 541-A:29, I and collected the required filing fee, shall have the right to remove the appeal to the superior court in the county where the tax was assessed for trial, which shall make such order thereon as justice requires. Removal to the superior court shall be subject to a $200 fee, which shall be collected by the board, in addition to the fee required***

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	pursuant to RSA 76:16-a. Any request to remove the appeal shall be made within 45 days of filing with the board.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	348 Taxation; Current Use Taxation; Appeal to Board of Tax and Land Appeals. Amend RSA 79-A:9, I to read as follows: I. If the assessing officials deny in whole or in part any application for classification as open space land, or grant a different classification than that applied for, the applicant, having complied with the requirements of RSA 79-A:5, II may, on or before 6 months after any such action by the assessing officials, in writing and upon a payment of a [~~$65~~] ***$125*** filing fee, apply to such board for a review of the action of the assessing officials.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	349 Taxation; Current Use Taxation; Abatement of Land Use Change Tax. Amend RSA 79-A:10, III(a)(1) to read as follows: (1) Apply in writing to the board of tax and land appeals accompanied with a [~~$65~~] ***$125*** filing fee; or
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	350 Taxation; Current Use Taxation; Reclassification by Board of Tax and Land Appeals. Amend RSA 79-A:12, I to read as follows: I. When a specific written complaint is filed with it by a land owner, within 90 days of being listed as provided by RSA 79-A:5, IV, that a particular parcel of land not owned by him has been fraudulently, improperly or illegally so classified, the complainant shall pay a fee of [~~$10~~] ***$50*** to the board of tax and land appeals for each specific particular parcel of land complained of. The board of tax and land appeals shall send notice by certified mail to the owner against whose land the complaint is made; or

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NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	351 Taxation; Taxation of Farm Structures and Land Under Farm Structures; Appeal to Board of Tax and Land Appeals. Amend RSA 79-F:6, I to read as follows: I. If the assessing officials deny in whole or in part any application for classification as land under qualifying farm structures, or grant a different classification than that applied for, the applicant, having complied with the requirements of RSA 79-F:4, II may, on or before 6 months after any such action by the assessing officials, in writing and upon a payment of a [~~$65~~] ***$125*** filing fee, apply to such board for a review of the action of the assessing officials.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	352 Taxation; Taxation of Farm Structures and Land Under Farm Structures; Abatement of Use Change Tax. Amend RSA 79-F:8, III(a)(1) to read as follows: (1) Apply in writing to the board of tax and land appeals accompanied with a [~~$65~~] ***$125*** filing fee; or
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	353 Taxation; Taxation of Qualifying Historic Buildings; Appeal to Board of Tax and Land Appeals. Amend RSA 79-G:5, I to read as follows: I. If the assessing officials deny in whole or in part any application for assessment as a qualifying historic building, the applicant, having complied with the requirements of RSA 79-G:4, II may, on or before 6 months after any such action by the assessing officials, in writing and upon a payment of a [~~$65~~] ***$125*** filing fee, apply to such board for a review of the action of the assessing officials.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	354 Taxation; Taxes In Unincorporated Towns And Unorganized Places; Abatement of Taxes. Amend RSA 81:5, II to read as follows: II. Any person aggrieved by the assessment of a tax, who has complied with the requirements of RSA 74, may, by March 1 following the date of notice of the tax under RSA 76:1-a, and not afterwards, apply in writing to the commissioners in accordance with RSA 76:16, I(b). Upon receipt of

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	an application for abatement, the commissioners shall review the application and respond in accordance with RSA 76:16, II. If the commissioners neglect or refuse to abate, any person aggrieved, having complied with the requirements of RSA 74, may, on or before September 1 after the date of notice of tax under RSA 76:1-a, and not afterwards, file an appeal with the [~~superior court in the county where the property is located, or with the board of tax and land appeals, upon payment of a $65 filing fee.~~] ***board of tax and land appeals in the same manner as prescribed under RSA 76:16-a, and may remove the appeal to the superior court in the county where the tax was assessed in the same manner authorized under RSA 76:17.*** After appropriate inquiry or hearing, the board or court, as the case may be, shall make such order thereon as justice requires.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	355 Transportation; Laying Out Highways; Abatement and Appeal of Betterment Assessments. Amend RSA 231:32, III(a)(1) to read as follows: (1) Appeal in writing to the board of tax and land appeals, upon payment of a [~~$65~~] ***$125*** filing fee; or
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	356 Courts; Board of Tax and Land Appeals; Filing Fee. Amend RSA 498-A:16-a to read as follows: 498-A:16-a Filing Fee. The condemnor shall pay a fee of [~~$100~~] ***$250*** for each condemnation proceeding brought before the board. The filing fees collected under this chapter shall be deposited to the general fund.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	357 Contingent Appropriation. In the event combined state general and education trust fund revenues for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, as reported in the audited annual comprehensive financial report pursuant to RSA 21-I:8, II(a), exceed the combined plan, and the actual statewide general fund lapse amount meets or exceeds estimates contained on the final general fund comparative statement of undesignated surplus as prepared by the office of legislative budget assistant, any state agency required to reduce state general fund appropriations in fiscal year 2027, pursuant to sections contained

	in HB 1 and HB 2 of the 2025 general legislative session, may request, with prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court, that the governor and council authorize additional funding up to the amounts contained therein. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	358 Disability Retirement Benefits. Amend RSA 100-A:6, II(e)(2)(A) to read as follows: (A) The member is found***, on or after July 1, 2024,*** to be [~~mentally or~~] physically incapacitated for the further performance of duty and that such incapacity is likely to be permanent;
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	359 New Chapter; Coos County Established as Distressed Place-Based Economy. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 162-T the following new chapter: CHAPTER 162-U COOS COUNTY ESTABLISHED AS DISTRESSED PLACE-BASED ECONOMY 162-U:1 Definitions. In this chapter: I. "Place-based economy" means a tailored economic development response that uses a region's unique characteristics to create and sustain growth. The goal is to improve the quality of life and economic vitality by building on its limited strengths and assets. II. "Distressed" means an area that has a high rate of poverty, unemployment, or outmigration and is the most severely and persistently economically distressed and underdeveloped. 162-U:2 Regulatory Principle for Department Commissioners. Commissioners of state departments shall include county government input for any Coos County decisions impacting its place-based economy. Collaborative regulatory approaches with existing regional economic objectives shall minimize unintended economic impacts. To protect the health, safety, and economic welfare of Coos' interdependent place-based economy, agencies shall seek to achieve statutory goals as effectively and efficiently as possible without imposing unnecessary burdens on local governments. Failure to recognize differences in the scale and resources of these entities adversely affects competition in the

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	marketplace, discourages innovation, and restricts productivity improvements to the economic landscape. 162-U:3 Application. To uphold the principles outlined in this chapter, the following actions apply solely to agency decisions that would result in an economic downturn and impact private sector entities desiring to engage in job creation and economic development activities as well as a decrease in local and state revenues. These actions do not apply to residential or unrelated regulatory permitting matters. Agency commissioners shall ensure that any management plans or decisions in Coos County promptly and thoroughly consider and avoid potential impacts on the regional economy and related local and state economic development plans. If a decision is found to negatively affect the region and is deemed unavoidable, commissioners must provide Coos County with a clear justification for the decision and develop mitigation measures for undermining revitalization investments to improve the economic performance.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	360 Effective Date. Section 359 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	361 Reduction in Force Notice and Payment. I. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any executive branch department, except for the department of health and human services that has a classified position unfunded or repealed under HB 1 or HB 2 of the 2025 legislative session, whose incumbent cannot be reassigned resulting in employment separation due to position elimination, shall not be given an employment separation due to position elimination or reduction in force notice until June 26, 2025, resulting in a last day of work on July 10, 2025, with payment on July 25, 2025. Departments may request funding from the department of administrative services to cover the final payments made in fiscal year 2026 from funds available in the pay adjustment fund established in RSA 99:4, or the benefit adjustment fund established in RSA 9:17-c, or both.

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	II. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, $400,000 shall be reserved from the pay adjustment fund and $250,000 shall be reserved from the benefit adjustment fund and shall not lapse on June 30, 2025. The reserves shall be available for departments to cover the payments made under paragraph I. The remaining balances after payouts have been made shall lapse to the revenue stabilization reserve account established in RSA 9:13-e no later than September 30, 2025. III. Any state employee laid off due to their position being unfunded or abolished pursuant to HB 1 or HB 2 of the 2025 legislative session shall be granted a waiver pursuant to Executive Order 2025-02 for any open state position that they are qualified to fill and receive priority consideration.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	362 Effective Date. Section 361 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2025.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	369 Office of the Chief Medical Examiner; Accounts. Amend RSA 611-B:27 to read as follows: 611-B:27 [~~Assistant Deputy~~] ***Office of the Chief*** Medical Examiner Accounts. I. [~~Assistant deputy medical examiners~~] ***The office of the chief medical examiner*** shall be paid at the following rates: telephone consultations-[~~$25;~~] ***$50;*** death investigations involving an external examination of the body-[~~$140;~~] ***$200,*** plus mileage at the state rate; pre-cremation examinations conducted pursuant to RSA 325-A:18-[~~$50.~~] ***$100.*** II. [~~Assistant deputy medical examiners shall submit all claims for telephone consultation fees, death investigation fees and expenses, and pre-cremation examination fees to the office of the chief medical examiner, which shall authorize such claims and submit them for payment to the state treasurer, chargeable to the medico-legal investigation fund established pursuant to RSA 611-B:28.~~] On a monthly basis, the office of the chief medical examiner shall bill each of the counties for the services provided to that county by the assistant deputy medical examiners during the previous month, and any body transportation costs associated with the billed services, as provided under RSA 611-B:15, I. Services shall be billed at the following rates: telephone consultation-[~~$25;~~]***$50;*** death investigation-[~~$140;~~]***$200*** travel [~~expenses the~~] ***expenses at the*** state mileage rate. The county treasurer shall

	submit payment to the state treasurer, for deposit in the medico-legal investigation fund ***pursuant to RSA 611-B:28***.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	370 Limited Electrical Energy Producers Act; Definition; Eligible Customer Generator. Amend RSA 362-A:1-a, II-b to read as follows: II-b. "Eligible customer-generator" or "customer-generator" means an electric utility customer who owns, operates, or purchases power from an electrical generating facility either powered by renewable energy or which employs a heat led combined heat and power system, with a total peak generating capacity of up to and including one megawatt, except as provided for a municipal host as defined in paragraph II-c[~~, that is located behind a retail meter on the customer's premises,~~] ***and an industrial host as defined under paragraph II-g, that is located behind a retail meter on the customer's premises,*** is interconnected and operates in parallel with the electric grid, and is used to offset the customer's own electricity requirements. Incremental generation added to an existing generation facility, that does not itself qualify for net metering, shall qualify if such incremental generation meets the qualifications of this paragraph and is metered separately from the [~~nonqualifying~~] ***non-qualifying*** facility.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	371 New Paragraph; Limited Electrical Energy Producers Act Definitions. Amend RSA 362-A:1-a by inserting after paragraph II-f the following new paragraph: II-g. "Industrial host" means a customer-generator with a total peak generating capacity of greater than one megawatt and less than 5 megawatts, used to offset the electricity requirements of a group consisting exclusively of commercial, industrial, or institutional entities with one or more accounts, provided that all accounts are located within the same utility franchise service territory. If an industrial host's total annual net exported generation exceeds the total annual electricity usage of the host and members of the group, the industrial host shall be entitled to compensation for that excess

	generation according to the process established by the department's 900 rules for annual reconciliation. An industrial host may be owned by either a public or private entity.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	372 New Paragraph; Net Energy Metering. Amend RSA 362-A:9 by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph: II-a. Alternative tariffs for net energy metering shall be made available to eligible customer-generators by each electric distribution utility in conformance with Order No. 26,029 dated June 23, 2017, and with net metering rules adopted by the commission. Any project that begins receiving compensation under Order No. 26,029 alternative tariffs will be eligible to continue receiving that tariff for either 20 years from the year it first begins receiving compensation or through the initial tariff term ending on December 31, 2040, whichever is longer. If the commission creates new net metering tariffs through an adjudicated proceeding before December 31, 2040, eligible customer-generators receiving Order No. 26,029 alternative tariffs will have the option of transitioning to new tariffs created through that proceeding. If an eligible customer-generator elects to transfer to a new tariff, they may not return to Order No. 26,029 alternative tariffs. Upon the expiration of a customer-generator's eligibility under Order No. 26,029 alternative tariffs, the eligible customer-generator will have the option of transitioning to the tariff available at that time.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	373 New Paragraph; Net Energy Metering; Consumption. Amend RSA 362-A:9 by inserting after paragraph IV the following new paragraph: IV-a.(a) Facilities eligible for the net metering tariff under this section for customer-generators larger than one megawatt and up to 5 megawatt with an in-service date after January 1, 2026 and not acting as a group net metering host, must consume at least 33 percent of the generation, on an annual basis. (b) Consumption requirements under this section shall not apply to low and moderate income customers as defined in administrative rules of the public utilities commission in PUC 902.21.

NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	374 Cremation of Human Remains; Medical Examiner's Certificate. Amend RSA 325-A:18, II to read as follows: II. The crematory authority shall forward a copy of the cremation certificate to the office of the chief medical examiner, accompanied by a [~~$60~~] ***$100*** fee. The fee shall be deposited in the medico-legal investigative fund established pursuant to RSA 611-B:28.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	375 Appropriation; New Hampshire-Ireland Trade Council. The sum of $20,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, is hereby appropriated to the department of business and economic affairs for deposit into the New Hampshire-Ireland trade council fund, established by RSA 12-O:22-a, VI. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	376 Repeal. The following are repealed: I. RSA 275:37-c, relative to the use of criminal records in employment decisions. II. RSA 275-H, relative to use of criminal records in employment decisions.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	377 New Hampshire Mental Health Services; Involuntary Admissions; Payment for Legal Services. Amend RSA 135-C:23 to read as follows: 135-C:23 Legal Services; Payment; Appointment. [~~The client or person sought to be admitted shall pay the costs of the legal services in connection with hearings held under this chapter.~~] If the client or person sought to be admitted [~~is unable to pay for~~] ***does not have legal*** counsel ***in connection with hearings held under this chapter***, the court shall appoint [~~either a member of New Hampshire Legal Assistance, or its successor organization, or another~~] ***an*** attorney who shall be compensated at a rate as determined by the supreme court. ***The cost of such court-appointed attorneys, including counsel and investigative, expert, or other services and expenses***

	approved by the circuit court that are necessary to provide adequate representation, shall be paid from funds appropriated for indigent defense pursuant to RSA 604-A.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	378 Workers' Compensation; First Responder's Critical Injury Benefit. Amend RSA 281-A:32-a, II to read as follows: II. Payments awarded under this section shall be subject to all other provisions of RSA 281-A. Total compensation payments for all additional compensation claims paid under this section shall not exceed $125,000 per claimant. Benefits paid under this section for all claimants shall not exceed [~~$500,000~~] ***$750,000*** per biennium.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	379 Effective Date. Section 378 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	380 New Subdivision; Ownership or Lease of Real Property by Foreign Principals from Foreign Countries of Concern. Amend RSA 477 by inserting after section 477:22-a the following new subdivision: Ownership or Lease of Real Property by Foreign Principals from Foreign Countries of Concern 477:22-b Definitions. In this subdivision: I. "Company" or "development" means a sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, trust, venture, group, subgroup, or any other entity or organization, including its subsidiary or affiliate, that exists for profit-making purposes or to otherwise secure economic advantage. II. "Foreign country of concern" means the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Syrian Arab Republic, and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, including any agencies, institutions, instrumentalities, ruling political parties, or any other entity exercising significant control over any of these listed countries. III. "Foreign principal" means:

	(a) The government or any government official, in any capacity, of a foreign country of concern. (b) A company, development, or other entity organized under the laws of, or having its principal place of business in, a foreign country of concern. (c) Any natural person who is an employee or agent of a foreign country of concern. IV. "Protected facility" means the buildings, fixtures, and land contained on or within the perimeters of the following: (a) New Hampshire National Guard in Concord, New Hampshire. (b) New Hampshire Army Aviation Support Facility in Concord, New Hampshire. (c) Readiness Center of the 197th Artillery Brigade in Manchester, New Hampshire. (d) Pease Air National Guard Base in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. (e) New Boston Space Force Station in New Boston, New Hampshire. (f) Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. V. "Real property" means land, buildings, fixtures, and all other improvements to land. VI. "Within 10 miles of a protected facility" means real property within 10 miles of a protected facility, measured as the shortest distance between any portion of the real property's perimeter and any portion of the protected facility's perimeter. 477:22-c Ownership, Control, and Occupancy; Prohibitions. I. No foreign principal may acquire any ownership or controlling interest in real property within 10 miles of any protected facility by any means, including but not limited to, purchase, grant, contract, eminent domain, or demise. II. No foreign principal may lease or otherwise enter into a contract to occupy or control, or allow another foreign principal or agent to occupy or control, any real property within 10 miles of a protected facility. 477:22-d Qualified Renter/Purchaser Affidavit Required.

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	I. Every person or entity who leases or acquires an ownership or controlling interest in property within 10 miles of a protected facility shall file with the office of the attorney general, within one business day of closing, or, in the case of a lease, within one business day of the delivery of keys, access codes, or other methods of access to the premises, a qualified renter/purchaser affidavit signed under penalty of perjury, attesting that the person acquiring an ownership or controlling interest, or leasing the property: (a) Is not a foreign principal or an agent of a foreign principal, as defined in this subdivision; (b) Has read and understands both the prohibitions in this subdivision and the penalties for violations of the terms of this subdivision; and (c) Is not prohibited from purchasing or leasing the property under this subdivision. II. A failure to submit the qualified renter/purchaser affidavit to the attorney general's office does not affect the title or insurability of the title for the real property, or subject the listing, brokering, closing, or leasing agent to civil or criminal liability, unless the agent has actual knowledge that the transaction will result in a violation of this section so long as the agent has complied with the notice requirement in RSA 477:4-i. Nothing in this paragraph shall preclude the attorney general's office from initiating a forfeiture action in accordance with RSA 477:22-f. III. Failure to submit a required affidavit under this section shall result in a $500 civil penalty. Prior to an action against a natural person to impose the civil penalty, the attorney general shall give notice and provide 60 days to cure the violation. No opportunity to cure shall be offered to an entity in RSA 477:22-b, as knowledge of the filing requirement under this section shall be imputed. 477:22-e Illegal Acquisition of Property by a Foreign Principal. I. Acquisition of property in violation of RSA 477:22-c is a: (a) Class A misdemeanor, when committed by a natural person. (b) Class B felony, when committed by an entity defined in RSA 477:22-b, I.

	II. The attorney general's office may refer a violation of this section for prosecution to the county attorney's office in the county in which the subject property is located. III. The attorney general's office may pursue a forfeiture action according to RSA 477:22-f against a person or entity convicted of an offense under paragraph I of this section. 477:22-f Forfeiture of Real Property. I. The department of justice may bring a forfeiture action according to this section against a person or entity who secured any ownership interest in real property in violation of this subdivision and who is convicted of an offense under RSA 477:22-e, I regarding that subject property. II. Real property that is the subject of a conviction under RSA 477:22-e, I may be seized by the state and forfeited as provided in this section. Property seized under this section may be held by the state to secure it prior to forfeiture proceedings. III. The state may seize the subject property by filing in the registry of deeds in the county where the property is located a notice of attachment stating that the state has attached the identified property pursuant to this section. IV. The state shall have a lien on any property subject to forfeiture under this section upon seizure of such property. Upon forfeiture, the state's title to the property relates back to the date of seizure. V. Within 30 days of the seizure of any real property under paragraph II, the attorney general shall file a petition in the superior court of the county in which the property was seized, requesting forfeiture of the property. The court shall issue an order of notice requiring the state to send by certified mail a copy of the petition to all owners of the property, including those with partial ownership or controlling interests, and to other persons appearing to have an interest in the property. If no such petition is filed within 30 days of the seizure of the property, the property shall be returned to its owners. VI. Within 30 days of receipt of the attorney general's petition for forfeiture, the court shall schedule a hearing. This hearing shall be conducted as a civil action. The court may order forfeiture

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	of the property seized under paragraph II if the state establishes, by a preponderance of the evidence, that (a) the ownership or controlling interest in the property was acquired in violation of this section, and (b) that the person or entity holding their interest in the property knew or should have known that they acquired their interest in violation of this chapter. VII. If forfeiture is granted, the attorney general shall provide for the disposition of the forfeited property in any manner not prohibited by law, including retention of the property for official use by law enforcement or other public agencies, or by sale at public auction. The attorney general shall pay the reasonable expenses of the seizure, forfeiture proceeding, and sale of property from the proceeds of any public auction of forfeited items or from any penalty obtained under this chapter. All outstanding recorded liens on any property forfeited shall be paid in full within a reasonable time following the court proceedings. 477:22-g Rulemaking. The attorney general shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to: I. The contents and filing requirements for the qualified renter/purchaser affidavit; and II. Other provisions of this subdivision that the attorney general determines require administrative rules.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	381 New Section; Notification of Qualified Renter/Purchaser Affidavit Requirement. Amend RSA 477 by inserting after section 4-h the following new section: 477:4-i Notification of Qualified Renter/Purchaser Affidavit Requirement. In any purchase and sale agreement, lease agreement, or rental agreement involving real property within 10 miles of a protected facility as defined in RSA 477:22-b, before signing an agreement to sell, transfer, lessee, or rent such real property the seller, lessor, or landlord, or the seller, lessor, or landlord's agent, shall provide written notice to the buyer, lessee, or tenant that the buyer, lessee, or tenant is required to file a qualified renter/purchase affidavit with the attorney general's office pursuant to RSA 477:22-d.

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NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	382 Effective Date. Sections 380 and 381 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2026.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	383 Department of Corrections; Probation/Parole Officer Positions. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, of the probation/parole officer positions funded in accounting unit 02-46-046-464010-8302, any that become vacant due to attrition shall result in one such position remaining vacant for the biennium ending June 30, 2027.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	384 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study the creation of the New Hampshire office of film and creative media.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	385 Membership and Compensation. I. The members of the committee shall be as follows: (a) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate. (b) Two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. II. Legislative members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the committee.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	386 Duties. The committee shall: I. Review the potential cost and benefits of establishing such an office and tax credit; II. Identify what other states have done; III. Make recommendations on what would be the best model; IV. Solicit testimony, including from the commissioner of business and economic affairs, the commissioner of natural and cultural resources, and any person or organization with relevant information or expertise, regarding establishing such an office and tax credit.

NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	387 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the senate member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 30 days of the effective date of this section. Two members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	388 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2025.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	389 Effective Date. Sections 384-388 of this act shall take effect upon its passage.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	390 Appropriations; Housing Champion Designation and Grant Program Fund; Lapse Extension. Amend 2023, 79:466, I to read: I. The sum of $5,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, which shall not lapse until June 30, [~~2025~~] ***2026***, is hereby appropriated to the New Hampshire housing champion designation and grant program fund. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	391 Effective Date. Section 390 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2025.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	392 Sale of the Sununu Youth Services Center. 2023, 2:4 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows: 2:4 Sale of the Sununu Youth Services Center (SYSC). I. Notwithstanding RSA 4:40, the department of administrative services shall commence a search by whatever reasonable means necessary for a purchaser for the entire property currently housing the SYSC on South River Road in Manchester, New Hampshire and sell the property to a suitable buyer in accordance with this section. Identification of a purchaser that will enhance the tax and business tax rolls of the city of Manchester and the state of New Hampshire shall be a high priority.

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	II. The department shall offer the property for sale at not less than market value. III. The department shall negotiate and execute any contracts or other agreements or actions to accomplish the sale and lease of the property in accordance with this section. IV. The department shall consult with the city of Manchester, the New Hampshire department of business and economic affairs, and other organizations, as appropriate, prior to any sale of the property. The sale of the SYSC shall be approved by the governor and council. V. All proceeds and revenue from the sale of the SYSC shall be deposited in the youth development center claims and administration settlement fund, established in RSA 21-M:11-a.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	393 Department of Business and Economic Affairs; Division of Travel and Tourism Budget; Meals and Rooms Tax Revenue. Amend RSA 12-O:11-b to read as follows: 12-O:11-b Division of Travel and Tourism Budget; Meals and Rooms Tax Revenue. The budget of the division of travel and tourism, including the travel and tourism development fund established by RSA 12-O:16, shall be funded at an amount no less than 3.15 percent of the net income identified by RSA 78-A:26, I***, plus the income identified under RSA 78-A:26, III,*** for the most recently completed fiscal year.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	394 Effective Date. Section 393 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2027.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	395 Tax Amnesty. I. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, with respect to taxes administered and collected by the department of revenue administration, an amnesty from the assessment or payment of all penalties and interest exceeding 50 percent of the applicable interest, as calculated pursuant to RSA 21-J:28 on the date of payment for the tax period, shall apply to unpaid taxes reported and paid in full between December 1, 2025, and February 15, 2026, regardless of whether previously assessed. This amnesty shall only apply to taxes due but unpaid on or before June 30, 2025.

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	II. Without in any way limiting the authority otherwise vested in the commissioner under the law, the commissioner may consider the failure to pay such amounts during such amnesty period as a factor when abating or not abating any interest or penalty for good cause or other reasons.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	396 Appropriation. The sum of $50,000 is hereby appropriated to the department of revenue administration for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, to the following account for the purposes of outreach and other administration necessary for the implementation of the tax amnesty program: 01-84-84-840010-7884-102, Contracts for Program Services. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	397 Training Coordinator. Amend 2024, 317:17 to read as follows: 317:17 Effective Date. I. RSA 597:2-b, I-a, as inserted by section 9 of this act, and sections 16 and 17 of this act, shall take effect July 1, 2024. II. Section 11 of this act shall take effect July 1, [~~2025~~] ***2027***. III. The remainder of this act shall take effect January 1, 2025.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	398 Veterans Court. Amend 2024, 371:3 to read as follows: 371:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, [~~2025~~] ***2027***.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	399 Judicial Districts. Amend RSA 502-A:1 to read as follows: 502-A:1 Judicial Districts. A comprehensive system of judicial districts, each with a district court, is hereby organized, constituted and established as follows: Rockingham County

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

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

[~~II a. [Repealed.]~~

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

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

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

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

located in Candia, holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require.

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

Strafford County

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

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

Belknap County

IX. LACONIA DISTRICT. The Laconia district shall consist of the city of Laconia and the towns of Meredith, New Hampton, Gilford, Belmont, Alton, Gilmanton, Center Harbor, and Barnstead.

	The district court for the district shall be located in Laconia, holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require. The name of the court shall be Laconia District Court. ***Carroll County*** X. CONWAY DISTRICT. The district for northern Carroll county shall consist of the towns of Conway, Bartlett, Jackson, Eaton, Chatham, Hart's Location, Albany, Madison and the unincorporated places of Hale's Location, Cutt's Grant, and Hadley's Purchase. The district court for the district shall be located in Conway, holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require. The name of the court shall be the Conway District Court. XI. OSSIPEE DISTRICT. The district for southern Carroll county shall consist of the towns of Ossipee, Tamworth, Freedom, Effingham, Wakefield, Wolfeboro, Brookfield, Tuftonboro, Moultonborough, and Sandwich. The court shall be located in Ossipee, holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require. The name of the court shall be the Ossipee District Court. Merrimack County XII. CONCORD DISTRICT. The Concord district shall consist of the city of Concord, and the towns of Loudon, Canterbury, Dunbarton, Bow, Hopkinton, Pittsfield, Chichester, and Epsom. The district court for the district shall be located in Concord, holding sessions regularly there and elsewhere in the district as justice may require. The name of the court shall be Concord District Court. XIII. HOOKSETT DISTRICT. The Hooksett district shall consist of the towns of Allenstown, Pembroke, and Hooksett. The district court for the district shall be located in Hooksett, holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require. The name of the court shall be the Hooksett District Court. XIV. FRANKLIN DISTRICT. The Franklin district shall consist of the city of Franklin and the towns of Northfield, Danbury, Andover, Boscawen, Salisbury, Hill, and Webster in Merrimack county and the towns of Sanbornton and Tilton in Belknap county. The district court for the district

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

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

Hillsborough County

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

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

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

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

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

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

XXII. GOFFSTOWN DISTRICT. The Goffstown district shall consist of the towns of Goffstown, Weare, New Boston, and Francestown. The district court for the district shall be located in Goffstown, holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require. The name of the court shall be Goffstown District Court.

Cheshire County

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

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

Sullivan County

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

XXV-a. NEWPORT DISTRICT. The Newport district shall consist of the towns of Newport, Grantham, Croydon, Springfield, Sunapee, Goshen, Lempster, and Washington in Sullivan county and the towns of New London, Newbury, and Wilmot in Merrimack county.

	The district court for the district shall be located in Newport, holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require.
	Grafton County
	XXVI. HANOVER-LEBANON DISTRICT. The Hanover-Lebanon district shall consist of the towns of Hanover, Orford, Lyme, Lebanon, Enfield, Canaan, Grafton, Dorchester, and Orange. [~~The court shall be located in a city or town within the judicial district in a location and facility designated pursuant to RSA 490-B:3, having regard for the convenience of the communities within the district, provided, however, that the court shall not be located in any building which does not meet the minimum standard prescribed by the New Hampshire court accreditation commission pursuant to RSA 490:5-c. The court shall bear the name of the city or town in which it is located.~~] ***The district court for the district shall be located in Lebanon, holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require.***
	XXVII. HAVERHILL DISTRICT. The Haverhill district shall consist of the towns of Haverhill, Bath, Landaff, Benton, Piermont, and Warren. The district court for the district shall be located in Haverhill, holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require. The name of the court shall be Haverhill District Court.
	XXVIII. LITTLETON DISTRICT. The Littleton district shall consist of the towns of Littleton, Monroe, Lyman, Lisbon, Franconia, Bethlehem, Sugar Hill, and Easton. The district court for the district shall be located in Littleton, holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require. The name of the court shall be Littleton District Court.
	XXIX. PLYMOUTH-LINCOLN DISTRICT. The Plymouth-Lincoln district shall consist of the towns of Plymouth, Bristol, Groton, Wentworth, Rumney, Ellsworth, Thornton, Campton, Ashland, Hebron, Holderness, Bridgewater, Alexandria, Lincoln, Woodstock, Waterville Valley, and the unincorporated place of Livermore. The district court for the district shall be located in Plymouth, holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require. The name of the court shall be Plymouth District Court.

	Coos County XXX. BERLIN-GORHAM DISTRICT. The Berlin-Gorham district shall consist of the city of Berlin and the towns of Gorham, Milan, Dummer, Shelburne, and Randolph and the unincorporated places of Cambridge, Success, Bean's Purchase, Martin's Location, Green's Grant, Pinkham's Grant, Sargent's Purchase, Thompson and Meserve's Purchase and Low and Burbank's Grant. [~~The court shall be located in a city or town within the judicial district in a location and facility designated pursuant to RSA 490-B:3, having regard for the convenience of the communities within the district, provided, however, that the court shall not be located in any building which does not meet the minimum standard prescribed by the New Hampshire court accreditation commission pursuant to RSA 490:5-c. The court shall bear the name of the city or town in which it is located.~~] ***The district court for the district shall be located in Berlin, holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require.*** XXXI. COLEBROOK DISTRICT. The Colebrook district shall consist of the towns of Colebrook, Pittsburg, Clarksville, Wentworth's Location, Errol, Millsfield, Columbia, Stewartstown, and Stratford and the unincorporated places of Dix's Grant, Atkinson and Gilmanton Academy Grant, Second College Grant, Dixville, Erving's Location, and Odell. The district court for the district shall be located in Colebrook, holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require. The name of the court shall be Colebrook District Court. XXXII. LANCASTER DISTRICT. The Lancaster district shall consist of the towns of Lancaster, Stark, Northumberland, Carroll, Whitefield, Dalton and Jefferson, and the unincorporated places of Kilkenny, Bean's Grant, Chandler's Purchase, and Crawford's Purchase. The district court for the district shall be located in Lancaster, holding sessions regularly therein and elsewhere in the district as justice may require. The name of the court shall be Lancaster District Court.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	400 Sites. Amend RSA 490-D:4 to read as follows: 490-D:4 Sites.

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	The judicial branch family division shall operate at the following sites and such other sites as the supreme court, from time to time, determines, covering the following districts as delineated in RSA 502-A:1, except as otherwise indicated: Grafton County I. The courthouses in Grafton county which will house the judicial branch family division shall be the [~~court facility in North~~] Haverhill ***District Court***, the Plymouth District Court, the Littleton District Court, and the Lebanon District Court. II.(a) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Haverhill district shall be heard in the [~~court facility in North~~] Haverhill ***District Court***. (b) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Plymouth-Lincoln district shall be heard in the Plymouth District Court. (c) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Littleton district shall be heard in the Littleton District Court. (d) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Lebanon-Hanover district shall be heard in the Lebanon District Court. ***Rockingham County*** III. The courthouses in Rockingham county which will house the judicial branch family division shall be the court facility in Brentwood, the Portsmouth District Court, the Salem District Court, the Candia District Court, the Derry District Court, and the Hampton District Court. IV.(a) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Portsmouth district shall be heard in the Portsmouth District Court. (b) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Salem district shall be heard in the Salem District Court. (c) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Derry district shall be heard in the Derry District Court.

	(d) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Brentwood district shall be heard in the court facility in Brentwood. (e) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Candia district shall be heard in the Candia District Court. (f) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Hampton district shall be heard in the Hampton District Court. Coos County V. The courthouses in Coos county which will house the judicial branch family division shall be the Colebrook District Court, the Berlin District Court, and the [~~court facility in~~] Lancaster ***District Court***. VI.(a) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Colebrook district shall be heard in the Colebrook District Court. (b) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Berlin-Gorham district shall be heard in the Berlin District Court. (c) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Lancaster district shall be heard in the [~~court facility in~~] Lancaster ***District Court***. Carroll County VII. The courthouses in Carroll county which will house the judicial branch family division shall be the [~~court facility in Ossipee and the District Court for northern Carroll County~~] ***Ossipee District Court and the Conway District Court***. VIII.(a) Matters arising in municipalities located within the district for southern Carroll county shall be heard in the [~~court facility in~~] Ossipee ***District Court***. (b) Matters arising in municipalities located within the district for northern Carroll county shall be heard in the [~~District Court for northern Carroll County~~] ***Conway District Court***. Sullivan County

IX. The courthouses in Sullivan county which will house the judicial branch family division shall be the Newport District Court and the Claremont District Court.

X.(a) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Newport district [~~and the New London district in Merrimack county~~] shall be heard in the Newport District Court.

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

Strafford County

XI. The courthouses in Strafford county which will house the judicial branch family division shall be the Dover District Court***, the Rochester District Court,*** and the Strafford county court facility in Dover.

XII.(a) Matters arising in municipalities located within the [~~Dover Somersworth Durham~~] ***Dover*** district shall be heard in the Dover District Court.

(b) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Rochester district shall be heard in the Strafford county court facility in Dover ***and the Rochester District Court***.

Belknap County

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

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

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

Hillsborough County

XV. The courthouses in Hillsborough county which will house the judicial branch family division shall be the Manchester District Court, the Goffstown District Court, [~~the Hillsborough~~

	~~County Superior Court for the southern judicial district~~] ***the Nashua District Court***, the Milford District Court, the Merrimack District Court**,** and[~~, upon completion of construction,~~] the Henniker-Hillsborough District Court. XVI.(a) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Manchester district shall be heard in the Manchester District Court. (b) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Goffstown district shall be heard in the Goffstown District Court. (c) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Nashua district shall be heard in the [~~Hillsborough County Superior Court for the southern judicial district~~] ***Nashua District Court***. (d) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Milford district shall be heard in the Milford District Court. (e) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Merrimack district shall be heard in the Merrimack District Court. (f) Matters arising in Hillsborough county municipalities located within the Jaffrey-Peterborough district shall be heard in the Jaffrey-Peterborough District Court in Cheshire county. (g) Matters arising in municipalities located within the ***Henniker-***Hillsborough district shall be heard in [~~the Henniker District Court in Merrimack county until the completion of construction of the Henniker Hillsborough District Court facility in Hillsborough county, whereupon those matters shall be heard in~~] the Henniker-Hillsborough District Court in Hillsborough county. Merrimack County XVII. The courthouses in Merrimack county which will house the judicial branch family division shall be the Franklin District Court, the Hooksett District Court, [~~the Henniker District Court until the completion of construction of~~] the Henniker-Hillsborough District Court [~~facility~~], and [~~a facility located in~~] ***the*** Concord ***District Court***[~~, provided, however, that the facility meets the minimum standard prescribed by the New Hampshire court accreditation commission pursuant to RSA 490:5-e~~].

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	XVIII.(a) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Franklin district shall be heard in the Franklin District Court. (b) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Hooksett district shall be heard in the Hooksett District Court. (c) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Concord district shall be heard in the [~~judicial branch family division facility in~~] Concord ***District Court***. (d) Matters arising in the towns of New London, Newbury, and Wilmot shall be heard in the Newport District Court in Sullivan county. (e) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Henniker-***Hillsborough*** district shall be heard in [~~the Henniker District Court in Merrimack county until the completion of construction of the Henniker Hillsborough District Court facility in Hillsborough county, whereupon those matters shall be heard in~~] the Henniker-Hillsborough District Court in Hillsborough county. Cheshire County XIX. The courthouses in Cheshire county which will house the judicial branch family division shall be the Jaffrey-Peterborough District Court and a facility located in ***the*** Keene ***District Court***[~~, provided, however, that the facility meets the minimum standard prescribed by the New Hampshire court accreditation commission pursuant to RSA 490:5-e~~]. XX.(a) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Jaffrey-Peterborough district shall be heard in the Jaffrey-Peterborough District Court. (b) Matters arising in municipalities located within the Keene district shall be heard in the [~~judicial branch family division facility in~~] Keene ***District Court***.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	401 Effective Date. Sections 399 and 400 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2026.
SEE HOUSE SECTION 297	402 Trade and Commerce; State Commission for Human Rights. Amend RSA 354-A:3, I to read as follows:

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	I. There is hereby created a commission to be known as the New Hampshire commission for human rights, which shall be administratively attached to the department of justice pursuant to RSA 21-G:10***, with additional oversight provided by the director of the department's civil rights unit, or designee, pursuant to a memorandum of understanding entered into by the department and the commission***. Such commission shall consist of 7 members, who shall be appointed by the governor, with the consent of the council, and one of whom shall be designated as chair by the governor. The term of office of each member of the commission shall be for 5 years.
SEE HOUSE SECTION 297	403 Trade and Commerce; State Commission for Human Rights; General Powers and Duties of the Chair. Amend RSA 354-A:4 to read as follows: 354-A:4 General Powers and Duties of the Chair. The chair shall serve as the chief executive officer of the commission. ***The chair shall be a licensed attorney admitted or eligible to practice law in this state.*** The chair shall promote the efficient transaction of its business and the orderly handling of complaints and other matters before the commission. The chair shall designate commissioners to investigate and commissioners to hold hearings pursuant to RSA 354-A:21 and shall fix the times and places of public hearings. In the event of the chair's absence or inability to act, the vice-chair, or if no vice-chair has been designated, a commissioner designated by the chair shall act in the chair's stead. Otherwise a commissioner shall be designated by the governor to act as chair.
SEE HOUSE SECTION 297	404 Trade and Commerce; State Commission for Human Rights; General Powers and Duties of the Commission. Amend RSA 354-A:5, V to read as follows: V. To adopt rules, under RSA 541-A, suitable to carry out the provisions of this chapter, and the policies and practices of the commission in connection therewith. ***Such rules shall be kept current and shall not be permitted to expire. Such rules shall reflect any findings or determinations made in audits conducted by the legislative budget assistant pursuant to RSAs 14:31 and 14:31-a.***

SEE HOUSE SECTION 297	405 Trade and Commerce; State Commission for Human Rights; General Powers and Duties of the Commission. Amend RSA 354-A:5, X to read as follows: X. To render [~~biennially~~] ***annually*** to the governor***, president of the senate, speaker of the house of representatives, senate clerk, house clerk, legislative fiscal committee,*** and council a full written report of its activities and of its recommendations. ***The report shall include:*** ***(a) A detailed summary of actions taken to address and remediate findings identified in the most recent performance audit issued by the legislative budget assistant in February 2025, including but not limited to:*** ***(1) Timeliness of case investigations and resolutions, the number of cases resolved, the number of outstanding cases before the commission, whether the commission has a backlog of cases, and the average time it takes to close a case;*** ***(2) Implementation of a case management system;*** ***(3) Development of strategic planning, internal controls, and performance metrics;*** ***(4) Training and oversight of staff and commissioners;*** ***(5) Adoption and enforcement of administrative rules;*** ***(6) Correction of prior audit findings;*** ***(7) Confidentiality and data management improvements; and*** ***(8) Definitions and processes related to legal standards in investigations.*** ***(b) Quantitative performance measures including average time to assign and close cases, number of cases exceeding statutory time limits, and comparison to prior years.*** ***(c) Progress updates on administrative rulemaking, strategic plan implementation, and IT modernization initiatives.*** ***(d) Status of required statutory filings including biennial reports, statements of financial interests, and reconciliations with federal data systems.***

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	(e) Any additional recommendations or needs for legislative action. ***II. The report shall be made publicly available online on the TransparentNH website in accordance with executive order 2014-03.***
SEE HOUSE SECTION 297	406 Advisory Committee Established. There is established a temporary human rights commission advisory committee to study, monitor, and support implementation of corrective measures identified in the 2025 legislative budget assistant audit. The committee shall exist for a period of one year following enactment and shall be administratively attached to the judicial branch.
SEE HOUSE SECTION 297	407 Membership and Compensation. I. The members of the committee shall be as follows: (a) The chief justice of the New Hampshire supreme court, or designee; (b) One representative of the department of justice with experience in civil rights or administrative law, appointed by the governor; (c) One member of the house judiciary committee, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; (d) One member of the senate judiciary committee, appointed by the president of the senate; (e) One representative of a nonprofit organization with expertise in anti-discrimination law, appointed by the governor; (f) One municipal human rights officer, appointed by the governor; (g) One public member with lived experience in housing, employment, or public accommodation discrimination, appointed by the governor. II. Legislative members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the committee.

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SEE HOUSE SECTION 297	408 Duties. The committee shall: (a) Meet at least quarterly, but may recommend extension of its oversight period if substantial progress has not been demonstrated within one year; (b) Review the human rights commission's progress in implementing audit recommendations; and (c) Provide guidance and support on policy, training, and legal rule development.
SEE HOUSE SECTION 297	409 Chairperson; Quorum. The designee of the chief justice of the New Hampshire supreme court shall serve as chair. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the chair. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Four members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.
SEE HOUSE SECTION 297	410 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate clerk, the house clerk, the governor, the New Hampshire supreme court, the administrative office of the courts, the New Hampshire law library, and the state library on or before November 1, 2026.
SEE HOUSE SECTION 297	411 Effective Date. Sections 406-410 of this act shall take effect upon its passage.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	412 New Paragraph; Compensation for Public Water Systems; PFAS. Amend RSA 485-H:6 by inserting after paragraph I-a the following new paragraph: I-b. Pursuant to settlements received under section I-a, the department of environmental services, with consent of the drinking water and groundwater advisory commission, shall establish an application approval process and determine the prorated compensation amount for each public water system with PFAS detections based on the amount public water systems spent or will spend on infrastructure to mitigate PFAS compounds minus the amount received from other funding sources.

	If there is sufficient funding available, the department may, with the consent of the drinking water and groundwater advisory commission, use that funding to offset the cost of operation and maintenance of infrastructure related to mitigating PFAS. The department of environmental services, with the consent of the drinking water and groundwater advisory commission, may receive reimbursement for costs associated with personnel and analytical costs it incurred to collect the information required for the submissions of claims under the PFAS public water system settlement agreements or to provide assistance in PFAS litigation against manufacturers brought by the state of New Hampshire.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	413 Portability, Availability, and Renewability of Health Coverage; Health Plan Loss Information. Amend RSA 420-G:12-a, II to read as follows: II. Upon written request from any large employer, every health carrier, third-party administrator, pooled risk management program under RSA 5-B or any other type of multiple employer health plan shall provide that employer's loss information within 30 calendar days of receipt of the request. The loss information shall include all physician, hospital, prescription drug, and other covered medical claims specific to the employer's group plan incurred for the 12-month period paid through the 14 months which end within the 60-day period prior to the date of the request. ***It shall also include deidentified large claim information for claimants over $50,000 to include medical and pharmacy claims, primary and secondary diagnosis, coverage type (employee, spouse, or dependent), and employment status (active or termed), to the extent such disclosure does not violate state or federal law.*** An employer shall not be entitled by this section to more than [~~2~~] ***4*** loss information requests in any 12-month period; however, nothing shall prohibit a carrier from fulfilling more frequent requests on a mutually agreed-upon basis.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	414 Water Management and Protection; Per And Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Fund And Programs; Contingent Reimbursement. Amend RSA 485-H:6, I-a to read as follows:

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	I-a. Following the reimbursement of the department of justice for legal expenses related to relevant litigation, any funds from judgments or settlements received by the state resulting from lawsuits against manufacturers of PFAS attributable to impacts to public drinking water systems shall be deposited directly into the drinking water and groundwater trust fund established in RSA 6-D:1. RSA 7:6-e and RSA 6:13-e, III, shall not apply to funds deposited pursuant to this paragraph. The New Hampshire drinking water and groundwater advisory commission shall ensure that an amount equivalent to the funds deposited pursuant to this paragraph is distributed through a combination of loans and grants to public water systems whose water sources have been impacted by PFAS contamination above applicable standards. ***If the funds from judgments or settlements received by the state for impacts to public drinking water systems account for PFAS contamination below applicable standards, the advisory commission may issue grants, loans, or reimbursements to those systems for those impacts.***
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	415 Appropriation; Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund. The sum of $11,550,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, is hereby appropriated to the department of environmental services from the drinking water and groundwater trust fund established under RSA 485-F for the purpose of funding regional drinking water infrastructure as part of Phase 2B of the southern New Hampshire regional water project to increase water supply by over 2 million gallons per day to multiple towns impacted by per- and polyfluoroalkyl substance contamination and growing water demands. No current public utility ratepayer shall be adversely affected by any direct or indirect costs to bring drinking water to communities receiving new services through any projects funded by this appropriation. Any remaining funds hereby appropriated shall not lapse.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	416 Department of Environmental Services; Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated to the department of environmental services the sum of $2,500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and the sum of $2,500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, which shall be nonlapsing, for the

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	purpose of making payments to communities for projects that have previously been awarded state aid grant funding for eligible and completed wastewater infrastructure projects, per RSA 486, as approved by the governor and executive council. Any remaining funds not used for making payments on existing grants may be used to award new grants. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	417 Appropriation; Department of Environmental Services; Pipe, Water Filtration, and Well Upgrades; Pillsbury Lake Village District. The sum of $325,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, is appropriated to the department of environmental services to the Pillsbury Lake Village District for the purpose of addressing loan costs associated with the following upgrades: I. Piping Upgrades: $155,000 to cover a loan used for upgrading the pipes under Concord Drive in Webster. II. Water Filtration Upgrade: $105,000 to cover a loan for upgrading the water filtration system. III. New Well Development: $65,000 to cover a loan for digging a new well, known as the Franklin-Pierce well, which requires less processing and will reduce overall costs. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	418 Emergency Services and Communications; Division of Emergency Services and Communications. Amend RSA 21-P:48-a, II to read as follows: II. With the approval of the commissioner, the director may employ such necessary technical, clerical, stenographic, and other personnel, and may make such expenditures from state or federal funds as are or may be made available for purposes of emergency services and communications ***and the state radio communications systems***. The director and other personnel of the division shall be provided with appropriate office space, furniture, equipment, supplies, stationery and printing, and

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	funds for traveling and related expenses, in the same manner as provided for personnel of other state agencies. With general oversight by the assistant commissioner, the director shall coordinate the activities of all organizations for emergency 911 telecommunications within the state, state and local, county, and private, and shall maintain liaison with and cooperate with police, fire, emergency medical, and sheriff's departments and emergency telecommunications organizations of other states and of the federal government. The director shall ***also oversee the state radio communications system, which includes infrastructure and any communication systems that directly support interoperable communications and the exchange of information between the public safety answering point/emergency communications center and the first responder, and*** have such additional duties, responsibilities, and authority authorized by applicable laws as may be prescribed by the commissioner. ***III. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, maintenance of the state radio communications systems overseen by the division of emergency services and communications pursuant to this section shall be funded by the surcharge fund established in RSA 106-H:9.***
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	419 Department of Safety; Division of Administration. Amend RSA 21-P:6, VIII to read as follows: VIII. Collection of fuel taxes and administration of road tolls[~~, the international fuel tax agreement,~~] and the audit functions of the international registration plan under RSA 260.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	420 Department of Safety; Division of Motor Vehicles. Amend RSA 21-P:8, III to read as follows: III. Administration of the motor vehicle laws under RSA 260, except for road toll administration under RSA 260:30 through RSA 260:65-a [~~and the fuel tax agreement under RSA 260:65 b through RSA 260:65 c~~], which shall be administered by the division of administration.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	421 Number Plates; Plate Manufacture. Amend RSA 228:25 to read as follows: 228:25 Addition to Fund.

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	I. There is hereby established an inventory fund in the department of safety consisting of the initial appropriation of $1,000,000 which sum is hereby authorized as a revolving fund comprised of funds in the highway fund that are not otherwise appropriated and into which shall be deposited additional revenues derived from the number plate manufacturing fee established in this paragraph. The fund shall be nonlapsing and continually appropriated to the department. The [~~prison~~] ***department of safety*** shall purchase such raw materials[~~, as may be required and agreed to by the commissioner of safety in order for the commissioner of safety~~] to issue fully reflectorized motor vehicle number plates. This purchase shall be a charge against the inventory fund and the[~~, prison~~] ***department of safety*** shall be responsible for the control and accountability of the raw materials so charged. Said number plates shall be manufactured at the [~~state prison~~] ***department of safety***. [~~The prison shall be furnished out of said inventory account the raw materials necessary to manufacture said plates and upon receipt of the finished plates by the department of safety shall be reimbursed for their direct and indirect costs. The commissioner of safety shall, biennially, request the commissioner of administrative services to review and approve said cost rates.~~] Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the commissioner of safety shall charge, in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee, a number plate manufacturing fee of [~~$4.00~~] ***$6.00*** per plate at the time of issuing said reflectorized motor vehicle number plates or replacement reflectorized number plates. Said additional charge shall not give the registrant any title or other property interest in said plates. [~~The commissioner of safety or assistant commissioner may request from time to time delivery of the number plates from the prison and shall reimburse the inventory fund by a transfer from revenue. At least 6 months prior to subsequent general issue, a transfer from revenue shall be made for all remaining finished plates in inventory.~~] The commissioner of safety shall report to the governor, the president of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives, no later than 90 days after the close of the second fiscal year of each biennium, the year ending balance in the inventory fund and the department's recommendation as to when the next general issue of number plates should commence, the estimated

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	cost of such a general issue, and the estimated annual cost to support routine plate issue and replacement without a new general issue. II. [Repealed.] III. In accordance with the provisions of paragraph I, replacement plates may be purchased from the inventory fund. IV. If the [~~state prison shop~~] ***department of safety*** is unable to manufacture or deliver reflectorized motor vehicle plates in a timely manner because of an emergency interruption resulting from [~~a riot or other~~] ***an*** unforeseen cause, as determined by [~~the commissioner of corrections or~~] the commissioner of safety, the [~~commissioners~~] ***commissioner*** shall submit a written report to the governor and council and shall request that an outside vendor be retained to manufacture said plates. If at any time the commissioner of safety[~~, or the commissioner of corrections~~] determines that the [~~prison~~] ***department of safety*** cannot produce number plates at a competitive price or meet reasonable delivery schedules, the commissioner[~~, of safety~~] shall report to the fiscal committee of the general court and the governor and council, and shall request that an outside vendor be retained to manufacture the plates. Upon approval of the governor and council, the commissioner [~~of safety~~] shall request the department of administrative services, division of procurement and support services to select an outside vendor in accordance with RSA 8:19. V. The commissioner of safety, with approval of the governor, may charge the necessary expenses for the manufacture, storage, handling, issuance, and distribution of reflectorized motor vehicle number plates against the inventory fund provided under this section.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	422 Official Cover Plates; Manufacture Location. Amend RSA 261:90 to read as follows: 261:90 Official Cover Plates. Upon payment of a fee, the director may issue and shall designate official cover plates with the reproduction of the state seal thereon to be affixed to a vehicle of United States senators from this state, representatives to congress from this state, the governor, members of the governor's council, the president of the senate, members of the senate, the speaker of the house of

	representatives, the clerk of the house of representatives, the clerk of the senate, members of the house of representatives, the attorney general, the secretary of state, the state treasurer, the President of the United States and members of his or her executive staff, and any ambassador or member of the foreign diplomatic corps. The fee for official cover plates shall be $1 in addition to any other number plate manufacturing fee otherwise required. The official cover plates, exclusive of the seal, shall be white with green lettering, which shall alternate with red lettering every other biennium, with the exception of the governor's council plates which shall be white with blue lettering every biennium. Official cover plates shall have the title of the person requesting the plates, except for members of the governor's council whose plates shall have their council district numbers [~~embossed~~] on them, and members of the general court, whose plates shall have their house seat numbers or their senate district numbers [~~embossed~~] on them unless the president of the senate, for members of the senate, or the speaker of the house of representatives, for members of the house of representatives, shall designate a title for their plates. The president of the senate, or a designee, and the speaker of the house of representatives, or a designee, shall provide the director with input as needed on the cover plate design for members of the general court. The director shall not issue more than 2 sets of official cover plates to any person. Official cover plates may be attached only to vehicles registered in the name of the person issued the plates or the name of the spouse of a member of the general court, or any vehicle being operated by a member of the general court. A cover plate and a regular motor vehicle plate may be displayed simultaneously on the same vehicle, with one plate on the front and the other plate on the rear. Nothing herein shall be construed as affecting the issuance of regular motor vehicle plates and the payment of the registration fee therefor. [~~Official cover plates shall be manufactured at the state prison and the prison shall provide the plates to the department at the prison's cost~~].
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	423 New Chapter; Mobile Drivers' Licenses and Non-Driver Identification Cards. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 263 the following new chapter: CHAPTER 263-A

	MOBILE DRIVERS' LICENSES AND NON-DRIVER IDENTIFICATION CARDS 263-A:1 Definitions. As used in this chapter: I. "Credential" means a driver's license or non-driver identification card. II. "Credential holder" means the individual that has been issued a physical or electronic credential. III. "Data element" means a distinct component of a customer's information that is found on the division's customer record. IV. "Division" means the department of safety, division of motor vehicles. V. "Electronic credential" means an electronic extension of the division's issued physical credential that conveys identity and driving privilege information and is in compliance with standards of the division. VI. "Electronic credential system" means a digital process that includes creating electronic credentials and a method for provisioning electronic credentials, requesting and transmitting electronic credential data elements, and performing tasks to maintain the system. VII. "Physical credential" means a document or other tangible object issued by the division that conveys identity and driving privilege information. VIII. "Provision" means the initial loading of an electronic credential onto a device. IX. "Relying party" means the entity to which the credential holder is presenting the electronic credential. X. "Verification process" means a method of authenticating the electronic credential through the use of secure encrypted communication. 263-A:2 Issuance and Life Cycle Management. I. The division of motor vehicles shall issue an electronic credential only to individuals who are otherwise eligible to hold a valid physical credential. The data elements that are used to build an

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	electronic credential must match the individual's current motor vehicle or non-driver identification record. II. The division may contract with one or more entities to develop an electronic credential system. The electronic credential system shall be designed to comply with the most recent applicable state and federal standards. III. The validity period of electronic credentials shall be set by the division. IV. The division may assess a fee for the provisioning of an electronic credential. 263-A:3 Acceptance of Electronic Credentials. I. The electronic credential holder shall be required to have their physical credential on their person while operating a motor vehicle. II. Electronic credential systems shall be designed so that there is no requirement for the electronic credential holder to display or relinquish possession of their mobile device to relying parties for the acceptance of an electronic credential. III. Upon request by law enforcement, an electronic credential holder must provide their physical credential. IV. Any law or regulation that requires an individual to surrender their physical credential to law enforcement does not apply to the device on which an electronic credential has been provisioned. 263-A:4 Verification Process. I. Relying parties shall authenticate electronic credentials in accordance with applicable division standards prior to acceptance of the electronic credential. II. Electronic credential data is subject to data security and privacy protection according to RSA 507-H, as well as any other applicable state and federal law. III. Relying parties shall only request electronic credential data elements that are necessary to complete the transaction for which that data is being requested. 263-A:5 Privacy and Tracking.

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	I. Relying parties shall only retain electronic credential data elements for which the relying party explicitly obtained consent from the electronic credential holder. Relying parties shall inform the electronic credential holder of the use and retention period of the electronic data elements and comply with RSA 507-H. II. The electronic credential system shall be designed to maximize the privacy of the credential holder and comply with RSA 507-H, as well as any other applicable state and federal laws, and shall not track or compile information without the credential holder's actual consent. The division shall only compile and/or disclose information regarding use of the credential as required by RSA 507-H and other applicable state or federal laws. 263-A:6 Rulemaking. The commissioner of the department of safety shall adopt administrative rules under 541-A that are necessary for the management and operation of an electronic credential system.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	424 Effective Date. Section 423 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2026.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	425 Appropriation; Department of Safety; Northern Border Alliance Program. The sum of $600,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, is hereby appropriated to the department of safety and shall be nonlapsing. This sum shall be expended for the purpose of funding overtime patrols and related training activities, purchasing equipment in support of the northern border alliance program by state police, and disbursing grants to other state, county, and local law enforcement agencies for the purpose of funding overtime costs for county and local law enforcement officers performing law enforcement activities attributable to the northern border alliance program established in RSA 21-P:69. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	426 Legislative Declaration of Authority Regarding Public Education. In its 1993 and 1997 decisions, in the so-called *Claremont* series of public school funding cases, the New Hampshire Supreme Court ruled that the New Hampshire Constitution imposes upon the legislature 4 obligations with respect to public K-12 education: (1) define an adequate education; (2) determine its cost; (3) fund it with constitutional taxes; and (4) ensure its delivery through accountability. Although the legislature has from the beginning had grave reservations as to the court's authority to impose these obligations upon a coordinate branch of government, in the spirit of comity it has over the subsequent quarter-century devoted extensive time, energy and public tax dollars to satisfying them. However, in the most recent of these cases, the judicial branch has asserted authority to review and set aside the legislature's determinations with respect to its 4 supposed obligations, and to fund education at levels determined by the court through a process which, though adjudicatory in form, is legislative in substance. Accordingly, the legislature now deems it necessary to definitively proclaim that, as the sole branch of government constitutionally competent to establish state policy and to raise and appropriate public funds to carry out such policy, the legislature shall make the final determination of what the state's educational policies shall be and of the funding needed to carry out such policies.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	427 Land Stewardship Program; Administrative Attachment. Amend RSA 12-O:53, II(i) to read as follows: (i) Administer the [~~following programs: the~~] statewide comprehensive outdoor recreation plan[~~,~~] ***and*** the national flood insurance program[~~, and the land conservation investment program~~]. The office shall employ necessary personnel to administer these programs.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	428 New Section; Fish and Game Department; Propagation of Fish and Game; Conservation land Monitoring. Amend RSA 212 by inserting after section 10-b the following new section: 212:10-c Conservation Land Monitoring.

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	The executive director of the fish and game department shall monitor property acquired through the former land conservation investment program consistent with RSA 162-C:6 and 8. The executive director may further monitor such other land conservation interests held by the state of New Hampshire as may approved by the council for resources and development pursuant to RSA 162-C:6, II.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	429 Conservation Land Stewardship Program; Administrative Attachment; Fish and Game Department. Amend RSA 162-C:6, II to read as follows: II. In addition to its other responsibilities, the council shall manage and administer the lands acquired and funds established under the land conservation investment program under the former RSA 221-A, according to the provisions of this subdivision and consistent with agreements entered into with persons with ownership interests in such lands. ***The fish and game department shall monitor property acquired through the former land conservation investment program on behalf of the council and consistent with RSA 162-C:8. The council shall provide funds from the monitoring endowment described in RSA 162-C:8 to the fish and game department sufficient to cover the costs associated with such monitoring. Nothing herein shall preclude the council from providing funds from the monitoring endowment to the department or other entities to cover the costs of monitoring other land conservation interests held by the state of New Hampshire.***
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	430 New Paragraph; Reasons for Removal and Impoundment. Amend RSA 262:32 by inserting after paragraph VIII the following new paragraph: IX. A vehicle, camper, or other equipment has been towed to and left at a park-and-ride facility without written approval of the commissioner. In such cases, the state may seek reimbursement for the removal costs from the towing company, the owner, or both.

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NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	431 Obstructing Water; Penalty. Amend RSA 236:19 to read as follows: 236:19 Obstructing Water; Penalty. Any person who shall place, or suffer to be placed or to remain, any logs, earth or other substances within the limits of a highway ***or state-owned railroad corridor***, or upon land in the vicinity of a highway ***or state-owned railroad corridor*** by which the water in a stream, pond or ditch is turned upon the highway ***or state-owned railroad corridor*** and injures or renders it unsuitable for public ***or railroad*** travel, shall be guilty of a violation if a natural person, or guilty of a misdemeanor if any other person. If such highway is maintained by the town, the fine shall be for the use of the town and if such highway ***or railroad*** is maintained by the state, the fine shall be for the use of the department of transportation. Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting the placing of snow within the limits of a highway for the purpose of crossing or recrossing by sleds, logging or farming equipment.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	432 Credit to Highway Fund; Fee for Expedited Driveway Permit Established in SB 153 (2025). Amend RSA 236:13, IV-b(b) to read as follows: (b) An applicant electing to use the expedited permitting process under this paragraph shall pay a $120 per unit non-refundable permit fee***, which shall be credited to the highway fund***.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	433 Contingency. If SB 153 of the 2025 general legislative session becomes law, section 432 of this act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the effective date of SB 153. If SB 153 does not become law, section 432 of this act shall not take effect.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	434 Effective Date. Section 432 of this act shall take effect as provided in section 433 of this act.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	435 Education; Adult Education; Establishment of Adult High School Education Program. Amend RSA 186:61, I to read as follows: I. The state board of education shall establish and promote [~~an~~] educational [~~program~~] ***programs*** for [~~adults~~] ***adult legal residents of New Hampshire and students at least sixteen***

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	years of age eligible for enrollment in a New Hampshire public school to earn a high school diploma or its equivalent. ***Such educational programs shall charge tuition to student resident districts when resident districts receive state adequacy funds pursuant to RSA 198:40-a for such students at an amount agreed to by the educational program and the resident district.*** This program shall be administered by the division of learner support, department of education, in accordance with the rules adopted by the state board.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	436 Appropriation; Department of Education. Notwithstanding RSA 198:39, I, the sums of $400,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and $400,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, are hereby appropriated from the education trust fund to the department of education, to be distributed to approved education programs pursuant to RSA 186:61, proportional to the number of credits awarded to high school students served by such educational programs during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the education trust fund not otherwise appropriated.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	437 Education; Student and Teacher Information Protection and Privacy; Student Privacy. Amend RSA 189:68, I(l) to read as follows: (l) Student [~~postsecondary~~] workforce information***,*** including the employer's name[~~, and the name of a college attended outside of New Hampshire~~].
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	438 Education; District Taxes; Reports Required; Cities and School Districts. Amend RSA 198:4-d, III-a to read as follows: III-a. The department of education and the department of revenue administration together shall develop and [~~recommend~~] ***maintain*** school accounting standards[~~. The departments shall report to the speaker of the house, the senate president, and the governor concerning such accounting~~

	~~standards on or before December 1, 1999~~] ***which shall be used by districts and chartered public schools for financial reporting purposes***.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	439 Department of Education; Duties of Deputy Commissioner. Amend RSA 21-N:5, I(j) to read as follows: (j) Administering department responsibilities for information services***, including shared supervision of department of information technology staff embedded within the department of education and services provided by the department of information technology***.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	440 Appropriation; Department of Education. Notwithstanding RSA 198:39, I, the sums of $1,500,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and $1,500,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, are hereby appropriated from the education trust fund to the department of education for the purpose of providing learning platforms that provide high quality instructional materials across all content areas to ensure all K-12 students in this state have access to evidence-based and content-rich learning outcomes. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the education trust fund not otherwise appropriated.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	441 Operation of Keno Games. Amend RSA 284:47, I to read as follows: I. A licensee may operate keno games at its business ***during the business' hours of operation*** [~~between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1 a.m~~].
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	442 New Section; Local Option; Games of Chance. Amend RSA 287-D by inserting after section 287-D:31 the following new section: 287-D:32 Local Option; Games of Chance. I. The lottery commission shall not grant a game operator employer license to operate games of chance in a municipality if that municipality has voted to prohibit games of chance to be held within

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	its boundaries, or if there is a pending question on the municipality's warrant or official ballot for the next regular municipal election. Such vote shall be held in the following manner: (a) In a town, the question shall be placed on the warrant of an annual town meeting under the procedures set out in RSA 39:3, and shall be voted on a ballot. In a city, the legislative body may vote to place the question on the official ballot for any regular municipal election, or, in the alternative, shall place the question on the official ballot for any regular municipal election upon submission to the legislative body of a petition signed by 5 percent of the registered voters. (b) The selectmen, aldermen, or city council shall hold a public hearing on the question at least 15 days, but not more than 30 days before the question is to be voted on. Notice of the hearing shall be posted in at least 2 public places in the municipality, on the website of the municipality, and by publication in a newspaper of general circulation at least 14 days before the hearing. (c) In municipalities where games of chance are not currently in operation, the wording of the question shall be substantially as follows: "Shall we prohibit the operation of games of chance within the town or city?" (d) In municipalities where games of chance are currently operating, the wording of the question shall be substantially as follows: "Shall we prohibit additional games of chance operations with a physical facility within the town or city?" II. If a majority of those voting on the question vote "Yes," new games of chance may not be operated within the town or city. III. If the question is not approved, the question may later be voted upon according to the provisions of paragraph I as early as the next annual town meeting or regular municipal election. IV. A city or town may rescind its disapproval for operation of games of chance under RSA 287-D by following procedures in paragraph I in this section. V. An unincorporated place may disallow the operation of games of chance by majority vote of the county delegation, after a public hearing is held, and may be rescinded in a similar fashion.

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	VI. The lottery commission shall maintain a list of municipalities where games of chance have been prohibited pursuant to this section. VII. If the town, city, or unincorporated place has voted within this section to prohibit games of chance, that municipality may pass an ordinance allowing only a specified number of charitable gaming events per year, or certain number of dates per year to be determined by the town, hosted by local charitable organizations pursuant to RSA 287-D:4, and specifying how the municipality shall determine how charitable organizations register for a gaming event. VIII. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including paragraphs I and II, any vote by a municipality to prohibit games of chance within its boundaries shall not apply to any games of chance operator licensed by the lottery commission, or any applicant who has applied for a games of chance operator license prior to the date of the petition in subparagraph I(a) or the notice date in subparagraph I(b), except that any operator who ceases operation for a period exceeding 4 years, or an applicant who fails to commence operation within 6 years of application approval, shall be subject to any intervening vote by the municipality.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	443 Keno; Administration and Enforcement. Amend RSA 284:42 to read as follows: 284:42 Administration and Enforcement. The lottery commission shall administer and enforce this subdivision [~~in any town or city that has voted to allow such gaming~~].
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	444 Keno; License Applications. Amend RSA 284:45, VI(a)(10) and (b) to read as follows: (10) A lottery retailer licensed pursuant to RSA 284:21-h, if the city, town or unincorporated place where the retailer is located has ***not*** voted pursuant to RSA 284:51, to [~~allow~~] ***prohibit*** the sale of keno. Lottery retailers licensed to sell keno under this subparagraph shall not display keno on an active screen at the retailer. (b) Document that the keno games will only be operated in towns and cities that have ***not*** voted to [~~allow~~] ***prohibit*** the operation of keno games pursuant to RSA 284:51.

NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	445 Keno; Local Option. RSA 284:51 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows: I. Any town or city may prohibit the operation of keno games according to the provisions of this subdivision, in the following manner: (a) In a town, the question shall be placed on the warrant of an annual town meeting under the procedures set out in RSA 39:3, and shall be voted on a ballot. In a city, the legislative body may vote to place the question on the official ballot for any regular municipal election, or, in the alternative, shall place the question on the official ballot for any regular municipal election upon submission to the legislative body of a petition signed by 5 percent of the registered voters. (b) The selectmen, aldermen, or city council shall hold a public hearing on the question at least 15 days but not more than 30 days before the question is to be voted on. Notice of the hearing shall be posted in at least 2 public places in the municipality and published in a newspaper of general circulation at least 7 days before the hearing. (c) The wording of the question shall be substantially as follows: "Shall we prohibit the operation of keno games within the town or city?" II. If a majority of those voting on the question vote "Yes," keno games shall not be operated within the town or city. III. If the question is not approved, the question may later be voted upon according to the provisions of paragraph II at the next annual town meeting or regular municipal election. IV. A municipality that has voted to prohibit the operation of keno games may consider rescinding its action in the manner described in paragraph II of this section. V. An unincorporated place may prohibit the operation of keno games by majority vote of the county delegation, after a public hearing is held. VI. The lottery commission shall maintain a list of municipalities where keno is prohibited.

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NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	446 New Section; Operation Permitted. Amend RSA 284 by inserting after section 51 the following new section: 284:51-a Operation Permitted. A licensee shall be permitted to operate keno games at its business pursuant to this subdivision, provided that no license shall be issued to an entity operating within a municipality which has voted to prohibit keno pursuant to RSA 284:51.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	447 Facilities License Application; Specific Requirements. Amend RSA 287-D:7, III to read as follows: III. Licenses shall expire 3 years after being issued[~~, provided that the licensee shall annually file with the commission a statement disclosing any changes to the information required in the license application no later than December 31 of each year~~]. The licensee shall immediately notify the commission in the event the licensee is subject to arrest or conviction of any criminal offense.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	448 Game Operator Employer License Application; Specific Requirements. Amend RSA 287-D:8, VI to read as follows: VI. Licenses shall expire 3 years after being issued[~~, provided that the licensee shall annually file with the commission a statement disclosing any changes to the information required in the license application no later than December 31 of each year~~]. The licensee shall immediately notify the commission in the event the licensee is subject to arrest or conviction of any criminal offense.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	449 Primary Game Operator License Application; Specific Requirements. Amend RSA 287-D:9, VI to read as follows: VI. The primary game operator license shall expire [~~on the last day of the month of the licensee's birthday~~] 3 years after it is issued[~~, provided that the licensee shall annually file with the commission a statement disclosing any changes to the information required in paragraph I with the commission no later than the last day of the month of licensee's birthday~~]. The licensee shall

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	immediately notify the commission in the event the licensee is subject to arrest or conviction of any criminal offense.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	450 Secondary Game Operator License Application; Specific Requirements. Amend RSA 287-D:10, III to read as follows: III. A secondary game operator license shall expire [~~on the last day of the month of the licensee's birthday~~] 3 years after it is issued[~~, provided that the licensee shall annually file with the commission a statement disclosing any changes to the information required in paragraph II with the commission no later than the last day of the month of the licensee's birthday~~]. The licensee shall immediately notify the commission in the event the licensee is subject to arrest or conviction for any criminal offense.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	451 License Fees. Amend RSA 287-D:13, II-V to read as follows: II. A facility license shall be [~~$250 per year~~] ***$750 per 3-year license period***. III. A game operator employer license shall be [~~$750 per year~~] ***$2,250 per 3-year license period***. IV. A primary game operator license shall be [~~$100 per year, to be paid with the application the first year and paid in the subsequent 2 years with the filing of the annual notice of changes form required under RSA 287-D:9, VI~~] ***$300 per 3-year license period***. V. A secondary game operator license shall be [~~$30 per year, to be paid with the application the first year and paid in the subsequent 2 years with the filing of the annual notice of changes form required under RSA 287-D:10, III~~] ***$90 per 3-year license period***.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	452 Effective Date. Sections 443, 445, and 446 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

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NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	453 New Section; Pari-Mutuel Pools, and Distribution of Tax Theron; Advanced Deposit Account Wagering. Amend RSA 284 by inserting after section 22-b the following new section: 284:22-c Advanced Deposit Account Wagering. I. Advance deposit wagering is authorized for pari-mutuel betting on horse racing under this chapter if conducted in compliance with this section and the Interstate Horseracing Act of 1978, United States Code, Title 15, section 3001 et seq. II. It is unlawful for any person or entity to accept an advance deposit wager from a New Hampshire resident unless the person or entity is a licensed advance deposit wagering provider in the state of New Hampshire. III. Before accepting an advance deposit wager from a New Hampshire resident, a licensed advance deposit wagering provider shall demonstrate evidence of financial responsibility in a format prescribed by the commission through a surety bond executed and issued by an insurer authorized to issue surety bonds in this state, an irrevocable letter of credit, or other form of financial guarantee in an amount to be determined by the commission. The commission may also accept, as evidence of financial responsibility, a surety bond, an irrevocable letter of credit, or other form of financial guarantee in accordance with this subdivision filed with one or more states where the applicant is licensed as an advance deposit wagering provider. The commission may ask for additional evidence of financial responsibility at any time the commission deems necessary. Any surety bond, an irrevocable letter of credit, or other form of financial guarantee issued under this subdivision shall be in favor of this state and shall specifically authorize recovery by the commission for the payment of all revenues required by this chapter. IV. The commission shall not license or authorize a person or entity to conduct advance deposit wagering under this section unless the person or entity has submitted, and the commission approved, a plan of operation for advance deposit wagering. At a minimum, the plan of operation shall provide for: (a) Methods of resolving disputes with account holders;

	(b) Procedures to protect the security of account holders' accounts and information; (c) Methods to verify the identity of account holders and ensure that all account holders are natural persons who are at least 18 years of age; (d) Procedures to ensure that wagers are only accepted from account holders who have sufficient funds on deposit and that no credit is extended by the person to an account holder; (e) Procedures for keeping accurate records of all contests, wagers, and payouts; (f) Annually contracting with an independent third-party to conduct a financial audit and submit the results of the audit to the commission. If the licensed advanced deposit wagering provider is a wholly-owned subsidiary of a publicly traded company, submission of audited financial statements of the publicly-traded parent company contained in a public filing with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission shall satisfy this requirement; (g) Annually contracting with an independent third-party cyber security audit and submit the results of the audit to the commission; and (h) Other requirements established by the commission in rule. V. The plan of operation may only be amended with the approval of the commission. The commission may withdraw approval of a plan of operation for cause. VI. Advanced deposit wagers from New Hampshire residents shall be subject to a revenue sharing plan. Licensees shall provide the commission payment in the amount of 1.25 percent of all wagers accepted from New Hampshire residents in a manner prescribed by the commission. The revenues received from the commission pursuant to this section, less the administrative costs of the commission, shall be deposited in the education trust fund established in RSA 198:39. VII. Persons or entities that offered advanced deposit wagering services to New Hampshire residents as of July 1, 2022 may request permission from the commission to continue offering these services during the pendency of the licensing process. Any such person or entity shall make the request to continue offering services in writing detailing how the person or entity will meet the protections set forth in this section during the interim period before licensure. The commission may grant such

	request for unlicensed operation for a period not to exceed six months where the requestor has adequately documented acceptable financial responsibility and patron protection standards. In no event shall this permission extend past January 1, 2026.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	454 Rulemaking. Amend RSA 284:12, IV to read as follows: IV. The sale of pari-mutuel pools as authorized under RSA 284:22, RSA 284:22-a, [~~and~~] RSA 284:22-b***, and RSA 284:22-c***.*
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	455 Community College System of New Hampshire; Law Enforcement Officers, Professional Firefighters, and Emergency Medical Technicians Career Development, Recruitment, and Retention Program. Amend RSA 188-F:70 to read as follows: 188-F:70 Program Established. I. There is hereby established in the community college system of New Hampshire the New Hampshire law enforcement officers, professional firefighters, ***public safety telecommunicators and dispatchers,*** and emergency medical technicians career development, recruitment, and retention program. To the extent of available funds, New Hampshire law enforcement officers, professional firefighters, ***public safety telecommunicators and dispatchers,*** and emergency medical technicians may receive reimbursement, upon successful completion, for the cost of one [~~course~~] ***or more courses*** per semester, including required fees, in a degree program at an institution in the community college system as approved for that individual upon recommendation of the person's supervisor and the committee. Such courses may be in any field leading to a degree in an area of study approved by the commission. ***Eligible individuals may receive reimbursement for non-credit or degree courses, upon successful completion, as approved for that individual upon recommendation of the person's supervisor and the committee.*** II. Upon employment by a New Hampshire fire [~~service~~] ***or law enforcement department***, a graduate of the New Hampshire fire ***or police*** academy, or the entity that paid for the cost, with the

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	recommendation of the employee's supervisor and the approval of the committee, shall receive full reimbursement for the cost of the academy not covered by other funding sources.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	456 Law Enforcement Officers, Professional Firefighters, and Emergency Medical Technicians Career Development, Recruitment, and Retention Program Committee. Amend the section heading and RSA 188-F:71, I to read as follows: 188-F:71 Law Enforcement Officers, Professional Firefighters, ***Public Safety Telecommunicators and Dispatchers,*** and Emergency Medical Technicians Career Development, Recruitment, and Retention Program Committee Established. I. There is hereby established the law enforcement officers, professional firefighters, ***public safety telecommunicators and dispatchers,*** and emergency medical technicians career development, recruitment, and retention program committee. The members of the committee shall be as follows: (a) The commissioner of the New Hampshire department of safety, or designee. The commissioner, or designee, shall serve as chairperson of the committee. (b) The chancellor of the community college system of New Hampshire, or designee. (c) The director of the New Hampshire police standards and training council, or designee. (d) The director of the New Hampshire Fire Academy, or designee. (e) The president of the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police, or designee. (f) The president of the New Hampshire Police Association, or designee. (g) The president of the New Hampshire state police union, or designee. (h) The president of the Professional Firefighters of New Hampshire, or designee. (i) The president of the New Hampshire Association of Emergency Medical Technicians, or designee. (j) The president of the New Hampshire Association of Fire Chiefs, or designee.

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	(k) ***The president of the New Hampshire Emergency Dispatchers Association, or designee.*** ***(l)*** Three educators from the community college system of New Hampshire, appointed by the chancellor of the community college system of New Hampshire.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	457 Law Enforcement Officers, Professional Firefighters, and Emergency Medical Technicians Career Development, Recruitment, and Retention Fund. Amend RSA 188-F:72 to read as follows: 188-F:72 Law Enforcement Officers, Professional Firefighters, ***Public Safety Telecommunicators and Dispatchers,*** and Emergency Medical Technicians Career Development, Recruitment, and Retention Fund Established. There is hereby established in the state treasury a fund to be known as the law enforcement officers, professional firefighters, ***public safety telecommunicators and dispatchers,*** and emergency medical technicians career development, recruitment, and retention fund. The fund shall be administered by the community college system of New Hampshire. The fund shall be nonlapsing and continually appropriated to the community college system to support the program established in this subdivision. The community college system shall establish procedures for receiving and disbursing funds, and it shall report to the committee established in RSA 188-F:71 on the operation of the fund. The fund may accept state or federal appropriations or grants, or gifts, grants, or donations from any other source.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	458 New Subdivision; Managed Care Law; Biomarker Testing. Amend RSA 420-J by inserting after section 19 the following new subdivision: Biomarker Testing 420-J:20 Definitions. In this subdivision: I. "Biomarker" means a characteristic that is objectively measured and evaluated as an indicator of normal biological processes, pathogenic processes, or pharmacologic responses to a specific

	therapeutic intervention, including known gene-drug interactions for medications being considered for use or already being administered. Biomarkers include but are not limited to gene mutations, characteristics of genes, or protein expression. II. “Biomarker testing” means the analysis of a patient’s tissue, blood, or other biospecimen for the presence of a biomarker. Biomarker testing includes but is not limited to single-analyte tests, multi-plex panel tests, protein expression, and whole exome, whole genome, and whole transcriptome sequencing. III. "Clinical utility" means a biomarker test result that provides information used in the formulation of a treatment or monitoring strategy that informs a covered person's outcomes and impacts the treating provider's clinical decisions. The most appropriate test may include both information that is actionable and some information that cannot be immediately used in the formulation of a clinical decision. IV. “Consensus statements” mean statements developed by an independent, multidisciplinary panel of experts utilizing a transparent methodology and reporting structure and with a conflict of interest policy. These statements are aimed at specific clinical circumstances and base the statements on the best available evidence for the purpose of optimizing the outcomes of clinical care. V. “Nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines” mean evidence-based clinical practice guidelines developed by independent organizations or medical professional societies utilizing a transparent methodology and reporting structure and with a conflict of interest policy. Clinical practice guidelines establish standards of care informed by a systematic review of evidence and an assessment of the benefits and risks of alternative care options and include recommendations intended to optimize patient care. 420-J:21 Biomarker Testing; Health Benefit Plan Coverage Requirements. I. Each health carrier issuing, amending, delivering or renewing a health benefit plan on or after January 1, 2026 shall include coverage for biomarker testing as defined in RSA 420-J:20, II, pursuant to the criteria established in this section.

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	II. Biomarker testing shall be covered for the purposes of diagnosis, treatment, appropriate management, or ongoing monitoring of an enrollee's disease or condition when the test provides clinical utility and is demonstrated by the following medical and scientific evidence, including but not limited to any of the following: (a) Labeled indications for an FDA-approved or -cleared test; (b) Indicated tests for an FDA-approved drug; (c) Warnings and precautions on FDA-approved drug labels; (d) Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) National Coverage Determinations or Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) Local Coverage Determinations; or (e) Nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines and consensus statements. III. A health carrier shall ensure that coverage as defined in paragraph II is provided in a manner that limits disruptions in care including the need for multiple biopsies or biospecimen samples. IV. If utilization review, including but not limited to prior authorization, is required, the health carrier, utilization review entity, or any third party acting on behalf of an organization or entity subject to this subdivision shall approve or deny a prior authorization request and notify the enrollee, the enrollee's health care provider, and any entity requesting authorization of the service within 14 days for non-urgent requests or within 72 hours for urgent requests. V. The patient and prescribing practitioner shall have access to a clear, readily accessible, and convenient process to request an exception to a coverage policy or an adverse utilization review determination of a health carrier. The process shall be made readily accessible on the health carrier's website.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	459 New Section; Medicaid Coverage of Biomarker Testing. Amend RSA 167 by inserting after section 4-f the following new section: 167:4-g Biomarker Testing; Medicaid Coverage Requirements.

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	I. The state Medicaid plan shall cover biomarker testing as defined in RSA 420-J:20, II, in accordance with the requirements of this section. II. Biomarker testing shall be covered for the purposes of diagnosis, treatment, appropriate management, or ongoing monitoring of an enrollee's disease or condition when the department of health and human services determines that the test provides clinical utility, as defined in RSA 420-J:20, III and is demonstrated by the following medical and scientific evidence, including but not limited to any of the following: (a) Labeled indications for an FDA-approved or -cleared test; (b) Indicated tests for an FDA-approved drug; (c) Warnings and precautions on FDA-approved drug labels; (d) Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) National Coverage Determinations or Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) Local Coverage Determinations; or (e) Nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines and consensus statements. III. Risk-bearing entities contracted under the state Medicaid plan to deliver services to beneficiaries shall provide biomarker testing at the same scope, duration and frequency as the Medicaid program otherwise provides to enrollees. IV. The state Medicaid plan shall ensure coverage as defined in paragraph II is provided in a manner that limits disruptions in care including the need for multiple biopsies or biospecimen samples. V. If utilization review, including but not limited to prior authorization, is required, the state Medicaid plan, utilization review entity, or any third party acting on behalf of an organization or entity subject to this section shall approve or deny a prior authorization request and notify the enrollee, the enrollee's health care provider, and any entity requesting authorization of the service within 14 days for non-urgent requests or within 72 hours for urgent requests. VI. The enrollee and participating provider shall have access to a clear, readily accessible, and convenient process to request an exception to a coverage policy of the state Medicaid plan or by risk-

	bearing entities contracted to the program. The process shall be made readily accessible to all participating providers and enrollees online. VII. The department of health and human services shall submit to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services any amendment to the state Medicaid plan required to provide coverage for biomarker testing in accordance with this section.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	460 Home and Community Based Behavioral Health Services for Children; Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Prevention and Treatment Program. Amend RSA 167:3-l, IV to read as follows: IV.(a) [~~On or before January 1, 2023, the department shall develop a timeline, conduct a cost analysis plan, and provide a detailed report of the timeline and cost analysis plan to the senate health and human services committee and the house children and family law and health, human services and elderly affairs committees, to~~] ***The department of health and human services shall establish the ACEs prevention and treatment program, to support children, birth to age 6, with exposure to adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and severe emotional disturbances whose needs cannot be met through childcare, educational, and developmental services alone. The program shall be designed to provide prevention, assessment, diagnoses, and treatment services for such children and their families, by***: (1) [~~Increase~~] ***Increasing*** Medicaid reimbursement for early childhood mental health care, including but not limited to child parent psychotherapy, to enhance services for Medicaid patients; (2) [~~Elevate~~] ***Elevating*** the early childhood and family mental health credential statewide by requiring the credential for specific provider levels and/or associating the credential with an increased salary level or higher reimbursement rates; and (3) [~~Offer~~] ***Offering continued funding, including*** scholarships or reimbursements***,*** to cover costs associated with [~~the training to incentivize providers to take part in the training~~] ***ongoing training and professional development in early childhood mental health care,***

	including but to limited to child parent psychotherapy, to ensure the highest levels of training and services to children and families. (b) Within one year of the effective date of this paragraph, the department shall develop and begin implementation of a 5-year plan to build the state's workforce capacity to provide child-parent psychotherapy (CPP), an intervention model for children from birth to age 6, who have experienced at least one traumatic event and/or are experiencing mental health, attachment, and/or behavioral problems, including posttraumatic stress disorder.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	461 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services; Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Prevention and Treatment Program. I. The sum of $150,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services to fund the adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) prevention and treatment program, and continue to expand and fund continued professional development for child-parent psychotherapy (CPP) services, as described in RSA 167:3-l, IV. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. II. The sum of $150,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services to fund the ACEs prevention and treatment program, and continue to expand and fund continued professional development for CPP services, as described in RSA 167:3-l, IV.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	462 New Hampshire Granite Advantage Health Care Program 1115 Demonstration; Renewed Application to CMS. I. On or before January 1, 2026, the department of health and human services shall resubmit to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) a Section 1115 demonstration waiver to the state Medicaid plan relative to enforcing community engagement and work requirements as a

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	condition of Granite Advantage eligibility. Prior to submitting the Section 1115 waiver to CMS, the department shall submit the proposed waiver to the fiscal committee of the general court for approval. II. Beginning November 1, 2025 and annually thereafter, the department shall provide a report regarding the status of the waiver application and implementation of the community engagement requirements in RSA 126-AA:2, III, to the senate president, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate clerk, the house clerk, and the governor.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	463 Effective Date. Section 462 of this act shall take effect upon its passage.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	464 Appropriation; New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services; Positions to Support Public Assistance Applications. The sum of $105,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services for the purpose of establishing 2 positions to support the requirements of 2024, 358, relative to participation in the federal Summer EBT program and the elderly simplified application for SNAP. The department may accept and expend matching federal funds without prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court. The department shall work with the department of administrative services, division of personnel, to determine the appropriate classifications in accordance with the personnel classification system and applicable broad group specifications. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	465 New Section; Coverage for Hospital Stays under the State Medicaid Plan. Amend RSA 126-A by inserting after section 18-b the following new section: 126-A:18-c Coverage for Hospital Stays under the State Medicaid Plan. Hospital stays shall be covered under the state Medicaid plan as follows: I.(a) The department shall establish an administrative day rate for those days of hospital stay in which a client does not meet criteria for acute inpatient level of care, but is not discharged because:

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	(1) An appropriate placement outside the hospital is not available; and (2) The postpartum parent's newborn remains on an inpatient claim for monitoring post-in utero exposure to substances that may lead to physiologic dependence and continuous care by the postpartum parent is the appropriate first-line treatment. "Postpartum parent" means the client who delivered the baby or babies. (b) The department shall use the annual statewide weighted average nursing facility Medicaid payment rate to update the all-inclusive administrative day rate on November 1st of each year. (c) The administrative day rate shall include pharmacy services, pharmaceuticals, and medically necessary ancillary services, as determined by the department, when these services are provided during administrative days. (d) The department shall identify administrative days during the length of stay review process after the client's discharge from the hospital. (e) The state Medicaid plan shall cover up to 5 newborn administrative days and may include additional days with expedited prior authorization (EPA). For EPA, the hospital shall establish that the clinically appropriate EPA criteria outlined in the department's published billing guides have been met, and the hospital shall use the appropriate EPA number for billing purposes. (f) The department shall pay the administrative day rate starting with the date of hospital admission if the admission is solely for a no placement administrative day stay. (g) The department shall pay the hospital the newborn administrative day rate only if: (1) The postpartum parent rooms with their newborn and provides parental support/care; and (2) The hospital provides all prescribed medications to the postpartum parent for the duration of the stay, including medications prescribed to treat substance use disorder. II. The department shall establish a swing bed day rate for those days when a client is receiving department-approved nursing service level of care in a swing bed.

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	(a) The department shall not pay a hospital the rate applicable to the acute inpatient level of care for those days of a hospital stay when a client is receiving department-approved nursing service level of care in a swing bed. (b) The department's allowed amount for those ancillary services not covered under the swing bed day rate shall be based on the payment methods provided in rules adopted under RSA 541-A. These ancillary services may be billed by the hospital on an outpatient hospital claim, except for pharmacy services and pharmaceuticals. (c) The department shall allow pharmacy services and pharmaceuticals not covered under the swing bed day rate, that are provided to a client receiving department-approved nursing service level of care, to be billed directly by a pharmacy through the point of sale system. The department shall not allow those pharmacy services and pharmaceuticals to be paid to the hospital through submission of a hospital outpatient claim. III. The department shall adopt rules under RSA 541-A to establish the rate setting methodology and criteria required under this section.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	466 New Subdivision; System of Care for Children's Mental Health; New Hampshire Children's Behavioral Health Association. Amend RSA 135-F by inserting after section 9 the following new subdivision: New Hampshire Children's Mental Health Association 135-F:10 Definitions. In this chapter: I. "Assessable coverage" means: (a) Health coverage as defined in RSA 420-G:2, IX; (b) Stop loss coverage that conforms with RSA 415-H:3, or other group excess loss insurance purchased against the risk that any particular claim, or total liability, will exceed a specified dollar amount; or (c) Group health plan, as defined by 42 U.S.C. section 300gg-91(a).

	II. "Assessable entity" means any: (a) Health maintenance organization, as defined by RSA 420-B:1, VI. (b) Third party administrator, as defined by RSA 402-H:1, I. (c) Entity providing administrator services and required to register with the insurance commissioner under RSA 402-H:11-a or RSA 402-H:11-b. (d) Insurance company licensed pursuant to RSA 401:1, IV. (e) Health service corporation, as defined by RSA 420-A:1, III. III. "Assessable lives" means all children under 19 years of age residing in the state who have assessable coverage written or administered by an assessable entity, with the exception of children whose childhood behavioral health services are paid for under Medicaid. IV. "Assessment" means the assessable entity's liability with respect to the childhood behavioral health services determined in accordance with this chapter. For purposes of rate setting and medical loss ratio calculations, all association assessments are considered pharmaceutical or medical benefit costs and not regulatory costs. In the event of any insolvency or similar proceeding affecting any payer, assessments shall be included in the highest priority of obligations to be paid by or on behalf of such payer. V. "Association" means the New Hampshire children's behavioral health association. VI. "Board" means the board of directors of the New Hampshire children's behavioral health association. VII. "Care management entity" means an organizational entity that serves as a centralized entity to coordinate all care for youth with complex behavioral health challenges who are involved in multiple systems and their families, as defined in RSA 135-F:4. VIII. "Childhood behavioral health services" mean any of the following services: (a) Behavioral health intensive in-home services, which are therapeutic interventions delivered to children and families in their homes and other community settings to improve child and family functioning and prevent out-of-home placement. The components of intensive in-home services

include, but are not limited to individual and family therapy, skills training and behavioral interventions, functional supports, and family support and training.

(b) Behavioral health intensive structured outpatient programs, which include short-term, clinically intensive, structured day or evening service for a child with a behavioral health disorder, and provides multidisciplinary treatment to address the subacute needs of children and youth, while allowing them to continue to work or attend school and be part of family life.

(c) Intensive care coordination, including but not limited to evidence based approaches like a high-fidelity wraparound for children and youth with significant behavioral health conditions, which includes assessment and service planning, accessing and arranging for services, coordinating multiple services, including access to crisis services. Assisting the child and family to meet basic needs, advocating for the child and family, and monitoring progress are also included. The wraparound "facilitator" is the intensive care coordinator who organizes, convenes, and coordinates this process.

(d) Parent and youth peer support services provided by trained peer support specialists.

IX. "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the department of health and human services.

X. "Estimated cost" means the estimated cost to the state over the course of a state fiscal year to reimburse the care management entities for provision of the childhood behavioral health services they provide to assessable lives.

XI. "Provider" means a person licensed or certified by this state, or otherwise qualified to provide health care services to persons or a partnership or corporation made up of those persons.

XII. "Total non-federal program cost" means the estimated childhood behavioral health services cost less the amount of federal revenue available to the state for the administration and provision of childhood behavioral health services.

135-F:11 New Hampshire Children's Behavioral Health Association Established. There is hereby created a nonprofit corporation to be known as the New Hampshire children's behavioral health association. The association is formed to assess assessable entities for the cost of childhood behavioral health services provided to certain children in New Hampshire.

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	135-F:12 Membership, Powers, and Duties of the New Hampshire Children's Behavioral Health Association. I. The New Hampshire children's behavioral health association shall be comprised of all assessable entities. II. The New Hampshire children's behavioral health association shall be a not-for-profit, voluntary corporation under RSA 292 and shall possess all general powers of a not-for-profit corporation. III. The board of directors shall include: (a) Three representatives selected from the assessable entities currently writing, maintaining, or administering assessable coverage through a voting process where votes are based on assessable lives. The plan of operation shall provide details for this selection process. One of these representatives shall represent self-insured entities. (b) Two health care provider representatives appointed by the commissioner, one of whom shall be a mental health care provider. (c) The commissioner of the department of health and human services, who shall serve as an ex officio member. (d) The commissioner of the department of insurance who shall serve as an ex-officio member. (e) One public member appointed by the governor and council. (f) One public member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. (g) One public member appointed by the president of the senate. IV. The directors' terms and appointments shall be specified in the plan of operation adopted by the New Hampshire children's behavioral health association. V. The board of directors of the association shall: (a) Prepare and adopt articles of association and bylaws. (b) Prepare and adopt a plan of operation.

	(c) Submit the plan of operation to the commissioner of insurance for approval after the consultation with the commissioner. (d) Conduct all activities in accordance with the approved plan of operation. (e) On an annual basis, no later than November 1 of each year, establish the amount of the assessment for the succeeding year. (f) Enter into contracts as necessary or proper to collect and disburse the assessment. (g) Enter into contracts as necessary or proper to administer the plan of operation. (h) Sue or be sued, including taking any legal action necessary or proper for the recovery of any assessment for, on behalf of, or against members of the association or other participating person. (i) Appoint from among its directors, committees as necessary to provide technical assistance in the operation of the association, including the hiring of independent consultants as necessary. (j) Determine an assessment amount and collect payments from assessed entities in accordance with RSA 135-F:13. (k) Submit an annual report to the commissioner of insurance, in a manner and form determined by the commissioner, listing the association membership base, providing a count of assessable lives by assessable entity, identifying changes in assessable lives by assessable entity, describing the collection of assessments, listing payment delinquencies, and containing such other related information as the commissioner may require. (l) Allow each assessable entity up to 45 days after the closing of each calendar quarter to report its assessable lives and remit its corresponding assessment amount as calculated pursuant to RSA 135-F:13. (m) Collect assessments from assessable entities as calculated under RSA 135-F:13 and deposit said assessments less the association's administrative costs annually and reserves with the state treasurer to the credit of the childhood behavioral health services fund established pursuant to RSA 135-F:19. At the written request of the association following a majority vote of the board of

	directors, any funds forwarded to the state treasurer for the childhood behavioral health services fund remaining unexpended for childhood behavioral health services, shall promptly be returned to the association. (n) Be authorized to enter into one or more agreements with other applicable authorities in surrounding states to reduce the risk of duplicate assessments and to assure provision of childhood behavioral health services for children who are residents of this state but who receive childhood behavioral health services in other states. Any costs relating to any such agreement shall be considered additional childhood behavioral health services costs of the program for purposes of determining the association's assessments. (o) Adopt procedures by which affiliated assessable entities calculate their assessment on an aggregate basis and procedures to ensure that no assessable life is counted more than once. Unless otherwise determined by the board, the assessable entity responsible for the payment of the provider's administrative costs for childhood behavioral health services shall be the entity responsible for reporting assessable lives and payment of the corresponding assessment. (p) Submit an annual report regarding the association's activities and its financial reports adopted by the department of health and human services to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the governor. (q) Perform any other functions as may be necessary or proper to carry out the plan of operation. 135-F:13 Assessment Determination. I. The board shall determine an assessment for each assessable entity in accordance with this section. An assessment determination made pursuant to this section is a medical benefit cost and not a regulatory cost for purposes of calculating the carrier's medical loss ratio. II. In determining the assessment amount, the board shall: (a) Estimate the total non-federal program cost for the succeeding year;

	(b) Add its anticipated operating costs for the succeeding year and such additional working capital reserves as may be established by the board from time to time; (c) Add a reserve of up to 10 percent of the anticipated cost under subparagraph (a) for unanticipated costs associated with providing childhood behavioral health services to children covered; and (d) Subtract the amount of any unexpended assessments collected in the preceding year along with any unexpended interest accrued to the fund during the preceding year. III. The board shall include in its plan of operations, details regarding the timing for assessment collections, and the form and format assessable entities shall use to calculate assessments. IV. The board shall include in its plan of operation details regarding payment due dates, grace periods, late payment fees, interest, and other details regarding the collection of assessments. V. The board may determine an interim assessment for new childhood behavioral health services or unanticipated shortfalls in the association's ability to meet childhood behavioral health services funding needs. The board shall calculate the interim assessment in accordance with paragraph II, and the interim assessment is payable the calendar quarter that begins no less than 30 days following the establishment of the interim assessment. The board shall not impose more than one interim assessment per year. VI. In the event that the association discontinues operation for any reason, any unexpended assessments, including unexpended funds from prior assessments in the children's behavioral health association, shall be refunded to payees in proportion to the respective assessment payments by payees over the most recent 8 quarters prior to discontinuation of association operations. 135-F:14 Powers and Duties. In addition to the duties and powers enumerated elsewhere in this chapter: I. The commissioner of insurance shall, after notice from the association, issue a show cause order to any assessable entity that fails to comply with the association's plan of operation. In addition to late fees and other penalties imposed by the association, assessable entities may, after a finding of

	just cause, be subject to a minimum fine of $5,000, a maximum fine of 25 percent of the total amount of delinquent assessments, and licensure suspension. II. The insurance commissioner shall annually review the assessment report required under RSA 135-F:12, V(k) to ensure that all assessable entities are participating in the association and that all assessable entities have accurately reported assessable lives. The association shall remedy any problem identified by the commissioner with respect to assessable entities and assessable lives. III. The commissioner of insurance may adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, as necessary to carry out the purposes of this subdivision. 135-F:15 Examinations and Annual Reports. The board of directors shall submit to the commissioner, no later than 120 days after the close of the association's fiscal year, a financial report in a form approved by the commissioner. 135-F:16 Exemption From Taxes. The association shall be exempt from payment of all fees and all taxes levied by this state or any of its subdivisions, except taxes levied on real property. 135-F:17 Immunity from Liability. There shall be no liability on the part of and no cause of action of any nature shall arise against any association member or its agents or employees, the association or its agents or employees, members of the board of directors, or the commissioner or the commissioner's representatives, for any action or omission by them in the performance of their powers and duties under this chapter. 135-F:18 Severability of Chapter. If any provisions of this chapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the chapter which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions of this chapter are severable. 135-F:19 Childhood Behavioral Health Services Fund. There is hereby established in the office of the state treasury a fund to be known as the childhood behavioral health services fund that shall be kept distinct and separate from all other funds. The fund is established to pay the care management entities for the provision of childhood behavioral health services. Any funds provided to the

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	department for this purpose and deposited in the fund shall not be used for any other purpose. All moneys in this fund shall be nonlapsing and continually appropriated to the department.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	467 New Subparagraph; State Treasurer; Application of Receipts. Amended RSA 6:12, I(b) by inserting after subparagraph (399) the following new subparagraph: (400) Moneys deposited in the childhood behavioral health services fund established in RSA 135-F:19.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	468 Insurance; Coverage for Certain Biologically-Based Mental Illnesses. Amend RSA 417-E:1, V-a to read as follows: V-a. The commissioner shall periodically require health insurers, health service corporations, and health maintenance organizations to submit the comparative analysis described in 42 U.S.C. section 300gg-26(a)(8)(A) for review to ensure compliance with this chapter and with the Act. ***These comparative analyses shall also include specific comparative data for medical/surgical benefits and mental health and substance use disorder benefits available to consumers by age group including ages 0-5 years and 18 years and younger, and including services available, coverage guidelines, denial rates, complaints about lack of services, network capacity data, provider qualifications and restrictions for comparable services, and other factors that indicate whether there are barriers to care that affect parity.*** To the extent allowable under state and federal law, such analysis shall be made public.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	469 Effective Date. Sections 466-468 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	470 Appropriation; Intermediate Care for Children with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. The sums of $70,105 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 and $141,613 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 are hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services, account 05-

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	95-048-482010-2154, for the purpose of providing a 2 percent rate increase in fiscal year 2026 and an additional 2 percent rate increase in fiscal year 2027 to facilities providing intermediate care for children with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. The department is authorized to accept and expend any federal funds for the purposes of this section without prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	471 New Hampshire Veterans' Home; Transfer Between and Among Accounts and Classes. Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 9:16-a, RSA 9:16-b, and RSA 9:16-c, for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, the commandant of the New Hampshire veterans' home is authorized to transfer funds between and among all accounting units and expenditure classes within the home and to create accounting units and expenditure classes as required and as the commandant deems necessary and appropriate to address present or projected budget deficits, or to respond to changes in federal law, regulations, or programs, and otherwise as necessary for the efficient management of the home, including funding unfunded positions, provided that if a transfer does not include new accounting units or expenditure classes, only such transfers of $100,000 or more shall require prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court and the governor and council. The New Hampshire veterans' home shall remain subject to the transfer limitations in RSA 9:17-a and RSA 9:17-c.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	472 Statement of Findings. The general court hereby finds that: I. New Hampshire is facing serious gaps in maternal health and wellness and continues to face threats to the fragile maternal health ecosystem. II. The New Hampshire maternal mortality committee determined that 76.1 percent of New Hampshire pregnancy-related deaths were preventable. III. Nationwide, data show that 53 percent of pregnancy-related deaths occurred between one day to one year after pregnancy.

	IV. New Hampshire has a high prevalence of depression, anxiety, and behavioral health conditions, including substance overdose, a leading cause of maternal mortality. V. The majority of maternal deaths as the result of an overdose have connections to prior mental health conditions. VI. Seventy-eight percent of New Hampshire moms worked during pregnancy, and 62 percent of New Hampshire moms plan to return or return to the workforce after giving birth.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	473 New Section; Maternal Mental Health Screening. Amend RSA 126-A by inserting after section 101 the following new section: 126-A:101-a Maternal Mental Health Screening. I. The department of health and human services shall cover maternal depression screenings at well-child visits under the state Medicaid program. The department shall recommend that health care providers screen mothers for maternal depression at all well-child visits. II. The department is authorized to use the following Medicaid coverage categories to reimburse depression screening: (a) Early and periodic screening, diagnostic, and treatment services. (b) As an assessment under the mother's Medicaid identification number. (c) As a risk assessment under the infant's Medicaid identification number. III. As used in this section, "maternal depression screening" means screening tools for maternal mental health that are consistent with current standard of care and under the supervision of a certified health care provider.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	474 New Section; Maternal Depression Screening Coverage. Amend RSA 417-D by inserting after section 2-c the following new section: 417-D:2-d Maternal Depression Screening Coverage.

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	I. Each health carrier that issues or renews any group policy, plan, or contract of accident or health insurance providing benefits for medical or hospital expenses, shall provide to certificate holders of such insurance coverage for maternal depression screening. II. Covered benefits shall include: (a) Periodic prenatal and postpartum depression screening of the pregnant and postpartum patient under the patient's plan. (b) Periodic maternal depression screening for the mother of a child at the child's one month, 2 month, 4 month, and 6 month well-child visits under the child's plan. (c) Instruction to the mother on the results of screening and referral to mental health and/or community based resources. III. In this section: (a) "Maternal depression screening" means any and all screening tools for maternal mental health that is consistent with current standard of care and under the supervision of a certified health care provider. (b) "Pregnant or postpartum patient" is defined as an individual who: (1) Is pregnant or within 12 months of giving birth; or (2) Has lost a pregnancy or relinquished an infant for adoption within the previous 12 months. IV. This section shall not apply to plans available through the Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP).
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	475 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services; Perinatal Psychiatric Provider Consult Line. The sum of $275,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2028 is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services to support the establishment of a perinatal psychiatric provider consult line. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	476 Appropriation; Rural Maternal Health EMS Services. The sum of $75,000 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and the sum of $75,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, is hereby appropriated to the department of safety to support rural maternal health EMS services. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	477 Appropriation: Department of Health and Human Services; Reduction of Barriers for Independent Birth Centers; Agency Study and Report. The sum of $30,000 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services to utilize existing contracts to additionally examine barriers to the sustainability of independent birth centers in New Hampshire and identify ways to reduce burdens and encourage their sustainability. The department shall report its findings and recommendations, including any necessary legislation and rulemaking changes, to the senate president, the speaker of the house of representatives, the governor, the house clerk, and the senate clerk on or before June 30, 2026.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	478 New Sections; Women's Health Care. Amend RSA 417-D by inserting after section 2-d the following new sections: 417-D:2-e Coverage of Perinatal Mental Health and Substance Use Treatment. I. Any group health plan or health insurance issuer offering group health insurance coverage, that provides benefits with respect to mental health and substance use disorders treatment furnished to a perinatal individual enrolled under such plan or coverage, may choose to waive copayment for such services. II. For a health care contract that meets the definition of a "high deductible plan" set forth in 26 U.S.C. section 223(c)(2), this requirement shall apply only after the enrollee has satisfied the minimum deductible under section 223 for the year, except with respect to items or services that are preventive care pursuant to section 223(c)(2)(C) of the federal Internal Revenue Code, in which case

	paragraph I shall apply regardless of whether the minimum deductible under section 223 has been satisfied. III. In this section: (a) "Perinatal individual" shall refer to an individual who: (1) Is pregnant or is within 12 months of giving birth; (2) Is a biological parent or an adoptive or foster parent who is within 12 months from assuming custodial care of a child; or (3) Has lost a pregnancy or relinquished an infant for adoption within the previous 12 months. (b) "Substance use treatment" and "substance use disorder services" mean health care services that are provided to a covered person as treatment for an addictive substance-related condition, not including treatment for any condition related to tobacco use. 417-D:2-f Coverage of Perinatal Home Visiting Services. I. Each health carrier that issues or renews any group policy, plan, or contract of accident or health insurance providing benefits for medical or hospital expenses, shall provide certificate holders of such insurance coverage for home visiting services for pregnant and postpartum women who do not otherwise qualify. II. Covered benefits shall include: (a) Home visiting services for pregnant and postpartum women up to 12 months post birth of a child provided by a qualified health professional with maternal and pediatric health training. (b) Instruction, resource referral, and materials necessary to home visiting care. III. In this section, "home visiting services" includes evidence-based, voluntary home or community-based services for mothers and caregivers with newborns aimed at improving maternal and child health, including but limited to: (a) Screenings for unmet health needs; (b) Maternal and infant nutritional needs;

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	(c) Emotional health supports, including postpartum depression supports; and (d) Resource and referral.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	479 New Section; Expand Employee Protection to Attend Pregnancy Appointments to Postpartum and Fertility Appointments. Amend RSA 275 by inserting after section 37-e the following new section: 275:37-f Leave of Absence to Attend Medical Appointments for Childbirth, Postpartum Care, and Infant Pediatric Medical Appointments. No employer with 20 employees or more, shall deny an employee leave from work up to a total of 25 hours to attend the employee's own medical appointments for childbirth, postpartum care, or the employee's child's pediatric medical appointments within the first year of the child's birth or adoption. In the case where both parents of a child are employees of the same employer, the parents collectively may take unpaid leave according to this section, for a total of 25 hours in their child's first year. An employer is not required to pay an employee for any time taken as leave pursuant to this section. However, an employee shall be permitted to substitute any accrued vacation time or other appropriate paid leave for any leave taken pursuant to this section. When the employee returns from their own or their child's health appointments, that employee's original job shall be made available to the employee by the employer. An employee who wishes to request leave under this section shall provide reasonable notice to the employer prior to the leave and make a reasonable effort to schedule the leave so as not to unduly disrupt the operations of the employer. An employer may ask for documentation from the employee to ensure the time is being used for its intended purpose.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	480 Department of Health and Human Services; Perinatal Peer Support. The department of health and human services shall study how to operationalize a perinatal peer support certification program and determine best practices for perinatal peer support. The department shall provide a report of their findings to the senate president, speaker of the house of representatives, the senate clerk, house clerk, and governor no later than November 1, 2026.

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NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	481 Effective Date. I. Sections 473, 474, 478, and 479 shall take effect January 1, 2026. II. Section 475 shall take effect July 1, 2027.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	482 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services; Supportive Housing Services. The commissioner of the department of health and human services shall submit a renewal of the state plan amendment as provided in Section 1915(i) of the Social Security Act or a waiver under other provisions of the Act to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to sustain a state Medicaid benefit for supportive housing services. The department of health and human services shall fully implement the new supportive housing Medicaid benefit and provide a report to the legislature on its implementation on November 1, 2025, and November 1, 2026.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	483 Department of Health and Human Services; Appropriation; Funding for Community Residential Services for Individuals with Disabilities and Acquired Brain Disorders. There is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services the sum of $10,000,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2027 for the purpose of financing room and board for individuals with disabilities and acquired brain disorders who live in a staffed community residence within the state of New Hampshire. The department may accept and expend matching federal funds without prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	484 Committee Established. I. There is established a committee to study long-term managed care and other relevant considerations related to long-term managed care. II. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

	(a) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate. (b) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. III. Legislative members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the committee. IV. The committee shall: (a) Solicit input regarding, and develop legislative proposals related to, the following: (1) The integration of medicaid-funded long-term care services, including home and community based services waiver programs and nursing home benefits, into the department of health and human service's care management program, to be delivered by at least one managed care organization as defined in RSA 126-A:5, XIX(c)(3); (2) Managed long-term care services and support programs run nationally; (3) Waivers and nursing home benefits delivered through Medicaid managed care organizations, where managed care organizations are responsible for care coordination, service authorization, and payment administration for long-term support and services, as well as services supported under the choices for independence waiver under section 1902 (a)(30)(A) of the Social Security Act; (4) Whether to include developmental disability waiver services into the Medicaid care management program; (5) Ways in which the state and counties can obtain enhanced federal funding sources; (6) Ways in which Medicaid eligibility can be streamlined to place priority on consumer choice and create a less restrictive environment; (7) Ways in which nursing facility providers can be incentivized to accept Medicaid members with high acuity to reduce length of stay in hospitals; (8) How managed care organizations collaborate with county governments, including delegating care coordination and service authorization functions;

	(9) How to ensure nursing facilities are paid timely and utilize services consistent with the criteria established by the department of health and human services; (10) How managed care organizations participate in discharge planning, transitional care, and other education programs for physicians, nurses, discharge planners and hospitals; (11) How managed care organizations provide incentive payments to nursing facility providers, reward reductions in preventable acute care costs, and encourage transformative efforts in the delivery of nursing facility services, including efforts to promote transitions to community based settings and a resident-centered care culture through facility design and services provided; (12) How a shared savings program with county governments and other nursing facility providers and active participants can ensure the delivery of quality services; (13) How the department of health and human services can update its capitation payment plan to take into consideration payments to cover all managed long-term care support services; (14) Issues relevant to ensure a seamless and effective transition to the integration of all long-term care services, including waiver services, to be managed through the care management program; (15) The timeline and impact of a statewide program that aligns Medicare and Medicaid enrollment into a highly-integrated, special needs plan for all dually eligible Medicaid and Medicare beneficiaries; (16) The benefits of dually eligible plans on meeting the needs of individuals who choose to remain in communities with appropriate services; and (17) Other pertinent and relevant issues as deemed necessary by the committee. (b) Solicit input from: (1) The department of health and human services; (2) County and private nursing home providers;

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	(3) Long-term service and support providers within the development and disability areas of state agencies; (4) National Medicaid-managed care providers; and (5) Other departments, groups, organizations, or individuals as deemed necessary by the committee. V. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named senate member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum. VI. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before October 1, 2025.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	485 Effective Date. Section 484 of this act shall take effect upon its passage.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	486 Department of Health and Human Services; Processing of Medical Assistance Applications; Hiring Consultant; Appropriation. I. The sum of $3,000,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services for the purpose of hiring a contractor to provide staffing support to assist with eliminating the backlog in Medicaid long-term care eligibility determinations. The department shall begin a competitive bidding process on or before September 30, 2025, to hire a contractor to begin on or before December 31, 2025, subject to governor and executive council approval, for the purposes of this section. In addition to providing staffing support, the contractor shall develop a plan for the efficient processing of long-term care applications by or before June 30, 2026. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise

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	appropriated. The department may accept and expend additional federal funds without prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court. II. For the biennium ending June 30, 2027, the annual licensing fee set forth in RSA 151:5, IV for nursing homes shall be $85 per licensed bed and $60 of said fees collected by the department of health and human services during this period shall be deposited into the general fund of the state. The purpose of this is to partially offset the appropriation set forth in paragraph I in this section. The remaining $25 per licensed bed will continue to go into account 05-95-95-952010-5146.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	487 Directive; Department of Health and Human Services. The department of health and human services shall report by January 1, 2026 on the status of the backlog in Medicaid long-term care eligibility determinations to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, and the chairs of the senate health and human services committee and the house of representatives health, human services, and elderly affairs committee. The department shall provide an updated report every 6 months until the department reports that there is no further backlog.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	488 Accident and Health Insurance; Coverage for Prosthetic Devices. Amend RSA 415:18-ff to read as follows: 415:18-ff Coverage for Prosthetic Devices [~~for Children~~]. ***I.*** Each insurer that issues or renews a policy of group or blanket accident or health insurance providing benefits for medical or hospital expenses shall provide coverage for prosthetic devices, including activity-specific prosthetic devices, for children under 19 years of age, who are residents of this state and covered by such insurance. The insurer may limit coverage for activity-specific prosthetic devices to one activity-specific prosthetic device per plan year. Medically necessary prosthetic devices shall not be subject to any annual limits. Coverage under this section shall be subject to such other terms and conditions of the policy that may apply.

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	II. Each insurer that issues or renews a policy of group or blanket accident or health insurance providing benefits for medical or hospital expenses shall provide coverage for prosthetic devices, including activity-specific prosthetic devices, for individuals over 19 years of age, who are residents of this state and covered by such insurance. The insurer may limit coverage for activity-specific prosthetic devices to one activity-specific prosthetic device every 5 years. Medically necessary prosthetic devices shall not be subject to any annual limits. Coverage under this section shall be subject to such other terms and conditions of the policy that may apply. The terms of this section do not apply to self-funded plans, including the State of NH's employee benefit plan. [~~I.~~] ***III.*** Covered benefits shall include: (a) All materials and components necessary to use the device; (b) Instruction to the enrollee on using the device; and (c) The repair or replacement of a prosthetic device that is determined medically necessary or is necessary for maximizing the enrollee's ability to engage in the specific activity. [~~II.~~] ***IV.*** In this section: (a) "Prosthetic" means an artificial substitute for a body part for functional or therapeutic purposes. (b) "Activity-specific prosthetic device" means a prosthetic device designed to allow an individual to participate in a specific activity that could damage the residual limb or everyday prosthesis, or when the everyday prosthesis would not function effectively to perform that specified activity. [~~III.~~] ***V.*** This section shall not apply to plans available through the Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP).
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	489 Coverage for Certain Prosthetic Devices. Amend RSA 415:18-n, I to read as follows:

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	I. Each insurer that issues or renews any policy of group accident or health insurance providing benefits for medical or hospital expenses, except for supplemental policies covering a specified disease or other limited benefit, shall provide to each group, or to the portion of each group comprised of certificate holders of such insurance who are residents of this state and whose principal place of employment is in this state, coverage for benefits for prosthetic devices under the same terms and conditions that apply to other durable medical equipment covered under the policy, except as otherwise provided in this section ***and except as otherwise provided in RSA 415:18-ff***.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	490 Effective Date. Sections 488 and 489 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2026.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	491 Department of Health and Human Services; Division of Public Health Services; Public-Private Health Care Workforce Recruitment and Retention Hub; Infrastructure Contracts. The department of health and human services, division of public health services, rural health and primary care section shall amend its current contract with Bi-State Primary Care Association's Recruitment Center to require the Recruitment Center to collaborate with a family medicine residency program in rural New Hampshire at a teaching health center program to support the training of family medicine residents in the north country. The teaching health center program shall be accredited or eligible for accreditation by a nationally recognized accreditation agency.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	492 Appropriation; Bi-State Primary Care Association Sub-recipient Contract with a Rural Residency Training at a Teaching Health Center Program. The sum of $500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services, division of public health services, rural health and primary care section for the purposes set forth in section 491 of this act. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	493 Personal Needs Allowance of Residents of Nursing Homes. Amend RSA 167:27-a, II to read as follows: II. Every [~~5 years~~] ***year***, the commissioner shall make the adjustment for cost of living increases in the personal needs allowance to reflect social security increases.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	494 Department of Health and Human Services; Hampstead Hospital and Residential Treatment Facility Staff Transitioning; Certain Leave Accrual and Supplemental Payments; Supplemental Appropriation. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the sum of $160,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services for the purposes of making certain leave accrual payments to temporary classified positions and any applicable bonus or retention payments prorated to the time worked in state service as part of staff transition at Hampstead hospital and residential treatment facility. This appropriation shall be nonlapsing and limited to the purposes of this section. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	495 New Paragraph; Department of Health and Human Services; Hampstead Hospital and Residential Treatment Facility; Establishing Fund. Amend RSA 126-A:5, by inserting after paragraph XXXVI the following new paragraph: XXXVII. There is hereby established the Hampstead hospital and residential treatment facility capital investment fund. The department shall deposit revenue received through leasing Hampstead hospital and residential treatment facility or any other administrative activities into the fund. For the biennium ending June 30, 2027, the department shall deposit all revenue into the fund. In the event that such revenue exceeds $3,000,000, for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, the department shall provide a report to the fiscal committee of the general court identifying the total amount. The fund shall be nonlapsing and continually appropriated to the commissioner for the purpose of supporting required capital investments and ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the

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	campus at Hampstead hospital and residential treatment facility and may not be transferred or used for any other purpose.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	496 Department of Health and Human Services; Carryforward. For the biennium ending June 30, 2025, all revenue collected by the department of health and human service derived from the operations transfer and asset purchase agreement, lease agreement, and transition services agreement, approved by the governor and executive council on December 18, 2024, shall be deposited into the Hampstead hospital and residential treatment fund.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	497 New Subparagraph; Application of Receipts; Hampstead Hospital and Residential Treatment Facility Capital Investment Fund. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by inserting after subparagraph (399) the following new subparagraph: (400) Moneys deposited in the Hampstead hospital and residential treatment facility capital investment fund as established in RSA 126-A:5, XXXVII.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	498 Effective Date. I. Section 493 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2026. II. Sections 494 through 497 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2025.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	499 Department of Health and Human Services; Appropriation; Tier-One Call Center. There is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services the sum of $3,825,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, for the purpose of financing a tier-one call center. The department may accept and expend matching federal funds without prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	500 New Subparagraphs; New Hampshire Employment Program and Family Assistance Program; Rulemaking. Amend RSA 167:83, II by inserting after subparagraph (r) the following new subparagraphs: (s) Payments for child care providers. Such rules shall: (1) Streamline data entry requirements for providers receiving child care scholarship payments by eliminating any requirement to report hourly attendance, to the extent that such reporting is not necessary for administering child care scholarship payments; and (2) By December 2025, implement a system of prospective provider payments, through which child care providers shall receive scholarship program payments in advance of or at the beginning of each payment period. If a provider begins providing care to a child in the middle of a service period, the department may delay the first payment until the start of the next service period. (t) Child care scholarship presumptive eligibility pilot program. (1) The department shall develop and implement a presumptive eligibility pilot program, whereby applicants who meet threshold screening requirements established by the department will receive the benefit of child care scholarship funds while the application process is underway, from the date of the initial screening until the earliest of: (A) 60 days after the initial screening; (B) The date on which a final eligibility determination is made; or (C) The expiration of a submission period, the length of which shall be identified by the department, if the applicant fails to submit the required information or documentation to establish eligibility during this period. The department shall provide both the applicant and the child care provider at least 10 days notice, and shall supply the applicant a list of the verification documents still required to determine eligibility, before terminating the presumptive eligibility period on this basis. (2) Except in cases of fraud or intentional violation of program rules, no child care provider and no scholarship applicant shall be held responsible for the costs of care paid from

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	scholarship funds during such period of presumptive eligibility, even if the child is ultimately determined ineligible for scholarship funds. (3) The department shall establish criteria and parameters as needed to implement the program. (4) The duration of this pilot program shall be 24 months, beginning January 1, 2026. (5) The department may suspend this pilot program, with notice to providers and prospective applicants, if an active waitlist is maintained pursuant to N.H. Admin. Code section He-C 6910.11, and the department shall reinstate the pilot program if such a waitlist ends during the duration of the pilot program. (6) On or before May 1, 2028, the department shall provide a detailed report of the presumptive eligibility pilot program to the house health and human services oversight committee and senate health and human services committee of the general court. The report shall include the following information: (A) Information regarding family and provider interest and utilization of the program during the pilot period; (B) Information regarding the costs and benefits of the program as implemented, and any suggestions for improvements; (C) Funding levels necessary to sustain the program going forward; and (D) Any other relevant information regarding the program. (u) District office staff training. The department of health and human services shall develop and engage in training of all district office staff regarding changes to the child care scholarship program.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	501 Department of Health and Human Services; Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services the sum of $100,000, for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, to provide payments for child care providers, the child care scholarship presumptive eligibility pilot

	program, and the child care scholarship application process study. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	502 Prospective Repeal. RSA 167:83, II(t), related to the child care scholarship presumptive eligibility pilot program, is repealed.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	503 Effective Date. Section 502 of this act shall take effect May 2, 2028.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	504 Department of Health and Human Services. Appropriation; Child Care Programs. I. The sums of $7,500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 and $7,500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 are hereby appropriated from federal TANF reserve funds to the department of health and human services for the purpose of financing recruitment and retention bonus and benefit grants for New Hampshire child care employers. The appropriation is contingent upon the department seeking formal approval from the federal Department of Health and Human Services to use the funds for the purposes specified in this section. If necessary, and if a waiver process is available, the department of health and human services shall seek a waiver to use the funds for these purposes. The department shall make the initial request no later than August 1, 2025, and upon receiving a determination, shall notify the fiscal committee of the general court of the decision received. II. Eligible child care programs shall be programs operating in New Hampshire with an active child care license or that are license-exempt and enrolled in the department of health and human services child care scholarship program. These programs shall include those who serve children from birth through age 12 and are also referred to as center-based, family-based, early childhood education, early learning, outside of school time, before and after school, and summer camp programs, as well as non-profit and privately-owned center-based and family-based child care programs. III. The department shall develop and implement a grant application process for eligible programs, and may consider additional grant amounts for child care programs enrolled in or in

	preparation to enroll in the granite steps for quality in recognition of their extra effort and commitment to continuous quality improvement. Grant amounts shall be determined by the department after all applications have been received and approved. IV. Grants received by the programs may be used in the following ways: (a) Deposit into an eligible, tax-advantaged health savings account or flexible spending account; (b) Mentor credentialing and support networks for mentors; (c) Sign-on and/or retention incentives and/or wage increases; (d) Professional costs such as training hours, CPR, or memberships in professional organizations; (e) Child care tuition assistance; (f) Credit towards the employee's share of the cost of their health insurance plan; (g) Paid time off equivalent; (h) Child care tuition discount; (i) Student loan repayment; (j) Telemedicine coverage; or (k) Payment towards a physical, first-aid certification, CPR certification, background check, or other credential required for the child care position. V. If grant application requests exceed available funding, preference shall be given to eligible child care programs which are: (a) Enrolled in New Hampshire's child care scholarship program; and (b) Connected to the work of their related early childhood regional network, as determined by the department. VI. The department of health and human services shall incorporate in its biennial appropriation request pursuant to RSA 9:4 an amount necessary to fully fund the child care workforce programs contained in this section.

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NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	505 New Subparagraph; State Treasurer and State Accounts; Application of Receipts. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by inserting after subparagraph (399) the following new subparagraph: (400) Moneys deposited in the 988 trust fund as established in RSA 135-C:70.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	506 New Paragraph; Public Health; New Hampshire Mental Health Services System; Definitions. Amend RSA 135-C:2 by inserting after paragraph X the following new paragraph: X-a. "National Suicide Prevention Lifeline" or "988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline" means the national network of local crisis hotline centers that provide free and confidential support to people in suicidal crisis or other behavioral health crisis 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, via a toll-free telephone hotline number that receives calls made through the 988 system.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	507 New Paragraphs; Public Health; New Hampshire Mental Health Services System; Definitions. Amend RSA 135-C:2 by inserting after paragraph XVI the following new paragraphs: XVII. "988" means the 3-digit telephone number designated by the Federal Communications Commission for the purpose of connecting individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis with counselors trained in suicide prevention and behavioral health crisis and with the capacity to connect callers to behavioral health crisis services through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline network. XVIII. "988 Administrator" means the Administrator of the national 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline system maintained by the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use. XIX. "988 center" means a center operating on a county or regional basis in New Hampshire and participating in the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline network to respond to statewide or regional 988 calls, chats, and texts.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	508 New Sections; Public Health; New Hampshire Mental Health Services System. Amend RSA 135-C by inserting after section 69 the following new sections:

135-C:70 988 Trust Fund; Fund Established.

I. There is hereby established in the state treasury the 988 trust fund that shall be kept distinct and separate from all other funds. The 988 trust fund consists of:

(a) Revenues from the 988 coordinated crisis services telecommunications surcharge established under RSA 135-C:74;

(b) Gifts, grants, and donations to the fund from public and private sources; and

(c) Moneys deposited into the fund from other sources.

II. The state treasurer shall be the trustee of the trust fund, and shall invest the trust fund in accordance with RSA 6:8. Any earnings on trust fund moneys shall be added to the trust fund. All moneys in the trust fund shall be nonlapsing and shall be continually appropriated to the state treasury. The state treasurer shall disburse funds from the trust fund solely for the purposes and in the manner set forth in RSA 135-C:71.

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

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

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

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

IV. The department of health and human services shall provide an annual report of deposits into and expenditures from the 988 trust fund to the health and human services oversight committee, the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and to the Federal Communications Commission. The report shall include all

	revenue generated by the 988 coordinated crisis services telecommunications surcharge established under RSA 135-C:74. 135-C:71 988 Trust Fund; Management and Distribution of Funds. I. The commissioner of the department of health and human services, in consultation with the behavioral health crisis services advisory commission established in RSA 135-C:72, shall administer the 988 trust fund established in RSA 135-C:70. The commissioner shall draw from the 988 trust fund for qualifying purposes under paragraph II. II. The purpose of the 988 trust fund shall be to establish, operate, maintain, promote awareness of, and improve 988 and the behavioral health crisis services system. The 988 trust fund shall be expended to offset costs that are or can be reasonably attributed to: (a) Implementing, maintaining, and improving the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline including staffing and technological infrastructure enhancements necessary to achieve operational and clinical standards and best practices set forth by the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline; (b) Provision of acute behavioral health, mobile crisis response teams, and receiving and stabilization services by directly responding to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline; (c) Personnel for the 988 centers and acute mental health, mobile crisis response teams, and stabilization services, which should include individuals that reflect the demographics of the community served and have specialized training to serve at risk communities, including culturally and linguistically competent services for LGBTQIA+ individuals, children, youth, and young people, and racially, ethnically, and linguistically diverse communities; (d) Provision of data, reporting, participation in evaluations and related quality improvement activities as required by the 988 administrator, department of health and human services, and the general court; and (e) Administration, oversight, and evaluation of the fund. 135-C:72 Behavioral Health Crisis Services Advisory Commission Established. I. There is hereby established a behavioral health crisis services advisory commission.

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	II. Notwithstanding RSA 14:49, the commission shall consist of the following members: (a) The state treasurer, or designee. (b) One member of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. (c) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate. (d) The commissioner of the department of health and human services, or designee. (e) The director of the department of safety, division of emergency services and communications ("E911"), or designee. (f) The commissioner of the insurance department, or designee. (g) One representative from the National Alliance on Mental Illness of New Hampshire, appointed by that organization. (h) One representative of the New Hampshire Community Behavioral Health Association, appointed by the association. (i) One representative of the New Hampshire Hospital Association, appointed by the association. (j) One representative of New Futures, appointed by the organization. (k) One representative from each of New Hampshire's 2 centers participating in the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline network. (l) One representative of America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP), appointed by the association. (m) One representative of community health centers appointed by the Bi-State Primary Care Association. (n) One representative from the New Hampshire Psychological Association, appointed by that organization. III. Members appointed under subparagraphs (b) through (c) shall serve a term coterminous with their term in office, or for 2 years, whichever is shorter. Members appointed under subparagraphs

	(g) through (n) shall serve 2 years, or until a successor is appointed and qualified in the case of a vacancy, and shall be eligible for reappointment at the end of their term. The term of office for all other members shall be coterminous with the term of office for the position that qualifies that member to serve on the advisory council. A vacancy shall be filled in the same manner, but only for the unexpired term. The advisory commission shall elect a chairperson every year with no person serving as chairperson for more than 2 consecutive one-year terms. IV. Each member of the advisory commission shall have one vote, with all actions being taken by an affirmative vote of the majority of present members. Eight members shall constitute a quorum. V. Legislative members shall receive the receive mileage at the legislative rate while attending to the duties of the commission. VI. Meetings of the advisory commission shall be conducted in accordance with RSA 91-A and take place no less than 4 times per year. VII. The department of health and human services shall provide administrative support to the advisory commission. 135-C:73 Behavioral Health Crisis Services Advisory Commission; Duties. The behavioral health crisis services advisory commission established in RSA 135-C:72 shall be responsible for: I. Consulting with and advising the commissioner of the department of health and human services on the administration and management of the 988 trust fund under RSA 135-C:70, and advise and make recommendations on expenditures from that fund under RSA 135-C:71. II. Advising and making recommendations to the governor, general court, department of health and human services, and other necessary stakeholders on strategies to support and fund the behavioral health crisis system. III. Overseeing and making recommendations about the provision of 988 and behavioral health crisis services throughout the state. 135-C:74 988 Coordinated Crisis Services Telecommunications Surcharge Established.

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	I. In compliance with the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020, and by recommendation of the commission on behavioral health crisis services, the equipment, communications services, and direct costs for crisis hotline center personnel for 988 call-taking and appropriate call routing for 988 centers shall be funded through a surcharge to be levied upon each residence and business telephone exchange line, including PBX trunks and Centrex lines, each individual commercial mobile radio service number and each VoIP service number with a place of primary use within New Hampshire, and each semi-public and public coin and public access line. For purposes of this paragraph, "place of primary use" shall have the same meaning as the definition contained in 4 U.S.C. section 124(8). No such surcharge shall be imposed upon more than 25 business telephone exchange lines, including PBX trunks and Centrex lines, or more than 25 commercial mobile radio service exchange lines or VoIP service lines or channels per customer billing account. No other services shall be funded using revenue from the 988 coordinated crisis services telecommunications surcharge. II. In the case of local exchange telephone companies, the surcharge shall be contained within tariffs or rate schedules filed with the public utilities commission and shall be billed on a monthly basis by each local exchange telephone company. The public utilities commission may impose a tax, fee, or surcharge on telecommunications services for 988 services of no more than 75 cents per line per month. III. In the case of an entity which provides commercial mobile radio service the surcharge shall be billed to each customer on a monthly basis and shall not be subject to any state or local tax; the surcharge shall be collected by the commercial mobile radio service provider, and may be identified on the customer's bill. For prepaid commercial mobile radio service, the provisions of paragraph VI of this section shall apply. IV. In the case of a VoIP provider, the surcharge shall be billed to each customer on a monthly basis and shall not be subject to any state or local tax; the surcharge shall be collected by the VoIP provider, and may be identified on the customer's bill.

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	V. Each local exchange telephone company, VoIP service provider, or entity which provides commercial mobile radio service, including prepaid commercial mobile radio service except as otherwise provided in subparagraph VI (i), shall remit the surcharge amounts on a monthly basis to the department of health and human services, which shall be forwarded to the state treasurer for deposit in the 988 trust fund. The state treasurer shall disburse funds from the 988 trust fund solely for the purposes and in the manner set forth in RSA 135-C:71. 988 coordinated crisis services telecommunications surcharge revenue shall be used to supplement any federal, state or local funding for suicide prevention or behavioral health crisis services. Surcharge amounts shall be reviewed after the budget has been approved or modified, and if appropriate, new tariffs or rate schedules shall be filed with the public utilities commission reflecting the surcharge amount. VI. Prepaid commercial mobile radio service. (a) In this paragraph: (1) "Consumer" means a natural person or any other person who purchases prepaid commercial mobile radio service in a retail transaction. (2) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the department of health and human services. (3) "Division" means the division of behavioral health of the department of health and human services. (4) "Entity" means a natural person or any other person, including any firm, corporation, partnership, or business organization. (5) "Provider" means an entity that provides prepaid commercial mobile radio service pursuant to a license issued by the Federal Communications Commission. (6) "Retail transaction" means the purchase of prepaid commercial mobile radio service from a seller for any purpose other than resale. (7) "Seller" means an entity, including a provider, who sells prepaid commercial mobile radio service to a consumer.

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	(b) There is hereby imposed a prepaid commercial mobile radio service 988 coordinated crisis services telecommunications surcharge that shall be levied on each retail transaction sourced to New Hampshire. The amount of the surcharge levied for each retail transaction shall be the same as the surcharge imposed under RSA 135-C:74, I. (c) For purposes of subparagraph (b), a retail transaction is sourced to New Hampshire: (1) If the transaction occurs in person at a seller's location in New Hampshire; or (2) If subparagraph (1) does not apply, the prepaid commercial mobile radio service is evidenced by a physical item, such as a card, and the purchaser provides a New Hampshire delivery address for such item; or (3) If subparagraphs (1) and (2) do not apply, the consumer gives a New Hampshire address during the consummation of the sale, including the address associated with the consumer's payment instrument if no other address is available, and the address is not given in bad faith; or (4) If subparagraphs (1)-(3) do not apply, the consumer's mobile telephone number is associated with a postal zip code, telephone area code, or location within New Hampshire. (d) The prepaid commercial mobile radio service 988 coordinated crisis services telecommunications surcharge shall be collected by the seller from the consumer with respect to each retail transaction sourced to New Hampshire. The amount of the surcharge shall be either separately stated on an invoice, receipt, or other similar document that is provided by the seller to the consumer, or otherwise disclosed to the consumer. (e) The seller shall be liable to remit all charges required by this paragraph that are collected from consumers, including all such charges that the seller is deemed to collect where the amount of the surcharge has not been separately stated on an invoice, receipt, or other similar document provided by the seller to the consumer. (f) The prepaid commercial mobile radio service 988 coordinated crisis services telecommunications surcharge shall not be subject to any other state or local tax.

	(g) If a minimal amount of prepaid commercial mobile radio service is sold with a prepaid mobile device for a single, non-itemized price, then the seller may elect not to apply the surcharge to such transaction. For purposes of this subparagraph, an amount of service denominated as 10 minutes or less, or $5 or less, is minimal. (h) A seller may deduct and retain 3 percent of the prepaid commercial mobile radio service 988 coordinated crisis services telecommunications surcharges that are collected by the seller from consumers. (i) A seller having less than 150 retail transactions in a calendar quarter and who has not collected the surcharge on such transactions shall not be required to remit the surcharge on those transactions, provided that the seller: (1) Submits a certification to the department of health and human services, not later than the 15th day following such quarter, that the seller had less than 150 retail transactions in such quarter and did not collect the surcharge; and (2) Submits with such certification copies of invoices, receipts, or other similar documentation establishing the number of retail transactions in such quarter. (j) Whenever lawful, providers and sellers of prepaid commercial mobile radio service shall put forth reasonable good faith efforts to cooperate with and provide timely and reasonable assistance to the division, its 988 centers, in connection with locating the source of any emergency 988 call. In such instances, providers and sellers of prepaid commercial mobile radio service shall not be liable for damages to any person resulting from or incurred in connection with the provision of such lawful assistance. (k) Beginning on January 1, 2026, prepaid commercial mobile radio service providers shall report annually to the division the total number of active prepaid commercial mobile radio service customers in New Hampshire. For purposes of such report, "active prepaid commercial mobile radio service customers" shall include all prepaid commercial mobile radio service customers with a New Hampshire telephone number on the date of the report, or if account balance information is not

	available, otherwise determined not to be active by comparable data. All information submitted to the division by a provider shall be considered proprietary and confidential and shall not be considered a public record under RSA 91-A. VII.(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and except as otherwise provided in RSA 82-A, the records and files of the department, related to this section, are confidential and privileged. Neither the department of health and human services, nor any employee of the department, nor any other person charged with the custody of such records or files, nor any vendor or any of its employees to whom such information becomes available in the performance of any contractual services for the department shall disclose any information obtained from the department's records, files, or returns or from any examination, investigation, or hearing, nor may any such employee or person be required to produce any such information for the inspection of any person or for the use in any action or proceeding except as provided in this paragraph. (b) The following exceptions shall apply to this paragraph: (1) Delivery to the surcharge collector or its representative of a copy of any return or other papers filed by the surcharge collector. (2) Disclosure of department records, files, returns, or information in a New Hampshire state judicial or administrative proceeding pertaining to administration of the surcharge where the information is directly related to an issue in the proceeding regarding the surcharge under this section, or the surcharge collector whom the information concerns is a party to such proceeding, or the information concerns a transactional relationship between a person who is a party to the proceeding and the taxpayer. (3) Disclosure to the department of revenue administration of records, files, and information required by the department of revenue administration to administer the communications services tax pursuant to RSA 82-A and to assist the bureau in its administration of RSA 135-C:71. (4) Disclosure of department records, files, and information to the legislative budget assistant, when requested by the legislative budget assistant pursuant to RSA 14:31, IV.

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	VIII. Any information or records compiled under this chapter shall not be considered a public record for the purposes of RSA 91-A regardless of the use of such information. IX. The commissioner is authorized to charge a penalty not to exceed $1,000, plus interest of 18 percent per year, on surcharge receipts that are more than 90 days in arrears, which penalty and interest shall be forwarded to the state treasurer for deposit in the 988 trust fund.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	509 Effective Date. Section 508 of this act shall take effect 30 days after its passage.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	510 New Section; Long-Term Care; Guardianship Contracted Services. Amend RSA 151-E by inserting after section 27 the following new section: 151-E:28 Guardianship Contracted Services. I. When all other resources are exhausted, hospitals seeking to assist older adults or adults with a disability as defined in RSA 151-E:24 with discharge from a hospital setting to a less restrictive setting may seek to have a guardian or conservator appointed by the probate court, pursuant to RSA 464-A, for any older adult or adult with a disability who: (a) Requires an alternative decision maker to assist with discharge; (b) Is deemed incapacitated by a court of competent jurisdiction; and (c) Cannot secure guardianship services through any other alternative. II. The department shall contract with office of the public guardian to provide publicly funded guardianship slots for individuals in need of guardianship pursuant to paragraph I. III. Hospitals seeking to assist adults with discharge shall apply to the department for access to the publicly funded guardianship slots. IV. Availability of publicly funded guardianship slots shall be subject to the availability of funding.

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NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	511 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services. The sum of $550,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2027 is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services. Said appropriation shall be used by the department to fund services for individuals as set forth in RSA 151-E:28. In the event these funds are not fully expended for this population, the department shall have the authority to use said funds to fund services for individuals served under RSA 171-A, RSA 161-F:52, and RSA 135-C. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	512 Effective Date. Sections 510 and 511 of this act shall take effect September 30, 2025.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	513 Directive; Department of Health and Human Services. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, if the commissioner of the department of health and human services determines that there are insufficient funds in accounts 05-95-042-421010-2958, child and family services, and 05-95-092-921010-2053, system of care, to fund residential placements for youth, he or she may request, with prior authorization of the fiscal committee of the general court, that the governor and council authorize additional funding. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	514 Residential Care and Health Facility Licenses; Fees. Amend RSA 151:5 to read as follows: 151:5 Licenses. Licenses issued hereunder shall expire one year after the date of issuance. Licenses shall be issued only for the premises and persons named in the application, and shall not be transferable or assignable; provided that home health care providers, personal care providers, home health hospice providers, and case management agencies shall not be required to apply for and receive a new license if they change the physical location of their office within the one year licensing period. Licenses shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the licensed premises. Fees for an annual license shall be as follows:

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	I. Hospitals; [~~$25~~] ***$38*** per licensed bed.
	II. Specialty hospital-psychiatric; [~~$25~~] ***$38*** per licensed bed.
	III. Specialty hospital-rehabilitation; [~~$25~~] ***$38*** per licensed bed.
	IV. Nursing homes; [~~$25~~] ***$38*** per licensed bed.
	V. Acute psychiatric residential treatment programs; [~~$25~~] ***$38*** per licensed bed.
	VI. Residential treatment and rehabilitation facilities; [~~$25~~] ***$38*** per licensed bed.
	VII. Hospice houses; [~~$25~~] ***$38*** per licensed bed.
	VIII. Adult family care homes; [~~$25~~] ***$38*** per licensed bed.
	IX. Residential and supported residential care; [~~$15~~] ***$23*** per licensed bed.
	X. Home health hospice providers; [~~$250~~] ***$380***.
	XI. Home health care providers:
	(a) Registered individuals; [~~$25~~] ***$38***.
	(b) Agencies; [~~$250~~] ***$380***.
	XII. Personal care providers:
	(a) Fewer than 10 clients; [~~$25~~] ***$38***.
	(b) Ten (10) or more clients; [~~$250~~] ***$380***.
	XIII. Outpatient clinics; [~~$500~~] ***$758***.
	XIV. End stage renal dialysis centers; [~~$500~~] ***$758***.
	XV. Ambulatory surgical centers; [~~$500~~] ***$758***.
	XVI. Educational health centers; [~~$500~~] ***$758***.
	XVII. Freestanding emergency rooms; [~~$500~~] ***$758***.
	XVIII. Health promotion clinics; [~~$500~~] ***$758***.
	XIX. Collecting stations; [~~$250~~] ***$380***.
	XX. Adult day care centers; [~~$200~~] ***$304***.
	XXI. Birthing centers; [~~$150~~] ***$228***.
	XXII. Case management agencies; [~~$150~~] ***$228***.

	XXIII. Laboratories; [~~$150~~] ***$228*** per year for each category of testing licensed.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	515 Department of Health and Human Services; Public Health Fees. The department of health and human services is hereby directed to increase the following fees set by administrative rule by no less than the inflationary increases experienced since the year the fee was last established or increased: I. Special health care license (mega voltage, cardiac) under He-P 4070. II. Radioactive materials use license under He-P 4070. III. Radiation-producing equipment use license under He-P 4071. IV. Low-level radioactive waste disposal under He-P 4071. V. Food service establishments and homestead operations under He-P 2300. VI. Shellfish certificate fees under He-P 2151. VII. Beverage and bottled water manufacturing registration under He-P 2100. VIII. Milk plans, distributors, and dairy plants under He-P 2700. IX. Clinical specimens chemistry under He-P 2205.01. X. Clinical specimens, microbiology under He-P 2205.02. XI. Occupation and environmental health samples under He-P 2205.03. XII. Consumer protection samples under He-P 2205.04. XIII. Therapeutic cannabis patient application fee under He-C 401.14.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	516 Legislative Offices and Proceedings; Office Space and Parking Facilities. Amend RSA 14:14-b to read as follows: 14:14-b Office Space and Parking Facilities. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary the following shall be assigned for use by the speaker of the house and the president of the senate: I. [~~The~~] ***Any*** legislative parking facilities***, including but not limited to the legislative parking garage on Storrs Street, the legislative office building parking garage, the***

	legislative parking garage at 33 Capitol Street, the legislative parking lot at 33 Green Street, and 7 spaces in the parking lot on the north side of the state library at 20 Park Street; II. The legislative office building and Upham-Walker house; [~~and~~] III. All rooms and other spaces of the state house with the exception of those areas under the use and control of the executive branch, including the governor's offices, the executive council chamber and offices, and the secretary of state's offices***;*** ***IV. All rooms and other spaces of the state house annex designated and assigned for use by the speaker of the house and the president of the senate, including but not limited to the west wing of the second floor; and*** ***V. All rooms and other spaces on the western side of the first and second floor of the legislative offices at Granite Place located at 1 Granite Place South***.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	517 Youth Development Center Claims Administrator. Amend RSA 21-M:11-a, III to read as follows: III. There is further established in the [~~judicial~~] ***executive*** branch a temporary full-time or part-time position known as the youth development center claims administrator, to be appointed by the [~~supreme court~~] ***governor with the consent of the executive council***. A part-time administrator may maintain a private, unrelated mediation or legal practice apart from the duties as administrator notwithstanding any other provision of rule or law to the contrary. The [~~supreme court~~] ***governor, with the consent of the executive council,*** shall appoint an administrator agreed to by the attorney general and counsel for claimants. If the attorney general and counsel for claimants are unable to agree upon an administrator, the [~~supreme court~~] ***governor, with the consent of the executive council,*** shall select the administrator from the candidates submitted to the court by the attorney general and counsel for claimants, not later than 30 days following the court's receipt of the candidates. The attorney general and counsel for claimants shall each submit two candidates, not later than 30 days following the joint fiscal committee's approval of the claim process and guidelines as provided in paragraph IV. The administrator shall receive compensation at no more than the rate of salary of an

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	active superior court justice and shall, if working full-time, receive the same benefits as other [~~non-judicial employees of the judicial~~] ***executive*** branch ***employees***. If working part-time, the administrator shall receive compensation at no more than the equivalent per diem rate of an active superior court justice, provided that in any calendar year, the administrator shall not receive more in total compensation than that received by an active superior court justice. The [~~judicial~~] ***executive*** branch shall provide the administrator and any necessary support staff with office space. The salary, benefits, and expenses of the administrator, and any necessary support staff, shall be paid from the fund. The administrator shall report to the [~~chief justice of the supreme court or the chief justice's designee~~] ***governor or the governor's designee*** for employment-related purposes, but the [~~supreme court~~] ***governor*** shall have no authority to review the administrator's decisions. At such time as the administrator's duties are concluded, or at such time as full-time service by the administrator is no longer needed to carry out the administrator's duties, the [~~supreme court~~] ***governor*** shall either eliminate the administrator's position or reduce it from a full-time to a part-time position as may be appropriate. The [~~supreme court~~] ***governor*** may remove the administrator [~~if, after a request for removal received from the attorney general or claimants' counsel, or upon the court's own motion, the court determines that good cause for removal exists~~] ***at any time, as the administrator serves at the pleasure of the governor***. Once appointed, the administrator shall process claims as provided herein and may settle claims at such amounts as may be agreed upon between the AG designee and each claimant, or at amounts which are determined by the administrator, giving due consideration to the guidelines adopted by the joint fiscal committee as provided in paragraph IV.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	520 New Section; Rate Setting Parity for Medicaid State Plan Case Management Services. Amend RSA 126-A by inserting after section 18-b the following new section: 126-A:18-c Rate Setting Parity for Medicaid State Plan Case Management Services.

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	I. Annually, on or before October 1, the department of health and human services shall establish unit rates for all case management services paid under the state Medicaid plan which better reflect the average cost to deliver services. II. The department shall consider the factors of economy, efficiency, quality of care, and access to care, in accordance with guidelines in federal regulations. III. The department shall ensure equitable rate parity by giving comprehensive consideration to factors which cause disparity, including but not limited to administrative payments of overhead costs made to certain providers, in the calculations to achieve parity. IV. Annually, on or before October 31, the department shall file a report detailing their compliance with RSA 126-A:18-c with the senate president, speaker of the house, and chairs of the committees with jurisdiction.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	521 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services; Rate Setting Parity for Medicaid State Plan Case Management Services. The sum of $2,300,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services for the purpose of ensuring equitable rate parity for all case management services paid under the state Medicaid plan. The department may accept and expend additional federal funds for this purpose without prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	522 Effective Date. I. Section 520 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2025. II. Section 521 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2026.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	572 Appropriation; Department of Education. There is hereby appropriated to the department of education the sum of $460,000, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, for facility related

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	expenditures, including but not limited to repairs, improvements, maintenance, technology, safety, security, and facility improvements. The funds shall not lapse until June 30, 2027. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.
NO COMPARABLE HOUSE SECTION	573 Department of Health and Human Services; Summer EBT. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the department of health and human services is authorized to accept and expend federal funds for the purposes of administering payments for the 2025 summer EBT program, in accordance with RSA 161:2, without prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court.
476 Effective Date. Unless otherwise specified, the remainder of this act shall take effect July 1, 2025.	574 Effective Date. Unless otherwise specified, the remainder of this act shall take effect July 1, 2025.