

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY 2010 LEGISLATIVE WRAP-UP

The 2010 NH State Legislative Session has come to a close. The following is a summary of outcomes for the bills pertaining to disabilities that were followed by the Commission. For more information on any of these bills, including bill and amendment text, you can access the NH Legislature's website at www.gencourt.state.nh.us, click on "Quick Search" and enter the bill number or title. You can also call us here at the Commission at 1-800-852-3405.

2010: HOUSE BILLS PASSED/ADOPTED or PASSED/ADOPTED with AMENDMENT

HB561 **Title:** relative to insurance coverage for persons having deafness and hearing loss.

Analysis: This bill requires insurance for hearing evaluations, hearing aids, and the dispensing and fitting of hearing aids.

House Status: CONCURRED

Senate Status: PASSED / ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENT

G-Status: PASSED

HB1133 **Title:** (3rd New Title) relative to the duration of involuntary emergency admissions and relative to persons with mental illness and the corrections system.

Analysis: This bill:

I. Clarifies the duration of involuntary emergency admissions.

II. Allows certain persons to be notified if a person found incompetent to stand trial and civilly committed is released into the community.

House Status: CONCURRED

Senate Status: PASSED / ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENT

G-Status: PASSED

- HB1136 **Title:** requiring a report to be sent to the treatment facility on behalf of a person receiving treatment in the state mental health or developmental services system.
Analysis: This bill requires the court which commits a person to the state mental health or developmental services system to send a report to the treatment facility or the secure psychiatric unit on behalf of the person receiving treatment.
House Status: PASSED / ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENT
Senate Status: PASSED / ADOPTED
G-Status: SIGNED BY GOVERNOR - CHAPTERED LAW: 0046
- HB1169 **Title:** (New Title) relative to the New Hampshire health care quality assurance commission.
Analysis: This bill makes changes to the New Hampshire health care quality assurance commission.
House Status: PASSED / ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENT
Senate Status: PASSED / ADOPTED
G-Status: SIGNED BY GOVERNOR - CHAPTERED LAW: 0098
- HB1187 **Title:** relative to residential elevators and accessibility lifts.
Analysis: This bill exempts residential elevators and accessibility lifts from RSA 157-B, the law governing the inspection and certification of elevators, provided that the devices meet safety criteria established by the commissioner of labor.
House Status: CONCURRED
Senate Status: PASSED / ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENT
G-Status: PASSED
- HB1252 **Title:** relative to the duration of medical payments coverage under motor vehicle liability policies.
Analysis: This bill increases the duration of medical payments coverage under motor vehicle liability policies.
House Status: CONCURRED
Senate Status: PASSED / ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENT
G-Status: PASSED
- HB1262 **Title:** relative to disabled parking signs.
Analysis: This bill establishes a penalty for failure to comply with the requirements for placement of disabled parking signs.
House Status: CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
Senate Status: REPORT FILED - Senate Amendment + New Amendment, Filed - 5/27/10
G-Status: SENATE

- HB1363 **Title:** relative to continuing care communities.
Analysis: This bill clarifies the law regulating continuing care communities when a person has not yet moved into the facility, but is receiving continuing care services at home. This bill is a request of the insurance department.
House Status: PASSED / ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENT
Senate Status: PASSED / ADOPTED
G-Status: PASSED
- HB1364 **Title:** relative to Medicare unfair trade practices.
Analysis: This bill makes certain practices regarding selling, soliciting, or negotiating the purchase of Medicare products and Medicare supplemental health insurance an unfair trade practice under RSA 417:4.
House Status: CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
Senate Status: **REPORT FILED** -Senate Amendment, Filed - 5/27/10
G-Status: SENATE
- HB1371 **Title:** (New Title) allowing an injured employee to have a witness present at the examination by health care providers performing independent medical examinations and establishing a committee to study certain aspects of independent medical examinations.
Analysis: This bill allows an injured employee to have a witness present during the independent medical examinations required under workers' compensation. This bill also establishes a committee to study certain aspects of independent medical examinations.
House Status: CONCURRED
Senate Status: PASSED / ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENT
G-Status: PASSED
- HB1384 **Title:** establishing a suicide fatality review committee.
Analysis: This bill establishes, as part of the council on suicide prevention, a suicide fatality review committee to study trends, risk factors, and prevention strategies for suicide deaths in New Hampshire.
House Status: PASSED / ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENT
Senate Status: PASSED / ADOPTED
G-Status: PASSED

- HB1395 **Title:** relative to workforce housing.
Analysis: This bill authorizes municipalities to require workforce housing applicants to record restrictive covenants.
House Status: PASSED / ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENT
Senate Status: PASSED / ADOPTED
G-Status: PASSED
- HB1417 **Title:** allowing companion dogs in certain areas of restaurants.
Analysis: This bill allows the companion dogs of restaurant owners in certain areas of restaurants.
House Status: CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
Senate Status: **REPORT FILED** - Senate Amendment + New Amendment, Filed - 5/27/10
G-Status: SENATE
- HB1429 **Title:** establishing a committee to study the inclusion of universal design requirements in the state building code.
Analysis: This bill establishes a committee to study the inclusion of universal design requirements in the state building code.
House Status: CONCURRED
Senate Status: PASSED / ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENT
G-Status: PASSED
ENROLLED HOUSE & SENATE - 5/12/10
- HB1488 **Title:** relative to New Hampshire HealthFirst.
Analysis: This bill requires certain health carriers which offer coverage in the small employer market to offer the basic wellness plan in addition to the standard wellness plan. This bill is a request of the insurance department.
House Status: PASSED / ADOPTED
Senate Status: PASSED / ADOPTED
***G-Status:* SIGNED BY GOVERNOR - CHAPTERED: 0057**
- HB1493 **Title:** (New Title) establishing a committee to study comprehensive mental health and substance use disorders parity.
Analysis: This bill establishes a committee to study comprehensive mental health and substance use disorders parity.
House Status: CONCURRED
Senate Status: PASSED / ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENT
G-Status: PASSED

- HB1524 **Title:** relative to the liability of town and city health officers and overseers of public welfare.
Analysis: This bill limits liability for town and city health officers and overseers of public welfare when acting in the course of their official duties.
House Status: PASSED / ADOPTED
Senate Status: PASSED / ADOPTED
G-Status: PASSED
- HB1526 **Title:** requiring the department of health and human services to establish a methodology for determining certain high cost long-term care cases.
Analysis: This bill requires the department of health and human services to establish a methodology for determining certain high cost long-term care cases.
House Status: PASSED / ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENT
Senate Status: PASSED / ADOPTED
G-Status: PASSED
ENROLLED - House & Senate Bill amendment adopted - 5/19/10
- HB1566 **Title:** requiring financial institutions to disclose certain information regarding recipients of medical assistance for the aged, blind, and disabled through an electronic asset verification system.
Analysis: This bill authorizes the department of health and human services to establish an electronic asset verification system to obtain financial records in order to verify eligibility for medical assistance for the aged, blind, and disabled.
House Status: CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
Senate Status: **REPORT FILED - Senate Amendment + New Amendment, Filed - 5/27/10**
G-Status: SENATE
- HB1572 **Title:** (New Title) establishing a committee to study certification or licensing of integrated residential communities.
Analysis: This bill establishes a committee to study certification or licensing of integrated residential communities.
House Status: CONCURRED
Senate Status: PASSED / ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENT
G-Status: PASSED

- HB1592 **Title:** relative to the exemption from the charge for a municipal permit to register a motor vehicle for amputee and other disabled veterans.
Analysis: This bill expands eligibility for the exemption from the charge for a municipal permit to register a motor vehicle for amputee and other disabled veterans to all such disabled veterans who served in a qualifying war or armed conflict as defined in RSA 72:28.
House Status: PASSED / ADOPTED
Senate Status: PASSED / ADOPTED
G-Status: SIGNED BY GOVERNOR - CHAPTERED LAW: 0062
- HB1649 **Title:** (New Title) relative to health information and patient rights.
Analysis: This bill establishes procedures for access to protected health information for treatment.
House Status: PASSED / ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENT
Senate Status: PASSED / ADOPTED
G-Status: SIGNED BY GOVERNOR - CHAPTERED LAW: 0064
- HB1692 **Title:** establishing a commission on primary care workforce issues.
Analysis: This bill establishes a commission on primary care workforce issues. This bill is a result of the commission established under 2008, 367.
House Status: PASSED / ADOPTED
Senate Status: PASSED / ADOPTED
G-Status: PASSED
ENROLLED House & Senate - 5/13/10

2010 SENATE BILLS: PASSED/ADOPTED or PASSED/ADOPTED with AMENDMENT

- SB306 **Title:** extending the commission to develop a legislative plan to meet the needs of certain adults with developmental disabilities.
Analysis: This bill extends the commission to develop a legislative plan to meet the needs of certain adults with developmental disabilities.
House Status: PASSED / ADOPTED
Senate Status: PASSED / ADOPTED
G-Status: SIGNED BY GOVERNOR - CHAPTERED LAW: 0034

- SB321 **Title:** relative to the state coordinating council for community transportation in New Hampshire.
Analysis: This bill makes several technical changes to the state coordinating council for community transportation in New Hampshire and establishes regional coordination councils.
House Status: PASSED / ADOPTED
Senate Status: PASSED / ADOPTED
G-Status: SIGNED BY GOVERNOR - CHAPTERED LAW: 0038
- SB326 **Title:** relative to certain extensions for temporary plates.
Analysis: This bill authorizes the director of the division of motor vehicles to extend the validity period of temporary plates for persons with disabilities requiring modifications to the vehicle.
House Status: PASSED / ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENT
Senate Status: CONCURRED
G-Status: PASSED
ENROLLED House & Senate - 5/19/10
- SB427 **Title:** (New Title) relative to the duties of the oversight committee on health and human services.
Analysis: This bill revises the duties of the oversight committee on health and human services. This bill repeals the joint legislative committee on elderly affairs, the oversight committee to review the allocation of funds to persons with developmental disabilities or acquired brain disorders, and the law relative to the capacity of the developmental disability services delivery system and adds those duties to the oversight committee on health and human services. The bill also permits the oversight committee on health and human services to establish ancillary bodies to study specific issues relevant to services offered by the department of health and human services.
House Status: PASSED / ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENT
Senate Status: CONCURRED
G-Status: PASSED
- SB455 **Title:** (New Title) relative to federal health care reform.
Analysis: his bill authorizes the insurance commissioner to implement the insurance reforms required under federal law. The bill also revises the laws regarding dependent coverage to conform to federal law.
House Status: PASSED / ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENT
Senate Status: CONCURRED
G-Status: PASSED

SCR1 **Title:** urging Congress to fund the development and implementation of a comprehensive health care delivery system to enhance the level of specialty care for New Hampshire's veterans.
Analysis: This resolution urges Congress to fund the development and implementation of a comprehensive health care delivery system to enhance the level of specialty care for New Hampshire's veterans.
House Status: PASSED / ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENT
Senate Status: CONCURRED
G-Status: PASSED

2010 HOUSE BILLS: INTERIM STUDY

- HB380 **Title:** relative to long-term care.
Analysis: This bill establishes guidelines and standards for the New Hampshire long-term care policy. This bill also establishes the New Hampshire long-term care commission to assess and oversee the long-term care system in New Hampshire.
INTERIM STUDY
- HB564 **Title:** (New Title) relative to ramp/lift equipped van parking spaces.
Analysis: This bill requires new construction to designate certain areas as ramp/lift equipped van only parking.
INTERIM STUDY
- HB606 **Title:** relative to aid to the disabled.
Analysis: This bill establishes eligibility criteria for the aid to the disabled program.
INTERIM STUDY
- HB658 **Title:** relative to housing assistance for recipients of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF).
Analysis: This bill establishes a supplemental rent voucher program for the neediest families who are receiving TANF.
INTERIM STUDY
- HB1536 **Title:** relative to administering psychotropic drugs to children in court ordered placements.
Analysis: This bill requires the department of health and human services to obtain parental consent or a court order, supported by a medical diagnosis and treatment recommendation, prior to administering psychotropic medications to children in court ordered placements.
INTERIM STUDY

HB1655 **Title:** relative to persons with mental illness and the corrections system.
Analysis: This bill:
I. Reduces the time period between an order for evaluation for competency to stand trial and the filing of the evaluation report in cases where the defendant is incarcerated.
II. Authorizes the court to select an appropriate remedy when the evaluation report is not filed within the required time period.
III. Reduces the maximum time of continued incarceration after a finding of incompetency to stand trial.
IV. Streamlines the procedure for the involuntary admission of persons found not competent to stand trial.
INTERIM STUDY

HB1657 **Title:** directing the commissioner of the department of health and human services to adopt rules regarding transfers of income to special needs trusts.
Analysis: This bill directs the commissioner of the department of health and human services to adopt rules regarding allowable transfers of income to special needs trusts.
INTERIM STUDY

HB1631 **Title:** relative to the state fire code and the state building code.
Analysis: This bill makes the state fire code an addition to the state building code. All rules adopted by the fire marshal which make changes to an existing state fire code shall be subject to approval by the state building code review board and shall be submitted for legislative approval within 2 years of their adoption.
The bill requires the board to make available to the public adopted changes to the state building code and state fire code for the costs of printing and delivery. The bill also requires structures meeting code at time of construction to be grandfathered. Existing structures under renovation are required to comply with current fire codes and building codes only if the renovations equal 50 percent or more of the structure.
INTERIM STUDY

2010 SENATE BILLS: INTERIM STUDY

SB316 **Title:** establishing a statewide transportation policy.
Analysis: This bill establishes a statewide transportation policy.
INTERIM STUDY

2010 HOUSE BILLS: LAID ON TABLE

HB1336 **Title:** relative to health care liability claims.
Analysis: This bill limits health care liability claims.
LAID ON TABLE

HB1355 **Title:** relative to certain Medicaid appropriations.
Analysis: This bill prohibits transfers of funds out of any class line which is the source of payment for Medicaid providers through the use of a budget neutrality factor, a proportionate discount factor, or any similar rate reduction device.
LAID ON TABLE

2010 HOUSE BILLS: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

HB1162 **Title:** relative to the wearing of motorcycle protective headgear.
Analysis: This bill requires motorcycle operators to wear protective headgear.
INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

HB1232 **Title:** establishing a committee to study elder abuse statewide.
Analysis: This bill establishes a committee to study elder abuse statewide.
INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

HB1275 **Title:** requiring state employees to participate in a government-run health insurance option as enacted by Congress.
Analysis: This bill requires state employees to participate in a government-run health insurance option as enacted by Congress.
INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

HB1283 **Title:** relative to participation in the state children's health insurance program.
Analysis: This bill prohibits participation in the state children's health insurance program if the individual is otherwise eligible for private insurance.
INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

HB1310 **Title:** (New Title) allowing towns to hire health care workers.
Analysis: This bill allows the governing board of a city, town, or village district to hire health care workers to provide basic health care services.
INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

- HB1339 **Title:** relative to the state services system and establishing a commission to study uncompensated care at community mental health centers.
Analysis: This bill grants the commissioner of the department of health and human services rulemaking authority to designate an individual or entity to operate and administer a program or facility which provides services to mentally ill or developmentally impaired persons. This bill also establishes a commission to study uncompensated care at the 10 community mental health centers.
INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE
- HB1356 **Title:** relative to certain nonprofit corporations subject to the right-to-know law.
Analysis: This bill requires certain nonprofit corporations to file a statement with the attorney general's office acknowledging that they are subject to the right-to-know law.
INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE
- HB1375 **Title:** establishing a committee to study regional planning commissions.
Analysis: This bill establishes a committee to study regional planning commissions.
INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE
- HB1382 **Title:** relative to workforce housing.
Analysis: This bill provides that municipalities lacking specified building restrictions shall be deemed compliant with workforce housing requirements.
INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE
- HB1397 **Title:** relative to the approval of a pupil's alternative learning plan.
Analysis: This bill amends the procedure for approval of an alternative learning plan.
INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE
- HB1426 **Title:** permitting patients to bring their medications to the hospital or health care facility.
Analysis: This bill allows patients to bring their medications to the hospital or health care facility.
INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

- HB1431 **Title:** relative to health care choice.
Analysis: This bill authorizes individuals to purchase health insurance from out-of state health insurance carriers selected by the insurance commissioner. This bill grants rulemaking authority to the insurance commissioner for the purposes of the bill.
INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE
- HB1438 **Title:** relative to a patient's right to know regarding charges for health care.
Analysis: This bill requires certain disclosures to patients by health care providers and health care insurers.
INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE
- HB1440 **Title:** relative to property tax exemptions for the disabled.
Analysis: This bill allows cities and towns to extend the property tax exemption for the disabled to persons who qualify for federal or state total and permanent disability retirement, or who show sufficient proof of disability attested to by a physician.
INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE
- HB1443 **Title:** relative to Medicaid, statutory and other liens or subrogation claims for public assistance or medical expenses.
Analysis: This bill provides that when a Medicaid, statutory or other lien or subrogation claim is asserted against a recipient's third-party settlement or award, the court shall apportion the award between the recipient and the state, lienholder, or subrogation claimant as justice may require, provided that reimbursement shall not exceed 2/3's of the amount claimed by the state, lienholder, or subrogation claimant, as the case may be.
INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE
- HB1444 **Title:** allowing the purchase of drugs from Canada.
Analysis: This bill allows pharmacies and individuals to purchase prescription drugs from Canada under certain circumstances.
INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE
- HB1467 **Title:** establishing a committee to study extending Medicaid and similar sources of private and public aid to provide health care insurance through age 20 to individuals who were foster children and are attending postsecondary school.
Analysis: This bill establishes a committee to study extending Medicaid and similar sources of private and public aid to provide health care insurance through age 20 to individuals who were foster children and are attending postsecondary school.
INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

- HB1499 **Title:** reducing the number of area agencies in the state.
Analysis: This bill reduces the number of area agencies in the state from 12 to 4, and consolidates area agency management under one executive director.
INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE
- HB1511 **Title:** relative to municipal reimbursement for local assistance and establishing a committee to study local assistance under RSA 165, concerning aid to assisted persons.
Analysis: This bill:
I. Provides that if a person has been a resident of a town for less than 90 days and seeks local assistance, the town may seek reimbursement for such assistance from the person's town of prior residence.
II. Permits reimbursement for case management of local assistance cases.
III. Establishes a committee to study local assistance provided under RSA 165, concerning aid to assisted persons.
INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE
- HB1562 **Title:** relative to assistance dogs.
Analysis: This bill:
I. Renames service dogs as assistance dogs.
II. Requires that all assistance dogs wear an identifying tag.
III. Allows the advisory council on emergency preparedness to use New Hampshire assistance dog identification tag registration information to prepare for emergencies.
INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE
- HB1596 **Title:** relative to the civil forfeiture of unlicensed dogs.
Analysis: This bill changes the time period during which dog owners who have failed to license their dogs shall be notified of the civil forfeiture of each unlicensed dog. This bill also increases the cost of the service of the warrant.
INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE
- HB1597 **Title:** relative to employer-provided health insurance coverage and prohibiting denial of coverage for preexisting conditions.
Analysis: This bill requires continuation of insurance coverage in the event of job loss until such time as the individual becomes eligible for other coverage or Medicare. This bill also prohibits denial of coverage for preexisting conditions.
INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

- HB1598 **Title:** relative to the use of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funds.
Analysis: This bill provides that all federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) block grant funds shall be used solely to administer the New Hampshire TANF program.
INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE
- HB1599 **Title:** establishing an emergency mental health and developmental disabilities database within the division of state police.
Analysis: This bill establishes an emergency mental health and developmental disabilities database within the division of state police. The commissioner of the department of safety and the commissioner of the department of health and human services are granted rulemaking authority for the purposes of the bill.
INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE
- HB1648 **Title:** prohibiting interference with access to medical services and health insurance of New Hampshire citizens.
Analysis: This bill makes it a misdemeanor for an officer of the government to interfere with or withhold medical services from legal residents of New Hampshire.
INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

2010 SENATE BILLS: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

- SB310 **Title:** (New Title) relative to studies of case management and sign language interpreters for the deaf and hard of hearing.
Analysis: This bill requires the New Hampshire commission on deafness and hearing loss and the board of licensing for interpreters for the deaf and hard of hearing to study certain issues relative to the deaf and hard of hearing.
INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE
- SB337 **Title:** relative to walking disability number plates.
Analysis: This bill clarifies that a person with a walking disability may receive special number plates for each motor vehicle owned by the person.
INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

- SB343 **Title:** relative to Medicaid managed care.
Analysis: This bill requires the commissioner of the department of health and human services to release a request for information (RFI) soliciting information regarding the feasibility of contracting with a managed care organization for risk-based managed care for all Medicaid recipients.
INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE
- SB417 **Title:** relative to national health care reform and Medicaid.
Analysis: This bill prohibits the expansion of the Medicaid program if Congress passes a national health insurance plan unless the expansion is approved by the general court or is paid for by the federal government.
INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE
- SB519 **Title:** relative to spending reductions for the department of health and human services.
Analysis: This bill makes certain spending reductions for the department of health and human services.
INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

SB450 Title: (New Title) relative to costs and expenditures at the department of health and human services, establishing a special fund for certain civil fines collected by the department, and relative to the due date for the Medicaid enhancement tax.

Amended Analysis: 1. Clarifies the administration of the New Hampshire employment program.

2. Makes the funded family assistance program (TANF) permissive rather than mandatory.

3. Allows the department of health and human services to make a claim for recovery of assistance for a deceased recipient from the division of abandoned property.

4. Repeals 2009, 144:211 requiring a report relative to suspending certain administrative requirements for community mental health centers for the biennium ending June 30, 2011.

5. Authorizes the commissioner of the department of health and human services to transfer funds within and among all accounting units within the department, to address present or projected budget deficits, or to respond to changes in federal laws, regulations, or programs, and as otherwise necessary for the efficient management of the department.

6. Permits funds from the lead paint poisoning prevention fund to be used to support program staff and administrative costs.

7. Transfers powers and duties for the New Hampshire refugee resettlement program from the governor's office to the department of health and human services.

8. Establishes a special account for civil fines collected by the department of health and human services under RSA 151.

9. Changes the due date for the Medicaid enhancement tax.

10. Renames the "multiple DWI offender intervention detention center program" as the "multiple DWI offender intervention program," and authorizes the commissioner of the department of health and human services to directly operate the program, to approve community-based providers of the program, or to contract with public or private entities to operate the program.

11. Requires the commission to examine driving while impaired education and intervention programs to study penalties for intoxication or under the influence of drugs offenses and submit a report of its findings.

12. Makes further reductions in the operating budget for the legislative and executive branches for fiscal years 2010 and 2011.

13. Requires the commissioner of the department of agriculture, markets and food to put out to bid administration of the animal population control fund.

14. Abolishes the position of animal population control assistant.

15. Provides that the department of health and human services shall not reduce funding provided to North Country Transportation used for meeting the state matching funds requirement for the Job Access and

Reverse Committee (JARC).

16. Suspends the catastrophic illness program in the department of health and human services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011.

17. Suspends the senior volunteer grant program in the department of health and human services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011.

18. Reduces required funding by the department of health and human services for juvenile placement programs and requires the department to report biennially on the effectiveness of the programs.

19. Reduces the rate paid to residential providers subject to the rate setting rule of the department of health and human services by 2 percent.

20. Extends the suspension of direct graduate medical education payments to hospitals until July 1, 2011.

21. Suspends the provision of indirect graduate medical education payments to hospitals through June, 2011.

22. Suspends catastrophic aid payments to hospitals effective June 15, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

23. Conditions eligibility for cash assistance and medical assistance benefits on the recipient filing an application for any federal cash assistance benefits for which the individual may be entitled.

24. Allows a municipality, with the approval of its legislative body, to adopt a local meals and rooms tax in addition to the state meals and rooms tax.

25. Reduces rooms and meals tax revenue distributions to towns and cities an additional \$6,091,930.

26. Removes the application of the rooms and meals tax to campsites.

27. Authorizes the state treasurer to refinance certain debt service obligations.

28. Increases the bonded appropriation for the university system of New Hampshire KEEP NH program by \$25,000,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2011.

29. Increases the tax rate imposed on tobacco products other than cigarettes.

30. Authorizes the department of administrative services to transfer moneys from certain dedicated funds or accounts maintained separately on the books of the state.

31. Requires the lapse of certain retirement pension benefit-health insurance funds.

32. Requires the lapse of certain judicial council funds for contracts for program services.

33. Requires the lapse of certain appropriations to the state treasurer for debt service.

34. Makes distributions from limited liability companies, partnerships, and associations subject to the interest and dividends tax only if they have transferable shares.

35. Establishes a commission to study business taxes.
36. Reduces the state's contribution for benefits under the New Hampshire retirement system for fiscal year 2011.
37. Increases the license fees for selling animals and birds.
38. Requires the lottery commission to submit a report to the governor and the legislature describing how it proposes to modernize and update its products.
39. Transfers certain appropriations relating to adequate education grants.
40. Specifies that state agency appropriation reductions in this bill are in addition to the reductions required by 2009, 143:22, I and 2009, 144:289.
41. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, suspends existing legal requirements for a special meeting of a school district and requires a special meeting of a school district to be held upon the majority vote of the school board to address changes to catastrophic aid funding.
42. Allows a town to call a special meeting during the 2011 fiscal year to address any reduction in the amount of state revenue distributed to the town which could affect the town's budget.
43. Allows state agencies to supplant general fund reductions with federal and other funds that may become available for that purpose.
44. Requires nonclassified and unclassified state employees to take 12 furlough days during fiscal year 2011.
45. Requires reductions in personnel expenditures in an agency to be distributed proportionately between classified and unclassified employees of such agency.
46. Provides that the procedure for reassignment of state employees prior to layoff is suspended and any positions intended by a department to be left vacant shall remain vacant.
47. Prohibits certain transfers of funds out of any class line which is the source of payment for Medicaid providers whose reimbursement rates are set by the department of health and human services and whose rates have been reduced by the department of health and human services through the use of a budget neutrality factor, a proportionate discount factor, or any similar reduction device.
48. Directs the department of health and human services to reduce state general fund appropriations from any line by a certain amount, excluding direct services unless approved by the fiscal committee of the general court and the governor and council.
49. Requires the relocation of the populations of the Anna Philbrook center and the Shea Farm transitional housing unit.
50. Establishes a committee to study the transfer of populations of the youth development center and the state prison for women.
51. Directs the state treasurer to deposit certain fine revenues in the general fund.

52. Replaces the electricity consumption tax paid by consumers with an electricity generation tax paid by generation facilities.

53. Sets the insurance premium tax at 2 percent for all lines of insurance.

54. Changes the rate of the New Hampshire estate tax to 8 percent of the gross value of the portion of the decedent's taxable estate that exceeds \$2,000,000.

55. Increases the fees for marriage licenses and vital record copies and amendments and requires a portion of the increase to be deposited in the general fund.

56. Prohibits departments from delaying a payment or expenditure from one fiscal year to the subsequent fiscal year solely for the purpose of generating an unexpended balance that would lapse in the preceding year.

57. Makes appropriation reductions for fiscal year 2011.

House Status: CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Senate Status: NONCONCURRED REQUEST CONFERENCE

G-Status: HOUSE

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