



New Hampshire Association of Counties

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STATE HOUSE UPDATE

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HEARINGS NEXT WEEK

Time	Location	Bill	Title
Tuesday			
2/28 11:15 AM	LOB 212 (H-Finance) Division I Work Session	HB 413	Relative to Payment By The State Of A Portion Of Retirement System Contributions Of Political Subdivision Employers.
Tuesday			
2/28 11:30 AM	LOB 212 (H-Finance) Division I Work Session	HB 624	Relative to Group II Vested Deferred Retirements, The Age Of Dependents In The Retiree Health Plan, and Retired Judges' Participation In The Retiree Health Plan.
Tuesday			
2/28 03:30 PM	LOB 209 (H-Finance) Division II Work Session	HB 649	Making Emergency Medical Technicians and Rescue Squad Members Eligible For A Death Benefit If Killed In The Line Of Duty.
Wednesday			
3/1 11:00 AM	LOB 306 (H-Executive Departments and Administration) Executive Session	HB 366	Relative to The Calculation Of Average Final Compensation Under The Retirement System For Certain Members.
Wednesday			
3/1 11:00 AM	LOB 306 (H-Executive Departments and Administration) Executive Session	HB 323	Relative to Powers and Duties Of The Assessing Standards Board.

Wednesday			
3/1 01:00 PM	LOB 306 (H-Executive Departments and Administration) Executive Session	HB 548	Increasing The Age At Which A Pension Begins For Non-vested and Newly-hired Group I Members Of The Retirement System.
Thursday			
3/2 03:00 PM	LOB 209 (H-Finance) Division II Work Session	HB 649	Making Emergency Medical Technicians and Rescue Squad Members Eligible For A Death Benefit If Killed In The Line Of Duty.

On the Floor Next Week

SENATE IS IN RECESS NEXT WEEK

No Session

HOUSE IS IN SESSION BUT ONLY COMMITTEE HEARINGS

Next session days will be March 8th and 9th

Highlights From This Week

HOUSE

In Committee

HB 394 relative to public employees testifying before legislative committees

Rep Hoell introduced the bill

Rep Itse, co-sponsor, spoke in support of the bill

Penny Dean, an attorney in NH spoke in support of the bill

DES, SEIU and the Municipal Association all spoke against the bill

The committee did not seem to think this bill was workable as written

It was ITL'd 12-0

HB 561 relative to contributions by employers of part-time employees receiving retirement system pensions and relative to enforcement of provisions concerning retired members working part-time after retirement

This bill has gone through several versions

Latest version says if you take a full time retirement system position and convert it to part time or fill it with an interim position, for 12 months the employer will have to pay into the retirement system as if it was a full time position

Ray Bower is reviewing the latest amendment for potential issues

Amendment 0611H passed committee 20-0

Bill was OPTA 20-0 and will be on the consent calendar

HB 543 relative to part-time employment by a retiree for a retirement system employer

ITL 20-0 and will be on the consent calendar

HB 542 relative to retired members employed in a part-time position by retirement system employers.

ITL 20-0 and will be on the consent calendar

SB 143 allowing for notarized signatures electronically on court documents

Senator Lasky introduced her bill

Judge Kelly from the Courts brought in an amendment that would apply this only to guardianships

They don't feel they can get a blanket bill through the House

Senator Carson recessed the hearing so the bill could be reviewed by Senate Counsel

NOTES

Language for bills is beginning to emerge. If a bill has an official HB or SB number then the language is available to the public. You can review the language of any bill throughout the session at

http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill_status/quick_search.html.

Governor's Budget

<https://das.nh.gov/budget/Budget2018-2019/GovernorsBudgetBill.pdf#05-95-48>

HB 2 relative to state fees, funds, revenues, and expenditures.

http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill_status/billText.aspx?sy=2017&id=1006&txtFormat=html

Crossover is APRIL 6TH