



New Hampshire Association of Counties

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STATE HOUSE UPDATE

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HEARINGS NEXT WEEK

Time	Location	Bill	Title
Monday			
3/13 10:00 AM	LOB 210-211 (H-Executive Departments and Administration) Executive Session	HB 413	Relative to Payment By The State Of A Portion Of Retirement System Contributions Of Political Subdivision Employers.
Monday			
3/13 10:00 AM	LOB 210-211 (H-Finance) Executive 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.
Monday			
3/13 10:00 AM	LOB 210-211 (H-Finance) Executive Session	HB 649	Making Emergency Medical Technicians and Rescue Squad Members Eligible For A Death Benefit If Killed In The Line Of Duty.
Tuesday			
3/14 09:00 AM	SH 100 (S-Judiciary) Hearing	HB 259	Relative to The Records Of The Probate Court.
Tuesday			
3/14 10:15 AM	SH 100 (S-Judiciary) Hearing	HB 178	Establishing A Commission to Study Processes to Resolve Right-to-know Complaints.
Tuesday			
3/14 1:15 PM	LOB 101 (S-Health and Human Services) Hearing	SB 161	Establishing A Commission to Evaluate The Direct Care Workforce and Preparedness Of Long-term Care and Support Services For Aging Adults with Dementia or Other Cognitive Brain Injuries.

Tuesday			
3/14 02:00 PM	LOB 101 (S-Health and Human Services) Hearing	SB 151	Relative to Arbitration Agreements In Nursing Home Contracts.
Wednesday			
3/15 09:15 AM	LOB 102 (S-Public and Municipal Affairs) Hearing	HB 117	Relative to The Property Tax Exemption For Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities.
Wednesday			
3/15 09:30 AM	LOB 102 (S-Public and Municipal Affairs) Hearing	HB 120	Relative to Deposit Of County Unassigned Fund Balances In A Revenue Stabilization Reserve Account.
Wednesday			
3/15 09:45 AM	LOB 101 (S-Executive Departments and Administration) Hearing	HB 219	Establishing A Demographic Study Committee.
Wednesday			
3/15 10:00 AM	LOB 102 (S-Public and Municipal Affairs) Hearing	HB 144	Relative to Procedures For Adoption Of The Budget For Rockingham County.
Wednesday			
3/15 10:30 AM	LOB 102 (S-Public and Municipal Affairs) Hearing	HB 167	Relative to Audits Of County Funds.
Wednesday			
3/15 1:00 PM	LOB 204 (H-Criminal Justice and Public Safety) Public Hearing	SB 68	Relative to Sentencing For Violations Of Probation.

On the Floor Next Week

No House Session Next Week

The Senate

Consent

SB 198—relative to electronic publication by the probate division ITL

HB 127—relative to vacancies in county offices OTP

Regular Calendar

SB 83—relative to the State minimum wage ITL

SB 226—relative to eliminating the waiting period before eligibility to receive unemployment benefits OTP

SB 143—allowing notarized signatures electronically on court documents OPA

SB 152—relative to criminal history background checks for certain health care workers OPA

CACR 8 relative to eliminating registers of Probate OPA

On the Floor Last Week

Consent Calendar

HB 397 – relative to juvenile justice procedures OTPA

HB 308 – requiring propane companies to file notice with the register of deed of underground propane tanks
ITL

HB 97 – relative to the use of drones OTP

HB 526 – relative to rules relating to prison rehabilitation programs and inmate health ITL

HB 626 – relative to annulment of criminal records PULLED FROM CONSENT

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

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

HB 561 – relative to contributions by employers of part-time employees receiving retirement system pensions
to enforcement... OTPA

HB 260 – relative to allodial title and violations of oath of office ITL

HB 460 – relative to minutes under right to know law OTPA

HB 110 – requiring members of the press corps covering the proceeding of the general court to wear a name
tag ITL

HB 300 – requiring state employees and state public officials to display identification badges when attending
meetings and hearings of the general court ITL

HB 394 – relative to public employees testifying before legislative committees PULLED FROM CONSENT

HB 303 – relative to filling vacancies on the office of county commissioner PULLED FROM CONSENT

HB 411 – relative to calculation of collection dates for local property taxes ITL

HB 491 – relative to default budgets PULLED FROM CONSENT

HB 498 – relative to certification requirements for holding the office of sheriff ITL

HB 503 – relative to notice to property owners regarding changes in assessments of property values for tax
purposes ITL

HB 530 – relative to charges for services by register of deeds ITL

*Those bills pulled from consent will go to the end of the regular calendar

Regular Calendar

HB 205 – flying a drone above a correctional facility TABLED

HB 294 – relative to cost of fiscal analysis of legislation to the retirement system OTP 213-130

HB 548 – increasing the age at which a pension begins for non-vested and newly hired group I members of
the retirement system ITL 204-121

HB 599 – establishing the office of ombudsman in the department of state TABLED

HB 170 – relative to posting notice and minutes of public meetings on the public body's website OTPA 313-45

HB 115 – establishing a state minimum wage and providing for adjustments to the minimum wage ITL RC 193-
169

HB 194 – permitting employers to pay wages to employees weekly or biweekly OTP Voice Vote

HB 442 – relative to criminal records in the employee application process ITL Voice Vote

HB 461 – relative to the acceptance of grants by Carroll County OTP Voice Vote

HB 626 - relative to annulment of criminal records Tabled

HB 394 - relative to public employees testifying before legislative committees Tabled

HB 303 - relative to filling vacancies in the office of county commissioner OTPA Voice Vote

HB 491 - relative to default budgets ITL Voice Vote

The Senate

SB 137—relative to licensure by endorsement granted by the board of nursing OTPA Voice Vote

SB 146—requiring the department of health and human services to develop a centralized state system for transporting persons subject to involuntary emergency admission Tabled

Highlights From This Week

Senate

IN COMMITTEE

SB 226

- Senator Feltes Introduced the bill
- Eliminates the one week waiting period for unemployment
- NH Legal Assistance testified in support of the bill
- NH Employment Security—No Position on the bill
 - Advisory Council does support the bill
- Dan McGuire, Liberty Alliance testified in opposition
 - This is a cost to worker and will impact workers
 - Not in favor of forcing workers to spend money in a way they do not choose
- Committee voted OTP

SB 155—relative to implementation of Medicaid Managed Care Program

- Senator Sanborn Introduced the bill
- Would delay Step 2 for 2 years
- There were a large number of speakers
- Kate testified on behalf of the Association
- With 3 co-sponsors sitting on the Committee, unlikely that this bill will not receive and OTP motion

SB 143—Allowing for notarized signature electronically on Court Documents

- This was a continuation of the previous hearing
- Focus was on Amendment which changes the bill to just guardianships
- Likely that the Committee will pass this

HB 108—relative to municipal record retention and conversion

- Rep Williams introduced the bill
- This bill would allow municipalities to store documents electronically that are being retained less than 10 years
- There will be a minor amendment, but likely to pass committee

HB 127—relative to vacancies in county offices

- Rep Sterling introduced the bill
- This bill allows secret ballot for filling vacancies and a majority of ballots cast
- The Committee exec'd the bill OTP 5-0

NOTES

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