



New Hampshire Association of Counties

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STATE HOUSE UPDATE

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HEARINGS NEXT WEEK

Time	Location	Bill	Title
Tuesday			
4/25 9:30AM	LOB 205 (H-Health, Human Services & Elderly Affairs/h) Executive Session	SB 157	Relative to Network Adequacy and Consumer Rights Under The Managed Care Law.
	LOB 205 (H-Health, Human Services & Elderly Affairs/h) Executive Session	SB 155	Relative to Implementation Of The Medicaid Managed Care Program.
	LOB 205 (H-Health, Human Services & Elderly Affairs/h) Executive Session	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.
4/25 10:00 AM	LOB 208 (H-Judiciary/h) Executive Session	SB 232	Relative to The Issuance Of A Summons Instead Of Arrest.
4/25 10:30 AM	LOB 104 (H-Legislative Administration/h) Public Hearing	SB 35	(second New Title) Relative to The Guidelines Of The Legislative Ethics Committee.
Wednesday			
4/26 09:00 AM	LOB 101 (S-Executive Departments and Administration/s) Hearing	HB 171	Prohibiting The State or Its Political Subdivisions From Assisting A Federal Agency In The Collection Of Electronic Data Without A Warrant.
4/26 10:15 AM	LOB 101 (S-Executive Departments and Administration/s) Hearing	HB 323	(new Title) Relative to Standards For Revaluations Established By The Assessing Standards Board.

Highlights from this Week

SB 155- Relative to Implementation of the Medicaid Managed Care Program

- Commissioner Maglaras testified on behalf of the Association
 - highlighting the importance of how we are going to pay for Step II
 - We presented our amendment with our language from HB 2
- Representative Kurk also testified
 - He asked that the date be moved from January 1 to July 1
 - He also supported the concept of our amendment, but stated that he has an agreement with the Senate that all HB 2 language will be on the table for debate during the committee of conference
- Both MCO's testified at the hearing, but neither did themselves any favors

Public Affairs Executive Session

HB 296— allowing counties to authorize and fund forensic audits

- Retained in Committee
- There were still a lot of questions about the language and its placement in the statute
- Senator Gray suggested that they keep the bill in committee since there has been some turnover in Carroll County, and see if this bill is even necessary next year.

HB 461— relative to the acceptance of grants by Carroll county.

- They discussed this bill, but did not exec it
- They are still working out some of the language
- We have asked Senator Kahn to share his amendment language with us before the next meeting

HB 120—relative to deposit of county unassigned fund balances in a revenue stabilization reserve account.

- ITL'd and placed on the consent calendar
- This is already in statute

Presentation to Senate Finance Committee

George Maglaras and Craig Labore presented to the Finance Committee this morning on County Concerns

Senator Morse and Senator Daniels were in attendance

Senator Morse stressed that he did not think that the language in SB 155 was necessary at all because there would be a lot of Steps including the Legislature agreeing to transfer millions of dollars to the MCO's before Step 2 could even be considered and he does not believe that is going to happen any time soon.

On the Floor Next Week

THE HOUSE

Will not meet again until May 4th

THE SENATE

Consent Calendar

HB 120, relative to deposit of county unassigned fund balances in a revenue stabilization reserve account.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

HB 296, allowing counties to authorize and fund forensic audits. Re-refer to Committee, Vote 4-1.