

HEAC Legislative Report – 2/9/10
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House Deadlines:

Thursday, February 11, 2010	Last day to act on House Bills going to a second committee
Thursday, February 18, 2010	Last day to report House Bills not going to a second committee
Thursday, March 18, 2010	Last day to report all remaining House Bills
Thursday, March 25, 2010	Last day to act on House Bills CROSSOVER
Thursday, April 15, 2010	Last day to report Senate Bills going to a second committee
Thursday, April 22, 2010	Last day to report Senate Bills going to a second committee
Thursday, April 22, 2010	Last day to act on Senate Bills going to a second committee
Thursday, May 6, 2010	Last day to report all Senate Bills
Thursday, May 13, 2010	Last day to act on Senate Bills
Thursday, May 20, 2010	Last day to form Committees of Conference
Thursday, May 27, 2010	Last day to sign Committee of Conference reports
Wednesday, June 2, 2010	Last day to act on Committee of Conference reports

Senate Deadlines:

Thursday, March 04, 2010	Deadline for Policy Committees to ACT on all Senate money bills, except bills exempted pursuant Senate Rule 26(b).
Thursday, March 25, 2010	CROSSOVER - Last day to ACT on all remaining Senate Bills.
Thursday, April 08, 2010	Deadline for Policy Committees to ACT on all House money bills, except bills exempted pursuant to Senate Rule 26(b).
Wednesday, May 12, 2010	Last Day to ACT on all remaining House bills.
Wednesday, May 19, 2010	Last day to FORM Committees of Conference.
Thursday, May 27, 2010 at 12:00 p.m.	Last day to SIGN Committee of Conference Reports.
Wednesday, June 2, 2010	Last day to ACT on Committee of Conference Reports.

Home education bills

- HB368 – relative to annual goals in a home education program.
This bill requires a parent who is providing a home education program to include, as part of the notification process, a written statement affirming that the home education program shall contain instruction in certain subjects as defined in law.
Minority amendment 2010-018h, revised analysis: This bill changes the definition of home education and the evaluation procedure used to determine the child's educational progress.
Sponsors: (Prime) Judith Day
 - 1/13/2010 – House adopted committee report of ITL on a roll call vote of 324-34

- HB 1580 - relative to home schooling.
Sponsors: (Prime) Paul Ingbreton, Carol Vita, Robert Willette, Edith Hogan
This bill establishes that parents have a natural, fundamental right to determine and direct the education of their children. The bill also exempts children who are receiving educational instruction from a parent from the compulsory attendance requirements.
 - 1/21/2010 – HEC Public hearing, 1:00 PM, LOB 205-207
 - 2/9/10 – Subcommittee work session, 12:30 PM, LOB 207
 - 2/16/2010 – Executive session 10:00 AM LOB 207
 - This is the last scheduled HEC meeting before the deadline for reporting the bill out of committee.
 - There are currently 9 bills scheduled for the HEC executive session on 2/16.

Truancy Bills

- HB 154, relative to truancy
Sponsors: (Prime) Nancy Stiles, Lucy Weber, Barbara Shaw, Edward Moran, David Welch (all members of the Committee to study truancy statutes)
This bill makes various changes to the laws on truancy. This bill is a request of the committee to study the truancy laws established in 2008, 241 (HB 1161).
 - 1/13/2010 – Senate adopted committee report of OTP/AM on a voice vote.
 - 2.10/2010 – House vote on concurrence, non-concurrence, or Committee of Conference

Compulsory Attendance/Dropout Bills

- HB 1386 – requiring school boards to develop dropout prevention policies.
Sponsors: (Prime) Andrew R. Peterson, Bonnie Mitchell, Lou D'Allesandro
This bill requires school boards to implement a dropout prevention and dropout recovery policy consistent with the provisions of the department of education's dropout prevention and dropout recovery program.
 - 1/27/2010 – House voted to adopt the committee report of ITL on a voice vote

Parental rights

- CACR 29 – relating to parental rights. Providing that the state shall not abridge the responsibility of parents for the health, education, and welfare of their children.
Sponsors: (Prime) Daniel C Itse, Walter Kolodziej, Mary Griffin, David Bates, Dudley Dumaine, Robert Letourneau, John Barnes, Jr.
This constitutional amendment concurrent resolution provides that the state shall not abridge the responsibility of parents for the health, education, and welfare of their children.
 - 2/11/2010 – Children and Family Law Executive Session, 11:00 AM LOB 206

There are also a number of bills that have the potential to affect the operation of HEAC.

Right-to-Know Law

- HB53 – relative to the definition of "public body" under the right-to-know law.
Sponsors: (Prime)
This bill clarifies the definition of "public body" for the purposes of the right-to-know law.
 - 1/6/2010 – House adopted Judiciary recommendation of OTP/AM on a voice vote
 - As the bill reads currently, I do not believe there will be any impact on the council.
- HB425 – relative to remedies under the state right-to-know law and continually appropriating a special fund.
This bill clarifies the remedies for violations of the right-to-know law. The bill establishes a civil penalty for violations of the law which are to be deposited in a special fund. This bill is a request of the right-to-know oversight commission established in RSA 91-A:11.
 - 1/6/2010 – House adopted HJC report of OTP/AM on a voice vote
 - 2/11/2010 – House Ways and Means Committee Executive Session, 9:30 AM, LOB 202
- HB1284 - relative to posting of minutes under the right-to-know law.
Sponsors: (Prime) Liz H Merry, Frank Tupper
This bill requires draft minutes of meetings under the right-to-know law to be available within 5 business days in 2 public locations, one of which is always available for public viewing.
 - 2/4/2010 – House Judiciary Committee Executive Session held, but no report published yet
 - This bill, if passed as written, would affect the way council minutes are distributed.

Sunsetting

- HB2 in 2009 contained the following language:
"144:87 Boards, Commissions, and Councils; Expiration Date.
I.(a) Except as provided in subparagraph (b), all non-regulatory boards, commissions, councils, advisory committees, and task forces in state government created by statute or administrative rule shall expire on June 30, 2011, unless reinstated by the general court. The office of legislative services shall provide a list of all such boards, commissions, councils, advisory committees, and task forces in state government created by statute or administrative rule to the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate president, and the governor on or before September 30, 2009."
 - The chair of the committee charged with performing a review is Rep Laurie Harding. As of 1/29/10, the Home Education Advisory Council is on the committee's list of bodies with a recommendation of "Do Not Repeal; Reinstatement".
- HB1451-R relative to the expiration dates of certain committees.
Sponsors: (Prime) L. Mike Kappler
"This bill exempts the local river management advisory committees, the rivers management advisory committee, the New Hampshire lakes management and protection program, including the lakes management advisory committee, and the oil fund disbursement board from the expiration dates under 2009, 144:87."
 - 2/9/2010 – Legislative Administration Executive Session, 3:00 PM, LOB 104
- HB1689-R exempting certain non-regulatory boards, commissions, councils, advisory committees, and task forces from repeal on June 30, 2011.
Sponsors: (Prime) Laurie Harding, Neil Kurk, Anne-Marie Irwin, Michael Downing, Jacalyn Cilley (*these are the five legislators serving on the study committee*)
 - 1/12/2010 – Late drafting and introduction approved by Rules Committee
 - 2/8/2010 – Legislative Administration Public Hearing
 - 2/9/2010 – Legislative Administration Executive Session, 3:00 PM, LOB 104
- HB1690-R making statutory changes required by the repeal of certain non-regulatory boards, commissions, councils, advisory committees, and task forces.
Sponsors: (Prime) Laurie Harding
 - 1/12/2010 – Late drafting and introduction approved by Rules Committee
 - 2/8/2010 – Legislative Administration Public Hearing
 - 2/9/2010 – Legislative Administration Executive Session, 3:00 PM, LOB 104

Other

- SB440 - relative to executive branch ethics.
Sponsors: (Prime) Amanda Merrill, Sheila Roberge, Janet Wall
"This bill revises certain voting, quorum, and complaint procedures of the executive branch ethics committee."
 - Referred to the Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee
 - This bill as written will not likely affect the functioning of the council.