

HEAC Legislative Report – 12/14/10
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Members of the legislature who were elected on November 2 were sworn in on December 1. HEAC members Senator Molly Kelly and Representative Paul Ingbretson were re-elected. Representative Emma Rous did not run for office this term.

NH House

Deadlines

Wednesday, January 12, 2011 (noon)	Last day to sign off all House LSRs, including petitions, other than petitions involving the election qualifications of a member to serve in the House.
Wednesday, February 2, 2011	Last day to introduce HBs etc. and amend House Rules by majority vote.

The period for House members to file LSR's ended on December 3.

RWilliam Smith was elected Speaker of the House. Committee assignments are expected to be made public around December 15. The following leadership appointments of interest have been made:

- House Education Committee chair
 - Chair – Michael Balboni
 - Vice Chairman – Ralph Boehm
- House Children and Family Law Committee
 - Chair – Edward Moran
 - Vice Chairman – Edith Hogan

NH Senate

Deadlines

Wednesday, January 12, 2011 (noon)	The Last Day to sign-off legislation for the above filing period [ending December 10, 2010].
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The period for Senate members to file LSR's ended on December 10.

Peter Bragdon was elected President of the Senate. He has made the following appointments of interest:

- Senate Education Committee:
 - Chair – Nancy Stiles
- Senate Health and Human Services Committee:
 - Chair – Jeb Bradley

Court Cases

Oral arguments for the NH Supreme Court case 2009-0751, In the Matter of Martin F. Kurowski and Brenda A. Kurowski, will be heard at 9:30 AM on Thursday, January 6, 2011. The hearing is open to the public. Briefs of all parties are available at the court website. Recordings of oral arguments are made available at the court website, with a slight delay.

As of today, the highest LSR number published at the General Court website is 1069. 79 LSR's have been withdrawn. Although the deadline for Senators to file LSR's has passed, it is possible that not all have yet been listed at the website by Legislative Services. There are also some gaps in the numbering, which indicates an LSR which was filed but not made public.

The following LSR's of possible interest have been filed. LSR's that are struck through have been withdrawn.

Home Education Law

- 2011-H-0013-R repealing the department of education's rulemaking authority for home education. (Prime)David Bates
- 2011-H-0317-R repealing certain statutory authority of the department of education and transferring such authority to the state board of education (Prime)Charles Sova
- 2011-H-0827-R making various changes to the home education statutes. (Prime) James Parison
- 2011-H-0849-R relative to home schooling. (Prime) Paul Ingbretson

Compulsory attendance, dropouts, expulsions

- 2011-H-0313-R establishing a committee to study the recodification of the education statutes (Prime)Charles Sova
- 2011-H-0722-R relative to changes to the compulsory school attendance statute. (Prime) James Parison
- 2011-H-0755-R amending the compulsory attendance law to permit parent-directed learner programs (Prime) Laura Jones
- 2011-S-0767-R relative to the determination of residency for certain pupils. (Prime) Nancy Stiles
- 2011-H-0826-R permitting a child 16 years of age or older to withdraw from school with parental permission. (Prime) James Parison
- 2011-H-0828-R amending the compulsory school attendance statutes, amending the statute for suspension or expulsion of a pupil for possession of certain weapons, and repealing the rulemaking and reporting provisions. (Prime) Joseph Hoell
- 2011-S-0997-L relative to pupils attending more than one public school. (Prime) Amanda Merrill

Vouchers, abatements, tax credits

- 2011-H-0070-R granting the parents of school children an education voucher for a child to attend a school other than the assigned public school. (Prime)Carol Vita
- 2011-H-0283-L requiring all state education funds to be distributed to taxpayers as education vouchers (Prime)Jerry Bergevin
- 2011-H-0962-L relative to vouchers and school choice. (Prime) Tom De Blois

Special education/disabilities

- 2011-H-0183-R relative to state standards for special education pupils. (Prime)Neal Kurk
- 2011-H-0255-R establishing a Medicaid waiver program to provide in-home support services for medically fragile children (Prime)Robert Elliot
- 2011-H-0651-R establishing a committee to study the rising incidence of autism. (Prime) Sandra Keans
- 2011-H-0661-R relative to persons with disabilities transitioning from school to work. (Prime) Gary Daniels

Driver's education

- 2011-H-0163-R allowing a parent or legal guardian to accompany a minor during the minor's driving test. (Prime)Frank Sapareto
- 2011-H-0477-R transferring the division of motor vehicles from the department of safety to the department of transportation (Prime)Neal Kurk
- 2011-S-1033-R relative to the driver training fund. (Prime) John Gallus

College access:

- 2011-H-0581-R prohibiting preferences in recruiting, hiring, promotion, or admission by state agencies, the university system, the community college system, and the postsecondary education commission. (Prime) Gary Hopper
- 2011-H-0959-R relative to criteria for designation as a Granite State scholar. (Prime) Lou D'Allesandro
- 2011-S-1014-R relative to the Granite State Scholars program. (Prime) Molly Kelly

Parental rights

- 2011-H-0081-R relative to parental rights. Providing that parents have certain rights unless they commit an act that amounts to forfeiture. (Prime)Daniel Itse
- 2011-H-0719-R adding an exemption from immunization for conscientious beliefs. (Prime) George Lambert

Child Protection Act, DCYF, custody

- 2011-H-0128-R relative to appointments and reappointments of marital masters. (Prime)Robert Rowe
- 2011-H-0191-R relative to grounds for modification of parental rights and responsibilities. (Prime)Carolyn Gargas
- 2011-H-0445-R establishing a committee to study the juvenile delinquency and children in need of services statutes (Prime)Patricia Dowling
- 2011-H-0546-R establishing a child protection study committee. (Prime)Daniel Itse
- 2011-H-0662-R relative to procedures for juvenile delinquency petitions filed by a school district or school official. (Prime) Barbara Shaw
- 2011-H-0856-R relative to the definition of a child in need of services. (Prime) Joseph Pitre

School improvement

- 2011-H-0122-R relative to the substantive content of an adequate education. (Prime)Ralph Boehm
- 2011-H-0387-R requiring legislative approval for the adoption of the common core standards in New Hampshire (Prime) Rick Ladd, Ralph Boehm
- 2011-H-0437-R requiring daily physical education for public school pupils (Prime) Sean Cox
- 2011-H-0467-R relative to the consolidation of school administrative units. (Prime) John Barnes, Jr., Amanda Merrill, Bob Odell, Raymond White
- 2011-H-0604-R relative to the instructional authority of school boards. (Prime) Rick Ladd
- 2011-H-0620-R relative to the required number of instructional days and instructional hours in a school district calendar. (Prime) Rick Ladd, Ralph Boehm
- 2011-H-0753-L requiring the teaching of cardio pulmonary resuscitation in public schools. (Prime) Dale Spainhower

School funding

- 2011-H-0914-R establishing a committee to study vocational center funding. (Prime) Lars Christiansen

Citizens and government

- ~~2011-H-0042-R relative to review of administrative rules. (Prime)Thomas Bueo~~
- 2011-H-0068-R permitting the audio and video recording of any public official while in the course of their official duties. (Prime)Jennifer Coffey
- 2011-H-0086-R relative to the review and approval of proposed agency rules under the administrative procedures act. (Prime)Carol McGuire
- 2011-H-0089-R allowing the recording of public officials. (Prime)Lars Christiansen
- 2011-H-0112-R relative to the definition of conflicts of interest of executive branch officials and employees. (Prime)William O'Brien
- 2011-H-0171-R expanding the information included on the state's website. (Prime)Kenneth Weyler
- 2011-H-0270-R requiring agency rules to be submitted to legislative policy committees. (Prime)Andrew Renzullo
- 2011-H-0338-R establishing a sunset review process for executive agency and judicial programs and making an appropriation therefore. (Prime)Paul Mirski
- 2011-H-0380-R relative to public access to advisory committee meetings under the right-to-know law. (Prime)John Tholl
- 2011-S-0995-R relative to rulemaking efficiency and public input and participation. (Prime) Amada Merrill

Miscellaneous

- 2011-S-0953-R relative to the authority of state agency commissioners to administer their departments. (Prime) Chuck Morse