

NH House

Deadlines

Thursday, May 5, 2011	Last day to act on SBs going to a second committee.
Wednesday, May 25, 2011	First day to file LSRs for the 2012 session.
Thursday, May 26, 2011	Last day to report all remaining SBs and list of retained SBs.
Thursday, June 2, 2011	Last day to act on Senate bills.
Wednesday, June 8, 2011	Last day to form Committees of Conference. Last day to file LSRs for the 2012 session.
Thursday, June 16, 2011	Last day to sign Committee of Conference reports.
Thursday, June 23, 2011	Last day to act on Committee of Conference reports.

NH Senate

Deadlines

Thursday, May 05, 2011	Deadline for Policy Committees to ACT on all House bills with a fiscal impact, except bills exempted pursuant to Senate Rule 4-3 (b).
Thursday, June 02, 2011	Last Day to ACT on all House bills.
Wednesday, June 08, 2011	Last Day to FORM Committees of Conference.
Thursday, June 16, 2011 at 12:00 p.m.	Last Day to SIGN Committee of Conference Reports.
Thursday, June 23, 2011	Last Day to ACT on Committee of Conference Reports.

Court Cases

On 3/16/11, the NH Supreme Court issued an opinion on case 2009-0751, In the Matter of Martin F. Kurowski and Brenda A. Kurowski. The court, with a vote of 5-0, upheld the opinion of the lower court, finding that “the evidence provides an objective basis sufficient to sustain the trial court’s discretionary judgment that it was in daughter’s best interests to attend public school for the 2009-2010 school year.” Other excerpts of interest:

- “In recent years, home schooling has become a widely used alternative to more traditional public or private schools as the vehicle for educating children. Courts have neither the mandate nor the expertise to determine, from among these options, which generally provides the most suitable education.”
- “The United States Constitution protects the fundamental right of parents to make decisions concerning the custody, care and control of their children, including a child’s education and religious upbringing.”
 - Troxel v. Granville (US, 2000)
 - Wisconsin v. Yoder (US, 1972)
 - Pierce v. Society of Sisters (US, 1925)
 - In the Matter of Jeffrey G. & Janette P (NH, 2006)

Home Education Law

- HB219 - establishing a committee to study the abolishment of the department of education. (Prime) Charles Sova, Steven Winter, Paul LaCasse
 - 3/4/2011 – retained in House Education Committee
- HB301-FN - amending the home education statutes. (Prime) James Parison, Paul Mirski, Charles Sova, Raymond White, Sharon Carson
 - 2/24/2011 – retained in House Education Committee
- HB545 - repealing the department of education's rulemaking authority for home education. (Prime) David Bates, Marilinda Garcia, Paul Ingbretson, Ralph Boehm, Jon Richardson, Sharon Carson, Fenton Groen
 - 2/24/2011 – retained in House Education Committee
- HB595 - amending the compulsory school attendance statutes to permit parent-directed instruction programs and repealing the home education statutes. (Prime) Laura Jones, Andrew Manuse, Seth Cohn, Alfred Baldasaro, Carol Vita, Harry Accornero, Kevin Avard, Stephen Palmer, Tyler Simpson, Raymond White, James Forsythe, Jim Luther
 - 2/24/2011 – retained in House Education Committee

Compulsory attendance, dropouts expulsions

- HB429 - permitting a child 16 years of age or older to withdraw from school with parental permission. (Prime) James Parison, Paul Mirski, Charles Sova, Paul Ingbretson, David Bates, Raymond White
 - 3/15/2011 – House voted 210-134 OTP on a roll call vote
 - 4/26/11 – Public hearing, Senate Education Committee
- HB542 - (New Title) prohibiting a school district from requiring that a parent send his or her child to any school or program to which the parent may be conscientiously opposed. (Prime) Joseph Hoell
 - 3/9/2011 – House Education Committed voted 11-5 OTP/AM
 - 3/15/2011 – House voted to adopt committee amendment on a voice vote
 - 3/15/2011 – House voted 197-148 OTP/AM on a roll call vote
 - 4/5/2011 – Public hearing, Senate Education Committee
 - 4/6/2011 – Senate Education Committee voted 4-1 ITL
 - 4/13/2011 – Senate voted to lay on the table
 - Amendment may be brought to the floor
- SB37 - relative to the determination of residency for certain pupils. (Prime) Nancy Stiles, Sharon Carson, Jeffrey St. Cyr, Barbara Shaw, Rick Ladd
 - 4/14/2011 – Public hearing, House Education Committee
 - 5/10/2011 – Executive session, House Education Committee

Vouchers, abatements, tax credits

- HB340-FN - promoting parental choice in education and providing for an abatement from the education taxes for parents of children not enrolled in the public school system. (Prime) Carol Vita, Lars Christiansen, Cameron DeJong, Laura Jones, L. Vita, Wyman Shuler, John Cebrowski, James Forsythe
 - 3/16/2011 – House voted ITL 227-114 on a roll call vote
- SB67 - establishing a committee to study school vouchers and school choice. (Prime) Tom De Blois
 - 4/21/2011 – Public hearing, House Education
 - 5/17/2011 – House Education Committee executive session, 1:00 PM, LOB 207

Special education/disabilities

- HB353-FN - establishing a Medicaid waiver program to provide in-home support services for medically fragile children or children with chronic illness. (Prime)Robert Elliot, Charles McMahon
 - 2/17/2011 – House Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee voted OTP/AM 16-0, #0160h
 - 2/23/2011 – House voted to adopt HHSEA recommendation on a voice vote
 - 3/17/2011 – House Finance Committee executive session, 1:00 PM LOB 210-211
 - 3/22/2011 – House Finance Committee voted ITL 24-0
 - 3/30/2011 – House voted ITL, consent calendar
- HB407 - establishing a committee to study the rising incidence of autism. (Prime) Sandra Keans, Donna Schlachman
 - 3/15/2011 – House voted ITL (consent calendar)

College access:

- HB623 - 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, Timothy Comerford, Lucien Vita, Paul Ingbretson
 - 3/10/2011 – House Executive Departments and Administration voted ITL 9-6
 - 3/15/2011 – House voted OTP 219-79 on a roll call vote
 - 5/12/2011 – Public hearing, Senate Executive Departments and Administration, 9:30 AM, SH 100
- SB45 - relative to criteria for designation as a Granite State scholar. (Prime) Lou D'Allesandro, Sharon Carson, Molly Kelly, John Gallus, Bob Odell, Jim Rausch, Sylvia Larsen, Matthew Houde, Amanda Merrill
 - 4/14/2011 – Public hearing, House Education Committee
 - 5/4/2011 – House Education Committee voted OTP/AM 17-0

Parental rights

- CACR9 - relating to parental rights. Providing that the state shall not abridge the responsibility of parents for the health, education, and welfare of their children. (Prime)Daniel Itse, Paul Ingbretson, Timothy Comerford, Paul Mirski, Andrew Manuse, Carl Seidel
 - 3/15/2011 – House voted OTP/AM 221-117 on a division vote
 - 3/15/2011 – House voted down a motion for reconsideration 158-186 on a division vote
- HB416 - adding an exemption from immunization for conscientious beliefs. (Prime) George Lambert, Laura Jones, Daniel Itse, Seth Cohn, Clavin Pratt, Frank Sapareto, James Belanger, Andrew Manuse, John McDonnell
 - 3/7/2011 – House Children and Family Law voted ITL 8-3
 - 3/15/2011 – House voted ITL 215-149 on a roll call vote
 - 3/15/2011 – House voted down a motion for reconsideration on a voice vote

Child Protection Act, DCYF, custody

- HB151 - relative to appointments and reappointments of marital masters. (Prime)Robert Rowe, Jordan Ulery, Daniel Itse, Mary Gorman
 - 2/15/2011 – Retained in committee
- HB168 - establishing a committee to study the juvenile delinquency and children in need of services statutes (Prime)Patricia Dowling, Debra DeSimone
 - 4/28/2011 – Public hearing, Senate Health and Human Services Committee
 - 4/28/2011 – Senate Health and Human Services Committee voted OTP 4-0
 - 5/4/2011 – Senate voted OTP on a voice vote
- HB296 - relative to procedures for juvenile delinquency petitions filed by a school district or school official. (Prime) Barbara Shaw
 - 3/3/2011 – Retained in House Education Committee
- HB395 - establishing a child protection study committee. (Prime)Daniel Itse, Paul Ingbretson, Gregory Sorg, Alfred Bardasaro, Timothy Comerford
 - 3/7/2011 – House Children and Family Law voted ITL 10-2
 - 3/15/2011 – House voted ITL on a voice vote

School improvement

- HB39 - relative to the adoption of the common core state standards in New Hampshire and relative to the substantive content of an adequate education. (Prime)Ralph Boehm
 - 2/24/2011 – House Education Committee voted 15-0 ITL
 - 3/15/2011 – House voted ITL (consent calendar)
- HB164 - requiring legislative approval for the adoption of the common core standards in New Hampshire (Prime) Rick Ladd, Ralph Boehm, William Smith, Shawn Jasper, Neal Kurk
 - 2/23/2011 – House voted OTP (consent calendar)
 - 3/29/2011 – Public hearing, Senate Education Committee
- HB377-FN - requiring daily physical education for public school pupils (Prime) Sean Cox
 - 3/3/2011 – House Education Committee voted ITL 15-0
 - 3/15/2011 – House voted ITL (consent calendar)
- SB90 - (New Title) directing the legislative oversight committee to study the consolidation of school administrative units. (Prime) John Barnes, Jr., David Boutin, Sharon Carson, Lou D'Allesandro, Jeanie Forrester, John Gallus, Fenton Groen, Gary Lambert, Jim Luther, Amanda Merrill, Bob Odell, Andy Sanborn, Raymond White
 - 4/21/2011 – Public hearing, House Education Committee
 - 5/3/2011 – House Education Committee voted OPT/AM 17-0
 - 5/18/2011 – House vote scheduled
- HB216 - relative to the instructional authority of school boards. (Prime) Rick Ladd, Ralph Boehm, Joseph Pitre, Shawn Jasper
 - 4/26/2011 – Public hearing, Senate Education Committee
 - 4/28/2011 – Senate Education Committee voted OPT 3-1
 - 5/4/2011 – Senate voted OTP on a voice vote
- HB501-FN-LOCAL - requiring the teaching of cardio pulmonary resuscitation in public schools. (Prime) Dale Spainhower, Dale Sprague, Dorothea Hooper, Donald Andolina
 - 3/3/2011 – House Education Committee voted ITL 14-0
 - 3/15/2011 – House voted ILT (consent calendar)

Citizens and government

- HB145 - permitting the audio and video recording of any public official while in the course of their official duties. (Prime)Alfred Baldasaro, Jennifer Coffey, John Hikel, Lars Christiansen, Daniel Itse
 - 3/9/2011 – House Criminal Justice and Public Safety voted OPT/AM 13-4
 - 3/15/2011 – House voted to adopt the committee amendment 215-151 on a roll call vote
 - 3/15/2011 – House voted OTP/AM 296-70 on a division vote
 - 5/26/2011 – Public hearing, Senate Judiciary Committee, 1:15 PM, LOB 101
- HB211 - relative to the review and approval of proposed agency rules under the administrative procedures act. (Prime)Carol McGuire, Stephen Palmer, Carl Seidel
 - 3/2/2011 – House Executive Departments and Administration voted OTP/AM 16-0
 - 3/15/2011 – House voted OTP/AM (consent calendar)
 - 5/5/2011 – Public hearing, Senate Executive Departments and Administration
 - 5/5/2011 – Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee voted OPT 5-0
- HB212 - relative to the definition of conflicts of interest of executive branch officials and employees. (Prime)William O'Brien, Timothy Comerford
 - 3/9/2011 – House Election Law Committee retained in committee
- HB449 - expanding the information included on the state transparency website. (Prime)Kenneth Weyler, Frank Sapareto
 - 3/2/2011 – Retained in House Executive Departments & Administration Committee retained in committee
- HB458 - establishing a sunset review process for executive agency and judicial programs and making an appropriation therefore. (Prime)Paul Mirski, William O'Brien, Carl Seidel, John Cebrowski, Stephen Stepanek
 - 3/15/2011 – House voted ITL (consent calendar)
- SB161 - relative to rulemaking efficiency and public input and participation. (Prime) Amada Merrill, David Watters, Peter Schmidt, Marsha Pelletier, Donald Andolina, Dorothea Hooper
 - 3/9/2011 – Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee voted OPT/AM 4-0
 - 3/16/2011- Senate voted OTP on a voice vote
 - 3/17/2011 – Senate Finance Committee voted OPT/AM 6-0
 - 3/23/2011 – Senate voted OPT/AM on a voice vote
 - 4/5/2011 – Public hearing, House Executive Departments and Administration
 - 4/14/2011 – Subcommittee session
 - 4/19/2011 – House Executive Departments and Administration Committee voted OPT/AM 14-0
 - 4/27/2011 – House voted OPT (consent calendar)
 - 5/5/2011 – Public hearing, House Finance Committee
 - 5/5/2011 – House Finance Committee executive session