



NEW HAMPSHIRE LIBERTY ALLIANCE

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SB 426, relative to the adequate education grants for fiscal year 2023.

Education: ITL 3-2

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill changes the formula for calculating state grants to school districts to be based on the highest average daily membership in residence for the past three years.

- This bill is a backdoor tactic for appropriating more than \$30 million of taxpayers' money for school districts to compensate for their losses from the voluntary withdrawal of students from the public school system.
- Education funding should be based on the number of individual students enrolled in the current year, not a past year that saw a different number of students enrolled.

SB 426

YEA ITL

SB 453, relative to statewide pre-kindergarten funding.

Education: IS 3-2

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill expands taxpayer-funded childcare.

- Let the private sector establish preschool programs, not the state.
- The federal Health and Human Services (HHS) admits in a 2012 report (acf.hhs.gov/opre/report/third-grade-follow-head-start-impact-study-final-report) that the longest running federal preschool program, Head Start, did not produce long-term gains for our youngest learners. The preschool programs that showed success were exorbitantly expensive and in small studies that do not scale to a statewide program.
- While the appropriate motion for this bill is ITL, referral to Interim Study is acceptable.

SB 453

YEA IS

SB 382, relative to licensure requirements for telehealth services.

Executive Departments and Administration: OTP 5-0

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill reduces consumer choice and increases costs in employing the services of a medical professional in New Hampshire.

- This bill explicitly requires that a medical professional who is providing services to an individual currently within the state of New Hampshire must be licensed, certified, or registered by a New Hampshire licensing board — even if that professional is already licensed in another state.
- New Hampshire is experiencing a healthcare shortage and requires out-of-state help to meet the demand. This bill seeks to reduce citizens' access to healthcare by prohibiting out-of-state healthcare workers who would be otherwise qualified to assist. We should be allowing *more* access for our citizens' healthcare needs, not less.
- As written, an individual visiting New Hampshire may be surprised to find they are denied access to their long-term physician who has a deep understanding of their medical history because the New Hampshire legislature believes they know better who should provide telehealth services.

SB 382

NAY OTP

SB 403, re-establishing the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Farmers Market Nutrition Program.

Finance: IS 4-3

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill re-establishes the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Farmers Market Nutrition Program.

- The taxpayer should not have to shoulder providing expensive organic fruits and vegetables. This bill seeks to further cripple the taxpayer by instituting another social program that will increase taxes, incentivize poverty, and expand the power of the government, all the while reducing the quality of life of Granite Staters in the process.
- This also replaces private charitable work with government aid, which will always inevitably result in a decrease in the amount and care given to those who are genuinely disadvantaged.
- While the appropriate motion for this bill is ITL, referral to Interim Study is acceptable.

SB 403

YEA IS

SB 415, making an appropriation to the department of health and human services for the purpose of increasing rates paid to homeless shelters.

SB 415

Finance: ITL 4-3

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill makes an appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Services for the purpose of increasing rates paid to homeless shelters.

YEA ITL

- Privately funded charity always works best, and crippling the taxpayer should not be the solution to solve poverty. The appropriation will be \$9 million in 2022 and the same amount in 2023, and would likely set a new baseline that would be increased in future budgets.

SB 420, establishing an extraordinary need grant for schools.

SB 420

Finance: OTP 7-0

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill increases state education spending by forcing state taxpayers to provide additional education subsidies beyond what is required for an adequate education.

**NAY
OTP**

- This bill would spend millions more unnecessarily on education at the expense of the taxpayer with no clear benefit or accountability.

SB 446, establishing a child care workforce fund and grant program and making an appropriation therefor.

SB 446

Health and Human Services: OTP/A 5-0

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill, with the proposed committee amendment, directs a state agency to develop and submit a plan with a stated purpose that includes taxpayer subsidy.

**NAY
OTP/A**

- Parents have a right and a responsibility to care for their children. This bill presumes that it is the responsibility of the state to provide child care.
- Though the amendment is an improvement over the bill as introduced, it puts New Hampshire on a path to expanding state control of private industry.
- Government programs create dependency and perverse incentives that often do far more harm than good. Effective social assistance is based on sincere care for a person and most often occurs in the context of a genuine personal relationship. Voluntary charities are the ideal way to address these problems, and foster these kinds of relationships.

SB 449, relative to the retention of social security numbers by the division of motor vehicles.

SB 449

Transportation: OTP/A 3-2

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill requires the DMV to violate the privacy of citizens by storing full or partial social security numbers of NH citizens.

**NAY
OTP/A**

- Under current law, individuals who choose to obtain a non-"REAL ID" drivers license may request that the state not store their social security number in the motor vehicle databases. This bill would dramatically weaken that privacy protection by requiring that the state retain either the full social security number or the last 5 digits of their social security number.
- This bill violates Part 1, Article 2-b of the New Hampshire Constitution and puts NH citizens at risk of identity theft and fraud.
- This bill also makes the Department of Safety's database a larger target for malicious cyber attacks. In the age of data breaches, the State of NH should be looking for opportunities to store less data that could be used against citizens if it falls into the wrong hands.