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2023-2024 Accomplishments

Made New Hampshire Truly Income Tax Free

- Fully eliminated the Interest and Dividends tax on January 1, 2025. (HB2, 2023)

Public Safety

- Provided \$800,000 to the Internet Crimes Against Children fund (HB2, 2023)
- Continued the Substance Abuse Enforcement Program (Granite Shield) by appropriating approximately \$2.1 million over the biennium (HB1, 2023. HB2, 2023)
- Appropriated \$500,000 to the Department of Justice to support efforts to combat human trafficking. (HB2, 2023)
- Increased penalties for violations of privacy, upholding and affirming citizens' right to privacy (HB97, 2023)
- Took critical steps forward to fix New Hampshire's broken bail system, balancing personal liberty and the need to keep the public safe (HB318, 2024)
- Increased the notification and compelling reason arguments for convicted felons and perpetrators of crimes against children to be granted legal name changes (HB1003, 2024)
- Protected children by prohibiting registered sex offenders from employment providing direct services or directly supervising minors (HB1038, 2024)
- Protected New Hampshire children by closing a loophole that prevented adults violating the privacy of minors from being charged with a felony (HB1260, 2024)
- Expanded the definition of first responders as essential service providers, underscoring the necessity of the services they provide New Hampshire (HB1328, 2024)
- Protected New Hampshire's historic covered bridges from damage by oversized and overweight vehicles (HB1457, 2024)
- Saved children from abandonment by expanding New Hampshire's safe haven law to 61 days after a child's birth (HB1607, 2024)
- Created retirement benefits for Group II members who are victims of violent act injuries (HB185, 2024)

- Increased the penalties for overserving alcohol, keeping our roads and families safe and increasing accountability for negligently enabling intoxicated driving fatalities (HB279, 2024)
- Expanded death benefits to the family of Chief Bradley Haas and state security guards (SB604, 2024)

Democrats' Border Crisis

- Expanded the grounds for criminal trespass to include violation of open space land posted for recreational use for drug dealers and human traffickers (HB1018, 2024).

Housing

- Helped address housing affordability by putting a reasonable timeline on the approval of certain residential driveway permits (HB1202, 2024)
- Made clear that municipalities must provide realistic and reasonable opportunities for citing manufactured housing by clarifying current law (HB1361, 2024)
- Enacted modest parking reform that will allow individuals the right to harness their own property while also balancing municipal interests (HB1400, 2024)

Election Integrity

- Districted fair county commissioner districts in Strafford County for the first time. (HB75, 2023)
- Reaffirmed support for the First in the Nation Primary (SCR1, 2023)
- Made sure that senior citizens' voices are heard in elections by enabling ballot clerks, assistant clerks, or clerks pro tem to deliver ballots to elder care facilities (HB1098, 2024)
- Fought political discrimination in media by ensuring that rates for political advertising be the same regardless of candidate, political committee, party, or cause (HB1150, 2024)
- Required that supervisors of the checklist meet regularly, keeping New Hampshire's voter rolls from becoming out of date and unsuitable for use in elections (HB1310, 2024)
- Enacted common-sense election integrity policies to ensure that registrants provide the proper documentation to verify their residency and status as a New Hampshire and United States Citizenship (HB1569, 2024)
- Bolstered election transparency by requiring that the tabulation of voted be done clearly in public (HB243, 2024)
- Required the Secretary of State to conduct audits of ballot counting devices (SB489, 2024)

- Prevented the exploitation of the deceased by requiring the reporting of the death of voters for removal from voter rolls (SB576, 2024)

Standing up for the Taxpayer

- Ensured municipalities respect local tax caps to control spending at the local level (HB1105, 2024)
- Stood for New Hampshire Seniors by exempting programs like Meals on Wheels from paying the meals and rooms tax (HB1191, 2024)
- Amended the tax cap system to allow an adjustment based on inflation and population while also establishing the procedure for budget caps by school districts (SB383, 2024)
- Increased the threshold on the Timber tax (SB514, 2024)

Childcare

- Created modest exceptions to allow for more flexibility in the number of hours in which childcare services can be received by a client (HB1056, 2024)
- Carefully struck a balance between helping childcare centers increase capacity and having enough staff to keep children safe when receiving care (HB1407, 2024)
- Revised the process for residential treatment programs for children to be licensed and certified by DHHS while requiring monitoring and compliance checks (HB1573, 2024)
- Revised childcare licensure requirements to allow up to 4 children in addition to one's own children in a private home daycare, a modest increase of 1 child to help increase childcare supply without overloading the existing systems (HB1584, 2024)
- Simplified childcare regulations by eliminating the issuance of childcare employment eligibility cards for licensed childcare agencies in favor of information already available publicly online (SB478, 2024)

Defending Biology

- Protected girls sports by designating athletics by sex, ensuring that biological males do not rob women of athletic opportunity (HB1205, 2024)
- Protected children from permanent irreversible sex changes before reaching the age of 18 (HB619, 2024)

Parents Rights

- Stood for Parental rights and involvement by requiring notification on certain curriculum course material and forbidding the prohibition of parental notification

and involvement in critical decisions affecting a student's mental, emotional, or physical health or well-being (HB1312, 2024)

- Devised a state policy to support equal parenting time (HB185, 2024)

Energy

- Helped ensure New Hampshire's long-term economic success by lowering unnecessarily burdensome barriers to energy production. (HB281, 2023)
- Increased transparency on New Hampshire electric bills by requiring electric bills to show the yearly price tag for complying with the renewable portfolio standard. (HB281, 2023)
- Repealed an antiquated law requiring electric utilities to submit expensive and time-intensive reports, the cost of which are passed on to New Hampshire ratepayers. (HB281, 2023)
- Set New Hampshire up for the future of clean energy by reorganizing the department of energy to handle energy innovation (HB1465, 2024)
- Protected New Hampshire's electricity generators from external regulatory interference (HB1623, 2024)
- Took steps to extend the lifespan of New Hampshire's iconic 603 area code (SB603, 2024)

Education

- Raised the income cap on the Education Freedom Account Program (HB367, 2023)
- Increased state adequacy payments by \$169.1 million over the biennium (HB1, 2023. HB2, 2023)
- Provided an estimated \$121.5 million for public charter schools, which includes increasing the per pupil grant to \$9,000 (\$4,100 base adequacy, plus \$4,900 additional grant). (HB1, 2023. HB2, 2023)
- Required the teaching of cursive and multiplication tables (HB170, 2023)
- Allowed parents to pay the difference between a receiving school tuition cost and the sending district tuition cap in a school tuition program. (HB275, 2023)
- Allowed national guard members to transfer their national guard tuition waiver benefit to their spouse. (SB45, 2023)
- Defeated several bills aiming to dismantle the wildly successful Education Freedom Accounts Program
- Ensured that all New Hampshire students receive copies of the State Constitution and election laws as part of the statewide civics education curriculum (HB1014, 2024)

- Repealed the reporting requirement to fill out the FAFSA application, ensuring that graduation requirements are based on academics, not administration (HB1066)
- Passed the Students First Act, which requires the disclosure and transparency of salaries and details of what school districts are spending their funding on (HB1265, 2024)
- Enabled chartered public schools to apply for school building aid (HB354, 2024)
- Modernized the communication between parents and school districts regarding special education, helping the DOE to monitor and track the status of resolution issues (SB340, 2024)
- Created a task force to review whether schools are providing the opportunity for an adequate education (SB378, 2024)
- Bolstered technical education by making an appropriation to the Wilbur H. Palmer Regional Career and Technical Education Center (SB396, 2024)

Defending the Second Amendment

- Protected firearm owners privacy by prohibiting merchant code assignments for firearm, ammunition, and firearm accessory sales (HB1186, 2024)
- Defended the privacy of employees and the right to defend oneself by barring any prohibitions of firearms storage in locked vehicles (HB1336, 2024)
- Expanded the types of pistols permitted for taking game, giving hunters more options while keeping hunting humane (HB1424, 2024)

Personal Liberty

- Balanced the First Amendment rights of students and the need for safety on college campuses by establishing procedures governing freedom of speech and association at public institutions of higher education (HB1305, 2024)
- Protected the privacy and liberty of citizens by limiting when law enforcement may obtain or execute no knock search warrants (HB135, 2024)

Municipal Aid

- Sent almost \$2.69 billion in State aid to cities and towns over the biennium including:
 - Approximately \$2.21 billion in adequate education aid to cities and towns and public charter schools over the biennium (HB2, 2023)
 - Approximately \$244.6 million in meals and rooms distribution to cities and towns
 - Over \$105 million in highway aid to cities and towns. (HB1, 2023 HB2, 2023)

- Fully funded highway block grants (Apportionment A) to cities and towns at \$72.2 million over the biennium under current law provisions (HB1, 2023. HB2, 2023)
- Funded additional \$10.0 million general fund appropriation for Apportionment A, bringing the anticipated total to \$82.2 million for the upcoming biennium. (HB1, 2023. HB2, 2023)
- Provided \$22.0 million for municipal bridge aid (HB1, 2023. HB2, 2023)
- Fully funded the Highway and Bridge Betterment Program at \$84.2 million over the biennium (HB1, 2023. HB2, 2023)
- Contributed to the New Hampshire Emergency Response and Recovery Fund to help municipalities after natural disasters (SB499, 2024)

Reducing Government Regulation

- Made reforms to the Emergency Powers statute. (HB2, 2023)
- Established a superior court land use review docket. (HB2, 2023)
- Protected New Hampshire agriculture by exempting farmers from municipal noise ordinances that would otherwise prevent them from doing their vital work. (HB252, 2023)
- Cut red tape on New Hampshire's wineries and breweries (HB1076, 2024. HB1358, 2024)
- Eliminated red tape concerning the ordering of kegs and malt beverages (HB1321, 2024)
- Reduced regulations on growlers and other refillable containers (HB1334, 2024)
- Removed burdensome regulations which complicate alcohol licensing for restaurants (HB1540, 2024)
- Reduced regulations surrounding the distillation of hobby liquors (HB1624, 2024)
- Gave more leniency concerning window tinting for those with medical conditions (HB370, 2024)
- Encouraged innovation in emerging DAO technology by recognizing them as legal entities (HB645, 2024)

Licensing Reform

- Reduced the administrative burden on homestead food operations by doubling the sales threshold for licensure. (HB119, 2023)
- Lowered costs for consumers, promoted free-market competition, and grew workforce by allowing universal licensing reciprocity. (HB594, 2023)
- Promoted efficiency at the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification and streamlined the licensing process. (HB655, 2023)
- Expanded safe, affordable, and accessible childcare in the State of NH (SB94, 2023)

- Allowed for Emergency Medical Care providers to be granted provisional licensure while they await the results of background checks, helping to ameliorate the shortage of care providers in New Hampshire (HB1057, 2024)
- Allowed a brew pub licensee to also hold an on-premises or off-premises license (HB1380, 2024)
- Standardized the licensure fees for master teachers so that they do not exceed the costs of other educator licenses (SB521, 2024)

Child Protection

- Revised the criteria for out-of-home placement of children to give preference to keeping siblings together and keeping them near their community of origin (SB417, 2024)

Veterans Affairs

- Honored our retired New Hampshire veterans by removing their required fees to visit New Hampshire State Parks (HB1179, 2024)
- Showed appreciation for the critical work of the National Guard by offering reenlistment bonuses of up to \$6,000 (HB1355, 2024)
- Established the veteran licensing acceleration program for occupational licensure (HB1385, 2024)
- Established a veterans treatment court to provide a safety net for veterans who experience psychological injuries in the course of their service (HB1589, 2024)

Health & Human Services

- Helped address the health care labor shortage by allowing health care facilities to receive reimbursement for licensed nursing assistants that dispense medication. (HB215, 2023)
- Set parameters for contract, funding, and deadlines for replacement youth development center. (HB49, 2023. SB1, 2023.)
- Required that children with a foster family home shall not be subject to stricter immunization requirements as any other child in the state. (HB408, 2023)
- Mandated that the department of health and human services seek a federal waiver to allow foster children to claim any immunization exemption available to any other child under state law. (HB408, 2023)
- Passed a bill allowing health insurance providers directly reimburse ambulance service providers to reduce fraud in the health care system (HB1081)
- Prohibited discrimination in life insurance, long-term care insurance, or disability insurance policy holder based on their organ donor status (HB1155, 2024)
- Empowered patients by refining and redefining the Right to Try Act (HB1300, 2024)

- Standardized New Hampshire law with federal law to combat surprise medical bills (SB173, 2024)
- Established ABLE savings account program administrative fund to assist the disability community (SB377, 2024)
- Sent funding for recreational activities for individuals with developmental disabilities (SB409, 2024)
- Revised the reporting requirements for pharmacy benefits managers and insurers regarding pharmaceutical rebates to make healthcare more transparent (SB555, 2024)

Environment

- Appropriated an additional \$2 million of general funds from FY 2023 to the PFAS Response Fund to fund grants and reimbursements in accordance with RSA 485-H:11. (HB1, 2023. HB2, 2023)
- Provided \$9.7 million of general funds in FY 2023 for the Nashua / Litchfield water main interconnection project. (HB1, 2023. HB2, 2023)
- Appropriated funds to fund regional drinking water infrastructure and to increase water supply to towns impacted by PFAS contamination (SB393, 2024)

Government Transparency

- Ensured ethical transparency and standards within the general court (HB1388, 2024)
- Ensured government transparency by requiring lobbyists to disclose their clients and funds received from such activities (HB1666, 2024)