

## **Legislative Alert week of March 27-29, 2018**

No House or Senate session next week. Next House and Senate sessions will be Thursday, April 5.

At this point, the House and Senate committees are hearing bills that have already passed the other body. They are holding a number of public hearings next week, and advance notice of some the following weeks' hearings is also in the current Calendars. So if you have pet topics you are following, do check the Calendars.

Senate Calendar: <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/scaljournals/calendars/2018/sc%2014.pdf>

House Calendar: [http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/caljournals/calendars/2018/HC\\_12.pdf](http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/caljournals/calendars/2018/HC_12.pdf)

Highlighted below are committee hearings on bills of public interest and bills that League is following:

### **Tuesday, March 27**

House Education, LOB 207 – beginning at 10 am, several bills in the morning, with SB432 about SAT prep courses offered as high school electives being heard at 1 pm.

Senate Education, LOB 103

9:00 HB1636 teacher preparation programs

9:20 HB 1495; 9:35 HB1496; 9:50 HB1497 relating to standards and accountability in public schools

House Finance, LOB 210-211

10:30 SB539 about “adequate education grants”, followed by a hearing on a non-germane amendment that seems to relate to Medicaid waivers. (amendment #2018-1177h). [*We really hate non-germane amendments.*] The bill will be exec'd on Friday, March 29, at 10 am.

House Health and Human Services, LOB 205

11:00 SB477; 1:15 SB380; 2:15 SB384 all related to therapeutic cannabis

House Judiciary LOB 208

10 am SB555 and 11 am SB395 both related to Right-To-Know

House Ways & Means, LOB 202

10 am SB563, establishing a recovery friendly workplace initiatives tax credit (work session to follow, possibly continuing at 10 am Wednesday)

Senate Finance, State House 103

1:45 HB1626 cost effectiveness and reporting on funded programs for alcohol and drug abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery

### **Wednesday, March 28**

House Education, LOB 207

9:30 SB525 prohibiting adult education financial aid to any student who is not a legal resident

10:15 SB540 Kindergartners and Keno—no, the kids don't play, but how do we count them for funding coming from Keno proceeds?

House Finance, LOB 209

10 am SB539 work session following up on Tuesday's hearing, adequate education grants

House Health & Human Services, LOB 205

2 pm SB 313 work session following up on last week's big hearing on the Expanded Medicaid bill

**Thursday, March 29**

Senate Rules and Enrolled Bills, State House 103

10 am CACR 16 Individual's right to privacy

10:15 CACR 15 Taxpayers' standing to bring actions against the govt. (Note that these are both proposed Constitutional Amendments, have already passed the House with a 3/5 vote on their way to being on the November ballot)

House Election Law (room change to LOB 305-307)

11:00 SB363 prohibiting political expenditures by foreign nationals

11:30 SB527 re absentee voting

1:15 SB438, relative to the postponement of local elections *[League has railed about this before—here we are for the second year with a big snowstorm on town elections day, and a good bill to deal with this issue definitively still eludes us. The version passed by the Senate includes the Secretary of State being the one to decide whether the roads in your town are safe enough to keep the polls open, when most of us believe that the local elections officials should be making this decision. League opposes the bill as written, would like to see the amendment proposed by the NH Municipal Assn be adopted.]*

**Looking ahead:**

Tuesday, April 3, House Resources committee will have a presentation on drinking water standards in NH, specifically PFC contamination. (LOB 305-307 10 am)

Wed., April 4-- House Finance work session on SB193, the school "voucher" bill that keeps on ticking. (LOB 209, 10 am) *[League opposes this bill that proposes to use public moneys for private and religious schools and home education for a small subset of students.]*