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1 346:73 Study Committee on Outdated Non-regulatory Boards, Commissions, Councils,
2 and Advisory Bodies.

3 I. There is hereby established a committee to review all non-regulatory boards,
4 commissions, councils, and advisory bodies which exist in statute to determine which
5 such non-regulatory boards, commissions, councils, and advisory bodies should be
6 repealed.

7 II.(a) The committee shall be composed of 5 members as follows:

8 (1) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the
9 speaker of the house of representatives.

10 (2) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

11 (b) The governor shall appoint 2 persons who shall represent the executive
12 branch and shall serve as an advisory council to the members of the committee. The
13 advisory council shall advise and assist the members in the completion of the committee's
14 duties.

15 III. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when
16 attending to the duties of the committee. The first meeting of the committee shall be
17 called no later than 30 days after the effective date of this section. The first-named house
18 member shall call the first meeting of the committee. Three members of the committee
19 shall constitute a quorum.

20 IV. In determining which non-regulatory boards, commissions, councils, and
21 advisory bodies should be repealed, the committee shall consider the following:

22 (a) Frequency of meetings.

23 (b) Attendance records and the level of difficulty in achieving quorum for
24 meetings.

25 (c) Whether there is duplication of purpose or activities.

26 (d) Any other factors which the committee deems relevant.

27 V. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for
28 legislation, including recommendations for repeal of non-regulatory boards, commissions,
29 councils, or other advisory bodies to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house
30 of representatives, the senate clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library
31 on or before February 1, 2020.

32 346:74 Department of Health and Human Services; Plan to Close the Cliff Effect for
33 Individuals and Families who Receive Public Benefits.

34 I. The purpose of this section is to coordinate poverty reduction strategies across
35 agencies and employers to provide necessary support mechanisms to ensure the long-
36 term success for New Hampshire's families and children for economic independence
37 achieved through employment, and to demonstrate successful outcomes for families and

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1 children for identifying supportive transitions from public benefits to self-sufficiency
2 while enhancing New Hampshire's workforce. Families include parents, grandparents,
3 caretaker relatives, and other individuals caring for children acknowledging that the
4 opioid crisis has impacted the care of New Hampshire's children.

5 II. In this section, "cliff effect" means the experience of individuals or families who
6 receive public benefits when new or increased income results in a reduction or loss of
7 public benefits, but the increased income does not fully compensate for or exceed the loss
8 of public benefits. This results in the individual and or family with less public benefits
9 and an increase in out-of-pocket expenses that eliminates any financial gain from the new
10 or increased income.

11 III. The department of health and human services shall develop a plan to close the
12 cliff effect so New Hampshire individuals and families are afforded a full opportunity to
13 participate in the New Hampshire workforce. The plan shall include the development
14 and implementation of a "benefits cliff calculator" to measure the effect of increased
15 income for individuals or families who receive public benefits and shall include related
16 policy options such as, but not limited to, an earned income disregard, transportation
17 accessibility, and incentives for employment retention based on an updated economic
18 analysis.

19 IV. No later than 30 days after the effective date of this section, the commissioner
20 of the department of health and human services shall convene a working group
21 consisting, at a minimum of, representatives of the following departments or agencies:
22 the commissioner of the department of employment security or designee, the
23 commissioner of the department of education or designee, the commissioner of the
24 department of business and economic affairs or designee, the chancellor of the
25 community college system of New Hampshire or designee, the executive director of the
26 New Hampshire housing finance authority or designee, a representative of a
27 philanthropic agency appointed by the governor, a representative from a community
28 action program appointed by the governor, a private employer appointed by the
29 governor, an individual who is receiving or who has received public benefits appointed
30 by the governor, a member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of
31 the house of representatives, and a member of the senate appointed by the senate
32 president.

33 V. The meetings of the working group shall be subject to RSA 91-A. The
34 department, in consultation with the working group, shall prepare a plan to close the cliff
35 effect for individuals and families receiving public benefits. The plan shall include, but
36 not be limited to, policy change recommendations, the development of a benefits cliff

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1 calculator which may be used by public and private employers to navigate and close the
2 cliff effect.

3 VI. The working group shall submit an initial report on the plan including policy
4 recommendations to the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate president,
5 and the governor on or before March 1, 2020, and quarterly thereafter for the remainder
6 of the biennium ending June 30, 2021.

7 VII. The sum of \$1 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 and the sum of \$1 for
8 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 are hereby appropriated to the department of health
9 and human services for the purposes of developing and implementing the plan required
10 in this section. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any
11 money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

12 346:75 Revenue Sharing; Suspension. RSA 31-A, relative to revenue sharing with
13 cities and towns shall be suspended for the biennium ending June 30, 2021.

14 346:76 Liquor Commission; Processing of Merchant Cards. For the biennium ending
15 June 30, 2021, the liquor commission, for purposes of supporting merchant card activity,
16 may:

17 I. Implement necessary business strategies in the event of a disaster or loss of
18 services to insure the continuity of the commission's business operations, including the
19 processing of merchant cards, which includes the ability to transfer funds from
20 accounting unit 01-03-03-030010-7677 in consultation with the commissioner of the
21 department of information technology. The commissioner shall report to the fiscal
22 committee of the general court within 30 days any instances where it would need to
23 implement such business strategies, including any costs and loss of revenue associated
24 with the disaster or loss of services and the implementation of such business strategies.

25 II. Enter into contracts for technical and hosting services to support retail
26 operations and merchant card processing. The commission shall comply with RSA 176:18
27 for any contracts entered into to support retail operations and merchant card processing.

28 III. Hire information technology technical support personnel to support its
29 merchant card activity and related technical support operations in retail stores.

30 346:77 Electric Utility Restructuring; Policy Principles; System Benefits Charge.
31 Amend RSA 374-F:3, VI to read as follows:

32 VI. Benefits for All Consumers. Restructuring of the electric utility industry
33 should be implemented in a manner that benefits all consumers equitably and does not
34 benefit one customer class to the detriment of another. Costs should not be shifted
35 unfairly among customers. A nonbypassable and competitively neutral system benefits
36 charge applied to the use of the distribution system may be used to fund public benefits
37 related to the provision of electricity. Such benefits, as approved by regulators, may