and any other matters necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes of this section. Such terms
and conditions may be contained in an agreement among the state, the authority and user of the
eligible facility to be executed on behalf of the state by the governor and the state treasurer and on
behalf of the authority by any 2 persons authorized to execute bonds under RSA 162-I:8.

115 Business Finance Authority; Unified Contingent Credit Limit. Amend RSA 162-A:22 to
read as follows:

162-A:22 Unified Contingent Credit Limit. The total amount of state guarantees in force under
RSA 162-I:9-b shall not exceed in the aggregate at any time $50,000,000 plus interest, provided that
such amount shall be increased to $80,000,000 plus interest on January 1, 1993, to $95,000,000 plus
interest on January 1, 1994, [and] to $115,000,000 plus interest on May 1, 2015, and to

$150,000,000 plus interest on May 1, 2021.

116 New Chapter; New Hampshire College and University System Board of Trustees. Amend
RSA by inserting after chapter 188-H the following new chapter:

CHAPTER 188-I

NEW HAMPSHIRE COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

188-I:1 Purpose. Affordable access to public higher education at all levels is essential to the
health, welfare, and security of all New Hampshire citizens and the future vitality of the state. To
be effective, the state’s delivery of public higher education must respond to the changing needs and
interests of citizens and employers while ensuring those services remain affordable and accessible.
A single, well-coordinated system of public higher education at all levels, pursuing the unique and
diverse missions of its member institutions, offering seamless access to and between all levels of
higher education, adapting to the rapidly evolving challenges facing all of higher education, and
governed by a unified board of trustees, will be the most efficient and effective means for meeting the
needs of the citizens and the state.

188-I:2 The New Hampshire College and University System. The New Hampshire college and
university system is established and made a body politic and corporate, the main purpose of which
shall be to provide a well-coordinated comprehensive system of public higher education.

188-I:3 Governance. The New Hampshire college and university system shall be governed by a
single board of trustees which shall be responsible for ensuring that its components, each having a
unique character and educational mission, operate as a well-coordinated comprehensive system of
public higher education.

188-I:4 Board of Trustees. The governance of the New Hampshire college and university system
shall be vested in a single board of trustees composed as follows:

   1. Fifteen members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the council. At
any time, 5 members shall be by nomination of the 4-year institutions, 5 shall be by nomination of
the 2-year institutions, and 5 shall be selected by the governor without nomination. At least 90 days
prior to the expiration of the term of a member in either of the first 2 categories, or as soon as
practical following a vacancy in either category, the board of trustees shall submit to the governor
the names of 2 or more candidates for the position, nominated by either the 4-year or 2-year
institutions as needed to maintain the composition of the board. If none of the candidates submitted
are acceptable, the governor may request the name of additional candidates from the board. After
the initial appointments to the 15 seats established by this paragraph are made, the board shall
establish the processes by which the institutions nominate candidates for future appointments.

II. The provisions of paragraph I notwithstanding, the governor may make initial
appointments, without nominations but with advice and consent of the council, to seats represented
by the 4-year institutions and 2-year institutions if no nominations are received by these institutions
within 30 days of the governor's written request for nominations.

III. Eight ex-officio members: The governor; the senate president or designee from senate
membership; the speaker of the house of representatives or designee from house membership, the
commissioner of education; the commissioner of agriculture; the commissioner of business and
economic affairs; the commissioner of employment security; and the chancellor of the New
Hampshire college and university system, all of whom shall be voting members.

IV.(a) The terms of office for appointed members shall be 4 years and shall end on June 30.

(b) The governor, with the advice and consent of the council may appoint any person for
a period less than the full term or up to one year greater than the full term in order to adjust the
terms of each member so that terms of office of no more than 3 appointed members per year will
expire.

(c) Each member, except for ex-officio members, shall hold office until a successor is
appointed and qualified. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term only. The appointment of
successors for the filling of vacancies for unexpired terms shall be by the same manner as the
original appointment.

(d) Appointed members may serve for no more than two four-year terms in succession.

188-I:5 Operation of the Board of Trustees.

I. The board shall elect its own chairperson and vice-chairperson upon its initial formation
and annually thereafter.

II. Eleven voting members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but not
less than 11 affirmative votes shall be required to elect the chancellor of the New Hampshire college
and university system.

III. The board shall meet at such times and places as it may determine. The chairperson
shall call special meetings upon the written request of any 5 board members or upon the
chairperson's own motion.
IV. Members shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for expenses reasonably incurred by them in the performance of their duties. Legislative members shall receive mileage at the legislative rate for attending to the duties of the board.

188-I:6 Authority of the Board of Trustees. The trustees are authorized to govern, manage, and control all the property and affairs of the New Hampshire college and university system. In addition to this authority, the trustees are authorized to elect and fix the compensation of a chancellor of the New Hampshire college and university system who shall serve as the system’s chief executive officer, primary liaison with the general court and other elements of state government, and chief spokesperson. The chancellor shall be qualified by education and experience and shall serve at the pleasure of the board. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all statutory or other legal references to either the chancellor of the university system of New Hampshire or the chancellor of the community college system of New Hampshire shall be construed as referring to the chancellor of the New Hampshire college and university system.

117 Governance of the University System of New Hampshire; Transferring Authority of the Board of Trustees of the University System of New Hampshire. RSA 187-A:13 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

187-A:13 Governance of University System. The governance of the university system and its constituent divisions and institutions shall be vested in the board of trustees of the New Hampshire college and university system, established in RSA 188-I:2. As used in this chapter, the terms “board,” “board of trustees,” and “trustees” shall mean the board of trustees established in RSA 188-I:4.

118 Governance of the Community College System of New Hampshire; Transferring Authority of the Board of Trustees of the Community College System of New Hampshire. RSA 188-F:4 and 188-F:5 are repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

188-F:4 Governance of Community College System of New Hampshire. The governance of the community college system of New Hampshire shall be vested in the board of trustees of the New Hampshire college and university system, established in RSA 188-I:2. As used in this chapter, the terms “board,” “board of trustees,” and “trustees” shall mean the board of trustees established in RSA 188-I:4.

188-F:5 Unification of the Community College and University Systems. The board of trustees of the New Hampshire college and university system shall:

I. Govern the community college system pursuant to the terms of RSA 188-F, and the university system pursuant to the terms of RSA 187-A.

II. Elect a chancellor of the New Hampshire college and university system who shall be the chancellor of the community college system and the university system.
III. On or before January 1, 2022, recommend legislation that would unify the community college system and the university system into the New Hampshire college and university system, effective no later than July 1, 2023.

IV. Take such action, consistent with the terms of RSA 187-A and 188-F, as may be necessary or desirable to effect the orderly and efficient operation of the community college system and the university system in anticipation of the unification of the 2 systems no later than July 1, 2023.

V. In addition to the reports required by RSA 187-A and 188-F, by November 1 of each year, the board of trustees shall file with the governor and council a report of the operations of the New Hampshire college and university system. They shall include in the report an account of work done in anticipation of the unification of the 2 systems. One copy thereof shall be transmitted to the fiscal committee of the general court, one copy to the house education committee, and one copy to the senate education committee.

119 Repeal. The following are hereby repealed:

I. RSA 187-A:14, relative to the terms of trustees of the university system of New Hampshire.

II. RSA 187-A:15, relative to the operation of board of trustees of the university system of New Hampshire.

III. RSA 188-F:5, relative to the operation of board of trustees of the community college system of New Hampshire.

120 Effective Date. Sections 116-119 of this act shall take effect 60 days after the passage of this act.

121 Department of Information Technology; Unfunded Positions. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the department of information technology may fill unfunded positions during the biennium ending June 30, 2023, provided that the total expenditure for such positions shall not exceed the amount appropriated for personnel services.

122 Adult Parole Board; Establishment. Amend RSA 651-A:3 to read as follows:

651-A:3 Adult Parole Board; Establishment; Procedures.

I. There shall be an adult parole board with [9] 5 members, 2 of which shall be attorneys with active licenses. The members of the board shall be appointed by the governor with the consent of the council for staggered terms of 5 years or until their successors are appointed. No member shall serve more than 2 consecutive terms. A vacancy on the board shall be filled for the unexpired term.

II. The composition of the board shall be as follows:

(a) One member as chairman.

(b) Four additional members, to include: