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Council Workshop



## **Senator Iris Estabrook**

### **2007 Sponsored Legislation**

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### **Improving Education**

- A resolution urging Congress to amend and improve the No Child Left Behind Act.
- A bill that permits 'at risk' students to attend alternative education programs at a regional vocational education center and requires the Department of Education to pay tuition and transportation costs. This bill will help to curb the high school drop out rate.
- A bill that raises the age for compulsory attendance in school from 16 to 18.
- A bill that requires high school students to take a course in civics as a requirement for graduation.
- A bill that establishes a tuition assistance program for foster children.
- A bill that reorganizes the regional technical college system and establishes the community college system of New Hampshire.
- A bill that deletes 'minimum' in the context of minimum standards for public schools.

### **Quality Healthcare**

- A bill that requires the department of health and human services to provide services to persons with developmental disabilities and acquired brain disorders within certain time limits, establishes a committee to develop a plan to address long-term workforce and related human resource issues, and to develop a quality assurance and enhancement plan.
- A bill that establishes procedures for electronic prescribing of prescription drugs. The bill establishes the framework to encourage electronic prescribing for the benefit of patients, prescribers, and payers of health insurance.
- A bill that helps to lower the cost of prescription drugs by establishing a commission to study obtaining greater efficiencies in public pharmaceutical costs.
- A bill that requires the department of health and human services to develop a Medicaid waiver to fund HIV/AIDS services.
- A bill that provides that the transfer of asset penalty for Medicaid eligibility shall not apply if it would deprive the individual of food, clothing, shelter, or other necessities of life.
- A bill that supports persons with special health care needs and disabilities with coverage of medically necessary services and items under the medical assistance program so that they may live in their home and communities as independently as possible.

- A bill that creates a commission to study lowering costs of health insurance for small businesses.

## **Public Safety and Health**

- A bill that prohibits smoking in restaurants and cocktail lounges in New Hampshire.
- A bill establishing a death benefit to be paid to the family of a police officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty.
- A bill that will help curb lead paint poisoning by lowering the blood lead level that determines when a child is lead poisoned, provides for increased inspection of multi-unit dwellings, and creates a commission to study the current childhood lead poisoning prevention law.
- A bill establishing a commission to study the trafficking of persons across borders for sexual and labor exploitation.
- A bill that appropriates funds to the drug assistance program to be used to provide grants to AIDS service agencies.

## **Quality of Life**

- A bill establishing certain responsibilities of cable television operators to owners of manufactured housing parks.
- A resolution urging the federal government and the NH congressional delegation to expedite the establishment of a post office and zip code in the town of Lee.
- A bill that funds the NH estuaries conservation project that will improve water quality and the health of NH's estuaries.

### **About Senator Estabrook**

Sen. Iris W. Estabrook was first elected to the New Hampshire Senate in November 2002. She currently holds the position of Vice President for Policy.

Previously, the senator served for three terms in the New Hampshire House of Representatives, where she was assistant Democratic leader for policy on the Education Committee.

In the Senate, Estabrook is the chairwoman the Education Committee, and the Health and Human Services Committee. She also serves on the Wildlife, Fish and Game Committee.

The senator is a former schoolteacher and past director of the University of New Hampshire Child Care Resource and Referral Agency. She is also a past member of the Oyster River School Board.

Estabrook is a graduate of Cornell University and earned a Master of Science degree in teaching from the University of Chicago. She resides in Durham with her husband, John.

### **Assignments 2007-2008**

**Vice President for Policy**

**Education Committee, Chair**

**Health and Human Services  
Committee, Chair**

**Wildlife, Fish and Game Committee**