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ACTION CALENDAR

UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2013

Second Reading

Favorable

H. 63.

An act relating to repealing an annual survey of municipalities.

Reported favorably by Senator McAllister for the Committee on Government Operations.

(Committee vote: 4-0-1)

(No House amendments)

NEW BUSINESS

Third Reading

S. 4.

An act relating to concussions and school athletic activities.

**AMENDMENT TO S. 4 TO BE OFFERED BY SENATORS FLORY,
FRENCH, AND MULLIN BEFORE THIRD READING**

Senators Flory, French, and Mullin move that the bill be amended as follows:

First: In Sec. 2, 12 V.S.A. § 1043, in subsection (f), in the subheading, by inserting before the period ; notification of a parent or guardian

Second: In Sec. 2, 12 V.S.A. § 1043, in subsection (f) by adding a subdivision (3) to read as follows:

(3) A home team's athletic director shall notify a parent or guardian of a student who suffers a concussion within 24 hours after the injury occurs. A visiting team's athletic director shall notify a parent or guardian of a student who suffers a concussion within 24 hours after being notified of the injury whether by a health care provider pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection or by any other means.

S. 5.

An act relating to issuance of a fraudulent arrest warrant by the parole board.

S. 74.

An act relating to immunity from liability for volunteer athletic coaches, managers, and officials.

J.R.H. 3.

Joint resolution supporting the Coalition for Captive Insurance Clarity.

Committee Bill for Second Reading

S. 148.

An act relating to criminal investigation records and the Vermont Public Records Act.

By the Committee on Judiciary. (Sen. Sears for the Committee)

Second Reading

Favorable with Recommendation of Amendment

S. 59.

An act relating to independent direct support providers.

Reported favorably with recommendation of amendment by Senator Cummings for the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

The Committee recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 21 V.S.A. chapter 20 is added to read:

CHAPTER 20. INDEPENDENT DIRECT SUPPORT PROVIDERS

§ 1631. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter:

(1) “Board” means the State Labor Relations Board established by 3 V.S.A. § 921.

(2) “Collective bargaining” or “bargaining collectively” means the process by which the State and the exclusive representative of the independent direct support providers negotiate terms or conditions as defined in section 1633 of this title with the intent to arrive at an agreement which, when reached, shall be legally binding on all parties.

(3) “Grievance” means an independent direct support provider’s or the exclusive representative’s formal written complaint regarding the improper application of one or more terms of the collective bargaining agreement, which

has not been resolved to a satisfactory result through informal discussion with the State.

(4) “Service recipient” means a person who receives home- and community-based services under the Choice for Care Medicaid waiver, the Attendant Services Program (ASP), the Children’s Personal Care Service Program, the Developmental Disabilities Services Program, or any successor program or similar program subsequently established.

(5) “Exclusive representative” means a labor organization that has been elected and certified under this chapter and has the right to represent independent direct support providers for the purpose of collective bargaining.

(6) “Independent direct support provider” means any individual who provides home- and community-based services to a service recipient and is employed by the service recipient, shared living provider, or surrogate.

(7) “Shared living provider” means a person who operates under a contract with a developmental disabilities service agency and provides individualized home support for one or two people who live in his or her home.

(8) “Surrogate” means a service recipient’s authorized family member, legal guardian, or a person identified in a written agreement as having responsibility for the care of a service recipient.

§ 1632. RIGHTS OF INDEPENDENT DIRECT SUPPORT PROVIDERS

Independent direct support providers shall have the right to:

- (1) organize, form, join, or assist a union or labor organization for the purposes of collective bargaining without interference, restraint, or coercion;
- (2) bargain collectively through their chosen representatives;
- (3) engage in concerted activities for the purpose of supporting or engaging in collective bargaining;
- (4) pursue grievances as provided in this chapter; and
- (5) refrain from any or all such activities.

§ 1633. ESTABLISHMENT OF LIMITED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING; SCOPE OF BARGAINING

(a) Independent direct support providers, through their exclusive representative, shall have the right to bargain collectively with the State, through the Governor’s designee, under this chapter.

(b) The scope of collective bargaining for independent direct support providers under this section shall include:

(1) compensation terms, including workforce benefits, and payment methods and procedures;

(2) professional development and training; however, nothing in this subdivision requires the state to create or conduct any professional development and training programs;

(3) the collection and disbursement of dues or fees to the exclusive representative;

(4) procedures for resolving grievances against the State;

(5) issues relating to the recruitment, retention, or referral of qualified independent direct support providers; and

(6) any other matters relating to the role of the State and its contractors in regulating, subsidizing, and enhancing the quality of home- and community-based services within the State.

(c) For the purpose of this chapter, the obligation to bargain collectively is the performance of the mutual obligation of the State and the exclusive representative of the independent direct support providers to meet at reasonable times and confer in good faith with respect to all matters bargainable under the provisions of this chapter; but the failure or refusal of either party to agree to a proposal, or to change or withdraw a lawful proposal, or to make a concession shall not constitute, or be evidence direct or indirect, of a breach of this obligation. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to require either party during collective bargaining to accede to any proposal or proposals of the other party.

§ 1634. ELECTION; BARGAINING UNIT

(a) Petitions and elections shall be conducted pursuant to the procedures provided in 3 V.S.A. chapter 27 to the extent that they do not conflict with this chapter.

(b) A representation election for independent direct support providers conducted by the Board pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 27 shall be by mail ballot.

(c) The bargaining unit for purposes of collective bargaining pursuant to this chapter shall be a statewide unit of independent direct support providers. Eligible independent direct support providers shall have the right to participate in a representation election but shall not have the right to vote on or otherwise determine the collective bargaining unit. Eligible independent direct support providers shall all be independent direct support providers who have been paid for providing home- and community-based services within the previous six months.

(d) The State shall, upon request, provide within seven days to any organization which has as one of its primary purposes the collective bargaining representation of independent direct support providers in their relations with state or other public entities the most recent list of independent direct support providers in its possession.

§ 1635. MEDIATION; FACT-FINDING; LAST BEST OFFER

(a) If, after a reasonable period of negotiation, the representative of the collective bargaining unit and the State reach an impasse, the Board, upon petition of either party, may authorize the parties to submit their differences to mediation. Within five days after receipt of the petition, the Board shall appoint a mediator who shall communicate with the parties and attempt to mediate an amicable settlement. A mediator shall be of high standing.

(b) If, after a minimum of 15 days after the appointment of a mediator, the impasse is not resolved, the mediator shall certify to the Board that the impasse continues.

(c) Upon the request of either party, the Board shall appoint a fact finder who has been mutually agreed upon by the parties. If the parties fail to agree on a fact finder within five days, the board shall appoint a fact finder who shall be a person of high standing. A member of the Board or any individual who has actively participated in mediation proceedings for which fact-finding has been called shall not be eligible to serve as a fact finder under this section, unless agreed upon by the parties.

(d) The fact finder shall conduct hearings pursuant to rules of the Board. Upon request of either party or of the fact finder, the Board may issue subpoenas of persons and documents for the hearings and the fact finder may require that testimony be given under oath and may administer oaths.

(e) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the fact finder from mediating the dispute at any time prior to issuing recommendations.

(f) The fact finder shall consider factors related to the scope of bargaining contained in this chapter in making a recommendation.

(g) Upon completion of the hearings provided in subsection (d) of this section, the fact finder shall file written findings and recommendations with both parties.

(h) The costs of witnesses and other expenses incurred by either party in fact-finding proceedings shall be paid directly by the parties incurring them, and the costs and expenses of the fact finder shall be paid equally by the parties. The fact finder shall be paid a rate mutually agreed upon by the parties for each day or any part of a day while performing fact-finding duties and shall

be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of his or her duties. A statement of fact-finding per diem and expenses shall be certified by the fact finder and submitted to the Board for approval. The Board shall provide a copy of approved fact-finding costs to each party with its order apportioning half of the total to each party for payment. Each party shall pay its half of the total within 15 days after receipt of the order. Approval by the Board of fact-finding and the fact finder's costs and expenses and its order for payment shall be final as to the parties.

(i) If the dispute remains unresolved 15 days after transmittal of findings and recommendations, each party shall submit to the Board its last best offer on all disputed issues as a single package. Each party's last best offer shall be certified to the Board by the fact finder. The board may hold hearings and consider the recommendations of the fact finder. Within 30 days of the certifications, the Board shall select between the last best offers of the parties, considered in their entirety without amendment, and shall determine its cost. The Board shall not issue an order under this subsection that is in conflict with any law or rule or that relates to an issue that is not subject to bargaining. The Board shall recommend its choice to the General Assembly as the agreement which shall become effective subject to the appropriations by the General Assembly pursuant to section 1637 of this title.

§ 1636. GENERAL DUTIES AND PROHIBITED CONDUCT

(a) The State and the independent direct support providers and their representatives shall make every reasonable effort to make and maintain agreements concerning matters allowed under this chapter and to settle all disputes, whether arising out of the application of those agreements or disputes concerning the agreements. All disputes shall, upon request of either party, be considered within 15 days of the request or at such times as may be mutually agreed to and if possible settled with all expedition in conference between representatives designated and authorized to confer by the State or the independent direct support providers. This obligation does not compel either party to make any agreements or concessions.

(b) The State shall not:

(1) Interfere with, restrain, or coerce independent direct support providers in the exercise of their rights under this chapter or by any law, rule, or regulation.

(2) Discriminate against an independent direct support provider because of the provider's affiliation with a labor organization or because a provider has filed charges or complaints or given testimony under this chapter.

(3) Take negative action against an independent direct support provider because the provider has taken actions demonstrating his or her support for a labor organization, including signing a petition, grievance, or affidavit.

(4) Refuse to bargain collectively in good faith with the exclusive representative or fail to abide by any agreement reached.

(5) Discriminate against an independent direct support provider based on race, color, creed, religion, age, disability, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.

(c) The employee organization shall not:

(1) Restrain or coerce independent direct support providers in the exercise of the rights guaranteed them by law, rule, or regulation. However, a labor organization may prescribe its own rules with respect to the acquisition or retention of membership, provided such rules are not discriminatory.

(2) Refuse to bargain collectively in good faith with the State.

(d) Complaints related to this section shall be made and resolved in accordance with the procedures set forth in 3 V.S.A. § 965.

§ 1637. COST ITEMS SUBMITTED TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(a) Any agreement reached between the parties shall be subject to approval by the General Assembly solely for the purpose of securing sufficient funding pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 982. Nothing shall prevent the parties from agreeing to and effecting those provisions of an agreement which do not require action by the General Assembly.

(b) Cost items agreed upon in collective bargaining between the parties shall be submitted to the Governor who shall request funds from the General Assembly to implement the agreement. If the General Assembly rejects any of the cost items submitted to it, all the cost items shall be returned to the parties to the agreement for further bargaining. If the General Assembly appropriates sufficient funds, the agreement shall become effective at the beginning of the next fiscal year. If the General Assembly appropriates a different amount of funds, the terms of the agreement affected by that appropriation shall be renegotiated based on the amount of funds actually appropriated and the new agreement shall become effective at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

§ 1638. RIGHTS UNALTERED

(a) A collective bargaining agreement or award under this chapter shall not infringe upon any rights of service recipients or their surrogates to hire, direct, supervise, or discontinue the employment of any particular independent direct support provider.

(b) Nothing in this section shall alter the rights and obligations of private sector employers and employees under the National Labor Relations Act, 29 U.S.C. § 151 et seq.

(c) A direct support provider shall not strike.

(d) Except as provided in 33 V.S.A. § 6321(f), independent direct support providers shall not be considered State employees by virtue of bargaining under this chapter.

(e) No provision of this chapter shall constitute a waiver of sovereign immunity of the state. The state shall not be liable for any claim arising out of the employment relationship between a service recipient and an independent direct service provider, even if the independent direct service provider was included on a referral directory or referred to a service recipient or the service recipient's surrogate.

§ 1639. APPEAL

(a) Any person aggrieved by an order or decision of the Board issued under the authority of this chapter may appeal on questions of law to the Supreme Court.

(b) An order of the Board shall not automatically be stayed pending appeal. A stay must first be requested from the Board. The Board may stay the order or any part of it. If the Board denies a stay, then a stay may be requested from the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court or a single justice may stay the order or any part of it and may order additional interim relief.

§ 1640. ENFORCEMENT

Orders of the Board issued under this chapter may be enforced by any party or by the Board by filing a petition with the Civil Division of the Superior Court of Washington County or in the Civil Division of the Superior Court in the county in which the action before the Board originated. The petition shall be served on the adverse party as provided for service of process under the Vermont Rules of Civil Procedure. If, after hearing, the court determines that the Board had jurisdiction over the matter and that a timely appeal was not filed or that an appeal was timely filed and a stay of the Board order or any part of it was not granted or that a Board order was affirmed on appeal in pertinent part by the Supreme Court, the court shall incorporate the order of the Board as a judgment of the court. There is no appeal from that judgment except that a judgment reversing a Board decision on jurisdiction may be appealed to the Supreme Court.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

Reported favorably with recommendation of amendment by Senator Sears for the Committee on Appropriations.

The Committee on Appropriations recommends that the bill be amended as recommended by the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs, with the following amendment:

By renumbering Sec. 2 as Sec. 3 and inserting a new Sec. 2 to read:

Sec. 2. NEGOTIATIONS; INDEPENDENT DIRECT SUPPORT PROVIDERS

The costs of negotiating an agreement pursuant to 21 V.S.A. chapter 20 shall be borne by the State out of existing appropriations made to it by the General Assembly.

(Committee vote: 7-0-0)

NOTICE CALENDAR

Committee Bills for Second Reading

S. 130.

An act relating to encouraging flexible pathways to secondary school completion.

By the Committee on Education.

Reported favorably by Senator Fox for the Committee on Appropriations.

(Committee vote: 6-1-0)

S. 150.

An act relating to miscellaneous amendments to laws related to motor vehicles.

By the Committee on Transportation. (Sen. Flory for the Committee)

S. 151.

An act relating to miscellaneous changes to the laws governing commercial motor vehicle licensing and operation.

By the Committee on Transportation. (Sen. Westman for the Committee)

S. 152.

An act relating to the Green Mountain Care Board's rate review authority.

By the Committee on Finance. (Sen. Lyons for the Committee)

Second Reading

Favorable with Recommendation of Amendment

S. 11.

An act relating to the Austine School.

Reported favorably with recommendation of amendment by Senator Rodgers for the Committee on Institutions.

The Committee recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. PROPERTY TRANSACTION; AUSTINE SCHOOL

(a) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 3823, on or before July 1, 2016, the Vermont Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is authorized to sell a total of up to 15 acres of undeveloped land associated with the Austine School for the Deaf with no obligation to repay any state capital appropriations made to or for the benefit of the Austine School.

(b) Notwithstanding any sale of undeveloped land pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the first priority lien created under 16 V.S.A. § 3823(b) in favor of the State for all capital appropriations made to or for the benefit of the Austine School for the Deaf shall remain for the full obligation that is owed to the State.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

S. 85.

An act relating to workers' compensation for firefighters and rescue or ambulance workers.

Reported favorably with recommendation of amendment by Senator Baruth for the Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

The Committee recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 21 V.S.A. § 601 is amended to read:

§ 601. DEFINITIONS

Unless the context otherwise requires, words and phrases used in this chapter shall be construed as follows:

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(11) “Personal injury by accident arising out of and in the course of employment” includes an injury caused by the willful act of a third person directed against an employee because of that employment.

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(H)(i) In the case of firefighters and members of a rescue or an ambulance squad, disability or death resulting from lung disease or an infectious disease caused by aerosolized airborne infectious agents or blood-borne pathogens and acquired after a documented occupational exposure in the line of duty to a person with an illness shall be presumed to be compensable, unless it is shown by a preponderance of the evidence that the disease was caused by nonservice-connected risk factors or nonservice-connected exposure. The presumption of compensability shall not be available if the employer offers a vaccine that is refused by the firefighter or rescue or ambulance worker and the firefighter or rescue or ambulance worker is subsequently diagnosed with the particular disease for which the vaccine was offered, unless the firefighter or rescue or ambulance worker’s physician deems that the vaccine is not medically safe or appropriate for the firefighter or rescue or ambulance worker.

(ii) In the case of lung disease the presumption of compensability shall not apply to any firefighter or rescue or ambulance worker who has used tobacco products at any time within 10 years of the date of diagnosis.

(iii) A firefighter or rescue or ambulance worker shall have been diagnosed within 10 years of the last active date of employment as a firefighter or rescue or ambulance worker.

(iv) As used in this subdivision, “exposure” means contact with infectious agents such as bodily fluids through inhalation, percutaneous inoculation, or contact with an open wound, nonintact skin, or mucous membranes, or other potentially infectious materials that may result from the performance of an employee’s duties. Exposure includes:

(I) Percutaneous exposure. Percutaneous exposure occurs when blood or bodily fluid is introduced into the body through the skin, including by needle sticks, cuts, abrasions, broken cuticles, and chapped skin.

(II) Mucocutaneous exposure. Mucocutaneous exposure occurs when blood or bodily fluids come in contact with a mucous membrane.

(III) Airborne exposure. Airborne exposure means contact with an individual with a suspected or confirmed case of airborne disease or contact with air containing aerosolized airborne disease.

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(28) “Aerosolized airborne infectious agents” means microbial aerosols that can enter the human body, usually through the respiratory tract, and cause disease, including mycobacterium tuberculosis, meningococcal meningitis, varicella zoster virus, diphtheria, mumps, pertussis, pneumonic plague, rubella, severe acute respiratory syndrome, anthrax, and novel influenza.

(29) “Blood-borne pathogens” means pathogenic microorganisms that are present in human blood and can cause disease in humans, including anthrax, hepatitis B virus (HBV), hepatitis C virus (HCV), human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), rabies, vaccinia, viral hemorrhagic fevers, and methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus.

(30) “Bodily fluids” means blood and bodily fluids containing blood or other potentially infectious materials as defined in the Vermont Occupational Safety and Health Administration Bloodborne Pathogen Standard (1910.1030). Bodily fluids also include respiratory, salivary, and sinus fluids, including droplets, sputum and saliva, mucus, and other fluids through which infectious airborne organisms can be transmitted between persons.

Sec. 2. EDUCATION AND TRAINING

To the extent that resources are available the Department of Health and the Vermont Fire Academy shall provide education and training on an annual basis to firefighters, first responders, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics on the requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards 1910.134 (respiratory protection) and 1910.1030 (bloodborne pathogens).

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

Favorable with Proposal of Amendment

J.R.H. 1.

Joint resolution relating to the history and legacy of the Vermont State Hospital and the preservation of its cemetery.

Reported favorably with recommendation of proposal of amendment by Senator Cummings for the Committee on Institutions.

The Committee recommends that the Senate propose to the House that the resolution be stricken in its entirety after the title and that the following be inserted in lieu thereof:

Whereas, in 1888, the trustees of the Vermont Asylum for the Insane in Brattleboro (renamed the Brattleboro Retreat in 1892 to avoid confusion with the Waterbury facility) reported that the facility was beyond its designed capacity, and Dr. Don D. Grout, the member from Stowe and a future superintendent of the Vermont State Asylum for the Insane (renamed the Vermont State Hospital for the Insane in 1898), introduced legislation that became Act 94, “An act providing for the care, custody and treatment of the insane poor and insane criminals of the state,” and

Whereas, the state purchased 500 acres of land in Waterbury for the new facility, and after initial construction, the first 25 patients arrived by train from Brattleboro on August 8, 1891, and

Whereas, during its 120 years of service, the Vermont State Hospital played a powerful role in the lives of many Vermonters, including many patients and staff, and

Whereas, from early on, the Vermont State Hospital confronted a continuing struggle to secure sufficient financing to provide the best quality of care, and in recent decades, it had been recognized that the facilities in Waterbury no longer allowed for state-of-the-art care, and the existing hospital needed to be closed, and

Whereas, in November 1927, and again at the end of August 2011, the staff and patients at the Vermont State Hospital undertook extraordinary measures to respond to devastating floods, and

Whereas, the severe damage that the Vermont State Hospital sustained in Tropical Storm Irene required an immediate relocation or replacement of services previously provided at the Vermont State Hospital, and

Whereas, as a new chapter in mental health care in Vermont begins, it should be one that integrates mental health care with other health care services, focuses on community supports and treatment close to home, avoids unnecessary hospitalization, and never abandons those with mental health needs, and

Whereas, with the closure of the historic Vermont State Hospital Waterbury campus, it is important to remember those individuals buried at the hospital’s cemetery in use from the hospital’s inception until 1912 and which includes a memorial stone with an inscription that reads:

This beautiful knoll overlooking the grounds of the Vermont State Hospital is matched in splendor only by the twenty or so residents of the Hospital who were buried here between 1891 and 1912. May their spirits soar, you are remembered, and

Whereas, the preservation of this cemetery and of the memory of those individuals is of lasting importance, and

Whereas, the names of those buried there have been gathered in the past, and may still be able to be located and preserved so that these individuals will not be left unknown, and

Whereas, there is evidence that at least two and perhaps more patients from the Vermont State Hospital were buried at different locations on the grounds in unmarked graves that are likely to never be identified which would be a grievous indication of past indifference to the lives of these individuals, a practice that should never again be permitted to occur in this state, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly observes the powerful role that the Vermont State Hospital played in the history of mental health treatment in Vermont and requests the State to maintain and preserve perpetually the hospital's cemetery, and be it further

Resolved: That the Department of Mental Health is requested to seek to identify from past records those individuals who were buried at different locations, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of Mental Health, to the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, and to the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation.

(Committee vote: 5-0-0)

(No House amendments)

CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS FOR NOTICE

H.C.R. 52-60 (For text of Resolutions, see Addendum to House Calendar for March 14, 2013)

CONFIRMATIONS

The following appointments will be considered by the Senate, as a group, under suspension of the Rules, as moved by the President *pro tempore*, for confirmation together and without debate, by consent thereby given by the

Senate. However, upon request of any senator, any appointment may be singled out and acted upon separately by the Senate, with consideration given to the report of the Committee to which the appointment was referred, and with full debate; and further, all appointments for the positions of Secretaries of Agencies, Commissioners of Departments, Judges, Magistrates, and members of the Public Service Board shall be fully and separately acted upon.

Heidi Pelletier of Montpelier – Member of Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees – By Sen. Doyle for the Committee on Education. (3/13/13)

M. Jerome Diamond of Montpelier – Member of Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees – By Sen. Doyle for the Committee on Education. (3/13/13)

Harlan Sylvester of Burlington – Chair of the Vermont Racing Commission. (3/14/13)

NOTICE OF JOINT ASSEMBLY

Thursday, March 28, 2013 - 9:30 A.M. – House Chamber - Retention of seven Superior Court Judges and one Magistrate Judge.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

CROSSOVER DEADLINES

The following bill reporting deadlines are established for the 2013 session:

(1) From the standing committee of last reference (excluding the Committees on Appropriations and Finance), all Senate bills must be reported out of committee on or before March 15, 2013.

(2) Senate bills referred pursuant to Senate Rule 31, must be reported out of the Committees on Appropriations and Finance on or before March 22, 2013.

(3) These deadlines may be waived for any bill or committee **only** by consent given by the Committee on Rules.