



May 7, 2021

Your State House

Concord, New Hampshire



To my constituents in [Allenstown](#), [Epsom](#), & [Pittsfield](#):

This week, my committee recommended three bills to the House. SB 42, which added “services” to what public officials are banned from selling to their towns (or school district, or county...) without open competitive bidding, was recommended with an amendment. We updated the dollar limit of \$200 (set in 1975) with today's equivalent \$1000, and clarified that services sales were per year: we didn't want someone to sell their services at \$900/week! This was a difficult bill for us: my committee doesn't usually deal with local governments, but everyone asked their selectmen for help. Thanks, Virginia!

SB 57, authorizing pharmacy technicians to do administrative tasks remotely, was recommended to pass. These technicians have been working remotely by executive order, but they needed specific statutory authority to do so after the end of the emergency. I thought it was a convenience to the technicians, and so worthy of consideration as long as the employer approved - and they did!

We voted to kill SB 114, which had been amended by the Senate to only require the Police Standards and Training Council to have a mandatory class on de-escalation, cultural diversity, and ethics. The council already provides such a class, and is amending its rules to require it for all law enforcement officers. This was the only vote not unanimous, and the two opposed seemed to favor the original intent of the bill, which was to provide more culturally sensitive and non-discriminatory supervision of outdoor activities by game wardens and park rangers and attendants. That purpose was removed by the Senate, though, and will have to wait until next year.

My committee continued with work sessions on various sections of our omnibus Senate bills. On SB 133, the licensing omnibus, we polished the amendment to Section V, the audiology and occupational therapy compacts. I also worked on language to specify the types of life experience appropriate to replacing the education component for child care workers. Parenting was not one of them – although if a person had six or eight children that might qualify! (one or two wouldn't.)

SB 58, a major cleanup of the statutes relating to the Office of Professional Licensing & Certification (OPLC), was reviewed in detail. A last minute request to delete the requirement in some professions' laws that the board must actually *sign* the license was approved in concept, but before accepting the amendment the subcommittee asked that OPLC remove some of the sections of SB 58 that would conflict with SB 133.

SB 104, on employee classification and reverse auctions, was also discussed, and the amendment brought in at the hearing approved in concept. Again, the subcommittee asked for some clarifying changes and also the latest classification updates approved by the Joint Committee on Employee Classification.



Representative Carol McGuire
carol@mcguire4house.com
782-4918