



GOLD STANDARD

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SB 339-FN, relative to required DNA analysis for certain offenses.

Criminal Justice and Public Safety: OTP 10-3

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill adds a new requirement to collect a DNA sample from citizens who may not even have been accused of a crime.

- Under RSA 135-C, people with mental illnesses are involuntarily committed to the state hospital, and under RSA 622:45 some of those acute patients, those whose illness pose a threat to themselves or others, are transferred to and civilly committed to the Department of Corrections Secure Psychiatric Unit. This bill would require these citizens to have DNA samples taken even if no crime has been committed. Mental illness is a medical condition, not a crime.
- The legislature should not require those who have never committed a crime to submit to have a DNA sample taken.

SB 339

NAY OTP

SB 320, relative to non-academic surveys administered by a public school to its students.

Education: OTP/A 11-9

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill protects the privacy of students and families.

- This compromise legislation requires parental consent for all non-academic surveys, except the youth risk behavior survey developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- The fact that some students may benefit from social programs does not justify ignoring privacy concerns and parents' right to direct their under-age children's education.
- There is a demonstrated need for this bill. Evidence was provided at the public hearing, showing that some existing surveys are neither anonymous nor optional.

SB 320

YEA OTP/A

SB 330-FN, (New Title) relative to licensure of medical imaging professionals and radiation therapists.

Executive Departments and Administration: OTP 16-2

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill expands state government and creates a new permanent licensing board.

- This bill expands the role of the state in healthcare, increasing costs and limiting patient access to services.
- The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists already provides credentialing services to ensure high quality patient care in medical imaging and radiation therapy. Establishing a new state mandated board duplicates the education, ethics and examination services provided by this internationally recognized organization.
- The addition of a parallel and duplicative licensing scheme will increase overhead costs which will inevitably be passed on to consumers.

SB 330

NAY OTP

SB 446, relative to requirements of the state building code.

Executive Departments and Administration: OTP 9-6

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill protects private property by clarifying that the state building code review board may only require data that is reasonably required for the building inspector to act on an application under the International Residential Code in the application process.

- The bill makes no changes to existing code or inspection requirements under the International Residential code but it is a small step to ensure that property rights are not frivolously infringed.

SB 446

YEA OTP

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill increases fines on drug offenses and retains misdemeanor charge for simple marijuana possession.

- Increases minimum fine on ALL drug offenses to \$500 from \$350.
- The bill in its current form is a poor substitute for HB1631 which passed the house by nearly a two to one margin on March 10, 2016 and has yet to be decided upon by the senate.
- **Support recommit to allow for an opportunity to amend the bill to remove increased fines and remove option for misdemeanor prosecution for marijuana possession.**

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