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HB 90, relative to the definition of part-time teachers.

Education: OTP/A 4-1

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill, with the proposed committee amendment, allows a part-time teacher who works up to 20 hours per week to teach without a Board of Education certificate if they are a full-time or adjunct faculty member at the University of NH or at a NH community college.

- By allowing part-time teachers to bypass traditional credentialing requirements, this bill fosters educational innovation and choice, aligning with the principle that families should control their educational options.
- This legislation reduces the regulatory burden on schools, enabling them to hire based on expertise rather than bureaucratic credentials, which is a step toward more market-driven educational solutions.
- The requirement for criminal history checks and adherence to a code of conduct ensures accountability while still promoting liberty by expanding opportunities for qualified individuals to teach.

HB 90

**YEA
OTP/A**

HB 319, (New Title) relative to the responsibility of local school districts to provide transportation for pupils in kindergarten.

Education: OTP 3-1

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill eliminates the requirement to provide meals and transportation for half-day kindergarten.

- To provide transportation home for students who are only attending half of the day, buses would have to transport children home twice; once for the half-day kids and again for the full-day kids. This is unnecessary and expensive.
- School districts could still offer this if they choose to, but it would no longer be a mandate.
- Parents should be providing meals for their children, not the government.

HB 319

**YEA
OTP**

HB 190, relative to therapeutic cannabis possession limits.

Judiciary: ITL 3-2

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill increases the amount of therapeutic cannabis that may be in a person's possession from 2 ounces to 4 ounces.

- The private, personal use of cannabis should be legal for all adults.
- By increasing the amount of cannabis a person may possess for therapeutic purposes it further decriminalizes cannabis in the state.

HB 190

NAY ITL

HB 198, relative to legalizing certain quantities of cannabis and establishing penalties for the smoking or vaping of cannabis in public.

HB 198

Judiciary: ITL 3-2

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill increases the cannabis possession limit to 2 ounces and decriminalizes activities associated with a person 21 years or older who possesses cannabis under the limit. Additionally, violations of several cannabis laws have their severity reduced and remove incarceration requirements.

NAY ITL

- This bill reduces the risk for non-violent offenders of cannabis laws to have lifelong detrimental impacts to their lives.
- This bill will reduce the consumption of police resources for inconsequential violations, allowing police to focus on more impactful criminals who threaten lives and property.
- This bill will reduce costs on the taxpayer, as fewer judicial and incarceration resources are consumed for meaningless law violations.
- The bill would be improved by simply removing *any* limits with respect to cannabis for persons 21 years of age or older.

HB 207, relative to repealing the prohibition on the possession or sale of blackjacks, slung shots, and metallic knuckles except by or to minors.

HB 207

Judiciary: ITL 3-2

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill allows adults to possess and sell blackjacks, slung shots, and metallic knuckles.

NAY ITL

- These types of weapons are also covered by the protections of the Second Amendment and Article 2-a.
- Adults should have the freedom to access tools like these for self-defense, if they so choose.

HB 226, relative to the use of drug checking equipment.

HB 226

Judiciary: ITL 3-2

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill excludes drug checking equipment from being considered as drug paraphernalia.

NAY ITL

- This bill prioritizes reducing the adverse consequences of substance use through education and tools like drug checking, rather than relying solely on punitive measures.
- By potentially reducing criminal prosecutions (as noted in the fiscal note), the bill could decrease the burden on the judicial and correctional systems, allowing resources to be redirected away from penalizing non-violent behavior.
- Drug checking equipment is not only used by drug sellers and drug users. With this bill, friends, families, and charitable organizations who have an interest in helping addicts can possess and distribute drug checking equipment without fear of seizure or legal repercussions, reinforcing the right to use property for personal or community benefit.

HB 380, relative to penalties for criminal violations of the therapeutic use of cannabis.

HB 380

Judiciary: ITL 3-2

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill removes the enhancement in the law for those who illegally sell therapeutic cannabis.

NAY ITL

- The private, personal use of cannabis should be legal for all adults.
- This bill fixes a problem in the law, whereby a user of therapeutic cannabis who sells their cannabis to another person who is not a qualifying patient or caregiver is subject to additional penalties beyond the illegal sale of cannabis. All people who illegally sell cannabis should be subject to the same penalties, whether or not they sell black-market cannabis or regulated therapeutic cannabis.

HB 551, repealing the license to sell pistols and revolvers.

HB 551

Judiciary: OTP 3-2

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill removes the requirement to have a license to sell a pistol or revolver.

**YEA
OTP**

- A license should not be required to sell your own property in the United States of America.
- This bill removes an infringement on a person's gun ownership rights, which are protected under Article 2-a of the NH Constitution and the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution.