An order temporarily waiving the 28-day separation period before a retired public employee can return to work on a part-time basis

WHEREAS, on Friday, March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, March 13, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-04, An order declaring a state of emergency due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health has found that community-based transmission of COVID-19 continues to increase in the State and has been identified in the majority of counties; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, “state and local health and emergency response organizations must use all available preventative measures to combat the spread of COVID-19, which will require access to services, personnel, equipment, facilities, and other resources, potentially including resources beyond those currently available, to prepare for and respond to any potential cases and the spread of the virus.”

WHEREAS, in the days since the Governor declared a State of Emergency, the COVID-19 outbreak in New Hampshire has expanded significantly; and

WHEREAS, governmental functions provide critical infrastructure for the people of New Hampshire during the State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the State and local governments are facing unprecedented challenges in continuing to operate local government and provide necessary services to the citizens of this state.

Now therefore, pursuant to Section 18 of Executive Order 2020-04 as extended by Executive Order 2020-05, it is hereby ordered, effective immediately, that:
1. To ensure that State and local governments have sufficient personnel to respond to the state of emergency due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the requirement in RSA 100-A:1, XXXIV that “no retired member shall be employed on a part-time basis by any participating employer for a period of 28 days from the member’s effective date of retirement” is waived for the duration of the State of Emergency declared in Executive Order 2020-04 and any extensions of the State of Emergency.

Given under my hand and seal at the Executive Chambers in Concord, this 24th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and twenty, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and forty-four.

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GOVERNOR OF NEW HAMPSHIRE