

Bill as Introduced

HB 1511-LOCAL - AS INTRODUCED

2010 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL ***1511-LOCAL***

AN ACT relative to municipal reimbursement for local assistance and establishing a committee to study local assistance under RSA 165, concerning aid to assisted persons.

SPONSORS: Rep. Buco, Carr 1; Rep. Umberger, Carr 1; Rep. Bridgham, Carr 2; Rep. Butler, Carr 1; Sen. Gallus, Dist 1; Sen. Reynolds, Dist 2

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

ANALYSIS

This bill:

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II. Permits reimbursement for case management of local assistance cases.

III. Establishes a committee to study local assistance provided under RSA 165, concerning aid to assisted persons.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough~~].
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Ten

AN ACT relative to municipal reimbursement for local assistance and establishing a committee to study local assistance under RSA 165, concerning aid to assisted persons.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Aid to Assisted Persons; Residency Not Required for Assistance. Amend RSA 165:1, I to read
2 as follows:

3 I. Whenever a person in any town is poor and unable to support himself *or herself*, [he] *the*
4 *person* shall be relieved and maintained by the overseers of public welfare of such town, whether or
5 not [he] *the person* has residence there. For the purposes of this chapter the term "residence" shall
6 have the same definition as in RSA 21:6-a.

7 2 Assisted Person Defined; Local Responsibility; Reimbursement from Town of Prior Residence
8 Permitted. Amend RSA 165:1-a to read as follows:

9 165:1-a Assisted Person Defined; Local Responsibility. Any person in a town or city who is poor
10 and unable to support himself *or herself* shall be known as a town or city assisted person, and shall
11 be relieved and maintained at the expense of the town or city of residence. *If the person has been*
12 *a resident of the town or city for less than 90 days, the town or city may seek reimbursement*
13 *for such assistance from the person's town or city of prior residence.*

14 3 Aid to Assisted Persons; Nonresidents; Temporary Assistance to Return to Place of Residence.
15 Amend RSA 165:1-c to read as follows:

16 165:1-c Nonresidents. Any person, poor and unable to support himself *or herself*, who is
17 temporarily in a town or city which is not his *or her* residence, and who does not intend to make it
18 his *or her* residence, shall be provided such temporary assistance as is reasonable and necessary by
19 such town or city [~~Such town or city may, if requested, cause~~] *so that* such person [te] *may* be
20 returned to his *or her place of* residence.

21 4 Aid to Assisted Persons; Recovery of Expense; Case Management. Amend RSA 165:20 to read
22 as follows:

23 165:20 Recovery of Expense. If a town, city, or county acting as agent for a town under RSA
24 165:34 spends any sum for the support, return to his *or her* home, or burial of an assisted person
25 having a residence in another town or city, or for an assisted person having relations able to support
26 him *or her* under RSA 165:19, such sum may be recovered from the town, city, or relation so
27 chargeable or from a county acting as agent for the town under RSA 165:34. *The sum may include*

1 *case management costs incurred by the town, city, or county providing assistance.* In any
2 civil action brought under this section to recover such sum, the court shall award costs to the
3 prevailing party.

4 5 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study the delivery of local
5 assistance under RSA 165, concerning aid to assisted persons.

6 I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

7 (a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
8 house of representatives.

9 (b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

10 II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to
11 the duties of the committee.

12 III. The committee shall study the delivery of local assistance under RSA 165. Areas of
13 study shall include issues related to residency, reimbursement, and mediation processes for disputes
14 between municipalities, the possibility of providing local assistance at the county rather than
15 municipal level, the need to standardize welfare guidelines, and clarification of pertinent statutes.
16 The committee shall solicit information and testimony from interested persons throughout the state,
17 both within government and from the public.

18 IV. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from among the members.
19 The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house member. The first
20 meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Three
21 members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

22 V. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation
23 to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the
24 senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2010.

25 6 Effective Date.

26 I. Section 5 and 6 of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

27 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect July 1, 2010.

Amendments

Amendment to HB 1511-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 1 with the following:

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3 2 Assisted Person Defined; Local Responsibility; Reimbursement from Town of Prior Residence
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8 *a resident of the town or city for less than 90 days and receives local assistance, the*
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10 *or city of prior residence, and the town or city of prior residence shall make such*
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17 by such town or city. Such town or city may, if requested, cause] *so that* such person [to] *may* be
18 returned to his *or her place of* residence *or to the nearest homeless shelter with available*
19 *space, whichever is least expensive. No town or city shall be responsible for relocation*
20 *unless the person has completed an application for assistance to be returned to his or her*
21 *prior residence.*

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27 support him *or her* under RSA 165:19, such sum may be recovered from the [town, city or] relation
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32 prevailing party.

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5 of representatives, 2 of whom shall be members of the health and human services and elderly affairs
6 committee, no more than 3 of whom shall be members of the same political party, and each of whom
7 shall represent a different county within the state.

8 (b) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate, from different
9 political parties, one of whom shall represent the northern part of the state, and one of whom shall
10 represent the southern part of the state.

11 II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to
12 the duties of the committee.

13 III. The committee's study shall include but not be limited to the following subjects:

14 (a) Delivery and administration of local assistance under RSA 165 to include but not be
15 limited to:

16 (1) General assistance program accessibility.

17 (2) Municipal and recipient accountability.

18 (3) Case management services.

19 (4) Timeframes.

20 (5) Standardization of procedures and written guidelines.

21 (6) Transferrable suspensions.

22 (7) Written notices of decisions from agencies to avoid duplication of services.

23 (8) Definition of good cause.

24 (9) Guidelines to address assistance refusal and when town obligation ends.

25 (b) Review municipal responsibility related to resident, transient, and homeless persons.

26 (c) Establish enforceable procedure for resolving disputes between overseers of the poor.

27 (d) Examine meaning and intent of RSA 165:33 as it relates to city or town districts.

28 (e) Consider administration by district, region, county, consultant, or subcontractor.

29 (f) Establish standard procedure for fraud investigation and prosecution.

30 (g) Clarify fair hearing officer/board membership criteria.

31 (h) Clarify pertinent statutes.

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33 organizations, and individuals that may be of assistance to the committee in the performance of its
34 study.

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Speakers

Hearing Minutes

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PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1511-LOCAL

BILL TITLE: relative to municipal reimbursement for local assistance and establishing a committee to study local assistance under RSA 165, concerning aid to assisted persons.

DATE: January 21, 2010

LOB ROOM: 301 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 4:23 pm

Time Adjourned: 5:23 pm

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Cooney, Gagnon, Osborne, Brown, Laliberte, Wheeler, Boisvert, Carlson, Lauterborn, Lewis, Schuett, Patten, Boyce, C. Soucy, J. Sullivan, Crisler, Ferrante, Perkins, Sterling and Cunningham.

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TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

Rep. Bucu, sponsor, introduced the bill and presented Am #0201h. Bill is requested on behalf of the Conway General Assistance officer.

Hon. Howard C. Dickinson, Jr. of Conway. Supports the bill with the proposed amendment #0201. This would have the town or city of prior residence reimburse subsequent towns of residence of needy citizens who receive welfare. Regarding the study requested in sec. 5, member stipulations could be changed; and on page 1, line 30 'and case management' should be struck out. At least, please be favorable to the study.

Rep. Osborne: On line 18, page 1 of Am - an open invitation to send these people to cities where they may not have come from cities. Ans.-(by Billie Jo Parker, General Assistance officer) This study has been requested in the past and failed, but hope it will be favored now. Will respond to you in my testimony.

Billie Jo Parker, General Assistance officer, Conway. Supports bill. Presented letter from Elliott Berry, NH Legal Assistance. Current economy and administration of RSA 165 is coming to a train wreck. I did a summary of loopholes in the system which will effect our town budget adversely. Current law promotes 'welfare shopping' - looking for a place with better benefits than where person originally lived. Gave several examples of individuals who have spent very little time (even one day) in their town, then asked for services, rather than trying to get services in their original place of residence. Also, those who looked for a locality more compliant to their needs shelters, library services, job searching, etc. Feels that the current law gives an individual the ability to dodge paying rent by moving on to another town rather than paying rent in previous towns. We can currently ask for reimbursement from previous town of residence, but it is voluntary. Possible to have local and state welfare be housed in same offices to better serve assisted persons?

Rep. Lauterborn: If this bill is passed, you could do what you think is appropriate for this person and then bill the previous town. How could you force the other town to pay? Ans.-We could go to court.

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Ans. - that's exactly why we need a study on this.

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Rep. Cooney: Does your town have the effect on the tax rate of the welfare budget? Ans. - (by BJ Parker) Our Assessor estimates it's only \$6 per year per tax payer. We get a substantial amount of our assistance from non-profits.

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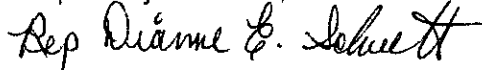
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Respectfully submitted,



Rep. Dianne E. Schuett

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Hearing closed at 5:23 p.m.

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Testimony



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Testimony of Elliott Berry, NH Legal Assistance concerning HB 1511 As Amended

Members of the Committee on Municipal and County Government, I am Elliott Berry. I have been an attorney at New Hampshire Legal Assistance for 35 years and over that time have represented countless individuals and families who have sought municipal welfare assistance pursuant to RSA Chapter 165 (“local welfare”)

One of the most serious problems I have seen over the years is that of applicants for assistance being bounced from one local welfare office to another all the while obtaining no help from anyone while welfare officers argue about who is legally responsible for their support. Most often this occurs when a person is evicted or otherwise loses her housing in Town A, a small municipality, and seeks assistance in Town B because Town B has a larger stock of rental housing and more social services. Unless the applicant intends to return to Town A (which is relatively rare) she no longer has residence there and under current law Town B is legally liable for her support. The problem is that the welfare officer in Town B has little inclination to assist an applicant who has just arrived in Town and often ends up sending her back to where she came from **even though she intends to remain in Town B and has no prospect of finding housing back in Town A**. This situation is demoralizing and often dangerous to the applicant.

HB 1511 as amended addresses this problem by reinforcing the current obligation of the welfare office from which the applicant requests assistance to assist her “regardless of whether or not she has residence”, by permitting the assisting municipality to recover the amount of assistance granted to the applicant, from the municipality of prior residence. This change would have two highly beneficial results: 1) it would encourage local welfare officials to comply with current law by granting timely, vitally needed assistance rather than sending the applicant to another local welfare office; and 2) it would relieve some of the disproportionate financial burden on larger municipalities, to which homeless and indigent people are naturally drawn due to their greater supply of housing and social services.

While I support Parts 1 and 2 of HB 1511 as amended, Part 3, regarding nonresidents, is problematic. First, Section 3 implies that either placing the applicant in the nearest homeless shelter or returning him or her to his/her residence is **always** an acceptable option. In some cases, such as when the applicant is a victim of domestic violence, or when s/he has a serious disability, neither option is appropriate. Second, as written Part 3 of the bill **undermines the intent of part 2** by suggesting that the welfare official to whom the applicant has applied for assistance may be “returned to his or her residence”. While this may be appropriate in the **rare case** in which the applicant actually has a residence to which he or she can safely return, this section as written will encourage local welfare officials to send newly arrived applicants back to where they came from without granting assistance. As currently written RSA 165:1-c permits the welfare official to return the applicant to his or her place of residence only upon request of the applicant. This is appropriate. At very least Section 3 of the bill as amended should **clarify that the**

phrase “returned to his or her residence” refers to an actual home or apartment and NOT the town of residence.

If the committee decides to work on HB 1511 I would be happy to be of assistance

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January 21, 2010

Dear Members:

I am writing today in regard to HB 1511 and a concern I have in regard to the potential for confusion in regard to the utilization of the term "case management" as it appears in the bill before you. "Case Management" is defined elsewhere in statute; it refers to the provision of a medical service, delivered by entities licensed in accordance with RSA 151 by the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human services. Case Management is also recognized and defined as a specific medical service in federal statute and rule.

Unless the services referred to in this bill meet the definitions in state and federal statute and are provided by the cities and towns in accordance with the applicable regulations governing the same, I suggest the term be eliminated from this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Carolyn A. Virtue

TITLE XI
HOSPITALS AND SANITARIA
CHAPTER 151-E
LONG-TERM CARE

Section 151-E:17

151-E:17 Availability of Targeted Management Services. – The department shall make available to and advise all Medicaid recipients who require a nursing facility level of care or are at risk of needing such care and who are patients in hospitals, rehabilitation hospitals, or nursing facilities of the availability of targeted **case management** services provided by independent case managers, to explore the feasibility of transitioning to home and community-based care.

Source. 2007, 330:10, eff. Jan. 1, 2008.

Section 151:5

151:5 Licenses. – Licenses issued hereunder shall expire one year after the date of issuance. Licenses shall be issued only for the premises and persons named in the application, and shall not be transferable or assignable. Licenses shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the licensed premises. Fees for an annual license shall be as follows:

- I. Hospitals; \$25 per licensed bed.
- II. Specialty hospital-psychiatric; \$25 per licensed bed.
- III. Specialty hospital-rehabilitation; \$25 per licensed bed.
- IV. Nursing homes; \$25 per licensed bed.
- V. Acute psychiatric residential treatment programs; \$25 per licensed bed.
- VI. Residential treatment and rehabilitation facilities; \$25 per licensed bed.
- VII. Hospice houses; \$25 per licensed bed.
- VIII. Adult family care homes; \$25 per licensed bed.
- IX. Residential and supported residential care; \$15 per licensed bed.
- X. Home health hospice providers; \$250.
- XI. Home health care providers; \$250.
- XII. Personal care providers:
 - (a) Less than 10 clients; \$100.
 - (b) Ten (10) or more clients; \$250.
- XIII. Outpatient clinics; \$500.
- XIV. End stage renal dialysis centers; \$500.
- XV. Ambulatory surgical centers; \$500.
- XVI. Educational health centers; \$500.
- XVII. Freestanding emergency rooms; \$500.
- XVIII. Health promotion clinics; \$500.
- XIX. Collecting stations; \$250.
- XX. Adult day care centers; \$200.
- XXI. Birthing centers; \$150.
- XXII. Case management agencies; \$150.**
- XXIII. Laboratories; \$150 per year for each category of testing licensed.

Source. 1947, 216:1, par. 5. RSA 151:5. 1977, 332:2. 1979, 399:7. 1983, 291:1, I. 1985, 190:81; 302:3. 1995, 310:181, eff. Nov. 1, 1995. 2009, 144:208, eff. July 1, 2009.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

42 CFR Parts 431, 440, and 441

[CMS-2237-IFC]
RIN 0938-AO50

Medicaid Program; Optional State Plan Case Management Services

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Interim final rule with comment period.

SUMMARY: This interim final rule with comment period revises current Medicaid regulations to incorporate changes made by section 6052 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. In addition, it incorporates provisions of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986, the Tax Reform Act of 1986, the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987, and the Technical and Miscellaneous Revenue Act of 1988, concerning **case management** and **targeted case management** services. This interim final rule with comment period will provide for optional coverage of **case management** services or **targeted case management** services furnished according to section 1905(a)(19) and section 1915(g) of the Social Security Act. This interim final rule with comment period clarifies the situations in which Medicaid will pay for **case management** activities and also clarifies when payment will not be consistent with proper and efficient operation of the Medicaid program, and is not available.

DATES: Effective Date: The effective date of this rule is March 3, 2008.

Voting Sheets

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EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1511-LOCAL

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Amendments:

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Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Sterling

Seconded by Rep. Boyce

Vote: 15-0 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

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Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: Yes-vv

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Dianne E. Schuett, Clerk

Rep. Dianne E. Schuett

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1511-LOCAL

BILL TITLE: relative to municipal reimbursement for local assistance and establishing a committee to study local assistance under RSA 165, concerning aid to assisted persons.

DATE: ~~1/21/2010~~ 2/16/2010

LOB ROOM: 301

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:
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Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. *Sterling*
Seconded by Rep. *Boyer*

Vote: 15-0 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

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Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE:

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Sterling/Wheeler YES

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Dianne E. Schuett, Clerk

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Bill #: HB 1511 Title: re reimbursement for local assistance under RSA 165 and
estab a study - concerning aid to assisted persons.
 PH Date: 1/21/2010 Exec Session Date: 2/1/10/2010

Motion: ITL Amendment #: _____

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Cooney, Mary R, Chairman	15	
Gagnon, Raymond G, V Chairman <i>absent</i>		
Osborne, Jessie L <u>ABBOTT, DENNIS</u>	8	
Brown, Larry	1	
Laliberte, Suzanne S	2	
Wheeler, Deborah	3	
Boisvert, Ronald R	4	
Carlson, Nancy L <i>absent</i>		
Lauterborn, Elaine M	5	
Lewis, Robert D	6	
Schuett, Dianne E, Clerk	7	
Patten, Betsey L	9	
Boyce, Laurie J	10	
Soucy, Connie M <i>absent</i>		
Sullivan, James M	11	
Crisler, Margaret M <i>absent</i>		
Ferrante, Beverly A	12	
Perkins, Amy Stasia <i>absent</i>		
Sterling, Franklin W	13	
<u>CUNNINGHAM</u>	14	
TOTAL VOTE:	15	0

Committee Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

February 17, 2010

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY

GOVERNMENT to which was referred HB1511-L,

AN ACT relative to municipal reimbursement for local assistance and establishing a committee to study local assistance under RSA 165, concerning aid to assisted persons. Having considered the same, report the same with the following Resolution: **RESOLVED**, That it is **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**.

Rep. Franklin W Sterling

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT
Bill Number:	HB1511-L
Title:	relative to municipal reimbursement for local assistance and establishing a committee to study local assistance under RSA 165, concerning aid to assisted persons.
Date:	February 17, 2010
Consent Calendar:	YES
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill sought to amend RSA 165:1-a that would compel the city or town from which a welfare recipient moved from to reimburse the city or town to which they were receiving assistance from if the recipient had not be a resident in that town or city for more than 90 days.

The bill's sponsors are concerned that some municipalities are moving their welfare burdens to other towns thus relieving themselves of the necessity of providing financial assistance. The committee is of the opinion that the formal and informal networking of the directors of welfare is better able to get reimbursement from there neighbors when its warranted. The committee also felt that there were legitimate reasons, such as the availability of low income housing, medical services and other social services, for an individual to move from one town to another.

Vote 15-0.

Rep. Franklin W Sterling
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

CONSENT CALENDAR

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: MUNICIPAL & COUNTY GOVT

BILL NUMBER: HB 1511

TITLE: re municipal reimbursement for local assistance and estab.
a study under RSA 165, aid to assisted persons.

DATE: 2/16/2010 CONSENT CALENDAR: YES NO

- OUGHT TO PASS
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- INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE
- INTERIM STUDY (Available only 2nd year of biennium)

Amendment No.

STATEMENT OF INTENT:

COMMITTEE VOTE: 15-0

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

- Copy to Committee Bill File
- Use Another Report for Minority Report

Rep. _____

For the Committee

Sterling

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