

# Bill as Introduced

SB 306 - AS INTRODUCED

2010 SESSION

10-2725

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SENATE BILL

**306**

AN ACT

extending the commission to develop a legislative plan to meet the needs of certain adults with developmental disabilities.

SPONSORS:

Sen. Gilmour, Dist 12; Rep. Schulze, Hills 26; Rep. Harris, Sull 4

COMMITTEE:

Health and Human Services

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ANALYSIS

This bill extends the commission to develop a legislative plan to meet the needs of certain adults with developmental disabilities.

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Ten*

**AN ACT** extending the commission to develop a legislative plan to meet the needs of certain adults with developmental disabilities.

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

- 1       **1 Commission Extended.** Amend 2009, 255:5 to read as follows:
- 2       **255:5 Report.** The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
- 3 legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate
- 4 clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, ~~2009~~ **2010**.
- 5       **2 Effective Date.** This act shall take effect upon its passage.

# Speakers



# Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 306

**BILL TITLE:** extending the commission to develop a legislative plan to meet the needs of certain adults with developmental disabilities.

**DATE:** March 16, 2010

**LOB ROOM:** 205      **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 2:00 PM

**Time Adjourned:** 2:25 PM

(please circle if present)

**Committee Members:** Reps. Rosenwald, Donovan, French, Schulze, Tilton, Butcher, Bridgham, E. Merrick, T. Russell, DiPentima, Miller, Batula, C. McMahon, Pilliod, Emerson, Case, Millham, Wells, Cebrowski and Kotowski.

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TESTIMONY

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

**Senator Gilmour, prime sponsor.** She introduced the bill which extends the commission to develop a legislative plan to meet the needs of certain adults with developmental disabilities. The commission did not meet until October and needs more time to complete its task. There are 203 persons identified as needing help. These persons are considered dangerous in some way.

**\*Sandy Pelletier, Chair of Commission & Director of Gateways Area Agency – supports.** See written testimony. The problem is how to create a continuum of services for this population. High risk behaviors of the individuals make some services difficult to secure. They would like more buy in by the Department of Health & Human Services. Where are the gaps in our service system? We need to focus on what is in SB 112. The biggest issue is siting of group homes in the community.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rep. Joan Schulze*

Representative Joan Schulze, Clerk

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Should like more buy in by the Dept HHS.

Where are the gaps in our service systems?

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Biggest issue. Siting of group homes in the community.

# Testimony

**SB 112 – Establishing a Commission to Develop a Legislative Plan to Meet the Needs of Certain Adults With Developmental Disabilities**

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Commission Duties per SB 112:

- a) Make recommendations on developing a permanent state forensics team
- b) Develop legislation that creates a delivery system for a continuum of services for this population
- c) Develop an assessment tool for use by the appropriate professional in determining the need for services and the level of services required

Utilize data from reports and studies already completed to address these issues.

**SB 112 Study Commission Appointees**

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- o Senator Peggy Gilmour
- o Rep. Sandra Harris
- o Rep. Joan Schulze
- o Richard Cohen
- o Mathew Ertas
- o Deborah Hopkins
- o Freddi Gale
- o Amanda Grady
- o Helen Hanks
- o Suzanne Gorman *A.G. Justice*
- o James O'Mara
- o James, Hon. R. Patten
- o Sandra Pelletier- Chair
- o Erik Riera
- o Nancy Rollins
- o Dr. Ron Royer
- o Ellen Keith
- o Edie Gault, LICSW
- o Dr. Robert Kinscherff



## Current Group Home Capacity

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- Currently NH houses 25 individuals in staffed residences –group homes (average 3 people)
- Columbia House – 4: Operated by Northern NH Human Services
- Designated Receiving Facility – 6: Operated by State of NH
- Immediate Concern: A total of 8 individuals were identified as “stuck” in the DRF, Columbia House, or NHH due to the lack of appropriate community-based residential treatment options.

### The Siting Committee's Recommendation:

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Develop a Statewide Siting Committee whose membership would involve local town officials. They would follow a process that demonstrates due diligence, looks at a full spectrum of options, and would take community considerations into account in all recommendations. This would provide a vital mechanism for looking at all checks and balances before approaching a town.

### Sub Committee to Develop an Assessment Tool for Use By the Appropriate Professional's Recommendation

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Standardizing a protocol for screening risk factors and developing a risk assessment with best practice tools for the intellectually disabled high risk population, will increase community safety, assure service development is based upon best practice tools for this population, include operational recommendations, and greater consistency in program development & placement.

# Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on SB 306

**BILL TITLE:** extending the commission to develop a legislative plan to meet the needs of certain adults with developmental disabilities.

**DATE:** March 23, 2010

**LOB ROOM:** 205

**Amendments:**

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

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

Moved by Rep. J. Schulze

Seconded by Rep. P. Batula

Vote: 20-0 (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: 20-0**

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

**Statement of Intent:** Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Joan H. Schulze, Clerk

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*Consent*



# Committee Report

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**March 24, 2010**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Committee on HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & ELDERLY AFFAIRS to which was referred SB306,**

**AN ACT extending the commission to develop a legislative plan to meet the needs of certain adults with developmental disabilities. Having considered the same, report the same with the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS.**

**Rep. Joan H Schulze**

**FOR THE COMMITTEE**

## COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	<b>HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES &amp; ELDERLY AFFAIRS</b>
Bill Number:	<b>SB306</b>
Title:	<b>extending the commission to develop a legislative plan to meet the needs of certain adults with developmental disabilities.</b>
Date:	<b>March 23, 2010</b>
Consent Calendar:	<b>YES</b>
Recommendation:	<b>OUGHT TO PASS</b>

### STATEMENT OF INTENT

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Vote 20-0.

Rep. Joan H Schulze  
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk  
Cc: Committee Bill File

## CONSENT CALENDAR

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A Blurb regarding SB 306

March 22, 2010

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