

Bill as Introduced

SB 410 - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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2010 SESSION

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SENATE BILL **410**

AN ACT establishing a committee to study New Hampshire's rate of infant mortality and develop proposals for remediation.

SPONSORS: Sen. Sgambati, Dist 4; Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20; Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 24; Sen. Gallus, Dist 1; Sen. Gilmour, Dist 12; Sen. Houde, Dist 5; Sen. Kelly, Dist 10; Sen. Lasky, Dist 13; Sen. Odell, Dist 8; Sen. Reynolds, Dist 2; Rep. Pilliod, Belk 5; Rep. Julie Brown, Straf 1; Rep. Batula, Hills 19; Rep. Arsenault, Belk 4

COMMITTEE: Health and Human Services

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study New Hampshire's rate of infant mortality and develop proposals for remediation.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in *bold italics*.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 establishing a committee to study New Hampshire's rate of infant mortality and develop proposals for remediation.

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

1 1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study New Hampshire's rate of
2 infant mortality and develop proposals for remediation.

3 2 Membership and Compensation.

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

5 (a) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

6 (b) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
7 house of representatives.

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

10 3 Duties. The committee shall study New Hampshire's rate of infant mortality and develop
11 proposals for remediation.

12 4 Chairperson. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from among the
13 members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named senate member. The
14 first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section.

15 5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
16 legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate
17 clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2010.

18 6 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 410

BILL TITLE: establishing a committee to study New Hampshire's rate of infant mortality and develop proposals for remediation.

DATE: March 23, 2010

LOB ROOM: 205 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 11:00 AM

Time Adjourned: 11:25 AM

(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, Cabrowski and Kotowski

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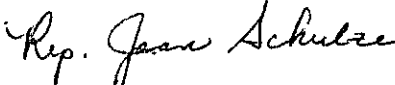
TESTIMONY

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

Senator Sgambati, prime sponsor – supports. She believes this is a legitimate area to study. Infant mortality in New Hampshire is 17th in the nation. Needs to learn if there are changes we can make. It may take a longer time to consider – supports a longer report out time. The expectation is appropriate and persons will be asked to testify before the committee. We haven't heard much from the Child Death Committee and hope to bring all voices to the table. Reports are on places of residence.

***Kate Frey, DHHS – Division of Public Health Services.** See chart. Child Fatality Review Committee. She will check on reports. This will be focused on infants, birth to age 1 year old. A significant factor is low birth rate, complications from pregnancy. Low or no prenatal care is another factor. Smoking and substance abuse are issues. Work is being done on this issue. We need to look at other New Hampshire indicators. We certainly know that the reasons are more work needs to be done on remediation issues. Homicide falls under Child Fatality Review Committee.

Respectfully submitted,


Representative Joan Schulze, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

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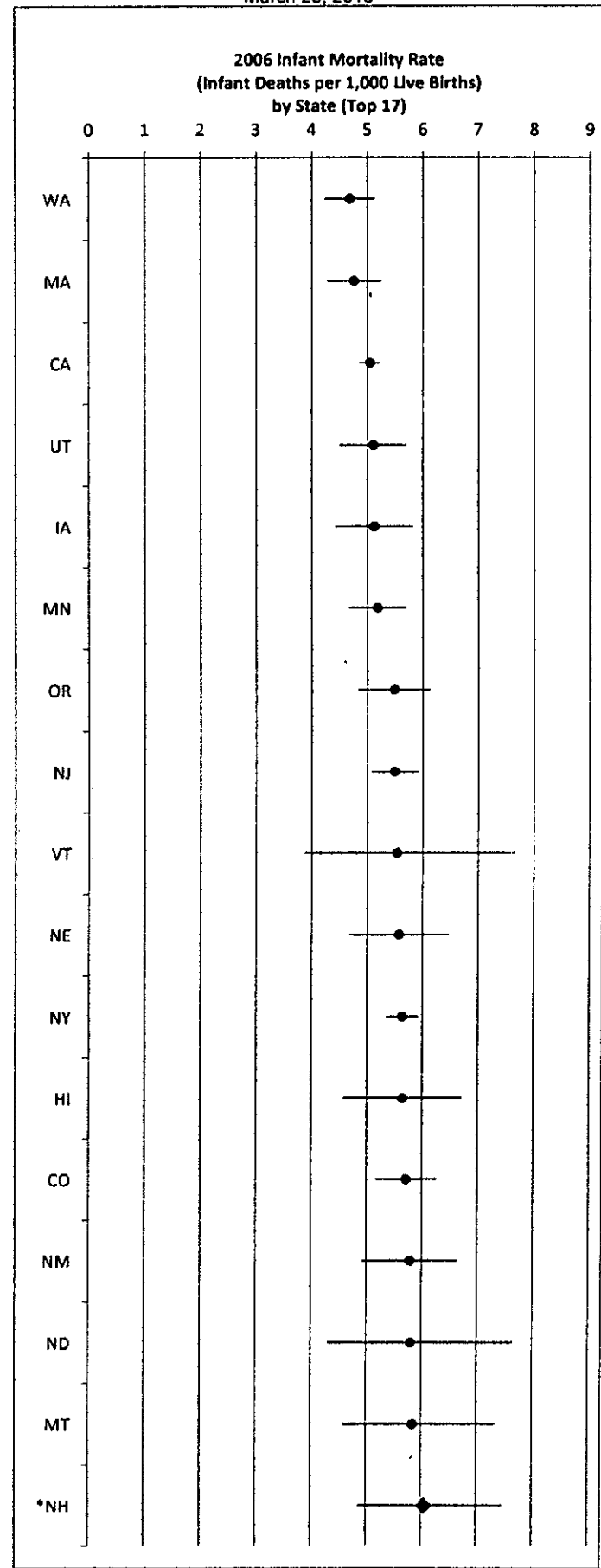
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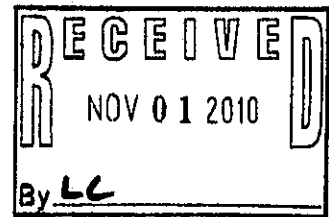
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Testimony





SB 410
Chapter 43:1, Laws of 2010

An Act establishing a committee to study New Hampshire's
rate of infant mortality and
develop proposals for remediation.

Final Report
Findings

**The above-named Joint Legislative Study Committee selected to study
New Hampshire's rate of infant mortality and develop proposals for
remediation, having duly met offers the following final report:**

1. From 1997 to 2009, the statistical rates for the Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) has not changed significantly. During this twelve year period there was normal statistical variation with the rate. That is if the IMR went up, it correlated with an increase in births.
2. The leading causes of death in infants are:
 - a. Congenital Anomalies
 - b. Prematurity
 - c. SIDS/Sudden Unexplained Infant Death
 - d. Complications of the placenta, cord and membranes
 - e. Effects from maternal complications from pregnancy
3. DHHS has been partnering with different agencies to study the problem. They have worked with Dartmouth College regarding congenital anomalies and promoted safe sleeping positions which has reduced the incidence of SIDS..
4. The department has had success with home visitation programs that are funded through TANF. Only those moms that are currently eligible for Medicaid are served. Currently there are approximately 900 mothers participating in home visitation. DHHS also has the

511 telephone text program that offers advice to concerned mothers.

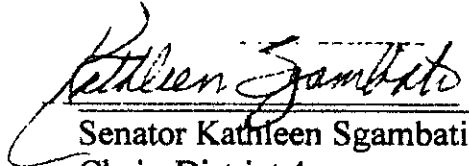
5. The committee is concerned that resources and staff time could be diverted to form a new study committee when the subject is already being dealt with through DHHS, the child fatality committee and other study committees.

Recommendations

The Committee was unanimous in its recommendations.

1. As the Department of Health and Human Services' sub-division on Maternal and Child Health Services has been studying the issue and has limited resources, the members do not wish to take away any resources by duplicating efforts; thus the committee would recommend no further legislative action at this time.
2. The committee unanimously recommended that funding be continued to support home visiting and other Department programs that offer health supports to pregnant women and education to parents on infant care.
3. The committee would request that the department make periodic reports to the already existing committee on DHHS Oversight Committee on the topic of Infant Mortality Rates.

Respectfully Submitted,



Senator Kathleen Sgambati
Chair, District 4

Representative Beth Arsenault
Belknap 4

Representative Joan Schulze
Hillsborough 26

Representative Julie Brown
Strafford 1

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[SB FINAL REPORT SB 410]

Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on SB 410

BILL TITLE: establishing a committee to study New Hampshire's rate of infant mortality and develop proposals for remediation.

DATE: April 6, 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. R. DiPentima

Vote: 15-2 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

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

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: 15-2

(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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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on SB 410

BILL TITLE: establishing a committee to study New Hampshire's rate of infant mortality and develop proposals for remediation.

DATE: 4/6/2010

LOB ROOM: 205

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep.

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

Moved by Rep. *Schulze*

Seconded by Rep. *DePentima*

Vote: 15-2 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

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

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE:

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Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Joan H. Schulze, Clerk

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & ELDERLY AFFAIRS

Bill #: SB 410 Title: establishing a committee to study New Hampshire's rate of infant mortality and develop proposals for remediation.
 PH Date: 3/28/2010 Exec Session Date: 4/6/2010

Motion: OTP Amendment #: _____

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Rosenwald, Cindy, Chairman	15	
Donovan, Thomas E, V Chairman	1	
French, Barbara C	2	
Schulze, Joan H, Clerk	3	
Tilton, Joy K	-	
Butcher, Suzanne S	4	
Bridgham, Robert G		1
Merrick, Evalyn S	-	
Russell, Trinkia T	5	
DiPentima, Rich T	6	
Miller, Kate W	7	
Batula, Peter L	8	
McMahon, Charles E	9	
Pilliod, James P	10	
Emerson, Susan	11	
Case, Frank G	12	
Millham, Alida I	13	
Wells, Roger G	-	
Cebrowski, John W		2
Kotowski, Frank R	14	
	15	2

Committee Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

April 14, 2010

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & ELDERLY AFFAIRS to which was referred SB410,

AN ACT establishing a committee to study New Hampshire's rate of infant mortality and develop proposals for remediation. 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:	HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & ELDERLY AFFAIRS
Bill Number:	SB410
Title:	establishing a committee to study New Hampshire's rate of infant mortality and develop proposals for remediation.
Date:	April 6, 2010
Consent Calendar:	YES
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill establishes a committee to study New Hampshire's rate of infant mortality and develop methods of remediation. The child fatality review committee was established in 1991 by an executive order of Governor Judd Gregg. In 1995, Governor Steve Merrill signed an executive order re-establishing the committee under the official auspices of the NH department of justice. It receives funding through the children's justice act grant. This committee does not look at natural causes of death; it looks at preventable deaths 0-18 years, e.g., drowning, firearm, motor vehicle, traffic, etc. It also looks at some sudden infant deaths syndrome cases (SIDS). It meets 6 times a year and reviews a sample of all cases. The NH DHHS, division of public health services (DPHS), maternal and child health section (MCH) administers the federal program that focuses solely on improving the health of all mothers and children with education and health care. Because the child fatality review committee was established by an executive order, the legislature cannot add duties. This proposed legislation is appropriate in order to get a comprehensive view of causes of death in ages 0-1 and plan remediation.

Vote 15-2.

Rep. Joan H Schulze
FOR THE COMMITTEE

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HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & ELDERLY AFFAIRS

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Rep. Joan Schulze for the committee

COMMITTEE REPORT

Rep. Wisler

COMMITTEE: Health, Human Services & Elderly Affairs

BILL NUMBER: SB 410

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DATE: 4/6/2010 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: 15-2

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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

Rep. *Joan Schultze*
For the Committee