

Bill as Introduced

HB 1496-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2012 SESSION

12-2390

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HOUSE BILL ***1496-FN***

AN ACT relative to the certification of county correctional personnel for purposes of the New Hampshire retirement system.

SPONSORS: Rep. J. Gail Barry, Hills 16

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill removes the requirement that the New Hampshire Association of Counties certify county correctional personnel for inclusion in group II of the retirement system.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT relative to the certification of county correctional personnel for purposes of the
New Hampshire retirement system.

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

- 1 1 Retirement System; Definitions; Group II; County Correctional Personnel. Amend RSA 100-
- 2 A:1, VII(c)(2) to read as follows:
- 3 (2) As a job requirement are fully certified as correctional personnel [~~by the New~~
- 4 ~~Hampshire Association of Counties~~] after successful completion of a course of training approved by
- 5 the police standards and training council;
- 6 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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HB 1496-FN - FISCAL NOTE

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The New Hampshire Association of Counties states this bill may have an indeterminable impact on county expenditures in FY 2012 and each year thereafter. There will be no impact on state, county, and local revenues, or state and local expenditures.

METHODOLOGY:

The New Hampshire Association of Counties states currently in order to be eligible for Group II in the New Hampshire Retirement System, county correction officers must be certified by the Association. The Association states it currently operates a 5-week academy under a curriculum approved by the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council, as well as performs administrative support including certifications, annual reviews of fitness requirements, eligibility determinations for officers trained at other equivalent programs, and maintains all backup certification information data and documentation. The current fee for academy attendance, certification, annual reviews, consideration of requests for suspensions or terminations, and maintenance of all records and data is a one time charge of \$500. The Association states this bill would allow a facility to not only train its own officers but to also certify them, however only a couple of counties may be large enough and have enough new officers at one time to run an academy. The Association states Hillsborough County currently trains its officers but submits them for certification through the Association's Certification Board. The Association states if counties continue to submit certification requests to the Association's Certification Board county expenditures would remain the same, but to the extent a county would engage another entity to run its academy or provide certification and administrative services, county expenditures may either increase or decrease.

The New Hampshire Retirement System states this bill would remove the requirement that the New Hampshire Association of Counties certify correctional personnel for inclusion in Group II of the retirement system. The System states this bill would neither increase membership in the retirement system nor affect the payroll on which employer and member contributions are reported and therefore this bill will have no fiscal impact on the assets or liabilities of the retirement system.

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The Office of Legislative Budget Assistant states if counties continue to submit certification requests to the Association's Certification Board, county expenditures would remain the same, but to the extent a county would chose to engage another entity to run its academy or provide certification and administrative services, county expenditures could either increase or decrease. However, any fiscal impact would not be the result of passage of the bill, but rather the result of an independent decision made by each county.

Speakers

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1496-FN

BILL TITLE: relative to the certification of county correctional personnel for purposes of the New Hampshire retirement system.

DATE: 2/9/2012

LOB ROOM: 306 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 1:20 pm

Time Adjourned: 1:45 pm

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. McGuire, Hawkins, P. Brown, Sytek, Day, Pratt, Vita, Perkins, Winter, Bowers, Hansen, Proulx, Whitehead, R. Schmidt, Pilotte, Judy and Sullivan.

Bill Sponsors: Rep. J. Gail Barry, Hills 16

TESTIMONY

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

Rep. Gail Barry – Introduction

Rep. Maurice Pilotte – What does county certification consist of

Rep. Gail Barry – Town does their own

James O'Maro, Jr. – Formerly NH Corrections Officer – has overseen all 10 counties, keeps tax down for each county, program is 5 weeks and approved by police. The Bill seems to be “slightly incomplete”

Rep. Hawkins – Hillsborough Training its own.

James O'Maro, Jr. – 9 out of 10 counties (Hillsborough to do on its own)

Rep. Steve Winter – Is this Bill more about training or Group II

James O'Maro, Jr. – Not Group II, (NHAC 500- Training and certification)

Rep. Peter Hansen – Some training in curriculum.

James O'Maro, Jr. – State Training – Long Term offenders

Rep. Maurice Pilotte – Requirement for Federal grants, is Hillsborough included?

James O'Maro, Jr. – In order to keep vacancies at a minimum, Hillsborough can step in and analysis showed it was cheaper for Hillsborough County to do it on their own.

Rep. John Sytek – Why doesn't Hillsborough do this

James O'Maro, Jr. – Can't

Ron White – NHAC Corrections affiliate (RSA 100A – Authority comes out of)

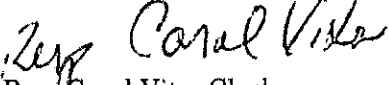
Rep. Spec Bowers – This Bill deals with retirement only?

Ron White - Certification only

Rep. Maurice Pilotte – 500 per person over salary?

Ron White – Yes, corrective officers are Group II but they have to be certified.

Respectfully submitted,


Rep. Carol Vita, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

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REP GAIL BARRY - INTRODUCTION

REP PILOTTE - WHAT DOES COUNTY CERTIFICATION CONSIST OF

REP BARRY - TOWN DOES THEIR OWN

JAMES O'MARCO, JR - FORMERLY - NH CORRECTIONS OFFICER

- HAS OVER SEEN ALL 10 COUNTIES -

- KEEPS TAX DOWN FOR EACH COUNTY

- PROGRAM - SWKS - APPROVED BY POLICE

THE BILL SEEMS TO BE "SLIGHTLY INCOMPLETE"

REP HAWKINS -

HILLSBOROUGH TRAINING IT'S OWN

JAMES O'MARCO, JR - 9 OUT OF 10 COUNTIES (HILLSBOROUGH TO DO ON IT'S OWN

REP WINTER - IS THIS BILL MORE ABOUT TRAINING OR GROUP II

J. O'MARA, JR

- NOT GROUP II

(NHAC-500, - TRAINING & CERTIFICATION)

REP HANSON - SOME TRAINING IN CURRICULUM -

J. O'MARCO, JR. - STATE TRAINING - LONG TERM OFFENDERS

REP PILOTTE - REQUIREMENT FOR FEDERAL GRANTS
- IS HILLSBOROUGH INCLUDED

J. O'MARCO, JR. - IN ORDER TO KEEP GRANTS AT A MINIMUM - HILLSBOROUGH
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REP SYTER - WHY DOESN'T HILLSBOROUGH DO THIS

J. O'MARCO, JR. CAN'T

RON WHITE - NHAC CORRECTIONS AFFILIATE (RSA 100A - AUTHORITY
COMES OUT OF)

REP BOWERS - THIS BILL DEALS W/ RETIREMENT ONLY?

RON WHITE - CERTIFICATION ONLY

REP PILOTTE - 500. PER PERSON OVER SALARY?

RON WHITE - YES

CORRECTIVE OFFICES ARE GROUP II

YES, BUT THEY HAVE TO BE CERTIFIED

Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1496-FN

BILL TITLE: relative to the certification of county correctional personnel for purposes of the New Hampshire retirement system.

DATE: 2/09/2012

LOB ROOM: 306

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

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

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

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

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Moved by Rep. Hawkins

Seconded by Rep. Proulx

Vote: 13-0 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: yes

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

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Carol Vita, Clerk

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Moved by Rep. *HAWKINS*

Seconded by Rep. *PROULX*

Vote: *17-0* (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: *yes.*

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

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

Bill #: 1496 ~~HB 1387~~ *RELATIVE TO THE CERTIFICATION OF COUNTY CORRECTIONAL PURPOSES OF THE NH RETIREMENT SYSTEM*
 Title: *REQUIRING UNITED STATES FLAGS PURCHASED WITH FUNDS OR DISPLAYED IN STATE FACILITIES TO BE MANUFACTURED IN THE UNITED STATES*
 PH Date: 2, 2, 12 Exec Session Date: 2-9-11

Motion: 172 Amendment #: _____

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
McGuire, Carol M, Chairman	X	
Hawkins, Kenneth, V Chairman	X	
Sytek, John	X	
Day, Russell C	X	
Pratt, Calvin D	X	
Vita, Carol M, Clerk	X	
Perkins, Lawrence B		
Winter, Steven J	X	
Bowers, Spec	X	
Brown, Paul E		
Hansen, Peter T	X	
Proulx, Mark L	X	
Whitehead, Randall A	X	
Schmidt, Peter B	X	
Pilotte, Maurice L	X	
Jeudy, Jean L		
Sullivan, Daniel J		

1 HAWKINS
2 PROULX

TOTAL VOTE: 13 D
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Committee Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

February 13, 2012

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION to which was referred HB1496-FN,

AN ACT relative to the certification of county correctional personnel for purposes of the New Hampshire retirement system. Having considered the same, report the same with the following Resolution:
RESOLVED, That it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Kenneth Hawkins

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION
Bill Number:	HB1496-FN
Title:	relative to the certification of county correctional personnel for purposes of the New Hampshire retirement system.
Date:	February 9, 2012
Consent Calendar:	YES
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently County correction officers are trained and certified by the New Hampshire Association of Counties using courses approved by the police standards and training council for a fee of \$500. Currently each County can train their corrections personnel using the standards from the association, and they are then certified. Many of the Counties only have a few new hires so they have joint training classes with the other Counties to keep the costs to the taxpayers to a minimum. We could find no reason to change the current procedures as it may increase the c

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Rep. Kenneth Hawkins
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

CONSENT CALENDAR

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB1496-FN, relative to the certification of county correctional personnel for purposes of the New Hampshire retirement system. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Kenneth Hawkins for EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION. Currently County correction officers are trained and certified by the New Hampshire Association of Counties using courses approved by the police standards and training council for a fee of \$500. Currently each County can train their corrections personnel using the standards from the association, and they are then certified. Many of the Counties only have a few new hires so they have joint training classes with the other Counties to keep the costs to the taxpayers to a minimum. We could find no reason to change the current procedures as it may increase the c **Vote 13-0.**

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OK by me

Carol

On Thu, Feb 9, 2012 at 6:53 PM, <khawkins2@comcast.net> wrote:

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