

# Bill as Introduced

HB 165 - AS INTRODUCED

2013 SESSION

13-0655  
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HOUSE BILL

**165**

AN ACT

establishing a committee to study the use of the sex offender registry.

SPONSORS:

Rep. Robertson, Ches 6

COMMITTEE:

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

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ANALYSIS

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen*

AN ACT establishing a committee to study the use of the sex offender registry.

*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 the use of the sex offender  
2 registry.
- 3        2 Membership and Compensation.
- 4            I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:
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6 house of representatives.
- 7                (b) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.
- 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:
- 11            I. Study the use of the sex offender registry as established under RSA 651-B and evaluate  
12 whether any changes to the law governing the registry should be made.
- 13            II. Determine whether certain offenders should be permitted to petition the court to be  
14 removed from the registry after a period of time.
- 15            III. Study any other issue deemed relevant to the committee's objective.
- 16        4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from  
17 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house  
18 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this  
19 section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.
- 20        5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed  
21 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house  
22 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2013. .
- 23        6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

# Speakers



# Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 165

**BILL TITLE:** establishing a committee to study the use of the sex offender registry.

**DATE:** January 15, 2013

**LOB ROOM:** 204      **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 10:48 am

**Time Adjourned:** 11:52 am

(please circle if present)

**Committee Members:** Reps. ~~Pantelakos, Cushing, Ginsburg, Berube, Boisvert, Robertson, Grady, Burrige, Harriott-Gathright, Hirsch, O'Hearne, Charron, Fields, Villeneuve, Gagne, Vaillancourt, Warden, Parsons, Fesh and Tasker.~~

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**TESTIMONY**

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

**Rep. Timothy Robertson, sponsor**

Introduced the bill and strongly feels that a commission is necessary. That a person who commits a crime as a youth should have the ability to have his record removed.

\***Jill Rokey**, Executive Director of the Crisis Center of Central New Hampshire - support  
Strongly supports the bill and submitted written testimony.

**Attorney Michael J. Iacopino, New Hampshire Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers-**  
support

He believes a study would be beneficial.

**Phil Horner, Citizens for Criminal Justice Reform – support**

He is and has been on the sex-offender registry. Being on the list creates a lot of collateral damage to the family.

\***Robert Howe, Manchester – representing self - support**

He is on the sex-offender registry and provided written testimony.

\***Laurie Peterson, Bedford – representing self - support**

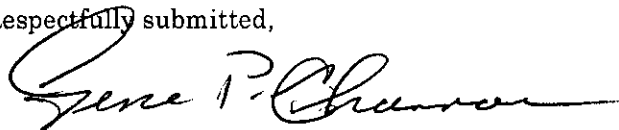
Read her written testimony and submitted to the committee.

**\*Christopher Dornin**, Citizens for Criminal Justice Reform – support  
Submitted written testimony.

**Sgt. Cheryl Nedeau**, New Hampshire State Police, Department of Safety – no position taken  
Answered some questions for the committee.

**Amanda Grady**, New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violation - support  
Will provide written testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gene P. Charron". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Rep. Gene P. Charron, Clerk



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Respectfully submitted,



Rep. Gene P. Charron, Clerk

# HB 165

① 10:48 Rep Tim Robertson - spoke to the Bill - strongly feels that a Commission is necessary. He feels that a person who commits a crime as a youth should have the ability to have his record removed

② 10:55 JILL ROCKEY CRISIS CENTER OF CENTRAL NH. support, Has provided written testimony, strongly supports.

③ 10:10 Attorney Michael Scopino, - feels that supports a study would be beneficial -

④ 11:20 Phil Horner - "CITIZEN FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM" - MR. HORNER IS AND HAS BEEN ON THE SEX-OFFENDER REGISTRY - BEING ON THE LIST - CREATES A LOT OF COLLATERAL DAMAGE TO FAMILY.

5. 11:22 ROBERT HOWE - ON THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, WRITTEN TESTIMONY PROVIDED -

⑥ 11:26 LAURIE PETERSON - WRITTEN TESTIMONY PROVIDED support, she read her statement.

7. CHRIS DORNIN, WRITTEN TESTIMONY

8 11:40 Sgt CHERYL NEDEAU - STATE POLICE NO POSITION BUT DID ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS.

11:50 Amanda Gady - NA COALITION AGAINST  
DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLATION supports.  
WILL PROVIDE TESTIMONY.

CLOSE HEARINGS  
11:52

# Testimony

Good morning Chairwoman Pantelakos and members of the Criminal Justice Committee,

For the record my name is Jill Rockey and I am the Executive Director of the Crisis Center of Central New Hampshire located in Concord. I am here today to speak to you on behalf of the 14 crisis centers who are member programs of the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence. Last year crisis centers in New Hampshire advocated for thousands of victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. We are in support of HB165 as drafted.

Some of you may remember me in my former role. In June of last year I retired as a Sergeant in the State Police Major Crime Unit. I was the Commander of the Family Services Unit and the Missing Persons Unit. I was also the first trooper assigned to New Hampshire's Sex Offender Registry in 1999 and I was brought back into the unit 2006 to assist in implementing the Adam Walsh Act.

I believe this committee will find after studying our current laws, both the registerable offenses and the registration requirements, there are areas of the law that can be improved upon. As an example, when changes were made to the child pornography statute we did not include a provision for predators who groom child over the internet. Unfortunately this means there are still offenders that can move to New Hampshire and aren't required to register when they would be required to register in the state where they committed their offense. Had the Internet Crimes Against Children Task force been asked for their input while that bill was being drafted, they could have been a tremendous resource.

We would also encourage you to look at the 2 different systems of registration. By offense as we do in New Hampshire and by evaluation as they do in Massachusetts. Different forms of these 2 systems are utilized throughout the U. S. Both have their pros and cons.

While I could go on about this subject, the member programs of the New Hampshire Coalition support a thoughtful review of our current system to ensure our limited resources are being used to effectively manage our sex offender population.

I would be happy to be a resource for this commit.

Thank you for your time.

Jill C. Rockey

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I appear before you today in support of HB 165, because as a Registrant, while I do feel there is a necessity for seeking a way to protect the kids, this is a very flawed and failed system. It has given parents the false expectation that by having this registry, and viewing who is on it, that is all they need to do to protect their kids, as the police caught them all, and that is just wrong.

In my experience all this registry does is hurt people, put children in jeopardy, and put people in fear, while providing parents with a false sense of security.

This should be about protecting the kids, not just condemning the perpetrators. Instead what it really does is punishes many people beyond the scope of Justice and fairness, to the point that they must become a drain on society. Kids and their parents know what is right, and what is wrong. Spending all of a parents time viewing a website to see who is on it does little to stop most molestations. The idea of just not letting the ones that have been caught and identified near your kids does not mean that Law Enforcement, or anybody, has identified all those capable of this crime. I hope you are aware that a 2006 report for the Ohio Sentencing Commission said 93 percent of molestation victims were well known to their perpetrators, over half the offenders victimized close relatives, and 93 percent of molesters had never been arrested for a previous sex crime.

In 1987, 25 years ago, almost ten years before this even became law, I was foolish enough to accept a Plea Deal that sentenced me to two years probation and to get private counseling. Think about that, if I was heinous criminal why such a deal? One year before I should have easily been able to get the charges annulled, this law went into effect and even though it was not part of my sentence, it was immediately imposed on me as an additional sentence by an act of legislation. By being on this list it has put me and my family in jeopardy, has limited my ability to gain meaningful employment despite my work qualifications, and the final result is that now I must subsist on food stamps to feed my family while struggling to keep a roof over our heads. And then there are the constant threats of harm or damage to my person and family by people claiming they support justice, and only want to protect the kids.

I invite you to look at the Sex Offender Registry and laws of Maine, where only those who are a real continuing threat are kept on the Registry after ten years. I have spent the last 15 years working to help Veterans and their needs, and now this Registry is being used against me to force me from that righteous endeavor. NH's Law offers no chance for redemption, little chance for appeal, and allows more harm to be done than good.

I'm not for ending the Registry, but I am for making it effective to protect the kids, while not harming others by its implementation. Education of the kids and parents, coupled with the identification of real threats, and how to expose them, is the key, not a website with pictures and addresses that says these are your only threats. But that is how the public perceives this Registry – if somebody is on it they are the threat, nobody else. That puts kids in jeopardy.

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To the Members of the Criminal Justice Committee,

My name is Laurie Peterson. I was born and raised here in NH and am currently raising my 3 children, ages 7, 10, & 12 here in NH. I love this State and like any parent, I love my children. I want to protect them and keep them safe as much as I possibly can. However, as any parent knows, there are risks to raising children. We are not perfect parents, our children make mistakes, take risks, and sometimes things don't go as planned. Risk is such a funny word. It is simultaneously a brave thing and a thing to be avoided. In our own lives, we determine risk on a case by case basis. Should I start a small business? When should I let my son have a cell phone? These are important questions and the answer is different for everyone.

And so it is with the current NH State Sex Offender Registry. Our registry does not determine risk. It classifies offenders based on the sex crime they were ultimately convicted of, not charged with. It classifies offenders based on the number of counts, not the nature of the crime. There are offenders registering as a tier 3 offender that are guilty of having an underage girlfriend, and offenders that performed 2 sexual acts at the age of 50 on a 15 year old who are registering as a tier 2 offender. I know this because my husband was forced to register as a tier 3 offender here in the State of NH not so long ago. The last year he registered, 2010, he registered 10 separate times in the calendar year. Each vacation, each change of vehicle, each change of job required him to return and update his information. The law, in its current state, is unbalanced and is a miscarriage of justice to the public and, though no one really cares, the offenders themselves. Registration laws do not just target the offenders; they target everyone living in the home with that offender. His or her children, his or her spouse, and even sometimes the victims of sexual abuse all carry the burden that public registration imposes.

HB 165 seeks to correct these inequities. It seeks to address the unintended consequences of previous registration laws. It seeks to establish fairness and due process in the registration requirements in the State of NH. It seeks to assess risk on a case by case basis, the same way you and I assess risk in our lives for ourselves and our children. As a community member, a parent, and a person that has had extensive personal experience with registration laws in the State of NH, I urge you to establish this committee without delay.

Thank you for your time,

Laurie Peterson

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# CITIZENS FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

## Testimony of Chris Dornin on HB 165

Last spring this Committee rejected a bill similar to HB 165 that would have set up a commission to study sex offender issues in general. You praised the idea, but thought the group was too unwieldy to get anything done. It would have included many stakeholders and lobbyists as well as lawmakers. You strongly suggested people who know and care a lot about the issue meet on their own, learn from each other and report back.

Well, nine people met on Dec. 6, including two prosecutors, three defense attorneys, a senior law enforcement official, a therapist for both sex offenders and their victims, and a couple of board members of Citizens for Criminal Justice Reform. Sixteen other stakeholders expressed great interest in participating, but had schedule conflicts and babies to deliver. The second meeting is tomorrow, Jan. 16, at 3 p.m. in Concordia Lutheran Church in Concord. Members of the House Criminal Justice Committee are certainly welcome to attend as guests.

The initial gathering quickly came up with a consensus on two pieces of policy. Ask lawmakers to study the sex offender public registry in depth because it is flawed and could be improved. We also opposed residency restrictions against sex offenders as unconstitutional and dangerous to the public. I drafted some possible legislation and shared it with the group by email. We haven't voted on it. We haven't decided how to make group decisions like that. But nobody told me it was bad legislation.

Rep. Timothy Robertson filed the LSR that became HB 165 because I had the flu and was slow getting the language to him. He asked Legislative Services to give him a generic bill for a study commission. That is the boilerplate legislation in front of you now. He and I met with Legislative Services well before their final deadline and gave them the text of a longer bill. which I would ask you to accept now as an amendment replacing HB 165 in its entirety. We understood or we misunderstood that this would become the official version of HB 165. I'll take responsibility for the glitch, because that is what it was. We found out the language had not changed only shortly before the cutoff. We humbly ask this committee to correct the mistake.

The new bill would set up a commission of four reps and three senators who would seek testimony from most of the stakeholders. It would also set an ambitious agenda of things to learn about the issue in two years of research. Lawmakers may very well reject this year's bill too. I have begun to suspect elected officials are simply incapable of changing sex offender laws in any way that makes them seem less harsh to the voters. If HB 165 dies, I believe most of the stakeholders will keep talking to each other. Given enough time we might do a great deal of good on our own.

Rest assured litigation will eventually repeal what needs repeal and improve what can and should be saved. The Civil Liberties Union has a case pending on behalf of one plaintiff that might declare the registry an unconstitutional retroactive punishment for him because he committed his crime long before the roster went public. Citizens for Criminal Justice is raising money for a later class action suit against the registry if the ACLU plaintiff wins. An outside attorney has written the brief pro bono and recruited a group of plaintiffs. Our organization would help pay for the expert witnesses. So far we have raised about \$1,000 from solicitations mailed to folks on the registry. That's 11 percent of our goal. Please feel free to contribute to this good cause.



*File  
new  
Bill*

**Proposed amendment to replace HB 165 to study the sex offender public registry in its entirety.**

**HB xxx- AS INTRODUCED**

2013 SESSION HOUSE BILL xxx

AN ACT establishing a commission to study the effectiveness of the sex offender registry.

SPONSORS: Rep. Timothy Robertson, Cheshire 6

COMMITTEE: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

**ANALYSIS**

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2 Membership and Compensation.

1. The members of the commission shall be as follows:

(a) Four members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

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II. Members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the commission.

3 Duties. I. The commission shall study:

- (a) The history and origin of sex offender public registries.
- (b) Why they have been popular with members of the public.
- (c) The damage sex offenses do to victims and the social fabric.
- (d) Whether the sexual offender public registry serves a legitimate public purpose relative to prevention, control, punishment, and rehabilitation of sexual offenders.
- (e) The characteristics of the people who are on the sex offender registry and what information is available from other states that evaluate their offenders clinically.
- (f) The strengths and weaknesses of the current risk assessment instruments for sex offenders and which of those instruments are most predictive.
- (g) The cost to state and local law enforcement agencies to maintain, update, and enforce the sex offender registry.
- (h) The hardships, if any, imposed by the sex offender registry on sex offenders and their families.
- (i) The experience of other states in complying with the requirements of the Adam Walsh Act.
- (j) How to improve the sex offender public registry if cost were no issue.
- (k) What incremental, affordable, effective and cost-effective improvements to the registry would look like.
- (l) Any other topics the commission deems appropriate to study.

II. The members of the commission shall try to get information and testimony from the following individuals or organizations:

- (a) The commissioner of the department of corrections, or designee.
- (b) The commissioner of the department of health and human services, or designee.
- (c) The commissioner of the department of safety, or designee.
- (d) The attorney general, or designee.
- (e) The New Hampshire Public Defender's office.

- (f) The New Hampshire Bar Association.
- (g) The New Hampshire Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.
- (h) Citizens for Criminal Justice Reform.
- (i) The New Hampshire Civil Liberties Union.
- (j) The New Hampshire Mental Health Council.
- (k) The New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.
- (l) Other victim advocacy groups.
- (m) The Family Research Laboratory at UNH.
- (n) The Police Chiefs Association.
- (o) County prosecutors.
- (p) The NH Local Government Center.
- (q) The United States Attorney for New Hampshire.
- (r) Members of the judiciary.
- (s) A representative from the University of New Hampshire School of Law.
- (t) Members of the Clergy.
- (u) The Christian Aftercare Ministry.
- (v) Public school officials.

4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 30 days of the effective date of this section. Four members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

5 Report. The commission shall submit an interim report of its findings to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before December 1, 2013, and a final report of its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation on or before November 1, 2014.

6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

# Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 165

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**LOB ROOM:** 204

**Amendments:**

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

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

Moved by Rep. R. Cushing

Seconded by Rep. G. Charron

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

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Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: 17-0**

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

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

Respectfully submitted,



Rep. Gene P. Charron, Clerk

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2013 SESSION

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Bill #: HB 165 Title: Study the use of sex offender registers

PH Date: 1/1/13

Exec Session Date: 1/23/13

Motion: OTP

Amendment #: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER

YEAS

NAYS

✓ Pantelakos, Laura C, Chairman	✓	
Cushing, Robert R, V Chairman	✓	
Berube, Roger R	✓	
Robertson, Timothy N	✓	
Burrige, Delmar D	✓	
Ginsburg, Philip E	✓	
Boisvert, Ronald R	✓	
Grady, Brenda E	✓	—
Harriott-Gathright, Linda	✓	—
Hirsch, Geoffrey D	✓	
O'Hearne, Andrew S	✓	
Charron, Gene P, Clerk	✓	
Fields, Dennis H	✓	
Fesh, Robert M	✓	
Villeneuve, Moe	✓	
Gagne, Larry G	✓	
Parsons, Robbie L	✓	
Tasker, Kyle J	✓	
Warden, Mark	✓	—
Vaillancourt, Steve	✓	
<b>TOTAL VOTE:</b>		

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# Committee Report



**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**January 24, 2013**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY to which was referred HB 165,**

**AN ACT establishing a committee to study the use of the sex offender registry. Having considered the same, report the same with the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS.**

**Rep. Robert R. Cushing**

**FOR THE COMMITTEE**

## COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	<b>CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY</b>
Bill Number:	<b>HB165</b>
Title:	<b>establishing a committee to study the use of the sex offender registry.</b>
Date:	<b>January 24, 2013</b>
Consent Calendar:	<b>YES</b>
Recommendation:	<b>OUGHT TO PASS</b>

### STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill establishes a committee to study the use of the sex-offender registry. Over the past several years this Committee has heard concerns about and problems with the sex offender registry. This committee will evaluate whether any changes should be made to the law. The bill was supported by the Crisis Center of New Hampshire, the coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence and criminal defense lawyers.

Vote 17-0.

Rep. Robert R. Cushing  
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk  
Cc: Committee Bill File

## CONSENT CALENDAR

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<sup>R.</sup>  
Rep. Robert Cushing

*Rep. Laura Paulikas*

COMMITTEE REPORT

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COMMITTEE: CA + PS

BILL NUMBER: 105

TITLE: establishing a committee to study the use of the sex offender registry

DATE: 1.23.13 CONSENT CALENDAR: YES  NO

- OUGHT TO PASS
- OUGHT TO PASS W/ AMENDMENT
- INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE
- INTERIM STUDY (Available only 2<sup>nd</sup> year of biennium)

Amendment No.  _____
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COMMITTEE VOTE: 17-0 Rep Laura Partridge

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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Rep. [Signature]  
For the Committee