

Bill as
Introduced

HB 557 - AS INTRODUCED

2013 SESSION

13-0799

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HOUSE BILL **557**

AN ACT establishing a committee to study the financial assistance program for needy families (FANF) and state supplemental programs (SSP) for the needy blind, permanently and totally disabled, and old age assistance.

SPONSORS: Rep. J. MacKay, Merr 14; Rep. Donovan, Sull 4; Rep. Emerson, Ches 11

COMMITTEE: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study the financial assistance program for needy families (FANF) and state supplemental programs (SSP) for the needy blind, permanently and totally disabled, and old age assistance.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT establishing a committee to study the financial assistance program for needy families (FANF) and state supplemental programs (SSP) for the needy blind, permanently and totally disabled, and old age assistance.

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 financial assistance
2 program for needy families (FANF) and state supplemental programs (SSP) for the needy blind,
3 permanently and totally disabled, and old age assistance.

4 2 Membership and Compensation.

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

6 (a) Three members of the house of representatives, one of whom shall be a member of
7 the health, human services and elderly affairs committee, appointed by the speaker of the house of
8 representatives.

9 (b) Two members of the senate, one of whom shall be a member of the health, education,
10 and human services committee, appointed by the president of the senate.

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

13 3 Duties. The committee shall:

14 I. Review current studies of child-rearing costs, including consideration of cost
15 differences related to disability, family size, age of children, geographic region, and other local
16 economic factors.

17 II. Consider whether changes to the current SSP and FANF standard of need, payment
18 standard, computation method, and resource rules are appropriate to ensure adequate benefit
19 levels, to remove unnecessary barriers to employment, and to avoid premature termination of
20 assistance.

21 III. Determine the standard of need, payment standard, computation method, resource
22 rules, and supportive employment services that best achieve the purpose of the cash assistance
23 programs.

24 IV. Solicit information and testimony from individuals and organizations with experience
25 and expertise relevant to the study.

26 4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from
27 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house
28 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this
29 section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

1 5 Report. On or before November 1, 2013 and 2014, the committee shall submit interim
2 reports of its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the speaker of the
3 house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the
4 governor, and the state library. The committee shall provide a final report of its findings and
5 recommendations on or before September 1, 2015.

6 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 HB 557

BILL TITLE: establishing a committee to study the financial assistance program for needy families (FANF) and state supplemental programs (SSP) for the needy blind, permanently and totally disabled, and old age assistance.

DATE: February 26, 2013

LOB ROOM: 205 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 11:36 a.m.

Time Adjourned: 12:20 p.m.

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. ^{E. MacKay} J. MacKay, Harding, Donovan, French, J. Tilton, Sherman, Andrews-Ahern, Helmstetter, Ticehurst, Jane Hunt, DiMartino, McMahon, B. Nelson, S. Schmidt, Emerson, Meaney, Lebrun, Culbert, Martel and Kotowski.

Bill Sponsors: Rep. J. MacKay, Merr 14; Rep. Donovan, Sull 4; Rep. Emerson, Ches 11

TESTIMONY

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

Rep. Jim MacKay - Prime Sponsor - Supports HB 557. This bill would establish a committee to study the financial assistance program for needy families (FANF) and State supplemental programs (SSP) for the needy blind, permanently disabled and old age assistance. HB 470 is another bill that deals with this. We should ITL HB 557 and bring this to the Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services.

Rep. Susan Emerson - Supports HB 557.

Jennifer Jones from DHHS supports HB 557. This bill was not requested by the Department. She agrees with moving this to the Oversight Committee and ITL HB 557.

Sara Dustin - Supports HB 557. She was an Advocate for poor families.

Mary Lou Beaver from the Family Association Advisory Council. 32 million dollars came in from the Federal Government. \$8,856 for a family of four - is what is given from FANF. Families are living 50% lower than the poverty level. Since 1996 - there has not been an increase in TANF (FANF) State needs to match federal dollars.

Respectfully Submitted:



Rep. Lisa DiMartino, Clerk

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Testimony

HB 557 Testimony

Thank you Madam Chair:

For the record my name is Susan Emerson and I represent Cheshire County District 11, that's Rindge and Fitzwilliam.

HB 577 offers the opportunity for a commission to study the financial assistance programs for needy families (FANF) and state supplemental programs (SSP) for the needy blind, permanently and totally disabled and elderly assistance.

This commission would take into consideration the effects of the cost to raise a child, which would include the financial impacts/disparities on families with children with disabilities, family size, ages of the children and geographic regions among other economic factors and how these factors would relate to FANF and SSP programs in order to adequately meet the needs of these families.



Rep. Susan Emerson
Cheshire District 11
Rindge, NH

Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 557

BILL TITLE: establishing a committee to study the financial assistance program for needy families (FANF) and state supplemental programs (SSP) for the needy blind, permanently and totally disabled, and old age assistance.

DATE: March 5, 2013

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. Laurie Harding

Seconded by Rep. Mariellen MacKay

Vote: 16-0 (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.)

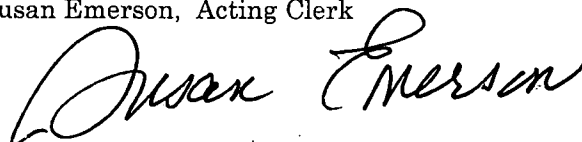
CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: 16-0 YES

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

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Susan Emerson, Acting Clerk



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Rep. ~~Lisa DiMartino~~, Clerk

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HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES

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Bill #: HB 557

Title: assistance.

PH Date: 02/26/2013

Exec Session Date: 03/05/2013

Motion: _____

Amendment #: _____

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
MacKay, James R, Chairman	✓	
Harding, Laurie, V Chairman	✓	
French, Barbara C	✓	
Tilton, Joy K <i>M. MacKay</i>	✓	
Andrews-Ahearn, E. Elaine	✓	
DiMartino, Lisa, Clerk	—	
Helmstetter, Barbara S	✓	
Hunt, Jane J,	—	
Sherman, Thomas M	✓	
Ticehurst, Susan J	✓	
McMahon, Charles E	✓	
Emerson, Susan,	✓	
Kotowski, Frank R,	—	
Martel, Andre A	✓	
LeBrun, Donald L	✓	
Culbert, Patrick L	✓	
Meaney, Richard E	✓	
Nelson, Bill G	✓	
Schmidt, Stephen J	✓	
TOTAL VOTE:	<u>16</u>	<u>0</u>

Consent

Committee Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

March 13, 2013

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & ELDERLY AFFAIRS to which was referred HB557,

AN ACT establishing a committee to study the financial assistance program for needy families (FANF) and state supplemental programs (SSP) for the needy blind, permanently and totally disabled, and old age assistance. Having considered the same, report the same with the following Resolution: RESOLVED, That it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Laurie Harding

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & ELDERLY AFFAIRS
Bill Number:	HB557
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Date:	March 5, 2013
Consent Calendar:	YES
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

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Vote 16-0.

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FOR THE COMMITTEE

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Blurb on HB 557

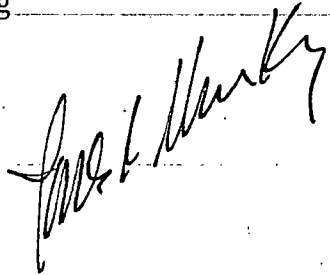
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16-0 ITL CC

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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:

See attached sub

COMMITTEE VOTE:

16-0

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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

Rep.

Laurie Harding

For the Committee

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