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HB 453 - AS INTRODUCED

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5            Approved: June 28, 2013

6            Effective Date: August 27, 2013

# Committee Minutes

**SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION**

- ✓ Senator Sharon Carson Chairman
- ✓ Senator Sam Cataldo V Chairman
- ✓ Senator John Reagan
- ✓ Senator Donna Soucy
- ✓ Senator David Watters

*9:49 AM open close*

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**Date: April 17, 2013**

**HEARINGS**

**Wednesday**

**4/24/2013**

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION	SH 100	9:00 AM
(Name of Committee)	(Place)	(Time)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

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|---------|-------|--|
| 9:00 AM | HB686 | (New Title) relative to approval of liquor commission contracts.         |
| 9:20 AM | HB353 | relative to the regulation of private investigators and security guards. |
| 9:40 AM | HB453 | repealing the prospective repeal of the information and analysis center. |

**Sponsors:**

**HB686**

Rep. Lynne Ober  
 Sen. Chuck Morse

Rep. Peter Leishman  
 Sen. John Reagan

Rep. Mary Nelson

Rep. Cindy Rosenwald

**HB353**

Rep. Delmar Burrige

**HB453**

Rep. Neal Kurk

**SENATE  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION  
COMMITTEE**

*Deb Chroniak, Legislative Aide*

**HB 453 – repealing the prospective repeal of the information and analysis center.**

Hearing Date: 4-24-13

Time Opened: 9:49 a.m.

Time Closed: 10:00 a.m.

**Members of the Committee Present:** Senators Carson, Cataldo, Reagan, Soucy, and Watters

**Members of the Committee Absent:** No one

**Bill Analysis:** This bill repeals the December 31, 2014 repeal date of RSA 651-F, relative to the information and analysis center.

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**Sponsors:** Rep. Kurk, Hills 2

**Who supports the bill:** Rep. Kurk, Captain William R. Haynes, Rep. Dianne Schuett.

**Who opposes the bill:** No one.

**Summary of testimony presented in support:**

**Rep. Neal Kurk** stated this was a relatively simple bill which removes the sunset provision from the fusion center (also known as the Information and Analysis Center).

- Department of Safety wanted to create a centralized organization for centralize information relating to terrorism, disasters, etc. There was a variety of federal funding and the Information and Analysis Center was appropriated and staffed from different government agencies.

- There was a provision in the bill which required an oversight committee, and a thorough review completed by Assistant Commissioner Earl Sweeney, Department of Safety on the conduct of the center after approximately one year of being in effect.



- The Center and its operating procedures are very sensitive to collecting and retaining data of innocent citizens.
- He is convinced that the Center can move forward and continue to perform coordination of information function, without citizens being concerned that the Center is going to be a place where government captures information about citizens. **Senator Reagan** asked what the result would be by lettering this repeal go through. **Rep. Kurk** said that the Center will continue in existence, and the oversight committee remains. He stated that the privacy protections built in statute are being adhered to and that regular reports on their operations will be completed and reviewed by the Department of Safety.
- Nothing would change, and the sunset would disappear. **Senator Reagan** then asked, if it sunsets and disappears, then what. **Rep. Kurk** stated that a valuable tool will be lost in a natural disaster. They have names of those people who are the first responders, presently they can coordinate efforts with the Governor being well informed in briefings. If this Center goes away, then it would be completed by separate entities, all with relevant information, but none of which communicates with each other, except informally. He believes the Governor can make better decisions with this in place (i.e., declaring emergencies, locating resources, etc.). **Senator Reagan** then asked what the cost was. **Rep. Kurk** believes there is no cost to the General Fund, but he would have to ask someone at the Department of Safety. He indicated there was a separate budget for this that appears in the state budget. He thought that it was federally funded or federal funds were involved with services of an FBI agent, whose salary is paid by the feds. **Senator Soucy** then asked about the makeup of the advisory board. **Rep. Kurk** stated that there was someone from the ACLA, state representative, not recalling the others, but saying that state agencies were involved. **Senator Watters** asked, knowing that this was going to sunset, was their funding in the Governor's budget or House budget proposal for this. **Rep. Kurt** believes that there is funding in the budget for this. **Senator Cataldo** asked if this program were redundant. **Rep. Kurk** stated that in order to have coordination, there is some redundancy involved, but without redundancy, coordination is much more difficult. The benefit is consolidation of information.

**Captain William Hayes, Department of Safety (in support)**

- This particular Information Analysis Center does a number of things.
- This Center takes all information that comes in, analyzes it, validates as to whether it is legitimate.
- This allows them to make decisions based on information vetted and validated.
- Tons of information comes in to the Center.
- Provides a resource to respond to the citizens of the state.
- Provides a service to the citizens of New Hampshire.

**Senator Reagan** asked how many people were dedicated to this organization.

**Captain Hayes** stated that there were four people in the office; an FBI agent, and

at times a representative from the National Guard, but it depends on the level of information coming in to the Center. **Senator Reagan** then stated that without this organization, these people do not show up to work. **Captain Hayes** stated the National Guard is part of the National Guard Intelligence; **Sargent Scott** is a Sargent with the State Police. He encourages all members of the committee to go and observe.

**Summary of testimony presented in opposition:** No one.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Future Action:** Pending

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Date hearing report completed: 4-26-13

[file: HB 0453 report]

# Speakers



# Committee Report



## New Hampshire General Court - Bill Status System

**Docket of HB453**

Docket Abbreviations

**Bill Title:** repealing the prospective repeal of the information and analysis center.*Official Docket of HB453:*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Body</b>	<b>Description</b>
1/3/2013	H	<b>Introduced</b> 1/3/2013 and Referred to Criminal Justice and Public Safety; <b>HJ 12</b> , PG.196
1/24/2013	H	Public Hearing: 1/30/2013 10:30 AM LOB 204
2/13/2013	H	Executive Session: 2/19/2013 10:15 AM LOB 204
2/20/2013	H	Majority Committee Report: Ought to Pass for Mar 13 (Vote 14-5; Part I, RC); <b>HC 22</b> , PG.514-515
2/20/2013	H	Minority Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate; <b>HC 22</b> , PG.514-515
3/6/2013	H	Special Order to Mar 13 Without Objection; <b>HJ 24</b> , PG.703
3/13/2013	H	<b>Ought to Pass:</b> MA VV; <b>HJ 26</b> , PG.772-773
3/28/2013	S	Introduced and Referred to Executive Dept. & Admin
4/17/2013	S	Hearing: 4/24/13, Room 100, SH, 9:40 a.m.; <b>SC17</b>
5/10/2013	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 5/23/13; <b>SC21</b>
5/23/2013	S	<b>Ought to Pass:</b> MA, VV; OT3rdg;
6/6/2013	S	Enrolled
6/13/2013	H	Enrolled [Recess of 6/5/13]; <b>HJ49</b> , PG.1648
7/2/2013	H	Signed By Governor 06/28/2013; Effective 08/27/2013; Chapter 0150

NH House

NH Senate

# Other Referrals



# COMMITTEE REPORT FILE INVENTORY

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DOCKET (Submit only the latest docket found in Bill Status)

COMMITTEE REPORT

CALENDAR NOTICE

HEARING REPORT

HANDOUTS FROM THE PUBLIC HEARING

PREPARED TESTIMONY AND OTHER SUBMISSIONS

SIGN-UP SHEET(S)

ALL AMENDMENTS (passed or not) CONSIDERED BY COMMITTEE:

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ALL AVAILABLE VERSIONS OF THE BILL:

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OTHER (Anything else deemed important but not listed above, such as amended fiscal notes): \_\_\_\_\_

DATE DELIVERED TO SENATE CLERK 7-26-13

  
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