

Committee Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

April 4, 2018

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**The Committee on Health, Human Services and Elderly
Affairs to which was referred SB 484,**

**AN ACT reestablishing the commission to address child
hunger in New Hampshire. Having considered the same,
report the same with the recommendation that the bill
OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. James MacKay

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs
Bill Number:	SB 484
Title:	reestablishing the commission to address child hunger in New Hampshire.
Date:	April 4, 2018
Consent Calendar:	CONSENT
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS

STATEMENT OF INTENT

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Vote 15-0.

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FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

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Rep. James R. MacKay for the Committee

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COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: HHS & EA

BILL NUMBER: SB 484

TITLE: reestablishing the commission to address
Child hunger in N.H.

DATE: _____ CONSENT CALENDAR: YES NO

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

Amendment No.

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 15 - 0

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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

Rep. James R. MacKay
For the Committee

Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on SB 484

BILL TITLE: reestablishing the commission to address child hunger in New Hampshire.

DATE: April 3, 2018

LOB ROOM: 205

MOTIONS: OUGHT TO PASS

Moved by Rep. J. MacKay

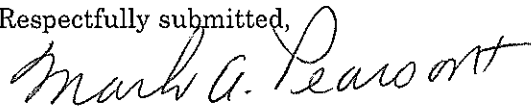
Seconded by Rep. McMahon

Vote: 15-0

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

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Rep Mark Pearson, Clerk



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OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK

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Roll Call Committee Registers
Report

2018 SESSION

HHS&EA

Bill #: SB484

Title: Reestablishing the commission to address child hunger in NH.

PH Date: 1/1/1

Exec Session Date: 04/03/18

Motion: _____

Amendment #: _____

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Kotowski, Frank R. Chariman	1	
LeBrun, Donald L. Vice Chairman	15	
McMahon, Charles E.	2	
Nelson, Bill G. Clerk	3	
Guthrie, Joseph A.	4	
Donovan, Daniel A.		
Fothergill, John	5	
Bove, Martin N.		
Mackay, Mariellen J.	6	
Edwards, Jess		
Fedolfi, Jim		
Marsh, William M.	7	
Pearson, Mark <i>clerk</i>	8	
Mackay, James R.	9	
Freitas, Mary C.	10	
Weber, Lucy M.		
Gordon, Pamela S.	11	
Knirk, Jerry	12	
Messmer, Mindi F.		
Salloway, Jeffrey C.	13	
Campion, Polly Kent	14	
Ayala, Jessica		
Spagnuolo, Philip		
TOTAL VOTE:	15	0

Hearing Minutes

Sen. Fuller Clark - I have no answer to that.

***Elaine Van Dyke, NH Hunger Solutions** - read her written testimony.

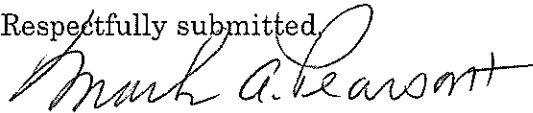
MaryLou Beaver, Family Assistance Advisory Council - Hunger is still growing. We need innovative solutions and creative partnerships. The previous commission brought a diversity of people to the table, many with different perspectives and ideas.

Eileen Liponis, NH Food Bank - Fourteen million pounds of food go to 435 agencies around the state, especially to school food pantries and to help children not being fed in their schools and on weekends. Children of parents caught up in drug crisis. If they stay with grandparents, the grandparents are often not sure what they should/could do.

Rep. Kotowski - Is legislation necessary for you to do the good work you're doing?

Ms. Liponis - A commission gets us out of our individual silos. Absent legislation, our respective bosses will pull us back into our own silos.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rep. Mark Pearson

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 484

BILL TITLE: reestablishing the commission to address child hunger in New Hampshire.

DATE: 4-3-18

ROOM: 205

Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 2:01 pm

Time Adjourned: 2:34 pm

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Kotowski, LeBrun, Nelson, McMahon, Guthrie, Donovan, Fothergill, Bove, M. MacKay, J. Edwards, Fedolfi, W. Marsh, M. Pearson, J. MacKay, Freitas, Weber, P. Gordon, Knirk, Messmer, Salloway, Campion, Ayala and Spagnuolo

Bill Sponsors:

Sen. Fuller Clark
Sen. Carson
Rep. Wallner
Rep. LeBrun

Sen. Bradley
Sen. Soucy
Rep. Gile

Sen. Feltes
Rep. Eaton
Rep. Berrien

TESTIMONY

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

Senator Fuller Clark introduces her bill. Reestablishes commission with no real changes. 40,000 children go to bed hungry every night. Hunger in public schools. Free breakfasts for those receiving reduced cost breakfasts at public schools FAILED in NH Senate. Commission looked at causes of ^{hunger in} NH and what could be recommended: Keep SNAP program, new Stand alone bill for Granite Works (separate from SNAP), family assistance 2 parents in family but limited income (program done away with in 2011). Free breakfast for ALL NH students because some middle class families have problems with getting everyone breakfast. (the idea died in Senate). Summer food program for children but not taken advantage of - if we added parents, too, maybe we would

get children's participation, too. Disabled children agency
out of their programs. Access of food for homeless.

Rep Nelson: The more we do the less parents take responsibilities
and that's not good in the long run.

Senator FC ^{Not sure of that.} In spite of turn around in our economy there's MORE
demand on our food banks. Build a safety net around
our kids even if a few (!) parents are not doing their part.

Rep Heßron Would you give us a copy of report from last Commission
Senator FC yes

Rep Kotowski: Why was former commission on hunger ended?
Senator FC Sunsetted.

Rep Guthrie Have we identified what child hunger is? I had
tea and toast and that was okay. Has the definition of
Senator FC I have no answer to that, hunger changed?

* Elaine Van Dyke, NH Hunger Solutions, read her written testimony

MaryLou Beaver - Family Assistance Advisory Council.

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Testimony



Testimony SB 484 as amended- Re-establishing the Commission on Childhood Hunger

Good Afternoon, I'm Elaine VanDyke representing NH Hunger Solutions, a non-profit organization advocating and educating the public about issues related to food insecurity and access. Today we have an opportunity to discuss the merits of re-establishing a Commission on Childhood Hunger in NH.

Hunger, economic events, local geography, cultural backgrounds, family dynamics, life experiences, educational attainments, local state and national governmental philosophies of assistance, all play a part in how a state chooses to help those who need temporary or permanent help providing for themselves and their families.

This commission was tasked with assessing our landscape and bringing forward policy changes that would positively assist our children with access to healthy meals, assist in better understanding the realm of hunger and insecurity in our state, and identify existing partners in plans that would tackle a very complex issue.

We learned though some of the work of the commission, there is no one strategy, there is no one way, but multiple partners and methods that when coalescing together have impact. Hunger is complicated, children are complex in family environments, and we should not assume a quick result. NH is unique in its methods of evidence surveillance. We often take differing paths than other states, however, we would be incomplete without looking to other state models for guidance and thought, and we also must look to all the organizations within our state who are individually tackling hunger within families, with children, seniors and others. These are the grassroot efforts of this commission that will give a voice to our children and their need to be healthy and secure.

The re-establishment of this commission will allow a strong group of organizations, legislators, and others to continue to develop the NH way of tackling hunger among our most vulnerable – our children. This committee understands the importance of children being the healthiest they can be in their early years. Every time we enhance the health of our children we help ensure a healthy adult. We know children whose daily lives are full of uncertainty are presented with a more difficult successful path to adulthood. We continue to learn of the connections of childhood trauma and stress on children and know the fact that NH children often go to bed without a meal or an inadequate meal, or get up without a breakfast. This is a daily stress on children that is unnecessary and that benefits no one and does not make a strong resilient confident child or maturing adult.

Today you will hear, or have heard, from many who are involved in innovative efforts and the commission should be available to learn of this work. For so long it was believed that there were no hungry children in NH, and frequently we continue to hear this whispered today. There are NH children who are hungry, just ask school food service employees, ask a school nurse, check with a child care provider, they deal with hungry children every day and the numbers are not diminishing- this commission can and should come back with data to substantiate and put to rest the notion that there are no NH children that are hungry- let's move this conversation to a solution for what we know is a problem and let us bring this knowledge to the rest of NH. Allow us to continue this work by re-establishing the Commission

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Bill as
Introduced

SB 484 - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

02/22/2018 0659s

02/22/2018 0776s

2018 SESSION

18-3021

05/01

SENATE BILL **484**

AN ACT reestablishing the commission to address child hunger in New Hampshire.

SPONSORS: Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. Feltes, Dist 15; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Soucy, Dist 18; Rep. Eaton, Ches. 3; Rep. Wallner, Merr. 10; Rep. Gile, Merr. 27; Rep. Berrien, Rock. 18; Rep. LeBrun, Hills. 32

COMMITTEE: Health and Human Services

ANALYSIS

This bill reestablishes the commission to address child hunger in New Hampshire.

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.

SB 484 - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen

AN ACT reestablishing the commission to address child hunger in New Hampshire.

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

1 1 New Section; Human Service; Commission to Address Child Hunger in New Hampshire.

2 Amend RSA 161 by inserting after section 12 the following new section:

3 161:13 Commission to Address Child Hunger in New Hampshire.

4 I. There is established a commission to address child hunger in New Hampshire. The
5 membership of the commission shall be as follows:

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

7 (b) Two members of the house of representatives, one of whom shall serve on the health,
8 human services and elderly affairs committee or the children and family law committee, and one of
9 whom shall serve on the finance committee, appointed by the speaker of the house of
10 representatives.

11 (c) The commissioner of the department of health and human services, or designee.

12 (d) The commissioner of the department of education, or designee.

13 (e) One member of the New Hampshire housing finance authority, appointed by the
14 authority.

15 (f) One member of New Hampshire Kids Count, appointed by that organization.

16 (g) One representative of New Hampshire Hunger Solutions, appointed by the coalition.

17 (h) One representative of the Granite State Children's Alliance, appointed by that
18 organization.

19 (i) One representative of the New Hampshire chapter of Every Child Matters, appointed
20 by that organization.

21 (j) One representative of a community action agency, appointed by the governor.

22 (k) One representative of United Ways of New Hampshire, appointed by that
23 organization.

24 (l) One representative of the New Hampshire Head Start Directors Association,
25 appointed by that organization.

26 (m) One representative of a Boys and Girls Club of New Hampshire, appointed by the
27 governor.

28 (n) One representative of End 68 Hours of Hunger, appointed by that organization.

29 (o) One representative of Child and Family Services of New Hampshire, appointed by
30 that organization.

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1 (p) One pediatrician licensed in New Hampshire, appointed by the New Hampshire
2 Pediatric Society.

3 (q) One public school principal, appointed by the New Hampshire Association of School
4 Principals.

5 (r) One school superintendent, appointed by the New Hampshire School Administrators
6 Association.

7 (s) One member of the New Hampshire Bar Association, appointed by the association.

8 (t) One representative of Catholic Charities New Hampshire, appointed by that
9 organization.

10 (u) One representative of the Business and Industry Association (BIA), appointed by the
11 association.

12 II. The commission shall address issues related to child hunger in New Hampshire. The
13 commission's duties shall include, but not be limited to:

14 (a) Review of current data regarding child hunger in New Hampshire.

15 (b) Review of current data regarding child hunger in New Hampshire public schools.

16 (c) Identification of causes for hunger affecting New Hampshire children.

17 (d) Development of corrective actions for ending child hunger in New Hampshire.

18 (e) Identification of current actions being taken to eliminate child hunger in New
19 Hampshire and their effectiveness.

20 III. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members.
21 The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the senate member. The first meeting of the
22 commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Seven members of the
23 commission shall constitute a quorum.

24 IV. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate
25 when attending to the duties of the commission.

26 V. The commission shall submit an interim report of its findings and any recommendations
27 for proposed legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives,
28 the senate clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2020
29 and shall submit a final report on or before November 1, 2022.

30 2 Applicability; Commission Membership. Members of the commission to address child hunger
31 established in 2016, 269:1 shall be reappointed to the commission established in this act provided
32 that the individuals continue to meet the membership criteria established in section 1.

33 3 Repeal. RSA 161:13, relative to the commission to address child hunger in New Hampshire,
34 is repealed.

35 4 Effective Date.

36 I. Section 3 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2022.

37 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.