

Committee Report

REGULAR CALENDAR

April 25, 2018

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on Executive Departments and Administration to which was referred SB 508,

AN ACT (New Title) establishing a committee to study the prevalence of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and other related disorders among first responders.

Having considered the same, report the same with the following resolution: RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Dianne Schuett

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Executive Departments and Administration
Bill Number:	SB 508
Title:	(New Title) establishing a committee to study the prevalence of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and other related disorders among first responders.
Date:	April 25, 2018
Consent Calendar:	REGULAR
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

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Vote 13-5.

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REGULAR CALENDAR

Executive Departments and Administration

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Simmons, Miriam

From: Carol McGuire <mcguire4house@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 9:08 AM
To: Schuett, Dianne; Simmons, Miriam
Subject: Re: Majority Blurb for SB 508

Looks good.

On Wed, Apr 25, 2018 at 9:00 AM Schuett, Dianne <Dianne.Schuett@leg.state.nh.us> wrote:

April 24, 2018 INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE Report (vote 13-5)

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Rep. Dianne E. Schuett

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Carol

Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on SB 508

BILL TITLE: (New Title) establishing a committee to study the prevalence of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and other related disorders among first responders.

DATE: April 24, 2018

LOB ROOM: 306

MOTIONS: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Moved by Rep. Schuett

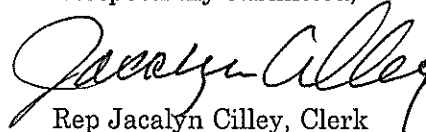
Seconded by Rep. Proulx

Vote: 13-5

CONSENT CALENDAR: NO

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,


Rep Jacalyn Cilley, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on SB 508

BILL TITLE: (New Title) establishing a committee to study the prevalence of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and other related disorders among first responders.

DATE: April 17, 2018

LOB ROOM: 306

MOTIONS: ADOPTION of AMENDMENT - Executive Session April 17, 2018

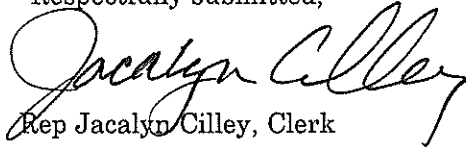
Moved by Rep. Proulx Seconded by Rep. Jeudy AM Vote: 15-0

Amendment # 2018-1437h Recessed Executive Session April 17, 2018

CONSENT CALENDAR: NO

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

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Amendment to SB 508

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2018 SESSION

ED&A

Bill #: SB 508

Title: Establishing a committee to study the prevalence of PTSD

PH Date: 4/10/18

Exec Session Date: 4/24/18

Motion: FTL

Amendment #: _____

Establishing a committee to study the prevalence of PTSD
4/24/18

MEMBER

YEAS

NAYS

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
McGuire, Carol M. Chariman		✓
Sytek, John Vice Chairman	✓	
Hansen, Peter T.		✓
Beaudoin, Steven P.		✓
Proulx, Mark L.	✓	
Hoell, J.R.		✓
Kaczynski, Thomas L.		✓
Woitkun, Steven J.	✓	
Brewster, Michael A. <i>Woods</i>	✓	
Marsh, Henry A. <i>Burt</i>	✓	
Smith, Ryan D. <i>S. Schmidt</i>	<i>absent</i>	
Gagnon, Raymond G.	✓	
Schmidt, Peter B.	✓	
Jeudy, Jean L.		
Sullivan, Daniel J. <i>Campion</i>	✓	
Goley, Jeffrey P.	✓	
Cilley, Jacalyn L. Clerk	✓	
Roberts, Carol R.	✓	
Schuett, Dianne E.	✓	
Schultz, Kristina	✓	
TOTAL VOTE:		

13 - 5



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OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK

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Report

2018 SESSION

4/17/18

ED&A

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PH Date: 4/10/18 Exec Session Date: 4/17/18

Motion: Amendment Amendment #: 2018-1437L

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
McGuire, Carol M. Chariman	✓	
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Cilley, Jacalyn L. Clerk	✓	
Roberts, Carol R.	✓	
Schuett, Dianne E.	✓	
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TOTAL VOTE:		

15 - 0

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

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DATE: 4/17/18 + 4/24/18

LOB ROOM: 306

MOTION: (Please check one box)

4/17/18

- OTP
- ITL
- Retain (1st year)
- Adoption of Amendment # 2018-1437k (if offered)
- Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. Proulx Seconded by Rep. Jedy Vote: 15-0

Exec session recessed

MOTION: (Please check one box)

- OTP
- OTP/A
- ITL
- Retain (1st year)
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- Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. Seconded by Rep. Vote:

Renewed 4/24/18 EXEC Session

MOTION: (Please check one box)

- OTP
- OTP/A
- ITL
- Retain (1st year)
- Adoption of Amendment # (if offered)
- Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. Schuett Seconded by Rep. Proulx Vote: 13-5

MOTION: (Please check one box)

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- OTP/A
- ITL
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- Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. Seconded by Rep. Vote:

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES NO

Minority Report? Yes No If yes, author, Rep: Motion

Respectfully submitted: Jacalyn Cilley Rep Jacalyn Cilley, Clerk

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 508

BILL TITLE: (New Title) establishing a committee to study the prevalence of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and other related disorders among first responders.

DATE: April 10, 2018

LOB ROOM: 306

Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 10:45 a.m.

Time Adjourned: 11:05 a.m.

Committee Members: Reps. McGuire, Sytek, Cilley, Hansen, Beaudoin, Proulx, Woitkun, H. Marsh, Gagnon, P. Schmidt, Jeudy, D. Sullivan, Goley and Schultz

Bill Sponsors:

Sen. Avard
Sen. Carson
Sen. Gannon
Sen. Ward
Rep. Carr
Rep. M. McCarthy

Sen. Birdsell
Sen. D'Allesandro
Sen. Giuda
Sen. Watters
Rep. Proulx

Sen. Bradley
Sen. Fuller Clark
Sen. Innis
Rep. Chandler
Rep. J. Belanger

TESTIMONY

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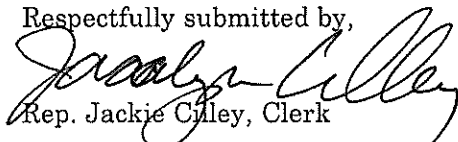
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***Ken Norton, NAMI NH** - He testified in support of the bill, written testimony submitted. He provided his background that demonstrated his extensive professional credentials and policy boards. He is also here as a family member of someone experiencing trauma.

He submitted written testimony. See that document for the full range of comments he offered during the hearing.

Respectfully submitted by,


Rep. Jackie Cilley, Clerk

*original
drafted
minutes by
Cilley - Clerk*

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

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Testimony



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National Alliance on Mental Illness

April 10, 2018

Honorable Chairman Carol McGuire
House Executive Departments and Administration Committee
Legislative Office Building #306
33 N. State Street
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Madam Chair and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. My name is Kenneth Norton and I serve as Executive Director of NAMI NH, the National Alliance on Mental Illness. On behalf of NAMI NH, I am here today to speak in favor of SB 508.

By way of background, I am very familiar with trauma from my years of clinical work in community mental health as well as leading the development of NAMI NH's Connect Suicide Prevention program where I provided training and technical assistance to the NH National Guard as well as the Department of Defense and Defense Center on Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury. For the past four years I have also served as an appointed member of the legislatively established Military and Veterans Commission on PTSD and Traumatic Brain Injury. But I consider my real expertise as a family member who has intimately experienced the effects of a life changing traumatic event on a loved one and how the post-traumatic stress disorder which followed affected every dimension of their life, school, work, relationships and health eventually resulting in addiction, repeated incarceration and homelessness. I am now also very fortunate to witness the effectiveness of appropriate treatment and the joys of recovery and healing.

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Suicide is an important and preventable public health issue, one which first responders are intimately familiar with. In New Hampshire suicide is the second leading cause of death ages 10-34, the third leading cause of death ages 35-44 and the fourth leading cause of death ages 45-54 and the 10th overall. Sadly, first responders have significantly higher rates of suicide than the general population. Some estimates indicate that suicide is the leading cause of death for fire and emergency medical service providers. Estimates for police are that suicide deaths are triple the number of line of duty deaths in the US each year. Tragically, during the past year, suicide has taken the lives of three New Hampshire police officers.

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2	Shot Deaths 41	Congenital Anomalies	Unintentional Injury	Suicide	Suicide 180	Suicide 143	Malignant Neoplasms 207	Heart Disease 370	Heart Disease 1,194	Malignant Neoplasms 9,251	Heart Disease 12,122
3	Maternal Pregnancy Comp 23	Heart Disease	Homicide	Unintentional Injury	Malignant Neoplasms 20	Malignant Neoplasms 74	Suicide 180	Unintentional Injury 453	Unintentional Injury 365	Chronic Low Respiratory Disease 2,395	Chronic Low Respiratory Disease 2,377
4	Pediatric Card Hemorrhages 17	Homicide	Cerebrovascular	Benign Neoplasms	Heart Disease 14	Heart Disease 30	Heart Disease 113	Suicide 201	Chronic Low Respiratory Disease 123	Cerebrovascular 2,082	Unintentional Injury 2,276
5	IBD 11	Influenza & Pneumonia	Congenital Anomalies	Congenital Anomalies	Homicide 74	Congenital Anomalies 14	Liver Disease 17	Liver Disease 146	Liver Disease 260	Alzheimer's Disease 1,924	Cerebrovascular 2,313
6	Subsidiary System Disease 10	Malignant Neoplasms	Heart Disease	Heart Disease	Cerebrovascular	Homicide 17	Diabetes Mellitus 23	Diabetes Mellitus 102	Diabetes Mellitus 248	Unintentional Injury 1,349	Alzheimer's Disease 1,505
7	Respiratory Disease	Benign Neoplasms	Suicide	Homicide	Chronic Low Respiratory Disease	Diabetes Mellitus	Homicide 17	Chronic Low Respiratory Disease 35	Suicide 200	Diabetes Mellitus 1,283	Diabetes Mellitus 1,473
8	Wandering Epileptiforms			Benign Neoplasms	Cerebrovascular Disease	Cerebrovascular Disease 13	Cerebrovascular Disease 34	Cerebrovascular Disease 144	Cerebrovascular Disease 144	Influenza & Pneumonia 1,322	Influenza & Pneumonia 1,119
9	Neonatal Hemorrhage			Congenital Anomalies	Liver Disease	Chronic Low Respiratory Disease 13	Chronic Low Respiratory Disease 27	Viral Hepatitis 71	Diabetes Mellitus 71	Hepatitis 762	Suicide 1,040
10	Unintentional Injury			Diabetes Mellitus	Complicated Pregnancy	Low Back	Influenza & Pneumonia 24	Influenza & Pneumonia 33	Parkinson's Disease 682	Hepatitis 149	

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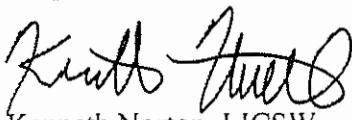
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5	STD 11	Influenza & Pneumonia --	Congenital Anomalies --	Congenital Anomalies --	Homicide 14	Congenital Anomalies 14	Liver Disease 37	Liver Disease 155	Liver Disease 250	Alzheimer's Disease 1,524	Cerebro-vascular Disease 2,319
6	Respiratory System Disease 13	Malignant Neoplasms --	Heart Disease --	Heart Disease --	Cerebro-vascular --	Homicide 17	Diabetes Mellitus 23	Diabetes Mellitus 102	Cerebro-vascular Disease 224	Unintentional Injury 1,543	Alzheimer's Disease 1,505
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8	Acquiring Heroin Abuse --				Benign Neoplasms --	Chronic Low Respiratory Disease --	Chronic Low Respiratory Disease 12	Cerebro-vascular Disease 34	Cerebro-vascular Disease 144	Influenza & Pneumonia 1,522	Influenza & Pneumonia 1,115
9	Congenital Anomalies --				Congenital Anomalies --	Liver Disease --	Chronic Low Respiratory Disease 13	Heart Disease 27	Sepsis 73	Meloidia 752	Suicide 1,050
10	Unintentional Injury --				Diabetes Mellitus --	Complicated Pregnancy --	Two Drug --	Influenza & Pneumonia 24	Total Hepatitis 29	Parkinson's Disease 582	Tuberculosis 195

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April 9, 2018
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5 service providers, and 911 dispatchers, and consider how to mitigate cases of PTSD and other
6 related disorders in those fields.



Rep. McGuire, Merr. 29
April 20, 2018
2018-1675h
08/04

Amendment to SB 508

1 Amend the bill by inserting after section 5 the following and renumbering the original section 6 to
2 read as 7:

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4 6 Contingency. If SB 553-FN of the 2018 regular legislative session becomes law, then this act
5 shall not take effect. If SB 553-FN does not become law, then this act shall take effect as provided
6 in section 7 of this act.

Bill as
Introduced

SB 508 - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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2018 SESSION

18-2908

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SENATE BILL **508**

AN ACT establishing a committee to study the prevalence of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and other related disorders among first responders.

SPONSORS: Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20; Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23; Sen. Giuda, Dist 2; Sen. Innis, Dist 24; Sen. Ward, Dist 8; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Rep. Chandler, Carr. 1; Rep. Carr, Hills. 26; Rep. Proulx, Hills. 44; Rep. J. Belanger, Hills. 27; Rep. M. McCarthy, Hills. 29

COMMITTEE: Public and Municipal Affairs

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study the prevalence of post-traumatic stress disorder and other related disorders among first responders.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in *bold italics*.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].
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 Eighteen

AN ACT establishing a committee to study the prevalence of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and other related disorders among first responders.

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 prevalence of post-
2 traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and other related disorders among first responders.

3 2 Membership and Compensation.

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

5 (a) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

6 (b) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
7 house of representatives.

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 study the prevalence of post-traumatic stress disorder and other
11 related disorders among first responders, including police officers, fire persons, and emergency
12 medical service providers, and consider how to mitigate cases of PTSD and other related disorders
13 in those fields.

14 4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from
15 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named senate
16 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this
17 section. Four members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

18 5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
19 legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate
20 clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2018.

21 6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.