

Committee Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

March 4, 2020

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**The Committee on Legislative Administration to which
was referred HB 1227,**

**AN ACT requiring the renovation of the smoker's
lounge in the legislative office building. Having
considered the same, report the same with the following
amendment, and the recommendation that the bill
OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Matthew Wilhelm

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Legislative Administration
Bill Number:	HB 1227
Title:	requiring the renovation of the smoker's lounge in the legislative office building.
Date:	March 4, 2020
Consent Calendar:	CONSENT
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT 2020-1081h

STATEMENT OF INTENT

As introduced, this bill required the establishment of a child-friendly room in the Legislative Office Building. The committee amendment replaces the bill and establishes a committee to study options for childcare and related barriers to working parents serving in the legislature. The committee believes that time and energy should be spent considering ways to support the childcare needs of legislators while they are serving at the State House complex.

Vote 13-0.

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FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

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Legislative Administration

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COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: House Legislative Administration
BILL NUMBER: HB1227
TITLE: a bill establishing a committee to study options for childcare and related barriers to working parents serving in the legislature
DATE: 3/4/2020 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.
2020-1081h

STATEMENT OF INTENT:

This bill establishes a committee to study options for childcare and related barriers to working parents serving in the legislature. The committee believes that time and energy should be spent considering ways to support the ~~modern~~ childcare needs of legislators while they are serving at the State House complex.

COMMITTEE VOTE: 13-0

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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

Rep. Matthew Wilhelm
For the Committee

Amendment to HB 1227

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4 working parents serving in the legislature.

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8 1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study options for childcare and
9 related barriers to working parents serving in the legislature.

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

11 (a) Four members of the house of representatives, one of whom shall be from the
12 minority party, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

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17 serving in the legislature.

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20 meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Three
21 members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

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23 to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the
24 senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2020.

25 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

2020-1081h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

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Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1227

BILL TITLE: requiring the renovation of the smoker's lounge in the legislative office building.

DATE: March 4, 2020

LOB ROOM: 303

MOTIONS: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Moved by Rep. Wilhelm Seconded by Rep. Hinch AM Vote: 13-0

Amendment # 2020-1081h

Moved by Rep. Wilhelm Seconded by Rep. Hinch Vote: 13-0

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Betsy McKinney, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1227

BILL TITLE: requiring the renovation of the smoker's lounge in the legislative office building.

DATE: 3/4/20

LOB ROOM: 104

MOTION: (Please check one box)

- OTP
- ITL
- Retain (1st year)
- Adoption of Amendment # 10544 ¹⁴
(if offered) 10812
- Interim Study (2nd year)

*Whelan
Hench*

Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

MOTION: (Please check one box)

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- OTP/A
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CONSENT CALENDAR: YES NO

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

Respectfully submitted: Betsy McKinney
Rep Betsy McKinney, Clerk



2020 SESSION

Legislative Administration

Bill #: 1227 Motion: OT/A AM #: _____ Exec Session Date: 3/4

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Wall, Janet G. Chairman	✓		
Ley, Douglas A. Vice Chairman	✓		
Smith, Timothy J.			
Bernet, Jennifer — <i>Chada Rich</i>	✓		
Frost, Sherry A.	✓		
Nutting-Wong, Allison R.	✓		
Turcotte, Alan J. — <i>Colt Reil</i>	✓		
Wilhelm, Matthew B.	✓		
Hinch, Richard W.	✓		
McKinney, Betsy Clerk	✓		
Graham, John A.	✓		
Hill, Gregory G.	✓		
Rice, Kimberly A.	✓		
Greene, Bob J.	✓		
TOTAL VOTE:			

Chair

13

0

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2020-1081h

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Hearing Minutes

Rep. Hill: Does putting this in statute create restrictions for Facilities Committee? ANS: Yes. Asks about special needs? ANS: Child care facility would have to be ADA compliant. Would have to accommodate special needs. Limited space.

Rep. Fox - Room not meant as daycare facility. Look at identity of body's space.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Jennifer Bernet
Acting Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1227

BILL TITLE: requiring the renovation of the smoker's lounge in the legislative office building.

DATE: 2/13/20

ROOM: 104

Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 10:00

Time Adjourned: 10:40

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Wall, Ley, McKinney, T. Smith, Bernet, Frost, Nutting-Wong, Turcotte, Wilhelm, Hinch, Graham, Hill, Rice and Greene

Bill Sponsors:

Rep. Fox

Rep. Wilhelm

Rep. Josephson

Rep. Chretien

TESTIMONY

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

Rep. Fox: Bill to repurpose smoky room to family friendly work area. Positive feedback on bill. Access to childcare barrier to people serving/Diversity issue. Implications for working families. Amendment: Removes smoker lounge, adds study committee for childcare

Rep. Murray: In favor Amherst (Hillsborough 22). Challenges having children-children not allowed on floor or in anteroom. Had to run to take roll call votes. In favor of amendment

Rep. Wilhelm: In favor (Hillsborough 42): Daughter Rosie on his lap. Pre-school was closed. Barriers to young people w/ children serving.

Louise Spencer: Supports bill & amendment
Supports young legislators. Has volunteered to watch children. Would be helpful to have a space with toys & let kids be who they are. Not speaking on behalf of KSC.

Melissa Hinebauch: Has 3 children. Volunteer constituent.
Fully supports bill & amendment. Volunteers to help with childcare/emergency childcare back-ups. Asks to consider providing childcare

Rep. Wazir: Supports bill & amendment. Mother of 3.
Doesn't think smokers should be prioritized over children's emergency care difficult. Requests child friendly space. Struggle to serve as working mother.

Rep. Klein-Knight: Manchester 3240. Concerned young population not accommodated to do work in legislature. Would be supporting to take this seriously. Respect for older legislators. Not begging, not whining. This will allow them to show up.

Terry Pfaff: COO opposes 1st bill. Not necessarily opposed to amendment. Removal of smoky lounge. Make into tray & break room for staff. Says Joint Facilities Committee is venue for these issues. Space is a commodity in complex. Does not oppose study committee. Acknowledges change in workplace/work force. Experienced challenge himself. Wants definition of child friendly space. Says study could pass. In the past, working parents met challenge privately. Concern abt. staffing of child care room. Says committee could create subcommittee to study issue.

Rep. Hill Question: Does putting this in statute create restrictions for Facilities Committee?

Mr. Pfaff: yes

Rep. Hill: Asks abt. Special Needs

Mr. Pfaff: child care facility would have to be ADA compliant.

Testimony

Dear Members of the Legislative Administration Committee,

I intended to attend the committee's hearing on HB 1227 next week. I regret that I can not be there today because of childcare responsibilities. I was a member of the last General Court, representing Strafford District 13. I served in the House with most of you, and in committee with at least one of you.

I'm also a nicotine addict. I know just how hard it is to beat a cigarette habit, and how easy it is to relapse. I had largely stopped using tobacco by the time I served as a State Representative, but I did smoke a few times in the lounge. Walking past the glass-walled room on my way to a committee meeting sometimes proved to be too strong of a temptation and retriggered my addiction.

I had a kid four months ago, and I've largely been tobacco free since then. I would very much like to serve in the House again sometime, but for the time being, it's impossible because of the high costs and low availability of childcare. I appreciate and value NH's history of volunteer legislators, but this committee should actively think about ways to make it easier for people, particularly young people, to serve their communities. I was glad to read about the installation of the lactation station directly across from the smoking lounge, but what does it say about our values, when we devote so much more space to a smoke-filled room than a family-friendly room? We make more of an effort to cater to the comfort of a dwindling number of smokers than to cater to the needs of parents. What message does that send our kids?

HB 1227 would be an important symbolic gesture that shows that our Legislature understands that tobacco is addictive and dangerous. It would also be an important practical gesture that shows our Legislature supports families and legislators with families. I hope this committee will OTP this important bill and send it to the House Floor for consideration.

Sincerely,
Hon. Isaac Epstein
Dover

Bill as
Introduced

HB 1227 - AS INTRODUCED

2020 SESSION

20-2427

10/08

HOUSE BILL **1227**

AN ACT requiring the renovation of the smoker's lounge in the legislative office building.

SPONSORS: Rep. Fox, Merr. 23; Rep. Wilhelm, Hills. 42; Rep. Josephson, Graf. 11; Rep. Chretien, Hills. 42

COMMITTEE: Legislative Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill requires the joint committee on legislative facilities to renovate the smoker's lounge in the basement of the legislative office building to be a child-friendly room.

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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.

HB 1227 - AS INTRODUCED

20-2427

10/08

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty

AN ACT requiring the renovation of the smoker's lounge in the legislative office building.

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

1 1 Renovation and Re-purposing of Smoker's Lounge. The joint committee on legislative facilities
2 is hereby directed to administer the renovation and re-purposing of the smoker's lounge in the
3 basement of the legislative office building to be a child-friendly room. The project shall be completed
4 not later than July 1, 2021.

5 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.