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AN ACT relative to the legal representation of children in the juvenile justice system.

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COMMITTEE: Children and Family Law

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides for the appointment of counsel for children in out-of-home placements under RSA 169-B and RSA 169-D.

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

- 1 Statement of Findings. The general court hereby finds that:
- I. The state's removal of a child from the home is one of the most significant actions it ever undertakes. Such interventions are associated with the risk of a number of negative consequences for the child and the public, including:
- (a) The weakening of protective connections with parents, other family, school, and community.
- (b) Exiting school before high school graduation.
- (c) Homelessness.
- (d) Future delinquency and adult criminal involvement.
- II. Due process and other constitutional principles, as well as the statutory requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act and RSA 169-B and 169-D, require that the removal of a child from the home last for no longer than is necessary to accomplish the rehabilitative and public protection purposes of the juvenile justice system.
- III. Therefore, courts should carefully and frequently monitor whether there is a continued justification for the separation of children from their families and communities. The courts' ability to effectively conduct this monitoring is enhanced by the continuing participation of counsel for children, who can bring relevant information to the court's attention and advocate for children's release to their homes and communities.
- IV. It is also necessary for the protection of the welfare of children who have been placed outside their homes that any problems with the conditions of their placement or the appropriateness of their treatment be promptly brought

to the attention of the courts and other authorities. Continuing legal representation during periods of placement facilitate this important monitoring function.

- 2 New Paragraph; Delinquent Children; Appointment of Counsel. Amend RSA 169-B:12 by inserting after paragraph V the following new paragraph:
- VI. Whenever a juvenile is detained, committed, or otherwise placed outside his or her home, the court shall appoint counsel if such appointment has not previously been made in the proceedings. Such appointment shall be made at a time sufficiently in advance of the decision to place the juvenile outside the home to allow counsel to provide effective representation on the issue of placement, and such appointment shall continue until the court no longer has jurisdiction over the juvenile pursuant to this chapter. The court shall not accept a waiver of counsel when appointment is required by this paragraph.
- 3 New Section; Delinquent Children; Continuous Legal Representation of Vulnerable Children. Amend RSA 169-B by inserting after section 12 the following new section:
- 169-B:12-a Continuous Legal Representation of Vulnerable Children.
- I. While a case under this chapter is pending, the department of health and human services shall notify the court whenever it becomes aware that the respondent child:
- (a) Is subjected to restraint or seclusion, as defined in RSA 126-U:1, IV and V-a;
- (b) Is known or suspected to be the victim of abuse, neglect, or any crime involving actual or threatened physical or psychological injury, or the risk thereof; or
- (c) Is no longer in the legal custody of his or her parents.
- II. Whenever the court receives a notice pursuant to paragraph I regarding a child who has been placed outside the home, the court shall ensure that the child is continually represented until the court no longer has jurisdiction over the child pursuant to this chapter. When placing a child outside the home, the court shall determine whether it has received a notice pursuant to paragraph I and, in those cases in which it has received such notice, the court shall ensure that the child is continually represented until the court no longer has jurisdiction over the child pursuant to this chapter. The court shall take the same action if it receives information from any credible source that any of the circumstances in paragraph I is present.
- 4 Children In Need of Services; Appointment and Waiver of Counsel. Amend RSA 169-D:12, II to read as follows:
- II. The court may accept a waiver of counsel from a child alleged to be in need of services only when:
- (a) The parent, guardian, or custodian did not file the petition;
- (b) Both the child and parent, guardian, or custodian agree to waive counsel; [and]
- (c) In the court's opinion, the waiver is made competently, voluntarily, and with full understanding of the consequences; and
- (d) The petition does not allege that the child is in need of services pursuant to RSA 169-D;2, II(d),
- III. Whenever the petition alleges that a child is in need of services pursuant to RSA 169-D:2, II(d) and the court places the child outside his or her home, the court shall ensure that the child is continuously represented by counsel until the case is closed pursuant to RSA 169-D:3, III. Appointment of counsel pursuant to this paragraph shall be made at a time sufficiently in advance of the decision to place the child outside the home to allow counsel to provide effective representation on the issue of placement.
- 5 Children In Need of Services; Appointment Waiver of Counsel. Amend RSA 169-D:12, III to read as follows:
- III. Whenever [the petition alleges that a child is in need of services pursuant to RSA 169-D:2, II(d) and] the court places the child outside his or her home, the court shall ensure that the child is continuously represented by counsel until the case is closed pursuant to RSA 169-D:3, III. Appointment of counsel pursuant to this paragraph shall be made at a time sufficiently in advance of the decision to place the child outside the home to allow counsel to provide effective representation on the issue of placement.
- 6 New Section; Children in Need of Services; Continuous Legal Representation of Vulnerable Children. Amend RSA 169-D by inserting after section 12 the following new section:
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- 7 Repeal. The following are repealed:
- I. RSA 169-B:12-a, relative to representation of vulnerable children in delinquency proceedings.
- II. RSA 169-D:12-a, relative to representation of vulnerable children in CHINS proceedings.
- 8 Effective Date.
- I. Sections 2, 5, and 7 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2021.
- II. The remainder of this act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

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This bill:

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

1 Commission on the Interdisciplinary Primary Care Workforce; Title Change. Amend the 2 chapter title preceding RSA 126-T:1 to read as follows:

COMMISSION ON THE INTERDISCIPLINARY

PRIMARY CARE WORKFORCE [ISSUES]

- 2 Commission on the Interdisciplinary Primary Care Workforce. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 126-T:1 to read as follows:
- 126-T:1 There is hereby established a commission on *the interdisciplinary* primary care workforce [issues]. The members of the commission shall be as follows:
- 3 Commission on the Interdisciplinary Primary Care Workforce; Duties. Amend RSA 126-T:3, I IV, to read as follows:
 - I. Reviewing the impact of existing policies related to strengthening New Hampshire's primary care workforce and making recommendations relative to appropriate use of funds for workforce retention, training, education, and recruitment.
 - II. [Assessing the degree to which insurers, managed care organizations, and state and federal payment sources may present inequities and problems regarding payment for primary care services which may serve as a barrier for attracting and retaining the providers necessary for network adequacy.]
 - [III.] Collecting and reviewing data and information that informs decisions and planning for the primary care workforce and looking for innovative ways for expanding New Hampshire's primary care resources including, but not limited to, interstate collaboration and the use of telehealth.
 - [IV.] III. Assembling and [including] disseminating in its reports, as required under RSA 126-T:4, data [on the] related to availability, accessibility, and effectiveness of primary care in New Hampshire, with special attention to such data in rural and underserved areas of the state in order to inform state policy and planning.
 - IV. Exploring and developing strategies to further the integration of primary care, oral health, and behavioral health.
 - 4 Commission on the Interdisciplinary Primary Care Workforce; Reports. Amend RSA 126-T:4 to read as follows:

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- which shall focus on the status of the New Hampshire state loan repayment program and the New Hampshire division of public health service's health professions survey, and a final report on November 1, [2020] 2024, including its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation, to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the governor, the oversight committee on health and human services, and the chairpersons of the senate and house executive departments and administration committees.
- 5 Department of Health and Human Services; Commissioner's Duties. Amend RSA 126-A:5, XVIII-a(b) to read as follows:
- (b) The data collected shall be reviewed, evaluated, and analyzed by the SORH to provide policy decision makers and the commission on the interdisciplinary primary care workforce [issues] established under RSA 126-T:1, with critical information to develop and plan for New Hampshire's primary workforce current and future needs and to identify innovative ways for expanding primary care capacity and resources.
- 6 Department of Health and Human Services; Commissioner's Duties. Amend RSA 126-A:5, XVIII-a(e) to read as follows:
- (e) On or before December 1, 2019, and annually thereafter, the SORH shall make a written report to the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate president, the governor, the oversight committee on health and human services established under RSA 126-A:13, the chairs of the house and senate executive departments and administration committees, the chairs of the house and senate policy committee having jurisdiction over health and human services, and the commission on *interdisciplinary* primary care workforce [issues] established by RSA 126-T:1. The report shall include, but not be limited to, aggregate data and information on current and projected primary workforce needs and the participation rate on surveys completed pursuant to this paragraph. This report shall be incorporated into the report required pursuant to RSA 126-A:5, XVIII(c).
- 7 Commission on the Interdisciplinary Primary Care Workforce Extended. Amend 2010, 114:4, I as amended by 2015, 238:4 and 2018, 248:3 to read as follows:
 - Section 3 of this act shall take effect November 1, [2020] 2024.
- 8 Declaration of Purpose. The purpose of sections 9-10 of this act is to authorize a procedure by which grand jury process may resume in this state in a manner consistent with the need to protect public health during the continuing COVID-19 public health emergency. Sections 9-10 of this act authorize the superior court to convene a multicounty grand jury that has jurisdiction in every county or judicial district thereof as a means of reducing the number of large gatherings of individuals that would otherwise occur under the county grand jury system established pursuant to RSA 600 and RSA 600-A.

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1	9 New Chapter; Multicounty Grand Juries Convened by the Superior Court. Amend RSA by
2	inserting after chapter 600-A the following new chapter:
3	CHAPTER 600-B
4	MULTICOUNTY GRAND JURIES CONVENED BY THE SUPERIOR COURT
5	600-B:1 Multicounty Grand Jury Convened by the Superior Court. The chief justice of the
6	superior court shall have authority to issue an order convening a multicounty grand jury.
7	600-B 2 Contents of Superior Court Order.
8	I. An order convening a multicounty grand jury pursuant to RSA 600-B:1 shall:
9	(a) Designate a superior court judge to be the presiding judge over such multicounty
10	grand jury and provide that such judge shall, with respect to all proper activities of the multicounty
11	grand jury, have jurisdiction over all counties or judicial districts thereof in the jurisdiction of the
12	multicounty grand jury;
13	(b) Designate a location or locations for the multicounty grand jury proceeding, which
14	may be conducted remotely with appropriate technologies; and
15	(c) Provide for such other incidental arrangements as may be necessary.
16	II. All matters to be included in such order shall be determined in any manner which the
17	chief justice of the superior court deems appropriate, except that the supreme court may adopt
18	general rules, consistent with the provisions of this chapter, establishing standard procedures for the
19	convening of a multicounty grand jury.
20	600-B:3 Composition. The counties and judicial districts thereof shall supply jurors for selection
21	upon a multicounty grand jury ordered pursuant to this chapter in proportion to the population of
22	the counties or the judicial districts thereof.
23	600-B:4 Jurisdiction.
24	I. The jurisdiction of a multicounty grand jury impaneled under this chapter shall extend
25	throughout the state, including but not limited to, a single county or judicial district.
26	II. The subject matter jurisdiction of such multicounty grand jury shall be co-extensive with
27	the subject matter jurisdiction of any grand jury authorized by RSA 600 or multicounty grand jury
28	authorized by RSA 600-A.
29	600-B:5 Presentation of Evidence. Any prosecutorial authority authorized to present evidence to
30	a county grand jury convened pursuant to RSA 600 or to a multicounty grand jury convened
31	pursuant to RSA 600-A may present evidence to a multicounty grand jury impaneled pursuant to
32	this chapter.
33	600-B:6 Term. The regular term of a multicounty grand jury impaneled under this chapter shall
34	be no greater than 6 months. The chief justice of the superior court may extend the term for a
35	specified time period upon a written petition by a prosecuting authority stating that an extension is
36	needed.

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1	600-B:7 Applicable Law. All laws and rules applicable to county grand juries, including their
2	powers, duties and functions, shall apply to multicounty grand juries impaneled pursuant to this
3	chapter, except insofar as they are in conflict with this chapter.
4	600-B:8 Indictment; Designation of Venue; Prosecution of Indictments. Any indictment by a
5	multicounty grand jury impaneled pursuant to this chapter shall be returned to the presiding judge
6	and shall include a finding as to the county, judicial district thereof, or counties in which the alleged
7	offense was committed. Thereupon, the supervising judge shall, by order, designate the county of
8	venue for the purpose of trial.
9	600-B:9 Costs and Expenses. The New Hampshire judicial branch shall pay the costs and
10	expenses incurred in association with impaneling a multicounty grand jury pursuant to this chapter.
11	10 Repeal. RSA 600-B, relative to multicounty grand juries convened by the superior court, is
12	repealed.
13	11 New Paragraph; Uniform Law on Notorial Acts; Remote Video Notarization of Estate
14	Planning Documents During State of Emergency. Amend RSA 456-B:2 by inserting after paragraph
15	VI the following new paragraph:
16	VII.(a) For the purposes of this section, but only in the context of executing an estate
17	planning instrument such as a will, trust, or power of attorney, the requirement that a person
18	appear before a notarial officer at the time of the notarial act is satisfied if the notarial officer is:
19	(1) The attorney, licensed to practice law in New Hampshire and in good standing,
20	who drafted the estate planning instrument;
21	(2) Another attorney licensed to practice law in New Hampshire and in good
22	standing, under the drafting attorney's supervision; or
23	(3) A paralegal under the supervision of either such attorney; and
24	(b) The person and the notarial officer can communicate simultaneously by sight and
25	sound through an electronic device or process at the time of the notarial act.
26	(c) This paragraph shall apply only to notarial acts performed on or after March 23, 2020
27	and ending on the last day of the state of emergency declared by executive order 2020-04. In
28	addition, a notarial act performed in compliance with emergency order #11 pursuant to executive
29	order 2020-04 from its effective date through the date of its expiration is valid.
30	12 Wills; Requirements; Execution of Estate Planning Documents During State of Emergency.
31	RSA 551:2 is amended to read as follows:
32	551:2 Requirements.
33	I. To be valid, a will or codicil to a will shall:
34	[I.] (a) Be made by a testator qualifying under RSA 551:1; and
35	[H.] (b) Be in writing; and
36	[HI.] (c) Be signed by the testator, or by some person at his or her express direction in
37	his or her presence; and

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[IV.] (d) Be signed by 2 or more credible witnesses, who shall, at the request of the testator and in the testator's presence, attest to the testator's signature.

II. No seal shall be required. These requirements shall apply to all wills executed on or after January 1, 1993.

- III.(a) For the purposes of this chapter, a person attesting a will or codicil as a witness shall be deemed in the presence of the testator if the witness, the testator, the other witness or witnesses, as the case may be, and a notarial officer who is (1) the attorney, licensed to practice law in New Hampshire and in good standing, who drafted the will or codicil; (2) another attorney, licensed to practice law in New Hampshire and in good standing, under the drafting attorney's supervision; or (3) a paralegal under the supervision of either such attorney, can communicate simultaneously by sight and sound through an electronic device or process at the time all of them sign the will or codicil, which may be signed in multiple counterparts. A witness need not be physically present within the state of New Hampshire at the time the witness attests to the testator's signature.
- (b) Nothing in this paragraph shall be deemed to allow an electronic will or codicil. This paragraph shall apply only to wills executed on or after March 23, 2020 and ending on the last day of the state of emergency declared by executive order 2020-04.
- 19 13 Effective Date.

- I. Section 10 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2022.
- 21 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

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 - 17:8 Declaration of Purpose. The purpose of sections 9-10 of this act is to authorize a procedure by which grand jury process may resume in this state in a manner consistent with the need to protect public health during the continuing COVID-19 public health emergency. Sections 9-10 of this act authorize the superior court to convene a multicounty grand jury that has jurisdiction in every county or judicial district thereof as a means of reducing the number of large gatherings of individuals that would otherwise occur under the county grand jury system established pursuant to RSA 600 and RSA 600-A.

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1	17:9 New Chapter; Multicounty Grand Juries Convened by the Superior Court. Amend RSA by
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3	CHAPTER 600-B
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5	600-B:1 Multicounty Grand Jury Convened by the Superior Court. The chief justice of the
6	superior court shall have authority to issue an order convening a multicounty grand jury.
7	600-B 2 Contents of Superior Court Order.
8.	I. An order convening a multicounty grand jury pursuant to RSA 600-B:1 shall:
9	(a) Designate a superior court judge to be the presiding judge over such multicounty
10	grand jury and provide that such judge shall, with respect to all proper activities of the multicounty
11	grand jury, have jurisdiction over all counties or judicial districts thereof in the jurisdiction of the
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14	may be conducted remotely with appropriate technologies; and
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23	600-B:4 Jurisdiction.
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25	throughout the state, including but not limited to, a single county or judicial district.
26	II. The subject matter jurisdiction of such multicounty grand jury shall be co-extensive with
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14	Planning Documents During State of Emergency. Amend RSA 456-B:2 by inserting after paragraph
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19	(1) The attorney, licensed to practice law in New Hampshire and in good standing,
20	who drafted the estate planning instrument;
21	(2) Another attorney licensed to practice law in New Hampshire and in good
22	standing, under the drafting attorney's supervision; or
23	(3) A paralegal under the supervision of either such attorney; and
24	(b) The person and the notarial officer can communicate simultaneously by sight and
25	sound through an electronic device or process at the time of the notarial act.
26	(c) This paragraph shall apply only to notarial acts performed on or after March 23, 2020
27	and ending on the last day of the state of emergency declared by executive order 2020-04. In
28	addition, a notarial act performed in compliance with emergency order #11 pursuant to executive
29	order 2020-04 from its effective date through the date of its expiration is valid.
30	17:12 Wills; Requirements; Execution of Estate Planning Documents During State of
31	Emergency. RSA 551:2 is amended to read as follows:
32	551:2 Requirements.
33	I. To be valid, a will or codicil to a will shall:
34	[1.] (a) Be made by a testator qualifying under RSA 551:1; and
35	[H-] (b) Be in writing; and
36	[HI.] (c) Be signed by the testator, or by some person at his or her express direction in
37	his or her presence; and

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1	[IV.] (d) Be signed by 2 or more credible witnesses, who shall, at the request of the
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2	testator and in the testator's presence, attest to the testator's signature.
3	II. No seal shall be required. These requirements shall apply to all wills executed on or
4	after January 1, 1993.
5	III.(a) For the purposes of this chapter, a person attesting a will or codicil as a
6	witness shall be deemed in the presence of the testator if the witness, the testator, the other
7	witness or witnesses, as the case may be, and a notarial officer who is (1) the attorney,
8	licensed to practice law in New Hampshire and in good standing, who drafted the will or
9	codicil; (2) another attorney, licensed to practice law in New Hampshire and in good
10	standing, under the drafting attorney's supervision; or (3) a paralegal under the
11	supervision of either such attorney, can communicate simultaneously by sight and sound
12	through an electronic device or process at the time all of them sign the will or codicil,
13	which may be signed in multiple counterparts. A witness need not be physically present
14	within the state of New Hampshire at the time the witness attests to the testator's
15	signature.
16	(b) Nothing in this paragraph shall be deemed to allow an electronic will or
17	codicil. This paragraph shall apply only to wills executed on or after March 23, 2020 and
18	ending on the last day of the state of emergency declared by executive order 2020-04.
19	17:13 Effective Date.
20	I. Section 10 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2022.

- - I. Section 10 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2022.
 - II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved: July 17, 2020

Effective Date:

I. Section 10 shall take effect June 30, 2022.

II. Remainder shall take effect July 17, 2020.

Amendments

Sen. Hennessey, Dist 5 June 18, 2020 2020-1550s 05/04

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to inform state policy and planning.

Amendment to HB 1249

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12	2 Commission on the Interdisciplinary Primary Care Workforce. Amend the introductory
13	paragraph of RSA 126-T:1 to read as follows:
14	There is hereby established a commission on the interdisciplinary primary care workforce [issues].
L 5	The members of the commission shall be as follows:
16	3 Commission on the Interdisciplinary Primary Care Workforce; Duties. Amend RSA 126-T:3, I-
17	IV, to read as follows:
18	I. Reviewing the impact of existing policies related to strengthening New Hampshire's
19	primary care workforce and making recommendations relative to appropriate use of funds for
20	workforce retention, training, education, and recruitment.
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22	federal payment sources may present inequities and problems regarding payment for primary care
23	services which may serve as a barrier for attracting and retaining the providers necessary for
24	network-adequacy.]
25	[HH-] Collecting and reviewing data and information that informs decisions and planning for
26	the primary care workforce and looking for innovative ways for expanding New Hampshire's primary
27	care resources including, but not limited to, interstate collaboration and the use of telehealth.
28	[IV.] III. Assembling and [including] disseminating in its reports, as required under RSA
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30	Hampshire, with special attention to such data in rural and underserved areas of the state in order

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- (b) The data collected shall be reviewed, evaluated, and analyzed by the SORH to provide policy decision makers and the commission on *the interdisciplinary* primary care workforce [issues] established under RSA 126-T:1, with critical information to develop and plan for New Hampshire's primary workforce current and future needs and to identify innovative ways for expanding primary care capacity and resources.
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- (e) On or before December 1, 2019, and annually thereafter, the SORH shall make a written report to the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate president, the governor, the oversight committee on health and human services established under RSA 126-A:13, the chairs of the house and senate executive departments and administration committees, the chairs of the house and senate policy committee having jurisdiction over health and human services, and the commission on *interdisciplinary* primary care workforce [issues] established by RSA 126-T:1. The report shall include, but not be limited to, aggregate data and information on current and projected primary workforce needs and the participation rate on surveys completed pursuant to this paragraph. This report shall be incorporated into the report required pursuant to RSA 126-A:5, XVIII(c).
- 7 Commission on the Interdisciplinary Primary Care Workforce Extended. Amend 2010, 114:4, I as amended by 2015, 238:4 and 2018, 248:3 to read as follows:
 - I. Section 3 of this act shall take effect November 1, [2020] 2024.
- 8 Declaration of Purpose. The purpose of sections 9-10 of this act is to authorize a procedure by which grand jury process may resume in this state in a manner consistent with the need to protect public health during the continuing COVID-19 public health emergency. Sections 9-10 of this act authorize the superior court to convene a multicounty grand jury that has jurisdiction in every

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county or judicial district thereof as a means of reducing the number of large gatherings of 1 2 individuals that would otherwise occur under the county grand jury system established pursuant to 3 RSA 600 and RSA 600-A. 9 New Chapter; Multicounty Grand Juries Convened by the Superior Court. Amend RSA by 4 inserting after chapter 600-A the following new chapter: 5 6 CHAPTER 600-B MULTICOUNTY GRAND JURIES CONVENED BY THE SUPERIOR COURT 7 8 600-B:1 Multicounty Grand Jury Convened by the Superior Court. The chief justice of the 9 superior court shall have authority to issue an order convening a multicounty grand jury. 10 600-B 2 Contents of Superior Court Order. I. An order convening a multicounty grand jury pursuant to RSA 600-B:1 shall: 11 12 (a) Designate a superior court judge to be the presiding judge over such multicounty grand jury and provide that such judge shall, with respect to all proper activities of the multicounty 13 grand jury, have jurisdiction over all counties or judicial districts thereof in the jurisdiction of the 14 15 multicounty grand jury; (b) Designate a location or locations for the multicounty grand jury proceeding, which 16 17 may be conducted remotely with appropriate technologies; and 18 (c) Provide for such other incidental arrangements as may be necessary. II. All matters to be included in such order shall be determined in any manner which the 19 chief justice of the superior court deems appropriate, except that the supreme court may adopt 20 general rules, consistent with the provisions of this chapter, establishing standard procedures for the 21 22 convening of a multicounty grand jury. 23 600-B:3 Composition. The counties and judicial districts thereof shall supply jurors for selection upon a multicounty grand jury ordered pursuant to this chapter in proportion to the population of 24 25 the counties or the judicial districts thereof. 26 600-B:4 Jurisdiction. 27 I. The jurisdiction of a multicounty grand jury impaneled under this chapter shall extend 28 throughout the state, including but not limited to, a single county or judicial district. II. The subject matter jurisdiction of such multicounty grand jury shall be co-extensive with 29 the subject matter jurisdiction of any grand jury authorized by RSA 600 or multicounty grand jury 30 31 authorized by RSA 600-A. 32 600-B:5 Presentation of Evidence. Any prosecutorial authority authorized to present evidence to 33 a county grand jury convened pursuant to RSA 600 or to a multicounty grand jury convened 34 pursuant to RSA 600-A may present evidence to a multicounty grand jury impaneled pursuant to 35 this chapter. 600-B:6 Term. The regular term of a multicounty grand jury impaneled under this chapter shall 36

be no greater than 6 months. The chief justice of the superior court may extend the term for a

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specified time period upon a written petition by a prosecuting authority stating that an extension is 2 needed. 3 600-B:7 Applicable Law. All laws and rules applicable to county grand juries, including their 4 powers, duties and functions, shall apply to multicounty grand juries impaneled pursuant to this chapter, except insofar as they are in conflict with this chapter. 5 600-B:8 Indictment; Designation of Venue; Prosecution of Indictments. Any indictment by a 6 7 multicounty grand jury impaneled pursuant to this chapter shall be returned to the presiding judge 8 and shall include a finding as to the county, judicial district thereof, or counties in which the alleged 9 offense was committed. Thereupon, the supervising judge shall, by order, designate the county of 10 venue for the purpose of trial. 600-B:9 Costs and Expenses. The New Hampshire judicial branch shall pay the costs and 11 . 12 expenses incurred in association with impaneling a multicounty grand jury pursuant to this chapter. 13 10 Repeal. RSA 600-B, relative to multicounty grand juries convened by the superior court, is 14 repealed. 15 11 Effective Date. 16 I. Section 10 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2022.

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

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

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- I. Changes the title and the duties of the commission on the interdisciplinary primary care workforce, and extends the repeal date of the commission.
- II. Authorizes the chief justice of the superior court to issue an order convening a multicounty grand jury.

Sen. Feltes, Dist 15 Sen. Hennessey, Dist 5 June 23, 2020 2020-1566s 05/10

Amendment to HB 1249

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7	Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:
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9	1 Commission on the Interdisciplinary Primary Care Workforce; Title Change. Amend the
10	chapter title preceding RSA 126-T:1 to read as follows:
11	COMMISSION ON THE INTERDISCIPLINARY
12	PRIMARY CARE WORKFORCE [ISSUES]
13	2 Commission on the Interdisciplinary Primary Care Workforce. Amend the introductory
14	paragraph of RSA 126-T:1 to read as follows:
15	126-T:1 There is hereby established a commission on the interdisciplinary primary care
16	workforce [issues]. The members of the commission shall be as follows:
17	3 Commission on the Interdisciplinary Primary Care Workforce; Duties. Amend RSA 126-T:3, I-
18 .	IV, to read as follows:
19	I. Reviewing the impact of existing policies related to strengthening New Hampshire's
20	primary care workforce and making recommendations relative to appropriate use of funds for
21	workforce retention, training, education, and recruitment.
22	II. [Assessing the degree to which insurers, managed care organizations, and state and
23	federal payment sources may present inequities and problems regarding payment for primary care
24	services which may serve as a barrier for attracting and retaining the providers necessary for
25	network adequacy.]
26	[III.] Collecting and reviewing data and information that informs decisions and planning for
27	the primary care workforce and looking for innovative ways for expanding New Hampshire's primary
28	care resources including, but not limited to, interstate collaboration and the use of telehealth.
29	[IV.] III. Assembling and [including] disseminating in its reports, as required under RSA
30	126-T:4, data [en the] related to availability, accessibility, and effectiveness of primary care in New
31	Hampshire, with special attention to such data in rural and underserved areas of the state in order
32	to inform state policy and planning.

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IV. Exploring and developing strategies to further the integration of primary care, oral health, and behavioral health.

- 4 Commission on the Interdisciplinary Primary Care Workforce; Reports. Amend RSA 126-T:4 to read as follows:
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- 5 Department of Health and Human Services; Commissioner's Duties, Amend RSA 126-A:5, XVIII-a(b) to read as follows:
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 - 7 Commission on the Interdisciplinary Primary Care Workforce Extended. Amend 2010, 114:4, I as amended by 2015, 238:4 and 2018, 248:3 to read as follows:
 - I. Section 3 of this act shall take effect November 1, [2020] 2024.
 - 8 Declaration of Purpose. The purpose of sections 9-10 of this act is to authorize a procedure by which grand jury process may resume in this state in a manner consistent with the need to protect public health during the continuing COVID-19 public health emergency. Sections 9-10 of this act authorize the superior court to convene a multicounty grand jury that has jurisdiction in every

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be no greater than 6 months. The chief justice of the superior court may extend the term for a

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1	specified time period upon a written petition by a prosecuting authority stating that an extension is
2	needed.
3	600-B:7 Applicable Law. All laws and rules applicable to county grand juries, including their
4	powers, duties and functions, shall apply to multicounty grand juries impaneled pursuant to this
5	chapter, except insofar as they are in conflict with this chapter.
6	600-B:8 Indictment; Designation of Venue; Prosecution of Indictments. Any indictment by a
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8	and shall include a finding as to the county, judicial district thereof, or counties in which the alleged
9	offense was committed. Thereupon, the supervising judge shall, by order, designate the county of
10	venue for the purpose of trial.
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12	expenses incurred in association with impaneling a multicounty grand jury pursuant to this chapter.
13	10 Repeal. RSA 600-B, relative to multicounty grand juries convened by the superior court, is
14	repealed.
15	11 New Paragraph; Uniform Law on Notorial Acts; Remote Video Witnessing and Notarization
16	of Estate Planning Documents During State of Emergency. Amend RSA 456-B:2 by inserting after
17	paragraph VI the following new paragraph:
18	VII.(a) For the purposes of this section, but only in the context of executing an estate
19	planning instrument such as a will, trust, or power of attorney, the requirement that a person
20	appear before a notarial officer at the time of the notarial act is satisfied if the notarial officer is:
21	(1) The attorney, licensed to practice law in New Hampshire and in good standing
22	who drafted the estate planning instrument;
23	(2) Another attorney licensed to practice law in New Hampshire and in good
24	standing, under the drafting attorney's supervision; or
25	(3) A paralegal under the supervision of either such attorney, and the person and the
26	notarial officer can communicate simultaneously by sight and sound through an electronic device or
27	process at the time of the notarial act.
28	(b) This paragraph shall apply only to notarial acts performed on or after March 23
29	2020 and ending on the last day of the state of emergency declared by executive order 2020-04. In
30	addition, a notarial act performed in compliance with emergency order #11, pursuant to executive
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Senate Judiciary June 24, 2020 2020-1570s 05/10

Amendment to HB 1249

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4	9 New Chapter; Multicounty Grand Juries Convened by the Superior Court. Amend RSA by
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7	MULTICOUNTY GRAND JURIES CONVENED BY THE SUPERIOR COURT
8	600-B:1 Multicounty Grand Jury Convened by the Superior Court. The chief justice of the
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10	600-B 2 Contents of Superior Court Order.
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31	authorized by RSA 600-A.
32	600-B:5 Presentation of Evidence. Any prosecutorial authority authorized to present evidence to
33	a county grand jury convened pursuant to RSA 600 or to a multicounty grand jury convened
34	pursuant to RSA 600-A may present evidence to a multicounty grand jury impaneled pursuant to
35	this chapter.
36	600-B:6 Term. The regular term of a multicounty grand jury impaneled under this chapter shall

be no greater than 6 months. The chief justice of the superior court may extend the term for a

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1	specified time period upon a written petition by a prosecuting authority stating that an extension is
2	needed.
3	600-B:7 Applicable Law. All laws and rules applicable to county grand juries, including their
4	powers, duties and functions, shall apply to multicounty grand juries impaneled pursuant to this
5	chapter, except insofar as they are in conflict with this chapter.
6	600-B:8 Indictment; Designation of Venue; Prosecution of Indictments. Any indictment by a
7	multicounty grand jury impaneled pursuant to this chapter shall be returned to the presiding judge
8	and shall include a finding as to the county, judicial district thereof, or counties in which the alleged
9	offense was committed. Thereupon, the supervising judge shall, by order, designate the county of
10	venue for the purpose of trial.
11	600-B:9 Costs and Expenses. The New Hampshire judicial branch shall pay the costs and
12	expenses incurred in association with impaneling a multicounty grand jury pursuant to this chapter.
13	10 Repeal. RSA 600-B, relative to multicounty grand juries convened by the superior court, is
14	repealed.
15	11 New Paragraph; Uniform Law on Notorial Acts; Remote Video Notarization of Estate
16	Planning Documents During State of Emergency. Amend RSA 456-B:2 by inserting after paragraph
17	VI the following new paragraph:
18	VII.(a) For the purposes of this section, but only in the context of executing an estate
19	planning instrument such as a will, trust, or power of attorney, the requirement that a person
20	appear before a notarial officer at the time of the notarial act is satisfied if the notarial officer is:
21	(1) The attorney, licensed to practice law in New Hampshire and in good standing,
22	who drafted the estate planning instrument;
23	(2) Another attorney licensed to practice law in New Hampshire and in good
24	standing, under the drafting attorney's supervision; or
25	(3) A paralegal under the supervision of either such attorney; and
26	(b) The person and the notarial officer can communicate simultaneously by sight and
.27	sound through an electronic device or process at the time of the notarial act.
28	(c) This paragraph shall apply only to notarial acts performed on or after March 23, 2020
29	and ending on the last day of the state of emergency declared by executive order 2020-04. In
30	addition, a notarial act performed in compliance with emergency order #11 pursuant to executive
31	order 2020-04 from its effective date through the date of its expiration is valid.
32	12 Wills; Requirements; Execution of Estate Planning Documents During State of Emergency.
33	RSA 551:2 is amended to read as follows:
34	551:2 Requirements.
35	I. To be valid, a will or codicil to a will shall:
36	[I-] (a) Be made by a testator qualifying under RSA 551:1; and

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[H.] (b) Be in writing; and

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1	[III.] (c) Be signed by the testator, or by some person at his or her express direction in			
2	his or her presence; and			
3	[IV.] (d) Be signed by 2 or more credible witnesses, who shall, at the request of the			
4	testator and in the testator's presence, attest to the testator's signature.			
5	II. No seal shall be required. These requirements shall apply to all wills executed on or			
6	after January 1, 1993.			
7	III.(a) For the purposes of this chapter, a person attesting a will or codicil as a			
8	witness shall be deemed in the presence of the testator if the witness, the testator, the other			
9	witness or witnesses, as the case may be, and a notarial officer who is (1) the attorney			
10	licensed to practice law in New Hampshire and in good standing, who drafted the will or			
11	codicil; (2) another attorney, licensed to practice law in New Hampshire and in good			
12	standing, under the drafting attorney's supervision; or (3) a paralegal under th			
13	supervision of either such attorney, can communicate simultaneously by sight and sound			
14	through an electronic device or process at the time all of them sign the will or codici			
15	which may be signed in multiple counterparts. A witness need not be physically presen			
16	within the state of New Hampshire at the time the witness attests to the testator's			
17	signature.			
18	(b) Nothing in this paragraph shall be deemed to allow an electronic will or			
19	codicil. This paragraph shall apply only to wills executed on or after March 23, 2020 and			
20	ending on the last day of the state of emergency declared by executive order 2020-04.			

13 Effective Date.

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- I. Section 10 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2022.
- 23 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

- I. Changes the title and the duties of the commission on the interdisciplinary primary care workforce, and extends the repeal date of the commission.
- II. Authorizes the chief justice of the superior court to issue an order convening a multicounty grand jury.
- III. Allows witnessing of a will and appearance before a notary public by remote video conference for purposes of executing estate planning documents during the COVID-19 state of emergency.

Committee Minutes

SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE Judiciary

Sen Martha Hennessey, Chair Sen Shannon Chandley, Vice Chair Sen Melanie Levesque, Member Sen Sharon Carson, Member Sen Harold French, Member

Date: June 19, 2020

HEARINGS

Wednesday		06/24/2020	
(Day)		(Date)	
Judiciary		REMOTE	8:00 a.m.
(Name of Committee)		(Place)	(Time)
8:00 a.m.	HB 1375	relative to cancellations of commercial insurance policies.	
8:05 a.m.		Hearing on proposed Amendment #2020-154 to cancellations of commercial insurance poli	
8:35 a.m.	HB 1249	relative to the legal representation of childre system.	n in the juvenile justice
8:40 a.m.		Hearing on proposed Amendment #2020-155 to the legal representation of children in the	
9:10 a.m.	HB 687-FN	relative to extreme risk protection orders.	

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HB 1249

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Senate Judiciary Committee

Jennifer Horgan 271-2609

Amendment 1550s, relative to the commission on the interdisciplinary primary care workforce and relative to multicounty grand juries to HB 1249, relative to the legal representation of children in the juvenile justice system.

Hearing Date:

June 24, 2020

Time Opened:

9:14 a.m.

Time Closed:

10:08 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Hennessey, Chandley, Levesque, Carson and French

Members of the Committee Absent: None

Bill Analysis:

This bill:

- I. Changes the title and the duties of the commission on the interdisciplinary primary care workforce, and extends the repeal date of the commission.
- II. Authorizes the chief justice of the superior court to issue an order convening a multicounty grand jury.
- III. Allows witnessing of a will and appearance before a notary public by remote video conference for purposes of executing estate planning documents during the COVID-19 state of emergency.

Sponsors:

Rep. Berrien Rep. Gordon

Rep. Martin Sen. Hennessey Rep. Rice Sen. Carson

Sen. Reagan

Sen. Bradley

Who supports the bill: Please See Sign-In Sheets

Who opposes the bill: Please See Sign-In Sheets

Who is neutral on the bill: Please See Sign-In Sheets

Summary of testimony presented in support: Senator Hennessey

• This changes the name to the Commission on Interdisciplinary Primary Care Workforce and extends it until 2024

- The amendment also allows for the convening of a multicounty grand jury convened by the superior court. This was requested by Justice Nadeau.
- The matters to be dealt with would be determined by the Chief Justice of the superior court.

Senator Feltes

- Presented amendment 1566s.
- This amendment codifies Emergency Order #11 regarding remote notarization for the time of the State of Emergency.
- This is important in case there is a challenge to the authority of EO #11, such as by a disgruntled family member.
- Want to make sure EO #11 and the actions taken under it are valid.
- This has been worked on by a variety of attorneys and the Trusts and Estate Legislative Working Group.
- There is no objection from Judge King or Justice Nadeau on this.
- There is a need to do these documents in a remote manner, including in some cases for people in nursing homes.
- There are some proposed changes needed.
- On page 4 line 15 proposes removing "witnessing and" because this only deals with a notary process.
- On page 4 lines 25-27, 1-3 lists the type of person that can help with this process, but starting with 'and the person' it should be a new (b) because it is meant to be a separate requirement, (re-lettering the current (b) to (c))
- On page 4 line 30 remove an unnecessary comma after 'emergency order 11' Virginia Sheehan
 - Trusts and estates attorney and founder of the Trusts and Estate Legislative Working Group.
 - During the pandemic there have been conversations around the country about how to help clients with estate planning.
 - They have been engaging in meetings via Zoom.
 - The signing process has been a real challenge with signings taking place outside and remotely where they can.
 - You cannot sign a will remotely and you have to have two witnesses in the presence of the testator.
 - The law of wills is very old, and wants to protect clients from undue influence.
 - The first change in this amendment confirms and ratifies EO #11 to ensure clients are protected and that there will not be an excuse to challenge estate planning documents that have been notarized during the pandemic.
 - Probate litigation is a big business, so they are hypervigilant on behalf of clients for these issues.
 - This amendment also deals with remote witnessing of wills.
 - The language proposes the attorney who has drafted the documents will be the notary on a video conference with the two witnesses and testator where they can all see and hear one another.
 - In that circumstance only would they be considered to be 'in the presence of', satisfying the requirement in the wills' statute.

Donald Sienkiewicz

- If a client is on a third floor of a nursing home and the nursing home is not letting lawyers or anyone else in, they cannot get witnesses in to sign wills.
- Under this the notary statute is being changed to expand the definition of what is means to 'appear before a notary'.
- It used to be in person but under this is can be done by Zoom.
- This also changes what it means to be 'in the presence of 'allowing it to be done by video conference.
- Senator French asked if they are still capable of determining competency during a Zoom meeting.
 - O Does not see that as a problem. Has done about a dozen of these via Zoom. It is the same process with the same questions to determine competency. If he gets a bad feeling when sitting in front of someone he stops the process; it is the same thing if it is done by Zoom.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition:

Michael Iacopino (NH Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers) (submitted written testimony)

- This bill is well intentioned and designed to deal with the current emergency temporarily.
- However, this would create a process that would undermine the core principles of the grand jury.
- Grand juries are not in the NH Constitution because the concept of a body of citizens charged with both bringing charges and protecting people goes back to the Magna Carta.
- The primary purpose of the grand jury is to bring charges but also to protect innocent people who have been accused.
- When you leave the grand jury with the local community, you minimize the protection it provides to the falsely accused.
- For example, to prove that material is obscene in an obscenity prosecution, the prosecutor has the burden of demonstrating that it violates the notions of community decency.
- When you remove this ability and create this large ability to have one person call a multi-county grand jury, you take away the ability of the grand jury to properly protect those who may be falsely accused.

Neutral Information Presented:

Ken Park Jr

- Asked why the chat is disabled.
 - o Alan Raff answered that that has been the procedure the Senate has engage in for all hearings. Comments and concerns can be sent to remotesenate@leg.state.nh.us

Laura Hopkinson

 Raised the question of whether there would be any limitations as to the type of video conferencing platforms that would be allowed.

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Date Hearing Report completed: June 25, 2020

Senate Judiciary Committee

Jennifer Horgan 271-2609

HB 1249, relative to the legal representation of children in the juvenile justice system.

Hearing Date:

June 25, 2020

Time Opened:

9:06 a.m.

Time Closed:

9:14 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Hennessey, Chandley, Levesque,

Carson and French

Members of the Committee Absent: None

Bill Analysis:

This bill provides for the appointment of counsel for children in

out-of-home placements under RSA 169-B and RSA 169-D.

Sponsors:

Rep. Berrien

Rep. Martin

Rep. Rice

Rep. Gordon

Sen. Hennessey

Sen. Carson

Sen. Reagan

Sen. Bradley

Who supports the bill: Please See Sign-In Sheets

Who opposes the bill: Please See Sign-In Sheets

Who is neutral on the bill: Please See Sign-In Sheets

Summary of testimony presented in support:

None

Summary of testimony presented in opposition:

None

Neutral Information Presented:

Senator Hennessey

• Introduced the bill.

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Date Hearing Report completed: June 25, 2020

Testimony



Written Testimony Regarding Senator Feltes's Proposed Amendment to HB 1249

June 23, 2020

Chair Hennessey and Honorable Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

Please accept this brief written testimony from the New Hampshire Trust Council regarding Sen. Feltes's proposed amendment to HB 1249, which would, for the duration of Governor Sununu's declaration of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic, allow witnessing of a will and appearance before a notary public by remote video conference. The Trust Council is not taking a position on this amendment generally, reflecting the lack of consensus among legal practitioners as to the necessity for this relief and the wisdom of tinkering, even temporarily, with longstanding requirements surrounding execution of a will.

Should the Committee decide to recommend adoption of this amendment, however, we would respectfully request striking out the third sentence in proposed new paragraph V of RSA 551:2, which reads "[a] witness need not be physically present within the State of New Hampshire at the time he or she attests to the testator's signature." The concern is that witnesses who were not physically present in New Hampshire when the will was executed would be less likely to be readily available to appear in our courts if the will is contested.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Glenn A. Perlow

President

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Testimony of Michael J. Iacopino, Esq. Against the Adoption of Amendment 1550S to House Bill 1249

Before the New Hampshire Senate Judiciary Committee June 24, 2020

Good morning, my name is Michael Iacopino. I am a criminal defense lawyer. I practice law in Manchester New Hampshire with the law firm of Brennan, Lenehan, Iacopino and Hickey. I have been a criminal defense lawyer for 36 years. I am testifying today in opposition to the amendment to House Bill 1249 to the extent that it allows the creation of multi-county grand juries by the Chief Justice of the Superior Court. While I understand that the amendment is well-intentioned as a coronavirus relief measure, it unfortunately undermines important core principles of the grand jury.

Some have written and may tell you that the words "grand jury" do not appear in the New Hampshire Constitution. That is correct. But there is a very good reason the words "grand jury" do not appear in the New Hampshire Constitution. The concept that a legally assembled body of citizens with the duty to charge other citizens with crimes and the responsibility to protect innocent citizens predates our state constitution by hundreds of years. The current concept of the grand jury is ingrained in our system of justice through the common law that traces its history to Runnymede in the year 1215 and the establishment of Magna Carta. The concept of a grand jury was enshrined in the Bill of Rights of the Federal Constitution. However, the state constitution predated that Bill of Rights and assumes under the concept of due process of law a grand jury that functions well and serves its purposes.

I am sure that every member of this committee is aware that the primary purpose of the grand jury is for a body of citizens to determine whether there is probable cause to charge one of

their fellow citizens with a felony offense. The flipside of that same coin, and probably more important, is the grand jury's role to protect the innocent amongst us from being falsely accused.

Both the determination of probable cause and the protection of the innocent accused have been well served for centuries by the proposition that grand juries should be drawn from the local community. For the same reason that we demand trial juries to be from the local judicial district we should continue to require grand juries to be drawn from the same humanity. Jurors drawn from the local community know things about the community that others, from away, may not.

Let me address just two examples where the knowledge of the local community is so important to a grand jury determining whether to charge a citizen.

As you may know, in a prosecution for obscenity there must be a determination whether or not the allegedly obscene material violates notions of community standards. The community standard in Manchester may be much different than the community standard in Coos County. A multicounty grand jury dilutes that community knowledge and is unlikely to represent the community standard that is applicable to the case.

The second example has its roots in simple geography. The residents of the county may know its territory and geography much better than those who do not live in the county. In a presentment of a negligent homicide case local grand jurors may know that a particular intersection is extremely dangerous, and that knowledge may factor into whether or not an accused person should be indicted for felony. You will not get that important community knowledge if you authorize the Superior Court to allow multicounty grand juries on a discretionary basis.

These are only two examples where local input and local grand jurors are important to assuring justice in our system. I ask that you not minimize the important role that a local grand jury plays in the criminal justice process.

There have been other instances where the legislature has removed judicial process from the local level. Felonies First is such an example. We were promised that Felonies First would bring the "same justice but sooner." That did not happen. In fact, what did happen is that many cases that would have been resolved as misdemeanors at the District Court level are prosecuted as felonies. County prosecutors do not know the members of the local community and therefore do not act with the same judgment and wisdom as more local prosecutors. Moreover, Felonies First wreaked havoc and continues to wreak havoc on the Superior Court and the County Attorney offices across the state. I raise this only to demonstrate that in most instances our criminal justice system works best when it is as close to the local community as possible.

I am also concerned that this amendment, if it passes, will, in the long run, diminish the importance of the grand jury in our criminal justice system. While I understand the challenges that the coronavirus brings to the state and our court system, we have met challenges like this before. Not that many years ago, there was a cessation of jury trials because of budget constraints. It is a budget crisis a sufficient basis to upend our grand jury system? What about other state emergencies? The Grand jury is a bulwark of our system that serve an important preconstitutional purpose. We should not allow it to be chipped away or diminished.

Please vote against the amendment to HB 1249.

<u>Testimony on Amendment 2020-1559</u> Relative to the Interdisciplinary Commission on the Primary Care Workforce

The problem:

- *The NH Commission on the Primary Care Workforce is about to expire despite this being one of the most critical times in the history of our healthcare workforce shortage.
- *The title of the Commission does not really describe who the Commission is.
- *The duties of the Commission need to be modernized

Background:

*The New Hampshire Commission on Primary Care Workforce Issues was established in 2010 in keeping with the recommendations of a 2008 Commission that recommended a multi-year Commission on the Primary Care Workforce with a special focus on the rural areas of our state. The Primary Care Workforce Commission has met monthly ever since (except for the month of August).

While the membership of the Commission has changed over the years to reflect the growing focus on the integration of Behavioral Health and Oral Health with primary care, the commitment to promoting innovative approaches to:

- *the recruitment, retention and clinical education of the primary care team,
- *the growth of NH based Family Practice residencies (we now can boast 2 residencies with a 3rd on the way),
- *the evolution of a more robust State Loan Repayment program (SLRP) and
- *the development of a nationally recognized workforce survey process has continued through the years.

Currently the Commission is comprised of an interdisciplinary group of professionals representing: Department of HHS, UNH, Geisel Medical Society, Dental Society, NH Nurse Practitioner's Assoc., NH Nurses' Association, Physician's Assistant Assoc., Mental Health Coalition, NH Drug and Alcohol Association, Rural and Underserved regions of the State, Bi-State Primary Care Assoc., NH Area Health Education Center, the Federally Qualified Health Centers, Department of Insurance, NH Hospital Assoc., NH Citizen's Health Initiative and the Mental Health Coalition among others. There are a number of people that attend the Commission meetings as guests because the Commission agenda items are relevant to our current workforce challenges and the agendas are interesting and the networking meaningful. The Commission also has a member of the General Court, Rep. Polly Campion.

*The Commission meets monthly except for the month of August at the NH Hospital Association in Concord. There are 15-30 people who attend the meetings either in person or by phone. Recent topics have included updates in the progress to Integrate Behavioral Health into Primary Care around the state, strategies to increase the monies available for Loan Repayment to enhance the recruitment of Health Care Professionals to NH, reports on the survey data collected by the Office of Professional Licensing so that we can understand our workforce needs better, updates as to the progress of Family Practice/Primary Care residencies at Portsmouth Regional Hospital and Dartmouth-Hitchcock residency evolving down in Cheshire,

presentations by the Social Work/Occupational Therapy Behavioral Health program at UNH and updates on changes in managed care and healthcare reimbursement as well as updates by Commission members as to the efforts that they are utilizing r/t the workforce shortage and lastly networking to enhance communication between providers around the state.

*Successes (thanks to many people in this room) have included:

- *Passage of 2 bills that created a meaningful data base through our professional licensing process that will help us answer the question- What professionals really are working in NH (2016 & 2017).
- *Passage of a bill that enabled the Loan Repayment program to benefit from unclaimed monies from the JUA (2014), enabling the number of those benefitting from the program to increase to 69.
- *Passage of two bills that extended of the life of the Commission and added a representative from NH Nurse Practitioner Association, NH Hospital Association and the Department of Insurance (2015) and on another occasion added a nurse "with primary care expertise" and providers licensed to provide counseling services to those suffering from SUD (2018)
- *Expansion of the way in which our State Loan Repayment monies are used so that Behavioral Health providers can now apply to the program.
- *Provision of networking opportunities so that schools like University of New England can expand its clinical rotation opportunities for individuals interested in primary care in rural areas; There are now 20 UNE students in the state up from 10, 2 years ago.
- *Supported a recent stakeholder input workshop to inform healthcare employers around the state about how the State Loan Repayment program could be expanded to further support their recruitment and retention efforts.
- *Significant increase in the funds available for the State Loan Repayment program in order to increase the number of participants to over 100 in SFY20
- *Creation of an Advisory Committee to the NH Endowment for Health as they deliberate over appropriate use of monies for projects related to complex aspects of clinical placements for students majoring in the health care sciences in rural parts of the state.

\$B 567 does the following:

- *Changes the name of the Commission to the NH Commission on the Interdisciplinary Primary Care Workforce
- *Extends the life of the Commission to 2024
- *Modifies some of the language related to the duties of the Commission so that they speak with more emphasis on both <u>retention</u> and recruitment of the healthcare workforce, removed language r/t assessing the payment of providers, added language that encouraged the use of telehealth as a way of expanding services to rural areas of the state, use of the workforce survey reports to inform policy decisions, further exploration of strategies to integrate of Behavioral and Oral Health into Primary Care.
- *Makes appropriate adjustments in the reporting requirements of the Commission.

How is this Commission different from others:

- *Represents a distinct group of professionals that are all engaged in the delivery of Primary Care
- *Represents organizations that contribute to the education and training of those individuals that all require clinical placements in order to be licensed to deliver primary care in NH which assumes competition and complex challenges related to housing, supervision, safety and availability
- *Addresses concerns r/t recruitment and retention of primary care providers to a small, rural state

Submitted by: Laurie Harding, MS, RN Chair, NH Commission on Primary Care Workforce Issues Concord, NH 603-667-7734 Testimony of Virginia Symmes Sheehan Senate Judiciary Committee Hearing on Proposed Amendment to HB 1249 June 24, 2020

My testimony today is in support the proposed Amendment to HB 1249 regarding the amendments to RSA 456-B:2 and RSA 551:2.

I have practiced as a trust and estate attorney in New Hampshire for nearly 30 years, and am a Fellow with the American College of Trust and Estate Council. Several years ago, I formed the New Hampshire Trust and Estate Legislative Working Group, which is a group of attorneys who work in the area of trust and estate law. The group was formed to review, monitor, and propose legislation that relates to trust and estate laws. We are not lobbyists. Instead, our group is comprised of New Hampshire attorneys who work in large, medium and small firms, trust companies, and governmental offices. Our clients are varied, but the majority are New Hampshire citizens. As a group, we do not agree on every aspect of the law. We have different viewpoints and opinions regarding existing laws and future changes.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, estate planners in NH and across the country have discussed the best way to represent their clients. In-person meetings are now done on video conference, but managing the signing of estate planning documents presents unique challenges. The proposed amendment to HB 1249 is a result of two proposed statutory amendments that were brought to the Trust and Estate Legislative Working Group for vetting. The intent of these proposed changes is to provide narrow authority for estate planning attorneys to continue serving their clients where one of the creative ways of signing documents during the pandemic (outside with masks and social distancing, through a window, etc.) is not an option. All the same rules regarding undue influence, testamentary capacity, an attorney's ethical obligations to his or her clients, etc. would still apply.

During the vetting process, the original proposals were amended to incorporate and address many of the comments and concerns of the Working Group members. This resulted in two proposed amendments that are very narrowly drafted and will expire when the State of Emergency expires. Not everyone in our group agrees that these changes are necessary or advisable at this time, but everyone who wanted to participate in the vetting process was heard, they were provided with the final version, and they are aware of this hearing today. Furthermore, we sent these proposed amendments to the Hon. David D. King, Administrative Judge of the NH Circuit Court, and he indicated that he has no objection, but that the court is not inclined to take a position because this is likely a policy decision that the New Hampshire Supreme Court would rather have the legislature make. The Hon. Tina L. Nadeau, Chief Justice of the Superior Court, also reviewed the proposed amendments and concurred with Judge King.

The goal of the changes to RSA 456-B:2 is to codify Emergency Order #11 Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, which allows remote notarization, but this statutory change would only address remote notarization for estate planning documents and where the notary is the drafting attorney, or another attorney under the supervision of the drafting attorney or a paralegal

under the supervision of either attorney. An attorney must be licensed in NH and in good standing. These restrictions are intended to protect a client by requiring the drafting attorney who knows the client to be closely involved in the process of notarizing estate planning documents using video conferencing. Although we understand that the Governor's Emergency Order #11 allows remote notarizations, we are concerned about possible challenges to his authority if a disgruntled family member is looking for a reason to challenge an estate planning document signed and notarized pursuant to Emergency Order #11. We feel that a narrowly drafted statute may avoid such litigation regarding the validity of estate planning documents executed pursuant to that Order during the State of Emergency.

The proposed changes to RSA 551:2 provide that a person serving as a witness to a Will signing will be deemed to be *in the presence of the testator* if the witness, the testator (the person signing the Will), the other witness, and a notary who is the drafting attorney, or another attorney under the supervision of the drafting attorney or a paralegal under the supervision of either attorney, can all communicate simultaneously by sight and sound, and they all sign at the same time on multiple counterparts, which would then be assembled to form the original Will or Codicil. The new proposed RSA 551:2,III also explicitly states that nothing in this paragraph would allow an electronic will or codicil.

Estate planning attorneys are used to meeting in person with their clients, and as a group we do not necessarily embrace change easily, especially when it comes to procedures for signing estate planning documents. This is primarily because we want to ensure that the estate planning documents signed by our clients reflect their intent and will stand up to a challenge if one occurs. Therefore, we prefer to use our tried-and-true practices and procedures that we have followed our entire careers, and that were followed by those who trained us years ago and by their predecessors. Unfortunately, this pandemic has presented new challenges and we are being forced to adapt, but thankfully, video conferencing technology is available to assist us. The intent of the amendment to HB 1249 regarding the proposed amendments to RSA 456-B:2 and RSA 551:2 is to provide a few more tools using this technology to serve our clients during this pandemic.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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RE: Senate Judiciary Committee

Hearing on Proposed Amendment to HB 1249

June 24, 2020

Dear Sir or Madam:

I submit this written testimony in support of the amendment to HB 1249 related to the execution of estate planning documents. I am a lawyer in Newmarket, NH who has practiced for over 20 years. I am a member of the New Hampshire Trusts and Estates Section, as well as the legislative committee started and run by Attorney Virginia Sheehan. I write to support the amendment and concur with Attorney Sheehan's comments, as well as those of Attorney Donald Sienkiewicz.

While the world begins more and more to open up, there still remain many people who are at high risk should they contract the COVID-19 virus. Those clients served by estate planning lawyers are currently faced with a difficult choice — they can either put themselves (and in some cases, even others) at risk of contracting the virus by signing documents in person or foregoing getting documents executed at all. A typical estate plan signing meeting will have a minimum of 4 people present — the person signing, plus two witnesses and a notary. Lawyers have gotten very creative with signing processes to minimize close contact and exposure risk (picnic table signings, drive thru processes, even a "Romeo and Juliet" process involving people being on two different levels in an office building open atrium), but for some individuals, even those processes are not an option.

One of the most important aspects of this Amendment is clarifying that witnesses may observe will signings remotely. Doing so will ensure that clients who are in need of completing

important planning documents can do so safely during this pandemic.

I have spent much of my 20 year career representing defrauded investors and elders in particular and, as a result, am particularly sensitive to the opportunities for fraud. I've handled cases where the means were quite creative! I feel the numerous safeguards in place within the proposed Amendment reduce the potential for shenanigans that are often cited in opposition to virtual or electronic estate plan signing processes.

I share my support for this Amendment and hope that this common sense measure meets with your approval so that our most vulnerable populations can have their important estate planning needs met during this unusual time. I welcome any additional questions or follow up from the committee.

Thank you for your courtesy and consideration.

Yours very truly,

Angela D. Hayden

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Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

THE COMMITTEE ON Judiciary

to which was referred HB 1249

AN ACT

relative to the legal representation of children in the juvenile justice system.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

AMENDMENT # 2020-1570s

Senator Sharon Carson For the Committee

Jennifer Horgan 271-2609

JUDICIARY

HB 1249, relative to the legal representation of children in the juvenile justice system. Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0. Senator Sharon Carson for the committee.

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Docket of HB1249

Docket Abbreviations

Bill Title: (New Title) relative to the commission on the interdisciplinary primary care workforce; relative to multicounty grand juries; and allowing remote notarization of paper estate planning documents during the COVID-19 state of emergency.

Official Docket of HB1249.:

Date	Body	Description
12/2/2019	н	Introduced $01/08/2020$ and referred to Children and Family Law HJ 1 P. 15
2/19/2020	Н	Public Hearing: 03/03/2020 10:00 am LOB 206
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3/4/2020	н	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2020-0655h for 03/11/2020 (Vote 19-0; CC) HC 10 P. 3
3/11/2020	Н	Amendment #2020-0655h: AA VV 03/11/2020
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6/18/2020	S	Introduced 06/16/2020 and Referred to Judiciary; SJ 9
6/19/2020	S	Remote Hearing: 06/24/2020, 08:35 am; SC 24
6/19/2020	S	==RECESSED== Remote Hearing: 06/24/2020, 08:40 am, on proposed amendment #2020-1550s ; SC 24
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