HOUSE BILL  420

AN ACT relative to naming buildings and other construction built using public funds.

SPONSORS: Rep. McWilliams, Merr. 27

COMMITTEE: Public Works and Highways

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes certain criteria for naming a state highway, bridge, or building after a person or organization.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in bold italics.
Matter removed from current law appears [in brackets and struckthrough.]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.
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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 New Section; The State and Its Government; Powers of the Governor and Council; Criteria for Naming State Highways, Bridges, and Buildings. Amend RSA 4 by inserting after section 43 the following new section:

4:43-a Criteria for Naming State Highways, Bridges, and Buildings.

I. A person after whom a state highway, bridge, or building is named shall:

(a) Have been deceased for at least 2 years.

(b) Have made a positive contribution to his or her local community, and/or the state, and/or the nation.

II. An organization or other entity after which a state highway, bridge, or building is named shall have made a positive contribution to its local community, and/or the state, and/or the nation.

III. The cost of design, construction, maintenance, and installation of any signage, replacement signage, or other markers required under this section shall not be a charge to the state. However, the design, construction, and installation of any signage or other markers required under this section shall be approved by the department of transportation.

IV. No state highway, bridge, or building shall be renamed as result of this section.

V. This section shall not apply to property of the university system of New Hampshire or the community college system of New Hampshire.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.