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HOUSE BILL ***251-FN***

AN ACT establishing a committee to study requiring New Hampshire children to be placed
in rear facing restraints in motor vehicles.

SPONSORS: Rep. Fenton, Ches. 8

COMMITTEE: Transportation

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study requiring New Hampshire children to be placed in rear facing restraints in motor vehicles.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One

AN ACT establishing a committee to study requiring New Hampshire children to be placed
in rear facing restraints in motor vehicles.

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

1 135:1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study requiring New
2 Hampshire children to be placed in rear facing restraints in motor vehicles.

3 135:2 Membership and Compensation.

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

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

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

8 II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to
9 the duties of the committee.

10 135:3 Duties. The committee shall:

11 I. Review the research on the percentage of New Hampshire parents that currently utilize
12 rear facing restraints for their children in motor vehicles.

13 II. Review the research on the injuries and treatment of children in motor vehicle accidents
14 in New Hampshire.

15 III. Compare the motor vehicle accidents involving children in New Hampshire to national
16 data as well as other states that require children under the age of 2 years old to be restrained in rear
17 facing child restraints in motor vehicles.

18 135:4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson
19 from among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first named
20 house member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date
21 of this section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

22 135:5 Report. The committee shall submit a preliminary report of its findings and any
23 recommendations for proposed legislation on or before November 1, 2021, and shall submit a final
24 report of its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation on or before November 1,
25 2022, to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the chair of the
26 house transportation committee, the chair of the senate transportation committee, the senate clerk,
27 the house clerk, the governor, and the state library.

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1 135:6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved: July 23, 2021

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