

Draft C of C Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 330 with the following:

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3 330 Committee Established.

4 I. There is established a committee to develop a plan for the closure and replacement of the  
5 Sununu youth services center. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

6 (a) Three members of the house of representatives, each of whom shall be from a  
7 standing committee, ~~having jurisdiction over juvenile justice~~, appointed by the speaker of the house  
8 of representatives.

9 (b) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

10 II. In addition, the legislative members of the committee shall seek input and expert advice  
11 from, but not limited to, the following:

12 (a) The department of health and human services.

13 (b) The office of the child advocate.

14 (c) The Disabilities Rights Center.

15 (d) The National Alliance on Mental Illness.

16 (e) New Futures.

17 (f) Any other group or organization the committee deems necessary.

18 III. Legislative members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when  
19 attending to the duties of the committee.

20 IV. The committee shall develop a plan for the closure and replacement or repurposing of the  
21 Sununu youth services center, including cost estimates for the construction and operation of a new  
22 facility. The committee's plans shall consider the following:

23 (a) It may be operated by the department of health and human services.

24 (b) It shall be designed to meet the unique needs of up to 18 youth at a time who are at  
25 the facility pursuant to RSA 169-B:14, detention; RSA 169-B:19, commitment; RSA 169-B:24,  
26 transfer to superior court, RSA 169-B:32; RSA 651:17-a, service of adult sentence of incarceration at  
27 the youth development center, and 169-A, interstate compact on juveniles.

28 (c) It shall accommodate requirements to separate youth by gender, treatment needs,  
29 court order, safety, and security. The facility shall include 3 separate residential spaces, each  
30 including capacity for up to 6 youth.

31 (d) It shall have capacity to provide services to meet the medical, physical, and  
32 behavioral health needs of all potentially eligible youth.

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1           (e) It shall have space for up to 18 beds, including space for flexibility to meet the needs  
2 of all genders, safety and security, crisis stabilization and admissions and discharges.

3           (f) It shall have adequate space to meet the educational needs of all youth potentially  
4 eligible, including youth with special education needs.

5           (g) It shall have adequate space for indoor and outdoor recreation.

6           (h) It shall have the capacity to meet the nutritional needs of all youth.

7           (i) It shall have necessary elements to be architecturally secure and equipped with video  
8 surveillance.

9           (j) The opening of the replacement facility shall be no later than March 1, 2023.

10          V. The committee shall prepare legislation relative to the implementation of the plan  
11 developed in paragraph IV for submission for the 2022 legislative session.

12          VI. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from among the members.  
13 The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named senate member. The first  
14 meeting of the committee shall be held within 30 days of the effective date of this section. Four  
15 members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

16          VII. The committee shall issue their final report to speaker of the house of representatives,  
17 the senate president, the senate clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or  
18 before November 1, 2021 and submit the plan to the joint fiscal committee for approval.