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Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 New subdivision; Commission to Study the Closure of the Sununu Youth Services Center.
2 Amend RSA 170-G by inserting after section 21 the following new section:

3 170-G:22 Commission to Study the Closure of the Sununu Youth Services Center

4 I. There is hereby established a commission to study the closure of the Sununu youth
5 services center.

6 II. The members of the commission shall be as follows:

7 (a) Two members of the house of representatives, including the chair of house committee
8 on children and family law, and a member of the house finance committee appointed by the speaker.

9 (b) Two members of the senate, including the chair of the senate judiciary committee,
10 and a member of the senate finance committee appointed by the senate president.

11 (c) The director of the division for children, youth, and families, or a designee.

12 (d) The director of the office of the child advocate, or a designee.

13 (e) A representative of Waypoint, appointed by Waypoint.

14 (f) A representative of the Disability Rights Center, appointed by the center.

15 III. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among its members. The
16 commission shall meet to organize within 30 days of the effective date of this section. The
17 commission shall meet on a regular basis as determined by the chairperson.

18 IV. The commission shall work with the division for children, youth, and families to assure
19 appropriate actions are taken to facilitate the closure of the Sununu youth services center.

20 V. The duties of the commission shall include determining any necessary changes to the
21 division for children, youth, and families treatment system to effectively treat all children impacted
22 by the closure of the Sununu youth services center. The commission shall consider changes to
23 existing residential and community treatment resources, as well as additional contracts which may
24 be required. In all work, priority shall be given to safe and effective treatment for children. All
25 efforts shall be made to assure federal participation for treatment services provided under this act.
26 A consultant may be utilized to assist the commission.

27 VI. The report of the commission shall be published not later than September 30, 2021 for
28 use by the division for children, youth, and families to develop request for proposals or contracts as
29 required. The report shall be forwarded to the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,
30 the senate president, and the clerks of the house and senate.

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1 2 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services. There is hereby appropriated to
2 the department of health and human services the sum of \$100,000, for the biennium ending June 30,
3 2023, for the purpose of hiring a consultant as determined necessary by the commission established
4 by RSA 170-G:22. This appropriation shall not lapse until June 30, 2023. The governor is
5 authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise
6 appropriated. Funding shall be appropriated from within accounting unit 05-95-42-421010-2956.

7 3 Repeal. 170-G:22, relative to the commission to study the closure of the Sununu youth
8 services center.

9 4 Effective Date.

10 I. Section 3 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2023.

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

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

Establishes a commission to study the closure of the Sununu youth services center.

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