

Amendment to SB 51

1 Amend section 1 of the bill by replacing paragraph I with the following:

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3 I. Mental health courts provide sentencing alternatives to individuals with mental illness
4 who are involved in criminal matters. It is an intensive and comprehensive court program which
5 integrates treatment into the resolution of the criminal case. The fundamental principle of a mental
6 health court is that people who engage in criminal behavior due to their mental illness should
7 undergo appropriate treatment in order to modify their behavior and achieve recovery. Mental
8 health court holds its participants accountable for their behavior, provides them with support and
9 assistance, and works collaboratively with service providers for quality care of that individual.
10 Currently there are no mental health courts operating in Belknap, Carroll, Coos, and Sullivan
11 counties.

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13 Amend RSA 490-H:3, I as inserted by section 2 of the bill by inserting after subparagraph (q) the
14 following new subparagraphs:

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16 (r) A representative of the New Hampshire Public Defender, appointed by that
17 organization.

18 (s) One prosecutor appointed by the county attorneys affiliate of the New Hampshire
19 Association of Counties.

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21 Amend RSA 490-H:3, V as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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23 V. The commission shall submit a report of its findings and any recommendations for
24 proposed legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the
25 senate clerk, the house clerk, the governor, the chairperson of the oversight committee on health
26 and human services established in RSA 126-A:13, and the state library on or before November 1,
27 2020.

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29 Amend section 4 of the bill by replacing paragraph I with the following:

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31 I. Section 3 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2020.