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1	Amend Part I of the bill by inserting after section 1 the following and renumbering the original
2	section 2 to read as section 3:
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4	2 New Hampshire Aeronautics Act; Prohibitions. Amend RSA 422:28, XIV to read as follows:
5	XIV. [For any person to purposely or knowingly shine the beam of a laser pointing device at
6	an aircraft that is in flight or in the process of takeoff, landing, or taxiing] For any person in direct
7	or remote control of a laser pointing device to knowingly shine the beam of a laser pointing
8	device at an aircraft that is in flight or in the process of takeoff, landing, or taxiing, except
9	as permitted under RSA 631:3-a, IV.
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11	Amend RSA 456-B:1, VII as inserted by Part II, section 3 of the bill by replacing it with the
12	following:
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14	VII. "Electronic signature" means a unique sequence of data that is split into 2
15	parts that together form a complete encryption key. One part is publicly shared and the
16	other part is kept private and known only by the owner.
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18	Amend RSA 478-A:2, IV as inserted by Part II, section 10 of the bill by replacing it with the
19	following:
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21	IV. "Electronic signature" means a unique sequence of data that is split into 2 parts that
22	together form a complete encryption key. One part is publicly shared and the other part is kept
23	private and known only by the owner.
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25	Amend RSA 478-A:3, IV, as inserted by Part II, section 10 of the bill by replacing it with the
26	following:
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28	IV. A register of deeds shall accept for recording a tangible copy of an electronic document
29	other than a plat, map, survey, or plat of land as provided in RSA 478:1-a, containing a notarial
30	certificate as satisfying any requirement that a document accepted for recording be an original, if the
31	notarial officer executing the notarial certificate certifies that the tangible copy is an accurate copy of

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1	the electronic document. A notarial certificate in the form provided in RSA 456-B:8, VI, satisfies the
2	requirement of this paragraph.
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4	Amend RSA 408-G:2, as inserted by section 1 of Part V of the bill, by inserting after paragraph X
5	the following new paragraph:
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7	XI. That the payee has the right to negotiate the purchase price offered by the transferee,
8	and the payee is advised to obtain competing offers from other potential transferees.
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10	Amend RSA 408-G:5, as inserted by section 1 of Part V of the bill, by inserting after paragraph III
11	the following new paragraph:
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13	IV. In determining whether a transfer is in the payee's best interest under RSA 408-G:3, I,
14	the court shall consider, among other matters, whether the payee has compared competing offers for
15	the structured settlement payment rights that the payee proposes to transfer.
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17	Amend Part VII of the bill by replacing all after section 10 with the following:
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19	11 Statement of Findings. The general court hereby finds that:
20	I. Whenever possible, New Hampshire adults should make their own decisions about how to
21	live their lives.
22	II. The imposition of guardianship necessarily involves the loss of authority over one's own
23	life. Adults with disabilities have a range of strengths and capacities, and guardianship is
24	unnecessarily restrictive in many of those circumstances.
25	III. Guardianship may be necessary in some cases, but when it is imposed upon a person
26	with a disability that could utilize less restrictive alternatives, it can cause negative impacts to
27	mental and physical health and the ability to function independently.
28	IV. Supported decision-making is a process which preserves the self-determination of adults
29	with disabilities by providing them with accommodations and supports to enable them to make life
30	decisions.
31	V. Supported decision-making has in recent years gained recognition and acceptance. It has
32	been promoted as an alternative to guardianship by the National Guardianship Association and the
33	American Bar Association. Nine states have recently adopted statutes which formally establish
34	supported decision-making agreements.
35	VI. The legal recognition of supported decision-making will promote understanding and
36	acceptance of the decisions of people with disabilities. This will assist in effective relationships

between people with disabilities and their caregivers, health care providers, and other third parties.

- 1 12 Guardians and Conservators; Available Alternative Resource. RSA 464-A:2, II is repealed 2 and reenacted to read as follows:
 - II. "Available alternative resource" means alternatives to guardianship including, but not limited to, services such as visiting nurses, homemakers, home health aides, adult day care and multipurpose senior citizen centers; powers of attorney, supported decision-making agreements such as those authorized by RSA 464-D, representative and protective payees; and board and care residential care facilities.
 - 13 Guardians and Conservators; Termination of Guardianship. RSA 464-A:40, I is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:
 - I. A guardianship of the person or of the estate shall terminate upon order of the court, the death of the ward, or upon a finding by the court either that the ward is no longer incapacitated or that the ward's needs are met by available alternative resources.
 - 14 New Sections; Special Education; Supported Decision-Making. Amend RSA 186-C by inserting after section 3-b the following new sections:
 - 186-C:3-c Supported Decision-Making. If adult guardianship is being discussed by the IEP team with a student or the student's family, the team shall inform the student and family of the availability of supported decision-making pursuant to RSA 464-D as an alternative to guardianship. This shall be done promptly when guardianship is first discussed. The IEP team shall make available resources to assist in establishing a supported decision-making agreement. If a supported decision-making agreement is executed, the IEP team shall abide by decisions made by the student pursuant to the supported decision-making agreement.
 - 186-C:3-d Alternatives to Guardianship; Information Resources. The commissioner of the department of education shall develop information resources regarding alternatives to guardianship, including supported decision-making agreements pursuant to RSA 464-D, for children with disabilities who are approaching the age of 18. These resources shall be developed in consultation with New Hampshire disability advocacy organizations and other stakeholders and made available to local education agencies to facilitate their responsibility to provide information to students and families regarding alternatives to guardianship under RSA 186-C:3-c.
 - 15 New Chapter; Supported Decision-Making. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 464-C the following new chapter:

31 CHAPTER 464-D

SUPPORTED DECISION-MAKING

464-D:1 Purpose. It is the purpose of this chapter to establish and recognize a less restrictive alternative to guardianship for adults with disabilities. It fulfills this purpose by authorizing a legal option for adults with disabilities who seek assistance in making life decisions but choose to retain all of their legal rights. The chapter gives legal status to supporters of such adults and to decisions made pursuant to supported decision-making.

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- 1 464-D:2 Construction and Administration. This chapter is to be administered and interpreted in accordance with the following principles:
- I. All adults should be able to choose to live in the manner they wish and to accept or refuse support, assistance, or protection;
- 5 II. All adults should be able to be informed about and participate in the management of 6 their affairs; and
 - III. The values, beliefs, wishes, cultural norms, and traditions that adults hold should be respected in supporting adults in the management of their affairs.
 - 464-D:3 Presumption of Capacity.
 - I. All adults are presumed to be capable of managing their affairs and to have legal capacity.
- II. The manner in which an adult communicates with others is not grounds for a determination that the adult is incapable of managing the adult's affairs.
- III. Execution of a supported decision-making agreement may not be used as evidence of incapacity in any proceeding.
- 15 IV. The execution of a supported decision-making agreement does not preclude the adult 16 who has entered into such an agreement from acting independently of the agreement.
- 17 464-D:4 Definitions.

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- I. "Adult" means an individual who is 18 years of age or older.
- II. "Disability" means a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities of a person.
- 21 III. "Immediate family member" means a spouse, child, sibling, parent, grandparent, 22 grandchild, stepparent, stepchild, or stepsibling.
 - IV. "Person" means an adult; health-care institution; health-care provider; corporation; partnership; limited liability company; association; joint venture; government; governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality; public corporation; or any other legal or commercial entity
 - V. "Principal" means an adult who enters into a supported decision-making agreement under this chapter to receive decision-making assistance.
 - VI. "Supported decision-making" means a process of supporting and accommodating an adult with a disability to enable the adult to make life decisions, including, without limitation, decisions related to where the adult wants to live, the services, supports, and medical care the adult wants to receive, whom the adult wants to live with, education, and where the adult wants to work, without impeding the self-determination of the adult.
- WII. "Supporter" means an adult who enters into an agreement with an adult with a disability to provide supported decision-making.
 - VIII. "Support services" means a system of social and other services supplied by private, state, institutional, or community providers designed to help maintain the independence of an adult, including any of the following:

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1	(a) Homemaker-type services, including house repair, home cleaning, laundry, shopping,
2	and the provision of meals.
3	(b) Companion-type services, including transportation, escort, and facilitation of written,
4	oral, and electronic communication.
5	(c) Visiting nurse and attendant care.
6	(d) The provision of health care.
7	(e) Physical and psychosocial assessments.
8	(f) Legal assessments and advice.
9	(g) Education and educational assessment and advice.
10	(h) Personal treatment or care, including assistance with activities of daily living such
11	as bathing, dressing, eating, range of motion, toileting, transferring, and ambulation.
12	(i) Care planning.
13	(j) Other services needed to maintain the independence of an adult.
14	464-D:5 Subject Matter of Agreement. A principal may identify any type of decision to be the
15	subject of an agreement under this chapter. Such matters may include, but are not limited to:
16	I. Physical and mental health care.
17	II. Managing and using income and assets.
18	III. Support services.
19	IV. Employment.
20	V. Food and shelter.
21	VI. Assistance with public benefits.
22	VII. Education.
23	464-D:6 Limitations of Agreement.
24	I. An agreement under this chapter may coexist with, but not conflict with, a guardianship
25	or other court order.
26	II. An agreement under this chapter may be for a definite term. In the absence of a
27	provision setting a definite term of the agreement, the agreement shall remain in effect until
28	terminated pursuant to RSA 464-D:16.
29	464-D:7 Form and Content of Valid Agreement.
30	I. In order to be valid under this chapter, a supported decision-making agreement shall
31	include all of the following:
32	(a) Designation of at least one supporter.
33	(b) A description of the types of decisions for which the supporter is authorized to assist.
34	(c) A description of the types of decisions, if any, for which the supporter may not assist.
35	II. A supported decision-making agreement may include any of the following:
36	(a) Designation of more than one supporter.

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1	(b) Provision for an alternate supporter to act in place of a supporter in circumstances
2	specified in the agreement.
3	(c) Authorization for a supporter to share information with any other person, including
4	another supporter.
5	III. A supported decision-making agreement is only valid if all of the following occur:
6	(a) The agreement is in a writing that contains the elements of the form contained in
7	RSA 464-D:16.
8	(c) The agreement is dated.
9	(d) The agreement is signed in the presence of 2 adult witnesses, or before a notary
10	public, justice of the peace, or commissioner of deeds.
11	(e) Each party to the agreement has signed the agreement voluntarily and with an
12	understanding of the nature and effect of the agreement.
13	IV. The 2 adult witnesses required by subparagraph III(d) may not be any of the following:
14	(a) A supporter named in the agreement.
15	(b) An employee or agent of a supporter named in the agreement.
16	(c) A paid provider of services to the principal, unless the person is an immediate family
17	member.
18	(d) Any person who does not understand the type of communication the principal uses,
19	unless an individual who understands the principal's means of communication is present to assist
20	during the execution of the supported decision-making agreement.
21	V. A supported decision-making agreement shall contain a separate declaration signed by
22	each supporter named in the agreement indicating all of the following:
23	(a) The supporter's relationship to the principal.
24	(b) The supporter's willingness to act as a supporter.
25	(c) The supporter's acknowledgment of the role of a supporter under this chapter.
26	464-D:8 Termination of Agreement.
27	I. A principal may terminate a supported decision-making agreement at any time. Such
28	termination may be accomplished by any of the following actions by the principal:
29	(a) Providing written notice to all of the supporters named in the agreement.
30	(b) Verbally expressing the intent to terminate the agreement in the presence of 2 adult
31	witnesses.
32	II. A supporter may withdraw from a supported decision-making agreement by providing
33	written notice to the principal. If the principal does not use a written form of communication, actual
34	notice of the supporter's withdrawal shall be provided using the type of communication used by the
35	principal. When a supporter withdraws from a supported decision-making agreement and there is
36	no remaining supporter, the agreement is automatically terminated.

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- 1 III. A supported decision-making agreement is automatically terminated upon the death of 2 the principal. 3 IV. Subject to paragraph V, a supported decision-making agreement is automatically 4 terminated if any of the following events occur: (a) There is a finding by a court or a state or federal agency that the principal has been 5 6 abused, neglected, or exploited by a supporter named in the agreement. 7 (b) There is a criminal conviction of a supporter for any of the following offenses under 8 New Hampshire law or their equivalent in another jurisdiction: 9 (1) Any offense or attempted offense under RSA 630 (homicide). 10 (2) Any felony offense or attempted felony offense under RSA 631 (assault and 11 related offenses). 12 (3) Any offense or attempted offense under RSA 632-A (sexual assault and related 13 offenses). 14 (4) Any offense or attempted offense under RSA 636 (robbery). 15 (5) Any offense or attempted offense under RSA 637 (theft). 16 (6) Any offense or attempted offense under RSA 638 (fraud). 17 (7) Any offense or attempted offense under RSA 641 (falsification in official matters). 18 V. When a supporter is the subject of a criminal conviction or a finding of misconduct under 19 paragraph IV, and there is one or more other supporters named in the agreement who are not the 20 subjects of convictions or findings of misconduct under that paragraph, the agreement does not 21 automatically terminate; however, any supporter who is the subject of a criminal conviction or a 22finding of misconduct under paragraph IV is disqualified from further actions as a supporter under 23 the agreement. 24464-D:9 Duties of Supporters. A supporter is in a fiduciary relationship with the principal and 25 is subject to the following requirements: 26 I. To act loyally, without self-interest, and in good faith. 27 II. To act within the authority granted in the agreement and by this chapter. 28 III. To avoid conflicts of interest. 29 To disclose to the principal all facts known to the supporter relevant to making a 30 decision. 31 V. To act with the care, competence, and diligence ordinarily exercised by individuals in 32 similar circumstances, with due regard either to the possession of, or lack of, special skills or 33 expertise. VI. To provide sufficient information to a monitor for financial matters designated pursuant 34
 - I. A supporter may only exercise the authority granted to the supporter in the agreement.

to RSA 464-D:13 to allow the monitor to fulfill his or her responsibilities pursuant to this chapter.

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464-D:10 Authority of Supporters.

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- 1 II. A supporter is not a surrogate decision maker for the principal and is not authorized to 2 sign legal or other documents on behalf of the principal or to bind the principal to a legal agreement. 3 III. A supporter may only access protected information if expressly authorized to do so by 4 the principal in the agreement or other written document. 5 IV. A supporter may not do any of the following: 6 (a) Exert undue influence upon or make decisions on behalf of the principal. 7 (b) Obtain, without consent of the principal, information that is not reasonably related 8 to matters with which the supporter is authorized to assist under the supported decision-making 9 agreement. 10 (c) Use or disclose information, without the principal's consent, for a purpose other than 11 assisting the principal to make decisions under the supported decision-making agreement. 12 464-D:11 Recognition of Supporters. A decision or request made or communicated with the 13 assistance of a supporter in conformity with this chapter shall be recognized for the purposes of any 14 provision of law as the decision or request of the principal and may be enforced in law or equity on 15 the same basis as a decision or request of the principal. 16 464-D:12 Persons Ineligible to be Supporters. Any of the following are prohibited from acting as 17 supporters. 18 I. A person who is an employer or employee of the principal, unless the person is an 19 immediate family member of the principal. 20 II. A person providing paid support services, unless the person is an immediate family 21 member of the principal. 22III. A person against whom the principal has obtained an order of protection from abuse or a 23 person who is the subject of a civil or criminal order prohibiting contact with the principal. IV. A person who has been convicted of any of the following New Hampshire offenses or 2425 their equivalent in another jurisdiction, if the offense has not been annulled: 26 (a) Any offense or attempted offense under RSA 630 (homicide). 27 (b) Any felony offense or attempted felony offense under RSA 631 (assault and related 28 offenses). 29 Any offense or attempted offense under RSA 632-A (sexual assault and related 30 offenses). 31 (d) Any offense or attempted offense under RSA 636 (robbery). 32 (e) Any felony offense or attempted felony offense under RSA 637 (theft). 33 (f) Any offense or attempted offense under RSA 638 (fraud). 34 (g) Any offense or attempted offense under RSA 641 (falsification in official matters). 35 464-D:13 Monitors for Financial Matters.
 - I. If a supporter is authorized in a supported decision-making agreement to assist a principal with his or her financial affairs, a principal may designate a monitor.

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1	II. A monitor designated under this section shall ensure that the supporter is complying
2	with RSA 464-D:9 and 464-D:10.
3	464-D:14 Reporting of Abuse and Neglect.
4	I. If a person who receives a copy of a supported decision-making agreement or is aware of
5	the existence of a supported decision-making agreement has cause to believe that the principal has
6	been abused, neglected, or financially exploited by the supporter, the person shall promptly report
7	the alleged abuse, neglect, or exploitation to the commissioner of health and human services or the
8	commissioner's authorized representative in accordance with RSA 161-F.
9	II. Nothing in this section shall be construed as eliminating or limiting a person's
10	requirement to report under any other statute or regulation.
11	464-D:15 Access to Information.
12	I. A supporter may assist the principal with obtaining any information to which the
13	principal is entitled, including, with a dated specific consent executed by the principal, protected
14	health information under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public
15	Law 104-191, educational records under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20
16	U.S.C. section 1232g, or information related to a substance use disorder protected by 42 U.S.C.
17	section 290dd-2 and 42 C.F.R. Part 2.
18	II. The supporter shall ensure all information collected on behalf of the principal under this
19	section is kept privileged and confidential, as applicable; is not subject to unauthorized access, use,
20	or disclosure; and is properly disposed of when appropriate.
21	464-D:16 Form of Supported decision-making Agreement. A supported decision-making
22	agreement may be in any form not inconsistent with the following form and the other requirements
23	of this chapter. Use of the following form is presumed to meet statutory provisions.
24	SUPPORTED DECISION-MAKING AGREEMENT
25	This agreement must be communicated to all parties to the agreement in the presence of either a
26	notary or 2 witnesses. The form of communication must be appropriate to the needs and preferences
27	of the person with a disability. Reading the agreement out loud or using a sign language interpreter
28	may be necessary.
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30	My name is
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32	I want to have people I trust help me make decisions. The people who will help me are called
33	supporters. My supporters are not allowed to make the decisions for me. I will make my own
34	choices, with their support. I am called the principal.
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36	This agreement can be changed at any time. I can change it by crossing out words and writing my
37	initials next to the change. I can also end this agreement at any time by

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Signature of Principal
I am making this supportive decision-making agreement because I want people to help me make
choices. I know that I do not have to make this agreement. I know that I can change this agreement
at any time.
My printed name:
My address:
My phone number:
My email address:
Today's date:
Supporters
Supporter #1
I agree that (name) will be my supporter. Their contact
information is:.
Address:
Phone Number:
E-mail Address:
My supporter may help me with making everyday life decisions relating to the following:.
Obtaining food, clothing, and shelter: Yes No
Taking care of my physical health: Yes No
Taking care of my mental health: Yes No
Managing my financial affairs: Yes No
Applying for and managing public benefits: Yes No
My education: Yes No
Applying for and managing employment: Yes No
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37 Supporter #2.

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2	I do not have to have more than one supporter. I choose to have
3	(name) also be my supporter. Their contact information is:.
4	Address:
5	Phone Number:
6	E-mail Address:
7	is my supporter. My supporter may help me with making everyday life decisions relating to the
8	following:.
9	Obtaining food, clothing, and shelter: Yes No
10	Taking care of my physical health: Yes No
11	Taking care of my mental health: Yes No
12	Managing my financial affairs: Yes No
13	Applying for and managing public benefits: Yes No
14	My education: Yes No
15	Applying for and managing employment: Yes No
16	The following are other decisions that I have specifically identified that I would like assistance with:
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24	To help me with my decisions, my supporter(s) may do the following things (check all that apply):
25	() Help me access, collect, or obtain information that is relevant to a decision, including medical,
26	psychological, educational, or treatment records;.
27	() Help me gather and complete appropriate authorizations and releases;.
28	() Help me understand my options so I can make an informed decision; and.
29	() Help me communicate my decision to appropriate persons.
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31	Monitor for Financial Matters
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33	If I want someone to help me make choices about money, I may also choose someone to make sure
34	my supporters are being honest and using good judgment in helping me with my money. This person
35	is called a monitor. A monitor cannot also be a supporter.
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1	I agree that	(name) will be my monitor. Their contact information
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3	Address:	
4	Phone Number:	
5	E-mail Address:	
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7	Effective Date of Supported	decision-making Agreement.
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9	This supported decision	-making agreement is effective immediately and will continue
10	until(ins	sert date) or until the agreement is terminated by my supporter or me or
11	by operation of law.	
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13	The date of this agreement	is
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15	Consent of Supporter(s)	
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17		(name of supporter), consent to act as a supporter under this
18	agreement, and acknowleds	ge my responsibilities under RSA 464-D.
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20		(Printed name of supporter).
21 22	(Signature of supporter)	(Printed name of supporter).
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23 24	My relationship to the princ	cipai is
25	Supporter #9: I	(name of supporter), consent to act as a supporter under this
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29	(Signature of supporter)	(Printed name of supporter).
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31	My relationship to the princ	cipal is:
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33	Additional supporters may	be added below as necessary.
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35	Consent of Monitor	
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	(name of monitor), consent to act as a monitor under this agreement, and wledge my responsibilities under RSA 464-D.
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(Signa	ture of monitor) (Printed name of monitor).
My rel	ationship to the principal is:
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	gnature) (My printed name).
Witnes	sses or Notary.
(Witne	ess signature) (Printed name of witness).
	ess signature) (Printed name of witness)
16	Effective Date.
	I. Sections 1-8 of Part VII of this act shall take effect July 1, 2021.
	II. Sections 11-13 and section 15 of Part VII of this act shall take effect 60 days after its
passag	re.
	III. Section 14 of Part VII of this act shall take effect January 1, 2022.
	IV. The remainder of Part VII of this act shall take effect upon its passage.
Ameno	the bill by replacing the Part XI heading with the following:
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	Relative to hemp.
Amena	Part XI of the bill by inserting after section 1 the following and renumbering the original
	1 2 to read as 3:
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1	439-A:3 Hemp Permitted. Hemp is an agricultural product which may be grown as a crop,
2	processed, possessed, and commercially traded in New Hampshire. Any grower[, processor, or
3	commercial trader] of hemp shall be licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture.
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5	Amend section 1 of the bill (Sponsorship) by deleting Part IV and renumbering the original Parts V-
6	XI to read as Parts IV-X, respectively.
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8	Amend the bill by deleting Part IV and renumbering the original Parts V-XI, including references
9	contained in the effective dates therein, to read as Parts IV-X, respectively.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill adopts legislation relative to:

- I. Prohibiting certain uses of laser pointing devices.
- II. The revised uniform law on notarial acts and the uniform real property electronic recording act.
 - III. Incarceration under a suspended sentence.
 - IV. Procedures for structured settlements.
 - V. Establishing the New Hampshire collaborative law act.
- VI. Probate administration, distribution upon intestacy, and powers of attorney and adopting the uniform disclaimer of property interests act.
- VII. School employee and school volunteer criminal history background checks and establishing a committee to study department of education oversight of criminal history background checks for private schools.
 - VIII. Making an appropriation funding mental health intervention training programs.
 - IX. Employer access to motor vehicle records.
 - X. Authorization to grow industrial hemp.