

Sen. Carson, Dist 14
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Floor Amendment to HB 186

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to certain legislative study commissions and committees.

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5 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 30 with the following:

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7 31 New Section; Commission to Study the Incidence of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder in First
8 Responders Reestablished. Amend RSA 281-A by inserting after section 17-c the following new
9 section:

10 281-A:17-d Commission to Study the Incidence of Post-traumatic Stress Disorder in First
11 Responders Reestablished.

12 I.(a) There is reestablished the commission to study the incidence of post-traumatic stress
13 disorder in first responders and whether such disorder should be covered under workers'
14 compensation. The members of the commission shall be as follows:

15 (1) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

16 (2) Three members of the house of representatives, one of whom shall be from the
17 labor, industrial and rehabilitative services committee, one of whom shall be from the executive
18 departments and administration committee, and one of whom shall be from the state-federal
19 relations and veterans affairs committee, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

20 (3) The labor commissioner, or designee.

21 (4) The commissioner of safety, or designee.

22 (5) The insurance commissioner, or designee.

23 (6) The commissioner of the department of corrections, or designee.

24 (7) A representative of the New Hampshire Municipal Association, appointed by the
25 association.

26 (8) A representative of the New Hampshire Association of Counties, appointed by
27 the association.

28 (9) A representative of the National Alliance on Mental Illness New Hampshire,
29 appointed by the alliance.

30 (10) A fire chief, appointed by the New Hampshire Association of Fire Chiefs.

31 (11) One member appointed by the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police.

32 (12) One member appointed by the New Hampshire Police Association.

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1 (13) A representative of the Professional Firefighters of New Hampshire, appointed
2 by that organization.

3 (14) A representative of the New Hampshire Association of Emergency Medical
4 Technicians, appointed by the association.

5 (15) A representative of the New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange,
6 appointed by that organization.

7 (16) An attorney, appointed by the New Hampshire Association for Justice.

8 (b) Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate
9 when attending to the duties of the commission.

10 II.(a) The commission shall study:

11 (1) Costs associated with training and resources, application of training, and
12 operation of the presumption that post-traumatic stress disorder in first responders is occupationally
13 caused.

14 (2) Whether a first responder's death from suicide is a line of duty death.

15 (3) Life insurance payouts for first responders who die of suicide.

16 (4) Life insurance payouts for retired first responders who die of suicide.

17 (5) Federal line of duty deaths by suicide.

18 (6) Cost and administration of resiliency training.

19 (7) The need for culture change to enable first responders to openly address PTSD
20 issues without impacting their careers.

21 (8) Discuss the intersection of benefits provided by Workers' Compensation and the
22 New Hampshire Retirement System when a first responder retires because of PTSD and whether
23 additional benefits are warranted, including a retirement insurance subsidy.

24 (b) The commission may solicit input from any person or entity the commission deems
25 relevant to its study.

26 III. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members.
27 The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the senate member. The first meeting of the
28 commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Nine members of the
29 commission shall constitute a quorum.

30 IV. On or before November 1, 2021, the commission shall submit an interim report of its
31 findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the president of the senate, the
32 speaker of the house of representatives, the senate clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state
33 library and shall submit a final report on or before November 1, 2022.

34 32 New Section; Mental Health Training for First Responders. Amend RSA 106-L by inserting
35 after section 7 the following new section:

36 106-L:7-a Mental Health Training for First Responders.

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1 I. No person shall assume their role as a first responder unless such person has
2 satisfactorily completed mental health training focusing on post-traumatic stress disorder. In the
3 case of a law enforcement officer, such person will receive such training from a program developed
4 and delivered by the New Hampshire police academy. In the case of a firefighter or EMS provider,
5 such person will receive such training from a program developed and delivered by the New
6 Hampshire fire academy. Subsequently, all first responders shall successfully complete annual
7 online training, and shall attend a live training program every 5 years from the first responder's
8 respective training academy.

9 II. Mental health training focusing on post-traumatic stress disorder shall be made available
10 annually and at no cost to any first responders after their retirement.

11 33 New Section; Office of Strategic Initiatives; Commission to Study Barriers to Increased
12 Density of Land Development in New Hampshire. Amend RSA 4-C by inserting after section 8-a the
13 following new section:

14 4-C:8-b Commission to Study Density of Land Development in New Hampshire.

15 I. There is established a commission to study barriers to increased density of land
16 development in New Hampshire. The membership of the commission shall be as follows:

17 (a) Two members of the senate, one of whom shall serve on the election law and
18 municipal affairs committee and one of whom shall serve on the energy and natural resources
19 committee, appointed by the senate president.

20 (b) Two members of the house of representatives, one of whom shall serve on the
21 municipal and county government committee and one of whom shall serve on the environment and
22 agriculture committee, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

23 (c) Two public members, appointed by the governor.

24 (d) The director of the office of strategic initiatives, or designee.

25 (e) The commissioner of the department of environmental services, or designee.

26 (f) The commissioner of the department of business and economic affairs, or designee.

27 (g) The executive director of the New Hampshire housing finance authority, or designee.

28 (h) The executive director of New Hampshire Legal Assistance, or designee.

29 (i) The executive director of Housing Action NH, or designee.

30 (j) One representative of the New Hampshire Municipal Association, appointed by the
31 association.

32 (k) One representative of the New Hampshire Home Builders Association, appointed by
33 the association.

34 (l) One representative of the New Hampshire Association of Regional Planning
35 Commissions, appointed by the association.

36 (m) One representative of the New Hampshire Business and Industry Association,
37 appointed by the association.

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1 (n) One representative of the housing subcommittee of the Governor's Millennial
2 Advisory Council, chosen by the council.

3 (o) One person to represent conservation interests, chosen jointly by the Society for the
4 Protection of New Hampshire Forests, the Nature Conservancy, and the New Hampshire Association
5 of Conservation Commissions.

6 (p) One representative of the New Hampshire Association of Realtors, appointed by the
7 association.

8 (q) One member of the American Council of Engineering Companies of New Hampshire,
9 appointed by the council.

10 (r) The president of the NH Planners Association, or designee.

11 II. The commission shall study issues related to the density of land development in New
12 Hampshire. The commission's duties shall include revisiting the actions of the commission
13 established in 2019, 300, and shall specifically include but not be limited to:

14 (a) Determining minimum standards of residential development density by considering
15 the availability of public water and sewer infrastructure or other appropriate alternatives and
16 account for variability of environmental conditions.

17 (b) Considering possible property tax incentives to promote residential density
18 development, particularly workforce housing.

19 (c) Exploring possible methods of enforcement of the share community responsibility of
20 workforce housing under RSA 674.

21 (d) Studying the impacts of development, specifically impacts on school enrollment and
22 property values.

23 (e) Examining potential model ordinances to support municipalities in their planning
24 work.

25 (f) Recommending any proposed legislation resulting from the work of the commission.

26 III. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members.
27 The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named senate member. The first
28 meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Seven
29 members of the commission shall constitute a quorum. The senate election law and municipal
30 affairs committee staff shall provide clerical, administrative, and research services to the
31 commission as may be needed.

32 IV. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when
33 attending to the duties of the commission.

34 V. The commission shall submit an interim report of its findings and any recommendations
35 for proposed legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives,
36 the senate clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2021
37 and shall submit a final report on or before November 1, 2022.

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1 34 Repeal. RSA 4-C:8-b, relative to the commission to study density of land development in New
2 Hampshire, is repealed.

3 35 New Section; Commission to Study Grandfamilies in New Hampshire. Amend RSA 170-G by
4 inserting after section 17-a the following new section:

5 170-G:17-b Commission to Study Grandfamilies in New Hampshire.

6 I. There is established a commission to study grandfamilies in New Hampshire. The
7 membership of the commission shall be as follows:

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

9 (b) Three members of the house of representatives, one of whom shall serve on the
10 health, human services and elderly affairs committee, one of whom shall serve on the committee
11 responsible for children and family law, and one of whom shall serve on the finance committee,
12 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

13 (c) The commissioner of the department of health and human services, or designee.

14 (d) The commissioner of the department of education, or designee.

15 (e) One representative of the division of family assistance, department of health and
16 human services, appointed by that division.

17 (f) One representative of the division for children, youth and families, department of
18 health and human services, appointed by that division.

19 (g) One representative of MomsRising, appointed by that organization.

20 (h) One representative of the Family Assistance Advisory Council, appointed by the
21 council.

22 (i) One representative of Waypoint, formerly Child and Family Services of New
23 Hampshire, appointed by that organization.

24 (j) One representative of a family resource center, appointed by Family Support New
25 Hampshire.

26 (k) One representative of Court Appointed Special Advocates of New Hampshire,
27 appointed by that organization.

28 (l) One representative of New Futures, appointed by that organization.

29 (m) One representative of National Alliance on Mental Illness New Hampshire,
30 appointed by that organization.

31 (n) One representative of the NH Head Start Directors Association, appointed by the
32 association.

33 (o) One public school principal, appointed by the New Hampshire Association of School
34 Principals.

35 (p) One pediatrician licensed in New Hampshire, appointed by the New Hampshire
36 Pediatric Society.

37 (q) One member of the New Hampshire Bar Association, appointed by the association.

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1 (r) One representative of AARP, appointed by that organization.

2 (s) One representative of the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police, appointed
3 by the association.

4 (t) Three grandparent caregivers, appointed by the Family Assistance Advisory Council.

5 (u) One representative of a community health center in New Hampshire, appointed by
6 the governor.

7 II. The commission shall address issues related to grandfamilies in New Hampshire. The
8 commission's duties shall include, but not be limited to:

9 (a) Review of current data regarding grandfamilies in New Hampshire.

10 (b) Review of current barriers facing grandparents who are raising children in New
11 Hampshire.

12 (c) Identification of causes of issues affecting New Hampshire grandfamilies.

13 (d) Development of corrective actions for addressing issues facing grandfamilies in New
14 Hampshire.

15 (e) Identification of current actions being taken to assist grandfamilies in New
16 Hampshire and their effectiveness.

17 III. Members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The
18 first meeting of the commission shall be called by the senate member. The first meeting of the
19 commission shall be held within 30 days of the effective date of this section. Seven members of the
20 commission shall constitute a quorum.

21 IV. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when
22 attending to the duties of the commission.

23 V. The commission shall submit an interim report of its findings and any recommendations
24 for proposed legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives,
25 the senate clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2022
26 and November 1, 2024. The commission shall submit a final report on or before November 1, 2026.

27 36 Repeal. RSA 170-G:17-b, establishing a commission to study grandfamilies in New
28 Hampshire, is repealed.

29 37 Effective Date.

30 I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

31 II. Sections 31, 33, and 35 of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

32 III. Section 34 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2022.

33 IV. Section 36 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2026.

34 V. The remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

- I. Repeals certain inactive committees and revises the membership and duties of others.
- II. Reestablishes the commission to study the incidence of post-traumatic stress disorder in first responders and requires first responders to have mental health training focusing on post-traumatic stress disorder.
- III. Establishes a commission to study barriers to increased land development in New Hampshire.
- IV. Reestablishes the commission to study grandfamilies in New Hampshire.