

SB 411-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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2024 SESSION

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SENATE BILL

411-FN

AN ACT

establishing a committee to study emergency mental health services for persons 21 years of age and younger in New Hampshire.

SPONSORS:

Sen. Whitley, Dist 15; Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Ricciardi, Dist 9; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. Chandley, Dist 11; Sen. Soucy, Dist 18; Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Sen. Altschiller, Dist 24; Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Rep. Brennan, Merr. 9; Rep. M. Pearson, Rock. 34; Rep. Simpson, Rock. 33; Rep. Wallner, Merr. 19

COMMITTEE:

Health and Human Services

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study emergency mental health services for persons 21 years of age and younger in New Hampshire.

Explanation:

Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Four

AN ACT establishing a committee to study emergency mental health services for persons 21 years of age and younger in New Hampshire.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study emergency mental health
2 services for persons 21 years of age and younger in New Hampshire.

3 2 Membership and Compensation.

4 I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

5 (a) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

6 (b) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
7 house of representatives.

8 II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to
9 the duties of the committee.

10 3 Duties. The committee shall:

11 I. Review current New Hampshire behavioral health laws as they relate to persons 21 years
12 of age or younger;

13 II. Review insurance coverage and policies related to insurance coverage for all aspects of
14 behavioral health for persons 21 years of age or younger in New Hampshire, including network
15 adequacy;

16 III. Review insurance claims data for all aspects behavioral health for persons 21 years of
17 age or younger in New Hampshire;

18 IV. Assess whether a lack of coverage exists for any aspects of behavioral health for persons
19 21 years of age or younger in New Hampshire;

20 V. Assess whether issues of parity compliance may exist for any aspects of behavioral health
21 coverage for persons 21 years of age or younger in New Hampshire;

22 VI. Solicit testimony from any person or organization with relevant information or expertise;
23 and

24 VII. Assess and recommend legislation to address behavioral health gaps in insurance
25 coverage for behavioral health for persons 21 years of age or younger.

26 4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from
27 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named senate
28 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this
29 section. Four members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

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1 5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
2 legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate
3 clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2024.

4 6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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SB 411-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE (AMENDMENT #2024-1267s)

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21 years of age and younger in New Hampshire.

FISCAL IMPACT: ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local ☒ None

METHODOLOGY:

The Office of Legislative Budget Assistant states this bill, as amended by the Senate, has no
fiscal impact on state, county and local expenditures or revenue.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

None