CONSENT CALENDAR

May 8, 2025

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on Legislative Administration to which was referred SB 197,

AN ACT relative to the medical supervision of the licensed registered nurse employed by the legislative facilities committee. Having considered the same, report the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.

Rep. Alice Wade

FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	**Legislative Administration**
Bill Number:	**SB 197**
Title:	**relative to the medical supervision of the licensed registered nurse employed by the legislative facilities committee.**
Date:	**May 8, 2025**
Consent Calendar:	**CONSENT**
Recommendation:	**OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT 2025-1888h**

STATEMENT OF INTENT

As amended, this bill corrects some of the language contained in the statute and reflects better the current management and practices to maintain a nurse's office within the General Court. Specifically, the amendment makes clear that the General Court Chief Operating Officer shall have the authority to provide a nurse, either employed or contracted for the General Court. The new authority allows the responsibility to provide for nursing services to be removed from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Lastly, the amendment adds a reference to the scope of practice under RSA 326-B and permits DHHS to provide standing orders for medications requiring prescription for the employed or contracted nurse.

Vote 10-0.

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Legislative Administration

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Amendment to SB 197

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

AN ACT relative to the medical supervision of the licensed registered nurse employed by general court.

Amend RSA 125:13-a as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

125:13-a Health Service Room.

I. The [~~legislative facilities committee~~] ***general court*** shall equip and maintain a health service room in such location in the state house as may be assigned for such purpose. Said room shall be staffed by a licensed registered nurse employed ***or contracted*** by the [~~legislative facilities committee~~] ***general court***, and the room shall be kept open [~~at all times when the state house is open for business~~] ***as directed by the chief operating officer of the general court***. The expense of the health service room, including a contract nurse, shall be a charge upon the joint expenses appropriation to the general court. [~~The department of health and human services may, in the event of the absence of the employed nurse, provide from its staff a licensed registered nurse on a temporary basis. The department of health and human services is further authorized, in the event the department cannot provide a licensed registered nurse, to negotiate a contract for the legislative facilities committee with a nursing service for the purpose of staffing the health service room in the event of an absence of the employed nurse. The daily coordination of the contract nurse shall be accomplished jointly with the house chief of staff and the department of health and human services. The commissioner~~] ***The chief medical officer*** of the department of health and human services [~~shall provide medical supervision for the employed nurse, for any temporarily assigned nurse and, if necessary, for any contracted nursing service~~] ***may provide standing orders for medications requiring a prescription for the employed or contracted nurse. The licensed registered nurse employed or contracted under this section shall act within the scope of his or her practice under RSA 326-B.***

II. The chief medical officer of the department of health and human services, acting in good faith and with reasonable care, in issuing a standing order, shall not be subject to any criminal or civil liability, or any professional disciplinary action, for any action authorized by this section or any outcome resulting from an action authorized by this section.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on SB 197

BILL TITLE: relative to the medical supervision of the licensed registered nurse employed by the legislative facilities committee.

DATE: May 8, 2025

LOB ROOM: 203

MOTIONS: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Moved by Rep. Sorensen	Seconded by Rep. Wade	AM Vote: 10-0

Amendment # 2025-1888h

Moved by Rep. Wade	Seconded by Rep. Sorensen	Vote: 10-0

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Shane Sirois,
Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on SB 197

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DATE: **May 8, 2025**

LOB ROOM: 203

MOTION: (Please check one box)

☑ OTP ☐ ITL ☐ Retain (1st year) ☐ Adoption of Amendment # 2025-1888h (*if offered*)

☐ Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. SORENSON Seconded by Rep. WADE Vote: 10Y-0N

MOTION: (Please check one box)

☑ OTP ☑ OTP/A ☐ ITL ☐ Retain (1st year) ☐ Adoption of Amendment # _____ (*if offered*)

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Moved by Rep. WADE Seconded by Rep. SORENSON Vote: 10Y-0N

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☐ Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

MOTION: (Please check one box)

☐ OTP ☐ OTP/A ☐ ITL ☐ Retain (1st year) ☐ Adoption of Amendment # _____ (*if offered*)

☐ Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

☐ **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

CONSENT CALENDAR: ✓ **YES** ____ **NO**

Minority Report? _____ Yes _____ No If yes, author, Rep: _____ Motion_____

Respectfully submitted: Shane A Sirois

Rep Shane Sirois, Clerk

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Roll Call Committee Registers Report

2025 SESSION

Legislative Administration

Bill #: SB 197 Motion: OTP AM #: 2025-1888h Exec Session Date: 05-08-2025

Members	YEAS	Nays	NV
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Sheehan, Vanessa L Vice Chairman	✓		
Turcotte, Len P	✓		
~~Verville, Kevin~~ G.	—	—	—
Notter, Jeanine M	✓		
Boyd, Stephen E.	✓		
Sirois, Shane A Clerk	✓		
Wall, Janet G	✓		
~~Richards, Beth~~ S.	—	—	—
Payeur, Stephanie R	✓		
Sorensen, Carrie	✓		
Wade, Alice	✓		
TOTAL VOTE:	10	0	

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Boyd, Stephen E.	✓		
Sirois, Shane A Clerk	✓		
Wall, Janet G	✓		
~~Richards, Beth S.~~	—	—	—
Payeur, Stephanie R	✓		
Sorensen, Carrie	✓		
Wade, Alice	✓		
TOTAL VOTE:	10	0	

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 197

BILL TITLE: **relative to the medical supervision of the licensed registered nurse employed by the legislative facilities committee.**

DATE: **April 16, 2025**

LOB ROOM: **203** **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** **1:00 p.m.**

Time Adjourned: **1:10 p.m.**

Committee Members: Reps. Hill, Sheehan, Turcotte, Verville, S. Boyd, Notter, Wall, Payeur, Sorensen and Wade

Bill Sponsors:

Sen. Pearl	**Sen. Birdsell**	**Sen. Rosenwald**
Rep. Grote	**Rep. M. Pearson**	

TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

- **Ryan Meleedy, Assistant to Senator Pearl -- Prime Sponsor**
  - Introduced the bill
  - Removes the nurse from the Supervision of the DHHS and puts it under the supervision of the scope of practice of RSA 326-B

- ***John Williams, Attorney, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) -- Supports the bill**
  - In support of the language of the bill

  Q: Rep. Alice Wade: Are they supervising the nurse now?
  A: The bill takes care of that issue.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Vanessa Sheehan
Acting Clerk

SIGN UP SHEET

To Register Opinion If Not Speaking

Committee: House Legislative Administration Committee

Bill #: SB 197 **Date:** April 16, 2025

****Please Print All Information****

Name	Address	Phone	Representing	Pro	Con
Howard Pearl				✓	

House Remote Testify

Legislative Administration Committee Testify List for Bill SB197 on 2025-04-16

Support: 2 Oppose: 1 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 0

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Name	City, State Email Address	Title	Representing	Position	Testifying	Non-Germane	Signed Up
Lucas, Janet	Campton, NH janluca1953@gmail.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	No	4/13/2025 10:03 AM
Rosenwald, Cindy	Nashua, NH cindy.rosenwald@gc.nh.gov	An Elected Official	SD 13	Support	No	No	4/14/2025 10:31 AM
Richardson, Daniel	Nashua, NH daniel6_22@comcast	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	4/15/2025 5:27 PM

House Legislative Administration Committee

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

DHHS Talking Points

SB 197, relative to the medical supervision of the licensed registered nurse employed by the legislative facilities committee.

- Chairman Hill and members of the House Legislative Administration Committee, for the record I'm John Williams, Director of Legislative Affairs for the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, here today on behalf of Jonathan Ballard, MD, Chief Medical Officer for the Department, who could not be here today.
- The bill is a request of the Department.
- This bill amends RSA 125:13-a by replacing supervision of the Registered Nurse employed by the Legislative Facilities Committee from the department and by providing that the nurse shall act within the scope of practice provided by the Board of Nursing and RSA 326-B, the Nurse Practices Act. Similar to School Nurses.
- RSA 125:13-a was last amended three decades ago in 1995 – See HB 32, Chapter 310 Laws of 1995.
- Justification: Makes more sense to have the RN fall under her licensure scope of practice under the Nurse Practices Act and not under the Commissioner's medical supervision who lacks a clinical background and is with the State Executive Branch of Government.
- Dee Jurius, Executive Director of the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification (OPLC) that houses the Board of Nursing has been consulted and is fine with this proposal as well as Terry Pfaff, Chief Operating Officer for the General Court.
- The Department will continue to offer assistance through Dr. Ballard to support the health and wellbeing at the General Court and the Joint Legislative Facilities Committee as set forth in the remainder of the current provisions in RSA 125:13-a.

John J. Williams

SB 197 - AS INTRODUCED

2025 SESSION

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SENATE BILL ***197***

AN ACT relative to the medical supervision of the licensed registered nurse employed by the legislative facilities committee.

SPONSORS: Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Rep. Grote, Rock. 24; Rep. M. Pearson, Rock. 34

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill removes supervision of the nurse employed by the legislative facilities committee from the department of health and human services and provides that the nurse shall act within the scope of practice provided by the board of nursing and RSA 326-B, the Nurse Practices Act. The bill is a request of the department of health and human services.

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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.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

AN ACT relative to the medical supervision of the licensed registered nurse employed by the legislative facilities committee.

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

1 Public Health; Health Services Room. Amend RSA 125:13-a to read as follows:

125:13-a Health Service Room. The legislative facilities committee shall equip and maintain a health service room in such location in the state house as may be assigned for such purpose. Said room shall be staffed by a licensed registered nurse employed by the legislative facilities committee, and the room shall be kept open at all times when the state house is open for business. The expense of the health service room, including a contract nurse, shall be a charge upon the joint expenses appropriation to the general court. The department of health and human services may, in the event of the absence of the employed nurse, provide from its staff a licensed registered nurse on a temporary basis. The department of health and human services is further authorized, in the event the department cannot provide a licensed registered nurse, to negotiate a contract for the legislative facilities committee with a nursing service for the purpose of staffing the health service room in the event of an absence of the employed nurse. The daily coordination of the contract nurse shall be accomplished jointly with the house chief of staff and the department of health and human services. [~~The commissioner of the department of health and human services shall provide medical supervision for the employed nurse, for any temporarily assigned nurse and, if necessary, for any contracted nursing service.~~] ***The licensed registered nurse employed or contracted under this section shall act within the scope of his or her practice as authorized and regulated by RSA 326-B.***

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.