

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 Youth Development Center Claims Administrator. Amend RSA 21-M:11-a, III to read as
2 follows:

3 III. There is further established in the ~~[judicial]~~ **executive** branch a temporary full-time or
4 part-time position known as the youth development center claims administrator, to be appointed by
5 the ~~[supreme court]~~ **governor with the consent of the executive council**. A part-time
6 administrator may maintain a private, unrelated mediation or legal practice apart from the duties as
7 administrator notwithstanding any other provision of rule or law to the contrary. The ~~[supreme~~
8 ~~court]~~ **governor, with the consent of the executive council**, shall appoint an administrator
9 agreed to by the attorney general and counsel for claimants. If the attorney general and counsel for
10 claimants are unable to agree upon an administrator, the ~~[supreme court]~~ **governor, with the**
11 **consent of the executive council**, shall select the administrator from the candidates submitted to
12 the court by the attorney general and counsel for claimants, not later than 30 days following the
13 court's receipt of the candidates. The attorney general and counsel for claimants shall each submit
14 two candidates, not later than 30 days following the joint fiscal committee's approval of the claim
15 process and guidelines as provided in paragraph IV. The administrator shall receive compensation
16 at no more than the rate of salary of an active superior court justice and shall, if working full-time,
17 receive the same benefits as other ~~[non-judicial employees of the judicial]~~ **executive** branch
18 **employees**. If working part-time, the administrator shall receive compensation at no more than the
19 equivalent per diem rate of an active superior court justice, provided that in any calendar year, the
20 administrator shall not receive more in total compensation than that received by an active superior
21 court justice. The ~~[judicial]~~ **executive** branch shall provide the administrator and any necessary
22 support staff with office space. The salary, benefits, and expenses of the administrator, and any
23 necessary support staff, shall be paid from the fund. The administrator shall report to the ~~[chief~~
24 ~~justice of the supreme court or the chief justice's designee]~~ **governor or the governor's designee**
25 for employment-related purposes, but the ~~[supreme court]~~ **governor** shall have no authority to
26 review the administrator's decisions. At such time as the administrator's duties are concluded, or at
27 such time as full-time service by the administrator is no longer needed to carry out the
28 administrator's duties, the ~~[supreme court]~~ **governor** shall either eliminate the administrator's
29 position or reduce it from a full-time to a part-time position as may be appropriate. The ~~[supreme~~
30 ~~court]~~ **governor** may remove the administrator ~~[if, after a request for removal received from the~~
31 ~~attorney general or claimants' counsel, or upon the court's own motion, the court determines that~~
32 ~~good cause for removal exists]~~ **at any time, as the administrator serves at the pleasure of the**

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- 1 ***governor***. Once appointed, the administrator shall process claims as provided herein and may
2 settle claims at such amounts as may be agreed upon between the AG designee and each claimant,
3 or at amounts which are determined by the administrator, giving due consideration to the guidelines
4 adopted by the joint fiscal committee as provided in paragraph IV.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

Add:

1. Establishes the youth development center administration and settlement fund administrator under the governor and executive council instead of the judicial branch.