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SENATE BILL **456**

AN ACT establishing the commission for children's futures.

SPONSORS: Sen. Sullivan, Dist 18; Sen. McGough, Dist 11; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Rep. Rice, Hills. 38; Rep. Nelson, Rock. 13; Rep. Notter, Hills. 12

COMMITTEE: Health and Human Services

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a commission to study issues related to the public health and safety of children in the state.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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1 (d) The proportion of students that know of someone who has experienced a mental
2 health crisis;

3 (e) Changes in the prevalence of childhood cancer and long-term diseases;

4 (f) Changes in autism spectrum disorder and attention deficit disorder diagnoses;

5 (g) The amount of mental health services provided to minors and associated trends with
6 such services;

7 (h) The prevalence of criminal street gangs, as defined in RSA 651:6, I-a(c) in New
8 Hampshire;

9 (i) The number of incidents of violence in public schools and the impact such incidents
10 have on students;

11 (j) Truancy and attendance rates in public schools;

12 (k) The prevalence of adverse childhood experiences and the effect such experiences have
13 on children;

14 (l) Childhood exposure to pornographic content; and

15 (m) Youth homelessness rates.

16 IV. The members of the study commission shall elect a chairperson from among the
17 members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member.
18 The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section.
19 Eleven members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

20 V. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
21 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house
22 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library annually on November 1 of each year.

23 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.