

SB 278-FN - VERSION ADOPTED BY BOTH BODIES

2025 SESSION

25-1095

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SENATE BILL **278-FN**

AN ACT including qualifying convictions from other states as grounds for termination of parental rights petitions.

SPONSORS: Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5

COMMITTEE: Children and Family Law

ANALYSIS

This bill includes qualifying convictions from other states as grounds for termination of parental rights petitions.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 1 Termination of Parental Rights; Qualifying Convictions. Amend RSA 170-C:5, VII to read as
2 follows:

3 VII. The parent has been convicted of one or more of the following offenses:

4 (a) Murder, pursuant to RSA 630:1-a or 630:1-b, **or the equivalent conviction in a**
5 **court of competent jurisdiction**, of another child of the parent, a sibling or step-sibling of the
6 child, the child's other parent, or other persons related by consanguinity or affinity, including a
7 minor child who resided with the defendant.

8 (b) Manslaughter, pursuant to RSA 630:2, **or the equivalent conviction in a court of**
9 **competent jurisdiction**, of another child of the parent, a sibling or step-sibling of the child, the
10 child's other parent, or other persons related by consanguinity or affinity, including a minor child
11 who resided with the defendant.

12 (c) Attempt, pursuant to RSA 629:1, solicitation, pursuant to RSA 629:2, or conspiracy,
13 pursuant to RSA 629:3, to commit any of the offenses specified in subparagraphs VII(a) and VII(b),
14 **or the equivalent conviction in a court of competent jurisdiction**.

15 (d) A felony assault under RSA 631:1, 631:2, 632-A:2, or 632-A:3, **or the equivalent**
16 **conviction in a court of competent jurisdiction** which resulted in injury to the child, a sibling or
17 step-sibling of the child, the child's other parent, or other persons related by consanguinity or
18 affinity, including a minor child who resided with the defendant.

19 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

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**SB 278-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS INTRODUCED**

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Legislative Budget Assistant has determined that this legislation has a total fiscal impact of less than \$10,000 in each of the fiscal years 2026 through 2028.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Judicial Branch