

CHAPTER 93
SB 278-FN - FINAL VERSION

2025 SESSION

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SENATE BILL

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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 struck through.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 including qualifying convictions from other states as grounds for termination of
parental rights petitions.

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

1 93:1 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 court of***
5 ***competent jurisdiction***, of another child of the parent, a sibling or step-sibling of the child, the child's other
6 parent, or other persons related by consanguinity or affinity, including a minor child who resided with the
7 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 child's other
10 parent, or other persons related by consanguinity or affinity, including a minor child who resided with the
11 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), ***or the***
14 ***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 step-sibling
17 of the child, the child's other parent, or other persons related by consanguinity or affinity, including a minor
18 child who resided with the defendant.

19 93:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

Approved: June 10, 2025
Effective Date: January 01, 2026

