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Amendment to HB 157

1 Amend the bill by replacing sections 3 and 4 with the following:

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3 3 Membership and Compensation.

4 I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

5 (a) Five members of the house of representatives, which shall include:

6 (1) One member of the house finance committee from each political party, appointed
7 by the speaker.

8 (2) One member of the house ways and means committee from each political party,
9 appointed by the speaker.

10 (3) One other member of the house, appointed by the speaker.

11 (b) One member of the senate, appointed by the senate president.

12 (c) Notwithstanding RSA 14:49, the legislative budget assistant or designee.

13 II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to
14 the duties of the committee.

15 4 Duties. The committee's study shall include, but not be limited to:

16 I. Review and recommend any changes to requirements in current statute for when a fiscal
17 note is required.

18 II. Review and recommend any changes to requirements in current statute for what a fiscal
19 note should include; specifically:

20 (a) How feasible is it to include not only the estimated costs of a proposed new law but
21 also the estimated economic benefits as well.

22 (b) Guidelines or thresholds on when a detailed cost/benefit analysis could or could not
23 be completed.

24 (c) What additional resources would the office of legislative budget assistant and/or
25 affected state agencies need in order to complete such cost/benefit analyses.

26 III. Determine whether the current requirement that a fiscal note is required if the
27 estimated fiscal impact is \$10,000 or more should be increased.

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1 IV. Review and recommend any changes to the current guidelines for preparing fiscal notes
2 developed by the office of legislative assistant and distributed to affected state agencies.

3 V. Review house and senate rules pertinent to filing periods and the development of fiscal
4 notes, and the expediency of state agencies in completing their mandated work.

5 VI. Evaluate whether the current staffing and budget of the office of legislative budget
6 assistant is sufficient to process the number of fiscal notes the office is required to provide and
7 whether resources are in line with similar offices in other states.

8 VII. Evaluate whether state agencies have the staffing and resources they need to provide
9 the office of legislative budget assistant with the detailed analysis and input that it requires for the
10 fiscal notes it is required to complete. Focus should be given to the state's largest agencies, such as
11 the department of health and human services and department of education.