

Amendment to HB 1664-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT establishing a Hannah Duston memorial site advisory council.

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5 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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7 1 Statement of Findings. There general court hereby finds that:

8 I. Both the story of Hannah Duston and the creation of the Hannah Duston memorial have  
9 been controversial and divisive from their beginnings.

10 II. While Duston is a largely forgotten historical figure regionally and nationally, her story,  
11 and the events surrounding both her abduction in 1697, and her historical resurrection in the mid to  
12 late 1800's, are important historically. The site provides an important opportunity to relate the  
13 history of relations between European colonists, the Native population, and ramifications for what  
14 became known as Manifest Destiny and its own ramifications for Native populations throughout the  
15 Americas.

16 III. It is desirable to relate the story from a broad perspective so that viewers can be given  
17 an opportunity to learn from history so that we can avoid mistakes previously made, and find a way  
18 to celebrate the cultures involved.

19 IV. The site of the memorial is geographically complicated, with multiple land overseers  
20 including the town of Boscawen, the New Hampshire department of transportation, and the New  
21 Hampshire legislature as the overseer of the Duston family trust.

22 2 New Section; Department of Natural and Cultural Resources; Hannah Duston Memorial Site  
23 Advisory Council. Amend RSA 12-A by inserting after section 14-a the following new section:

24 12-A:14-b Hannah Duston Memorial Site Advisory Council.

25 I. There is established a Hannah Duston memorial site advisory council. The council shall  
26 represent the state in the restoration of the Hannah Duston memorial site.

27 II.(a) The members of the council shall be as follows:

28 (a) One member of the majority party of the house of representatives, appointed by the  
29 speaker of the house of representatives, who serves on the committee on recreation and  
30 development.

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1           (b) One member of the minority party of the house of representatives, appointed by the  
2 speaker of the house of representatives, who serves on the committee on recreation and  
3 development.

4           (c) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

5           (d) One member representing the local Native population appointed by the commissioner  
6 of the department of natural and cultural resources.

7           (e) One member of the Duston-Dustin Family Association, appointed by that  
8 organization.

9           (f) One local historian with expertise in local Native history, appointed by the  
10 commissioner of the department of natural and cultural resources.

11           (g) One local historian with expertise in local colonial history, appointed by the  
12 commissioner of the department of natural and cultural resources.

13           (h) One national historian with knowledge of the national implications of the Hannah  
14 Duston story, appointed by the commissioner of the department of natural and cultural resources.

15           (i) The commissioner of the department of natural and cultural resources, or designee.

16           (j) The commissioner of the department of transportation, or designee.

17           (k) A representative of the northern rail trail, appointed by the governor.

18           III. Legislative members of the council shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when  
19 attending to the duties of the council.

20           IV. The council shall:

21           (a) Advise the Hannah Duston memorial work group on issues relating to the state that  
22 are pertinent to the state.

23           (b) Advise on any legislative or other changes that may need to be made in the process.

24           (c) Solicit information from any person or entity the advisory council deems relevant to  
25 its quest.

26           V. The members of the council shall annually elect a chairperson from among the members,  
27 and such other officers as they deem necessary. The first meeting of the council shall be called by  
28 the commissioner of the department of natural and cultural resources, or their designee. The first  
29 meeting of the council shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Six members  
30 of the council shall constitute a quorum.

31           VI. The council shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation  
32 annually to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk,  
33 the senate clerk, the governor, the commissioner of the department of natural and cultural  
34 resources, and the state library on or before November 1.

35           3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a Hannah Duston memorial site advisory council.