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Amendment to HB 1426-FN

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

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3 1 New Paragraph; Department of Environmental Services; Establishment; General Functions.

4 Amend RSA 21-O:1 by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

5 III. The department of environmental services shall seek, through recruitment and retention  
6 efforts, training, or state contracting to ensure that each of its program areas that have licenses or  
7 certifications have at least one certified individual, either as a direct employee or through a  
8 contracted arrangement, to address program-related matters and any issues that may arise in the  
9 course of its operations. The department may use existing appropriations, federal grants, or  
10 program fees for costs associated with training and certification under this section. A certified  
11 individual shall be an employee who holds a current, valid certification or license in and from the  
12 program area they serve. Certified individuals employed by or contracted with a department of  
13 environmental services program area shall not be required to comply with certification maintenance  
14 requirements that present a conflict of interest, including but not limited to submitting work product  
15 to the department to maintain hours of work experience. Certified individuals employed by the  
16 department of environmental services shall not be responsible for paying licensing or certification  
17 fees to a department of environmental services program while so employed. No certified individual  
18 shall be liable for damages arising from their duties to carry out the statutory duty and regulatory  
19 requirements of their respective program at the department of environmental services.