

Amendment to HB 1130-FN

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

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3 AN ACT establishing a committee to study the procedure for judicial performance evaluations.

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

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7 1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study the procedure for judicial  
8 performance evaluations.

9 2 Membership and Compensation.

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

11 (a) Two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house  
12 of representatives.

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

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

16 3 Duties. The committee's study shall include, but not be limited to:

17 I. Reviewing what other states do for judicial performance evaluations.

18 II. Obtaining input from judges in the New Hampshire court system on the current  
19 evaluation system.

20 III. Evaluating the benefits versus potential consequences of the changes proposed in 2026,  
21 HB 1130 as it passed the house of representatives, and what effect the bill as it passed the house of  
22 representatives would have on accountability and transparency.

23 4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from  
24 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house  
25 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this  
26 section. Two members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

27 5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed  
28 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house  
29 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2026.

30 6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study the procedure for judicial performance evaluations.