

SB 450-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2026 SESSION

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SENATE BILL        ***450-FN***

AN ACT            relative to a state parks pass pilot program for community mental health centers.

SPONSORS:        Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Rep. J. MacDonald, Carr. 6; Rep. Gregg, Hills. 7

COMMITTEE:      Energy and Natural Resources

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ANALYSIS

This bill requires the establishment of a 3-year pilot program for state parks passes for community mental health centers registered with the department of health and human services.

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Explanation:      Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six*

AN ACT relative to a state parks pass pilot program for community mental health centers.

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

1           1 New Paragraph; Fees for State Park System; Pilot Program; Community Mental Health  
2 Centers. Amend RSA 216-A:3-g by inserting after paragraph VIII the following new paragraph:

3           IX. The commissioner of the department of natural and cultural resources shall establish in  
4 its fee package a 3-year pilot program for community mental health centers registered with the  
5 department of health and human services to provide one or more passes to state parks for each  
6 participating center. The commissioner shall consult with the department of health and human  
7 resources to determine eligible participants, evaluation, and review of program usage. Each  
8 participating community mental health center shall report annually in an anonymized data report  
9 on the usage and impact of the pilot program, as well as any recommendations for changes. The  
10 program shall be funded through state and federal grants, based on available funds, and donations.

11           2 Prospective Repeal; 2027. RSA 216-A:3-g, IX, relative to the pilot program for community  
12 mental health centers, is repealed.

13           3 Effective Date.

14           I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2027.

15           II. The remainder of this act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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**SB 450-FN- FICAL NOTE  
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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Legislative Budget Assistant has determined that this legislation has a total fiscal impact of less than \$10,000 in each of the fiscal years 2026 through 2029.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

Departments of Health and Human Services and Natural and Cultural Resources