

HB 1239-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL ***1239-FN***

AN ACT relative to the offense of loitering or prowling.

SPONSORS: Rep. Roy, Rock. 31; Rep. Devoid, Merr. 1; Rep. Lascelles, Hills. 14; Rep. Paquette, Hills. 25; Rep. Rhodes, Ches. 17; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23

COMMITTEE: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits certain registered offenders who are required to register due to a sexual offense against a child under 13 years of age from appearing within 1,000 feet of certain locations under circumstances that would warrant alarm.

This bill is a request of the department of safety.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 the offense of loitering or prowling.

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

1 1 New Paragraph; Loitering or Prowling. Amend RSA 644:6 by inserting after paragraph I the
2 following new paragraph:

3 I-a. A person commits a violation if he or she, while being required to register as a tier II or
4 tier III offender under RSA 651-B as a result of a sexual offense against a child under 13 years of
5 age, knowingly appears within 1,000 feet of any of the following places under circumstances that
6 warrant alarm for the safety of persons in the vicinity:

7 (a) Any childcare facility.

8 (b) Any church.

9 (c) Any school.

10 (d) Any area where a reasonable person would know that minor children congregate.

11 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

**HB 1239-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund</i>	None			
Expenditures*	Indeterminable			
<i>Funding Source</i>	General Fund			
Appropriations*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source</i>	None			

*Expenditure = Cost of bill

*Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill

Estimated Political Subdivision Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
County Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
County Expenditures	Indeterminable			
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditures	Indeterminable			

METHODOLOGY:

This bill adds, deletes, or modifies a criminal penalty, or changes statute to which there is a penalty for violation. Therefore, this bill may have an impact on the judicial and correctional systems, which could affect prosecution, incarceration, probation, and parole costs, for the state, as well as county and local governments. A summary of such costs can be found at: https://gencourt.state.nh.us/lba/Budget/Fiscal_Notes/JudicialCorrectionalCosts.pdf

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Judicial Branch, Judicial Council, Department of Justice, Department of Corrections, New Hampshire Association of Counties, and New Hampshire Municipal Association