

HB 767-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT expanding requirements for reports to law enforcement by the department of health and human services.

SPONSORS: Rep. Love, Rock. 13

COMMITTEE: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires the department of health and human services to immediately verbally report a complaint of crime, abuse, or neglect of a child directly to an on duty law enforcement officer. The bill also refines requirements for entry into public places by law enforcement and trained case workers.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Five

AN ACT expanding requirements for reports to law enforcement by the department of health and human services.

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

1 1 Department Reporting Requirements. Amend RSA 169-C:38, I to read as follows:

2 I.(a) *In addition to the duties of the department of health and human services as*
3 *outlined in RSA 169-C:34*, the department shall ~~immediately~~, by telephone or in person,
4 *immediately* ~~refer~~ *verbally report to an on duty officer of the local law enforcement agency*
5 *in the community in which the acts of abuse are believed to have occurred* all cases in which
6 there is reason to believe that any person under the age of 18 years has been:

7 ~~(a)~~(1) ~~sexually molested~~ *Subjected to sexual contact or sexual penetration*
8 *which can be reasonably construed as being for the purpose of sexual arousal or*
9 *gratification or the humiliation of the person being touched, or serious personal injury, as*
10 *defined in RSA 632-A:1, III.*

11 ~~(b)~~ (2) ~~sexually~~ *Sexually* exploited;

12 ~~(c)~~ (3) ~~intentionally~~ *Intentionally* physically injured so as to cause serious bodily
13 injury;

14 ~~(d)~~ (4) ~~physically~~ *Physically* injured by other than accidental means so as to
15 cause serious bodily injury; ~~or~~

16 (5) *Physically injured by a parent or legal guardian by other than*
17 *accidental means such that there are visible contusions inconsistent with reasonable*
18 *physical discipline; or*

19 ~~(e)~~ (6) [a] A victim of a crime~~, to the local law enforcement agency in the~~
20 ~~community in which the acts of abuse are believed to have occurred~~.

21 (b) The department shall also make a written report to the law enforcement agency
22 within 48 hours, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays excluded. A copy of this report shall be sent to
23 the office of the county attorney.

24 (c) *Law enforcement shall not rely on the department to gather information for*
25 *its investigation unless such reliance is required or necessitated by the standardized*
26 *protocol for investigation developed under RSA 169-C:38-a.*

27 2 Investigation; Reasons For Entry. Amend RSA 169-C:38, IV to read as follows:

28 IV. Law enforcement personnel or department employees who are trained caseworkers shall
29 have the right to enter any public place, including but not limited to schools and child care agencies,

1 for the purpose of conducting an interview with a child, with or without the consent or notification of
2 the parent or parents of such child, if there is reason to believe that the child has been:

3 (a) [~~Sexually molested.~~] ***Subjected to sexual contact or sexual penetration which***
4 ***can be reasonably construed as being for the purpose of sexual arousal or gratification or***
5 ***the humiliation of the person being touched, or serious personal injury, as defined in RSA***
6 ***632-A:1, III.***

7 (b) Sexually exploited.

8 (c) Intentionally physically injured so as to cause serious bodily injury.

9 (d) Physically injured by other than accidental means so as to cause serious bodily
10 injury.

11 (e) A victim of a crime.

12 (f) ***Physically injured by a parent or legal guardian by other than accidental***
13 ***means such that there are visible contusions inconsistent with reasonable physical***
14 ***discipline.***

15 (g) Abandoned.

16 [~~(g)~~] (h) Neglected.

17 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

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**HB 767-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE (AMENDMENT #2025-3037h)**

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Budget Assistant states this bill has no fiscal impact on state, county and local expenditures or revenue.

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