

HB 194-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL            **194-FN**

AN ACT                relative to the crime of interference with custody.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Post, Hills. 42; Rep. Ball, Rock. 25; Rep. Edwards, Rock. 31; Rep. Love, Rock. 13; Rep. Maggiore, Rock. 23; Rep. Potucek, Rock. 13; Rep. Spillane, Rock. 2; Rep. Perez, Rock. 16; Rep. Seidel, Hills. 29; Rep. DeRoy, Straf. 3; Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. Sullivan, Dist 18

COMMITTEE:          Criminal Justice and Public Safety

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill modifies the crime of interference with custody to add certain actions with an intent to interfere with lawful custody.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT relative to the crime of interference with custody.

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

1           1 New Paragraphs; Interference with Custody. Amend RSA 633:4 by inserting after paragraph  
2 IV the following new paragraphs:

3           V. A person commits an offense under this section if, with the intent to interfere with the  
4 lawful custody of a child under 18 years of age, the person knowingly entices or persuades the child  
5 to leave the custody of:

6                 (a) The other parent or guardian; or

7                 (b) A person lawfully acting in the capacity of parent or guardian.

8           VI. (a) A first or second violation of paragraph V shall be a civil violation punishable by a  
9 fine of \$500 per offense.

10                (b) A third or subsequent violation of paragraph V shall be a class B felony.

11           VII. Any person who violates paragraph V by taking or removing the child from the state of  
12 New Hampshire, without consent or contrary to a valid court order, shall be guilty of a class B  
13 felony.

14           2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

**HB 194-FN- FISCAL NOTE  
AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE (AMENDMENT # 2025-3019h)**

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

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

\*Expenditure = Cost of bill

\*Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill

<b>Estimated Political Subdivision Impact</b>				
	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>	<b>FY 2029</b>
<b>County Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>County Expenditures</b>	Indeterminable			
<b>Local Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Local Expenditures</b>	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](https://gencourt.state.nh.us/lba/Budget/Fiscal_Notes/JudicialCorrectionalCosts.pdf)

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