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HOUSE BILL

1667-FN

AN ACT

establishing the first-in-the-nation security task force to coordinate planning for presidential campaign events.

SPONSORS:

Rep. Sweeney, Rock. 25; Rep. Simpson, Rock. 33; Rep. Alexander Jr., Hills. 29;
Rep. Wilhelm, Hills. 21; Rep. Berry, Hills. 44

COMMITTEE:

Election Law

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes the first-in-the-nation security task force to coordinate security planning for campaign events related to the 2028 presidential election.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 establishing the first-in-the-nation security task force to coordinate planning for presidential campaign events.

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

1 1 New Subdivision; First-in-the-Nation Security Task Force. Amend RSA 21-P by inserting
2 after section 71 the following new subdivision:

3 First-in-the-Nation Security Task Force
4 21-P:72 First-in-the-Nation Security Task Force.

5 I. There is established a task force to coordinate planning for presidential campaign events.

6 II. The members of the task force shall be as follows:

7 (a) The commissioner of safety, or designee, who shall chair;

8 (b) The attorney general, or designee;

9 (c) The director of homeland security and emergency management, or designee;

10 (d) The director of the state police, or designee;

11 (e) One representative of the university system of New Hampshire appointed by the
12 chancellor;

13 (f) One representative of the community college system of New Hampshire appointed by
14 the chancellor;

15 (g) One representative of independent (private) New Hampshire colleges appointed by
16 the New Hampshire College & University Council;

17 (h) One representative of the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police;

18 (i) One sheriff appointed by the New Hampshire Sheriffs' Association;

19 (j) One representative appointed by the New Hampshire republican state committee;

20 (k) One representative appointed by the New Hampshire democratic state committee;

21 and

22 (l) Up to 2 additional members appointed by the governor with expertise in campus free
23 speech and civil liberties.

24 III. The department of safety shall provide administrative support.

25 IV. The task force shall:

26 (a) Develop content-neutral, statewide guidance for presidential campaign event security
27 planning and protest management that protects free speech and public safety;

28 (b) Establish coordination protocols among law enforcement agencies, municipal
29 departments, county sheriffs, and state police for high-profile candidate visits and debates;

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1 (c) Identify training, communications, and resource needs, including interoperable
2 communications and de-escalation best practices;

3 (d) Conduct outreach to recognized student organizations and institutions regarding
4 rights and responsibilities on campuses; and

5 (e) Produce a comprehensive recommended first-in-the-nation (FITN) security plan for
6 the 2028 cycle.

7 V. The task force shall meet at the call of the chair and at least quarterly through June 30,
8 2028. A majority of appointed members constitutes a quorum. Members shall serve without
9 compensation but may receive mileage at the state rate. Notwithstanding RSA 91-A:3, II, the task
10 force may meet in nonpublic session, following the procedures established in RSA 91-A:3, I, III, and
11 IV, in order to consider any issue related to sensitive law enforcement or security issues which the
12 task force believes would likely result in a significant risk of harm should such details or information
13 be made public.

14 VI.(a) The task force shall report its initial guidance under paragraph IV to the speaker of
15 the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the
16 governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2026.

17 (b) A draft FITN security plan shall be delivered to the speaker of the house of
18 representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the
19 state library no later than September 1, 2027.

20 (c) An after-action report evaluating the plan's implementation shall be delivered to the
21 speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the senate
22 clerk, the governor, and the state library no later than June 30, 2028, with recommendations for
23 future cycles.

24 2 Prospective Repeal. RSA 21-P:72, and the subdivision heading preceding it, relative to the
25 first-in-the-nation security task force, is repealed.

26 3 Effective Date.

27 I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2029.

28 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

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HB 1667-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE (AMENDMENT #2026-0976h)

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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:

Department of Safety