

SB 625-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL **625-FN**

AN ACT establishing a committee to study options for family members of intentional homicide victims where the department of justice does not file charges in a case.

SPONSORS: Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Rep. Foote, Rock. 13; Rep. Tripp, Rock. 13

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study options for information for family members of intentional homicide victims where the department of justice does not file charges in a case.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 a committee to study options for family members of intentional homicide victims where the department of justice does not file charges in a case.

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

1 1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study options for information for
2 family members of intentional homicide victims where the department of justice does not file charges
3 in a case.

4 2 Membership and Compensation.

5 I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

6 (a) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

7 (b) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
8 house of representatives.

9 II. Legislative members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when
10 attending to the duties of the committee.

11 3 Duties. The committee shall study options for information for family members of intentional
12 homicide victims where the department of justice does not file charges in a case. The committee
13 shall:

14 I. Review the relevant laws of other states;

15 II. Determine whether the New Hampshire constitution would allow for relevant laws in
16 other states to be implemented in New Hampshire;

17 III. Review the current process for keeping family members of intentional homicide victims
18 updated on the case and determining how to address any gaps found in that communication;

19 IV. Investigate whether there are any systemic problems with the investigatory process and
20 if any are found, determining how those problems could be addressed; and

21 V. Investigate the feasibility of extending the statute of limitations for crimes relevant to
22 this study.

23 4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from
24 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named senate
25 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this
26 section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

27 5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
28 legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate
29 clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2026.

30 6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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**SB 625-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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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.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

None