

SB 642-FN - VERSION ADOPTED BY BOTH BODIES

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SENATE BILL **642-FN**

AN ACT repealing the committee for the protection of human subjects institutional review board.

SPONSORS: Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Sullivan, Dist 18; Sen. McGough, Dist 11

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill repeals the committee for the protection of human subjects and the rulemaking authority for the commissioner of health and human services with respect to such committee.

This bill was requested by the department of health and human services.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

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

- 1 1 Repeal. The following are repealed:
- 2 I. RSA 171-A:19-a, relative to the committee for the protection of human subjects.
- 3 II. RSA 171-A:19-b, relative to rulemaking authority for the committee for the protection of
- 4 human subjects as established in RSA 171-A:19-a.
- 5 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

SB 642-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE (AMENDMENT #2026-0383s)

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FISCAL IMPACT: This bill does not provide funding, nor does it authorize new positions.

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund(s)</i>	None			
Expenditures*	\$0	(\$29,500)	(\$59,000)	(\$59,000)
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	General Fund			
Appropriations*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	None			

*Expenditure = Cost of bill

*Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill

METHODOLOGY:

This bill repeals the Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects, and with it the administrative support functions provided by the Department of Health and Human Services. The Department states that administrative support is currently provided through a contract with the Mental Health Center of Greater Manchester at an annual cost of \$63,000 per year. The Department anticipates that the bill will result in a net savings of \$59,000 per year, as \$4,000 each year will still be needed to comply with federal rules regarding maintenance of records. Although statute currently allows for the establishment of fees to fund administrative support for the committee, the Department indicates that such support is currently generally funded. The resulting cost reduction will therefore be a general fund savings. Since the bill as amended takes effect January 1, 2027, this fiscal note assumes that only half of the savings will be realized in FY27.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

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