

HB 1130-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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HOUSE BILL            ***1130-FN***

AN ACT                establishing a committee to study the procedure for judicial performance evaluations.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Lynn, Rock. 17; Rep. Korzen, Coos 7

COMMITTEE:          Judiciary

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study the procedure for judicial performance evaluations.

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                         Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six*

AN ACT                establishing a committee to study the procedure for judicial performance evaluations.

*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 the procedure for judicial  
2 performance evaluations.

3            2 Membership and Compensation.

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

5                (a) Two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house  
6 of representatives.

7                (b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

8            II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to  
9 the duties of the committee.

10          3 Duties. The committee's study shall include, but not be limited to:

11            I. Reviewing what other states do for judicial performance evaluations.

12            II. Obtaining input from judges in the New Hampshire court system on the current  
13 evaluation system.

14            III. Evaluating the benefits versus potential consequences of the changes proposed in 2026,  
15 HB 1130 as it passed the house of representatives, and what effect the bill as it passed the house of  
16 representatives would have on accountability and transparency.

17          4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from  
18 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house  
19 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this  
20 section. Two members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

21          5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed  
22 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house  
23 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2026.

24          6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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**HB 1130-FN- FISCAL NOTE**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE (AMENDMENT # 2026-1546s)**

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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