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HOUSE BILL **1763-FN**

AN ACT establishing a committee to study siting and maintenance rules regarding certain intellectual and developmental disability (IDD) and acquired brain disorder (ABD) community residences.

SPONSORS: Rep. Drago, Rock. 4; Rep. Bennett, Rock. 4; Rep. Ford, Rock. 3; Rep. Nadeau, Rock. 4; Rep. Mazur, Hills. 44; Rep. Perez, Rock. 16; Rep. Bogert, Belk. 5; Rep. Barbour, Hills. 35

COMMITTEE: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study siting and maintenance rules regarding certain intellectual and developmental disability (IDD) and acquired brain disorder (ABD) community residences.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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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 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study siting and maintenance  
2 rules applicable to intellectual and developmental disability (IDD) and acquired brain disorder  
3 (ABD) community residences, including group homes, that are funded, certified, or overseen by the  
4 department of health and human services.

5            2 Membership and Compensation.

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

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

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

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

12           3 Duties. The committee shall:

13           I. Study issues associated with the creation of administrative rules and regulations for the  
14 siting, operation, and maintenance of community residences within the state. Such study shall  
15 include, but not be limited to, building codes, fire codes, conflicts with local land use ordinances and  
16 regulations, maintaining the character of a neighborhood, good-neighbor and nuisance rules, and  
17 other related codes, rules, and laws. The committee may seek the testimony of any individual or  
18 organization it deems appropriate.

19           II. Solicit information, testimony, and input from the public, as well as from relevant state  
20 agencies, organizations, municipal representatives, providers, advocates, and subject-matter experts,  
21 including, but not limited to, the following:

22           (a) The bureau chief of the bureau of developmental services, or a designated  
23 representative;

24           (b) A designated representative of the disability rights center of New Hampshire;

25           (c) A designated representative of the New Hampshire developmental services quality  
26 council;

27           (d) A representative of the area agency system recommended by the Community Support  
28 Network, Incorporated;

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- 1           (e) A representative of residential service providers;
- 2           (f) An individual with expertise in building or fire safety; and
- 3           (g) A municipal planning or zoning official.

4           III. Identify and evaluate potential statutory changes and administrative or regulatory  
5 actions, including recommendations for department of health and human services rulemaking that  
6 may be necessary to address the siting and maintenance issues studied.

7           4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from  
8 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house  
9 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this  
10 section. The committee shall meet monthly until a report is submitted pursuant to section 5 of this  
11 act, or a quorum of the committee modifies the schedule at its discretion. Three members of the  
12 committee shall constitute a quorum.

13           5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed  
14 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house  
15 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, the executive council, and the state library on or before  
16 November 1, 2026.

17           6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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**HB 1763-FN- FISCAL NOTE**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE (AMENDMENT #2026-1431s)**

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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