

SB 421 - VERSION ADOPTED BY BOTH BODIES

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SENATE BILL **421**

AN ACT relative to the membership and duties of the trauma medical review committee and establishing a study committee to review the membership and duties of other boards and an appointment related to emergency medical services.

SPONSORS: Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. Avar, Dist 12; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. McGough, Dist 11; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill amends the membership of and adds an additional duty to the trauma medical review committee and establishes a study committee to review the membership, duties, and procedures for other boards and an appointment related to emergency medical 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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

AN ACT relative to the membership and duties of the trauma medical review committee and establishing a study committee to review the membership and duties of other boards and an appointment related to emergency medical services.

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

1 1 Trauma Medical Review Committee; Membership. Amend RSA 153-A:8, I to read as follows:

2 I. There is established a trauma medical review committee which shall consist of:

3 (a) **One representative from each trauma hospital level of care, levels I, II, III,**
4 **and IV. These representatives may consist of trauma surgeons, emergency** [~~A minimum of 5~~
5 ~~physicians representing the surgical disciplines of neurosurgery, general surgery, pediatric surgery,~~
6 ~~orthopedic surgery, and other]~~ physicians experienced in the treatment of adult and pediatric
7 trauma patients, **trauma program managers, or trauma registrars.**

8 (b) One member from the New Hampshire chapter of the American College of
9 Emergency Physicians.

10 (c) One member from the New Hampshire Paramedic Association.

11 (d) One member from the New Hampshire Emergency Nurses Association.

12 (e) One trauma nurse coordinator **with a background in trauma performance**
13 **improvement.**

14 (f) One member from the New Hampshire Association of Emergency Medical
15 Technicians.

16 (g) The state medical examiner or designee.

17 (h) One member of the emergency medical services medical control board.

18 (i) One representative from a New Hampshire acute care hospital nominated by the New
19 Hampshire Hospital Association.

20 (j) One representative of the Professional Firefighters of New Hampshire.

21 (k) One representative of the New Hampshire Association of Fire Chiefs.

22 **(l) One injury prevention coordinator.**

23 **(m) One trauma survivor.**

24 **(n) A physician or physician designee from a rehabilitation center in New**
25 **Hampshire specific to the treatment of physical injuries from trauma.**

26 **(o) A representative from the New Hampshire office of highway safety.**

27 2 New Subparagraph; Trauma Medical Review Committee; Duty Added. Amend RSA 153-A:8,
28 V by inserting after subparagraph (h) the following new subparagraph:

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1 (i) Annually provide a report to the governor on the status of New Hampshire's trauma
2 system including the names, levels, and locations of all trauma hospitals, the activities and
3 recommendations of the trauma medical review committee for the continuous improvement of New
4 Hampshire's trauma system, and data that summarizes the leading causes of injury and death in
5 New Hampshire from both intentional and unintentional injuries.

6 3 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study the composition, duties,
7 and responsibilities of certain boards.

8 4 Membership and Compensation.

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

10 (a) Two members of the house of representatives.

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

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

14 5 Duties. The committee's study shall include, but not be limited to:

15 I. The composition and duties of the:

16 (a) Emergency medical and trauma services coordinating board, as established by RSA
17 153-A:3.

18 (b) Emergency medical services medical control board, as established by RSA 153-A:5.

19 II. The process for the appointment of the state medical director for emergency medical
20 services, as established in RSA 153-A:7, II(c).

21 6 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from
22 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house
23 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this
24 section. Two members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

25 7 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
26 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house
27 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2026.

28 8 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.