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SENATE BILL ***464-FN***

AN ACT relative to civil rights enforcement.

SPONSORS: Sen. Abbas, Dist 22; Sen. Murphy, Dist 16; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Sullivan, Dist 18; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23; Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Rep. Ammon, Hills. 42

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill changes the standard for civil rights enforcement.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Civil Rights Act; Civil Rights Enforcement. RSA 354-B:1 is repealed and reenacted to read as
2 follows:

3 354-B:1 Civil Rights Enforcement.

4 I.(a) Any person who, motivated in whole or in part by hostility, including but not limited to
5 animus, bias, or prejudice, toward the race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sexual
6 orientation, sex, gender identity, or disability of the person, group, or organization directly or
7 indirectly targeted by the unlawful act, or the affiliation or association of the person, group, or
8 organization directly or indirectly targeted by the unlawful act with a person or people of a certain
9 race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, sex, gender identity, or disability,
10 knowingly commits one of the following unlawful acts shall be subject to civil liability under RSA
11 354-B:2 and to the remedies provided in RSA 354-B:3 and RSA 354-B:4:

- 12 (1) Using unprivileged force against another;
13 (2) Committing an act of violence against another;
14 (3) Causing damage to or trespassing on the property of another; or
15 (4) Threatening to commit any of the acts listed above.

16 (b) In this section, "threatening to commit" means the communication, by physical
17 conduct or by declaration, of an intent to inflict harm or damage to a person or property that, taken
18 in the context of surrounding circumstances, would convey to a reasonable person that the actor has
19 the apparent ability to carry out the threat and the real possibility that such harm or damage may
20 occur.

21 II. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit any conduct or speech that is
22 protected under the United States Constitution or the New Hampshire constitution.

23 III. It shall be unlawful for any person to interfere or attempt to interfere with the rights
24 secured by this chapter.

25 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

SB 464-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE (AMENDMENTS #2026-1369h and #2026-1572h)

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund</i>	None			
Expenditures*	Indeterminable			
<i>Funding Source</i>	General Fund			
Appropriations*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source</i>	None			

***Expenditure = Cost of bill**

***Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill**

Estimated Political Subdivision Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
County Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
County Expenditures	Indeterminable			
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditures	Indeterminable			

METHODOLOGY:

This bill adds, deletes, or modifies a criminal penalty, or changes statute to which there is a penalty for violation. Therefore, this bill may have an impact on the judicial and correctional systems, which could affect prosecution, incarceration, probation, and parole costs, for the state, as well as county and local governments. A summary of such costs can be found at: https://gencourt.state.nh.us/lba/Budget/Fiscal_Notes/JudicialCorrectionalCosts.pdf

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Judicial Branch, Judicial Council, Department of Justice, Department of Corrections, New Hampshire Association of Counties, and New Hampshire Municipal Association