

HB 315 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **315**

AN ACT prohibiting employees of state agencies from knowingly providing false information to a legislative committee.

SPONSORS: Rep. Potenza, Straf. 19

COMMITTEE: Legislative Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits employees of state agencies from knowingly providing false information to a legislative committee.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT prohibiting employees of state agencies from knowingly providing false information to a legislative committee.

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

1 1 Standing Committees of the General Court; Agency Testimony. Amend RSA 17-D:3 to read as
2 follows:

3 17-D:3 Investigations. Each permanent standing committee of the house and senate is
4 authorized to invite public officials and employees and private individuals to appear before it for the
5 purpose of submitting information to it. Each such committee shall be authorized to maintain a
6 continuous review of the work of the state agencies concerned with its subject area and the
7 performance of the functions of government within each such subject area, and for this purpose, to
8 request reports, from time to time in such form as the committee shall designate, concerning the
9 operation of any state agency and presenting any proposals or recommendations such agency may
10 have with regard to existing laws or proposed legislation in its subject area. ***If an employee of a
11 state agency knowingly provides false information before the committee, he or she shall be
12 prohibited from testifying before the committee and liable for perjury under RSA 641:1,
13 false swearing under RSA 641:2, and tampering with witnesses and informants under RSA
14 641:5.***

15 2 State Employee Appearances Before the Legislature. Amend RSA 98-F:1 to read as follows:

16 98-F:1 State Employee Appearances Before the Legislature. State employees appearing in their
17 official capacity before any legislative meeting or hearing for the purpose of promoting or opposing,
18 directly or indirectly, any legislation pending or proposed before the general court shall wear their
19 employee identification badges. ***If an employee of a state agency knowingly provides false
20 information before the committee, he or she shall be prohibited from testifying before the
21 committee.***

22 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.