

Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee

Kevin Condict 271-7875

HB 118, repealing certain committees and commissions.

Hearing Date: April 9, 2025

Time Opened: 11:01 a.m.

Time Closed: 11:15 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Pearl, McGough, Altschiller and Reardon

Members of the Committee Absent : Senator Gannon

Bill Analysis: This bill repeals various committees and commissions, and removes the house and senate members of the advisory council on child care.

Sponsors:

Rep. W. Thomas

Rep. Levesque

Rep. Mandelbaum

Rep. Haskins

Rep. Selig

Rep. Bay

Rep. N. Murphy

Rep. Horrigan

Who supports the bill: Rep. Carol McGuire (Merr. 27), Daniel Richardson, Sarahlynn Williams, and Sarah McCarthy.

Who opposes the bill: Rep. Timothy Horrigan (Straff. 10), Rep. Wendy Thomas (Hills. 12), Rep. Gary Woods (Merr. 30), and Julie Smith.

Who is neutral on the bill: Rep. Vanessa Sheehan (Hills. 43).

Summary of testimony presented:

Representative Wendy Thomas, Hillsborough 12

- Rep. Thomas explained that this bill as introduced mandated a ten-minute break for every three hours of legislative committee work.
- Rep. Thomas stated that a replace all amendment was what passed the House and she does not support the bill as amended.
- Rep. Thomas believed this bill is now sloppy legislation that should be voted inexpedient to legislate.

- Rep. Thomas stated that none of the co-sponsors support this new version of HB 118.

Representative Timothy Horrigan, Strafford 10

- Rep. Horrigan explained that this was a non-germane amendment that replaced the original legislation he co-sponsored.
- Rep. Horrigan stated that he does not support this bill as amended.
- Rep. Horrigan explained that a lot of the commissions that will be abolished by this bill are ones he does not believe should be at this time.
- Sen. McGough asked if he voted against this non-germane amendment when it was in committee.
 - o Rep. Horrigan stated that he was not there when they passed it.
- Sen. McGough commented that it passed unanimously out of committee. He asked if there was any other opposition at the time.
 - o Rep. Horrigan stated that he is not sure.

Representative Gary Woods, Merrimack 30

- Rep. Woods stated that he opposes this bill on behalf of the Commission on the Deaf and Hearing Impaired.
- Rep. Woods explained that since COVID the Commission has not met but it is still needed.
- Rep. Woods stated that he has met with the Director of the New Hampshire Hearing group, and they would like to start having Commission meetings again.
- Rep. Woods encouraged the Committee to, at a minimum, delete this Commission from the bill as it will soon be active again.
- Senator McGough asked if he anticipated a more frequent schedule of meetings.
 - o Rep. Woods replied that he does anticipate that. There are a few projects that they are working on.
- Senator McGough asked if he would like them to update the membership of the commission.
 - o Rep. Woods agreed that it would be very helpful.

Representative Vanessa Sheehan, Hillsborough 43

- Rep. Sheehan stated that she is in favor of this bill and repealing the fifteen commissions.
- Rep. Sheehan explained that many of the commissions have not met in a long time, or they have legislative members that cannot attend.

- Senator Pearl stated that he is probably going to add an amendment to this bill that changes the term lengths for members of a commission.

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