

Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee

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HB 180, relative to critical incident stress management teams.

Hearing Date: April 2, 2025

Time Opened: 9:02 a.m.

Time Closed: 9:05 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Pearl, Gannon and Reardon

Members of the Committee Absent : Senators McGough and Altschiller

Bill Analysis: This bill revises training requirements for critical incident stress management teams and permits the team leader to designate team members. The bill also clarifies that a team need not be affiliated with a municipality and establishes qualifications and responsibilities of the team leader.

Sponsors:
Rep. Proulx

Who supports the bill: Rep. Carol McGuire (Merr. 27), David B. Goldstein (NHACOP), Christopher Stawasz (NHAA), and Janet Lucas.

Who opposes the bill: Daniel Richardson, and Jane Smith.

Who is neutral on the bill: None.

Summary of testimony presented:

Representative Carol McGuire, Merrimack 27

- Rep. McGuire introduced House Bill 180.
- Rep. McGuire said that HB 180 passed the House Executive Departments and Administration Committee unanimously and passed the House floor on the consent calendar.
- Rep. McGuire explained that this bill is a minor update to the critical incident stress management team statute.
- Rep. McGuire said the bill explicitly states the team may not be affiliated with a municipality.

- Rep. McGuire said that they started with one team that covered the entire state, and that some of the larger cities are now starting their own. She said that these teams do not need to be affiliated with a town.
- Rep. McGuire explained that section 2 is about training, and which states that the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation has recently added a hundred-dollar test to get the certification.
- Rep. McGuire stated that all the people on the critical incident stress teams love the idea of training, they do not believe that the test is necessary for most members. Accordingly, the bill deletes the requirement to do the training.
- Rep. McGuire said the bill defines more about the team leader, who is responsible for training and ensuring that all members are trained.

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