

Senate Children and Family Law Committee

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HB 177, relative to children in placement pursuant to an episode of treatment for which the department of health and human services has a financial responsibility.

Hearing Date: April 24, 2025

Time Opened: 9:40 a.m.

Time Closed: 9:50 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Abbas, Sullivan and Long

Members of the Committee Absent : None

Bill Analysis: This bill makes the department of health and human services financially responsible for children undergoing an episode of treatment.

Sponsors:

Rep. N. Murphy
Rep. Petrigno
Sen. Fenton

Rep. Raymond
Rep. Kuttab

Rep. M. Pearson
Sen. Ricciardi

Who supports the bill: Representative Nancy Murphy, Senator Donovan Fenton, Holly Stevens (NAMI-NH), Chase Eagleson (NH Council on Developmental Disabilities), Janet Lucas

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Representative Nancy Murphy, Hillsborough – District 12

- Representative Murphy stated that the bill would address a clerical error in RSA 186-C:19-b due to redundant and unclear language that were passed in the 2024 session.
- She explained that the bill would amend RSA 186-C:19-b, by removing the double use of the word “or” on line 6 to read as “RSA 169-B, 169-C, 169-D, or 193:27, VII”.
- She explained that she wasn’t sure if the amendment was necessary because two bills last session had two separate effective dates changing the same statute. Those bills are now in place, and she believed the language was corrected with House Bill 177.

Senator Abbas asked whether it was necessary to pass this bill or if the issue would fix itself after the effective dates have been enacted.

Representative Murphy responded that the bill should be passed to ensure clearer language.

Senator Long asked if the amendment proposed any changes to the “as introduced” bill?

Representative Murphy maintained that she was unable to see any differences.

Senator Sullivan stated that the amendment addressed the removal of the italicization of “RSA 193:27, VII” and the word “or” so the amendment, 2025-1744s, was needed to fix the clerical error.

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Date Hearing Report completed: April 29, 2025