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HOUSE BILL ***1598-FN-A***

AN ACT relative to the department of health and human services management of social security payments and veterans benefits for children in foster care.

SPONSORS: Rep. Wallner, Merr. 19; Rep. DeSimone, Rock. 18; Rep. Mooney, Hills. 12; Rep. Long, Hills. 23; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13

COMMITTEE: Children and Family Law

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires the department of health and human services to prepare a report for the legislature and governor regarding budget requirements associated with management of social security and veterans benefits for children in placement through the department. The bill makes an appropriation to the department to hire a consultant to assist with the report and its implementation.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT relative to the department of health and human services management of social security payments and veterans benefits for children in foster care.

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

205:1 Reporting; Management of Social Security and Veteran's Benefits for Children in Placement Through the Department of Health and Human Services; Appropriation.

I. The department of health and human services shall provide a report relative to management of social security and veterans' benefits for children in placement to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the chairpersons of the house children and family law committee, the house finance committee, the senate judiciary committee, the senate finance committee, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library. This report shall contain a budget proposal for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, for the purposes of implementing and managing social security payments and veteran's benefits for children in placement through the department of health and human services, and shall be submitted on or before December 31, 2024. To assist in the preparation of this report, and to assist the department with implementation of the report's recommendations, including the budget proposal for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, the department shall hire a consultant with knowledge of other states' efforts to manage such payments and benefits for children in placement.

II. There is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services the sum of $150,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, for the purpose of hiring the consultant required by paragraph I. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

205:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved: July 12, 2024
Effective Date: July 12, 2024