

SB 216 - AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL **216**

AN ACT establishing a commission to study the landlord and tenant mediation program in circuit courts.

SPONSORS: Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Whitley, Dist 15; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Soucy, Dist 18; Sen. Sherman, Dist 24; Sen. Cavanaugh, Dist 16; Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Sen. Kahn, Dist 10; Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20; Rep. DiLorenzo, Rock. 17; Rep. Espitia, Hills. 31; Rep. Conley, Straf. 13; Rep. Vann, Hills. 24

COMMITTEE: Commerce

ANALYSIS

 This bill establishes a commission to study the landlord and tenant mediation program in circuit courts.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT establishing a commission to study the landlord and tenant mediation program in circuit courts.

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

- 1 1 New Section; Commission to Study Landlord and Tenant Mediation Program in Circuit Court.
- 2 Amend RSA 420-F by inserting after section 19 the following new section:
- 3 420-F:20 Commission Established.
- 4 I. There is established a commission to study the landlord and tenant mediation program in
- 5 circuit court.
- 6 II. The members of the commission shall be as follows:
- 7 (a) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.
- 8 (b) One member of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of
- 9 representatives.
- 10 (c) The administrative judge of the circuit court, or designee.
- 11 (d) A representative of New Hampshire Legal Assistance, appointed by the organization.
- 12 (e) A representative of the New Hampshire Bar Association, appointed by the
- 13 association.
- 14 (f) A representative of the New Hampshire Apartments Association, appointed by the
- 15 association.
- 16 III. Members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending
- 17 to the duties of the commission.
- 18 IV. The commission shall study the landlord and tenant mediation program in circuit court.
- 19 V. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The
- 20 first meeting of the commission shall be called by the senate member. The first meeting of the
- 21 commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Four members of the
- 22 commission shall constitute a quorum.
- 23 VI. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
- 24 legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate
- 25 clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2022.
- 26 2 Repeal. RSA 420-F:20, relative to the commission to study the landlord and tenant mediation
- 27 program in circuit court, is repealed.
- 28 3 Effective Date.
- 29 I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2022.
- 30 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.