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HOUSE BILL ***245***

AN ACT relative to identification of the source of legislative bill proposals.

SPONSORS: Rep. J. Schmidt, Hills. 28; Rep. Read, Rock. 17

COMMITTEE: Legislative Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill requires the identification of a private organization responsible for distributing a model act used by a legislator to propose legislation, as provided by the legislation's prime sponsor or as identified by a third party.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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

1 New Section; Legislative Proceedings; Identification of Source of Model Act. Amend RSA 14 by inserting after section 39-a the following new section:

14:39-b Identification of Source of Model Act.

I. When a partnership, firm, nonprofit entity, or corporation formally adopts and distributes model acts to elected officials from more than one state, and that model act is used by a member of the house of representatives or the senate to propose equivalent or substantially similar legislation for introduction in the general court, the office of legislative services shall indicate the responsible partnership, firm, nonprofit entity, or corporation in the bill analysis, provided such information is supplied by the bill's prime sponsor. Members of the general court are directed to provide sufficient information to the office of legislative services for the identification required by this section.

II. Following introduction of the bill, a third party may request that disclosure of the source of a model act be added to the bill analysis as necessary for subsequent passage of the bill by submitting a written request with documentation of the model act to the chairperson of the committee assigned the bill. The chairperson shall issue a ruling within 10 business days of the written request. Decisions of the committee chairperson may be appealed to the rules committee of the house or senate.

III. In this section:

(a) "Model legislation" means a legislative proposal or a uniform or suggested act written, promoted, or distributed by a partnership, firm, nonprofit entity, or corporation to an elected official and to other public officials of at least one more state.

(b) "Formally adopted" means that the partnership, firm, nonprofit entity, or corporation votes to endorse, support, or distribute the model act for legislative adoption.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.