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SENATE BILL ***103***

AN ACT including the raid on Fort William and Mary in Portsmouth in the planning of the American revolution sestercentennial commission.

SPONSORS: Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Altschiller, Dist 24; Rep. M. Murray, Hills. 37; Rep. Hamblet, Rock. 26; Rep. Vogt, Rock. 21; Rep. Meuse, Rock. 37; Rep. Hobson, Rock. 14

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill includes the raid on Fort William and Mary in Portsmouth in the planning of the American revolution sestercentennial commission.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

160:1 Duties; Sestercentennial Commission; Fort William and Mary. Amend RSA 17-S:3 to read as follows:

17-S:3 Duties. The commission shall:

I. Lead New Hampshire's planning efforts to commemorate the significance of the American Revolution and Declaration of Independence to our state and national history***, including the raid on Fort William and Mary in Portsmouth in December 1774 which included the first shots fired in the American Revolution***.

II. Make recommendations outlining the most effective and appropriate means for the state of New Hampshire to commemorate the American Revolution and Declaration of Independence sestercentennial celebration.

III. Identify and pursue resources necessary to effectively communicate and implement commemorative activities.

IV. Implement recommendations by working with the office of the governor, appropriate state and local government agencies, members of the New Hampshire general court, organizations, and individuals that are interested in commemorating the American Revolution and signing of the Declaration of Independence.

V. Coordinate communications with the United States sestercentennial commission to ensure that New Hampshire will be a significant state for events recognizing the American Revolution and signing of the Declaration of Independence.

VI. Coordinate scheduling of New Hampshire American Revolution sestercentennial activities and coordinate activities with the national commission.

VII. Solicit information and testimony from any individual or entity with information or expertise relative to the commission's charge.

VIII. Plan a publicly noticed and publicized event for July 4, 2026, relating to the American Revolution and the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

IX. Plan a publicly noticed and publicized event for December 14, 2024, relating to the raid on Fort William and Mary, now named Fort Constitution.

160:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved: July 28, 2023
Effective Date: July 28, 2023