

Floor Amendment to HB 400

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT requiring the department of health and human services to develop a 10-year plan for
4 mental health services, relative to due process rights of persons subject to involuntary
5 emergency admissions, relative to the Philbrook center, relative to reports of abuse
6 and neglect, and relative to the commission to study grandfamilies in New Hampshire.
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8 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 10 with the following:

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10 11 Commission to Study Grandfamilies in New Hampshire. Amend RSA 170-G:17, III to read
11 as follows:

12 III. Members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The
13 first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named senate member. The first meeting
14 of the commission shall be held within 30 days of the effective date of this section. Seven members
15 of the commission shall constitute a quorum. ~~[The senate health and human services committee~~
16 ~~staff shall provide clerical, administrative, and research services to the commission as may be~~
17 ~~needed.]~~

18 12 Contingency. If SB 148 of the 2017 regular legislative session becomes law, section 11 of
19 this act shall take effect at 12:01 am on the date SB 148 becomes law. If SB 148 does not become
20 law, section 11 of this act shall not take effect.

21 13 Effective Date.

22 I. Section 3 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

23 II. Section 4 of this act shall take effect July 2, 2017.

24 III. Section 11 of this act shall take effect as provided in section 12 of this act.

25 IV. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Requires the department of health and human services to develop a comprehensive 10-year plan for the mental health system. The plan shall be submitted to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, and the governor on or before July 1, 2018.

II. Requires the commissioner of the department of health and human services to develop a plan with recommendations to ensure statutory and due process rights of patients subject to involuntary emergency admissions who are in emergency rooms at hospitals or in other facilities.

III. Requires the commissioner of the department of health and human services to develop a plan to remove certain persons from New Hampshire hospital and to determine whether it is practical to relocate the office of professional licensure and certification.

IV. Requires a founded report of abuse and neglect to be based on a preponderance of the evidence, inserts a definition of "unfounded but with reasonable concern," and permits the department of health and human services to issue a confidential letter of concern encouraging the person to seek family support services.

V. Requires the commissioner to make a report relative to the anticipated cost of expanded services to be provided families under RSA 169-C:34.

VI. Eliminates the staffing for the commission to study grandfamilies in New Hampshire.