

Amendment to SB 164-FN

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

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3 AN ACT establishing a commission to study repealing the statute of limitations and
4 limitations on actions for sexual assault.
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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:
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8 1 New Section; Sexual Assault and Related Offenses; Commission to Study Repealing the
9 Statute of Limitations and Limitations on Actions for Sexual Assault. Amend RSA 632-A by
10 inserting after section 10-c the following new section:

11 632-A:10-d Commission to Study Repealing the Statute of Limitations and Limitations on
12 Actions for Sexual Assault.

13 I. There is established a commission to study repealing the statute of limitations and
14 limitations on actions for sexual assault.

15 II. The members of the commission shall be as follows:

16 (a) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

17 (b) Two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
18 house of representatives.

19 (c) A representative from the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and
20 Sexual Violence.

21 (d) One member of the New Hampshire Association of County Attorneys, appointed
22 by that association.

23 (e) One member of the New Hampshire Bar Association, appointed by that
24 association.

25 (f) One mental health professional, appointed by the National Alliance on Mental
26 Illness.

27 III. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate
28 when attending to the duties of the commission.

29 IV. The commission shall:

30 (a) Review current statutes in New Hampshire relating to the statute of limitations and
31 limitations on actions for sexual assault.

32 (b) Identify current barriers facing victims of sexual assault accessing justice.

33 (c) Identify current trends in reforming statutes of limitations and limitations on

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1 actions on sexual assault across the country.

2 (d) Develop recommendations for future legislation.

3 (e) Solicit information from any person or entity the commission deems relevant to its
4 study.

5 V. The members of the study commission shall elect a chairperson from among the
6 members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named senate member.
7 The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 30 days of the effective date of this section.
8 Five members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

9 VI. The commission shall issue an interim report of its findings and any recommendations
10 for proposed legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives,
11 the senate clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before September 1,
12 2018, and shall issue a final report on or before December 1, 2018.

13 2 Repeal. RSA 632-A:10-d, relative to the commission to study repealing the statute of
14 limitations and limitations on actions for sexual assault, is repealed.

15 3 Effective Date.

16 I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect December 1, 2018.

17 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a commission to study repealing the statute of limitations and limitations on actions for sexual assault.