

Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20
May 1, 2018
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Floor Amendment to HB 1775

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

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3 AN ACT relative to the appointment of guardians ad litem in parenting cases and relative to
4 alcohol and drug free housing.

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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 1 with the following:

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8 2 New Paragraph; Commissioner of Health and Human Services; Alcohol and Drug Free
9 Housing. Amend RSA 126-A:5 by inserting after paragraph XXX the following new paragraph:

10 XXXI. The commissioner shall monitor and require certification of alcohol and drug free
11 housing in New Hampshire. In this paragraph, "alcohol and drug free housing" means a residence,
12 commonly known as a sober home, that provides or advertises as providing, an alcohol and drug
13 free environment for persons recovering from substance use disorders, provided that "alcohol and
14 drug free housing " shall not include a halfway house, treatment unit, detoxification facility, or any
15 other facility requiring a license pursuant to RSA 151. The commissioner shall adopt rules,
16 pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to monitoring and certifying alcohol and drug free housing.

17 3 Effective Date.

18 I. Section 1 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2019.

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

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill revises criteria for appointment of a guardian ad litem under RSA 461-A; limits the role of the guardian ad litem absent express authorization from the court; revises the procedure for determining guardian ad litem fees; and repeals the provision governing supreme court standards for non-certified guardians ad litem. The bill is a request of the committee to study RSA 461-A, relative to parental rights and responsibilities, established in 2016, 281.

This bill also requires the commissioner of the department of health and human services to monitor and certify alcohol and drug free housing in New Hampshire.