

Amendment to HB 263

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

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3 AN ACT establishing a committee to study reunification and termination of parental rights  
4 when a parent has been convicted of a crime against a child.

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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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8 1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study reunification and  
9 termination of parental rights when a parent has been convicted of a crime against a child.

10 2 Membership and Compensation.

11 I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

12 (a) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

13 (b) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the  
14 house of representatives.

15 II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to  
16 the duties of the committee.

17 3 Duties. The committee shall look at issues of reunification and termination of parental rights  
18 in cases where a parent has been convicted of an offense against a child as defined in RSA 651-B:1,  
19 VII.

20 4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from  
21 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the senate member. The  
22 first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Three  
23 members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

24 5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed  
25 legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate  
26 clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2020.

27 6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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**AMENDED ANALYSIS**

This bill establishes a committee to study reunification and termination of parental rights when a parent has been convicted of a crime against a child.