

Amendment to SB 419-FN

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

2
3 AN ACT establishing a commission to study the delivery of public health services in New
4 Hampshire through regional public health networks.
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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; District Departments of Health; Commission to Study the Delivery of Public
9 Health Services Through Regional Public Health Networks Established. Amend RSA 127 by
10 inserting after section 11 the following new section:

11 127:12 Commission Established.

12 I. There is established a commission to study the delivery of public health services through
13 regional public health networks and the continued development of coordinated responses to public
14 health incidents and emergencies in New Hampshire.

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

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

17 (b) One member of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of
18 representatives.

19 (c) One representative from each of the 13 regional public health networks (RPHNs),
20 appointed by the director of each respective network.

21 (d) The director of the division of public health of the department of health and human
22 services, or designee.

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

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

27 IV. The commission shall:

28 (a) Review the operations of the current 13 public health networks.

29 (b) Review regional public health priorities across the state.

30 (c) Propose a plan for the provision and implementation of sustainable programs,
31 practices, governance, and policies that are evidence-based to improve health outcomes across New
32 Hampshire.

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1 (d) Review management of public health emergencies at the state and local level.

2 (e) Review the coordination of services among partners, including local public health
3 officers, and propose a plan for optimizing these services.

4 V. The commission may solicit information and participation from any person or entity
5 determined necessary by the committee in the performance of its duties.

6 VI. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The
7 first meeting of the commission shall be called by the senate member. The first meeting of the
8 commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Four members of the
9 commission shall constitute a quorum.

10 VII. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
11 legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate
12 clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2022.

13 2 Repeal. RSA 127:12, relative to a commission to study the delivery of public health services in
14 New Hampshire through regional public health networks, is repealed.

15 3 Effective Date.

16 I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2022.

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 the delivery of public health services in New Hampshire through regional public health networks and continued development of coordinated responses to public health incidents and emergencies in New Hampshire.