

Rep. Scherr, Rock. 26  
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Amendment to HB 257-FN

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

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3 AN ACT relative to the crime of endangering the welfare of a child or incompetent.

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

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7 1 Endangering Welfare of a Child or Incompetent. Amend RSA 639:3, I to read as follows:

8 I. A person is guilty of endangering the welfare of a child or incompetent if he [~~knowingly~~  
9 **recklessly** endangers the welfare of a child under 18 years of age or of an incompetent person by  
10 [~~purposefully~~] **recklessly** violating a duty of care, protection or support he owes to such child or  
11 incompetent, or by inducing such child or incompetent to engage in conduct that endangers his  
12 health or safety.

13 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill amends the mental state applicable to the crime of endangering the welfare of a child or incompetent.