

Amendment to HB 634

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

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3 AN ACT relative to the New Hampshire council on autism spectrum disorders.

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

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7 1 New Hampshire Council on Autism Spectrum Disorders. RSA 171-A:32 is repealed and
8 reenacted to read as follows:

9 171-A:32 New Hampshire Council on Autism Spectrum Disorders Established; Duties.

10 I. There is established a council on autism spectrum disorders (NHCASD) to provide
11 leadership in promoting comprehensive and quality education, health care, and services for
12 individuals with autism spectrum disorders and their families. The members of the council shall be
13 as follows:

14 (a) The governor, or designee.

15 (b) The commissioner of the department of education, or designated representative
16 specializing in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and section 504 of the
17 Rehabilitation Act of 1974.

18 (c) The commissioner of the department of health and human services, or designee.

19 (d) The bureau chief of the bureau of developmental services, department of health and
20 human services, or designee.

21 (e) The bureau chief of the bureau of behavioral health, department of health and
22 human services, or designee.

23 (f) The director of the Institute on Disability, University of New Hampshire, or designee.

24 (g) A special education director, appointed by the New Hampshire Association of Special
25 Education Administrators, Inc.

26 (h) The president of the New Hampshire Medical Society, or designee with a specialty in
27 family medicine or pediatrics.

28 (i) A representative of the New Hampshire Developmental Disabilities Council,
29 appointed by the council.

30 (j) Two individuals who are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, appointed by the
31 NHCASD.

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1 (k) Two family members of individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder,
2 appointed by the NHCASD.

3 (l) A representative of the Community Support Network, Inc., appointed by such
4 organization.

5 (m) A representative of the New Hampshire Psychological Association, appointed by the
6 association.

7 (n) The director of the office of Medicaid business and policy, department of health and
8 human services, or designee.

9 (o) A member of a New Hampshire based self-advocacy organization, appointed by the
10 NHCASD.

11 (p) Up to 5 additional members, appointed by the NHCASD.

12 (q) A clinical service provider, as appointed by the council.

13 (r) A representative of the New Hampshire School Nurses' Association, appointed by the
14 association.

15 (s) A licensed speech-language pathologist, appointed by the New Hampshire Speech-
16 Language-Hearing Association, Inc.

17 II. A quorum of the council shall be a half plus one member of the appointed members of the
18 council.

19 III. Meetings shall be conducted in a hybrid in-person/electronic format. Members for whom
20 it is not reasonably practical to attend in-person may participate remotely, and the reason for remote
21 participation shall be stated in the minutes of the meeting. Hybrid meetings shall comply with RSA
22 91-A requirements.

23 IV. The council shall:

24 (a) Provide advisory leadership on training, policy, data collection, and coordination of
25 support and services for individuals with autism spectrum disorders and their families.

26 (b) Collaborate with groups and organizations that focus on providing quality services to
27 individuals with autism spectrum disorder and their families.

28 (c) Make recommendations on best practices in New Hampshire for serving individuals
29 with autism spectrum disorder.

30 (d) Provide an online listing of resources for individuals and families of people with
31 autism spectrum disorder.

32 (e) Make an annual report to the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,
33 the president of the senate, the commissioners of the department of health and human services and
34 department of education, the members of the house committees on education, health, human
35 services and elderly affairs, and finance, and the members of the senate committees on education,
36 health and human services, and finance.

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1 V. The department of health and human services shall provide administrative support to the
2 council.

3 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill revises the membership and duties of the New Hampshire council on autism spectrum disorders.

The bill is a request of the New Hampshire council on autism spectrum disorders.