

Amendment to HB 510-FN

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

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3 AN ACT relative to establishing certain due process rights for students, student  
4 organizations, and faculty members facing disciplinary actions by state institutions  
5 of higher learning, and relative to the effect of murder on a decedent's estate.  
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7 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 1 with the following:

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9 2 New Paragraph; Effect of Murder on Intestate Succession, Wills, Joint Assets, Life Insurance,  
10 and Beneficiary Designations; Definition Added. Amend RSA 562-A:1 by inserting after paragraph I  
11 the following new paragraph:

12 I-a. "Final criminal conviction" means a judgment of conviction that has become final upon  
13 conclusion of direct appellate review by the New Hampshire supreme court or expiration of the time  
14 to seek such review.

15 3 Effect of Murder on Intestate Succession, Wills, Joint Assets, Life Insurance, and Beneficiary  
16 Designations; Murder; How Determined. Amend RSA 562-A:5, I and II to read as follows:

17 I. ~~[After all right to appeal has been exhausted]~~ **Upon entry of a final criminal**  
18 **conviction**, a judgment of conviction establishing criminal responsibility for commission of the  
19 murder of the decedent conclusively establishes the convicted individual as the decedent's killer for  
20 purposes of this chapter.

21 II. In the absence of a **final** criminal conviction, an individual's status as the person  
22 responsible for commission of the murder of the decedent as defined in this chapter is conclusively  
23 established by a final civil judgment to that effect entered against the individual by a court of  
24 competent jurisdiction.

25 4 Effective Date.

26 I. Section 1 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Establishes for students, student organizations, and faculty members of publicly funded New Hampshire colleges and universities the right to certain due process protections when disciplinary proceedings are brought against them by such institutions, and addresses the provisions' applicability to collective bargaining agreements.

II. Makes the final criminal conviction for murder, which is defined, the threshold for conclusive establishment of criminal responsibility for the commission of a murder, with respect to the murder's effect on the decedent's estate.

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