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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT relative to foster parent representation of foster children with disabilities.

SPONSORS: Rep. N. Murphy, Hills. 12; Rep. Petrigno, Hills. 43; Rep. Levesque, Straf. 4; Rep. Selig, Straf. 10; Rep. M. Pearson, Rock. 34; Rep. Elberger, Hills. 5; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. Ricciardi, Dist 9

COMMITTEE: Children and Family Law

ANALYSIS

This bill deletes erroneously inserted language regarding child representation to clarify the statute's meaning.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 117:1 Foster Children With Disabilities; Representation. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA
2 186-C:14-a, I to read as follows:

3 I. A foster parent or parents may be appointed by the commissioner of the department of
4 education [~~that he or she has the knowledge and skills to represent the child adequately in services~~] or
5 designee, or by the director of a child placing agency licensed under RSA 170-E that has placed the child
6 with the foster parent or parents, to make educational decisions on behalf of a foster child for the duration
7 of the foster placement, provided that:

117:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: June 24, 2025
Effective Date: August 23, 2025