

Amendment to HB 153-FN

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

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3 AN ACT establishing a committee to study adding statewide resources to assist with the
4 investigation, training, prosecution, and prompt response of animal cruelty.

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

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8 1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study adding a statewide
9 resource to assist with the investigation, training, prosecution, and prompt response of animal
10 cruelty.

11 2 Membership and Compensation.

12 I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

13 (a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
14 house of representatives.

15 (b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

16 II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to
17 the duties of the committee.

18 3 Duties. The committee shall:

19 I. Examine existing training provided by the New Hampshire police standards and training
20 council and other courses that may be available either in-state or out-of-state.

21 II. Identify the best way to train law enforcement and other stakeholders including
22 prosecutors.

23 III. Identify the best way to form a group to be a resource for others in New Hampshire.

24 IV. Recognize that having a group to assist with promptness of calls will be in the best
25 interest of animals in distress.

26 V. Work with all agencies involved in the mission.

27 VI. Identify any other issues that may be needed to fulfill the intent of this committee.

28 4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from
29 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house
30 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this
31 section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

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1 5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
2 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house
3 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2025.

4 6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study adding a statewide resource to assist with the investigation, training, prosecution, and prompt response of animal cruelty.