

Amendment to SB 238-FN

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

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3 AN ACT establishing the adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) prevention and treatment
4 program and making an appropriation to the department of health and human
5 services for this purpose.
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7 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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9 1 Home and Community Based Behavioral Health Services for Children; Adverse Childhood
10 Experiences (ACEs) Prevention and Treatment Program. Amend RSA 167:3-1, IV to read as follows:

11 IV.(a) [~~On or before January 1, 2023, the department shall develop a timeline, conduct a cost~~
12 ~~analysis plan, and provide a detailed report of the timeline and cost analysis plan to the senate~~
13 ~~health and human services committee and the house children and family law and health, human~~
14 ~~services and elderly affairs committees, to] **The department of health and human services shall**
15 **establish the ACEs prevention and treatment program, to support children, birth to age 6,**
16 **with exposure to adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and severe emotional disturbances**
17 **whose needs cannot be met through childcare, educational, and developmental services**
18 **alone. The program shall be designed to provide prevention, assessment, diagnoses, and**
19 **treatment services for such children and their families, by:**~~

20 (1) [~~Increase~~] **Increasing** Medicaid reimbursement for early childhood mental
21 health care, including but not limited to child parent psychotherapy, to enhance services for
22 Medicaid patients;

23 (2) [~~Elevate~~] **Elevating** the early childhood and family mental health credential
24 statewide by requiring the credential for specific provider levels and/or associating the credential
25 with an increased salary level or higher reimbursement rates; and

26 (3) [~~Offer~~] **Offering continued funding, including** scholarships or
27 reimbursements, to cover costs associated with [~~the training to incentivize providers to take part in~~
28 ~~the training~~] **ongoing training and professional development in early childhood mental**
29 **health care, including but to limited to child parent psychotherapy, to ensure the highest**
30 **levels of training and services to children and families.**

31 (b) Within one year of the effective date of this paragraph, the department shall develop
32 and begin implementation of a 5-year plan to build the state's workforce capacity to provide child-
33 parent psychotherapy (CPP), an intervention model for children from birth to age 6, who have

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1 experienced at least one traumatic event and/or are experiencing mental health, attachment, and/or
2 behavioral problems, including posttraumatic stress disorder.

3 2 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services; Adverse Childhood Experiences
4 (ACEs) Prevention and Treatment Program.

5 I. The sum of \$150,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 is hereby appropriated to the
6 department of health and human services to fund the adverse childhood experiences (ACEs)
7 prevention and treatment program, and continue to expand and fund continued professional
8 development for child-parent psychotherapy (CPP) services, as described in RSA 167:3-1, IV. The
9 governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not
10 otherwise appropriated.

11 II. The sum of \$150,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 is hereby appropriated to
12 the department of health and human services to fund the ACEs prevention and treatment program,
13 and continue to expand and fund continued professional development for CPP services, as described
14 in RSA 167:3-1, IV.

15 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes the adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) prevention and treatment program as an ongoing program rather than as a pilot within the department of health and human services. The bill also makes an appropriation to the department of health and human services for this purpose.