

Amendment to HB 1763-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 siting and maintenance rules regarding certain
4 intellectual and developmental disability (IDD) and acquired brain disorder (ABD)
5 community residences.
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7 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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9 1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study siting and maintenance
10 rules applicable to intellectual and developmental disability (IDD) and acquired brain disorder
11 (ABD) community residences, including group homes, that are funded, certified, or overseen by the
12 department of health and human services.

13 2 Membership and Compensation.

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

15 (a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
16 house of representatives.

17 (b) One members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

18 II. Legislative members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when
19 attending to the duties of the committee.

20 3 Duties. The committee shall:

21 I. Study issues associated with the creation of administrative rules and regulations for the
22 siting, operation, and maintenance of community residences within the state. Such study shall
23 include, but not be limited to, building codes, fire codes, conflicts with local land use ordinances and
24 regulations, maintaining the character of a neighborhood, good-neighbor and nuisance rules, and
25 other related codes, rules, and laws. The committee may seek the testimony of any individual or
26 organization it deems appropriate.

27 II. Solicit information, testimony, and input from the public, as well as from relevant state
28 agencies, organizations, municipal representatives, providers, advocates, and subject-matter experts,
29 including, but not limited to, the following:

30 (a) The bureau chief of the bureau of developmental services, or a designated
31 representative;

32 (b) A designated representative of the disability rights center of New Hampshire;

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1 (c) A designated representative of the New Hampshire developmental services quality
2 council;

3 (d) A representative of the area agency system;

4 (e) A representative of residential service providers;

5 (f) An individual with expertise in building or fire safety; and

6 (g) A municipal planning or zoning official.

7 III. Identify and evaluate potential statutory changes and administrative or regulatory
8 actions, including recommendations for department of health and human services rulemaking that
9 may be necessary to address the siting and maintenance issues studied.

10 4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from
11 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house
12 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this
13 section. The committee shall meet monthly until a report is submitted pursuant to section 5 of this
14 act, or a quorum of the committee modifies the schedule at its discretion. Three members of the
15 committee shall constitute a quorum.

16 5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
17 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house
18 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, the executive council, and the state library on or before
19 November 1, 2026.

20 6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study siting and maintenance rules regarding certain intellectual and developmental disability (IDD) and acquired brain disorder (ABD) community residences.