

Amendment to HB 1416

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 what legal protections currently exist for the
4 freedom of expression of pregnancy resource centers and whether further First
5 Amendment protections are needed.
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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 what legal protections
10 currently exist for the freedom of expression of pregnancy resource centers and whether further First
11 Amendment protections are needed.

12 2 Membership and Compensation.

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

14 (a) Two members of the senate, one of whom shall be a member of the minority party,
15 appointed by the president of the senate.

16 (b) Three members of the house of representatives, one of whom shall be a member of
17 the minority party, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

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

20 3 Duties. The committee shall:

21 I. Determine what legal protections currently exist for the freedom of expression of
22 pregnancy resource centers and whether further First Amendment protections are needed.

23 II. Solicit testimony from the attorney general's office to determine whether there have been
24 substantiated complaints by pregnancy resource centers alleging violations of the First Amendment.

25 III. Identify current state and federal law related to pregnancy resource centers, including
26 relevant United States Supreme Court cases, and determine what First Amendment protections
27 currently exist for pregnancy resource centers in New Hampshire.

28 IV. Determine if there are gaps in First Amendment protections for pregnancy resource
29 centers in New Hampshire.

30 4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from
31 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named senate
32 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this
33 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 president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate
- 3 clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2026.
- 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 what legal protections currently exist for the freedom of expression of pregnancy resource centers and whether further First Amendment protections are needed.