

SB 668-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2026 SESSION

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SENATE BILL

668-FN

AN ACT

authorizing a historic marker on a highway for the purpose of acknowledging the abuse of former residents of the youth development center.

SPONSORS:

Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. McGough, Dist 11; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. Long, Dist 20; Rep. Harriott-Gathright, Hills. 10; Rep. A. Murray, Hills. 20

COMMITTEE:

Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes a historic marker on a highway for the purpose of acknowledging the abuse of former residents of the youth development center.

Explanation:

Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

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

1 1 Historical Resources Council; Youth Development Center Historical Marker.

2 I. Pursuant to RSA 236:40-42 and RSA 227-C:4, X, the historical resources council shall, in
3 cooperation with the department of transportation, and with opportunities for comment by former
4 residents of the New Hampshire youth development center (YDC), determine the content for a
5 highway historical marker for the YDC that acknowledges the abuse suffered by former residents.

6 II. The historical resources council shall consider public reports and news articles
7 concerning the hundreds of surviving victims of sexual and physical abuse suffered at the YDC, the
8 deep and lasting pain and trauma for them and their families, often increased by silence and denials
9 by public officials, and the repugnance for such abuse and violation of human dignity and state laws.

10 III. The marker shall be placed after the closure and sale of the YDC property, or no later
11 than June 30, 2028.

12 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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**SB 668-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

Due to time constraints, the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant is unable to provide a fiscal note for this bill at this time. When completed, the fiscal note will be forwarded to the Senate Clerk's Office.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Natural and Cultural Resources