

SB 401-FN - VERSION ADOPTED BY BOTH BODIES

2026 SESSION

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SENATE BILL

***401-FN***

AN ACT

relative to removing an obsolete annual reporting requirement by municipal overseers of public welfare to the department of health and human services and repealing the department of health and human services reporting requirement on 10-year demographic cost projections. and repealing the department of health and human services reporting requirement on 10-year demographic cost projections.

SPONSORS: Sen. Gray, Dist 6; Sen. Lang, Dist 2

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

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ANALYSIS

This bill removes a requirement that the municipal public welfare administrators make an annual report to the department of health and human services regarding the number of people assisted by the municipality and the cost of such support. The bill also removes a requirement that the department of health and human services make a report to the legislature regarding certain 10-year current services cost projections.

The bill is a request of the department of health and human services.

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Overseers of Public Welfare; Duties; Removal of Annual Reporting Requirement. Amend RSA  
2 41:46 to read as follows:

3 41:46 Duties. Overseers of public welfare shall keep full and accurate records of the assisted  
4 persons fully supported, the persons relieved and partially supported, and the travelers and  
5 vagrants lodged at the expense of their respective towns, together with the amounts paid by them for  
6 such support and relief~~], and shall make an annual return of the number of said persons supported~~  
7 ~~and relieved, with the cost of such support and relief, to the department of health and human~~  
8 ~~services, on or before July 1 in each year, on blanks furnished by said department].~~ The  
9 commissioner of the department of health and human services may designate an overseer of public  
10 welfare to act on his **or her** behalf in the administration of old age assistance, aid to families with  
11 dependent children and aid to the permanently and totally disabled. Actions of such overseers shall  
12 be limited to assisting applicants to complete applications, verifying statements on applications and  
13 recertifying recipients as required by law.

14 2 Legislative Report of 10-Year Current Services Cost Projections; Reference Removed. Amend  
15 RSA 9:9-f to read as follows:

16 9:9-f Legislative Report of 10-Year Current Services Cost Projections. On or before February 1  
17 of each budget year, prior to the transmission of the budget to the legislature under RSA 9:2, the  
18 legislative budget assistant shall provide to the house and senate finance committees, a report with  
19 the 10-year current services cost projections described in RSA 9:9-d ~~[and RSA 9:9-e]~~ and any other  
20 relevant factors identified by the legislative budget assistant or the state agencies listed in RSA 9:9-  
21 d ~~[and RSA 9:9-e]~~. The report also shall be posted on the general court website.

22 3 Repeal. RSA 9:9-e, relative to department of health and human services 10-year demographic  
23 cost projections, is repealed.

24 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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**SB 401-FN- FISCAL NOTE  
AS INTRODUCED**

AN ACT                   relative to removing an obsolete annual reporting requirement by municipal overseers of public welfare to the department of health and human services and repealing the department of health and human services reporting requirement on 10-year demographic cost projections.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Legislative Budget Assistant has determined that this legislation has a total fiscal impact of less than \$10,000 in each of the fiscal years 2026 through 2029.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

Department of Health and Human Services