

**HB 58 - AS INTRODUCED**

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HOUSE BILL **58**

AN ACT establishing a committee to study legislative protections and accommodations for individuals with long COVID.

SPONSORS: Rep. W. Thomas, Hills. 12; Rep. Levesque, Straf. 4; Rep. Seibert, Hills. 21; Rep. Vail, Hills. 6

COMMITTEE: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

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ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study legislative protections and accommodations for individuals with long COVID.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT                    establishing a committee to study legislative protections and accommodations for individuals with long COVID.

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

1            1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study legislative protections and  
2 accommodations for individuals with long COVID.

3            2 Membership and Compensation.

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

5            (a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the  
6 house of representatives.

7            (b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

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

10          3 Duties. The committee shall:

11          I. Consider whether given the complex and evolving nature of the condition, it is appropriate  
12 to establish a dedicated body to monitor and respond to new information and research regarding long  
13 COVID.

14          II. Review current labor, healthcare, and disability laws, determine whether such laws  
15 adequately address the unique needs of individuals with long COVID, and consider whether targeted  
16 legislation is necessary to ensure comprehensive protection.

17          III. Explore policy interventions to mitigate the economic and social impact of long COVID,  
18 including lost productivity and increased health care costs.

19          IV. Ensure that any legislative solutions take into consideration the fact that long COVID  
20 disproportionately affects certain populations, including those from marginalized communities who  
21 may already face barriers to health care and economic stability.

22          V. Determine how best to develop a coordinated approach to long COVID across multiple  
23 sectors, including health care, employment, education, and social services.

24          VI. Solicit information from the public and private sector, including but not limited to:  
25 medical and public health experts such as infectious disease specialists and epidemiologists, health  
26 care law specialists, disability rights advocates, long COVID patients and advocacy groups,  
27 economists and labor rights experts, social workers and mental health professionals, the department  
28 of health and human services, and public health offices.

29          4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from  
30 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house

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1 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this  
2 section. Four members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

3 5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed  
4 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house  
5 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2025.

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