

HB 1643 - FINAL VERSION

2026 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL

1643

AN ACT

relative to the report of a guardian ad litem.

SPONSORS:

Rep. Rice, Hills. 38; Rep. Noble, Hills. 2; Rep. Notter, Hills. 12; Rep. Packard, Rock. 16; Rep. Osborne, Rock. 2; Rep. Nelson, Rock. 13; Rep. DeSimone, Rock. 18; Rep. Kofalt, Hills. 32; Sen. Abbas, Dist 22; Sen. Sullivan, Dist 18

COMMITTEE:

Children and Family Law

ANALYSIS

This bill removes the authority of the court to request that the guardian ad litem's report propose an allocation of decision-making responsibility; a parenting plan; or a specific parenting schedule.

Explanation:

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

Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT relative to the report of a guardian ad litem.

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

1 1 Guardian ad Litem. Amend RSA 461-A:16, I-c to read as follows:

2 I-c. The guardian ad litem shall file a report of his or her investigation no later than the date of the
3 final pretrial hearing. The report shall not propose any of the following ~~[unless specifically requested by~~
4 ~~the court]~~:

5 (a) An allocation of decision-making responsibility;

6 (b) A parenting plan; or

7 (c) A specific parenting schedule.

8 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

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10 VETOED June 12, 2026