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HOUSE BILL ***1763-FN***

AN ACT establishing a committee to study siting and maintenance rules regarding certain intellectual and developmental disability (IDD) and acquired brain disorder (ABD) community residences.

SPONSORS: Rep. Drago, Rock. 4; Rep. Bennett, Rock. 4; Rep. Ford, Rock. 3; Rep. Nadeau, Rock. 4; Rep. Mazur, Hills. 44; Rep. Perez, Rock. 16; Rep. Bogert, Belk. 5; Rep. Barbour, Hills. 35

COMMITTEE: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study siting and maintenance rules regarding certain intellectual and developmental disability (IDD) and acquired brain disorder (ABD) community residences.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

AN ACT establishing a committee to study siting and maintenance rules regarding certain intellectual and developmental disability (IDD) and acquired brain disorder (ABD) community residences.

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

1 181:1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study siting and maintenance
2 rules applicable to intellectual and developmental disability (IDD) and acquired brain disorder (ABD)
3 community residences, including group homes, that are funded, certified, or overseen by the department
4 of health and human services.

5 181:2 Membership and Compensation.

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

7 (a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of
8 representatives.

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

10 II. Legislative members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when
11 attending to the duties of the committee.

12 181:3 Duties. The committee shall:

13 I. Study issues associated with the creation of administrative rules and regulations for the siting,
14 operation, and maintenance of community residences within the state. Such study shall include, but not
15 be limited to, building codes, fire codes, conflicts with local land use ordinances and regulations,
16 maintaining the character of a neighborhood, good-neighbor and nuisance rules, and other related codes,
17 rules, and laws. The committee may seek the testimony of any individual or organization it deems
18 appropriate.

19 II. Solicit information, testimony, and input from the public, as well as from relevant state
20 agencies, organizations, municipal representatives, providers, advocates, and subject-matter experts,
21 including, but not limited to, the following:

22 (a) The bureau chief of the bureau of developmental services, or a designated
23 representative;

24 (b) A designated representative of the disability rights center of New Hampshire;

25 (c) A designated representative of the New Hampshire developmental services quality
26 council;

27 (d) A representative of the area agency system recommended by the Community Support
28 Network, Incorporated;

29 (e) A representative of residential service providers;

30 (f) An individual with expertise in building or fire safety; and

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1 (g) A municipal planning or zoning official.

2 III. Identify and evaluate potential statutory changes and administrative or regulatory actions,
3 including recommendations for department of health and human services rulemaking that may be
4 necessary to address the siting and maintenance issues studied.

5 181:4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from
6 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house
7 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this
8 section. The committee shall meet monthly until a report is submitted pursuant to section 5 of this act, or
9 a quorum of the committee modifies the schedule at its discretion. Three members of the committee shall
10 constitute a quorum.

11 181:5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
12 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the
13 senate clerk, the governor, the executive council, and the state library on or before November 1, 2026.

14 181:6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved: June 19, 2026
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