

HB 258 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **258**

AN ACT establishing a study commission to determine the readiness of the New Hampshire Seacoast Emergency Evacuation Plan.

SPONSORS: Rep. Sabourin, Rock. 30; Rep. McGrath, Rock. 40; Rep. Khan, Rock. 30

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a study commission to determine the readiness of the New Hampshire Seacoast Emergency Evacuation Plan.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 study commission to determine the readiness of the New Hampshire Seacoast Emergency Evacuation Plan.

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

1 1 New Section; Study Commission. Amend RSA 21-P by inserting after section 48-a the
2 following new section:

3 21-P:48-b Commission to Study the New Hampshire Seacoast Emergency Evacuation Plan
4 Readiness.

5 I. There is established a commission to study and determine the readiness of the New
6 Hampshire Seacoast Emergency Evacuation Plan.

7 II. The members of the commission shall be as follows:

8 (a) Four members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house
9 of representatives.

10 (b) Three members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

11 (c) One member representing the Rockingham Planning Commission.

12 (d) One member representing the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

13 (e) One member representing Seacoast Public Health Network.

14 (f) One member representing the Medical Reserve Corps.

15 (g) One member representing C-10 Research & Education Foundation.

16 (h) One member representing the department of transportation.

17 (i) One member representing United States Army Corps of Engineers.

18 (j) One member representing the state of Massachusetts.

19 III. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when
20 attending to the duties of the commission.

21 IV. The commission shall analyze the evacuation route of the Seabrook Beach district to
22 determine if further construction is necessary in light of the January 2024 flooding.

23 V. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The
24 first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting
25 of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Eight members of
26 the commission shall constitute a quorum.

27 VI. The commission shall submit an interim report of its findings and any recommendations
28 for proposed legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate,
29 the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before December 1, 2026,
30 and shall submit a final report on or before December 1, 2027.

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- 1 2 Repeal. RSA 21-P:48-b, relative to the commission to study the readiness of the New
- 2 Hampshire Seacoast Emergency Evacuation Plan, is repealed.
- 3 3 Effective Date.
- 4 I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect December 1, 2027.
- 5 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.