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SENATE BILL **251**

AN ACT establishing a commission to study the delivery of public health services through regional public health networks and the continued development of coordinated responses to public health incidents and emergencies in New Hampshire.

SPONSORS: Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5

COMMITTEE: Health and Human Services

ANALYSIS

This bill reestablishes the commission to study the delivery of public health services through regional public health networks and the continued development of coordinated responses to public health incidents and emergencies in New Hampshire.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 commission to study the delivery of public health services through regional public health networks and the continued development of coordinated responses to public health incidents and emergencies in New Hampshire.

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

1 1 Commission to Study the Delivery of Public Health Services. RSA 127:12 is repealed and
2 reenacted to read as follows:

3 127:12 Commission to Study the Delivery of Public Health Services.

4 I. There is established a commission to study the delivery of public health services through
5 regional public health networks and the continued development of coordinated responses to public
6 health incidents and emergencies in New Hampshire.

7 II. Notwithstanding RSA 14:49, the members of the commission shall be as follows:

8 (a) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

9 (b) One member of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house
10 of representatives.

11 (c) One representative from each of the 13 regional public health networks (RPHNs),
12 appointed by the director of each respective network.

13 (d) The director of the division of public health of the department of health and human
14 services, or designee.

15 (e) One member of the New Hampshire Public Health Association, appointed by the
16 association.

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

19 IV. The commission shall:

20 (a) Continue the review of the operations of the current 13 public health networks.

21 (b) Monitor regional public health priorities across the state.

22 (c) Propose a plan for the provision and implementation of sustainable programs,
23 practices, governance, and policies that are evidence-based to improve health outcomes across New
24 Hampshire.

25 (d) Monitor management of public health emergencies at the state and local level.

26 (e) Review the coordination of services among partners, including local public health
27 officers, and propose a plan for optimizing these services.

28 V. The commission may solicit information and participation from any person or entity
29 determined necessary by the committee in the performance of its duties.

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1 VI. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members.
2 The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the senate member. The first meeting of the
3 commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Four members of the
4 commission shall constitute a quorum.

5 VII. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
6 legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate
7 clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2026.

8 2 Repeal. RSA 127:12, relative to the commission to study public health services, is repealed.

9 3 Effective Date.

10 I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2026.

11 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.