

SB 259 - AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL **259**

AN ACT creating an exception to physical attendance and quorum requirements under the right-to-know law for individuals with disabilities.

SPONSORS: Sen. Ricciardi, Dist 9; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23; Rep. Thackston, Ches. 12

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

ANALYSIS

This bill creates an exception to physical attendance and quorum requirements under the right-to-know law for individuals with disabilities.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 creating an exception to physical attendance and quorum requirements under the right-to-know law for individuals with disabilities.

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

1 1 Meeting Attendance; Disability Preventing Physical Presence. Amend RSA 91-A:2, III(a) to
2 read as follows:

3 (a) A member of the public body may participate in a meeting other than by attendance
4 in person at the location of the meeting only when such attendance is not reasonably practical. Any
5 reason that such attendance is not reasonably practical shall be stated in the minutes of the
6 meeting. ***Members who are not able to be physically present at a meeting due to an***
7 ***Americans with Disabilities Act-eligible disability or that of a household member in their***
8 ***care shall be counted as attending "in person" for the purpose of the establishment of a***
9 ***quorum.***

10 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.