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CHAPTER 126-A
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Section 126-A:13

126-A:13 Oversight Committee; Establishment; Purpose. –

I. There shall be an oversight committee on health and human services consisting of the following members :

(a) Three members of the senate, at least one of whom shall be a member of the senate health and human services committee and one of whom shall be a member of the senate finance committee, appointed by the president of the senate.

(b)(1) Five members of the house of representatives, 3 of whom shall be from the health, human services and elderly affairs committee, and one of whom shall be from the house finance committee division responsible for the department of health and human services, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(2) Two members of the house of representatives, one of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, and one of whom shall be appointed by the leader of the minority party of the house of representatives, shall be available to serve, at the request of the committee chairperson, as an alternate member for an absent committee member. An alternate member shall have full voting authority while serving for an absent committee member.

II. Membership on the oversight committee shall be for the biennium and shall be coterminous with membership in the general court.

III. The oversight committee on health and human services shall provide legislative oversight of the department to support a cost effective, comprehensive, coordinated system of health and human services that is family-centered and community-based. The committee shall promote greater efficiencies by consolidating and centralizing reporting requirements and other responsibilities of the department under this section to avoid duplication of efforts involving other non-regulatory boards, commissions, councils, advisory committees, and task forces.

Source. 1995, 310:1. 1998, 140:1. 2005, 177:21. 2010, 268:1, 2, eff. Sept. 4, 2010. 2020, 37:21, eff. July 29, 2020. 2021, 211:3, eff. Aug. 11, 2021.

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Section 126-A:14

126-A:14 Organization and Compensation. – The oversight committee shall have a chairperson who shall be chosen by vote from among the committee membership. The chairperson's term of office shall be for the biennium. The committee shall have a clerk who shall be chosen by vote by the members of the committee. The clerk's term of office shall be for the biennium. The members of the committee shall receive legislative mileage when in performance of their duties.

Source. 1995, 310:1. 1998, 140:1, eff. Aug. 7, 1998.

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Section 126-A:15

126-A:15 Duties of Oversight Committee. –

I. The committee shall provide legislative oversight of and informational meetings on the programs, policies, and rules of the department as brought to its attention by committee members, legislators, department personnel, or others. The committee shall monitor the efficiency of operation and the quality of service provided by the department's programs. The committee's work may include, but is not limited to, analyzing the efficacy of selected programs, studying the characteristics of target populations, researching trends affecting program costs and participation, and reviewing alternate approaches to programmatic and administrative concerns. The committee may make recommendations to the commissioner and recommendations for legislation as indicated by its findings. The committee shall maintain communications with the department, and any other departments, as necessary to accomplish its work.

II. The oversight committee shall create subcommittees, councils, task forces, or other ancillary bodies as necessary to implement its responsibilities. In developing these bodies, the committee shall take into account major program areas of the department and populations served by the department, such as public health, behavioral health, developmental disabilities, and elderly and adult services. The authorization for each such body shall be repealed on December 31 of the even-numbered year of the biennium. The committee shall:

(a) Establish specific guidelines or outcomes for each such body, including reporting requirements.

(b) Appoint members to each such body, including at least one legislator and, as appropriate, other members as determined by the expertise necessary to accomplish the work of the body. Legislative members need not be a member of the oversight committee.

(c) Appoint a chair of each such body, who shall be a legislator and who shall act as the liaison between the body and the oversight committee.

III. Directly or through an ancillary body, the oversight committee shall review quarterly the allocation of funds to and receipt of services by persons with developmental disabilities and acquired brain disorders, to assure that eligible persons receive services in a timely manner and in accordance with their needs as provided in RSA 171-A.

IV. Directly or through an ancillary body, the oversight committee shall serve as the legislative liaison for the state commission on aging, established under RSA 19-P:1, and shall consider the major problems facing elderly citizens.

V. The committee shall meet at the call of the chair but in no case less than every 2 months.

VI. The committee shall make a report no later than the first day of November of the second year of the biennium as to its activities and recommendations to the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate.

Source. 1995, 310:1. 1998, 140:2. 2001, 39:1. 2003, 78:2. 2005, 175:20. 2006, 46:1. 2007, 181:4. 2010, 268:3, eff. Sept. 4, 2010. 2019, 152:3, eff. July 1, 2019.