

HB 453 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL            **453**

AN ACT                shielding journalists from mandatory disclosure of sources by subpoena.

SPONSORS:          Rep. Read, Rock. 17

COMMITTEE:        Judiciary

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ANALYSIS

This bill protects journalists from having to disclose their sources under subpoena.

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                         Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT                    shielding journalists from mandatory disclosure of sources by subpoena.

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

1            1 New Section; Journalists. Amend RSA 516 by inserting after section 35 the following new  
2 section:

3            516:35-a Journalists. A journalist shall not be mandated by subpoena to disclose his or her  
4 sources of information unless the person providing the information waives the privilege.

5            2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2022.