

HB 547 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **547**

AN ACT relative to the opportunity for evidentiary hearings in parenting cases.

SPONSORS: Rep. Gay, Rock. 8; Rep. M. Pearson, Rock. 34; Rep. Love, Rock. 6; Rep. Levesque, Straf. 4; Rep. Gould, Hills. 7; Rep. Cushman, Hills. 2; Rep. Andrew Bouldin, Hills. 12; Rep. Elliott, Rock. 8; Rep. Prudhomme-O'Brien, Rock. 6; Rep. Vandecasteele, Rock. 8

COMMITTEE: Children and Family Law

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ANALYSIS

This bill provides that in a parenting case under RSA 461-A, each party is entitled to at least one evidentiary hearing.

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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                   relative to the opportunity for evidentiary hearings in parenting cases.

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

1           1 New Paragraph; Determination of Parental Rights and Responsibilities; Procedure and  
2 Jurisdiction; Opportunity for Hearing. Amend RSA 461-A:3 by inserting after paragraph III the  
3 following new paragraph:

4           IV. In any proceeding to determine parental rights and responsibilities, each parent is  
5 entitled to at least one hearing to present evidence and call witnesses.

6           2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.