

SB 280 - AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL

**280**

AN ACT                   relative to meetings of the state health assessment and health improvement plan advisory council and the therapeutic cannabis medical oversight board.

SPONSORS:           Sen. Sherman, Dist 24; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Hennessey, Dist 1; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Sen. Cavanaugh, Dist 16; Sen. Kahn, Dist 10; Rep. Knirk, Carr. 3; Rep. Woods, Merr. 23; Rep. Marsh, Carr. 8; Rep. M. Pearson, Rock. 34

COMMITTEE:       Health and Human Services

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ANALYSIS

This bill allows the state health assessment and health improvement plan advisory council and the therapeutic cannabis medical oversight board to meet remotely.

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                          Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1            1 New Paragraph; State Health Assessment and State Health Improvement Plan Advisory  
2 Council; Remote Meetings. Amend RSA 126-A:88 by inserting after paragraph V the following new  
3 paragraph:

4            V-a. Notwithstanding any provision of the law to the contrary, the advisory council is  
5 authorized to meet remotely.

6            (a) If a physical location is provided for a meeting, provision also shall be made to access  
7 the meeting telephonically and additional access may be provided by video or other electronic means.

8            (b) If a meeting has no physical location, public access shall be provided to the public by  
9 telephone, and additional access may be provided by video or other electronic means.

10           (c) Whether or not a meeting has a physical location, public notice of the meeting, with  
11 all information necessary to access the meeting telephonically and by other means, shall be provided  
12 pursuant to RSA 91-A:2, II. The meeting shall be adjourned if the public is unable to access the  
13 meeting.

14           (d) Each member participating electronically or otherwise shall be able to  
15 simultaneously hear each other and speak to each other during the meeting, and shall be audible or  
16 otherwise discernable to the public in attendance at the meeting's location, if the meeting has a  
17 physical location. Any member participating in such fashion shall identify the location from which  
18 the person is participating and the persons present in the location from which the member is  
19 participating. No meeting shall be conducted by electronic mail or any other form of communication,  
20 including an online chat function, that does not permit the public to hear, read, or otherwise discern  
21 meeting discussion contemporaneously at the meeting location specified in the meeting notice.

22           (e) A member participating in a meeting by the means described in this paragraph is  
23 deemed to be present at the meeting for purposes of voting. All votes taken during such a meeting  
24 shall be by roll call vote.

25           2 New Paragraph; Therapeutic Cannabis Medical Oversight Board; Remote Meetings. Amend  
26 RSA 126-X:12 by inserting after paragraph V the following new paragraph:

27           V-a. Notwithstanding any provision of the law to the contrary, the board is authorized to  
28 meet remotely.

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18       3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.