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HOUSE BILL           **236**

AN ACT               relative to membership of the council on autism spectrum disorders.

SPONSORS:       Rep. Harding, Graf 13; Rep. M. MacKay, Hills 30; Rep. Leishman, Hills 24;  
Rep. McMahon, Rock 7; Rep. DiMartino, Belk 2; Sen. Pierce, Dist 5; Sen. Odell,  
Dist 8; Sen. Stiles, Dist 24; Sen. Reagan, Dist 17

COMMITTEE:       Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

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ANALYSIS

This bill adds members to the New Hampshire council on autism spectrum disorders and clarifies its duties.

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Explanation:       Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen*

AN ACT                   relative to membership of the council on autism spectrum disorders.

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

1           11:1 New Hampshire Council on Autism Spectrum Disorders; Membership. Amend RSA 171-  
2 A:32, I(d)-(m) to read as follows:

3                   (d) The director of the division of public health services, department of health and  
4 human services, ***or designee***.

5                   (e) The bureau chief of the bureau of developmental services, department of health and  
6 human services, ***or designee***.

7                   (f) The bureau chief of the bureau of behavioral health, department of health and human  
8 services, ***or designee***.

9                   (g) The director of the division of instruction, department of education, ***or designee***.

10                   (h) The director of the division of career technology and adult learning, department of  
11 education, ***or designee***.

12                   (i) The director of the Institute on Disability, University of New Hampshire, or designee.

13                   (j) A special education director, appointed by the New Hampshire Association of Special  
14 Education Administrators, Inc.

15                   (k) The president of the New Hampshire Medical Society, or designee.

16                   (l) A representative of the New Hampshire Developmental Disabilities Council,  
17 appointed by the council.

18                   (m) A representative of the ***New Hampshire chapter of the national*** Autism Society  
19 ~~[of New Hampshire]~~, appointed by the ~~[society]~~ ***chapter***.

20           11:2 New Subparagraphs; New Hampshire Council on Autism Spectrum Disorders;  
21 Membership. Amend RSA 171-A:32, I by inserting after subparagraph (q) the following new  
22 subparagraphs:

23                   (r) The director of the office of Medicaid business and policy, department of health and  
24 human services, or designee.

25                   (s) A representative of the Autistic Self Advocacy Network who is a New Hampshire  
26 stakeholder, appointed by the network.

27                   (t) One additional member, appointed by the council.

28                   (u) A person who has an autism spectrum disorder, appointed by the council.

29                   (v) A representative of the New Hampshire Nurses' Association, appointed by the

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1 association.

2 (w) A licensed speech-language pathologist, appointed by the New Hampshire Speech-  
3 Language-Hearing Association, Inc.

4 11:3 New Hampshire Council on Autism Spectrum Disorders; Duties. Amend RSA 171-A:32,  
5 II(d) through (h) to read as follows:

6 (d) ~~[Provide mediation, when needed, to ensure that individuals with autism spectrum~~  
7 ~~disorders receive appropriate supports and services.~~

8 (e) Increase resources for individuals with autism spectrum disorders and their families  
9 by accessing federal and state grants and pursuing development opportunities through foundations,  
10 corporations, and planned giving.

11 (f) (e) Serve as an information clearinghouse for individuals, families, and providers  
12 seeking diagnosticians, behavioral specialists, speech pathologists, occupational therapists,  
13 psychologists, and others who have expertise in working with individuals with autism spectrum  
14 disorders.

15 (g) (f) Encourage the establishment of regional collaboratives with representation from  
16 educational, health care, and community service providers to ensure that individuals with autism  
17 spectrum disorders and their families receive necessary services.

18 (h) (g) Make an annual report beginning on April 1, 2009 to the governor, the speaker  
19 of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the commissioners of the department of  
20 health and human services and department of education, the members of the house committees on  
21 education, health, human services and elderly affairs, and finance, and the members of the senate  
22 committees on education, health and human services, and finance.

23 11:4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

24 Approved: May 7, 2013

25 Effective Date: July 6, 2013