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HOUSE BILL **410**

AN ACT establishing a commission to study and update the rules and procedures of the legislative ethics committee under RSA 14-B and the laws governing legislative ethics under RSA 15-B.

SPONSORS: Rep. Spang, Straf 6; Rep. Moody, Rock 17; Rep. Perry, Straf 3; Rep. A. White, Graf 13

COMMITTEE: Legislative Administration

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a commission to study and update the rules and procedures of the legislative ethics committee under RSA 14-B and the laws governing legislative ethics under RSA 15-B.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 establishing a commission to study and update the rules and procedures of the legislative ethics committee under RSA 14-B and the laws governing legislative ethics under RSA 15-B.

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

1 211:1 New Section; Commission Established; Legislative Ethics. Amend RSA 14-B by inserting
2 after section 10 the following new section:

3 14-B:11 Commission to Study and Update the Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Ethics
4 Committee Under RSA 14-B and the Laws Governing Legislative Ethics Under RSA 15-B.

5 I. There is hereby established a commission to study and update the rules and procedures of
6 the legislative ethics committee under RSA 14-B and the laws governing legislative ethics under
7 RSA 15-B. The commission shall be composed of the following members:

8 (a) Four members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house.

9 (b) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

10 (c) Three public members, each of whom shall be either a former member of the
11 legislative ethics committee or a person otherwise knowledgeable in the field of governmental ethics
12 procedures, appointed jointly by the speaker of the house and the president of the senate.

13 II. The legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate
14 when attending to the duties of the commission.

15 III. The commission shall study the current laws, rules, and guidelines for legislative ethics
16 under RSA 14-B and RSA 15-B as well as the procedures of the legislative ethics committee under
17 RSA 14-B and propose updates to the laws, rules, guidelines, and procedures as necessary, in light of
18 the increased significance of statutory legislative ethics provisions since the enactment of RSA 14-B
19 in 1991 and RSA 15-B in 2006.

20 IV. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The
21 first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member. Five members of
22 the commission shall constitute a quorum.

23 V. The commission shall submit a final report of its findings and any recommendations for
24 proposed legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the
25 house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before December 1, 2014. The
26 commission may issue an interim report.

27 211:2 Repeal. RSA 14-B:11, relative to the commission to study and update the rules and

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1 procedures of the legislative ethics committee under RSA 14-B and the laws governing legislative
2 ethics under RSA 15-B, is repealed.

3 211:3 Effective Date.

4 I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect December 2, 2014.

5 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

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7 Approved: July 10, 2013

8 Effective Date: I. Section 2 shall take effect December 2, 2014.

9 II. Remainder shall take effect July 10, 2013.