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HOUSE BILL **418**

AN ACT establishing a committee to study a program to address children in need.

SPONSORS: Rep. Walz, Merr 23; Rep. Gile, Merr 27; Rep. Spratt, Hills 4; Rep. L. Webb,
Merr 3; Rep. Gale, Hills 28; Rep. Berch, Ches 1; Rep. Phillips, Ches 5;
Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 21

COMMITTEE: Children and Family Law

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to develop a program to address children in need.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen

AN ACT establishing a committee to study a program to address children in need.

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

1 44:1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study a program to address
2 children in need.

3 44:2 Membership and Compensation.

4 I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

5 (a) Five members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house
6 of representatives.

7 (b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

8 II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to
9 the duties of the committee.

10 44:3 Duties. The committee shall study and develop a program to address children in need. The
11 committee shall:

12 I. Consult with the National Conference of State Legislatures on best practices for serving
13 children in need, examine similar programs from other states, and review the CHINS (children in
14 need of services) program under RSA 169-D as previously implemented.

15 II. Identify a program model or structure appropriate for New Hampshire and draft
16 recommendations for a program to address children in need.

17 III. Solicit information and testimony from any individual or entity with experience or
18 expertise relevant to the study.

19 44:4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from
20 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house
21 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this
22 section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

23 44:5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
24 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house
25 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, the chief justice of the supreme court, and the state library on
26 or before November 1, 2013.

27 44:6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

28 Approved: June 4, 2013

29 Effective Date: June 4, 2013