

**HB 470 – AS INTRODUCED**

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HOUSE BILL            **470**

AN ACT                establishing a task force to determine the effects of the recession on child and family programs.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Donovan, Sull 4; Rep. Porter, Hills 1; Rep. J. Schmidt, Hills 28; Rep. Gale, Hills 28; Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 21

COMMITTEE:          Children and Family Law

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ANALYSIS

This bill establishes The Granite Strong task force, the purpose of which shall be to examine the effect of the recession and recent legislative action on state assistance programs for children and families.

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                                Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.



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1           (n) A representative of the New Hampshire Child Advocacy Network, appointed by that  
2 organization.

3           (o) A representative of a public health organization serving low-income children and  
4 families, appointed by the governor.

5           (p) One public member who has participated in a state public assistance program for  
6 children and families, appointed by the governor.

7           (q) One representative of a faith-based organization, appointed by the governor.

8           (r) One representative to the Family Assistance Advisory Council, appointed by the  
9 council.

10          (s) One child and family advocate, appointed by the governor.

11          (t) One representative to the New Hampshire Fiscal Policy Institute, appointed by the  
12 institute.

13          III. Members of the task force shall serve without compensation, except that legislative  
14 members shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the task force.

15          IV. The task force shall:

16           (a) Identify the current policies and programs supporting children and families, with  
17 particular emphasis on, but not limited, to the following:

18                   (1) Early care and education programs.

19                   (2) After school programs and mentoring programs.

20                   (3) Affordable and livable housing programs.

21                   (4) Workforce training and placement programs.

22                   (5) Educational programs, including higher education opportunities.

23                   (6) Affordable health care programs for children and adults, including dental,  
24 mental, and behavioral health.

25                   (7) Support programs and services for children and adults.

26                   (8) Nutritional programs.

27                   (9) Transportation.

28                   (10) Income supports and related services.

29          (b) Analyze the long-term effects of these policies and programs on children, their  
30 families, and their communities.

31          (c) Analyze the benefits and costs of the policies and programs to municipalities and the  
32 state.

33          (d) Document the percentage of the target population served by such programs and  
34 evaluate the adequacy of the current state funding, if any, for such programs.

35          (e) Identify and analyze any deficiencies or inefficiencies of such programs.

36          (f) Identify sustainable sources of revenue for these programs.

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1           (g) Develop procedures and priorities for implementing strategies and bi-annual  
2 benchmarks to evaluate the effectiveness of the programs and those served.

3           (h) Solicit information and testimony from the public and from any individual or  
4 organization with experience relevant to the study by determining a method to hold one public  
5 hearing in each of the 10 counties.

6           (i) Make recommendations for any proposed legislation the task force deems necessary.

7           (j) Study such additional issues as may be identified by the task force.

8           V. The members of the task force shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson from among  
9 the members. The first meeting of the task force shall be called by the first-named house member.  
10 The first meeting of the task force shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section.  
11 Ten members of the task force shall constitute a quorum.

12           VI. The task force shall submit a preliminary report of its first year activities, findings, and  
13 any recommendations for proposed legislation on or before December 10, 2013, and a final report of  
14 its findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation for the next biennium by December 1, 2014,  
15 to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the  
16 senate clerk, the governor, and the state library.

17           2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.