

HB 557 – AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **557**

AN ACT establishing a committee to study the financial assistance program for needy families (FANF) and state supplemental programs (SSP) for the needy blind, permanently and totally disabled, and old age assistance.

SPONSORS: Rep. J. MacKay, Merr 14; Rep. Donovan, Sull 4; Rep. Emerson, Ches 11

COMMITTEE: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study the financial assistance program for needy families (FANF) and state supplemental programs (SSP) for the needy blind, permanently and totally disabled, and old age assistance.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen

AN ACT establishing a committee to study the financial assistance program for needy families (FANF) and state supplemental programs (SSP) for the needy blind, permanently and totally disabled, and old age assistance.

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

1 1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study the financial assistance
2 program for needy families (FANF) and state supplemental programs (SSP) for the needy blind,
3 permanently and totally disabled, and old age assistance.

4 2 Membership and Compensation.

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

6 (a) Three members of the house of representatives, one of whom shall be a member of
7 the health, human services and elderly affairs committee, appointed by the speaker of the house of
8 representatives.

9 (b) Two members of the senate, one of whom shall be a member of the health, education,
10 and human services committee, appointed by the president of the senate.

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

13 3 Duties. The committee shall:

14 I. Review current studies of child-rearing costs, including consideration of cost differences
15 related to disability, family size, age of children, geographic region, and other local economic factors.

16 II. Consider whether changes to the current SSP and FANF standard of need, payment
17 standard, computation method, and resource rules are appropriate to ensure adequate benefit levels,
18 to remove unnecessary barriers to employment, and to avoid premature termination of assistance.

19 III. Determine the standard of need, payment standard, computation method, resource
20 rules, and supportive employment services that best achieve the purpose of the cash assistance
21 programs.

22 IV. Solicit information and testimony from individuals and organizations with experience
23 and expertise relevant to the study.

24 4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from
25 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house
26 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this
27 section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

28 5 Report. On or before November 1, 2013 and 2014, the committee shall submit interim reports
29 of its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the speaker of the house of

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1 representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the
2 state library. The committee shall provide a final report of its findings and recommendations on or
3 before September 1, 2015.

4 6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.