

CHAPTER 113
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SENATE BILL **171**

AN ACT relative to the council for children and adolescents with chronic health conditions.

SPONSORS: Sen. Hosmer, Dist 7; Sen. Kelly, Dist 10; Sen. Reagan, Dist 17; Sen. Gilmour, Dist 12; Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Rep. Nordgren, Graf 12; Rep. Harding, Graf 13

COMMITTEE: Health, Education and Human Services

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill changes the name of the council to the council for youths with chronic conditions, adds a youth member to the council, and changes the annual reporting date from November to December.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 the council for children and adolescents with chronic health conditions.

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

1 113:1 Council for Youths with Chronic Conditions. Amend the chapter heading of RSA 126-J to
2 read as follows:

3 CHAPTER 126-J

4 COUNCIL FOR [~~CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS~~] **YOUTHS**

5 WITH CHRONIC [~~HEALTH~~] CONDITIONS

6 113:2 Council for Youths with Chronic Conditions. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA
7 126-J:1, I to read as follows:

8 I. There is established the council for [~~children and adolescents~~] **youths** with chronic
9 [~~health~~] conditions and their families which shall consist of the following members:

10 113:3 Council for Youths with Chronic Conditions; Members. Amend RSA 126-J:1, I(f)-(i) to
11 read as follows:

12 (f) A director from a community-based agency which has been charged by the council
13 with providing support and services to [~~children and adolescents~~] **youths** with chronic [~~health~~]
14 conditions and their families.

15 (g) Up to 6 representatives of professional and community organizations, which shall
16 represent a cross-section of disciplines and constituencies such as, but not limited to, physicians,
17 nurses, and educators, appointed by the council in accordance with its bylaws.

18 (h) Up to 13 members who are the parent or guardian of a [~~child or adolescent~~] **youth**
19 with a chronic [~~health~~] condition, appointed by the council in accordance with its bylaws.

20 (i) One parent or guardian of a [~~child or adolescent~~] **youth** with a chronic [~~health~~]
21 condition, appointed by the governor.

22 (j) ***One member, who is less than 30 years of age and who has a chronic***
23 ***condition, appointed by the chairperson of the council.***

24 113:4 Duties. Amend RSA 126-J:3 to read as follows:

25 126-J:3 Duties. The council shall:

26 I. Promote the organized assessment of the needs of [~~children and adolescents~~] **youths** with
27 chronic [~~health~~] conditions and their families.

28 II. Serve in an advisory capacity to the department of health and human services,

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1 department of education, and insurance department for policy and program development.

2 III. Collaborate with the department of health and human services, the department of
3 education, and other public and private organizations statewide to enhance community-based family
4 supports that meet the unique needs of [~~children and adolescents~~] *youths* with chronic [~~health~~]
5 conditions and their families.

6 IV. Increase awareness in the public and private sector of the medical, social, and
7 educational issues which impact [~~children and adolescents~~] *youths* with chronic [~~health~~] conditions
8 and their families.

9 113:5 Report. Amend RSA 126-J:5 to read as follows:

10 126-J:5 Report. The council shall report annually on or before [~~November~~] **December** 1 to the
11 governor and the general court regarding the progress being made to provide services and support to
12 [~~children and adolescents~~] *youths* with chronic [~~health~~] conditions and their families in regular
13 educational and medical environments allowing them to remain in or near their own homes and
14 communities.

15 113:6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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17 Approved: June 25, 2013

18 Effective Date: August 24, 2013