

HB 1228 – AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL            **1228**

AN ACT                establishing a commission to investigate the procedure for public employee collective bargaining.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Weed, Ches 16; Rep. Phillips, Ches 5

COMMITTEE:          Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services

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ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a commission to investigate whether using the same procedure for collective bargaining for all categories of public employees is effective.

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                                Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen*

AN ACT                    establishing a commission to investigate the procedure for public employee collective bargaining.

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

1            1 New Section; Public Employee Collective Bargaining Commission Established. Amend  
2 RSA 273-A by inserting after section 3 the following new section:

3            273-A:3-a Commission Established; Membership; Terms. There is established a commission to  
4 study whether the procedure for collective bargaining should be the same for all categories of public  
5 employees.

6            I. The commission shall consist of the following members:

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

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

10           (c) The commissioner of the department of labor, or designee.

11           (d) The chairperson of the Public Employee Labor Relations Board, or designee.

12           (e) Two representatives from public employer associations, appointed by the governor.

13           (f) Two representatives from public employee unions, appointed by the governor.

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

16           III. The commission shall investigate whether the current public employee collective  
17 bargaining procedure or procedures tailored to specific employee categories would result in a more  
18 efficient process to minimize delay in reaching successor agreements.

19           IV. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The  
20 first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting  
21 of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Five members of  
22 the commission shall constitute a quorum.

23           V. The commission 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, and the state library on or before November 1, 2014.

26           2 Repeal. RSA 273-A:3-a, relative to the commission to study whether the procedure for  
27 collective bargaining should be the same for all categories of public employees, is repealed.

28           3 Effective Date.

29           I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2014.

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