HB 1316-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL 1316-FN

AN ACT requiring the use of metal detection devices in court-ordered, supervised

visitation.

SPONSORS: Rep. Keith Murphy, Hills 7; Rep. Kelleigh Murphy, Hills 7; Rep. O'Flaherty, Hills

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COMMITTEE: Children and Family Law

ANALYSIS

This bill requires parties to court-ordered supervised visitation to be screened with a metal detection device prior to each visit.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in **bold italics**.

Matter removed from current law appears [in brackets and struckthrough.]

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT requiring the use of metal detection devices in court-ordered, supervised visitation.

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

1 New Paragraph; Parenting Plan; Supervised Visitation; Use of Metal Detectors Required.

- Amend RSA 461-A:4 by inserting after paragraph IV the following new paragraph:

 V. If the court orders supervised visitation, the visits shall be held in a facility equipped with metal detection devices. Each party shall be screened with a metal detection device prior to the supervised visit. For purposes of this paragraph, hand-held metal detection devices shall be sufficient.
 - 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2015.

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HB 1316-FN - FISCAL NOTE

AN ACT

requiring the use of metal detection devices in court-ordered, supervised visitation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The New Hampshire Association of Counties states this bill, <u>as introduced</u>, will increase county expenditures by an indeterminable amount in FY 2015 and each year thereafter. There will be no fiscal impact on state, county or local revenue, or state and local expenditures.

METHODOLOGY:

The Association of Counties states this bill would require the use of metal detection devices in court-ordered supervised visitation locations. The Association states two counties have visitation programs and neither program currently has a metal detection device. The Association estimates the cost of a metal detection device would be approximately \$5,000, and use of the device would require attending personnel. The Association is not able to predict the actual increase in expenditures related to personnel as the visitations and hours of need cannot be determined in advance.