

HB 307 – AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL           **307**

AN ACT               relative to the membership and duties of the legislative youth advisory council.

SPONSORS:          Rep. Hill, Merr 3

COMMITTEE:        Children and Family Law

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ANALYSIS

This bill makes changes to the membership and duties of the youth advisory council

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                          Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen*

AN ACT relative to the membership and duties of the legislative youth advisory council.

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

1           1 Youth Advisory Council; Membership. RSA 19-K:2 is repealed and reenacted to read as  
2 follows:

3           19-K:2 Membership. The council shall consist of 21 members, one of whom shall be a member of  
4 the house of representatives and one of whom shall be a member of the senate. The remaining  
5 nineteen members shall be youths between the ages of 15 and 22.

6           I. The president of the senate shall solicit and evaluate applications from any source  
7 including recommendations from schools, colleges, community leaders, The governor, the secretary of  
8 state, and other senators. From those applications the senate president shall appoint 9 members  
9 who, as residents of this state, represent a cross-section of New Hampshire youth. Consideration  
10 shall be given to appointments that foster geographic and socio-economic diversity among council  
11 members and every attempt shall be made to appoint at least one member from each of the 10  
12 counties as well as student representatives of public schools, home schools, charter schools, and  
13 private schools. Of the 9 members, two members shall be students in good standing at postsecondary  
14 education facilities within this state. In addition to the student members, the senate president shall  
15 appoint one member from the senate.

16           II. The speaker of the house of representatives shall solicit and evaluate applications from  
17 any source including recommendations from schools, colleges, community leaders, The governor, the  
18 secretary of state, and other representatives. From those applications, the speaker of the house of  
19 representatives shall appoint 10 members who, as residents of this state, represent a cross-section of  
20 New Hampshire youth. Consideration shall be given to appointments that foster geographic and  
21 socio-economic diversity among council members and every attempt shall be made to appoint at least  
22 one member from each of the 10 counties as well as student representatives of public schools, home  
23 schools, charter schools, and private schools. Of the 10 members, 2 members shall be students in  
24 good standing at postsecondary education facilities within this state. In addition to the student  
25 members, the speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint one member of the house of  
26 representatives.

27           III. The legislative members of the council shall serve a term coterminous with their term in  
28 office. Nonlegislative members shall serve 2-year terms, except that the initial appointment of 9 of  
29 the members shall be for a term of one year. Except for legislative members, no member shall serve  
30 on the council for more than 4 years.

31           IV. If a member misses 3 consecutive meetings, without cause, the council may request that

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1 the appointing authority appoint a replacement member. Upon appointment of the replacement, the  
2 prior appointment shall terminate and the replacement shall serve for the remainder of the prior  
3 member's term.

4 2 Youth Advisory Council; Duties. Amend RSA 19-K:3, III-VI to read as follows:

5 III. Conduct an annual seminar [~~each August~~] for council members regarding leadership,  
6 government, and the legislature ***at the state house where council members may be introduced***  
7 ***to their representatives and senators.***

8 IV. Meet no fewer than 4 times per year [~~and conduct 2 public forums per year~~] on issues of  
9 importance to youth.

10 V. Communicate with other youth councils ***from across the country.***

11 ***VI. Prepare and execute programming to encourage job growth in New Hampshire.***

12 [~~VI.~~] ***VII.*** File an annual report of its activities, including any recommendations for proposed  
13 legislation, on or before November 1 of each year with the speaker of the house, the senate president,  
14 the governor, the secretary of state, the house clerk, and the state library.

15 3 Youth Advisory Council; Council Administration. Amend RSA 19-K:4, I to read as follows:

16 I. The council member from the house of representatives shall serve as the [~~co-chair~~] ***co-***  
17 ***chairperson*** of the council and shall call the first meeting of the council ***as soon as practical***  
18 ***upon being sworn into office by the governor prior to the start of the legislative term. At***  
19 ***the first meeting, the members shall call for nominations and set a date no longer than one***  
20 ***month later to elect one youth member each to serve as co-chairperson, vice-chairperson,***  
21 ***secretary, and legislative liaison, for a term of not longer than one year.*** [~~At the first meeting~~  
22 ~~after the August annual seminar, the members shall elect one of the youth members to serve as co-~~  
23 ~~chair for a term of one year.~~]

24 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.