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HOUSE BILL **375**

AN ACT relative to providing information about effective forms of child discipline to parents.

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COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This bill requires school districts and state agencies that offer parenting education programs to include instruction promoting effective forms of child discipline and describing the deleterious effect of corporal punishment on child behavior and development.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

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

1 1 New Paragraph; State Board of Education; Instruction Promoting Effective Forms of Child
2 Discipline. Amend RSA 186:11 by inserting after paragraph XXXVI the following new paragraph:

3 XXXVII. Instruction Promoting Effective Forms of Child Discipline. Direct the department,
4 in consultation with the university system of New Hampshire, the community college system of
5 New Hampshire, and the department of health and human services, to develop or adopt broad
6 pedagogical approaches and strategies regarding effective forms of infant, child, and adolescent
7 discipline and identifying the deleterious effects of corporal punishment on child behavior and
8 development.

9 (a) Each school district and state agency, including the university system of
10 New Hampshire and the community college system of New Hampshire, that offers a parenting
11 education program shall use the pedagogical approach and strategy adopted by the department to
12 provide instruction promoting effective forms of infant, child, and adolescent discipline and
13 identifying the deleterious effects of corporal punishment on child behavior and development.

14 (b) In this paragraph, “parenting education program” includes all formally developed
15 plans intended to inform students, prospective parents, and parents of the effective and healthy
16 methods for raising infants, children, and adolescents.

17 (c) Nothing in this paragraph shall require a school district or state agency to offer a
18 parenting education program.

19 2 New Paragraph; Commissioner of Health and Human Services; Instruction Promoting
20 Effective Forms of Child Discipline. Amend RSA 126-A:5 by inserting after paragraph XXVII the
21 following new paragraph:

22 XXVIII. The commissioner shall require that any parenting education program offered by
23 the department or a private organization that contracts with the department include instruction
24 promoting effective forms of child discipline, in accordance with RSA 186:11, XXXVII.

25 3 University of New Hampshire, Promoting Effective Forms of Child Discipline; Reporting
26 Requirement. The university of New Hampshire, family research laboratory shall provide a synopsis
27 of the scientific basis in support of effective forms of child and adolescent discipline. The synopsis
28 shall be submitted to the board of education by November 1, 2015 to assist in the development of the
29 instructional program required under RSA 186:11, XXXVII.

30 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.