

HB 1598-FN-A - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL

***1598-FN-A***

AN ACT                    relative to the department of health and human services management of social security payments and veterans benefits for children in foster care.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Wallner, Merr. 19; Rep. DeSimone, Rock. 18; Rep. Mooney, Hills. 12; Rep. Long, Hills. 23; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13

COMMITTEE:          Children and Family Law

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires the department of health and human services to prepare a report for the legislature and governor regarding budget requirements associated with management of social security and veterans benefits for children in placement through the department. The bill makes an appropriation to the department to hire a consultant to assist with the report and its implementation.

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                         Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT                    relative to the department of health and human services management of social security payments and veterans benefits for children in foster care.

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

1            1 Reporting; Management of Social Security and Veteran's Benefits for Children in Placement  
2 Through the Department of Health and Human Services; Appropriation.

3            I. The department of health and human services shall provide a report relative to  
4 management of social security and veterans' benefits for children in placement to the speaker of the  
5 house of representatives, the president of the senate, the chairpersons of the house children and  
6 family law committee, the house finance committee, the senate judiciary committee, the senate  
7 finance committee, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library. This report  
8 shall contain a budget proposal for the biennium ending June 30, 2027 for the purposes of  
9 implementing and managing social security payments and veteran's benefits for children in  
10 placement through the department of health and human services, and shall be submitted on or  
11 before December 31, 2024. To assist in the preparation of this report, and to assist the department  
12 with implementation of the report's recommendations, including the budget proposal for the  
13 biennium ending June 30, 2027, the department shall hire a consultant with knowledge of other  
14 states' efforts to manage such payments and benefits for children in placement.

15            II. There is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services the sum of  
16 \$150,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, for the purpose of hiring the consultant required by  
17 paragraph I. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the  
18 treasury not otherwise appropriated.

19            2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

**HB 1598-FN-A- FISCAL NOTE**  
AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE (AMENDMENT #2024-1308h)

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**    ☒ State                    ☐ County                    ☐ Local                    ☐ None

Estimated State Impact - Increase / (Decrease)				
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue Fund(s)	None			
Expenditures	\$150,000		\$0	\$0
Funding Source(s)	General Fund			
Appropriations	\$150,000		\$0	\$0
Funding Source(s)	General Fund			

- Does this bill provide sufficient funding to cover estimated expenditures? ☒ Yes
- Does this bill authorize new positions to implement this bill? ☒ No

**METHODOLOGY:**

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide a report relative to management of social security and veterans' benefits for children in placement. The bill also appropriates \$150,000 for the purpose of hiring a consultant to assist in the preparation of the report, as well as to assist in implementing the report's recommendations, including a recommended budget proposal for the FY26/27 biennium.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

None