

HB 157 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **157**

AN ACT relative to the joint committee on legislative facilities and sexual harassment policies.

SPONSORS: Rep. C. McGuire, Merr. 27; Rep. Hill, Merr. 2; Rep. Verville, Rock. 2

COMMITTEE: Legislative Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill modifies the way the legislative facilities committee reviews and adopts sexual harassment policies for the general court.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT relative to the joint committee on legislative facilities and sexual harassment policies.

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

1 1 Joint Committee on Legislative Facilities; Power and Duties. Amend RSA 17-E:5-a, XI to read
2 as follows:

3 XI. ~~Prior to the beginning of each biennium, [to review sexual harassment policies of other~~
4 ~~jurisdictions and legislatures and adopt a sexual harassment policy consistent with best practices,~~
5 ~~which shall include procedures for the independent human resources professional in the general~~
6 ~~court administrative office to address sexual harassment complaints and ensure independence from~~
7 ~~the office of the senate president and the office of the speaker of the house of representatives. Prior~~
8 ~~to the beginning of each biennium, the committee shall determine whether to propose to the senate~~
9 ~~and house of representatives that each body shall propose by rule that all legislators, legislative~~
10 ~~officers, and legislative staff shall attend in-person education and training regarding sexual and~~
11 ~~other unlawful discrimination and harassment. The sexual harassment policy shall be posted online~~
12 ~~and shall be included in the ethics guidelines, statutes, and procedural rules booklet.] ***the***~~
13 ***committee may review sexual harassment policies of other jurisdictions and legislatures***
14 ***and adopt a sexual harassment policy consistent with best practices, which shall include***
15 ***procedures for the independent human resources professional in the general court***
16 ***administrative office to address sexual harassment complaints and ensure independence***
17 ***from the office of the senate president and the office of the speaker of the house of***
18 ***representatives. The sexual harassment policy shall be posted online.***

19 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after it passage.