

HB 1084 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL            ***1084***

AN ACT                relative to disclosure of the sources of legislative bill proposals.

SPONSORS:           Rep. Read, Rock. 17; Rep. J. Schmidt, Hills. 28; Rep. Vann, Hills. 24

COMMITTEE:        Legislative Administration

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ANALYSIS

This bill requires the identification of a private organization responsible for distributing a model act used by a legislator to propose legislation.

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                         Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT                    relative to disclosure of the sources of legislative bill proposals.

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

1            1 New Section; Legislative Proceedings; Identification of Source of Model Act. Amend RSA 14  
2 by inserting after section 39-a the following new section:

3            14:39-b Identification of Source of Model Act.

4            I. When a partnership, firm, nonprofit entity, or corporation formally adopts and distributes  
5 model acts to elected officials from more than one state, and that model act is used by a member of  
6 the house of representatives or the senate to propose equivalent or substantially similar legislation  
7 for introduction in the general court, the office of legislative services shall indicate the responsible  
8 partnership, firm, nonprofit entity, or corporation in the bill analysis, provided such information is  
9 supplied by the bill's prime sponsor. Members of the general court shall disclose sufficient  
10 information to the office of legislative services for the identification required by this section.

11            II. Following introduction of the bill, if the source of the model act was not made available  
12 under paragraph I, a third party may request that disclosure of the source of a model act be added to  
13 the bill analysis as necessary for subsequent passage of the bill by submitting a written request with  
14 documentation of the model act to the chairperson of the committee assigned the bill. The  
15 chairperson shall issue a ruling within 10 business days of the written request. Decisions of the  
16 committee chairperson may be appealed to the rules committee of the house or senate.

17            III. In this section:

18            (a) "Model legislation" means a legislative proposal or a uniform or suggested act  
19 written, promoted, or distributed by a partnership, firm, nonprofit entity, or corporation to an  
20 elected official and to other public officials of at least one more state.

21            (b) "Formally adopted" means that the partnership, firm, nonprofit entity, or corporation  
22 votes to endorse, support, or distribute the model act for legislative adoption.

23            2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.