

CHAPTER 56
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2023 SESSION

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SENATE BILL

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AN ACT relative to a needs assessment for juvenile minors who are residents of New Hampshire.

SPONSORS: Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Whitley, Dist 15; Rep. Alexander Jr., Hills. 29; Rep. Lynn, Rock. 17

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

ANALYSIS

This bill clarifies that the juvenile justice voluntary needs assessments are for resident minors.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three

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

1 56:1 Public Safety and Welfare; Delinquent Children; Juvenile Diversion. Amend introductory
2 paragraph RSA 169-B:10, I-a to read as follows:

3 I-a. If the arresting agency contemplates the initiation of court proceedings *involving a resident*
4 *minor*, prior to filing a delinquency petition with the court, the arresting agency or prosecutor shall refer the
5 minor to the department of health and human services for a voluntary needs assessment within 2
6 business days of arrest, to be completed as follows:

7 56:2 Public Safety and Welfare; Delinquent Children; Juvenile Diversion. Amend RSA 169-B:10, I-
8 a(k) to read as follows:

9 (k) If the petition is filed prior to the referral and assessment, and the *resident* minor has not
10 had an assessment in the prior 6 months, the department shall make the assessment available to the
11 minor after the petition is filed and the confidentiality and admissibility of the report and recommendations
12 and related statements shall be treated the same as assessments completed prior to the petition.

56:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved: June 01, 2023
Effective Date: June 01, 2023