

SB 349 - AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL

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AN ACT relative to a voluntary home visiting program report by the wellness and primary prevention council.

SPONSORS: Sen. Whitley, Dist 15; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. Ricciardi, Dist 9; Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Rep. M. Murray, Hills. 37

COMMITTEE: Health and Human Services

ANALYSIS

This bill directs the wellness and primary prevention council to prepare a voluntary home visiting program report for the legislature.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 a voluntary home visiting program report by the wellness and primary prevention council.

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

1 1 Wellness and Primary Prevention Council; Voluntary Home Visiting Program Report.

2 I. The wellness and primary prevention council, established in RSA 126-M:3, shall study
3 how New Hampshire can reduce barriers, improve access, and create a system of voluntary universal
4 access to voluntary home visiting programs available to all parents of newborns and young children
5 designed to support families, bridge gaps between caretakers and community resources, and improve
6 maternal and child health wellness.

7 II. When conducting this study, the council shall:

8 (a) Review current data regarding home visiting programs, services, and family needs in
9 New Hampshire.

10 (b) Review current barriers in both provision of home visiting services and participation
11 in programs by families.

12 (c) Review national, state, and other resources on building a strong system of universal
13 home visiting.

14 (d) Identify a set of recommendations, including legislative, administrative, financial,
15 and other policies, that should be made to reduce barriers and improve access to voluntary home
16 visiting services statewide.

17 III. The council shall submit a report on any findings and recommendations for proposed
18 legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate
19 clerk, the house clerk, the governor and the state library on or before October 1, 2025.

20 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.