

Amendment to HB 1650

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT removing education as required by law as a criterion for determining child neglect  
4 and establishing a committee to study educational neglect.  
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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 2 with the following:

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8 3 Committee Established.

9 I. There is established a committee to study educational neglect.

10 II. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

11 (a) Four members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house  
12 of representatives.

13 (b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

14 III. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending  
15 to the duties of the committee.

16 IV. The committee shall study how to effectively identify, address, and prevent educational  
17 neglect. The committee shall review current practices and policies regarding truancy and the role  
18 of the department of health and human services in investigating the failure to provide education as  
19 a ground for neglect under RSA 169-C. The committee may solicit information and testimony from  
20 any individual or entity the committee deems relevant to its study, including the department of  
21 health and human services and the department of education.

22 V. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from among the members.  
23 The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house member. The first  
24 meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Three  
25 members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

26 VI. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed  
27 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house  
28 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2018.

29 4 Effective Date.

30 I. Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

31 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill removes education as required by law from the definition of a neglected child under the child protection act. The bill also establishes a committee to study educational neglect.