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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT

establishing a committee to study data sources of all entities operated by all branches of government that are or are potentially made available to the public, identify the data formats of those sources, and recommend legislation to standardize types and formats of data output from all or select governmental entities.

SPONSORS:

Rep. Corcoran, Hills. 28; Rep. Erf, Hills. 28; Rep. Osborne, Rock. 2; Rep. Warden, Hills. 39

COMMITTEE:

Executive Departments and Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study data sources of all entities operated by all three branches of government that are or are potentially made available to the public, identify the data formats of those sources, and recommend legislation to standardize types and formats of data output from all or select governmental entities.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT establishing a committee to study data sources of all entities operated by all branches of government that are or are potentially made available to the public, identify the data formats of those sources, and recommend legislation to standardize types and formats of data output from all or select governmental entities.

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

1 1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study the various departments'
2 data sources made available to the public, potential data to be made available to the public, in which
3 potential data formats, and legislation to standardize types and formats of data output from all or
4 select departments.

5 2 Membership and Compensation.

6 I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

7 (a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
8 house of representatives.

9 (b) Three members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

10 II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to
11 the duties of the committee.

12 3 Duties. The committee shall evaluate potential data to be made available to the public,
13 including the following:

14 I. Data currently made available to the public, from which departments, and in which
15 formats;

16 II. The potential for additional data to be made available to the public;

17 III. Potential data formats for standardizing data made available to the public; and

18 IV. Recommended legislation to require the various departments to produce what data in a
19 which format in what time-frame.

20 V. For the purposes of this committee:

21 (a) "Department" means any portion of the state government.

22 (b) "Data" is intended to include pre-existing spreadsheets, databases, third party
23 applications that compile data in standardized formats, and the like and to capture the compendia of
24 facts.

25 (c) The particular intent regarding looking for both "data" and "data output" is that the
26 goal of the committee is to research what data exists, what subset of that data might be exposed to
27 the public, and what parts of that could be satisfied by using already existing reports, exports, and
28 outputs.

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1 4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from
2 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house
3 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this
4 section. Four members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

5 5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
6 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house
7 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2025.

8 6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.