

HB 640-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL

***640-FN***

AN ACT                   relative to the transparency of federal agency operations within New Hampshire.

SPONSORS:           Rep. Ammon, Hills. 42; Rep. Layon, Rock. 13; Rep. Drew, Hills. 19; Rep. Sabourin, Rock. 30; Rep. Sirois, Hills. 32; Rep. Tom Mannion, Hills. 1; Rep. Corcoran, Hills. 28; Rep. Kofalt, Hills. 32

COMMITTEE:       Criminal Justice and Public Safety

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ANALYSIS

      This bill directs the attorney general to collect and publish certain information regarding federal agency operations within the state.

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                      Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five*

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

## Federal Agency Reports

(b) Only data pertaining to completed operations shall be requested and published to ensure no interference with ongoing activities.

1           III. The attorney general shall maintain a public website displaying a searchable database  
2 of the metrics listed in paragraph I. The website shall also indicate:

3               (a) Agencies that voluntarily provided data.

4               (b) Agencies that did not provide data.

5               (c) Agencies not present or operational in New Hampshire.

6           IV. To increase transparency, the attorney general shall compile and publish a quarterly  
7 summary showing which federal agencies cooperated with the data request and which did not. This  
8 information shall also be shared with New Hampshire's congressional delegation to encourage  
9 federal action on transparency.

10          V. The attorney general shall submit an annual report to the state-federal relations and  
11 veterans affairs committee detailing:

12               (a) Federal agency participation rates.

13               (b) The effectiveness of the transparency initiative.

14               (c) Recommendations for improving the act or addressing challenges.

15          2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

**HB 640-FN- FISCAL NOTE  
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**FISCAL IMPACT: This bill does not provide funding, nor does it authorize new positions.**

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
<b>Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund(s)</i>	None			
<b>Expenditures*</b>	\$0	\$230,750	\$232,750	\$240,000
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	General Fund			
<b>Appropriations*</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	None			

**\*Expenditure = Cost of bill**

**\*Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill**

**METHODOLOGY:**

This bill requires the New Hampshire Attorney General to request data from federal law enforcement agencies operating within the state and publish aggregated information on a publicly accessible, searchable website. Additionally, the Attorney General must issue quarterly summaries identifying federal agency compliance and notify the state's congressional delegation of non-compliance. An annual report to the State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs Committee is also required, detailing participation rates, program effectiveness, and recommendations for improvement.

The Department of Justice states this bill establishes new data collection, reporting, and publication responsibilities that cannot be managed with current staffing levels. To fulfill these duties, the Department of Justice anticipates the need for one investigative paralegal, one legal assistant, and one part-time attorney. The estimated fiscal impact is \$230,750 in FY 2026, \$232,750 in FY 2027, and \$240,000 in FY 2028 to cover salaries, benefits, and operational costs associated with these positions and the ongoing maintenance of the searchable website.

Estimated Start Date July 1, 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Investigative Paralegal Soc 23 - Band 05 Step 1	\$90,000	\$91,000	\$94,000
Legal Assistant Soc 21 - Band 04 Step 1	\$83,000	\$84,000	\$86,000

Attorney IV - Part Time Soc 21 - Band 08 Step 1	\$57,750	\$57,750	\$60,000
Total	\$230,750	\$232,750	\$240,000

Though this bill is effective January 1, 2026, the Department assumes a start date for the new positions of July 1, 2025 to get staff trained and operational in time for the new requirements.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

Department of Justice