## **Section 1 Header**

# 2023 SESSION

23-0189.0 06/05

HOUSE BILL [bill number]

AN ACT prohibiting the use of proprietary software on state websites.

SPONSORS: [sponsors]

COMMITTEE: [committee]

## **ANALYSIS**

This bill prohibits the use of proprietary software on state websites.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

#### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

#### In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three

AN ACT prohibiting the use of proprietary software on state websites.

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

- 1 1 Title. The act shall be known and may be cited as the "Securing Our Freedom To Write And 2 Read Everything (SOFTWARE) Act". 3 2 New Chapter; Free and Open Source Software. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 21-V 4 the following new chapter: CHAPTER 21-W 5 FREE AND OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE 6 7 21-W:1 Proprietary Software on State Websites. No person in the state of New Hampshire shall 8 be required to allow the execution of proprietary javascript in their browser when visiting websites 9 administered by the state of New Hampshire. The department of information technology shall verify 10 that this is the case for each executive branch agency via the use of browser extensions of their 11 choice that are designed to detect and block the execution of proprietary javascript in their browsers, 12 and by confirming that no proprietary java script blocks the functioning of any third-party online 13 archiving services that are attempting to archive state websites.
  - 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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