

Floor Amendment to HB 1103-FN

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

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3 AN ACT relative to financial responsibility for voluntary services provided pursuant to a report  
4 of abuse or neglect that is "unfounded but with reasonable concern"; relative to  
5 eligibility for the New Hampshire home visiting program; relative to the Home visiting  
6 program; and making an appropriation to the department of health and human  
7 services for community-based prevention and diversion programs for children and  
8 youth.  
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10 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 1 with the following:

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12 2 New Section; Protection for Maternity and Infancy. Amend RSA 132 by inserting after  
13 section 10-d the following new section:

14 132:10-e Home Visiting Program. The New Hampshire home visiting program shall be  
15 available to Medicaid eligible families without restriction.

16 3 New Paragraph; Services for Children, Youth and Families; Incentive Funds. Amend RSA  
17 170-G:4 by inserting after paragraph XIX the following new paragraph:

18 XX. Encourage cities, towns and counties to develop and maintain prevention programs,  
19 court diversion programs and alternatives to out of home placement for children, youth and families  
20 through the transfer of funds to cities, town and counties which have or are developing such  
21 programs. The transfer of funds shall be in such amounts as are appropriated by the general court  
22 for this purpose. The method of distribution shall be based on rules adopted by the commissioner  
23 pursuant to RSA 541-A. For the purposes of this paragraph, prevention programs shall include  
24 programs or activities for the prevention of child abuse and neglect as well as programs or activities  
25 for the prevention of children in need of services (CHINS) and delinquent behaviors.

26 4 Department of Health and Human Services; Incentive Funds for Community-Based Services;  
27 Funding Source. The department of health and human services is authorized to utilize up to  
28 \$1,000,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, for the purpose of funding community-based  
29 services under RSA 170-G:4, XX. The sum shall be a charge against the excess appropriation  
30 allocation account established in RSA 126-A:75, as inserted by legislation which becomes law in the  
31 2018 general session. If the excess appropriation allocation account in RSA 126-A:75 does not  
32 become law, the sum of \$1,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, is hereby appropriated  
33 to the department of health and human services for the purpose of funding community-based  
34 prevention programs and services pursuant to RSA 170-G:4, XX. The governor is authorized to

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- 1 draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.
- 2 5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Provides that voluntary services provided pursuant to a report of abuse and neglect that is unfounded but with reasonable concern shall be exempt from parental liability for reimbursement. The department may use available federal TANF reserve funds to pay for the services.

II. Provides that the New Hampshire home visiting program shall be available to Medicaid eligible families.

III. Makes an appropriation to the department of health and human services for community-based prevention and diversion programs for at risk children and youth.