

New Hampshire HB 164 – AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL **164**

AN ACT prohibiting school personnel from recommending the use of psychotropic medications for any child.

SPONSORS: Rep. Hutchinson, Rock 3; Rep. G. Katsakiores, Rock 5; Rep. P. Katsakiores, Rock 5

COMMITTEE: Education

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires each school board or cooperative school board to adopt and implement a policy prohibiting school personnel from recommending the use of psychotropic medications for any child.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~]

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Seven

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

1 New Section; School Boards; Medications Recommended by School Personnel. Amend RSA 189 by inserting after section 11-b the following new section:

189:11-c Medications Recommended by School Personnel.

I. Each school board, or cooperative school board in the case of a cooperative school district shall, within one year of the effective date of this section, adopt and implement a policy prohibiting school personnel from recommending the use of psychotropic medications for any child. Such policy shall not prohibit school medical staff from recommending that a child be evaluated by a licensed medical practitioner or prohibit school personnel from consulting with such practitioner with the consent of the child's parents or legal guardian.

II. In this section, "psychotropic medications" means those medications the prescribed intention of which is to alter mental activity or mental state, including but not limited to, antipsychotic, antidepressant, and anxiolytic medications, and behavior-altering medications.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.