

SB 616 - AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL **616**

AN ACT establishing a committee to study the meals and rooms tax distribution formula.

SPONSORS: Sen. Sherman, Dist 24; Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Sen. Kahn, Dist 10; Rep. Cali-Pitts, Rock. 30; Rep. Bushway, Rock. 21; Rep. Cushing, Rock. 21; Rep. Edgar, Rock. 21; Rep. Loughman, Rock. 21

COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study the meals and rooms tax distribution formula.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT establishing a committee to study the meals and rooms tax distribution formula.

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 meals and rooms tax
2 distribution formula.

3 2 Membership and Compensation.

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

5 (a) Two members of the senate, one of whom shall represent the seacoast and one of
6 whom shall serve on the ways and means committee, appointed by the president of the senate.

7 (b) Three members of the house of representatives, one of whom shall represent a tourist
8 destination and one of whom shall serve on the ways and means committee, appointed by the
9 speaker of the house of representatives.

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 study the formula for the disposition of revenues collected under
13 the meals and rooms tax pursuant to RSA 78-A:26 and discern whether or not that formula remains
14 fair and appropriate both in the collection from and distribution to New Hampshire's communities
15 and the state.

16 4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from
17 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named senate
18 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this
19 section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

20 5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
21 legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate
22 clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2020.

23 6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.