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HOUSE BILL            *[bill number]*

AN ACT                relative to the autism registry.

SPONSORS:            [sponsors]

COMMITTEE:          [committee]

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ANALYSIS

This bill revises certain aspects of the autism registry maintained by the department of health and human services.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT relative to the autism registry.

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

1 1 Autism Registry. Amend RSA 171-A:30 to read as follows:

2 171-A:30 Autism Registry.

3 I. There shall be established a state registry in the department which shall include a record  
4 of all reported cases of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) that occur in New Hampshire and other  
5 information relevant and appropriate to conduct thorough and complete [~~epidemiologic~~]  
6 **sociological** surveys of ASD, to enable analysis of this [~~problem~~] **phenomenon**, and to facilitate  
7 planning for services to children with ASD and their families. The department may enter into an  
8 agreement with an appropriate entity for the management of the registry; provided, that any records  
9 and data submitted to the department pursuant to this subdivision, **as well as the software used**  
10 **to store such data**, shall be the property of the department.

11 II. Physicians, psychologists, and any other licensed or certified health care provider who is  
12 qualified by training to make the diagnosis and who then makes the diagnosis that a child is affected  
13 with ASD shall report all new cases of this diagnosis to the department in a form and manner  
14 prescribed by the commissioner. The report shall be in writing and shall include the name and  
15 address of the person submitting the report and the child's date of birth[~~, gender,~~] and zip code at  
16 birth residence, and the specific diagnosis of the child diagnosed as having ASD. The department  
17 shall assign a unique identification code to identify the child diagnosed as having ASD. The code  
18 shall not include the name, [~~or~~] address, **or initials** of the child, **nor shall any other field in the**  
19 **registry. The health care provider reporting the diagnosis shall also send a copy of the**  
20 **report to the child's parent or guardian, along with information regarding available**  
21 **resources.**

22 III. All information required to be reported under this subdivision shall be confidential **in**  
23 **accordance with the New Hampshire state constitution's guarantee of privacy.** A physician,  
24 psychologist, or **licensed or certified** health care provider providing information to the department  
25 in accordance with this section shall not be deemed to be, or held liable for, divulging confidential  
26 information.

27 IV. Nothing in this section shall be construed to compel a child who has been reported as  
28 affected with ASD to submit to medical or health examination or supervision by the department.

29 **V. Whenever a child reaches 18 years of age, the department shall remove the entry**  
30 **pertaining to the child from the registry.**

31 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.