



**RE: HB 1511 – relative to liability for children with disabilities in certain court ordered placements or episodes of treatment.**

The DD Council is a federally funded agency that is dedicated to the pursuit of dignity and justice, authentic community inclusion, cultural competency, and self-determination for all New Hampshire residents with developmental disabilities. The DD Council carries out its mission through education, advocacy, and collaboration on initiatives that encourage full integration and inclusion of individuals with developmental disabilities as required in the Developmental Disabilities and Bill of Rights Act.

Our Council, by law is comprised of at least 60% people with developmental disabilities and parents or guardians of people with developmental disabilities. These members are volunteers advocating for disability justice. This involves advocating for public policies and initiatives that remove barriers and create opportunities in all areas of life for people with disabilities.

This bill would ensure that NH supports the best interest and educational rights of New Hampshire students with disability receiving supports and services both in NH and in out of district placement by placing added responsibility at the department of health and human services, bureau for children's behavioral health.