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HOUSE BILL 1157

AN ACT relative to liability of New Hampshire news media for failure to update stories on criminal proceedings.

SPONSORS: Rep. Flanagan, Hills. 26

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

ANALYSIS

This bill requires a news media to update, retract, or correct an Internet published article about a criminal proceeding following an acquittal, dismissal, or finding of not guilty.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.
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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 New Section; Liability of News Media. Amend RSA 507 by inserting after section 8-i the following new section:

507:8-j Liability of News Media. The failure of a New Hampshire news media organization to update, retract, or correct an Internet published story concerning a criminal proceeding against a named person, immediately following written notification of the media organization by the injured person of a subsequent finding of not guilty, acquittal, or dismissal of the charges against such person in a criminal proceeding, shall result in the liability of the New Hampshire news media organization for any damages incurred by the person caused by such failure.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.