

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

THE COMMITTEE ON Health and Human Services

to which was referred **SB 498-FN**

AN ACT

relative to children's mental health services for
persons 18 years of age and younger.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

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BY A VOTE OF: 4-1

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