

FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SB 18, permitting the commissioner of health and human services to authorize additional beds for a pediatric intermediate care facility under certain circumstances.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Regina Birdsell for the committee.

This bill allows the commissioner of Health and Human Services to increase the bed capacity of a pediatric intermediate care facility with the approval of the Joint Fiscal Committee. With only one such facility currently in the State, this will assist in more efficiently addressing the current and future demand for intermediate care-level services. Therefore, we recommend this bill ought to pass.