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Committee of Conference Report on HB 132-FN, relative to liability for familial support under RSA chapter 165, aid to assisted persons.

Recommendation:

That the House recede from its position of nonconcurrence with the Senate amendment, and

That the Senate recede from its position in adopting its amendment to the bill, and

That the Senate and House adopt the following new amendment to the bill as amended by the House, and pass the bill as so amended:

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Liability for Support. Amend RSA 165:19 to read as follows:

165:19 Liability for Support. The relation of any poor person in the line of father, mother, stepfather, stepmother, son, daughter, husband, or wife shall assist or maintain such person when in need of relief. Said relation [~~shall~~] ***may*** be deemed able to assist such person if [~~his~~] ***their*** weekly income is more than sufficient to provide a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health. [~~Should a relation refuse to render such aid when requested to do so by a county commissioner, selectman, or overseer of public welfare, such person or persons shall upon complaint of one of these officials be summoned to appear in court. If, after hearing, it is found that the alleged poor person is in need of assistance, and that the relation is able to render such assistance, the court shall enter a decree accordingly and shall fix the amount and character of the assistance which the relation shall furnish. If the relation neglects or refuses to comply with the court order without good cause, as determined by the court at a hearing, or by refusing to work or otherwise voluntarily places himself in a position where he is unable to comply, he shall be deemed to be in contempt of court and shall be imprisoned not more than 90 nor fewer than 60 days.~~] If a poor person has no relation of sufficient ability, the town or city in which [~~he~~] ***they*** [~~resides~~] ***reside*** shall be liable for [~~his~~] ***their*** support. ***Aid to a person who is otherwise eligible for assistance under this chapter shall not be withheld due to the failure of a legally liable relative to respond to the welfare administrator, or their refusal to provide aid. Any town or city furnishing aid may seek reimbursement from any legally liable relative with sufficient means to provide the reimbursement without financial hardship.***

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

The signatures below attest to the authenticity of this Report on HB 132-FN, relative to liability for familial support under RSA chapter 165, aid to assisted persons.

Conferees on the Part of the Senate

Sen. Abbas, Dist. 22

Sen. Sullivan, Dist. 18

Sen. Long, Dist. 20

Conferees on the Part of the House

Rep. Lynn, Rock. 17

Rep. Kuttab, Rock. 17

Rep. D. Mannion, Rock. 25

Rep. Turer, Rock. 6