

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

THE COMMITTEE ON Children and Family Law

to which was referred **HB 194-FN**

AN ACT relative to the crime of interference with custody.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS

BY A VOTE OF: 2-1

Senator Victoria Sullivan
For the Committee

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