

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

THE COMMITTEE ON Judiciary

to which was referred **HB 767-FN**

AN ACT

expanding requirements for reports to law enforcement by the department of health and human services.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

BE REFERRED TO INTERIM STUDY

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

Senator Tara Reardon
For the Committee

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