

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Friday, April 10, 2026

THE COMMITTEE ON Health and Human Services

to which was referred **HB 661-FN**

AN ACT

relative to the department of health and human services management of social security payments, supplemental security income payments, and veterans benefits for children in foster care.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 4-0

AMENDMENT # 2026-1425s

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For the Committee

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