

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE  
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Thursday, April 23, 2026

THE COMMITTEE ON Finance

to which was referred **HB 1574-FN**

AN ACT

relative to the extension of free and reduced price  
breakfast and lunch for students under the age of  
22 and making an appropriation therefor.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 7-0

AMENDMENT # 2026-1607s

Senator James Gray  
For the Committee

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**FINANCE**

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