

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

AN ACT relative to the right to compute.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill  
BE REFERRED TO INTERIM STUDY

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

Senator Debra Altschiller  
For the Committee

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## FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

### **JUDICIARY**

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