

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

THE COMMITTEE ON Finance

to which was referred **SB 243-FN**

AN ACT relative to the child care scholarship program.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS

BY A VOTE OF: 6-0

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For the Committee

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