

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SENATE
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Thursday, May 15, 2025

THE COMMITTEE ON Education

to which was referred **HB 532**

AN ACT	relative to alternative dispute resolution and individualized education plan team meeting facilitation.
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Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

AMENDMENT # 2156s

Senator Suzanne Prentiss
For the Committee

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