

# Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee

*Ben Mickens 271-1403*

**SB 401-FN**, relative to removing an obsolete annual reporting requirement by municipal overseers of public welfare to the department of health and human services and repealing the department of health and human services reporting requirement on 10-year demographic cost projections.

**Hearing Date:** January 14, 2026

**Time Opened:** 9:10 a.m.

**Time Closed:** 9:13 a.m.

**Members of the Committee Present:** Senators Pearl, McGough, Gannon and Reardon

**Members of the Committee Absent :** Senator Altschiller

**Bill Analysis:** This bill removes a requirement that the municipal public welfare administrators make an annual report to the department of health and human services regarding the number of people assisted by the municipality and the cost of such support. The bill also removes a requirement that the department of health and human services make a report to the legislature regarding certain 10-year current services cost projections.

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The bill is a request of the department of health and human services.

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**Sponsors:**

Sen. Gray

Sen. Lang

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**Who supports the bill:** Senator James Gray, Francesca Hennessy (DHHS), Rob Berry (DHHS), Brodie Deshaies (NHMA), Daniel Richardson.

**Who opposes the bill:** No one.

**Who is neutral on the bill:** No one.

**Summary of testimony presented in support:**

**Senator James Gray**

- When the legislature last amended RSA 165:20-c, we accidentally left in no longer needed reporting requirements. This bill would clean that up and remove now defunct reporting requirements.

**Francesca Hennessy (Administrator, Fraud, Waste, and Abuse)**

- This bill deletes a reporting requirement for a now-removed section of law, in two separate areas.

**Rob Berry (General Counsel, Division of Medicaid), DHHS**

- HB 118 deleted RSA 12-O65A (Demographic Commission)
- It did not delete the reporting requirement for DHHS, so a report was put together as required but could not be sent anywhere.

**Summary of testimony presented in opposition:** None.

**Neutral Information Presented:** None.

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Date Hearing Report completed: January 19, 2026