

FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

HB 1615-FN, relative to the autism registry.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Rebecca Whitley for the committee.

HB 1615-FN repeals the Autism Registry and directs the Department of Health and Human Services to destroy individual records contained in the registry. The registry was created at a time of increased focus on Autism diagnoses when there was limited data; now the Department of Education collects more complete information on the same population. Repealing this registry will not harm the delivery of services or have any meaningful impact on the lives of people with Autism. It will, however, protect their sensitive data by removing it from a duplicative database.