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Boutin applauds expanded child abuse protections in NH

Concord, NH - Today, the Senate passed a bill to expand law enforcements access to a child's medical history in certain child abuse investigations as part of a series of bills from the Commission to Review Child Abuse Fatalities.

The bill's prime sponsor, Senator David Boutin (R-Hooksett), Commission Chairman, issued the following statement.

"This legislation that passed today would allow law enforcement access to a child's medical records as part of abuse or neglect investigations, after showing due cause and receiving permission of the court. This bill serves as an important step towards expanding the ability of law enforcement to protect children who experience abuse at home."

"I am encouraged by the Senate's support of this and three other bills designed to strengthen the protections against child abuse and neglect in our state, and I commend the Commission to Review Child Abuse Fatalities for its ongoing work and commitment to making sure New Hampshire's children are safe in the care of their parents or guardians."

BACKGROUND:

[SB 536](#) AN ACT relative to emergency interim relief under the child protection act.

[SB 537](#) AN ACT relative to record management of abuse and neglect reports

[SB 538](#) AN ACT relative to children taken into custody under the child protection act and relative to the commission to review child abuse fatalities.

[SB 539](#) AN ACT relative to access to records under the child protection act.

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