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Avard aims for stronger parental notification standards

Concord, NH – Today, the Senate tabled HB 1231, a measure that would have required school districts to provide parental notice in advance of lessons involving objectionable course material and the opportunity for those parents to opt-out their children.

Senator Kevin Avard (R-Nashua) issued a statement following the Senate's action on the bill.

"I am disappointed that the Senate tabled a measure to strengthen parental rights by allowing parents to be informed of objectionable material that will be taught in the classroom. This bill would have further solidified a parent's right to know what their child will be exposed to and gives them the ample opportunity to decide what is appropriate for their child."

"Parents are the gatekeepers for their children and it is well within a parent's right to be informed and part of the conversation regarding the topics being taught and how they are being instructed, especially when it comes to sexual or drug and alcohol related lessons in the classroom."

"Providing advanced notice of objectionable course material also allows parents the opportunity to be prepared to discuss these topics at home with their children, and encourages parents to be involved in their child's life."

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