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Avard concerned by veto of bill protecting student privacy, increasing parental involvement

Concord, NH – Today, the Senate failed to override the veto of SB 320, which would have required parental notification and approval prior to asking students to respond to non-academic surveys.

Senator Kevin Avard (R-Nashua), prime sponsor of the bill, SB 320, issued a statement in response to the sustained veto.

"I am concerned that the partisan effort to sustain the Governor's veto of this bill leaves us with the status quo and assumes parental consent without prior knowledge of the content of non-academic surveys. This legislation would have made survey content and questions available to parents allowing them to be informed of the specific content and thus, able to choose what's right for their children."

"Often times these non-academic surveys go well beyond what is necessary in a classroom environment, requesting invasive and irrelevant personal information. Our students have a right to privacy and more importantly their parents should have a say in non-academic materials. Rejecting this bill that would have strengthened parental involvement is the wrong thing to do for New Hampshire."

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