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Reagan urges Senate Finance Committee to include robotics programs in NH schools

Concord, NH --Today, Senator John Reagan (R-Deerfield) issued the following statement in support of Department of Education Commissioner Frank Edelblut's proposal to the Senate Finance Committee to expand robotics programs to schools across the state:

"In a state with a booming high-tech industry that needs competent, well-educated and skilled professionals to fill job vacancies, it is imperative that the legislature extend opportunities robotics programs to all students beginning in elementary school across the state."

"Robotics programs extended to all of New Hampshire's schools would provide the kind of interaction with technology that is proven to pique the interest of students from a young age. These students are then significantly more likely to pursue Science, Technology, Engineering and Math [STEM] in higher education and ultimately choose related careers in these fields. Studies also show that young girls in particular are significantly more likely to choose STEM fields following participation in robotics programs."

"Serving as a judge myself at robotics competitions, it is easy to see that students become truly engaged and are learning important skills that will propel them to choose technology and engineering fields not only benefitting them, but our state in the future."

"I urge the Finance committee to support Commissioner Edelblut's proposal to expand robotics programming to our schools so that each child in New Hampshire has equal opportunity for exposure to engaging STEM related programs."

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