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Senator Hennessey Introduces Legislation to Strengthen Sexual Assault Protections for Minors

CONCORD - Today, the Senate Judiciary heard testimony on SB 572, Senator Martha Hennessey's bill relative to prohibited sexual contact involving persons in a position of authority. The bill simplifies the state's sexual assault statute and eliminates ambiguity regarding allowable sexual contact between school staff and students over the age of 16.

After the vote, prime sponsor Senator Martha Hennessey (D-Hanover) issued the following statement:

"It is our job to ensure New Hampshire schools are safe places to learn and that our students are not subject to inappropriate behavior or sexual assault by the adults placed in a position of authority over them. I appreciate the advocates who came out to testify today and look forward to shepherding this bill through the Legislative process."

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