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Bipartisan Bill to Advance Protections for Sexual Assault Victim-Survivors Sent to Governor

CONCORD - Today, HB 705, an omnibus bill enhancing protections for sexual assault victim-survivors, was signed by the Senate President. It will next be delivered to the Secretary of State before heading to the governor's desk where he will have five business days to sign, veto, or allow the bill to become law without his signature.

Senator Martha Hennessey (D-Hanover) issued the following statement in response:

"The protection of our victims and survivors of sexual assault is not a Democrat or Republican priority, it is a New Hampshire priority. HB 705 improves education on sexual misconduct at our colleges and universities, removes statutes of limitations for sexual assault so survivors are not silenced or denied justice, and bans the sale of DIY rape kits that sell false-hopes to survivors of sexual assault, provide no prosecutorial security, and fail to provide the comprehensive, critical care victim-survivors need and deserve. Particularly during these unprecedented times, we must make sure our victims and survivors of sexual assault know that they are not alone. Not now, not ever. I thank my fellow Legislators for their dedication to creating pathways for justice and improving prevention education. I urge the governor to join us in support of these important protections and sign HB 705 into law."

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