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Republicans Support Existing Multi-Tiered System of Support for Children’s Mental Health

Concord, NH – Senator Regina Birdsell (R-Hampstead) released the following statement on the defeat of Senate Bill 265:

“The Department of Education currently implements the multi-tiered system of supports for behavioral health and wellness in 37 of our New Hampshire school districts. The program has been successful in providing mental health support for our students and is completely funded by federal grants. This bill adds 9 new, unnecessary bureaucratic positions to the Department of Education, as well as transferring the burden of current funding from federal grants, to New Hampshire taxpayers.

“My democratic colleagues want New Hampshire taxpayers to foot the bill for increased bureaucracy and wasteful spending on an already existent, and successful program. I am grateful my Republican colleagues voted with me today in saying no to this needless and costly legislation.”

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HB 105 removes the possibility of criminal penalties for omission of information on the live birth worksheet given to new mothers in New Hampshire. It also requires the mothers affirmatively consent to the inclusion of certain identifiable health information.