



## **New Hampshire Senate** **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **New law will make NH school children safer**

CONCORD, NH – Legislation making New Hampshire school children safer has been signed into law as part of an omnibus bill (SB 147). Sen. Ruth Ward (R-Stoddard), Chairman of the Education Committee, was a prime sponsor and issued the following comment today:

“Before now, our Department of Education (DOE) was unable to run a check on new teacher applicants to confirm if there had ever been a finding of abuse against them. Going forward, DOE will have access to the Division of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) registry which contains those findings. It only makes sense that if one state agency has found that someone should not be around children because they are a danger, another agency like DOE should have access to that critical information as well. This is all about doing everything we can to keep our children safe in school and SB 147 will help us accomplish that.”

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