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Sen. Carson sponsors legislation in response to Harmony Montgomery case

Amendment to SB 397 increases child safety by updating the Interstate Compact for the

Placement of Children

CONCORD, NH – Sen. Sharon Carson (R-Londonderry) issued the following statement today regarding her proposed amendment to SB 397 updating New Hampshire's Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children:

"Looking after the health and safety of children should always be a priority. Updating our national compacts regarding the placement of children across state lines is long overdue because it would require home studies to be conducted prior to a placement being made. This would have allowed our DCYF to follow Harmony Montgomery's case and to look after her well-being. Harmony's story is absolutely heartbreaking. We owe her and children like her a better process for tracking their placement and care. Our duty to protect New Hampshire children does not stop at the border."

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