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Senate Backs Parents and Promotes Transparency in Schools

CONCORD, NH – Senator Tim Lang (R-Sanbornton) issued the following statement today on the Senate passing SB 96, relative to mandatory disclosure by school district employees to parents:

“This bill establishes the Honest and Transparency in Education Act as the law of the land in New Hampshire. Lying or misleading parents about their own children is never good public policy. Parents deserve to know the truth about what happens in the classroom and with their children in the school setting. Schools should be transparent and should not prevent Granite State families from being more involved and informed in their children’s education. This bill clarifies that parents can ask about their children’s education and ensure they are told the truth about classroom activities. It simply says teachers must answer honestly when parents inquire about their children. Schools should not keep secrets from parents as a public policy.” *Written by Peter O'Neill*

Background: SB 96 requires all Credentialed Educators, such as teachers, principals, administrators, or people under the jurisdiction of the Department of Education and State Board of Education, to tell parents the truth about information relating to their children’s education. The bill is focused specifically on credentialed educators under the Educators Code of Conduct. A similar bill, SB 341 (dubbed the Honesty in Education Act), was introduced last year. Senator Lang is the prime sponsor of this bill.

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