



# NEW HAMPSHIRE SENATE

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### **Senate Blocks Unapproved Medical Visits for Students**

**CONCORD, NH** – Senator Ruth Ward (R-Stoddard) released the following statement today on the Senate passing HB 231:

“Parents should always be kept in the know about what is happening with their children. This bill prevents students from being transported to medical appointments without parental consent in non-emergency situations. This policy is in the best interest of both the student and school personnel. We do not want parents to be left out of decisions that directly impact their child and we also do not want school staff to get in trouble for not knowing this policy is in place. Passing this bill puts a clear set of rules for non-emergency medical situations and also updates the current emergency policy under student health services.”

**Background:** HB 231 prevents school districts from transporting students to medical appointments, visits, or procedures without a parent’s knowledge or consent. This is for non-emergency polices where schools cannot permit the transport of a child without parental permission, regardless of who would be transported. The only current policy for emergency situations under student health requirements was made in 2008, requiring school staff to call a nurse.

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