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### JOINT STATEMENT: Senate votes down SB 582-FN and SB 584-FN

Concord, NH — Senators Ruth Ward (R-Stoddard) and Keith Murphy (R-Manchester) released the following joint statement after the Senate defeated SB 582-FN (Inexpedient to Legislate 16-8) and SB 584-FN (Inexpedient to Legislate 16-8):

**Senator Ruth Ward said**, “With enrollment falling, bureaucratic costs exploding, and no financial accountability to the taxpayers, this outrageous Billion Dollar tax scheme asks Granite State families to pay more for less—the answer is ‘no’.”

**Senator Keith Murphy added**: “These two bills alone would drive nearly \$1 billion in new spending—paid for only by raising broad-based sales or income taxes. Republicans opposed this money grab because it protects the system, not students, and does nothing to improve the quality of education.”

Background: SB 582-FN and SB 584-FN would increase state spending by more than \$900 million every year, with no source of funds to pay for them.

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