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Speaker Pro Tempore Statement after Passage of HB 148

Concord, NH: Speaker Pro Tempore Jim Kofalt (R-Wilton) released the following statement after the passage of House Bill 148, relative to permitting classification of individuals based on biological sex under certain circumstances, on a 201-166 vote:

“The passage of HB 148 is a critical step toward safeguarding privacy, fairness, safety, and respect for all Granite Staters. This legislation permits schools, businesses, prison officials and others to develop common-sense rules to govern the use of bathrooms, locker rooms, and correctional facilities.

By upholding sex-based classifications in sports, HB 148 also preserves the safety and integrity of women’s athletics by permitting schools to adopt policies that align with biological reality. The bill will also help safeguard federal funding for our public schools, colleges, and universities.

HB 148 protects vulnerable populations, ensuring that women in prisons, shelters, and detention centers aren’t forced to share intimate spaces with biological men. This bill is a strong commitment to fairness and protection, and I’m pleased that House Republicans have joined me in moving this critically important legislation forward.”

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