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### **Senator Sullivan Statement on the Passage of SB 578, the ‘Play-based Learning Law’**

**CONCORD, NH – Senator Victoria Sullivan (R-Manchester) released the following statement after the Senate voted OTP/A on SB 578, extending recess for students from kindergarten to eight grade and prohibiting the deprivation of recess time as punishment in schools:**

“This bill ensures every New Hampshire student in kindergarten through eighth grade receives daily recess and protects this vital playtime from being withheld as punishment, recognizing that physical activity is essential for children’s health, growth, and success both in and out of the classroom.

Additionally, the bill underscores the importance of play-based learning, recognizing that unstructured play supports social, emotional, and cognitive development and is a vital part of students’ overall academic success.”

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