



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

June 29, 2023

Governor's Veto Message Regarding House Bill 35

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on June 29, 2023, I have vetoed House Bill 35, requiring student identification cards to include the National Eating Disorders Hotline.

Since the legislature passed House Bill 35, the sponsor of the bill as well as numerous organizations, including the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), have written to me asking for me to veto it. According to NAMI and multiple public reports, the National Eating Disorders Hotline staff were terminated, the call line was later shut down.

Given the uncertainty around the National Eating Disorders Hotline moving forward, it would not be prudent to put the call line information on student ID cards at this time.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed House Bill 35.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christopher T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor