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CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – The House of Representatives voted 207-139 today to pass SB 235, authorizing an independent human resources professional to handle sexual harassment complaints in the general court. **House Majority Leader Doug Ley (D-Jaffrey)** released the following statement:

“SB 235 is an important part of the legislature’s comprehensive approach to addressing the issue of sexual harassment in the general court. This year, the House of Representatives held two extensive trainings for both Representatives and staff, serving to educate about the context and prevention of sexual harassment and inform the processes by which complaints are handled. In addition to sending a powerful message that the general court takes complaints seriously, putting policy around sexual harassment into statute allows for a safer, more professional work environment that moves complaint investigations from political offices to a designated human resources professional. The time is up; we must not ignore the reality that harassment occurs in the workplace and recognize that the legislature is not immune. I encourage Governor Sununu to sign SB 235 to create procedures for a more professional and supportive State House. “

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