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CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE –Today, Governor Sununu vetoed [HB 564](#), codifying the federal Gun Free Schools Act in New Hampshire. **House Majority Leader Doug Ley (D-Jaffrey)**, released the following statement:

“It is alarming to realize that in the most developed nation on earth, our kids are afraid to go to school. Quite frankly, they have good reason to be. The FBI cites youth violence in schools as ‘one of the greatest single crime problems we face in this country.’ In the first 8 months of 2019 alone, there have been 57 recorded instances of gunfire on school grounds. As the levels of gun violence in our schools grow to unprecedented levels each year, our leaders continue to send their thoughts and prayers and nothing else. Our children, teachers, and parents become more and more traumatized with fear that their classroom could be next.”

“Prohibiting unauthorized guns in our schools is a proven public safety measure to reduce gun violence and make schools safer. Prohibiting guns on school grounds, except those in the possession of authorized individuals, allows law enforcement to better identify armed threats when entering a school and act accordingly. We cannot wait until a tragedy occurs to make substantive change in our state. It is critical that we act now as one life lost to gun violence is too many.”

“Protecting our children from gun violence in the classroom should not be a partisan or 2nd amendment issue, and the Governor, a father himself, should be ashamed for making it one. The frightening reality is that New Hampshire children and educators are less safe as a result of the Governor’s veto today.”

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