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CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – Today, the New Hampshire House of Representatives voted to pass [HB 1516](#), legislation ending the practice of child marriage in New Hampshire.

Representative Cassandra Levesque (D-Barrington), prime sponsor of the legislation, released the following statement:

“Children should be empowered to be children. The practice of child marriage oppresses the development of children mentally, physically, emotionally, and socially and puts them at increased risk for exploitation. The US State Department, in efforts across the globe, has recognized ending early and forced marriages to protect the most vulnerable in our society. I am proud that the House has taken a position to protect Granite State children and urge the Governor to support this imperative issue.”

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