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Today, the New Hampshire House passed HB 1162, an omnibus bill encompassing several pieces of legislation aimed at increasing equity and safeguards for Granite State children and families. Chair of the House Children and Family Law committee, **Representative Pat Long (D-Manchester)** released the following statement:

“Granite State families have endured an unprecedented, challenging year, between making ends meet at home, assisting with at-home schooling, or welcoming a child during a global pandemic. I am proud that Democrats stuck together today to further this legislation to aid New Hampshire children and families at such an important moment.”

“This legislation rids our parentage statute of archaic language and allows for unmarried couples to adopt children, affirming that parenthood is not a single structure, and provides legal security for all children brought into the world through assisted reproduction. This legislation also establishes and improves oversight of children's services, including the office of the child advocate, and clarifies statute providing for insurance coverage during children's early intervention services, all of which has proved increasingly important during a time of unparalleled need and demand for social programs.”

“Over 70% of the legislation included in this omnibus bill had bipartisan sponsorship and support. It was disappointing to see the majority of my Republican colleagues abandon this common-sense, comprehensive legislation that they helped to introduce at the beginning of the session. Regardless, I encourage Gov. Sununu to sign HB 1162 for the benefit of all New Hampshire children and families.”

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