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CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – Today, the New Hampshire House, on a motion made by Republican Majority Leader Jason Osborne, voted 189-168 to block HB 274, a bill aimed at relieving the tax burden of Granite Staters by requiring the state to pay 5% of the retirement system contributions of political subdivision employers in the New Hampshire Retirement System. Following the vote, **Representative Jeff Goley (D-Manchester), Ranking Member on House Executive Departments and Administration Committee**, released the following statement:

“The vote today to deny our municipal employees, firefighters, law enforcement and teachers the promise of reimbursement that the State of New Hampshire made to them decades ago is especially disturbing given their sacrifice over the past year. The COVID-19 pandemic has undoubtedly placed these frontline workers under serious health risk and has simultaneously increased the municipal tax burden on property taxpayers. This bill would have decreased local property taxes and begun to repair the state’s broken promise to these essential workers, a win-win for everyone. In voting down this legislation, Republicans have once again demonstrated that they are out of touch with the needs of working Granite Staters. “

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