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**HOUSE DEMOCRATS BLOCK BILL THAT WOULD 'OUT' LGBTQ+ YOUTH AGAINST THEIR
WILL**

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – Today, House Democrats blocked dangerous legislation, HB 1431, that would require teachers and administrators to 'out' LGBTQ+ students' sexuality to parents. Following the vote, **Representative Sue Mullen (D-Bedford)** released the following statement:

"The most meaningful professional work I have done in my life was as a school counselor. For 27 years I had the privilege of assisting students and families during the most difficult times of their lives, which for many was coming out to a trusted adult when they did not feel safe to do so at home.

HB 1431 would rob students of the critical support they need to feel safe being themselves in the classroom, a place they spend an overwhelming majority of their young lives. In America, every 45 seconds an LGBTQ+ young person attempts suicide. If confiding in a teacher, school counselor, or coach is the difference between a student living in hell or surviving to one day thrive, why would we silence them? I am thankful that House Democrats were able to block this wrong and misguided legislation."