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This legislator voted constitutionally on **50%** of the votes shown below.

★ Pro-liberty      ✗ Anti-liberty      ? Did not Vote      Vote

**1. SB58 Warrantless Arrest (Passed 14 to 9 on 3/30/2023).** Yes  
Allows a peace officer to make a warrantless arrest if they have probable cause to believe that an individual has committed a misdemeanor or violation. ✗

**2. SB272 Parents' Bill of Rights (Passed 14 to 10 on 3/16/2023).** Yes  
Underscores parents' fundamental rights in guiding the upbringing, education, and care of their minor children. ★

**3. SB253 Minor Medical Records (Passed 13 to 10 on 2/23/2023).** Yes  
Provides parents of minor children full access to their minor children's medical records. ★

**4. SB263 State Health Insurance (Passed 24 to 0 on 3/9/2023).** Yes  
Extends the existence of the New Hampshire Granite Advantage Health Care Program. ✗

**5. HB367 Choice School Eligibility (Passed 14 to 10 on 6/7/2023).** Yes  
Increases school choice eligibility from an annual household income equal to or less than 350 percent of the federal poverty guidelines at the time of application, which is up from 300 percent. ✗

**6. SB132 Sanctuary City Ban (Passed 13 to 10 on 3/30/2023).** Yes  
Prohibits any state or local government entity from establishing sanctuary policies. ★



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**Sen. Ruth Ward**  
Lifetime Score: 72%

**NH Scorecard 2023**  
2023 Regular Session Score

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U.S. Constitution, Amendment I --- 11 C.F.R. §114(4)(c)(4) --- 616 F.2d 45 (2d Cir. 1980)

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# Bill Descriptions for the Votes that Affect You

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## 1. Warrantless Arrest

SB58 allows a peace officer to make a warrantless arrest if they have probable cause to believe that an individual has committed a misdemeanor or violation. Additionally, if the immediate arrest does not occur, the person may avoid apprehension, destroy evidence, cause harm or damage, or, if in the care of a medical professional at a residential or healthcare facility, interfere with healthcare services through actual or threatened violence.

The New Hampshire State Senate passed SB58 on March 30, 2023 by a vote of 14 to 9. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this bill undermines the rights of Americans protected specifically by the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

## 2. Parents' Bill of Rights

SB272 underscores parents' fundamental rights in guiding the upbringing, education, and care of their minor children. It establishes a chapter defining these rights, including the authority to direct moral and religious training, choose educational paths, access information, and consent to matters like medical procedures and data sharing. The bill provides clear definitions, comprehensive parental rights, and alignment with federal laws on parent involvement in education. It emphasizes that any infringement on parental rights must be justified by clear and convincing evidence and narrowly tailored to address compelling state interests.

The New Hampshire State Senate passed SB272 on March 16, 2023 by a vote of 14 to 10. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because a student's upbringing, education, and health care — including their mental or emotional well-being — is the responsibility and fundamental right of parents, not the government. Parental rights, as with all other fundamental rights, are protected by the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

## 3. Minor Medical Records

SB253 provides parents of minor children full access to their minor children's medical records.

The New Hampshire State Senate passed SB253 on February 23, 2023 by a vote of 13 to 10. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because parental rights, as with all other fundamental rights, are protected by the Bill of Rights

## 4. State Health Insurance

SB263 reestablishes and modifies the commission overseeing the New Hampshire Granite Advantage Health Care Program, extending its existence until 2028. Additionally, it removes the scheduled expiration of the health care program, making it a permanent initiative.

The New Hampshire State Senate passed SB263 on March 9, 2023 by a vote of 24 to 0. We have assigned pluses to the nays because government should not be involved in the healthcare business as it is not a permissible item in the U.S. Constitution. This is something that can be handled by the private and nonprofit sectors.

## 5. School Choice Eligibility

HB367 increases the annual household income equal to or less than 350 percent of the federal poverty guidelines at the time of application, which is up from 300 percent for the education freedom account program.

The New Hampshire State Senate passed HB367 on May 7, 2023 by a vote of 14 to 10. We have assigned pluses to the nays because all government money comes with strings attached. ESAs might sound good in theory, but they expand government involvement into all aspects of education — including homeschools and religious schools — and can potentially affect rules and curriculum. We encourage all parents to get their children out of the government school system and instead pursue sound alternatives such as homeschooling and patriotic private schools, where government funds are not involved.

## 6. Sanctuary City Ban

SB132 prohibits any state or local government entity from establishing sanctuary policies.

The New Hampshire State Senate passed SB132 on March 30, 2023, by a vote of 13 to 10. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because cities around the country have created sanctuaries for illegal aliens, violating their constitutional oaths of office, particularly Article IV, Section 4, which states, "The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government, and shall protect each of them against Invasion."

and the 14th Amendment.