

Senate Republicans side with victims and public safety, vote for Bail Reform (HB 1476)

CONCORD, NH – Majority Leader Jeb Bradley (R-Wolfeboro), issued the following statement today on the passage of HB 1476:

"With an increase in repeat offenders committing crimes while out on bail, we knew it was necessary to revisit the issue of bail reform with the goal of supporting victims and improving public safety. Under HB 1476, individuals who are arrested for committing certain violent crimes, or charged with new crimes while out on bail, will be initially presumed to be a danger to the public, held for up to 36 hours from the time of arrest then appear before a judge. This creates a much needed and higher level of scrutiny regarding their crimes and repeat offender status versus simply being brought before a bail commissioner following arrest. New Hampshire's law-abiding citizens and victims who live in fear of their abusers deserve nothing less."

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