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Senate passes Bradley bill making it more difficult for violent offenders to be granted bail *SB 294 goal is to keep citizens and communities safer*

CONCORD, NH -- Majority Leader Jeb Bradley (R-Wolfeboro), issued the following statement today following the passage of SB 294 on a vote of 20-4 by the full Senate:

“Keeping people and communities safe is one of government’s most important responsibilities. Everyone charged with a crime should be afforded the opportunity for bail, and that’s true regardless of income. However, not everyone should be granted bail. Violent offenders need to be kept off the streets along with those defendants who have a track record of being a flight risk or have shown they have no respect for their bail conditions.”

“Under SB 294, there would be 13 serious crimes, including homicide, first/second degree assault, domestic violence, aggravated/felonious sexual assault, kidnapping, stalking, trafficking, robbery, possession of child sexual images, computer pornography and felonious use of a firearm that create a challengeable presumption that a person charged with those crimes is a danger to the community. The issue of whether they get bail must be decided by a judge within 72 hours of their arrest. Protecting victims from further violent crimes should also be our top priority,” concluded Bradley.

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