



# NEW HAMPSHIRE SENATE

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### Senate Passes Bail Reform

**CONCORD, NH** – Senator Daryl Abbas (R-Salem) released the following statement on the Senate passing SB 321-FN, relative to bail for a defendant:

“New Hampshire’s current bail system is failing us. No one should be denied bail simply because they cannot afford it. At the same time, we have individuals charged with crimes, released on personal recognizance bail, and then they immediately go out and reoffend. SB 321-FN is a necessary change to our bail laws to decrease the number of failures to appear in our criminal justice system. This bill will keep repeated bail jumpers from skirting the criminal justice system and helps keep felons off our streets. This bail reform bill benefits public safety and ensures our court system is running smoothly.

**Background:** SB 321-FN requires anyone who has failed to appear on any previous matter charged as a felony, class A misdemeanor, or driving while impaired 3 or more times in the past 3 years the person shall be detained in pretrial detention based upon the rebuttable presumption that release will not reasonably assure the appearance of the person as required.

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