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Senate moves to study opioid misuse in New Hampshire

Concord, NH - After being placed on the table, a bill establishing a committee to study opioid misuse in New Hampshire passed the Senate today with a floor amendment.

The amendment, proposed by Senator Sharon Carson (R-Londonderry), expands the scope of the study committee to include looking at opioid related educational tools, increasing enforcement and penalties for dealing the substance, and to find ways to improve treatments and therapies.

Senator Lou D'Allesandro (D-Manchester) is the bill's prime sponsor.

"I have serious concerns about the misuse of opioid drugs in the cities and towns across the state and the affect these drugs are having on so many individuals," said Senator Lou D'Allesandro (D-Manchester). "People are dying every day from overdoses and I'm seeing it first hand in my hometown, the City of Manchester. We have got to find a way to address this."

"It is imperative that we work together to find a solution to this problem and I appreciate my senate colleagues support today in forming this committee."

"By creating this committee, we will be able to take a more serious look at the many complexities of this issue and focus on creating solutions that can be applied to communities across the state who are suffering from opioid misuse," D'Allesandro continued.

"This committee will not only study the misuse of opioids, but will incorporate the study of educational tools, increase enforcement and penalties related to the distribution of the substance, and will also study the various therapies for those using the drug," said Senator Sharon Carson (R-Londonderry).

"We have no choice but to find solutions to this growing problem of opioid distribution and the drugs' misuse that are having a devastating effect on towns small and large in New Hampshire," Carson added.

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