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Bradley focused on strong legislation, prompt action from Task Force

Concord, NH –The Senate will meet in a Special Session tomorrow to vote on a resolution, which, if passed, will establish a Task Force on substance abuse. The proposed Task Force is charged with fully vetting issues related to curbing the widespread substance abuse epidemic in New Hampshire and will provide the basis for legislation to be drafted and processed expeditiously in January.

Senator Jeb Bradley (R-Wolfeboro) issued the following statement ahead of tomorrow's special session:

"The Task Force on substance abuse, should it be adopted tomorrow, will work within a very short timeframe to discuss and find common ground on issues like stronger penalties for possessing or distributing Fentanyl, establishing parity among insurance providers, increasing prescriber educational standards, and updating prescription monitoring so that legislation on these issues can be expedited in January. More complex issues will likely take additional work and we will need a clearer understanding of the state's overall financial picture from 2015 before legislation with additional funding needs can be finalized."

"I look forward to working with our legislative colleagues in a comprehensive, transparent and inclusive deliberative process as part of the Task Force, ensuring that the legislature will continue to develop legislation to best address the opioid and heroin crisis for the long-term, while also limiting any unintended consequences."

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