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## Expedited Senate bills addressing heroin crisis signed into law

Concord, NH – Critical Senate bills aimed at curbing the heroin and opioid crisis in New Hampshire, recommended by the Joint Task Force on the response to the heroin and opioid crisis and passed by both the House and Senate, became law today.

The Senate bills signed into law takes several steps to help curb the heroin crisis, including: increasing penalties for the possession of heroin, creating parity among insurance companies for providing addiction treatment services, and allowing for expanded use of the Prescription Drug Monitoring program.

Senate Majority Leader Jeb Bradley (R- Wolfeboro), prime sponsor of the one the bills signed into law, issued the following statement:

“While the legislation enacted today will not solve our the drug epidemic facing New Hampshire, it will provide additional tools for law enforcement and the medical community and families seeking treatment for loved ones suffering from heroin addiction. These bills establish a coordinated approach to increase drug and substance abuse prevention efforts, treatment, and recovery in order to curb the heroin and opioid crisis in the state of New Hampshire,” said Senate Majority Leader Jeb Bradley.

“The Legislature will continue to focus on combating addiction and addressing the heroin crisis by taking up additional proposals recommended by the joint Task Force, including Drug Courts, expanded interdiction efforts, and working with the medical boards to adopt new ruled for prescribing opioid, among others in the days and weeks to come. Our work here is not yet done, but this is a great step forward and we ask members of the public, law enforcement and the medical community to continue to partner with us in this critical effort,” Bradley added.

**Photo caption:** Senate Majority Leader Jeb Bradley praises the legislators, advocates, stakeholders and the medical community for their work on the expedited Senate bills signed into law today to help curb the heroin and opioid crisis in New Hampshire.

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