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## **Avard votes to protect children, families**

Concord, NH -The Senate today passed a bill, SB 515, which makes changes to the child protection act related to a parent's use of opioid drug abuse.

Senator Kevin Avard (R-Nashua) issued a statement following the vote.

"As a State Senator, I believe we have the duty to protect children in this state. The bill passed today, SB 515, serves to expand the authority of Division of Children, Youth and Families related to a parent's use of non- prescription opioid drugs to determine if a child is safe in the care of their parents. I do believe, however, that we need to protect our families, specifically our parents and children's civil rights, as well as restore family structures following appropriate substance abuse treatment."

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