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### **Bradley seeks House support for statewide drug court grant program**

Concord, NH - Today, the House Finance Committee heard SB 464-FN-A, which would establish a statewide drug court grant program in New Hampshire.

Senate Majority Leader Jeb Bradley (R-Wolfeboro), who is the bill's prime sponsor, issued the following statement after the hearing.

"The drug court legislation heard today in House Finance would establish a statewide, County Drug Court grant program, identified as a top priority by the Joint Task Force to address the opioid crisis in New Hampshire."

"The Drug Court program outlined in this legislation would allow each county to choose to apply for a grant to establish a drug court, which would allow those convicted of drug crimes to enter into evidence based recovery programs that have proven to reduce rates of recidivism. Including Drug Courts as another avenue to combat the tragic heroin and opioid crisis facing our state would have significant impact, helping high risk addicts to engage in treatment and recovery, while ending the cycle of incarceration, which is much more costly, that many have been a part of."

"This legislation also includes a provision that requires a match for every dollar spent outside of the budget to be saved to the Revenue Stabilization Fund to ensure we are providing for future economic downturns."

"I want to thank the House Finance Committee for their continued work on this bill to establish drug courts and I hope to have the House's support in passing this critical legislation."

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