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Bradley, Forrester support reducing illegal drugs in NH prisons

Concord, NH – Today, the Senate concurred with the House on SB 406 which would allow the Department of Corrections to purchase and implement the use of body scanners for both the State prisons and County jails. This bill will now go to the Governor's desk.

Senate Majority Leader Jeb Bradley (R-Wolfeboro) and Senator Jeanie Forrester (R-Meredith) issued the following statements.

"As part of the legislature's ongoing work to combat the drug crisis in our state, we must provide a comprehensive strategy to reduce substance abuse in all situations," said Senate Majority Leader Jeb Bradley (R-Wolfeboro). "By introducing body scanners in our jails and prisons we hope to better detect and reduce the amount of contraband, like heroin and other illegal drugs, from entering these facilities altogether. Eliminating drugs in our prisons will allow incarcerated individuals struggling with addiction to effectively undergo treatment and find a healthy, safe path forward. Establishing body scanners in our prisons is an essential part of the strategy to break the cycle of recidivism and substance abuse that is present in prisons and jails in the state."

"When we are dealing with the tragic opioid crisis facing New Hampshire, are the lives of any one group of individuals fighting with addiction any less valuable than others?" asked Senator Jeanie Forrester (R-Meredith). "When it comes to equipping our correctional facilities with body scanners, we are taking important steps towards reducing heroin and opioids entering our jails and prisons that feed the addictions of many inmates. Although an individual may be incarcerated, it doesn't mean we shouldn't take steps to make sure that we are providing a drug free environment and this legislation will help stem the cycle of addiction and recidivism for many individuals."

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