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Bradley, Stiles praise strengthened K-12 drug and alcohol curriculum

Concord, NH - Senate Majority Leader Jeb Bradley (R-Wolfeboro) and Senator Nancy Stiles (R-Hampton) issued the following statements on SB 369 following an agreement in Committee of Conference.

"This bill, SB 369, was developed as part of the multi-faceted response to the opioid and heroin epidemic facing our state and ensures that the necessary guides are in place so that developmentally appropriate drug and alcohol education is part of the curriculum inclusive of grades K-12," said Senator Nancy Stiles (R-Hampton). "As part of the on-going effort to effectively curb the substance abuse crisis in our communities, this bill will increase the drug and alcohol education students receive, providing more consistency throughout their education. We know that not only is repetition an important teaching tool, but by incorporating drug and alcohol prevention education each year, we keep an open dialogue with our students, limiting the chances students will use drugs in the future."

"This legislation, along with a number of other bills, helps to address the critical aspect of prevention amidst the heroin and opioid crisis in New Hampshire. This is a common sense initiative that will provide consistent and reliable prevention education, equipping our students with the knowledge they need to make informed decisions about drugs that will stay with them throughout their lives," said Senate Majority Leader Jeb Bradley (R-Wolfeboro). "Extending the educational foundation is another strong line of defense against the drug crisis and an integral part of the prevention, treatment and recovery matrix that will help curb the crisis long-term. I applaud Senator Stiles for her resolve in finding a strong solution for this legislation and I am proud of the House and Senate conferees for working together to ensure that this bill will get the job done. I urge my legislative colleagues to support the committee report and hope Governor will sign it as soon as it reaches her desk."

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