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Senators call on Hassan to sign prison body scanner bill

Concord, NH –Senators Jeanie Forrester (R-Meredith) and Regina Birdsell (R-Hampstead) issued statements urging Governor Hassan to sign SB 406, requiring prisons to implement body scanners in order to reduce heroin and other drugs entering New Hampshire jails and prisons as part of ongoing efforts to curb the heroin crisis in the State.

“I call on Governor Hassan to sign SB 406 into law,” said Senator Jeanie Forrester (R-Meredith) “This legislation will provide the department of corrections and Counties the funds to purchase body scanners to help stem the flow of drugs into our prisons and jails. Too many times we have heard of someone overdosing while in custody. It’s important that everyone who walks through the doors of a prison, visitors and employees alike be subject to the body scanners. Giving our corrections officers this tool will help keep our jails and prisons safe and is another critical piece in the fight against the heroin crisis.”

“We know that adding body scanners to our prisons and jails will greatly reduce the amount of drugs entering and being used by those who are incarcerated. After spending considerable resources and implementing numerous pieces of legislation to curb the heroin crisis in New Hampshire, this is a common sense component to preventing overdoses in our prisons, reducing drug usage and recidivism rates in our State,” said Senator Regina Birdsell (R-Hampstead). “I urge Governor Hassan to make the right choice and sign this important measure into law as soon as it reaches her desk.”

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