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Daniels, Morse commend committee support of Senate Budget NH can afford

Adds resources for DD, DCYF, Mental Health and protects taxpayers, grows NH jobs

Concord, NH - Today, the Senate Finance Committee adopted the Fiscal Year 2018-19 state budget, in HB 144 and HB 517.

Senate Finance Chair Gary Daniels (R-Milford) and Senate President Chuck Morse (R-Salem) issued the following statements:

"The budget passed by the Senate Finance Committee does not increase or create any new taxes or fees and relies on realistic revenue projections. The budget also addresses our state's top priorities including providing resources for those most in need," said Senate Finance Chair Gary Daniels (R-Milford).

"We addressed our state's most critical needs, including programs to benefit families with a disabled child and adding 60 new beds and community treatment options to relieve the growing mental health problem. We also doubled the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention, Treatment and Recovery to bring new resources into our communities combating the heroin crisis."

"We also made sweeping changes to the leadership at the Division of Children, Youth and Families and added more caseworkers to ensure our kids' best interests are being taken care of and they are protected abuse and neglect harm," said Daniels.

"This budget also includes additional business tax cuts and increases small businesses' ability to make capital investments. This allows businesses in New Hampshire to create good paying jobs and grow their business, keeping our state competitive with other states in New England and nationally," added Daniels.

"It is a responsible plan for the State of New Hampshire and we are fortunate to have the strong leadership in Governor Chris Sununu and the work of the House Finance Committee as we worked through the Senate process," said Senate President Chuck Morse (R-Salem). "We are proud that this budget lives within our means, keeping spending low over the next two years and significantly growing our State's Rainy Day Fund is filled, giving New Hampshire a solid economic foundation."

"Our Developmental Disabilities community waitlist has continued to be a major concern, despite an increase in funding two years ago meant to alleviate these challenges. This budget established a new funding formula that is responsive to changing needs so our state can provide community services for those who needs them," said Morse.

"We also took into consideration the needs of our business community. Two years ago New Hampshire adopted the first business tax cuts in decades which restored confidence in our small business owners, spurring job creation and a stronger, growing economy. In this budget we lowered the Business Enterprise Tax and Business Profits Tax again which sends a strong message that our state is open for business and we want small businesses to continue to grow, create good jobs, and reinvest in their business," Morse added.