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Bradley commends support for youth substance abuse treatment, increased funding in Senate budget

Concord, NH - Senate Majority Leader Jeb Bradley (R-Wolfeboro) issued the following statement following debate on substance abuse funding in the budget:

"The heroin and opioid crisis facing every community throughout New Hampshire continues to be a top concern in the legislature. We all agree that we can and should do more on top of the programs and resources we've put into place over the last two years as part of the Fiscal Year 2018-19 budget, which is why we have appropriated significant new resources to fight addiction."

"Unfortunately, \$4.3 million of appropriated funding is languishing in the Drug and Alcohol commission accounts in the midst of a heroin crisis, with 30 days left in the fiscal year. This is unacceptable!"

"It is beyond disappointing that these funds have not reached our communities when they are so desperately needed right now for further prevention, treatment, and recovery efforts."

"We are pleased by Governor Sununu is taking action to address the heroin crisis and for his leadership on a proposal in this budget to use \$2 million in unspent funds in the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Substance Abuse fund to renovate a wing at the Sununu Youth Services Center for youth substance abuse treatment. We realize the benefits a program like this can have on our young people, helping them to overcome their addiction early on and pave a positive path forward."

"This budget also doubles funding for the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery, putting more than \$14 million into that fund over the next two years so we can do even more and focus our efforts where they are most effective."

"I know that Governor Sununu will continue to address the heroin crisis with strong leadership that ensures these dollars are dispensed expeditiously for programs that have a real impact."

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