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### **Senator Kahn Applauds House Passage of SB 12, the Graduate Retention Incentive Partnership**

**CONCORD**—Today, the New Hampshire House of Representatives voted 201-134 in favor of SB 12-FN-A, establishing the New Hampshire college graduate retention incentive partnership program and making an appropriation therefor.

**Prime sponsor Senator Jay Kahn (D-Keene) released the following statement after the vote:**

“Today’s House vote in favor of SB 12 is an important signal that New Hampshire is committed to recruiting and retaining the workforce of tomorrow. The College Graduate Retention Incentive Partnership (GRIP) is an on-switch to encourage New Hampshire college students to include in-state job opportunities in their career planning and transitions.

This unique public-private partnership brings together business, education, and government to fill the current lack of incentives to attract and retain 2- and 4-year college graduates New Hampshire employers need. The support of the NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs, NH Business and Industry Association, the NH College & University Council, and Stay, Work, Play, make it possible for the state to leverage their resources to implement this program at no additional cost.”

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