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### **Senator Kahn Seeks to Reconnect Federal Reimbursements to School Districts Lost Due to Sununu Administration's Medicaid to Schools Emergency Rules**

**CONCORD** - Today, Senator Jay Kahn (D-Keene) introduced SB 684-FN to the Senate Education and Workforce Development Committee. SB 684-FN fixes the problem created by emergency rules instituted by Governor Sununu's administration which severed the connection between federal reimbursement and school district funding for medically necessary services. School districts continue to provide the students with services but without the federal reimbursement funding they expected in their budgets, leaving a \$29 million gap statewide. SB 684-FN reconnects school district services with federal reimbursement by qualifying school staff through health related professional licensure, removing doubts about future funding.

### **Following the hearing, prime sponsor Senator Jay Kahn (D-Keene) issued this statement:**

"New Hampshire schools are providing crucial medical services to our students - but without guaranteed reimbursement those services are in danger. The Sununu administration could -- at any time -- fix the problem caused by their emergency rule last year, but they have refused to acknowledge their mistake. With SB 684-FN, the Legislature is taking action to try to correct this mistake as well as expand reimbursable services so schools can maximize federal dollars."

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