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### **Committee Approves Senator Kahn's Medicaid to Schools Plan**

**CONCORD** – Today, the Senate Education and Workforce Development Committee voted 5-0 in favor of Senator Kahn's bill, SB 684-FN, which fixes the problem created by emergency rules for the Medicaid to Schools program instituted by Governor Sununu's administration which severed the connection between federal reimbursement and school district funding for medically necessary services. SB 684-FN reconnects school district services with federal reimbursement by qualifying school staff through health related professional licensure, removing doubts about future funding. The bill will next go to the floor for a full Senate vote on Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

"There are 173 New Hampshire school districts whose federal Medicaid reimbursements for necessary services to students can't be billed until these changes are passed and final rules are adopted. Expedited Senate action aims to accelerate \$30 million of reimbursement requests so that school districts don't take an unexpected funding hit in this fiscal year."

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