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Senator Hennessey Urges Governor Sununu to Sign SB 311

CONCORD - Today SB 311, Senator Martha Hennessey's (D-Hanover) bill to provide for an annulment of a criminal record without payment of a fee in certain cases and specify a waiting period for the annulment of simple possession drug-related offenses, was delivered to the Secretary of State. It next goes to the governor's desk where he will have five business days to sign, veto, or allow the bill to become law without his signature.

Senator Martha Hennessey (D-Hanover) issued the following statement in response:

"The purpose of corrections is intended to be rehabilitation, education, and restoration. A person in good standing, who has met their obligations to the state or, whose arrest has resulted in a finding of not guilty, should have the opportunity to continue their pursuit of a successful life. Often, criminal records are used as a reason to not hire someone regardless of their qualifications or to not offer someone housing. Particularly at a time when we are re-evaluating our criminal justice system and the disproportionate effects on low-income individuals we must continue to do due diligence in ensuring an equitable system of justice. I thank my colleagues in the House and Senate for their support of SB 311 and urge the governor to sign it into law."

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