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## Press Release



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### Statement from Governor Hassan on House Passage of Bill to Establish Statewide Drug Court Program

CONCORD - Governor Maggie Hassan issued the following statement today after the New Hampshire House of Representatives' bipartisan vote to pass Senate Bill 464, which was part of the comprehensive package of legislation the Governor proposed last November and establishes a statewide drug offender grant program and making appropriations therefor, and relative to transferring certain revenues to the revenue stabilization reserve account:

"In order to support the countless citizens battling addiction across the state, we must ensure that we provide our people with access to immediate treatment and a robust, long-term recovery system. Existing drug courts have proved effective in providing those within our justice system access to treatment and recovery, and drug courts have been successful in reducing crime, saving money and helping people return to their communities as contributing members of society through community supervision and intensive treatment."

"By expanding existing drug courts and establishing new drug courts across the state, this bipartisan legislation is critical to our efforts to help prevent people from slipping back into addiction and crime. It is my hope that the Senate and House will quickly work together to finalize this legislation, and send it to my desk for signature."

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