

Republican Review

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OP-ED: HOUSE REPUBLICANS PROUD OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In November of 2014, New Hampshire voters elected Republican majorities to the House of Representatives and the state Senate. For the last 20 months, our citizen Legislature has been working to produce results, and govern in a responsible manner that our state and its citizens can be proud of.

At the time of the last election, our state's economy was still emerging from recession. We heard from business owners and employees that in order to shift New Hampshire's economy into the 21st century, we needed to stop claiming we were business friendly, and start acting like we actually mean business.

Study after study placed our state in among the highest in the nation for our corporate tax rates, and we knew this demanded action. We are proud to say that the Republican Legislature passed the first business tax relief in 20 years.

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House Majority Leader Comments on State Revenue Report

CONCORD - House Republican Leader Richard "Dick" Hinch (R-Merrimack) offered the following comments relative to the monthly state revenue report issued by the Department of Administrative Services. According to the report, "Business Taxes for June totaled \$111.1 million, which were \$17.4 million (18.6%) above plan and \$12.4 million (12.6%) above prior year. YTD business tax collections, net of revenue identified as tax amnesty, were above plan by \$74.5 million (13.2%) and \$73.8 million (13.0%) above the prior year."

"We continue to believe that conservative revenue estimates pay dividends. While there are a number of factors that contribute to the individual performance of each revenue stream, coming in with a reasonable and well-thought-out revenue picture helps prevent situations where we spend more than we receive, and builds in protection for unexpected events," said Hinch. "Overall, we're extremely pleased that the business tax relief passed as part of our state budget has not had a net negative effect on revenues, as the governor would have had us believe less than 1 year ago. The basis for a robust economy begins with sensible and competitive tax policy. We are able to fund our state's priorities while demonstrating that we are open for business."

The regular House session may have come to an end, but the work of the House Majority Office continues throughout the summer months.
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CALEDONIAN RECORD TO HASSAN: GIVE US A BREAK

The following editorial was published in the Caledonian Record on July 8th:

Yesterday we pointed out the \$100 million budget surplus New Hampshire is enjoying after the state's Republican Legislature cut business taxes.

While writing, we recalled the budget fight Republicans had to wage last year against liberal governor Maggie Hassan. She didn't want tax cuts for business and held up passage of the budget for months under threat of veto.

Now, as a candidate for the United States Senate, Hassan is now (shamelessly) trying to take credit for the surplus she worked so diligently to sabotage. On her campaign page she says, "Governor Hassan has made the tough choices necessary... to consistently manage the state budget to a surplus. New Hampshire finished the 2015 fiscal year with a \$62 million surplus, doubling the Rainy Day Fund to its highest level since FY 2009. At the same time, New Hampshire cut taxes for research & development and small businesses, while ensuring long-term fiscal responsibility."

Give us a break.

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THANK YOU, House Republicans,
for your hard work and commitment to serving your
communities this term. Thank you and best wishes
to those members who have chosen not to file for
reelection. (See page 3)

POLL OUTLINES CONCERN ON DRUG CRISIS

A look back at a UNH Survey Center poll released on March 1 reminds us of the public's feelings on the drug epidemic in New Hampshire. Here are some excerpts:

"Overdoses and deaths from heroin have gone up dramatically in New Hampshire in recent years and the families of victims and political leaders have been increasingly vocal about this problem. Even candidates for president have addressed this issue during visits to the state during the primary campaign. Almost nine in ten (88%) Granite State adults say that heroin abuse is a very serious problem in New Hampshire."

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As we opined last September:

Mom and pop businesses, who pay most of the business taxes in New Hampshire, got some good news when the state budget was passed on Wednesday. For the first time in decades business taxes will be lowered, giving North Country businesses some relief.

It certainly didn't happen because Governor Hassan thinks New Hampshire businesses are over-taxed. To the contrary, she repeatedly blocked GOP attempts to help local businesses.

While the tax-cut isn't much, it's a positive step. Less money paid in business taxes for these people means more money they can re-invest into their companies. That means money to expand and hire. This benefits everyone.

Hassan was dragged kicking and screaming to this budget compromise because she and her fellow Democrats believe that anyone who owns a business has more than enough money to hand over to the state. They view businesses as the constant "go-to" source for an ever-expanding government. Even toward the end of the stalemate, Hassan said she would relent on the business tax cuts only if Republicans would go along with a \$100 million tax increase on granite-staters – which included a whopping increase on your auto registrations. Republican leaders said, "no."

In the end, under pressure from her own supporters, Hassan had to cave and go along with a budget that not only reduces business taxes, but also increases funding for substance abuse, and fully funds Meals On Wheels for our elderly.

What is remarkable is the budget passed does not increase taxes and fees on the people of New Hampshire. Common sense prevailed in Concord. Unfortunately, the tax and spenders aren't going away. They'll be back.

It's galling to us that Hassan is now taking credit for something she so vigorously opposed.

VETERAN HOUSE REPUBLICANS MOVING ON

Two long-time members of the New Hampshire House have decided not to seek re-election. On their respective last days of THE session, each said a few words to House members, as a personal privilege. Since not all members got to hear the remarks from Rep. Bob Rowe (R-Amherst) and Rep. David Hess (R-Hooksett), we wanted to include them in this week's newsletter.

Rep. Rowe's remarks:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. After 20 years, this is a very emotional time for me, leaving, and I was going to slip out before it [resignation letter] was read but someone prevailed on me to say a few words.

It's hard to think and feel this will be my last time in this well speaking in this historic, historic chamber in this historic House. I will miss that. Another thing I will miss is the drama, the drama of passing legislation. Now, my wife Helen and I have subscriptions to theater and we pay good money for subscriptions, but here I get comedy, drama and tragedy and \$100 every year! But those two pale in what I will really and truly miss, and that is all of you: members here now, and members in the past. People from all over the state, different personalities, different views, I will miss that. And yes, I will miss those few members sitting here who almost gave me a heart attack in the committee, and I won't mention their name.

So, I thank you and God bless all of you. And now, I will slip out.

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These cuts reduce the burden on businesses that employ the majority of New Hampshire workers, enabling them to grow, invest, and create more jobs. We did this despite Gov. Maggie Hassan's ill-informed veto, and her claims that our state budget revenues would be irreparably damaged. In fact, we've seen growth in business tax revenue.

Despite our low unemployment rate, more than 100,000 of our residents still commute out-of-state for their jobs. We need to foster a competitive tax and regulatory environment to bring those jobs here and make New Hampshire a magnet for economic opportunity.

Over the last two years, the Republican Legislature has passed an array of legislation that protects businesses from unfair tax treatment when they go public or acquire new investment capital, expanded the Research and Development Tax Credit, reformed Workers' Compensation laws, simplified the tax-filing process for businesses, and increased deductions for purchases of capital and equipment, among many other pro-business bills.

Regulation and tax reform is only part of the solution. A modernized economy requires an educated workforce and lower energy costs. We increased funding to our university and community college systems, ensuring they have resources to produce affordable education options for the next generation of our workforce, and ensuring we have the skilled workers needed to attract and retain businesses and jobs.

We realized that action was necessary to address the many facets of our state's drug and opioid addiction epidemic. Included in the Republican Legislature's state budget proposal, was a substantial increase in funding to programs dealing with addiction treatment and recovery. In total, we included \$42 million in our state budget, a 75 percent increase, to ensure our state agencies and providers had access to more resources. The governor vetoed the budget bills with this additional funding, but we were relieved when Democrats joined with us to overturn her veto, and move forward with our proposals.

We didn't stop once the budget was passed. In late 2015, the Republican Legislature formed the Joint Legislative Task Force on the Heroin and Opioid Epidemic, comprised of legislative leaders from the House and Senate with policy expertise and personal or professional backgrounds in the fields associated with the many aspects of this crisis. We reviewed dozens of proposals, enabled a fast-track legislative process, and focused our collective attention through the legislative session on additional bills. This year alone we've passed legislation that touches all three major areas of the crisis, including education and prevention, treatment and recovery, and law enforcement and interdiction.

In 2015, 439 New Hampshire citizens lost their lives because of illicit drug use. If there has ever been such compelling evidence that the Legislature must address this crisis by whatever means we can, I'm not aware of it. The package of legislation we passed this year may not be the solution to permanently end the crisis. But if we can save lives, if we can take drugs off of our streets, and if we can expand access to treatment and recovery, we believe it is of paramount importance to our state.

When it comes to addressing the problems voters send us here to solve, I believe we've demonstrated an ability to overcome partisan rhetoric and deliver meaningful results. We look forward to continuing our conversation with voters in the coming months to ensure we continue to be responsive to their concerns, act as responsible stewards of their tax dollars, and as responsible representatives of their state government.

REMINDER:

Entering the State House on or after 8/1?

Use the front entrance or Park St. Entrance.

2016 STATISTICS

BILLS FILED IN THE HOUSE

751

BILLS FILED IN THE SENATE

321

BILLS FOUND INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

520

BILLS TABLED IN THE HOUSE

33

BILLS TABLED IN THE SENATE

29

BILLS SENT TO INTERIM STUDY

118

COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE REPORT FAILED

2

NONCONCURRED

7

SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

330

VEOTED BY GOVERNOR

13

*Retiring Reps - Continued from page 2***Excerpts from Rep. Hess remarks:**

Let me say that first of all, as many of you probably know, I have made a decision not to return. With you, a year ago December, I raised my right hand and swore my oath. Unlike all but a handful of you, it was the 13th time I had done that. I have sat in this chamber for 25 years. If that sounds like a long time, let me make it sound longer. I have been a member of this House for a quarter of a century. I have learned a lot of things in those 25 years, which started in 1987. For example, I know how many light bulbs there are in this chamber. Does anyone else? If you count just the light bulbs on the walls and in the ceiling, there are 110. But that is only a fraction because you have to count the three bulbs in the 400 seats reflecting our voting machines. So, there are actually 1310 light bulbs in this chamber. I've thought often about that, and wondered if anyone else had, and apparently, you haven't.

I also know that there is only one person who has two of his portraits in this building. Does anyone else know who that is? Governor Natt Head, who happens to be the only governor ever to be born, raised, and died in Hooksett. But I've learned a few other things. First of all, being in the House is a roller coaster ride; you win a few, you lose a few, etc. But there are some truths I think I would like to share in some reflections.

First of all, this institution is not a chamber. It is not an inanimate object of mortar and granite and wood and plaster. It's a living breathing body politic. And for it to survive, and prosper it needs to be respected, it needs to be honored, its traditions need to be nurtured and indeed it needs to be loved. If not by us, by whom? And if not now, when?

The second thought I would like to leave you with is respect. The most important thing that you as a legislator can do in this chamber is to respect all of the other 399 legislators. That is a tradition of the chamber that strongly and most deeply needs to be preserved. Not just for altruistic motives or reasons because it's nice to respect other people but for purely crass political motives because your biggest enemy in the last bill that you either beat or lost to is going to be your most important ally in the next bill. And you don't want that person to be PO'ed at you for the way you treated them in the previous debate. So, respect is the second thing I want you to keep in mind.

The third thing is to preserve, protect, and defend. Protect the traditions of the House, preserve the integrity of the House, and more importantly, perhaps, do the same thing for yourself. The most valuable asset you as a member have is your credibility, is your reputation for honesty and integrity and straight playing. I had a mentor, the best trial lawyer in New Hampshire for over 30 years, Stanley Brown from Bradford who taught me no case, in this case, no bill, no cause, no principle, no special interest, is worse sacrificing your integrity and your credibility and your reputation. Never do that because once you lose it, it's almost impossible to gain it back.

Fourthly, keep your sense of humor. Keep your sense of humor. And remember, you're not as important as you think you are. In fact, none of us are as good of a speaker, or as good of a legislator, or as effective, or as important as we think we are. No one is indispensable. We're all going to be replaced. $\frac{2}{3}$ of us are going to be replaced by better people than we are. So, don't pat yourself on the back when you win, don't go home and have an extra drink when you lose...

Let me close these remarks by repeating what Edward R. Murrow made so famous in his broadcast from London: Goodnight and goodbye.

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Number of House seats left unfilled by the Democrat Party (based on filings).

Reminder:

As a reminder, there will be no legislative activity or mileage reimbursement between June 20 and August 15, unless special circumstances arise and authorization is granted.

From the middle of August through the end of the year, legislative mileage to Concord will be limited primarily to Tues, Wed, and Thurs.

2016 HOUSE DEADLINES**September 12**

First day for incumbents running for re-election to file LSRs with complete information Friday,

September 23

Last day prior to the General Election for incumbents running for re-election to file LSRs with complete information Friday,

October 28

Last day to file 2016 Interim Study reports Monday,

November 14, 2016

First day for all Representatives to file LSRs with complete information

December 2

Last day to file LSRs with complete information Ten day sign-off period begins

THANK YOU

We'd like to take a moment to recognize all the Republican members who have decided not to seek reelection to the NH House of Representatives.

Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication, and best wishes for your future endeavors.

Belknap

George Hurt
Russ Dumais
Brian Gallagher
David Russell
Shari Lebreche
Guy Comtois

Carroll

Donald "Ted" Wright

Coos

Larry Rappaport
John Tholl
Leon Rideout

Grafton

Edmond Gionet
Eric Johnson
Paul Ingretson

Hillsborough

William O'Brien
Ken Peterson
Will Infantine
Ralph Boehm
Phil Straight
Robert Rowe
Stephen Stepanek
Bill Goulette
Shawn Sweeney
Jim Coffey
Jim Parison
Jack Flanagan
Christopher Adams
Peggy McCarthy
Don McClaren
Barry Palmer
Peter Silva
Eric Estevez
Charlene Takesian
Frank Edelblut

Merrimack

Harold French
David Kidder
Dan McGuire
David Hess
Jason Parent

Rockingham

Bruce Hodgdon
Joe Duarte
L. Mike Kappler
William Gannon
Robert Introne
Dan Tamburello
Beverly Ferrante
Anne Priestley
Joe Sweeney
Elisabeth Sanders
Adam Schroadter
Max Abramson
Fred Rice
Michele Peckham
Pamela Tucker
Carol Bush
Jeff Oligny
Andrew Christie

Strafford

Joshua Whitehouse
David Bickford
Jim Gray
Warren Groen
Catherine Cheney
Laura Jones

Sullivan

Ernie Bridge

Drug Crisis Poll

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"Furthermore, just over half (52%) of New Hampshire residents say they personally know someone who has abused heroin in the past 5 years. Younger residents are more likely to know someone who has abused heroin than older residents as 72% of adults under 35 say they personally know someone who has abused heroin in the past 5 years."

"After years of jobs and the economy being the most important problem in the state, Granite Staters are increasingly concerned about the drug crisis in the state -- currently, 40% of New Hampshire adults cite drug abuse as the most important problem facing the state, followed by jobs and the economy (14%), education (8%), health care (5%), taxes (4%) and the state budget (1%). At this point last year just 4% of New Hampshire residents cited drug abuse as the most important problem."

In Memoriam

In June, we learned of the passing of Rep. Shem Kellogg (R-Plaistow). Rep. Kellogg was just 34 years old. He was serving his first term in the House, and served on the Fish and Game and Marine Resources committee.

Please keep Rep. Kellogg and his family in your prayers.





NEW HAMPSHIRE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

Below is a rundown of many of the accomplishments of the legislature this term, broken out by policy area, with brief descriptions and bills numbers. We were able to pass a multitude of bills that directly addressed issues we campaigned on as Republicans and pledged we would act on as part of our Republican legislative agenda.

2015-2016 LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Jobs and the Economy

- Lowered the Business Profits Tax for the first time in 20 years, and the Business Enterprise Tax for the first time ever, enabling New Hampshire to regain its competitiveness over neighboring states. *HB2/SB9 (2015)*
- Expanded the Research and Development Tax Credit in FY18. *HB2 (2015)*
- Authorized Business Finance Authority to assist Balsam's redevelopment. *SB30 (2015)*
- Protected NH businesses from unfair tax treatment when they go public or acquire new investment capital. *SB342 (2016)*
- Simplified the tax-filing process for businesses and increased expensing deductions for purchases, such as equipment, from \$25,000 to \$100,000, enabling businesses to invest in more capital quicker. *SB239 (2016)*
- Approved reforms to Workers Compensation, enabling employers to contest unreasonable health care charges. Lowering Workers Comp is a key obstacle for job creation in New Hampshire. *SB133 (2015)*
- Protected electric ratepayers by approving a deal for Eversource to divest its power generating assets, which otherwise would have stuck ratepayers with 100% of Stranded Costs. *SB221 (2015)*
- Updated and reformed New Hampshire's securities laws. *SB266 (2015)*
- Protected the local fishing industry from stifling regulations. *HB464 (2015)*

The State Budget

- Approved a balanced, responsible budget that meets New Hampshire's needs:
 - Full funding of Development Disabilities and Waitlist.
 - Fully funds ServiceLink and Meals on Wheels.
 - Increased state support for alcohol and drug treatment and prevention programs by 75%.
 - Funds Mental Health Settlement while increasing state support for existing mental health infrastructure.
 - Ensure opening of 10-Bed Crisis Unit at NH Hospital.
 - Increases funding for higher education, including a two-year tuition freeze at the Community College System.
 - Provides tax relief for NH businesses that employ 95% of private sector workforce, the first rate relief in 20 years.
 - Rejects \$129 million in tax increases in Governor Hassan's budget.
- Approved Capital Budget that funds priority infrastructure projects. *HB25 (2015)*

Energy

- Required ratepayer protections under agreement to allow Eversource to divest its power generating assets. *SB221 (2015)*
- Protected ratepayer rights. *SB170 (2015)*
- Improved ability of Site Evaluation Committee to review energy projects. *HB614 (2015)*
- Improved Site Evaluation Committee rules for gas pipelines to protect landowners. *SB572 (2015)*
- Modified the cap on net energy metering tariffs available to eligible customer-generators, enabling the continued growth of the solar industry in New Hampshire, and providing consumers with more energy options. *HB1116 (2016)*

Education & Schools

- Strengthened requirements for parents to be notified of potentially objectionable course material in public schools. *HB332 [Vetoed by Governor]*
- Provided state support to local school districts for courses given to home-schooled students. *SB151 (2015)*
- Increased state funding for University System by \$12 million over two years (8%). *HB1 (2015)*
- Increased state support for Community College System by \$3.8 million, enough to ensure a two-year tuition freeze. *HB1 (2015)*
- Phased out cap on Adequate Education Grants. *HB2 (2015)*
- Increased state support for Charter School students. *HB1 & 2 (2015)*
- Allowed towns to provide property tax exemption for Charter Schools. *HB662 (2015)*
- Protected local school districts from Common Core mandates. *SB101 [Vetoed by Governor]*
- Increased state support for Community and Technical Education Centers. *SB190 (2015)*
- Allowed use of the SAT or ACT tests to fulfill the high school assessment requirement. *HB323 (2015)*
- Honoring military service by permitting high school students who are members of the armed forces to wear their uniforms at graduation *HB1225 (2016)* and permitting the placement on school property of a memorial or memorial plaque honoring those who have died during military service. *HB1130 (2016)*
- Enhanced public safety enabling school districts to use criminal history records checks for school employees and designated school volunteers. *SB152 (2016)*
- Encouraged civic engagement by requiring high school students to pass a competency assessment of the United States and New Hampshire government and civics. *SB157 (2016)*
- Allowed a school district to assign a child to another public school in another school district or to an approved private school if there is no public school for the child's grade in the child's resident district and allow a school board to make a contract with a private school to provide for the education of a child who resides in a district which does not have a public school at the child's grade level. *HB1637 (2016) [Vetoed by Governor]*

Health and Human Services

- Funded vital state assistance programs, including Meals on Wheels, ServiceLink, and Developmental Disabilities. *HB1 (2015)*
- Preserved Emergency Shelters and staffing at NH Hospital. *HB1 (2015)*
- Increased state support for alcohol and drug treatment and prevention programs by 75%, including new Substance Abuse Disorder Benefit under Medicaid. *HB1 (2015)*
- Funds state Mental Health Settlement by increasing funding for existing mental health infrastructure by \$6.5 million. *HB1 & 2 (2015)*

- Reduced bureaucratic hurdles for Managed Care Organizations to administer prescription drugs to treat mental illness. *HB564 (2015)*
- Authorized use of “telemedicine” to improve healthcare delivery at lower cost. *SB84 & SB112 (2015)*
- Strengthened protections against lead poisoning in children. *SB135 (2015)*
- Provided parity for oral anti-cancer therapies. *SB137 (2015)*
- Established procedures for the implementation of phase 2 of the Medicaid managed care plan *SB533 (2016)*

Helping Cities and Towns

- Authorized cities and town to establish special assessment districts. *HB486 (2015)*
- Reduced costly and unnecessary mandates on local elections. *HB493 (2015)*
- Authorized municipalities to improve storm water protections. *SB97 (2015)*
- Increased state aid under Meals and Rooms Tax. *HB1 & 2 (2015)*
- Increased state support for local public schools. *HB1 & 2 (2015)*
- Enabled towns and cities to adopt a property tax credit which extends the current veterans’ property tax credit to all honorably discharged veterans. *HB430 (2016)*

Public Safety

- Established sustainable funding for State Police Detectives Bureau and Division of Homeland Security. *HB1 & 2 (2015)*
- Improved ability to investigate child abuse and neglect allegations. *SB244 (2015)*
- Passed “Good Samaritan” protections for people requesting medical assistance for victims of drug overdoses. *HB270 (2015)*
- Improved interoperability of public safety radios. *SB46 (2015)*
- Restricted the sale of synthetic drugs like Spice. *SB106 (2015)*
- Enabled Fish & Game to revoke license of persons of convicted of sexual assault while hunting. *HB212 (2015)*
- Increased penalties for indecent exposure. *HB597 (2015)*
- Establishes fine for persons convicted of domestic violence to assist victims of domestic violence. *HB681 (2015)*
- Established a program to transition to drivers' licenses and identification cards that are compliant with federal identification law *HB1616 (2016)*
- Strengthened New Hampshire's anti human trafficking laws *HB1628 (2016)*
- Granted Federal Border Patrol agents greater law enforcement capabilities in rural Coos County *HB1298 (2016)*
- Modified the funding sources for the Police Standards & Training Council to ensure resources are available to train and certify the next generation of law enforcement professionals *HB1428 (2016)*

Protecting Taxpayers and their Constitutional Rights

- Approved a Balanced Budget using conservative revenue estimates and no tax increases. *HB1 & 2 (2015)*
- Doubled the Rainy Day Fund to protect NH's fiscal health and bond rating. *HB1 (2015)*
- Rejected \$129 million in job-killing tax increases in Hassan Budget. *HB1 & 2 (2015)*
- Provided tax relief for NH Businesses, cutting our uncompetitive business tax rates. *HB1 & 2 / SB9 (2015)*
- Increased state aid to cities and towns for schools, road construction, and Meals and Rooms revenues, helping local taxpayers. *HB1 & 2 (2015)*

- Improved state agency budget reporting requirements. *SB32 (2015)*
- Reformed Real Estate Transfer Tax to remove improper tax on ground leases. *SB232 (2015)*
- Repealed antiquated permit requirement to carry firearms.
SB116 (2015) & HB582 (2015) [Vetoed by Governor]
- Strengthened protections against EBT card abuse.
HB219 (2015) & SB169 (2015) [SB169 Vetoed by Governor]
- Established Tax Amnesty, Voluntary Disclosure programs to enable collection on delinquent tax revenue. *HB2 (2015)*
- Improved disclosure requirements for homeowners facing foreclosure. *SB50 (2015)*
- Limited asset forfeiture to only cases resulting in a criminal conviction where the state has found by clear and convincing evidence that the property was derived from, or used in, the commission of a crime. *SB522 (2016)*

Preserving the Integrity of our Elections

- Eliminated “Drive-By Voting” through 30-day residency requirement.
SB179 (2015) [Vetoed by Governor]
- Authorized the secretary of state to share voter information and data through the Interstate Voter Registration Crosscheck Program, reducing the opportunity for voter fraud *HB1482 (2016)*

Addressing the Heroin and Opioid Crisis

- Established a fourteen-member commission to study Narcan and produce a long-term plan on the use and distribution of Narcan. *SB447 (2016)*
- Strengthened laws in several areas including: law enforcement, the program for monitoring prescriptions for controlled drugs, the education of medical providers, and insurance coverage for treatment. *SB576 (2016)*
- Added penalties for the possession and use of fentanyl that are equal to the penalties for the possession and use of heroin and crack cocaine. *SB576 (2016)*
- Passed mandatory standards for prescribing rules and required using the controlled drug prescription health and safety program database. *HB1423 (2016)*
- Established a law enforcement grant program to assist the state, county, and local law enforcement in addressing the opioid crisis by targeting drug dealers and traffickers.
HB1000 (2016)
- Added technology upgrades for the controlled drug prescription health and safety program.
SB522 (2016)
- Established a special non-lapsing account for the department of health and human services to fund drug education, prevention, and treatment programs. *SB522 (2016)*
- Required opioid agreements between prescribers and patients if the patient is using opioids for more than 90 days within any 6-month period. *SB523 (2016)*
- Established a commission to study requiring controlled drugs and controlled drug analogs to be sold in tamper-proof form. *SB523 (2016)*
- Established the statewide drug offender grant program. *SB464 (2016)*
- Made a supplemental appropriation to the governor's commission on alcohol and drug abuse prevention for additional treatment and recovery funding and to the New Hampshire housing finance authority for temporary housing for those in recovery. *SB533 (2016)*
- Encouraged public schools to include drug and alcohol education as part of their health education curriculum. *SB369 (2016)*