

Floor Amendment to SB 239-FN

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 18 with the following:

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3 18 New Paragraph; Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, Treatment,  
4 and Recovery; Definition of Harm Reduction. Amend RSA 12-J:2 by inserting after paragraph IV the  
5 following new paragraph:

6 V. For the purposes of this chapter, RSA 126:A, RSA 318-B:93, RSA 328-D:3, and RSA  
7 329:16-g, "harm reduction" is an approach that emphasizes engaging directly with people who use  
8 alcohol and other drugs to prevent overdose and infectious disease transmission, improve the  
9 physical, mental, and social function of those served, and offer low-threshold options for accessing  
10 substance use disorder treatment and other health care services. This shall be limited to the  
11 following:

12 (a) Connect individuals to overdose education, counseling, and referral to treatment for  
13 infectious diseases and substance use disorders.

14 (b) Distribute opioid overdose reversal medications (e.g., naloxone) to individuals at risk  
15 of overdose, or to those who might respond to an overdose, and provide training in overdose reversal  
16 and prevention.

17 (c) Make available substance test kits, including fentanyl test strips.

18 (d) Lessen harms associated with drug use and related behaviors that increase the risk  
19 of infectious diseases, including HIV, viral hepatitis, and bacterial and fungal infections; via  
20 referrals, syringe service programs, sharps disposal and medication disposal kits, wound care  
21 supplies medication lock boxes, education, testing, and prophylactic measures.

22 (e) Reduce infectious disease transmission among people who use drugs, including those  
23 who inject drugs by equipping them with accurate information and facilitating referral to resources.

24 (f) Reduce overdose deaths, promote linkages to care, facilitate co-location of services as  
25 part of a comprehensive, integrated approach.

26 (g) Provide education and public awareness programs to reduce stigma associated with  
27 substance use and co-occurring disorders.

28 (h) Promote a philosophy of hope and healing by utilizing those with lived experience of  
29 recovery in the management of harm reduction services, and connecting those who have expressed  
30 interest to treatment, peer support workers and other recovery support services.