May 17 Info Session Planned on Retirement Bill

PORTSMOUTH – The prime sponsor of the Senate bill proposing comprehensive changes to the New Hampshire Retirement System, State Senator Jeb Bradley of Wolfeboro, will join local State Senator Nancy Stiles at an information session about Senate Bill 3 on Tuesday, May 17, at Portsmouth City Hall.

The informational meeting on Senate Bill 3 begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Eileen Dondero Foley City Council Chambers. It also will be televised live on local government cable Channel 22 and live streamed over the Internet from a link at www.cityofportsmouth.com. The Senators will present an overview of the legislation and answer questions about the proposal.

"This is a complicated issue and there has been some confusion over what this important and ground-breaking legislation seeks to accomplish," said Sen. Stiles, who represents District 24 including Portsmouth, Greenland, Hampton, Hampton Falls, New Castle, Newington, North Hampton, and Rye.

"We hope this information session will provide a valuable opportunity for employees, municipalities and the public to learn more about this significant legislation and the changes the Legislature is considering," she said.

Both the NH House and Senate had their respective versions of legislation to make retirement system changes, and a conference committee has been formed between the House and Senate to work out the differences. The New Hampshire Municipal Association, which represents most of the municipalities in New Hampshire at the Statehouse, had favored the Senate's original version sponsored by Bradley and others.