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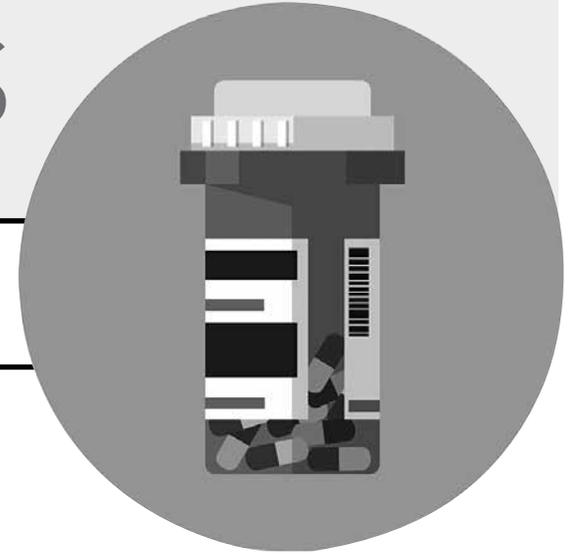
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Heroin and prescription drug overdoses are claiming more lives in Connecticut every year. As your State Senator, I worked on legislation this year to combat this growing epidemic. The new law:

- ▶ Expands access to Narcan, a medication that is used to treat opioid overdoses, allowing first responders to save more lives.
- ▶ Restricts first-time painkiller prescriptions to no more than a seven-day supply.
- ▶ Requires additional parental notification when prescribing opioids to a minor.
- ▶ Strengthens the electronic prescription drug monitoring program.

This law also builds upon action we have taken in previous years:

- ▶ Protects health care professionals and Good Samaritans from liability when they use Narcan to treat an overdose.
- ▶ Creates drop box locations throughout the state so residents can safely dispose of medications and reduce abuse of prescription painkillers.