

Assembly passes last of the special session bills on opioid abuse

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The Assembly this evening passed two bills to curb opioid abuse, the last of the 11 total special session bills to make their way through the chamber.

The Assembly already passed nine of the special session bills, all of which were taken up and passed by the Senate today. The legislation is based on recommendations from the Governor's Task Force on Opioid Abuse.

The special session bills before the Assembly today:

*SSAB 3, which would grant immunity for drug possession to a person who calls 911 to report another person who is experiencing a drug overdose;

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The bill passed on a voice vote.

*And SSAB 5, which would extend Department of Health Services programs currently used to treat alcoholics to drug users, including voluntary treatment programs.

The bill passed unanimously on a 97-0 vote.