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Praise for smart justice bill

A better solution

The Florida Legislature is poised to do a most wonderful thing.

Rep. Katie Edwards, D-Plantation, and Rep. Dave Hood, R-Daytona Beach, in the House and Sen. Rob Bradley R-Fleming Island, have proposed legislation that dramatically increases the amount of prescription narcotic levels subject to mandatory minimum sentencing laws.

Partisan politics have been thrown aside in the name of common-sense solutions to the expensive problems that have occurred when low-level, non-violent drug abusers, are subject to minimum mandatory jail sentences. These bipartisan sponsors have identified these problems and are trying to fix them.

The Senate voted unanimously to pass their version of this new legislation last week. The House, it is hoped, will follow suit and pass this legislation.

Those citizens of the state who suffer pain prescription drug medication addictions can receive the counseling and drug treatment they need much more economically than being warehoused in our prisons and labeled convicted felons. Let us applaud this common sense approach.

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