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The state cannot keep turning its back on this fact: Mandate relief has to be a priority. Localities and school districts facing tough fiscal challenges still have their hands tied by too many unfunded state mandates.

The research focused on Chemung, Schuylers, Steuben, Yates, and five other regional counties. From 2015 to 2016, the study reports more than 600 heroin overdoses occurred across the region.

Senator O'Mara offers his weekly perspective on many of the key challenges and issues facing the Legislature, as well as on legislative actions, local initiatives, state programs and policies, and more. Stop back every Monday for Senator O'Mara's latest column "From the Capitol..."

This week, **"Improving accountability and affordability"**