Most Concerning Bills During Lame Duck (November 5, 2025 – January 14, 2026)

BILL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
❌ A2874 / S1188	Lowers age at which minors can consent to behavioral health care treatment from 16 to 14 (***Implementation***: *This allows a child who is 14 years of age to consent to outpatient treatment as if they had achieved the age of majority. This does not require parental notification or consent.*)	➤ Introduced, Referred to Assembly Children, Families and Food Security Committee, 1/9/24 ➤ Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee, 1/9/24 ➤ Reported from Senate Committee as a Substitute, 2nd Reading, 2/22/24
❌ A1657 / S2380	Permits certain mental health professionals working in school districts to refer or help facilitate referral of students to professional counselors. (***Implementation***: *Child can be referred to mental health provider before parent is informed or can give consent.*)	➤ Passed the full Assembly, 12/19/24, Yes: 56 No: 12, Not Voting: 8, Abstain: 4 ➤ Passed through the Senate Education Committee, 11/10/25 ➤ **Ready for a full Senate vote**
❌ A4656 / S3491	Secures protections for patients and providers accessing and providing legally protected health care activities; establishes right of residents to legally protected health care services, which are restricted in other states. (***Implementation***: *Allows access to abortion and "gender affirming" services in New Jersey for those from other states.*) Sanctuary State Program	➤ Introduced, Referred to Assembly Health Committee, 6/25/24 ➤ Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee, 6/24/24 ➤ **Existing EO 326 from Gov. Murphy**

✗ A1710 / S1628	Establishes certain protections for persons, providing, receiving, and allowing children to receive gender-affirming health care (**_Implementation_**: _Removes custody rights from parents who do not allow their children to undergo gender-transitioning procedures, puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and irreversible surgeries._)	➢ Introduced, Referred to Assembly Health Committee, 1/9/24 ➢ Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee, 1/9/24
✗ A3016 / S4050	Allows follow up calls from operators of NJ Suicide Hopeline to minors at risk of committing suicide (**_Implementation:_** _Prohibits operators of the 9-8-8 suicide crisis hotline to notify parents that their 16-year-old child called the hotline and has been categorized at being at a "high risk of suicide"._)	➢ Passed through Assembly Aging and Human Services committee 3/17/25 ➢ Assembly Floor Amendment Passed (Quijano) 5/22/25 ➢ Passed through Senate Health, Human Services, and Senior Citizens Committee 6/9/25 **Ready for full Senate vote**
✗ S4894	Revises certain references to Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices in statutory and regulatory law. (**_Implementation:_** _NJ Dept. of Health will have the authority to decide required vaccine for NJ students instead of the current federal CDC body known as ACIP. This allows for NJ to follow the lead of the Northeast Public Health Collaborative who is taking advice from the American Academy of Pediatrics who financially benefit from administering vaccines, not based on a health need for a patient._)	➢ Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee, **11/20/25**

| ✗ A4381 / S3156 | Permits boards of education to lease certain school property to federally qualified health centers without bidding

(__Implementation__: Health services may be obtained on school grounds with the potential of minor child healthcare provided without parental consent) | ➢ Reported out of Assembly Education Committee with Amendments, and Referred to Assembly State and Local Government Committee 9/19/24

➢ Passed the Full Senate (22-15) on 5/20/24 |