



Advocacy Matters Newsletter Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire March 7, 2021

General Court News- Legislative Activities Suspension

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the General Court is conducting legislative activities remotely with the exception of publicly noticed sessions in the House or Senate Calendar. During this time, the State House and Legislative Office Building remain closed to visitors.

Brain Injury Public Policy Committee Meeting -March 9th

The next scheduled Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire Public Policy Committee ZOOM Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 4:30pm**. The Brain Injury Public Policy Committee will be meeting regularly on the **second Tuesday of the month at 4:30 pm**. Eldon Munson, Jr., Chair of the Committee, will preside over the 2021 meetings.

During the meeting, Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire Lobbyist Teresa Rhodes Rosenberger from the Law Firm of Bernstein Shur will provide the committee with a legislative and public policy update.

All are welcome. If you are interested in attending, please visit <https://bianh.salsalabs.org/bimppcm> to register and receive the ZOOM link or contact Ellen Edgerly at Ellen@bianh.org or 603-834-9570.

Legislative Update -Teresa Rosenberger, Lobbyist, Bernstein Shur

The big news is SB 150, creating dental benefits under the Medicaid program, has passed the Senate Committee and headed to a vote by the full Senate next week. Fingers crossed, it should pass.

In Friday's House Calendar, Speaker Packard has made adjustments to reporting dates in order to minimize the number of times the House meets in session. The changes to deadlines will allow for more time for members to receive their vaccinations, more time for COVID cases in the state to continue to decline, and create a more risk-mitigated environment when the House does meet.

With that said, Speaker Packard has scheduled deadlines to create one deadline by which all remaining bills need to be reported out by committees, and one deadline by which the House would need to act on the committee reports:

April 1, 2021 Last day to report all House bills as well as reporting list of retained House bills.

April 8, 2021 CROSSOVER – Last Day to Act on all House bills.

We expect 3 days of a House session the first week of April. Since it will be mud season, we have no idea where they will hold these 3 days of hearings.

The deadline changes only apply to the House. The Senate has maintained April 1st as their Crossover date.

They do keep us hopping!

Teresa

[Brain Injury Legislative Status Report](#)

Attached find the most recent Brain Injury Legislative Status Report for your review.

Take care-

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