



Advocacy Matters Newsletter

Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire

January 13, 2024

Virtual Brain Injury Public Policy Meeting Invitation

The next Brain Injury Public Policy Committee meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 16th, 4:30 pm to 5:30.** Eldon Munson, Jr., Chair of the Committee, will preside over 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 to attend.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86858047776?pwd=QzVxSFR6MWkxQ0M1T0gvRXRYTDZiZz09>

Meeting ID: 868 5804 7776, Passcode: 796391

Brain Injury Legislative Update-Teresa Rosenberger, Lobbyist, Bernstein Shur

The legislature is moving fairly quickly. Many bills are having hearings and being voted on the same day in the Senate. The House is voting on bills as well that are not really controversial or need amendments.

We already have one of our key bills that has been voted on by the Committee and is ready for the Senate floor vote.

SB 379-FN, seeks to further enhance the safety of our student athletes and the public by expanding the availability of life saving Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) to include school sponsored sporting events. Senate Bill 379 would additionally ensure the attendance of a CPR certified individual and require an annual drill of how to respond in an emergency. While suffering from cardiac arrest, each additional minute until response increased the odds of mortality by 10% as well as a brain injury, making

AED proximity paramount towards the maintenance of positive athletic health outcomes.

It passed the Senate Education Committee 5-0 and is on the consent calendar for the Senate next week. Odds are very good this one goes to the House soon.

Also this week, SB 403, which is an omnibus healthcare workforce bill, had a tremendous hearing of support in the Senate. The Healthcare Workforce coalition was out in force. Among the things this bill does is establish various programs and appropriations for community health and healthcare employment. And we all know, we need healthcare workers. Fingers crossed for a speedy outcome of passage.

Enjoy the holiday week-end. Teresa

Brain Injury Legislative Report

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

Take care,

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