



**Advocacy Matters Newsletter**  
**Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire**  
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**Legislative Update-Teresa Rosenberger, Lobbyist, Bernstein Shur**

What a week. Thank goodness the Senate is on vacation next week and most of the House. We need a break.

So the House is continuing to be very volatile. It's still a numbers game. Things went pretty well Wednesday most of Thursday until a very astute person realized the numbers had changed. So with that, the Democrats began taking bills off the table as they only needed a majority to remove and they had it. So a number of bills came off the table and were passed. The issue for the elected Majority was they did not have any procedural moves to stop the train. They could not gain control back as every move needed a vote and they did not have the numbers. It will be fascinating to see what either side comes up with for the next House session, March 9<sup>th</sup>.

We have a number of bills waiting for ex session which now will be week of March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Off to the Senate is SB 308 which allows certain boards to vote to allow remote participation when physical presence is not reasonable. We will support in the Senate. HB 501 which clarifies the age for special education service to include through age 21 is also off to the Senate and we will support. HB 642, prohibiting DHHS from creating salary caps for direct care workers, has hearing on March 1.

SB 85 dealing with emergency behavioral services has passed the Senate and off to the House.

The House Finance Committee is working on the budget. We are waiting for HB 2 which has all the new policy changes in it that correspond with the budget. Rumor is we will see it March 2<sup>nd</sup>. That means there will be many late night sessions and a flurry of activity in March.

Enjoy school vacation week as March will be busy. 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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