



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

Since House and Senate were on school vacation and also we had lots of snow storms, not much happened this week except HB 2 came out, all 217 pages. HB 2 has not been scheduled for a hearing on House Finance as yet. We are assuming it will be the week of March 13th. House Finance Division were all working this week and having hearings on agency budgets in HB 1. Next week they will actually work on the budgets. We also expect action on a number of bills in Committee as we are getting close to the deadlines for action to go to the House floor.

HB 222, requiring seat belts for all while operating a car, will have a final committee vote next week. With the committee evenly split, it will be interesting to see what they do. Would be a victory to get a vote of no recommendation.

HB 238, requiring DHHS to seek input from the Developmental Quality Control Council and **HB 317**, creating a Commission to look at a 2-tier waiver system for disability services, **HB 646**, prohibiting salary caps for direct care workers, all will have a work session and then a final vote on the HHS committee Wednesday.

HB 386, changing Child passenger restraints from 7 to 4, has a kill motion for the Floor on Thursday, 19-1. It should be dead by end of week.

HB 2 State Budget

The following language is in HB 2 related to acquired brain injuries
232 Department of Health and Human Services; Developmental Services, Acquired Brain Disorder Services, and In-home Support Waiver. Pursuant to RSA 171-A:8-b, the department of health and human services shall be authorized to carry forward funds from state fiscal year 2023 in the developmental services fund, acquired brain disorder services fund, and in-home support waiver fund for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of RSA 171-A for the biennium ending June 30, 2025.

Enjoy the snow. Spring is nearly here and many of us can't wait. 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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