State Budget Update-Teresa Rosenberger, Lobbyist, Bernstein Shur
To many folks surprise, the House budget passed overwhelmingly on a voice vote with a bi-
partisan amendment presented by the majority and minority leaders. The Republicans gave on
education freedom accounts; increased Medicaid rates and increased education adequacy
amounts per child among other things inured to win the Democrats votes. The Republican
Freedom Caucus was not going to vote for the budget so the Speaker and his leadership team had
to come up with a compromise most Republicans and Democrats could live and they
did. Shockingly, the budget passed on a voice vote. Now it’s off to the Senate and we’ll see if
they agree with the House compromise. With a 14-10 majority, the Republicans should have no
problem passing a Republican budget. The real issue will be if the House and Senate can
eventually come up with a compromise budget that will pass the House in June. So far brain
injury has fared well in the House budget. We’ll hope to keep the status quo in the
Senate. Time will tell.

Budget hearings will begin in the Senate next week. We have a hearing on HB 238, defining the
role the quality council will have on the DD system.

Wishing you a lovely Easter weekend. Teresa

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

Take care,

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