



Advocacy Matters Newsletter

Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire

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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 faired 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 week-end. 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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