



Advocacy Matters Newsletter

Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire

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State Budget Update-Teresa Rosenberger, Lobbyist, Bernstein Shur

It was hot last week and the first time I remember in decades that the gentlemen Senators were allowed to take off their jackets in April and it's not even tax day yet. It is going to get even hotter inside and out of the State House as the budget negotiations get into full swing in the Senate and the remaining bills, which in some cases are the most controversial, have crossed over and are having hearings.

For us this coming week we have one of our priority bills, **SB 118**, requiring children under 2 to be in rear facing car seats. The bill is be for the House Transportation Committee which is challenging. Everyone who can, please sign in support of the bill online. <https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/committees/remotetestimony/> Please put in the date of 4/18/23, choose House Transportation and then SB 118. Sign in as yourself supporting the bill. The BIA will be present supporting the bill.

In addition to the hearing on SB 118, both **SB 30**, membership in the Developmental Disabilities Council and **SB 32**, dealing with the Opioid Trust Fund, will be voted on in Committees this week. Senate Finance is beginning agency hearing this week, however, DHHS is not scheduled as yet.

Spring is here. 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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