



Advocacy Matters Newsletter

Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire

May 5, 2023

State Budget Update-Teresa Rosenberger, Lobbyist, Bernstein Shur

The House is wrapping up on hearing bills and beginning to vote out many of the last bills in Committee. The Senate is in high gear. Beginning next week, the Senate Finance Committee will meet Monday, Tuesday and Friday until the end of May to work on the budget. The process is quite different after 2 decades of former Senator Chuck Morse running the show. The Finance Committee is working by subject matter, not bill. In the past they have worked on 1, which is the appropriations bill and then HB 2, the policy bill, and then adjusted HB 1 to reflect any policy changes that have a financial impact. This year, they are taking up issues and working on HB 1 and 2 together.

The DHHS budget is not listed for next week so we have at least another 10 days before the deliberations start.

Legislative Update-Teresa Rosenberger, Lobbyist, Bernstein Shur

Next week is busy with votes. We have:

HB 238, requiring DHHS to seek input from the developmental quality council;

HB 308 allowing remote attendance at state board meetings;

HB 642 expanding the allowable budgets to for agencies providing services to the developmentally disabled; all have votes in the full Senate with recommendations to pass next week.

SB 30 which amends the membership requirement on the Council for disabilities passed the House this week.

SB 263, permanently putting in the Granite State Advantage Health Care program (Medicaid expansion) has a vote in the House HHS Committee next week. Something will pass but not sure what, a permanent expansion or a 2 year extension.

HB 501, providing special ed services to children with disabilities through age 21 has been signed by the Governor. Good news on all counts.

Hoping for sun this week-end. Enjoy. Teresa

Brain Injury Public Policy Meeting Invitation

The next Brain Injury Public Policy Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 4:30 pm, *all are welcome to attend.*

ZOOM Link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86858047776?pwd=QzVxSFR6MWkxQ0M1T0gvRXRYTDZiZz09>

Meeting ID: 868 5804 7776

Passcode: 796391

Brain Injury Legislative Status Report

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

Take care,

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