



## Advocacy Matters Newsletter

### Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire

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#### State Budget Update-Teresa Rosenberger, Lobbyist, Bernstein Shur

Tomorrow, May 16th is the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) day for the Senate Finance Committee on the budget. They will discuss HB 1 and HB 2. The Senate Ways and Means Committee approved revenue estimates that are \$184M over the House estimates. That should give the Senate some room to add items they have passed in the full Senate and placed on the table waiting for the revenue estimates. Life will get much more interesting these next few weeks. There is already some tension between the House and Senate on a number of items that have passed the House and been killed in the Senate. Committee of conference time will be great theater.

#### Legislative Update-Teresa Rosenberger, Lobbyist, Bernstein Shur

A number of bill we have been watching were passed last week in the Senate:

**HB 238** requiring the developmental services council to periodically provide recommendations to DHHS and requires DHHS to respond to the Council in a timely manner.

**HB 308** allowing remotes participants to be counted for a quorum for certain state boards

**HB 491** prohibiting the use of prone restraints for minors

**HB 642** which grants DHHS flexibility to use existing funds to cover service costs increases for DD services.

We have a couple of big votes this week. House Transportation will vote on **SB 118**, requiring children to face the rear in a car seat until 2. It's going to be tight so any help appreciated. We also have a big vote on **SB 263**, which permanently expands Medicaid. It is going to the House floor without recommendation. It's anyone's guess as to what will pass and extension or a permanent expansion. Teresa

#### Invitation to the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Public Hearing

**June 14, 2023, 3:00 - 5:00 pm**

**Location: Granite State Independent Living, 21 Chenell, Drive, Concord, NH**

**Registration is Required, Light Refreshments**

It is important that people with brain and spinal cord injuries, their family members and individuals/organizations that provide supports and services to these people attend this public

hearing to share with the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Advisory Council(BSCIAC) what is currently working and what is not in their lives.

### **Why?**

Your feedback based on your experience is important to the council to include when their annual report is compiled, this report is a statutory charge from the New Hampshire Legislature. If you would like to review past BSCIAC reports, visit the Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire website at [www.bianh.org](http://www.bianh.org)

Attached find additional information on the BSCIAC Public Hearing.

### **Brain Injury Legislative Status Report**

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

Take care,

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