



## **Advocacy Matters Newsletter Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire June 10, 2022**

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

Thank goodness it is now June, and the biennium is nearly over. This has been a historic two years. The first year, 2021, was virtual and that was hard. If we needed to lobby a bill, we had lobby by email or call the member. Many of the Representatives and Senators were new and had no idea who we were or our issues. Many times old or new would not answer the phone or return an email. And to make matters worse, it was a budget year. The second year, 2022, was a bit better as the committees eventually began to meet at the State House. So one could go and actually talk to the Reps and Senators. The second year had a lot of really controversial bills. There were factions in the House and Senate in both parties that made it very hard to figure out where things were going or to create any natural alliances.

#### **We ended up OK with a number of good wins.**

SB 234 requiring student ID cards to include National Suicide prevention Lifeline - enrolled [http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill\\_status/pdf.aspx?id=36266&q=billVersion](http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill_status/pdf.aspx?id=36266&q=billVersion)

SB 439 Revised the membership in the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Advisory Council and modified the scope of the community based brain injury support program signed into law [http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill\\_status/pdf.aspx?id=36686&q=billVersion](http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill_status/pdf.aspx?id=36686&q=billVersion)

SB 422 creates an adult dental benefit program for those under Medicaid - enrolled [http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill\\_status/legacy/bs2016/billText.aspx?sy=2022&id=1950&txtFormat=pdf&v=current](http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill_status/legacy/bs2016/billText.aspx?sy=2022&id=1950&txtFormat=pdf&v=current)

#### **Other wins of note:**

SB 385 creates procedure to protect vulnerable adults form financial exploitation - enrolled [http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill\\_status/pdf.aspx?id=35994&q=billVersion](http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill_status/pdf.aspx?id=35994&q=billVersion)

HB 1513 modifies the definition of a child with a disability for special ed purpose to include until 22nd birthday - enrolled [http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill\\_status/pdf.aspx?id=36233&q=billVersion](http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill_status/pdf.aspx?id=36233&q=billVersion)

HB 1526 require DHHs to amend the income eligibility standard for the in and out medical assistance policy - enrolled

[http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill\\_status/pdf.aspx?id=36301&q=billVersion](http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill_status/pdf.aspx?id=36301&q=billVersion)

HB 1659 creates provision for temporary LNA's in a residential facility and also speeds up the criminal background check for healthcare workers by omitting the requirement that the check has to be done by the department of Safety - signed into law

[http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill\\_status/pdf.aspx?id=36670&q=billVersion](http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill_status/pdf.aspx?id=36670&q=billVersion)

**Please note the filing period for 2023 legislation:**

House

Incumbents running for re-election September 6-16

Newly elected Representatives November 9-22

Senate

November After the election on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

All in all, a good year even if I would not have predicted we would end up so well at the beginning of the year. Who knows what next year will bring. All depends on November. I will continue to monitor all interim study bills and report when something happens.

Wishing you and all the BIANH friends a wonderful NH summer. As always, it is a true pleasure to be able to represent the BIANH and work with you.

Teresa

## **Brain Injury Public Policy Committee Meeting -June 14, 2022**

The next Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire Public Policy Committee ZOOM Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 4:30pm**. During the meeting, Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire Lobbyist Teresa Rhodes Rosenberger from the Law Firm of Bernstein Shur will provide the committee with a legislative and public policy update. All are welcome.

The ZOOM link to attend the meeting is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89005034344?pwd=UXI5Ym80ZDZtOHJzZjdBN0U3Wi8zdz09>

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## **Brain Injury Legislative Status Report**

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

Take care-

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