

Advocacy Matters Newsletter Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire March 19, 2021

## General Court News- Legislative Activities Suspension

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the General Court is conducting legislative activities remotely with the exception of publicly noticed sessions in the House or Senate Calendar. During this time, the State House and Legislative Office Building remain closed to visitors.

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

As we welcome spring, the House and Senate are busy making decisions on bills that will move forward. The House Finance Committee is particularly busy with the budget. There was a public hearing this week on the items that will be considered by Division III which is the health care division of the Finance Committee. We expect the Division III to be voting next week on their sections of the budget which impact the Brain Injury Association. The full budget will be vote on by the House Finance Committee before Easter and the full House the week after Easter. This is just the beginning of the budget process. The Senate met this week in a daylong session. One important bill that passed, SB 100, would create commission to study workplace safety in healthcare facilities. Another SB 132 is requiring a COVID needs assessment of nursing homes and long-term care facilities. Both bills now go to the House for debate. We are nearly halfway through this extraordinary legislative session. We will see if it gets back to normal before they adjourn in June.

April 1, 2021 Last day to report all House bills as well as reporting list of retained House bills. April 8, 2021 CROSSOVER – Last Day to Act on all House bills.

## **Brain Injury Public Policy Committee Meeting - April 13, 2021**

The next scheduled Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire Public Policy Committee ZOOM Meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, April 13, 2021 at 4:30pm. The Brain Injury Public Policy Committee will be meeting regularly on the second Tuesday of the month at 4:30 pm. Eldon Munson, Jr., Chair of the Committee, will preside over the 2021 meetings.

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. If you are interested in attending, please visit <u>https://bianh.salsalabs.org/bimppcm</u> to register and receive the ZOOM link or contact Ellen Edgerly at <u>Ellen@bianh.org</u> or 603-834-9570.

## **Brain Injury Legislative Status Report**

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

Take care-

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