



Legislative & Advocacy Round-up from the Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey

The Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey monitors legislative bills that can be of interest to the brain injury community. The following bills have progressed through the legislative process. If you are interested in learning more about these bills (including direction on how to advocate your position on any of these bills) please contact Tom Grady, Director of Advocacy & Public Affairs, via email at tgrady@bianj.org or phone at 732.745.0200.

S-211: Authorizes use of school bus monitoring systems. State Senate passed the bill. *Bill pending consideration by the General Assembly Education Committee.*

S-1910: Establishes Task Force on Safety in School Transportation. State Senate Education Committee passed the bill. *Pending action from full State Senate.*

S-2348: Includes students who participate in school intramural sports programs in the student-athlete head injury safety program. State Senate Education Committee passed the bill. *Pending action from full State Senate.*

S-2894: Requires driver education course, certain new driver brochures, and driver's license written exam to include cyclist and pedestrian safety information. *Introduced and pending consideration by the State Senate Transportation Committee.*

S-2755: Allows counties and municipalities to establish, or request DOT to establish, reduced speed limits near schools. Senate Transportation Committee passed the bill. *Pending consideration by State Senate.*

S-2286: Establishes Mike Adler Aphasia Task Force to assess needs of persons with aphasia, and their families, and ensure adequate provision of support services and information thereto. Senate passed the bill. *Pending consideration by the General Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee.*

S-2721: Implements person-first language and changes pejorative terminology referring to persons with certain disabilities or substance use disorders. State Senate passed the bill. *Pending consideration by the General Assembly.*

A-4062: Establishes failure to maintain lane while engaging in distracted driving as reckless under vehicular homicide statute. General Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee passed the bill. *Pending action by the General Assembly.*

A-4146: Provides for monitoring and evaluation of transition of mental health and substance use disorder treatment service system and developmental disability system to fee-for-service reimbursement model; makes appropriation. *General Assembly passed the bill.*

A4165: Requires high school driver education course, certain new driver brochures, and driver's license written exam to include bicycle and pedestrian safety information. *General Assembly passed the bill.*