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TO: Legislative & Advocacy Network / Council for the Head Injured Community

FROM: Tom Grady Director of Advocacy & Public Affairs
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RE: **Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey Legislative and Advocacy Round-up**

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 me via email at tgrady@bianj.org or phone at 732.745.0200. Thank you.

Senate Bill No. 1910: Establishes Task Force on Safety in School Transportation. *Passed Senate; pending consideration by the Assembly Education Committee.*

Senate Bill No. 1936: Provides for designation of acute stroke ready hospitals, establishes Stroke Care Advisory Panel and Statewide stroke database and requires development of emergency services stroke care protocols. *Senate Budget & Appropriations Committee passed the bill.*

Senate Bill No. 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. *State Legislature passed the bill; under consideration by governor.*

Assembly Bill No. 2228: Includes all disabled veterans in NJT discount program for senior citizens and persons with disabilities. *Governor signed bill into law.*

Senate Bill No. 2348: Includes students who participate in school intramural sports programs in the student-athlete head injury safety program. *State Senate passed the bill.*

Assembly Bill No. 4165: Requires driver education course, certain new driver brochures, and driver's license written exam to include cyclist and pedestrian safety information. *General Assembly passed the bill; pending consideration by the Senate Transportation Committee.*

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 113: Designates May of each year as "Caregivers Awareness Month." *Assembly Human Services Committee passed the bill.*

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