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21 Bill Package

Bill #	Bill Topics	Summary	Status
<u>A3714</u>	21 Bill Package, Budget, Substance Use	Makes FY 2015 supplemental appropriation to DHS for \$5 million for substance abuse prevention, and requires substance abuse prevention programs to be evidence-based.	2014-09-22 / Introduced Introduced, Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee
<u>A3716</u>	21 Bill Package, Budget, Substance Use	Requires Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services to annually prepare substance use treatment provider performance report, and make available to public.*	2014-12-18 / Introduced Substituted by S2373 (SCS)
<u>A3723</u>	21 Bill Package, Criminal Justice System, Substance Use	Permits successful completion of special probation drug court program notwithstanding use of medication-assisted treatment.*	2015-06-25 / Introduced Substituted by S2381 (SCS)
<u>S324</u>	21 Bill Package, Health Care, Mental Health, Substance Use	Establishes Behavioral Health Insurance Claims Advocacy Program.	2014-01-14 / Introduced Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Commerce Committee
<u>S1705</u>	21 Bill Package	Establishes requirements for pharmacists to dispense biological products.*	2015-06-25 / Introduced Substituted by A2477 (ACS/1R)
<u>S2029</u>	21 Bill Package, Children's	Permits a student to participate in certain voluntary surveys if the district sends prior written notification to the student's parents; limits use of information obtained from survey.	2014-05-05 / Introduced Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Education Committee
<u>S2047</u>	21 Bill Package, Housing, Substance Use	Clarifies DHS authority to license and regulate sober living homes.	2014-05-05 / Introduced Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
<u>S2180</u>	21 Bill Package, Health Care, Mental Health, Substance Use	Requires certain health benefits plans to provide coverage for behavioral health care services.*	2015-02-09 / Introduced Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee
<u>S2366</u>	21 Bill Package, Substance Use	Requires health care practitioners to inform patients of addiction potential of controlled dangerous substances prior to issuing prescription.	2015-01-12 / Engrossed Received in the Assembly, Referred to Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee

<u>S2367</u>	21 Bill Package, Children's, Substance Use	Requires review of Core Curriculum Content Standards to ensure guidance for substance abuse instruction provided to public school students incorporates most recent evidence-based standards and practices.*	2015-06-11 / Engrossed Assembly Floor Amendment Passed (Jasey)
<u>S2368</u>	21 Bill Package, Budget, Substance Use	Makes FY 2015 supplemental appropriation to DHS for \$5 million for substance abuse prevention, and requires substance abuse prevention programs to be evidence-based.	2014-10-09 / Introduced Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee
<u>S2370</u>	21 Bill Package, Substance Use	Requires pharmacies and prescribers to notify patients about how to ensure proper and safe disposal of unused prescription drugs.	2015-02-05 / Introduced Substituted by A709 (2R)
<u>S2371</u>	21 Bill Package, Budget, Substance Use	Directs poison control and drug information program to establish clearinghouse of drug overdose information, report on trends, and provide education on safe storage and disposal of medications; appropriates \$500,000.	2014-10-27 / Introduced Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee
<u>S2374</u>	21 Bill Package, Health Care, Mental Health, Substance Use	Increases Medicaid reimbursement rates for certain evidence-based behavioral health services.	2014-10-09 / Introduced Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee
<u>S2375</u>	21 Bill Package, Integrated Care, Mental Health/Substance Use	Provides for licensure of ambulatory care facilities to provide integrated primary care services including behavioral health care.	2016-01-19 / Enrolled Pocket Veto - Bills not Acted on by Governor-end of Session
<u>S2376</u>	21 Bill Package, Substance Use	Establishes remote medical consultation assistance grant program in DOH.	2014-10-09 / Introduced Reported from Senate Committee, 2nd Reading
<u>S2379</u>	21 Bill Package, Criminal Justice System, Health Care, Substance Use	Requires establishment of processes to identify Medicaid eligible incarcerated individuals who are awaiting pre-trial release determinations, are being released following period of incarceration, or are undergoing inpatient hospital treatment.*	2015-06-15 / Engrossed Reported out of Assembly Committee, 2nd Reading

Budget



Bill #	Bill Topics	Summary	Status
A3715	Budget, Substance Use	Directs poison control and drug information program to establish clearinghouse of drug overdose information, report on trends, and provide education on safe storage and disposal of medications; appropriates \$500,000.	2014-10-23 / Introduced Reported out of Asm. Comm. with Amendments, and Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee
A4309	Budget, Mental Health	Transfers Division of Mental Health Advocacy to DHS; re-titles director as Mental Health Advocate; provides diversion for mental health treatment for persons subject to prosecution in municipal court; appropriates \$15,000,000.	2015-03-19 / Introduced Introduced, Referred to Assembly Human Services Committee
A4607	Budget	Makes FY 2016 supplemental appropriations of \$6,500,000 and adds language provision.	2015-11-09 / Vetoed Absolute Veto, Received in the Assembly
S2827	Budget, Mental Health	Transfers Division of Mental Health Advocacy to DHS; re-titles director as Mental Health Advocate; provides diversion for mental health treatment for persons subject to prosecution in municipal court; appropriates \$15,000,000.	2015-03-12 / Introduced Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee

Children's



Bill #	Bill Topics	Summary	Status
A1015	Children's	Permits a student to participate in certain voluntary surveys if the district sends prior written notification to the student's parents; limits use of information obtained from survey.	2014-01-16 / Introduced Introduced, Referred to Assembly Education Committee
A3713	Children's, Substance Use	Requires review of Core Curriculum Content Standards to ensure guidance for substance abuse instruction provided to public school students incorporates most recent evidence-based standards and practices.*	2015-06-11 / Introduced Assembly Floor Amendment Passed (Jasey)

<u>A4498</u>	Children's, Health Care, Mental Health	Requires health benefits coverage for juvenile depression screenings.	2015-10-02 / Introduced Reviewed by the Pension and Health Benefits Commission Recommend not to enact
<u>S274</u>	Children's, Developmental Disabilities, Training	Requires training program for school bus drivers and school bus aides on interacting with students with special needs, and requires development and use of student information cards.*	2015-08-13 / Introduced Substituted by A1029 (2R)
<u>S2058</u>	Children's, Substance Use	Authorizes establishment of three pilot recovery alternative high schools that provide high school education and substance dependency plan of recovery to test the effectiveness of this model.*	2015-08-10 / Enrolled Conditional Veto, Received in the Senate
<u>S3210</u>	Children's, Health Care, Mental Health	Requires health benefits coverage for juvenile depression screenings.	2015-10-19 / Introduced Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Commerce Committee

Criminal Justice System



Bill #	Bill Topics	Summary	Status
<u>A1025</u>	Criminal Justice System	Requires appropriate community notification when sex offender is placed in halfway house; prohibits certain county inmates in halfway house.	2014-06-02 / Engrossed Received in the Senate, Referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee
<u>A1368</u>	Criminal Justice System, Substance Use	Revises penalty provisions for certain drunk driving violations, including use of and applicable time periods covering driver's license suspensions and installations of ignition interlock devices on motor vehicles.*	2015-03-23 / Enrolled 2nd Reading in the Assembly on Concur. w/Gov.'s Recommend.
<u>A1436</u>	Criminal Justice System, Substance Use	Authorizes Attorney General to coordinate Statewide law enforcement efforts against opioid drug abuse.*	2015-03-26 / Introduced Substituted by S2372 (1R)
<u>A3593</u>	Criminal Justice System, Mental Health	Requires notification of local law enforcement prior to expungement of certain mental health records of prospective firearms purchasers.	2015-06-11 / Introduced Substituted by S2360

<u>A3721</u>	Criminal Justice System, Health Care, Substance Use	Requires establishment of processes to identify Medicaid eligible incarcerated individuals who are awaiting pre-trial release determinations, are being released following period of incarceration, or are undergoing inpatient hospital treatment. *	2015-06-15 / Introduced Reported out of Assembly Committee, 2nd Reading
<u>A3730</u>	Criminal Justice System, Training, Workforce	Requires certain DOC, county, and municipal prison physicians to acquire certain training.	2015-01-12 / Introduced Reported and Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee
<u>S52</u>	Criminal Justice System, Training, Workforce	Requires certain DOC, county, and municipal prison physicians to acquire certain training.	2015-06-22 / Introduced Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee
<u>S385</u>	Criminal Justice System, Substance Use	Revises penalty provisions for certain drunk driving violations, including use of and applicable time periods covering driver's license suspensions and installations of ignition interlock devices on motor vehicles.*	2015-02-05 / Introduced Substituted by A1368 (ACS/1R)
<u>S994</u>	Criminal Justice System, Housing	Requires halfway houses to permit attorneys and certain representatives of attorneys to visit incarcerated clients.	2015-02-05 / Introduced Substituted by A1674
<u>S2360</u>	Criminal Justice System, Mental Health	Requires notification of local law enforcement prior to expungement of certain mental health records of prospective firearms purchasers.	2015-12-03 / Enrolled Motion To Table (47-31-0) (Greenwald)
<u>S2806</u>	Criminal Justice System, Workforce	Removes restrictions on convicted drug offenders receiving general assistance benefits under Work First New Jersey program.	2016-01-19 / Enrolled Pocket Veto - Bills not Acted on by Governor-end of Session

Data/Reporting/IT



Bill #	Bill Topics	Summary	Status
<u>A4341</u>	Data/Reporting/IT, Mental Health/Substance Use	Requires development and maintenance of data dashboard report to advise of open bed availability in residential facilities providing behavioral health services.	2015-12-14 / Introduced Reported out of Asm. Comm. with Amendments, and Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee

Developmental Disabilities



Bill #	Bill Topics	Summary	Status
<u>A385</u>	Developmental Disabilities	Establishes Disparity in Treatment of Persons with Disabilities in Underrepresented Communities Commission in DCA.	2014-01-16 / Introduced Introduced, Referred to Assembly Human Services Committee
<u>A1037</u>	Developmental Disabilities, Workforce	Codifies current State Board of Education regulations which limit who may serve as case managers for students with disabilities to members of child study teams and certain speech-language specialists.	2014-01-16 / Introduced Introduced, Referred to Assembly Education Committee
<u>A1110</u>	Developmental Disabilities, Housing	Imposes moratorium on DHS transitions and transfers of certain individuals with developmental disabilities to new residential placements until certain conditions are met. *	2014-06-23 / Engrossed Received in the Senate, Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee
<u>A4336</u>	Developmental Disabilities, Housing	Prohibits transfer of individuals with developmental disabilities from out-of-State to in-State placements under certain conditions.	2015-03-26 / Introduced Introduced, Referred to Assembly Human Services Committee
<u>A4461</u>	Developmental Disabilities	Changes pejorative terminology referring to persons with certain disabilities.	2015-06-18 / Introduced Reported out of Assembly Committee, 2nd Reading
<u>S2600</u>	Developmental Disabilities, Housing	Prohibits transfer of individuals with developmental disabilities from out-of-State to in-State placements under certain conditions.*	2015-03-09 / Introduced Reported from Senate Committee as a Substitute, 2nd Reading

Health Care



Bill #	Bill Topics	Summary	Status
A2266	Health Care, Mental Health, Substance Use	Establishes Behavioral Health Insurance Claims Advocacy Program.	2014-01-27 / Introduced Introduced, Referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
A2676	Health Care	Restricts health insurers from limiting access to pain medication.	2015-06-05 / Introduced Reviewed by the Pension and Health Benefits Commission Recommend to not enact
A2892	Health Care	Grants prescriptive authority to certain psychologists.	2014-06-05 / Introduced Reported out of Assembly Committee, 2nd Reading
A3450	Health Care, Mental Health, Substance Use	Requires certain health benefits plans to provide treatment for behavioral health care services when determined medically necessary.	2014-10-31 / Introduced Reviewed by the Pension and Health Benefits Commission Recommend to not enact
A3717	Health Care, Mental Health, Substance Use	Increases Medicaid reimbursement rates for certain evidence-based behavioral health services; designated as the Mental Health Access Act.*	2016-01-07 / Introduced Reported out of Assembly Committee, 2nd Reading
A3830	Health Care, Substance Use	Requires health benefits coverage for buprenorphine and buprenorphine/naloxone under certain conditions.	2015-01-30 / Introduced Reviewed by the Pension and Health Benefits Commission Recommend to not enact
A4444	Health Care	"Out-of-network Consumer Protection, Transparency, Cost Containment and Accountability Act." *	2015-12-03 / Introduced Reported from Assembly Comm. as a Substitute, 2nd Reading
S20	Health Care	The "Out-of-network Consumer Protection, Transparency, Cost Containment and Accountability Act."	2015-07-31 / Introduced Reviewed by the Pension and Health Benefits Commission Recommend to enact
S1231	Health Care	Restricts health insurers from limiting access to pain medication.	2015-06-05 / Introduced Reviewed by the Pension and Health

			Benefits Commission Recommend to not enact
S1864	Health Care	Grants prescriptive authority to certain psychologists.	2014-03-24 / Introduced Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Commerce Committee
S2855	Health Care, Substance Use	Requires health benefits coverage for buprenorphine and buprenorphine/naloxone under certain conditions.	2015-05-07 / Introduced Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Commerce Committee
S3036	Health Care, Substance Use	Mandates health benefits coverage for opioid analgesics with abuse-deterrent properties.	2016-01-11 / Introduced Substituted by A4271 (2R)

Housing



Bill #	Bill Topics	Summary	Status
A4111	Housing	Establishes certain minimum and maximum temperatures in emergency shelters, rooming and boarding houses, and certain nursing homes and residential health care facilities.	2015-12-03 / Introduced Substituted by S1961 (3R)
A4564	Housing, Substance Use	Clarifies DHS authority to regulate sober living homes and halfway houses as residential substance abuse aftercare facilities; requires background checks and other protections for residents of residential substance abuse facilities.	2015-06-18 / Introduced Reported and Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee
S1961	Housing	Establishes certain minimum and maximum temperatures in emergency shelters, rooming and boarding houses, and certain nursing homes and residential health care facilities.*	2016-01-19 / Enrolled Pocket Veto - Bills not Acted on by Governor-end of Session
S3052	Housing, Substance Use	Clarifies DHS authority to regulate sober living homes and halfway houses as residential substance abuse aftercare facilities; requires background checks and other protections for residents of residential substance abuse facilities.	2015-06-25 / Introduced Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee

Integrated Care



Bill #	Bill Topics	Summary	Status
A3700	Integrated Care	Provides for licensure of ambulatory care facilities to provide integrated primary care services including behavioral health care.	2016-01-11 / Introduced Substituted by S2375 (1R)

Mental Health



Bill #	Bill Topics	Summary	Status
A3227	Mental Health, Substance Use	Clarifies that definition of mental illness in law governing involuntary commitment to treatment includes substance use disorder if dangerous standard met.	2014-09-11 / Introduced Reported and Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee
A3726	Mental Health	Authorizes medical marijuana for qualifying patients with post-traumatic stress disorder.	2015-05-07 / Engrossed Received in the Senate, Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
A4911	Mental Health	Concerns standard for involuntary commitment to outpatient treatment; requires police training on behavioral health issues.	2015-12-17 / Introduced Introduced, Referred to Assembly Human Services Committee
S2808	Mental Health	"Madison Holleran Suicide Prevention Act"; requires institutions of higher education to have individuals who focus on reducing student suicides and attempted suicides available 24 hours a day.*	2015-06-22 / Introduced Reported from Senate Committee with Amendments, 2nd Reading

Substance Use



Bill #	Bill Topics	Summary	Status
A1080	Substance Use	Prohibits smoking at public parks and beaches.	2014-09-11 / Vetoed Absolute Veto, Received in the Assembly
A3383	Substance Use	Provides for involuntary commitment to treatment for substance use disorders.	2014-06-09 / Introduced Introduced, Referred to Assembly Human Services Committee
A3712	Substance Use	Requires health care practitioners to inform patients of addiction potential of controlled dangerous substances prior to issuing prescription.	2014-09-22 / Introduced Introduced, Referred to Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee
A3777	Substance Use	Requires Division of Consumer Affairs to publish list of certain tamper-resistant opioid drugs; establishes that certain conditions be met for pharmacist to substitute for tamper-resistant opioid drug.	2014-10-02 / Introduced Introduced, Referred to Assembly Consumer Affairs Committee
A4271	Health Care, Substance Use	Mandates health benefits coverage for opioid analgesics with abuse-deterrent properties. *	2016-01-19 / Enrolled Pocket Veto - Bills not Acted on by Governor-end of Session
A4286	Substance Use	Authorizes transfer of excess medical marijuana inventory between alternative treatment centers.	2015-05-07 / Engrossed Received in the Senate, Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
S1781	Substance Use	Requires institutions of higher education to provide students with access to mental health care programs and services and to establish a hotline to provide information concerning the availability of those services.	2015-06-22 / Introduced Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee
S2631	Substance Use	Provides for involuntary commitment to treatment for substance use disorders.	2014-12-11 / Introduced Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee

Workforce



Bill #	Bill Topics	Summary	Status
A647	Workforce	Establishes minimum registered professional nurse staffing standards for hospitals and ambulatory surgery facilities and certain DHS facilities.	2015-12-10 / Introduced Reported out of Assembly Comm. with Amendments, 2nd Reading
A2345	Workforce	"Wage Transparency Act"; requires reporting of public contractor employment information.	2014-06-16 / Introduced Substituted by S1038
A4638	Workforce	Requires DCPD to implement policies and procedures to ensure caseworker safety; "Leah's Law." *	2016-01-11 / Vetoed Absolute Veto, Received in the Assembly
S785	Workforce	Concerns earned sick leave.	2015-12-21 / Engrossed Received in the Assembly, Referred to Assembly Human Services Committee
S1183	Workforce	Establishes minimum registered professional nurse staffing standards for hospitals and ambulatory surgery facilities and certain DHS facilities.	2014-01-30 / Introduced Introduced in the Senate, Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
S3118	Workforce	Requires DCPD to implement policies and procedures to ensure caseworker safety; "Leah's Law." *	2015-12-17 / Introduced Substituted by A4638 (2R)

Passed Into Law



Bill #	Summary	Status
A206	Shortens waiting periods for expungement of criminal and other records and information; makes various changes to other expungement procedures and requirements.**	2016-01-19 / Passed

		Approved P.L.2015, c.261.
<u>A709</u>	Requires pharmacies and prescribers to notify patients about how to ensure proper and safe disposal of unused prescription drugs.	2015-06-26 / Passed Approved P.L.2015, c.66.
<u>A1098</u>	Requires DHS and DMVA to conduct or contract for follow-up studies of former residents transitioning to community from their facilities.*	2016-01-11 / Passed Approved P.L.2015, c.197.
<u>A2477</u>	Establishes requirements for pharmacists to dispense biological products.*	2015-11-09 / Passed Approved P.L.2015, c.130.
<u>A2859</u>	Codifies "Project Medicine Drop" program; requires Division of Consumer Affairs to maintain secure prescription medicine drop-off receptacles at certain law enforcement agencies.*	2015-04-29 / Passed Approved P.L.2015, c.35.
<u>A3228</u>	Requires sober living homes and other substance abuse aftercare treatment facilities to provide certain notifications to next-of-kin when patient is released from care; designated as "Nick Rohdes' Law." **	2016-01-19 / Passed Approved P.L.2015, c.284.
<u>A3331</u>	Requires health benefits coverage for synchronization of prescribed medications under certain circumstances.	2016-01-11 / Passed Approved P.L.2015, c.206.
<u>A3421</u>	Revises the "Self-Funded Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangement Regulation Act."	2015-12-09 / Passed Approved P.L.2015, c.172.
<u>A3435</u>	"Boys & Girls Clubs Keystone Law"; permits minors to give consent for behavioral health care.	2016-01-19 / Passed Approved P.L.2015, c.287.

<u>A3580</u>	Prohibits sale of powdered alcohol.	2015-11-09 / Passed Approved P.L.2015, c.137.
<u>A3955</u>	Requires development and maintenance of database to advise public about open bed availability in residential substance use disorders treatment facilities.	2016-01-19 / Passed Approved P.L.2015, c.293.
<u>A4587</u>	Requires facilities providing services to persons with developmental disabilities and schools to adopt policies permitting administration of medical marijuana to qualifying patients.	2015-11-09 / Passed Approved P.L.2015, c.158.
<u>S1998</u>	Revises certain provisions of New Jersey Prescription Monitoring Program.	2015-07-18 / Passed Approved P.L.2015, c.74.
<u>S2284</u>	Requires Medicaid managed care organizations to meet certain conditions prior to reducing reimbursement rates for personal care assistant services and home-based supportive care services.	2016-01-19 / Passed Approved P.L.2015, c.234.
<u>S2372</u>	Authorizes Attorney General to coordinate Statewide law enforcement efforts against opioid drug abuse.*	2015-04-29 / Passed Approved P.L.2015, c.34.
<u>S2373</u>	Requires Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services to annually prepare substance use treatment provider performance report, and make available to public.*	2015-02-05 / Passed Approved P.L.2015, c.9.
<u>S2377</u>	Directs certain four-year public institutions of higher education to establish substance abuse recovery housing program.	2015-08-10 / Passed Approved P.L.2015, c.92.
<u>S2378</u>	Extends "Overdose Prevention Act" immunity provisions to certain professionals and professional entities, and permits needle exchange programs to obtain standing order for opioid antidote.*	2015-02-05 / Passed Approved P.L.2015, c.10.

<u>S2380</u>	Requires DHS and DOC to formulate joint arrangement and plan to ensure provision of mental health and substance use disorder services to inmates.*	2015-02-05 / Passed Approved P.L.2015, c.11.
<u>S2381</u>	Permits successful completion of special probation drug court program notwithstanding use of medication-assisted treatment.*	2015-08-10 / Passed Approved P.L.2015, c.93.
<u>S2825</u>	Increases efficiency and transparency in distribution of Superstorm Sandy aid money.	2015-08-10 / Passed Approved P.L.2015, c.102.
<u>S2980</u>	Revises certain requirements concerning provision of emergency medical services.	2015-07-06 / Passed Approved P.L.2015, c.70.
<u>S3117</u>	Prohibits Division of Developmental Disabilities from compelling transfers of individuals with developmental disabilities from out-of-State to in-State facilities unless certain exceptions apply.	2016-01-11 / Passed Approved P.L.2015, c.192.
<u>S3220</u>	Establishes a process to integrate certain health data and other data from publicly supported programs for population health research.*	2016-01-11 / Passed Approved P.L.2015, c.193.
<u>S3240</u>	Authorizes establishment of recovery high school alternative education programs.	2016-01-19 / Passed Approved P.L.2015, c.254.