



Below are New Jersey bills which the New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies, Inc. (NJAMHAA) has been tracking and which have passed into law during the 217th Legislative Session.

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Status as of: August 14, 2017

Bills Passed into Law – Legislative Session 217 (2016-2017)

Bill #	Bill Topics	Summary	Status
S1359	Housing	Guarantees full and equal access to all housing to disabled persons who retain their retired service or guide dog as a pet, and who also obtain a new service or guide dog.	2017-08-07 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.187.
A3386	Children's, Developmental Disabilities	Provides protections for children under the age of 18 with developmental disabilities and individuals with developmental disabilities ages 18-21 receiving services from Division of Children's System of Care.	2017-08-07 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.213.
A3944	Children's, Substance Use	Requires DOE to develop educational fact sheet for distribution to parents of student-athletes and cheerleaders concerning use and misuse of prescription opioids.	2017-07-21 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.167.
A1662	Data/Reporting/IT	Requires development and maintenance of data dashboard report to advise of open bed availability in residential facilities providing behavioral health services.	2017-07-21 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.155.
S5	Data/Reporting/IT	Establishes data reporting requirements for emergency medical services providers and dispatch centers.	2017-07-21 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.116.
A4568	Health Insurance	Prohibits health insurers, SHBP, SEHBP, certain health care providers, and Medicaid from discriminating in providing coverage and services based on gender identity.*	2017-07-21 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.176.

S291	Health Insurance	Authorizes health care providers to engage in telemedicine and telehealth.*	2017-07-21 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.117.
A4399	Mental Health	Establishes Gold Star Family Counseling Program in DMVA; creates tax credit for certain health care professionals.	2017-07-21 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.174.
S2331	Mental Health, Workforce	Establishes tuition reimbursement program for certain psychiatrists who work in underserved areas or psychiatric hospitals in New Jersey.*	2017-07-21 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.126.
A4081	Misc.	"Charlie's Law"; Establishes civil penalties for persons who interfere with or deny persons with disabilities accompanied by service or guide dogs access to places of public accommodation.	2017-07-21 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.169.
S2721	Misc.	Implements person-first language and changes pejorative terminology referring to persons with certain disabilities or substance use disorders.	2017-07-21 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.131.
S2970	Substance Use	Allows hospice care programs to accept unused prescription medications for disposal under certain circumstances.	2017-07-21 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.135.
A4334	Health Insurance	Requires alternative payment models to register with DOH; permits health care practitioners to refer patients to health care service in which the practitioner has beneficial interest when related to alternative payment model.	2017-07-13 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.111.

<u>S2878</u>	Integrated Care, Mental Health, Substance Use	Requires DOH to permit certain health care facilities to use shared clinical space when providing primary health care and behavioral health care for mild to moderate behavioral health conditions.	2017-07-13 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.107.
<u>S1451</u>	Children's	Directs DOE to make database of special education decisions available on website.	2017-07-13 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.103.
<u>S2</u>	Health Insurance	Clarifies role of health service corporations, revises membership of board of directors, regulates surplus, and requires timely publication of certain information by DOBI.	2017-07-04 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.100.
<u>S2844</u>	Misc.	Eliminates certificate of need requirement for inpatient psychiatric hospital beds for treatment of psychiatric and substance use disorder dual diagnosis.	2017-07-03 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.94.
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<u>S651</u>	Workforce	Requires family day care providers and certain household members to undergo criminal history record background checks.	2017-06-09 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.89.
<u>S972</u>	Children's	Establishes Child Advocacy Center-Multidisciplinary Team Advisory Board and certification program for child advocacy centers and multidisciplinary teams; appropriates \$10 million.	2017-06-09 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.90.

<u>S295</u>	Health Insurance, Substance Use, Workforce	Requires DOH to issue standing order authorizing pharmacists to dispense opioid antidotes to patients without individual prescriptions.*	2017-06-09 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.88.
<u>A4146</u>	Rates	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.*	2017-05-11 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.85.
<u>A815</u>	Housing	Concerns Code Blue alert plans to shelter at-risk individuals. *	2017-05-11 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.68.
<u>S913</u>	Workforce	Permits hospitals to establish system for making performance-based incentive payments to physicians.	2017-05-01 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.46.
<u>S307</u>	Mental Health	Creates Veterans Diversion Program to divert eligible servicemembers away from criminal justice system and into appropriate case management and mental health services.**	2017-05-01 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.42.
<u>S1825</u>	Developmental Disabilities	Establishes task force to study and make recommendations concerning mobility and support services needs of NJ adults with autism spectrum disorder.	2017-05-01 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.53.
<u>S1475</u>	Children's	Establishes three-year Medicaid home visitation demonstration project.	2017-05-01 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.50.
<u>S3</u>	Substance Use	Requires health insurance coverage for treatment of substance use disorders; places certain restrictions on	2017-02-15 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.28.

		the prescription of opioid and certain other drugs; concerns continuing education related thereto.	
<u>A2199</u>	Housing	Establishes veterans' preference for affordable housing in certain housing projects.	2017-02-10 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.19.
<u>A2619</u>	Criminal Justice System, Substance Use	Requires that certain inmates with detainers be provided access to drug treatment programs.	2017-02-10 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.23.
<u>S1474</u>	Children's, Developmental Disabilities	Requires teacher preparation program for instructional certificate to include certain amount of instruction or clinical experience in special education and for students with disabilities endorsement to include credit hours in autism spectrum disorder.	2017-02-06 / Passed Approved P.L.2007, c.6.
<u>S2156</u>	Children's, Substance Use	Requires prescribers to discuss addiction risk associated with certain drugs prior to issuing prescription to minor patient.	2017-02-06 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.8.
<u>S2850</u>	Criminal Justice System	Increases number of Superior Court judgeships to support implementation of constitutional and statutory criminal justice reform, including new pretrial release and detention proceedings, and speedy trial rights; appropriates \$9.3 million.	2017-01-09 / Passed Approved P.L.2019, c.103.
<u>A2106</u>	Misc.	Permits homeless to receive certified copy of birth certificate without fee.	2017-01-09 / Passed Approved P.L.2016, c.98.
<u>A2107</u>	Misc.	Exempts homeless from fee for non-driver identification cards.	2017-01-09 / Passed Approved P.L.2016, c.99.

<u>S2463</u>	Children's	Changes the time when child placement review hearings are initiated from 45 days to 60 days.	2017-01-09 / Passed Approved P.L.2016, c.90.
<u>S2024</u>	Misc.	Clarifies that product approval from U.S. Food and Drug Administration is not required for drug manufacturer to file registration statement, and specifies timeframe by which DOH must review registration statements.	2016-12-05 / Passed Approved P.L.2016, c.73.
<u>S1041</u>	Developmental Disabilities	Requires DHS to develop timeline for use by individuals with developmental disabilities to gain benefit of State and federal programs; requires posting timeline on DHS, DCF, and DOE websites.	2016-12-05 / Passed Approved P.L.2016, c.72.
<u>S384</u>	Criminal Justice System	Requires correctional facilities to provide inmates with prescription medication that was prescribed for chronic conditions existing prior to incarceration.	2016-12-05 / Passed Approved P.L.2016, c.70.
<u>S601</u>	Criminal Justice System	Revises treatment requirements for convicted drug offenders receiving general assistance benefits under Work First New Jersey program.*	2016-11-30 / Passed Approved P.L.2016, c.69.
<u>A3744</u>	Substance Use	Establishes law enforcement assisted addiction and recovery referral programs.*	2016-10-26 / Passed Approved P.L.2016, c.58.
<u>A457</u>	Mental Health	Authorizes medical marijuana for qualifying patients with post-traumatic stress disorder.	2016-09-14 / Passed Approved P.L.2016, c.53.
<u>S2081</u>	Children's, Mental Health	Limits expulsions and suspensions for students in preschool through grade 2 with certain exceptions;	2016-09-06 / Passed Approved P.L.2016, c.45.

		requires early detection and prevention programs for behavioral issues in preschool through grade 2.	
A2292	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.	2016-09-06 / Passed Approved P.L.2016, c.46.
S1266	Substance Use	Establishes permanent sterile syringe access program.*	2016-08-31 / Passed Approved P.L.2016, c.36.
A3434	Misc.	Permits abandoned prescription medication to be re-dispensed up to one year after original preparation.	2016-08-31 / Passed Approved P.L.2016, c.42.
A1663	Misc.	Requires DLPS to establish and make available to law enforcement agencies cultural diversity training materials and online tutorial.*	2016-08-09 / Passed Approved P.L.2016, c.23.
S855	Housing	Requires Commissioner of DCA to promulgate rules and regulations providing for veterans' affordable housing assistance preference.	2016-08-01 / Passed Approved P.L.2016, c.19.
S557	Mental Health, Workforce	"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.	2016-08-01 / Passed Approved P.L.2016, c.18.