



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: January 19, 2018

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

Bill #	Bill Topics	Summary	Status
S3604	Substance Use	Concerns prescribing of certain controlled dangerous substances; requires practitioners to check prescription monitoring information before issuing certain prescriptions to emergency department patients; authorizes medical scribes and athletic trainers to access prescription monitoring information.*	2018-01-16 / Passed Approved P.L. 2017, c.341
S3555	Developmental Disabilities, Transportation	Exempts certain motor vehicles that provide service to persons with developmental disabilities from motor vehicle registration fees.	2018-01-16 / Passed Approved P.L. 2017, c.329
S2205	Workforce	Requires professional boards to provide for online processing of application for licensure or renewal.	2018-01-16 / Passed Approved P.L. 2017, c.298
S1710	Integrated Care	Requires DOH to establish single license for facilities providing integrated behavioral and physical health care.*	2018-01-16 / Passed Approved P.L. 2017, c.294
S677	Criminal Justice System	Requires racial and ethnic impact statement for certain bills and regulations affecting sentencing.	2018-01-16 / Passed Approved P.L. 2017, c.286
S294	Substance Use	Requires anyone administered opioid antidote to treat drug overdose be provided with information concerning substance treatment programs and resources.*	2018-01-16 / Passed Approved P.L. 2017, c.285
S293	Children's, Substance Use	Prohibits use of smokeless tobacco in public schools.	2018-01-16 / Passed

			Approved P.L. 2017, c.284
A4467	Substance Use	Clarifies that authorized persons and entities may administer a single dose of any opioid antidote, or multiple doses of any intranasal or intramuscular opioid antidote to overdose victims, with immunity under "Overdose Prevention Act." *	2018-01-16 / Passed Approved P.L. 2017, c.381
A1414	Workforce	Establishes licensure for associate marriage and family therapists.	2018-01-16 / Passed Approved P.L. 2017, c.350
A3824	Developmental Disabilities	Establishes Office of Ombudsman for Individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities and their Families.	2018-01-08 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.269.
S2964	Substance Use	Prohibits residential substance use disorder treatment facilities and aftercare facilities from denying admission to individuals receiving medication assisted treatment for substance use disorder.	2018-01-08 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.256.
A4253	Misc.	Establishes "New Jersey Nonprofit Security Grant Pilot Program." **	2017-12-27 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.246.
S3307	Criminal Justice System	Revises procedures for expunging criminal and other records and information, including shortening of certain waiting periods for expungement eligibility and increasing number of convictions which may be expunged.	2017-12-20 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.244.

S3308	Criminal Justice System	Decreases waiting period to expunge entire juvenile record from five to three years.	2017-12-20 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.245.
A3338	Substance Use	Dedicates one percent of cigarette and other tobacco products tax revenues to anti-smoking initiatives.*	2017-12-15 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.242.
A2503	Developmental Disabilities	Provides protections for individuals with developmental disabilities; upgrades crimes committed against such individuals; and improves transparency and accountability in investigations of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of such individuals; designated as "Stephen Komninos' Law."*	2017-10-06 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.238.
A320	Health Insurance	Establishes minimum Medicaid reimbursement rate for personal care services.	2017-10-06 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.239.
S2563	Housing	Clarifies DCA rulemaking authority over free-standing residential health care facilities, and prohibits eviction of residents from such facilities, except for good cause.	2017-09-13 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.234.
A1661	Criminal Justice System, Health Insurance	Expands eligibility of inmates for medical parole and requires inmate's enrollment in Medicaid under certain circumstances.	2017-09-13 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.235.

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.

<u>S291</u>	Health Insurance	Authorizes health care providers to engage in telemedicine and telehealth.*	2017-07-21 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.117.
<u>A4399</u>	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.
<u>S2331</u>	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.
<u>A4081</u>	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.
<u>S2721</u>	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.
<u>S2970</u>	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.
<u>A4334</u>	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.
<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 the prescription of opioid and certain other drugs; concerns continuing education related thereto.	2017-02-15 / Passed Approved P.L.2017, c.28.
<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; requires early detection and prevention programs for behavioral issues in preschool through grade 2.	2016-09-06 / Passed Approved P.L.2016, c.45.
<u>A2292</u>	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.