

NJ BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

2016 - 2017

[S-1219/A-936](#) (Holzapfel, Allen/Wolfe, McGuckin, Oliver, Giblin, Wimberly) – Requires reporting of suspected abuse of institutionalized elderly to police and that facility employees receive notice of reporting requirement annually; designated as “Peggy’s Law”

[A-1662/S-2466](#) (Schaer, Vainieri Huttler, Coughlin, McKnight, Mukherji/Vitale, Allen) - Requires development and maintenance of data dashboard report to advise of open bed availability in residential facilities providing behavioral health services

[S-2721/ACS](#) for A-926 (Vitale, Whelan/Vainieri Huttler, Benson, Tucker, Eustace, McKnight, Mosquera) - Implements person-first language and changes pejorative terminology referring to persons with certain disabilities or substance use disorders

[SS SCS SCS for S-291, 652, 1954/ACS for A-1464](#) (Vitale, Whelan, Allen, Turner/Lampitt, Coughlin, Conaway, Vainieri Huttler, Lagana, Mukherji, Moriarty) - Authorizes health care providers to engage in telemedicine and telehealth

[S-2331/A-3962](#) (Codey, Vitale/Jasey, McKeon, Vainieri Huttler, Munoz, Mukherji, Mosquera, Lampitt) - Establishes tuition reimbursement program for certain psychiatrists who work in underserved areas or psychiatric hospitals in New Jersey

[S-2878/A-4523](#) (Vitale, Codey/Schaer, Singleton, Vainieri Huttler, Pinkin) - 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

[S-1451/A-3856](#) (Ruiz, Allen/Holley, McKnight, Singleton) - Directs DOE to make database of special education decisions available on website

[S-2844wGR/A-4425](#) (Vitale, Codey/Vainieri Huttler, Muoio, Eustace, Space, Benson) - Eliminates certificate of need requirement for inpatient hospital beds for treatment of psychiatric and substance use disorder dual diagnosis

[SJR-62/AJR-96](#) (Codey/Eustace, Lampitt, Pinkin, Mukherji, Jones, Downey, Rooney) - Designates month of May of each year as "Mental Health Awareness Month"

[S-295/A-2334](#) (Vitale, Sarlo/Benson, Vainieri Huttler, Mazzeo, Mukherji, Downey, Wimberly) - Requires DOH to issue standing order authorizing pharmacists to dispense opioid antidotes to patients without individual prescriptions

[S-972wGR/A-1788](#) (Sweeney, O’Toole, Ruiz/Burzichelli, Giblin, Pintor Marin) – Establishes Child Advocacy Center-Multidisciplinary Team Advisory Board and certification program for child advocacy centers and multidisciplinary teams; appropriates \$10 million

[AJR-91/SJR-71](#) (Tucker, Johnson, Holley, Downey/Beach, Van Drew) - Designates June 27 of each year as "Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day"

[S-2563/A-4163](#) (Weinberg, T. Kean/Vainieri Huttle, Lampitt, O'Scanlon, McKnight) – Clarifies DCA rulemaking authority over free-standing residential health care facilities, and prohibits eviction of residents from such facilities, except for good cause

[S3](#) places restrictions on opiate prescriptions and mandates 28-day to 6 months inpatient treatment –

[S2361/A3951](#) Authorizes certain county to establish county hospital authority (Bergen); amends title of "Municipal Hospital Authority Law."

[S2081/A3790](#) 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.

[PL 2015 C. 185](#), **ABLE Accounts** Authorizes establishment of Achieving a Better Life Experience accounts for persons with certain disabilities including people with a mental illness. ABLE accounts will be exempt from state income taxation and will not be included as an asset or income when determining the individual's eligibility for State assistance programs.

[S557](#) 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. P.L.2016, CHAPTER 18, approved August 1, 2016

[S855](#) Requires Commissioner of DCA to promulgate rules and regulations providing for veterans' affordable housing assistance preference.

[S307/A4362](#) creates veterans' Diversion Program. P.L.2017, CHAPTER 42,

[A4163/S2563](#) Clarifies DCA rulemaking authority over free-standing residential health care facilities, and prohibits eviction of residents from such facilities, except for good cause.

BILL VETOED:

ACS for [A-2503/S-516](#) (Vainieri Huttle, Mosquera, Tucker, McKnight, Mukherji, Wimberly, Downey/Beck, Sweeney) – CONDITIONAL - 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"

[ACS for A-4927/SCS for S-3085](#) (Prieto, Oliver, Gusciora, Jasey/Sweeney, Diegnan, Ruiz) – CONDITIONAL - Revises law concerning family leave, temporary disability and family temporary disability leave, and domestic or sexual violence safety leave