

NAMI NEW JERSEY
SUPPORTED LEGISLATION
2018 - 2019

[S1535/A1071](#) This bill provides employers with various tax incentives for hiring and accommodating persons with disabilities under the insurance premiums tax, the corporation business tax and the gross income tax.

[A1578](#) This bill would add, as another mitigating factor for the court to consider in determining a sentence, whether the defendant suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, or psychiatric or psychological problems resulting from service as a member of the United States Armed Forces in a combat theater of operations during a time of war or emergency.

[S1730 /A1028](#) This bill requires the Department of Law and Public Safety (DLPS), in consultation with the Department of Human Services, to establish a training curriculum designed to prevent suicide committed by law enforcement officers. The bill requires the in-service training to be administered to each law enforcement officer. The issues addressed in the training curriculum are to include the causes, behaviors, warning signs, and risk factors associated with officer suicide.

[A3807/S2683](#) This Bill requires certain student identification cards to contain telephone number for suicide prevention hotline.

[S2529/ A5676](#) Creates Mental Illness Diversion Program to divert eligible persons away from criminal justice system and into appropriate case management and mental health services.

[S2560](#) Concerns diversion from criminal prosecution for persons with mental illness under certain circumstances.

Judiciary

[A1181](#) Requires firearms seizure when certain health care professional determines patient poses threat of harm to self or others. **Signed into law**

[A1217](#) AN ACT concerning extreme risk protective orders. A petitioner may file a petition, as prescribed by the Administrative Director of the Courts, for a temporary extreme risk protective order in the court in accordance with the Rules of Court alleging that the respondent poses a significant danger of bodily injury to self or others by having custody or control of, owning, possessing, purchasing, or receiving a firearm. The petition shall be heard by the court in an expedited manner. **Signed into law**

[A2031/S1339](#) Enhances enforcement and oversight of behavioral health parity laws. This NAMI New Jersey supported bill has passed the full Assembly and now goes to the State Senate.

[A4446/S2861](#) This bill would require requires school districts to provide instruction on mental health..

[A2444/S2081](#)This bill Provides for coverage of comprehensive tobacco cessation benefits in Medicaid.

[S2951/A5180](#) Provides automated expungement process to address convictions for certain crimes, disorderly persons offenses, petty disorderly persons offenses, and municipal ordinance violations, or arrests or charges therefor not resulting in convictions. .

[A4336/S3019](#) Supplemental appropriation of \$25 million to DOH to assist certain mental health and addiction service providers transitioning to fee-for-service reimbursement system.

[S3099/A4608](#) Behavior Analyst Licensing Act - This bill, as amended, provides for the regulation and licensing of behavior analysts. The bill establishes the State Board of Behavior Analyst Examiners in the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety. To be eligible to be licensed as a licensed behavior analyst, an applicant shall have a current certification as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst or Board Certified Behavior Analyst – Doctoral verified by the certifying entity.

[S517/A877](#) Establishes tuition reimbursement program for certain advanced practice nurses who provide mental health care services in underserved areas in New Jersey. - This bill establishes a tuition reimbursement program for advanced practice nurses who provide mental health care services in order to address a shortage of mental health care access in certain areas of the State. “State underserved area” means a geographic area in this State which the Commissioner of Health determines on the basis of health status and economic indicators as having a shortage of medical professionals who provide mental health care services.

[A2031/S1339](#) - Enhances enforcement and oversight of behavioral health parity laws. This NAMI New Jersey supported legislation has passed in the full Assembly and is to be heard in the Senate Commerce Committee on January 18, 2019. **Signed into law**

[S3261/A314](#) Restricts use of isolated confinement in correctional facilities. This legislation previously supported by NAMI New Jersey has been reintroduced in the New Jersey Legislature. A clinician shall evaluate each inmate placed in isolated confinement. Except as otherwise provided, an inmate determined to be a member of a vulnerable population including those with a mental illness, shall be immediately removed from isolated confinement and moved to an appropriate placement. **Passed by both Houses**

[A3408/S1823](#) Under the bill’s provisions, each school district and contracted service provider is to annually provide to its employees the educational fact sheet and guidelines on the school district’s reporting and suicide prevention, awareness, and response protocols, including contact information for each school’s designated staff who should be notified whenever an employee believes a student may be at risk for suicide.

[S1759/A1099](#) Requires DOH to establish public awareness campaign and develop policies and procedures to promote recognition and treatment of perinatal anxiety.

[A2431/S1865](#) This bill requires health insurers regulated by New Jersey that provide coverage for prescription drugs, to place limitations on covered persons’ cost sharing for prescription drugs to no more than \$100 per month for each prescription drug for up to a 30-day supply of any single drug.

[A4937/S3364](#) Requires DOH to identify sources of Federal Funding to support maternal health.

[S1569 SaAca \(2R\)](#) Requires boards of education to include instruction, and adopt instructional materials, that accurately portray political, economic, and social contributions of persons with disabilities and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. **Signed into law**

[A1028/S1730](#) This Bill would establish training programs to prevent suicide by law enforcement officer; requires reporting of law enforcement officer suicides to Attorney General.

[S2843/A4567](#) Establishes competitive grant program for school districts to assist in hiring of school psychologists; appropriates \$1 million.

[S2861, 3081/A4446](#) Requires health curriculum for public school students in grades kindergarten through 12 to include instruction on mental health.

[S3172/A4756](#) Requires public school instruction in mental health as it relates to suicide prevention and provides various elements which may be included in instruction. The instruction shall incorporate evidence-based standards and shall be adapted to the age and understanding of the students.

[A3926/S2835](#) Requires public schools to administer written screenings for depression for students in grades 7 through 12.

[A5223S3679](#) Requires missing vulnerable person alert to be initiated within two hours of missing person report.

CURRENT BILLS SUPPORTED BY NAMI NEW JERSEY IN PREVIOUS LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS

[A1453](#) Establishes the "Mental Health Court Pilot Program" in several vicinages.

[A1828](#) 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.

[A2389/S1032](#) Concerns expansion of services provided by DOH mental health screening services in a location separate from a screening service, and which provides services emphasizing outreach and early intervention.

[A3006](#) Provides for Medicaid coverage and reimbursement for mental health services provided through telepsychiatry.

NAMI NEW JERSEY OPPOSES THE FOLLOWING BILLS

[A378](#) Prohibits certain mental health facilities, drug and alcohol treatment facilities, and homeless shelters in residential zones and within 1,000 feet of schools. **Discriminatory**

[A416/S1095](#) Establishes Behavioral Mental Health Advisory Board in Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services in DHS. **Redundant, body already exists.**

[A1314](#) Creates Voluntary Registry for Individuals with a Mental Illness or Developmental Disability. **Potential to violate confidentiality, potential for misuse.**