**Consent Agenda and Monthly Report from Legislation Committee**

Date: Created January 6, 2022

Legislative Chairpersons: Gail Hall, Committee members: Eileen Gavin, Gina Emge

Monthly Report: January, 2022

Past Activities:

* Gov.net - Followed multiple (144) bills related to: public school education, school nursing/school age-child health.
* Reviewed daily alerts/postings from gov.net.
* Corresponded with school nurses and executive board members who had questions in reference to school nursing legislative issues.
* Updates for posting to the Hot Topics and legislation page of the NJSSNA website.
* Frequent communication with Fran Pfeffer NJEA lobbyist and Christina Zuk (PPAG)
* Christina Zuk continues to update Exec board about status of State School Nurse
* NJEA is asking NJSSNA members to join this important call to action to support continued state mask mandates. Please read[**NJEA: Failure to extend school mask mandate is educational malpractice**](https://www.njea.org/njea-failure-to-extend-school-mask-mandate-is-educational-malpractice/) and scroll down to the bottom of the article to submit a letter of support.
* Robin testified before the Senate Education Committee 1/6/22  [link](https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/archived-media/2020/SED-meeting-list/media-player?committee=SED&agendaDate=2022-01-06-10:00:00&agendaType=M&av=V) (Robin can be heard at 2:30 mark)

| **Pulled from the Consent Agenda for Discussion** |
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* Mask mandates

| **New Laws** |
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**P.L.2021, c.296**-Signed by the Governor 11/8

Summary: Permits school nurse who is retired from TPAF to return to employment for up to two years without reenrollment in TPAF.

**P.L.2021, c.237**. 9/28/21 Signed by the Governor

Summary: Establishes Mental Health Screening in Schools Grant Program in DOE; appropriates $1 million.

**P.L.2021, c.73.-**04/30/2021 – Signed by the Governor

Summary: Requires health benefits coverage for adolescent depression screenings.

**P.L.2021, c.77.** 05/05/2021 – Signed by the Governor P.L.2021, c.77.

Summary: This bill requires the State to award a contract for the purchase COVID-19 related goods and services by school districts.

| **Bills on the Move** |
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### **Legislative Chairperson Gail Hall with committee members Eileen Gavin and Gina Emge (2021-2022)**

| **Bill: A5727/S3726 Sca (1R) (2020)**  Summary:Ensures student well-being during school security drills.  Status: 12/20/2021 – Substituted by another A-5727 (1R).  12/02/2021 – Amended on Senate floor, 2nd reading in Senate 29-0 (Weinberg)  11/08/2021 – 2nd reading in the Senate; 1st House: 2nd Reading;  05/06/2021 – Introduced and referred to Senate Education Committee  **Bill: A1599/S585(2020)**  Summary: Requires public school students with concussion to be evaluated by licensed health care professionals before returning to school; requires school districts to provide restrictions or limitations to students as needed.  Status: 06/21/2021 – Senate Education Committee (1599) as of 1/06/2022 No Movement  **Bill: S3723/A5419(2020)**  Summary: Requires DCF and DOE to establish policies and procedures relating to child abuse and neglect and child abuse prevention during certain public health emergencies.  Progress:  12/09/2021–Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.  12/06/2021–Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.  05/06/2021 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee. |  |
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**Bill: S225 Sca/A679**

Summary: Provides that student-athlete who sustains concussion must return to regular school activities prior to return to competition; requires school districts to implement five-step return-to-competition process.

Status: 06/21/2021 –[Passed in both houses](https://www.govnetnj.com/GOV/billsrch?s=2020&t=stat&d=23)-as of 1/6/22 No Movement

Respectfully submitted,

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