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

Date: Created 4/02/2022

Legislative Chairperson: Gail Hall Legislative Co- Chairperson: Anna Tupe,

Members: Eileen Gavin, Gina Emge, Robin Cogan

Monthly Report: April, 2022

Past Activities:

* Gov.net - Followed multiple (35) 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. This is in progress.
* Frequent communication with Fran Pfeffer NJEA lobbyist and Christina Zuk (PPAG)
* Christina Zuk continues to update Exec board about status of State School Nurse Consultant Position
* Marie Sasso testified before the Assembly Appropriations Committee on March 29,2022. On two bills/topics: School Nurse Consultant position and “Mental Health Counselor Integrated into the Health Office” draft bill language.
* Gail Hall will testify before the Senate Appropriations Committee on 4/21/22 on two bills: School Nurse Consultant and “Mental Health Counselor Integrated into the Health Office” draft bill language.
* Gail Hall and Anna Tupe conferred with Fran Pfeiffer regarding “A Menstrual Disorders” Bill Draft. We responded that this bill draft is unnecessary, which may cause a student to delay or avoid medical evaluation, and that currently these absences are covered by individual school district policies.
* Gail Hall and Anna Tupe were asked by Fran Pfeiffer to comment on the A3807 “CSN Bill” (an amendment to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-1 changing the language to include one certified school nurse at each school in the school district, and that districts may supplement certified school nurses with non-certified school nurses, provided they are in the same building as the certified school nurse.)
* Gail and Anna met on March 23, 2022 via phone conversation with Dr. Bert Mandelbaum, who is on the NJAAP Legislative team, and had a meeting scheduled for 3/24/22 to discuss S 129 with NJAAP lobbyist and the legislator’s Chief of Staff.
	+ Christina Zuk spoke with NJAAP's lobbyist who advised that the sponsor is willing to review NJAAP's requested changes to the bill. NJAAP has requested NJSSNA's input, which she has shared with their lobbyist. Christina will let us know NJAAP's response to the changes we have requested after the budget break .
* A survey link was sent out to NJ schools who do not currently participate in the State COVID Screening and Testing program for those schools who may wish to participate. Two options: 1. Schools may access testing kits, diagnostic lab services and PPE 2. Allows schools to conduct their own testing through vendor services. Schools would be reimbursed for each kit.

| **Pulled from the Consent Agenda for Discussion** |
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* S129 Physical Examination Bill (students grades 6 thru 12 required to have a recommended PE)

| **New Laws** |
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**P.L.2021, c.296**-Signed by the Governor 11/8/21

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**-Signed by the Governor 9/28/21

Summary: Establishes Mental Health Screening in Schools Grant Program

In DOE, appropriates $1 million.

| **Bills on the Move** |
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### **Legislative Chairperson Gail Hall; Co Chairperson Anna Tupe with committee members Eileen Gavin, Gina Emge, Robin Cogan (2021-2022)**

**Bill: A1822**

Summary: Requires school district to establish "School Meal Fund" to assist students with school meal bill in arrears.

Status:3/10/22 Out of Education Committee and referred to Assembly State and Local Committee Assembly Education Committee

History: 01/11/2022 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Education Committee

**Bill: A3807**

Summary: Requires a Certified School Nurse in every building in the district.

Supplement with non certified school nurse

Status: 3/24/22 Proposed for introduction

History:

**Bill: S129**

Summary: Requires all students enrolled in grades six through 12 to have certain physical examination that includes cardiac component.

Status: 02/03/2022 – Reported out committee with commitee amendments; 2nd reading in the Senate

History: 01/11/2022 – Introduced and referred to Senate Education Committee.

**Bill: S133**

Summary: Permits School Bus Drivers to administer Epinephrine to school bus drivers and supplementing P.L 1997, c.368 (C.18A:40-12.5 et seq)

Status:3/07/22 Reported out of Senate Education Committee; second reading in the Senate

History: 01/11/2022 Introduced and referred to Senate Education Committee

**Bill: S2306/A3827**

Summary: Language not available in either Senate or Assembly. Establishes a task force to study the impact of COVID 19 on children’s health.

Status: S2306 introduced on 3/26/22; A3827 Proposed for Introduction on 3/24/22

Note: Christina Zuk suggested a nurse be appointed to this task force. We will learn more after the budget break.

**Draft Bill: S2462/A3816**

Summary: High School start times not be earlier than 8:30 am in schools that receive state funding

Status: 3/24/22 Proposed for Introduction (Assembly and Senate)

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Hall

Anna Tupe