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## INTRODUCTION

This third issue of NCAAR-BH's Legislative Report incorporates those bills introduced during February 2022. Given the volume of bills introduced in both the Senate and Assembly throughout the month of February, a succinct summary of relevant information is provided, e.g., sponsor(s), bill number, history and current status.

Two additional topics have been included in this issue: miscellaneous legislation that does not clearly fall within the enumerated topics set forth in the previous report and action taken with respect to legislation introduced the previous month. NCAAR welcomes all suggestions regarding the organization and distribution of its Legislative Reports. All inquiries should be addressed to Ben Barlyn, Esq., Policy Analyst, at [bbarlyn@ncaarbh.org](mailto:bbarlyn@ncaarbh.org).

## ACTION TAKEN ON PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED BILLS

**BILL:** [S783](#)

**Summary:** Establishes Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund and Opioid Recovery Fund Advisory Counsel.

**History:** This proposed legislation was introduced in the Senate on January 18, 2022, and referred to the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee. On February 3, 2022, the bill was reported from the Senate Committee with Amendments (discussed below). On February 20, 2022, the bill was recommitted to the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee, where it was reported on February 28, 2022. The Senate passed the legislation by a vote of 39-0 on March 3, 2022. An identical Assembly Bill, [A1488](#), was introduced on January 11, 2022, and reported out of the Assembly Human Services Committee with amendments on February 14, 2022.

**Amend.:** According to the [Committee Statement](#) to S783 dated February 3, 2022, the following significant amendments were made to the original legislation: 1) the addition of language clarifying that the disbursement and use of moneys from opioid litigation resolution will be subject to the terms of the resolution; 2) the requirements of the bill do not apply to funds paid to counties or municipalities, to funds allocated to attorney's fees, and to funds allocated for costs related to the litigation itself; 3) language revising the purposes for which the funds may be used and clarifying that the funds are to supplement and not supplant existing funds used for those same purposes; 4) clarification that the Department of Human Services (DOH) is the lead agency for purposes of disbursement, allocation and use of the funds; 5) language revising the duties of the Advisory Council (Council) to replace a requirement that the Council gather and evaluate data concerning substance use disorder prevention and treatment programs to determine coverage gaps, to instead require the Council to provide DHS with data concerning the availability of, gaps in, and barriers to prevention and treatment programs and recovery services; 6) language revising the authority to appointment members to the Council and also revise the qualifications and experiment requirements for several of the public members; and 7) language expressly providing that the Council is a public body for purposes of State open public meetings, laws and that the members of the Council are subject to the State conflict of interest laws.

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE

**Bill:** [A2473](#)  
**Sponsors:** McGuckin (R10); Catalano (R10)  
**Summary:** Increases penalties for unlawfully manufacturing, distributing, or dispensing fentanyl.  
**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee  
**Status:** 02/14/2022 – Assembly Judiciary Committee  
**History:** 02/14/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Judiciary Committee.

**Bill:** [A2642](#)  
**Sponsors:** Dancer (R12)  
**Summary:** Criminalizes manufacture, sale, and possession of substances containing kratom.  
**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee  
**Status:** 02/14/2022 – Assembly Agriculture and Food Security Committee  
**History:** 02/14/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Agriculture and Food Security Committee.

**Bill:** [S1589](#)  
**Sponsors:** Turner (D15)  
**Summary:** Amends eligibility for expungement of criminal records.  
**Subjects:** Crimes and Penalties; Judiciary-Court Administration  
**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee  
**Status:** 02/14/2022 – Senate Judiciary Committee  
**History:** 02/14/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

**Bill:** [S1389](#)  
**Sponsors:** Turner (D15)  
**Summary:** Clarifies that school bus for purpose of upgraded penalties in "school zone" criminal drug laws includes any bus owned and operated by board of education or by private contractor.  
**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee  
**Status:** 02/10/2022 – Senate Judiciary Committee  
**History:** 02/10/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

**Bill:** [S1419](#)  
**Sponsors:** Gill (D34)  
**Summary:** Prohibits law enforcement officer from administering anesthetic or sedative during arrest or traffic stop.  
**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee  
**Status:** 02/10/2022 – Senate Law and Public Safety Committee  
**History:** 02/10/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee.

**Bill:** [A2119](#)  
**Sponsors:** Munoz (R21); Sawyer (R3)  
**Summary:** Adds illicit fentanyl to Schedule I in the "New Jersey Controlled Dangerous Substances Act."  
**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee  
**Status:** 02/07/2022 – Assembly Judiciary Committee  
**History:** 02/07/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Judiciary Committee.

**Bill:** [A2121](#)  
**Sponsors:** Munoz (R21); Webber (R26); Sawyer (R3) +1  
**Summary:** Provides that unlawful use, manufacture, or distribution of controlled dangerous substance by parent or caregiver in presence of child constitutes crime of endangering welfare of that child.  
**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee  
**Status:** 02/07/2022 – Assembly Women and Children Committee  
**History:** 02/07/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Women and Children Committee.

**Bill:** [A2135](#)  
**Sponsors:** Reynolds-Jackson (D15); Wimberly (D35)  
**Summary:** Permits persons participating in Drug Court and other programs to earn credit against amount owed on certain court-imposed financial obligations.  
**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee  
**Status:** 02/07/2022 – Assembly Community Development and Affairs Committee  
**History:** 02/07/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Community Development and Affairs Committee.

**Bill:** [A2174](#)

**Sponsors:** McGuckin (R10); Catalano (R10)

**Summary:** Allows certain drug dealing offenses to be graded by "units," rather than weight, of controlled dangerous substances.

**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee

**Status:** 02/07/2022 – Assembly Judiciary Committee

**History:** 02/07/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Judiciary Committee.

**Bill:** [A2238](#)

**Sponsors:** Mukherji (D33)

**Summary:** Concerns eligibility, procedures, and post-program relief for certain drug or alcohol dependent persons sentenced to special probation, or regular probation which as a condition of such requires substance use disorders treatment.

**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee

**Status:** 02/07/2022 – Assembly Judiciary Committee

**History:** 02/07/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Judiciary Committee.

**Bill:** [A2388](#)

**Sponsors:** Wimberly (D35)

**Summary:** Establishes pilot program in Paterson authorizing non-disclosure of records of certain expungements.

**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee

**Status:** 02/07/2022 – Assembly Judiciary Committee

**History:** 02/07/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Judiciary Committee.

**Bill:** [S1218](#)

**Sponsors:** Connors (R9)

**Summary:** Increases penalties for certain heroin offenses by revising threshold amounts for first, second, and third degree crimes of manufacturing, distributing, and dispensing heroin.

**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee

**Status:** 02/03/2022 – Senate Judiciary Committee

**History:** 02/03/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

**Bill:** [S1709](#)

**Sponsors:** Stanfield (R8)

**Summary:** Upgrades domestic violence-related assault under certain circumstances.

**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee

**Status:** 02/28/2022 – Senate Judiciary Committee

**History:** 02/28/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

**Bill:** [S1710](#)

**Sponsors:** Stanfield (R8); Gopal (D11)

**Summary:** Requires notification of certain domestic violence victims through the Victim Information and Notification Everyday System (VINE).

**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee

**Status:** 02/28/2022 – Senate Judiciary Committee

**History:** 02/28/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

**Bill:** [S1786](#)

**Sponsors:** Oroho (R24); Greenstein (D14) +1

**Summary:** Requires children's psychiatric facilities to have on-site staff members supervise patients 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee

**Status:** 02/28/2022 – Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee

**History:** 02/28/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

**Bill:** [S1809](#)

**Sponsors:** Ruiz (D29)

**Summary:** Adds coercive control to definition of domestic violence.

**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee

**Status:** 02/28/2022 – Senate Judiciary Committee

**History:** 02/28/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.



**Bill:** [A2521](#)  
**Sponsors:** Murphy (D7) +1  
**Summary:** Provides rental and lease protections for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.  
**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee  
**Status:** 02/14/2022 – Assembly Women and Children Committee  
**History:** 02/14/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Women and Children Committee.

**Bill:** [A2522](#)  
**Sponsors:** Murphy (D7) +1  
**Summary:** Establishes third degree crime for certain trespasses involving victim of domestic violence.  
**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee  
**Status:** 02/14/2022 – Assembly Judiciary Committee  
**History:** 02/14/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Judiciary Committee.

**Bill:** [A2531](#)  
**Sponsors:** Murphy (D7)  
**Summary:** Establishes "Support for Victims of Domestic Violence Program"; incentivizes certain businesses to provide support to individuals who are victims of domestic violence.  
**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee  
**Status:** 02/14/2022 – Assembly Women and Children Committee  
**History:** 02/14/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Women and Children Committee.

**Bill:** [A2667](#)  
**Sponsors:** Mosquera (D4); Moriarty (D4); Lampitt (D6)  
**Summary:** Establishes new crime of domestic violence committed in the presence of a child.  
**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee  
**Status:** 02/14/2022 – Assembly Judiciary Committee  
**History:** 02/14/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Judiciary Committee.

**Bill:** [A2668](#)

**Sponsors:** Mosquera (D4); Lampitt (D6)

**Summary:** Prohibits awarding alimony to domestic violence offenders; permits termination of alimony based on conviction for crime or offense involving domestic violence.

**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee

**Status:** 02/14/2022 – Assembly Judiciary Committee

**History:** 02/14/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Judiciary Committee.

**Bill:** [S1381](#)

**Sponsors:** Turner (D15)

**Summary:** Clarifies intent of Legislature that the attempt or conspiracy to commit certain offenses may constitute acts of domestic violence.

**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee

**Status:** 02/10/2022 – Senate Judiciary Committee

**History:** 02/10/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

**Bill:** [S1433](#)

**Sponsors:** Turner (D15)

**Summary:** Establishes publicly accessible domestic violence Internet registry.

**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee

**Status:** 02/10/2022 – Senate Judiciary Committee

**History:** 02/10/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

**Bill:** [S1516](#)

**Sponsors:** Greenstein (D14); Gopal (D11)

**Summary:** Authorizes court to include in domestic violence restraining orders a provision making the order applicable to a pregnant victim's child upon birth of the child.

**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee

**Status:** 02/10/2022 – Senate Judiciary Committee

**History:** 02/10/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

**Bill:** [S1517](#)

**Sponsors:** Greenstein (D14); Gopal (D11)

**Summary:** Authorizes issuance of restraining orders for situations in which domestic violence statutes do not apply.

**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee

**Status:** 02/10/2022 – Senate Judiciary Committee

**History:** 02/10/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

**Bill:** [S1518](#)  
**Sponsors:** Greenstein (D14); Gopal (D11)  
**Summary:** Provides rental and lease protections for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.  
**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee  
**Status:** 02/10/2022 – Senate Judiciary Committee  
**History:** 02/10/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

## HEALTH EQUITY

**Bill:** [ACR103](#)  
**Sponsors:** Murphy (D7)  
**Summary:** Amends Constitution to prohibit denial of coverage by certain health insurers based on preexisting conditions.  
**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee  
**Status:** 02/14/2022 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee  
**History:** 02/14/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.

**Bill:** [S1667](#)  
**Sponsors:** Singleton (D7)  
**Summary:** Prohibits excessive increases in prices charged for essential off-patent and generic prescription drugs and biological products.  
**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee  
**Status:** 02/14/2022 – Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee  
**History:** 02/14/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

**Bill:** [A2240](#)  
**Sponsors:** Murphy (D7)  
**Summary:** Prohibits excessive increases in prices charged for essential off-patent and generic prescription drugs and biological products.  
**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee  
**Status:** 02/07/2022 – Assembly Health Committee  
**History:** 02/07/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee.

**Bill:** [S1306](#)  
**Sponsors:** Beach (D6)  
**Summary:** Requires residential psychiatric and long-term care facilities to provide certain financial information to facility residents and other individuals.  
**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee  
**Status:** 02/03/2022 – Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee  
**History:** 02/03/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

## HARM REDUCTION

**Bill:** [S1744](#)

**Sponsors:** Bucco (R25)

**Summary:** Creates registry of individuals who required medical assistance as result of misusing controlled dangerous substance.

**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee

**Status:** 02/28/2022 – Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee

**History:** 02/28/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

**Bill:** [S1848](#)

**Sponsors:** Vitale (D19)

**Summary:** Authorizes State and local law enforcement entities to contract for bulk purchasing of heroin antidote.

**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee

**Status:** 02/28/2022 – Senate Law and Public Safety Committee

**History:** 02/28/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee.

**Bill:** [A2504](#)

**Sponsors:** Murphy (D7)

**Summary:** Requires public and nonpublic secondary schools to annually conduct written or verbal substance use screening on all students using a particular screening program.

**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee

**Status:** 02/14/2022 – Assembly Education Committee

**History:** 02/14/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Education Committee.

**Bill:** [S1609](#)

**Sponsors:** Greenstein (D14)

**Summary:** Requires certain health insurers to provide coverage for counseling and behavioral therapies for any person receiving medication-assisted treatment.

**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee

**Status:** 02/14/2022 – Senate Commerce Committee

**History:** 02/14/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.

**Bill:** [S1623](#)

**Sponsors:** Greenstein (D14)

**Summary:** Clarifies that residents with mental illness or substance use disorders may be included on public safety special assistance municipal lists.

**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee

**Status:** 02/14/2022 – Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee

**History:** 02/14/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

**Bill:** [S1324](#)

**Sponsors:** Beach (D6)

**Summary:** Requires hospitals to inquire whether patients have substance use disorder and establish protocols for providing or referring to treatment.

**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee

**Status:** 02/03/2022 – Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee

**History:** 02/03/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

**Bill:** [S1327](#)

**Sponsors:** Beach (D6)

**Summary:** Permits patients to indicate that they should not be prescribed opiates and certain other controlled substances in prescription monitoring program information.

**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee

**Status:** 02/03/2022 – Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee

**History:** 02/03/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

**Bill:** [S1341](#)

**Sponsors:** Greenstein (D14)

**Summary:** Requires death certificates to include drug responsible for drug overdose death under certain circumstances.

**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee

**Status:** 02/03/2022 – Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee

**History:** 02/03/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

## INSURANCE PARITY

**Bill:** [ACR103](#)

**Sponsors:** Murphy (D7)

**Summary:** Amends Constitution to prohibit denial of coverage by certain health insurers based on preexisting conditions.

**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee

**Status:** 02/14/2022 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee

**History:** 02/14/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.

**Bill:** [A2735](#)

**Sponsors:** Dancer (R12)

**Summary:** Provides for Medicaid coverage and reimbursement for mental health services provided through telepsychiatry.

**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee

**Status:** 02/14/2022 – Assembly Health Committee

**History:** 02/14/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee.

## MENTAL HEALTH

**Bill:** [A2508](#)  
**Sponsors:** Murphy (D7)  
**Summary:** Requires State Board of Education to include instruction on mental health first aid training as part of professional development requirement for public school teachers.  
**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee  
**Status:** 02/14/2022 – Assembly Education Committee  
**History:** 02/14/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Education Committee.

**Bill:** [A2564](#)  
**Sponsors:** Murphy (D7); Mukherji (D33)  
**Summary:** Requires certain State employees receive mental health first aid training.  
**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee  
**Status:** 02/14/2022 – Assembly Health Committee  
**History:** 02/14/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee.

**Bill:** [A2708](#)  
**Sponsors:** Dancer (R12)  
**Summary:** Establishes procedures for involuntary civil commitment of children.  
**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee  
**Status:** 02/14/2022 – Assembly Women and Children Committee  
**History:** 02/14/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Women and Children Committee.

**Bill:** [A2713](#)  
**Sponsors:** Dancer (R12)  
**Summary:** Requires certain psychiatric facilities to contact Division of Child Protection and Permanency if minor is to be discharged and parent or guardian is unable or unwilling to remove minor from facility.  
**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee  
**Status:** 02/14/2022 – Assembly Women and Children Committee  
**History:** 02/14/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Women and Children Committee.



**Bill:** [A2735](#)  
**Sponsors:** Dancer (R12)  
**Summary:** Provides for Medicaid coverage and reimbursement for mental health services provided through telepsychiatry.  
**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee  
**Status:** 02/14/2022 – Assembly Health Committee  
**History:** 02/14/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee.

**Bill:** [A2736](#)  
**Sponsors:** Dancer (R12)  
**Summary:** Provides alternate standard for involuntary commitment to treatment in outpatient setting.  
**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee  
**Status:** 02/14/2022 – Assembly Health Committee  
**History:** 02/14/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee.

**Bill:** [S1662](#)  
**Sponsors:** Ruiz (D29)  
**Summary:** Requires NJ Youth Suicide Prevention Advisory Council to prepare report regarding suicide prevention instruction in public schools.  
**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee  
**Status:** 02/14/2022 – Senate Education Committee  
**History:** 02/14/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Education Committee.

**Bill:** [AJR89](#)  
**Sponsors:** Dancer (R12)  
**Summary:** Establishes "Autism and Mental Disorders Study Commission."  
**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee  
**Status:** 02/07/2022 – Assembly Health Committee  
**History:** 02/07/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee.

**Bill:** [S1249](#)  
**Sponsors:** Greenstein (D14)  
**Summary:** Requires DOH to conduct study on causes of youth suicide.  
**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee  
**Status:** 02/03/2022 – Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee  
**History:** 02/03/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Bill:** [S1822](#)

**Sponsors:** Gopal (D11)

**Summary:** Includes substance abuse disorder in list of disabilities that qualify student for State special education and related services.

**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee

**Status:** 02/28/2022 – Senate Education Committee

**History:** 02/28/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Education Committee.

**Bill:** [A2077](#)

**Sponsors:** Webber (R26)

**Summary:** "Addiction Medicine Philanthropy Act"; provides physicians who provide uncompensated care for treatment of substance use disorders with \$250,000 cap on noneconomic damages in actions alleging medical malpractice.

**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee

**Status:** 02/07/2022 – Assembly Judiciary Committee

**History:** 02/07/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Judiciary Committee.

**Bill:** [A2179](#)

**Sponsors:** Scharfenberger (R13); Thomson (R30); Flynn (R13)

**Summary:** Grandparents, guardians, and authorized representatives' online access to medical and personal history of residents of certain residential care facilities.

**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee

**Status:** 02/07/2022 – Assembly Health Committee

**History:** 02/07/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee.

**Bill:** [A2191](#)

**Sponsors:** Munoz (R21)

**Summary:** Increases amount allowed in initial prescription for opioid drugs in cases of acute pain.

**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee

**Status:** 02/07/2022 – Assembly Health Committee

**History:** 02/07/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee.

**Bill:** [S1323](#)  
**Sponsors:** Beach (D6)  
**Summary:** Requires DCA to approve credentialing entity to develop and administer voluntary recovery residence certification program.  
**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee  
**Status:** 02/03/2022 – Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee  
**History:** 02/03/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

## **PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

**Bill:** [S1693](#)

**Sponsors:** Connors (R9)

**Summary:** Prevents intoxicated employees from receiving workers' compensation.

**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee

**Status:** 02/28/2022 – Senate Labor Committee

**History:** 02/28/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Labor Committee.

**Bill:** [A2074](#)

**Sponsors:** Webber (R26)

**Summary:** Prohibits incarcerated individuals from receiving Medicaid, Work First New Jersey, or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits.

**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee

**Status:** 02/07/2022 – Assembly Human Services Committee

**History:** 02/07/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Human Services Committee.

**Bill:** [A2367](#)

**Sponsors:** Swain (D38); Greenwald (D6); Wimberly (D35)

**Summary:** Increases income eligibility threshold, over three-year period, to 50 percent of federal poverty level for families with dependent children under Work First New Jersey program.

**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee

**Status:** 02/14/2022 – Assembly Budget Committee

**History:** 02/07/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Agriculture and Food Security Committee.

02/14/2022—Reported out of committee with committee amendments, referred to Assembly Budget Committee.

## TELEMEDICINE & TELEHEALTH

**Bill:** [A2735](#)

**Sponsors:** Dancer (R12)

**Summary:** Provides for Medicaid coverage and reimbursement for mental health services provided through telepsychiatry.

**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee

**Status:** 02/14/2022 – Assembly Health Committee

**History:** 02/14/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee.

**Bill:** [A2193](#)

**Sponsors:** Munoz (R21); Calabrese (D36) +5

**Summary:** Revises emergency care services referral standards for providers of telemedicine and telehealth.

**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee

**Status:** 02/07/2022 – Assembly Health Committee

**History:** 02/07/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee.

## TREATMENT ACCESS

**Bill:** [A2143](#)

**Sponsors:** Reynolds-Jackson (D15); Wimberly (D35)

**Summary:** Requires each county to establish Reentry, Mental Health, and Addiction Services Coordination Committee to facilitate coordinated provision of mental health, addiction, and reentry services to county residents.

**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee

**Status:** 02/07/2022 – Assembly Human Services Committee

**History:** 02/07/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Human Services Committee.

**Bill:** [A2238](#)

**Sponsors:** Mukherji (D33)

**Summary:** Concerns eligibility, procedures, and post-program relief for certain drug or alcohol dependent persons sentenced to special probation, or regular probation which as a condition of such requires substance use disorders treatment.

**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee

**Status:** 02/07/2022 – Assembly Judiciary Committee

**History:** 02/07/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Judiciary Committee.

**Bill:** [A2328](#)

**Sponsors:** Mukherji (D33)

**Summary:** Permits minors 13 years of age and older to consent to behavioral health care services.

**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee

**Status:** 02/07/2022 – Assembly Judiciary Committee

**History:** 02/07/2022—Introduced and referred to Assembly Judiciary Committee.

**Bill:** [S1245](#)

**Sponsors:** Greenstein (D14); Gopal (D11)

**Summary:** Requires Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services to facilitate establishment of four new recovery community centers.

**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee

**Status:** 02/03/2022 – Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee

**History:** 02/03/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

**Bill:** [S1623](#)

**Sponsors:** Greenstein (D14)

**Summary:** Clarifies that residents with mental illness or substance use disorders may be included on public safety special assistance municipal lists.

**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee

**Status:** 02/14/2022 – Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee

**History:** 02/14/2022—Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

## TREATMENT FUNDING

**Bill:** [S1244](#)

**Sponsors:** Greenstein (D14)

**Summary:** Supplemental appropriation of \$25 million to DOH to assist certain mental health and addiction service providers transitioning to fee-for-service reimbursement system.

**Progress:** 1st House: Referred to Committee

**Status:** 02/03/2022 – Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee

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