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INTRODUCTION

This fifth issue of NCAAR-BH’s Legislative Report incorporates bills of interest introduced in the latter half of March 2022 through May 2022 of the 220th Legislative Session. Given the volume of bills introduced in both the Senate and General Assembly during this time, a succinct summary of relevant information is provided, e.g., sponsor(s), bill number, a brief summary, and the current status. Related, or companion, bills of interest are also listed in this summary despite their inclusion in previous NCAAR-BH Legislative Reports.

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Bill: [A3710](#)
Sponsors: Mukherji (D33); Freiman (D16); Calabrese (D36)
Summary: Makes permanent temporary enactment allowing certain alcoholic beverage retailers to sell and deliver alcoholic beverages and mixed drinks; establishes certain sale and delivery privileges for alcoholic beverage manufacturers.
Status: 05/02/2022 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Oversight, Reform, and Federal Relations Committee
Related Bill: [S355](#)
Sponsors: Gopal (D11); Greenstein (D14)
Co-sponsors: Turner (D15); O’Scanlon (R13); Stanfield (R8)
Status: 03/21/2022 – Reported out of Senate Law and Public Safety Committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in the Senate

Bill: [A3725](#)
Sponsors: Stanley (D18)
Summary: Prohibits sale of certain products using advertisements alluding to controlled dangerous substances or analogs.
Status: 05/02/2022 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Consumer Affairs
Related Bill: [S2336](#)
Sponsors: Cruz-Perez (D5)
Status: 03/21/2022 – Introduced and referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee

Bill: [A3787](#)
Sponsors: Sumter (D35); Reynolds-Jackson (D15)
Summary: Bars the denial of expungement application in certain instances
Status: 05/02/2022 – Introduced and referred to the Assembly Judiciary Committee
Related Bill: [S242](#)
Sponsors: Cunningham (D31); Singleton (D7)
Status: 01/11/2022 – Introduced and referred to Senate Judiciary Committee

Bill: [S2471](#)
Sponsors: Ruiz (D29)
Summary: Requires inmate to participate in Medicaid enrollment session 60 days prior to release.
Status: 05/09/2022 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services, and Senior Citizens Committee
Relates Bill: [A1243](#)
Sponsors: Pintor Marin (D29); Quijano (D20); Reynolds-Jackson (D15)
Co-sponsors: Speight (D29); Timberlake (D34)
Status: 01/11/2022 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee

TREATMENT ACCESS

Bill: [S2498](#)
Sponsors: Diegnan (D18)
Summary: Requires DHS to establish a two-year regional Community Behavioral Health Pilot Program.
Status: 05/12/2022 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
Related Bill: [A3599](#)
Sponsors: Verrelli (D15); Benson (D14); Park (D37)
Co-Sponsors: McKnight (D31); Danielsen (D17); McKeon (D27); Carter (D22)
Status: 03/14/2022 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Human Services Committee

Bill: [S2529](#)
Sponsors: Diegnan (D18)
Summary: Establishes pilot program for 24-hour urgent care for behavioral health.
Status: 05/12/2022 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
Related Bill: [A3598](#)
Sponsors: Greenwald (D6); Reynolds-Jackson (D15); McKnight (D31)
Co-Sponsors: Danielsen (D17); McKeon (D27); Benson (d14); Chaparro (D33)
Status: 03/14/2022 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Human Services Committee

Bill: [S2621](#)
Sponsors: Beach (D6)
Summary: Establishes pilot program to refer certain emergency department patients for development of coordinated behavioral health treatment and support services plan.
Status: 05/12/2022 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
Related Bill: [A3600](#)
Sponsors: Benson (D14); Greenwald (D6); Chapparo (D33)
Co-sponsors: McKeon (D27); Danielsen (D17)
Status: 03/14/2022 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Human Services Committee

MENTAL HEALTH

Bill: [A3750](#)
Sponsors: Eulner (R11); Piperno (R11)
Co-sponsors: Webber (R26); DePhillips (R40); Catalano (R10); Umba (R8); Torrissi (R8); Flynn (R13); Scharfenberger (R13)
Summary: “Improved Suicide Prevention, Response, and Treatment Act.”
Status: 05/02/2022 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee
Related Bill: [S143](#)
Sponsors: Diegnan (D18); Greenstein (D14)
Co-sponsors: Gopal (D11); Pou (D35)
Status: 01/11/2022 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee

TREATMENT FUNDING

Bill: [A3792](#)
Sponsors: Benson (D14); Verrelli (D15)
Summary: Increases Medicaid reimbursement for in-person partial care behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment services, and associated transportation, for adults.
Status: 05/12/2022 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
Related Bill: [S1895](#)
Sponsors: Singer (R30)
Co-sponsors: Diegnan (D18); Stanfield (R8)
Status: 03/03/2022 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee

MISCELLANEOUS

Bill: [A3850](#)
Sponsors: Calabrese (D36)
Summary: Clarifies that residents with mental illness or substance use disorders may be included on public safety special assistance municipal lists.
Status: 05/09/2022 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Human Services Committee
Related Bill: [S1623](#)
Sponsors: Greenstein (D14)
Status: 02/14/2022 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee

HARM REDUCTION

Bill: [A3795](#)
Sponsors: Benson (D14), Verrelli (D15)
Summary: Authorizes State and local law enforcement entities to contract for bulk purchasing of heroin antidote.
Status: 05/02/2022 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee
Related Bill: [S1848](#)
Sponsors: Vitale (D19)
Status: 02/28/2022 – Introduced and referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee

Bill: [A3749](#)
Sponsors: Eulner (R11); Piperno (R11)
Co-Sponsors: Catalano (R10); Dunn (R25); Flynn (R13); Scherfenberger (R13)
Summary: Establishes position of Statewide Opioid Antidote Coordinator.
Status: 05/02/2022 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Human Services Committee
Related Bill: [S2301](#)
Sponsors: Gopal (D11)
Status: 03/21/2022 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Bill: [S2561](#)
Sponsors: Corrado (R40)
Summary: Requires school psychologist and school counselors to complete mental health first aid training.
Status: 05/12/2022 – Introduced and referred to Senate Education Committee
Related Bill: [A3700](#)
Sponsors: Dunn (R25)
Status: 03/24/2022 - Introduced and referred to Assembly Education Committee

Bill: [A3713](#)
Sponsors: Jaffer (D16); Stanley (D18); Verrelli (D15)
Summary: “College Mental Health Services Act”; establishes grant program for public institutions of higher education and requires public institutions of higher education to report certain information concerning mental health treatment and suicides.
Status: 05/02/2022 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Higher Education Committee
Related Bill: [S2195](#)
Sponsors: Corrado (R40); Cunningham (D31)
Status: 03/07/2022 – Introduced and referred to Senate Higher Education Committee

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Bill: [A3724](#)
Sponsors: Stanley (D18); Jaffer (D16)
Summary: Specifies that emergency, transitional, and permanent housing for victims of domestic violence would be funded by “Domestic Violence Victims’ Fund.”
Status: 05/02/2022 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Housing Committee
Related Bill: [S2700](#)
Sponsors: Zwicker (D16)
Status: 05/19/2022 – Introduced and referred to Senate Judiciary Committee

Bill: [A3723](#)
Sponsors: Stanley (D18)
Summary: Provides that crime of official misconduct involving disclosure of domestic violence or sexual assault victim’s personal information is second degree crime.
Status: 05/02/2022 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Judiciary Committee
Related Bill: [S2698](#)
Sponsors: Zwicker (D16)
Status: 05/19/2022 – Introduced and referred to Senate Judiciary Committee

Bill: [A4004](#)
Sponsors: Murphy (D7)
Summary: Specifies additional services for victims of sex trafficking and domestic violence; makes \$1,000,000 appropriation.
Status: 05/16/2022 – Introduced and referred to the Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee
Related Bill: [S2626](#)
Sponsors: Madden (D4)
Status: 05/16/2022 – Introduced and referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee
