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**TO:** Legislative & Advocacy Network / Council for the Head Injured Community

**FROM:** Tom Grady Director of Advocacy & Public Affairs  
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**RE:** **Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey Legislative and Advocacy Round-up**

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The following bills have been signed into law by former governor, Chris Christie. The Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey monitored bills that were not signed into law by the former governor. These bills are not included in this edition of Legislative and Advocacy Round-up. If you are interested in learning more about these laws, please contact me via email at [tgrady@bianj.org](mailto:tgrady@bianj.org) or phone at 732.745.0200. Thank you.

**S-1163**: Establishes certain requirements for use of restraint and seclusion on students with disabilities in school districts, educational services commissions, and approved private schools for students with disabilities.

**S-3554**: Expands background check requirements for entities that provide services to individuals with certain disabilities and requires inspections of certain entities.

**S-3555**: Exempts certain motor vehicles that provide service to persons with developmental disabilities from motor vehicle registration fees.

**A-320**: Establishes minimum Medicaid reimbursement rate for personal care services.

**A-1257**: Requires school bus transporting students using wheelchairs to be equipped with four-point securement system; requires school bus operator to secure students using wheelchairs.

**A-2503**: Provides protections for individuals with developmental disabilities; upgrades crimes committed against such individuals; and improves transparency and accountability in investigations of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of such individuals; designated as "Stephen Komminos' Law."

**A-2741**: Authorizes municipal governing body to create and maintain list of municipal residents in need of special assistance in case of emergency for public safety purposes.

**A-3150**: Authorizes veterans property tax exemption for totally disabled veterans who did not serve in theater of war.

**A-3824**: Establishes Office of Ombudsman for Individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities and their Families.

**A-4165**: Requires driver education course, certain new driver brochures, and driver's license written exam to include cyclist and pedestrian safety information.