

STATUS OF OPIOID-RELATED BILLS BEFORE NJ LEGISLATURE

Bill Description	Bill Numbers	Legislative Process
Original 21-bill package announced September 2014		
Mandates that prescribers inform patients of opioid dangers	S-2366 / A-3712	Senate passed 36-1, Assembly referred to Health and Senior Services
Requires schools to use evidence-based substance-abuse curriculum	S-2367 / A-3713	Senate passed 36-0, released by Assembly Education
Provides \$5 million for substance-abuse prevention	S-2368 / A-3714	Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations and Assembly Appropriations
Mandates checking NJ Prescription Monitoring Program before prescribing dangerous drugs	S-1998 / A-3062	Assembly passed 74-0, Senate passed earlier version 36-0 and must vote on amended bill
Allows students to participate in voluntary surveys	S-2029 / A-1015	Referred to Senate and Assembly education committees
Enshrines Project Medicine Drop program in state law	S-2369 / A-2859	Senate passed 35-0, Assembly passed 69-3, on Christie's desk
Requires pharmacies and prescribers to tell patients how to dispose of medicine safely	A-709 / S-2370	Senate passed 35-0, Assembly passed earlier version 74-0 and must vote on amended bill
Establishes a statewide clearinghouse for information on overdoses, budgets \$500,000	S-2371 / A-3715	Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations and Assembly Appropriations
Authorizes the attorney general to direct statewide anti-opioid abuse effort	S-2372 / A-1436	Senate passed 36-0, Assembly passed 73-0, on Christie's desk
Requires state to publish annual report on substance abuse treatment-provider performance	S-2373 / A-3716	Senate passed 36-0, Assembly passed 64-0, Christie signed in February
Increases Medicaid reimbursement rates for evidence-based behavioral health services	S-2374 / A-3717	Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations and Assembly Human Services
Allows license for ambulatory-care centers to integrate behavioral, primary care	S-2375 / A-3700	Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens released, referred to Assembly Health and Senior Services
Establishes behavioral health-insurance claims advocacy program	S-324 / A-2266	Referred to Senate Commerce and Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance
Requires insurers to pay for behavioral healthcare that provider says is medically necessary	S-2180 / A-3450	Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations and Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance
Establishes state grants for remote medical consultation	S-2376 / A-3718	Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens released, referred to Assembly Health and Senior Services
Directs colleges to establish substance-abuse recovery housing	S-2377 / A-3719	Senate passed 37-0, referred to Assembly Higher Education
Clarifies Dept. of Human Services authority to regulate sober-living housing	S-2047	Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens, no Assembly version
Extends Overdose Prevention Act to provide immunity to healthcare professionals	S-2378 / A-3720	Senate passed 34-0, Assembly passed 65-0, Christie signed in February
Requires state to identify Medicaid-eligible prisoners to ensure continuous coverage	S-2379 / A-3721	Senate passed 28-8, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee
Requires state DHS and Corrections to plan to treat inmates' mental and substance abuse	S-2380 / A-3712	Senate passed 37-0, Assembly passed 68-0, Christie signed in February
Allows those using medication to treat addiction to complete drug court	S-2381 / A-3723	Senate passed 39-0, released by Assembly Appropriations
Additional bills advancing since 21-bill package announced		
Establishes Joint Legislative Task Force on Addiction Prevention and Treatment	ACR-212 / SCR-155	Assembly Health and Senior Services released, referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens
Requires pharmacies provide medicine dropoff	A-3965 / S-2728	Referred to Senate and Assembly health committees
Establishes Assembly Task Force on Addiction and Behavioral Health	AR-210	Assembly Health and Senior Services released, no Senate version
Requires sober-living facilities to notify next of kin after patient is released	A-3228 / S-2499	Assembly Human Services released, referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens
Requires state to post available spaces in treatment facilities	A-226 / S-2779	Assembly Human Services released, referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens