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We believe because we know there is a better "right" way.
We persevere because it's all we know.
-unknown**

Brain Injury Legislative Tracker Bulletin-May 26, 2010

State Budget Update

The Senate has killed **SB 450**, which would have made a \$50,000 Brain Injury Program Cut in FY 2011. The House had spent weeks working on this legislation to help solve the budget deficit. The Senate rejected the House plan and instead amended their own plan to **HB 1128** relative to the distribution of meals and rooms tax revenues to cities and towns (which is now the new budget bill). For bill text, please visit <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2010/HB1128.html>

The Senate passed the amended version of **HB 1128** with the gaming provision. The Sgambati language concerning the restoration of the first 50 million to DHHS is indeed in this new amendment. That means that the Brain Injury funding is still alive! Please [click here](#) to review the Sgambati amendment. Please [click here](#) for the New Hampshire Union Leader Fahey Gambling Report.

The budget negotiations between the House and Senate leadership have resulted in a committee of conference on the state's budget shortfall. **HB 1128** is the bill for this work which began on Monday, May 24, 2010 and will continue throughout the week.

House conferees are: Rep. Marjorie Smith, Daniel Eaton, Sharon Nordgren, Neal Kurk, Linda Foster. Alternates are: Robert Foose, W. Douglas Scamman.

Senate conferees are: Lou D'Allesandro, Kathleen Sgambati, Harold Janeway, John Gallus. Alternates are: Margaret Hassan, Sylvia Larsen, Bob Odell.

A committee of conference has also been established with the same members for **SB 450** but no date as been set for the committee to meet.

Please [click here](#) for the **HB 1128** and **SB 450** Committee of Conference Members contact information.

If a compromise is not reached, Governor Lynch will be forced to balance the budget for fiscal year 2011 with deeper cuts to essential services.

He-M 522 Proposed Regulation Changes to ABD Waiver - reinstatement of waitlist

On May 7, 2010 the JLCAR Committee voted unanimously on a preliminary objection to the proposed rule changes made by the Bureau of Developmental Services based on it being contrary to law and the legislative intent of SB 138. Please visit <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2007/SB0138.html> for the full text of SB 138.