**Report to SEAC re: Bills Impacting Students with Disabilities and Their Families**

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| **Bill number** | **Subject** | **Impact on students/families** |
| HB 3297 | Broadband infrastructure/digital equity | Ensuring access to the internet and distance learning  especially in rural and low-income housing areas |
| HB 1752 | Section 8 housing vouchers | Homelessness has a big adverse effect on education; this bill incentivizes landlords to take vouchers |
| HB 1980 | Behavioral health/telephonic services | Allows for medical visits over the phone after one telehealth visit; helpful where internet service is poor |
| SB 2919 | Health disparities | Asking for DOH (DD Council) to give the legislature a comprehensive report of lifetime health disparities |
| SB 2200 | Tuberculosis clearance screening | Adjusts the level of clearances |
| SB 1140/1141 SB 2022/2024 | Newborn hearing screening | Mandates reporting of newborn hearing screening results to DOH to ensure access to services |
| SB 2187 | School-based prescription meds | Removes DOH from needing to give medication approval in the DOE system |
| HB 1697 | Sexual health | Mandates training on stigmatized sexual groups (including disabilities) to DOE sexual health teachers |
| SB 2875 | Employment first | Makes employment the first service offered to people with disabilities of working age on state benefits |
| SB 2821 | Menstrual equity | Makes all menstrual items of choice free to any student |