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REPORT

# NEW YORK STATE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON

ALCOHOLISM &  
SUBSTANCE ABUSE



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The Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins  
Temporary President and Majority Leader  
New York State Senate  
Albany, NY 12247

Dear Senator Stewart-Cousins:

I am pleased to transmit the Annual Report of the Senate's Standing Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse for the 2020 Legislative Session. As Chair, I am proud to continue to lead our efforts to address important matters under my committee's jurisdiction.

During the 2020 session, this committee met two times in session and reported nine bills.

I thank my colleagues who served on the Committee for their efforts and support of the work that was done in the committee this year, and I thank you for the continued support from the Majority Conference in the committee's operations.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter B. Harckham".

Peter Harckham  
40th Senate District

# **2020 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT**

## **NEW YORK STATE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

**Senator Peter Harckham, Chairperson  
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### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Senator James Gaughran  
Senator James N. Tedisco  
Senator John Liu  
Senator Monica Martinez  
Senator Kevin S. Parker

## **COMMITTEE JURISDICTION AND OVERVIEW**

The New York State Senate Standing Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse has legislative oversight responsibilities for issues concerning the treatment, prevention and education of Alcohol and substance use.

During the 2020 Legislative Session, 28 bills were referred to the Committee for its review. Of these bills, 9 were reported from the Committee. 8 were passed by the Senate, and 2 passed in both houses. This work was conducted through a series of 2 committee meetings. A list of all bills that were reported from the committee is provided at the end of this report.

## TWO HOUSE BILLS

In 2020, two of the twenty-eight bills referred to the Standing Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse passed both houses of the Legislature. Of these bills, the Governor has signed two and vetoed zero.

Bill	Sponsor	Summary	Action
S.4741B	Harckham	Enacts “Stephen’s law”; requires certified treatment programs to notify patients of their right to name an emergency contact.	Chapter 270 of 2020
S.8259	Harckham	Authorizes the use of opioid antagonists by public accommodations for opioid overdose prevention.	Chapter 148 of 2020

## SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Bill No.	Sponsor	Summary	Action
S.379	Lanza	Relates to the distribution of educational materials regarding the misuse of and addiction to prescription drugs in counties with the most prevalent abuse of prescription opioids	Reported from committee
S.1063	Persaud	Relates to approved courses of study or equivalent on-the-job experience for counselors	Passed Senate only
S.2507	Kaplan	Requires the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services to develop training materials for screening for alcoholism and chemical dependency	Passed Senate only
S.4496A	Martinez	Creates a recovery living task force	Passed Senate only
S.4499	Harckham	Establishes a online directory for distributors of opioid antagonists	Reported from Committee
S.4599	Parker	Relates to creating the chemical dependence treatment bill of rights to be posted in a conspicuous place in all treatment facilities	Passed Senate only
S.5440A	Harckham	Establishes the council for treatment equity within the office of addiction services and supports	Reported from Committee
S.5457	Harckham	Authorizes the use of opioid antagonists by public accommodations for opioid overdose prevention	Passed Senate Only
S.6650	Harckham	Relates to providing discharged patients with opioid overdose education and opioid antagonists for take home use	Passed Senate only



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