



Annual Report 2024

New York State Senate
Standing Committee on

ALCOHOLISM & SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

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The Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins
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Dear Senator Stewart-Cousins:

I am pleased to transmit the Annual Report of the Senate's Standing Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Use Disorders for the 2024 Legislative Session. As Chair, I am proud to continue to lead our efforts to address important matters under my committee's jurisdiction.

During the 2024 session, this committee met four times in session and reported twenty bills. The Committee also held a roundtable on addiction and substance use disorder across New York State this past year.

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,

Nathalia Fernandez

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nathalia Fernandez".

New York State Senator
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2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT

NEW YORK STATE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ALCOHOLISM & SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

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COMMITTEE JURISDICTION AND OVERVIEW

The New York State Senate Standing Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Use Disorders has legislative oversight responsibilities for issues concerning the systems of harm reduction, prevention, treatment, and recovery for substance use disorders. This includes legislation pertaining directly to the NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports, NYS Office of Mental Health, and NYS Department of Health.

During the 2024 Legislative Session, 48 bills were referred to the Committee for its review. Of these bills, 20 were reported from the Committee, 12 were passed by the Senate, and three have been signed and chaptered. This work was conducted through a series of four committee meetings. A list of all bills that were reported from the committee is provided at the end of this report.

In addition to its regular meetings, the Committee held a roundtable on the current state of addiction and substance use disorder in New York State. Topics covered included transportation and housing, insurance, co-occurring disorders, drug adulterants, and workforce.

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

The following key bills were acted on by the committee in 2024:

- S3112A (Mannion) – *Chapter 599* – This bill requires public institutions and buildings to be equipped with opioid antagonists.
- S4103 (Comrie) – *Reported from Committee* – This bill directs the Commissioner of Health to establish guidelines for onsite opioid overdose response capacity in community centers.
- S4393 (Martinez) – *Chapter 600* – This bill provides that when informational cards or sheets about opioid antagonists are distributed, such information shall include information about fentanyl strips and their uses.
- S5163 (Harckham) – *Passed Senate Only* – This bill designates services to be provided by a jail-based substance use disorder treatment, peer led recovery support services, and transition services programs as essential medical care services.
- S5373 (Harckham) – *Reported from Committee* – This bill requires schools to include instruction on the prevention of co-occurring disorders as an integral part of their health education programs.
- S5797B (Fernandez) – *Reported from Committee* – This bill provides that the results of urine tests conducted pursuant to a judicial diversion program shall be private and confidential.
- S6499A (Kennedy) – *Reported from Committee* – This bill establishes an intensive addiction recovery and mental health integrated services pilot program to support two three-year demonstration programs that provide intensive addiction and mental health integrated services to individuals with significant addiction and mental health issues who have had multiple and frequent treatment episodes.
- S7833A (Fernandez) – *Chapter 598* – This bill includes xylazine and other substances in the definition of drug adulterant testing supplies for the purposes of the dispensing of such supplies by health care professionals or pharmacists to any person.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, ROUNDTABLES & NOMINATIONS

The Committee held a roundtable on January 22, 2024 on the state of addiction and substance use disorder in New York State. Participants included individuals from sixteen providers across the State in the areas of residential and outpatient treatment, recovery, support services, and harm reduction. The discussion surrounded the topics of transportation and housing, naloxone availability and dosage, overdose prevention centers, insurance reimbursement, co-occurring disorders, drug adulterants, workforce and peers, and treatment access and community outreach.

TWO HOUSE BILLS

In 2024, three of the 48 bills referring to the Standing Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Use Disorders have been signed and chaptered.

Bill	Sponsor	Summary	Significant Act
S03112A	Mannion	Requires public institutions and buildings to be equipped with opioid antagonists; directs the commissioner of general services to promulgate regulations to address the appropriate number of opioid antagonists for such buildings based on the size or occupancy of the buildings, the training of personnel and use of opioid antagonists, and any other matter deemed necessary. Eff. Date 12/17/2025 (See Table)	Chaptered 599
S04393	Martinez	Provides that when informational cards or sheets about opioid antagonists are distributed, such information shall include information about fentanyl strips and their uses. Eff. Date 03/17/2025	Chaptered 600
S07833A	Fernandez	Includes xylazine and other substances in the definition of drug adulterant testing supplies for the purposes of the dispensing of such supplies by health care professionals or pharmacists to any person.	Substituted By A8467A - Chaptered 598

2024 SENATE ALCOHOLISM & SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Bill No.	Sponsor	Summary	Significant Act
S03112A	Mannion	Requires public institutions and buildings to be equipped with opioid antagonists; directs the commissioner of general services to promulgate regulations to address the appropriate number of opioid antagonists for such buildings based on the size or occupancy of the buildings, the training of personnel and use of opioid antagonists, and any other matter deemed necessary. Eff. Date 12/17/2025 (See Table)	Chaptered 599
S03348	Fernandez	Refers individuals to appropriate service providers that are able to provide services to such individual within seventy-two hours for substance use disorders.	Passed the Senate
S03390A	Harckham	Requires that services at addiction treatment centers operated by the office of addiction services and supports shall not be refused at such centers if a person is unable to pay.	Passed the Senate
S04103	Comrie	Directs the commissioner of health to establish guidelines for onsite opioid overdose response capacity in community centers; defines "community center".	Senate Rules
S04321	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.	Passed the Senate
S04393	Martinez	Provides that when informational cards or sheets about opioid antagonists are distributed, such information shall include information about fentanyl strips and their uses. Eff. Date 03/17/2025	Chaptered 600
S04530	Harckham	Establishes an intensive addiction and medical services integrated services pilot program to support two three-year demonstration programs that provide intensive addiction and medical services integrated services to individuals who have significant addiction and medical issues.	Passed the Senate

Bill No.	Sponsor	Summary	Significant Act
S04536B	Harckham	Relates to reimbursement for non-medical transportation for individuals with a substance use disorder to receive peer support services.	Reported to Senate Finance
S04757	Lanza	Directs the commissioner of the department of health to promulgate rules and regulations promoting recovery from opioid misuse and reducing diversion of addiction medicines.	Reported to Senate Finance
S05163	Harckham	Designates services to be provided by a jail-based substance use disorder treatment, peer led recovery support services, and transition services program as essential medical care services.	Passed the Senate
S05373	Harckham	Requires schools to include instruction on the prevention of co-occurring disorders as an integral part of their health education programs.	Reported to Senate Education
S05396	Harckham	Directs the commissioner of the office of addiction services and supports to promulgate rules and regulations for providers operating in rural locations while taking into account the extra challenges encountered by such providers, including but not limited to, increased and additional expenses.	Passed the Senate
S05797B	Fernandez	Provides that the results of urine tests conducted pursuant to a judicial diversion program shall be private and confidential.	Reported to Senate Codes
S05968	Harckham	Enacts the model overdose mapping and response act.	Reported to Senate Finance
S05970	Harckham	Relates to the construction of facilities for chemical dependence services that promote the privacy of individuals while bathing, sleeping, using restrooms and receiving individual counseling services, while also allowing for maximization of the use of such facility.	Passed the Senate
S06176	Mannion	Includes masking products including but not limited to synthetic urine, human urine, a substance used or designed to be added to human urine or a substance used or designed to be added to a chemical test, within the definition of drug-related paraphernalia.	Senate Rules

Bill No.	Sponsor	Summary	Significant Act
S06499A	Kennedy	Establishes an intensive addiction recovery and mental health integrated services pilot program to support two three-year demonstration programs that provide intensive addiction and mental health integrated services to individuals with significant addiction and mental health issues who have had multiple and frequent treatment episodes.	Enacting Clause Stricken
S06701	Fernandez	Establishes the problem gambling advisory council.	Passed the Senate
S07833A	Fernandez	Includes xylazine and other substances in the definition of drug adulterant testing supplies for the purposes of the dispensing of such supplies by health care professionals or pharmacists to any person.	Substituted By A8467A - Chaptered 598
S08717	Fernandez	Provides for the certification of entities seeking to provide in-home based substance use disorder treatment services.	Passed the Senate



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