

Brain Injury Association of Virginia Virginia Alliance of Brain Injury Service Providers 2020 Legislative Needs Statement

WHAT:

\$1,900,000 to expand specialized community based brain injury case management services

PATRONS AND ITEM NUMBERS:

- Del Emily Brewer: **HB30, Item 339#4h**
- Sen Monty Mason: **SB30; Item 339#7s**

WHY:

According to estimates from the Brain Injury Association of Virginia, more than 285,000 Virginians are disabled as a result of brain injury. This funding would facilitate the hiring of an additional 21 case managers to serve approximately 850 Virginians with moderate to severe injury, who are estimated to be disabled as a result of the injury and who reside in unserved and underserved regions of the state.

HOW:

Through a DARS Appropriation and existing contract processes, community based brain injury case management services would be established in areas of Virginia where there are none now (Piedmont/Southern Va, Middle Peninsula/Northern Neck, Rappahannock County), and existing providers would receive funding to expand their service area or address waiting lists.