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### SESSION STATUS

At 1:06 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, the House stands adjourned until Monday, March 17, 2025, at 12:00 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

At 12:33 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, the Senate recessed until Monday, March 24, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore.

### UPCOMING SESSION DAYS

#### House

March 17-19, 24-26  
April 7-9, 22-24  
May 5-7, 12-14  
June 2-4, 9-11, 16-18, 23-27, 30  
Sept. 22-24 (NV), 29-30  
Oct. 1, 6-8, 27-29  
Nov. 17-19  
Dec. 8-10 (NV), 15-17

#### Senate

March 24-26, 31  
April 1-2  
May 5-7, 12-13  
June 2-4, 9-11, 23-30

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### Press Conferences

*PLS coverage of Capitol events including press conferences, bill signings and media availabilities*

No press conferences this week.

### Committee News

*Comprehensive coverage of the House & Senate public hearings and voting meetings*

No committee news this week.

### Bullet.in.Points

No Bullet.in.Points this week.

### Cosponsor Memos

#### HCO69 - Anti-Human Trafficking Prevention in Higher Education (Formerly HB93)

##### Sponsor

Rep. Robert Leadbeter (R)

##### Summary

Aims to direct public institutions of higher education to provide all first-year students with the opportunity to attend one of three on-campus, voluntary sex trafficking and exploitation prevention and education programs.

##### Intro Date

12/02/2024

##### Last Action

02/07/2025 H - Introduced HB538

## **HCO196 - Public College and University Endowment Postings**

### **Sponsor**

Rep. Milou Mackenzie (R)

### **Summary**

Increases transparency and require the Department of Education to post the endowments of state higher education institutions online each year.

### **Intro Date**

12/03/2024

### **Last Action**

02/13/2025 H - Introduced HB613

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## **HCO1346 - Declaring April 2025 as Community College Month in Pennsylvania (Former HR 84)**

### **Sponsor**

Rep. Mary Isaacson (D)

### **Summary**

Resolution acknowledging the role of community colleges.

### **Intro Date**

01/28/2025

### **Last Action**

02/07/2025 H - Introduced HR64

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## **HCO1496 - Addressing Healthcare Worker Shortages by Expanding PA-TIP**

### **Sponsor**

Rep. Joe Webster (D)

### **Summary**

Expands PA-TIP to include four-year pre-Physician Assistant programs and bachelor's degree programs in Nursing, Public Health, and Community Health.

### **Intro Date**

02/10/2025

**Last Action**

02/10/2025 H - Cosponsor memo filed

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**HCO1537 - Voluntary Emergency Contact for Adult Student Victims of Sex-Related Crimes****Sponsor**

Rep. Chris Pielli (D)

**Summary**

Requires institutions of higher education and private licensed schools to provide each incoming student that is over the age of 18 with a voluntary form that allows the student to grant the institution or school permission to share information with a designated emergency contact if the student is a victim of a sex-related crime.

**Intro Date**

02/12/2025

**Last Action**

02/12/2025 H - Cosponsor memo filed

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**HCO1547 - Updating Eligibility Requirements for the Educational Gratuity Program****Sponsor**

Rep. Jeanne McNeill (D)

**Summary**

Reduces the residency requirement for veterans and their families applying for the state Educational Gratuity Program to just one year.

**Intro Date**

02/12/2025

**Last Action**

02/12/2025 H - Cosponsor memo filed

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**HCO1552 - Ensuring Continuity of the Military Family Education Program****Sponsor**

Rep. Arvind Venkat (D)

**Summary**

Codifies the Military Family Education Program (MFEP) benefit in the Military and Veterans Code of the Commonwealth.

**Intro Date**

02/12/2025

**Last Action**

02/12/2025 H - Cosponsor memo filed

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**HCO1556 - AP Exam Cost Reduction (formerly HB1875)**

**Sponsor**

Rep. Steven R. Malagari (D)

**Summary**

Considers funding Advanced Placement exams provides school districts with the opportunity to apply for funds that will train educators.

**Intro Date**

02/13/2025

**Last Action**

02/13/2025 H - Cosponsor memo filed

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**SCO747 - Universal Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Completion**

**Sponsor**

Sen. Scott Martin (R)

**Summary**

Requires high school seniors to complete the FAFSA or opt out on a form provided to parents or guardians.

**Intro Date**

02/12/2025

**Last Action**

02/12/2025 S - Cosponsor memo filed

## Basic Ed Bill Actions

**HB538 - An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in sexual violence, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking education, prevention and response at institutions of higher education and private licensed schools, further providing for scope of article, for definitions, for education program and for follow-up; and making an editorial change.**

### Sponsor

Rep. Robert Leadbeter (R)

### Summary

(PN 531) Amends the Public School Code, Article XX-G, in sexual violence, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking education, prevention and response at institutions of higher education and private licensed schools, further providing for scope of article, for definitions, for education program and for follow-up; and making an editorial change. Includes provisions relating to human trafficking. Defines "human trafficking," "human trafficking organization," and "involuntary servitude." Includes a nonprofit organization that specializes in outreach and education programs on human trafficking in the development of an overall education program. Provides contents of human trafficking subject matter and requires human trafficking component of an education program to begin with the 2027-2028 school year. Adds the phrase "human trafficking" throughout the act. Effective in 60 days.

### Intro Date

02/07/2025

### Actions

02/07/2025 H - Introduced

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02/10/2025 H - Referred to - House Education

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**HB564 - An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for mental health crisis response; and imposing duties on the Department of Human Services.**

### Sponsor

Rep. Tarah Probst (D)

### Intro Date

02/11/2025

### Actions

02/11/2025 H - Introduced

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02/12/2025 H - Referred to - House Human Services

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**HB581 - An Act providing for classroom instruction on sexual orientation and gender identity and for parental notification of student health care services; and establishing cause of action for violation.**

**Sponsor**

Rep. Stephanie Borowicz (R)

**Intro Date**

02/11/2025

**Actions**

02/11/2025 H - Introduced

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02/12/2025 H - Referred to - House Education

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**HB606 - An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, providing for early human life development education.**

**Sponsor**

Rep. Joe Hamm (R)

**Intro Date**

02/12/2025

**Actions**

02/12/2025 H - Introduced

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02/12/2025 H - Referred to - House Education

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**HB613 - An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in higher education accountability and transparency, further providing for comparison tool.**

**Sponsor**

Rep. Milou Mackenzie (R)

**Intro Date**

02/13/2025

**Actions**

02/13/2025 H - Introduced

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**SB239 - An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in preliminary provisions, providing for mandate waiver program.**

**Sponsor**

Sen. Jarrett Coleman (R)

**Intro Date**

02/13/2025

**Actions**

02/13/2025 S - Introduced

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02/13/2025 S - Referred to - Senate Education

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**SB254 - An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for the STEM Grant Program; and making an appropriation.**

**Sponsor**

Sen. Doug Mastriano (R)

**Intro Date**

02/13/2025

**Actions**

02/13/2025 S - Introduced

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02/13/2025 S - Referred to - Senate Education

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## **Higher Ed Bill Actions**

**HB538 - An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in sexual violence, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking education, prevention and response at institutions of higher education and private licensed schools, further providing for scope of article, for definitions, for education program and for follow-up; and making an editorial change.**

**Sponsor**

Rep. Robert Leadbeter (R)

**Summary**

(PN 531) Amends the Public School Code, Article XX-G, in sexual violence, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking education, prevention and response at institutions of higher education and private licensed schools, further providing for scope of article, for definitions, for education program and for follow-up; and making an editorial change. Includes provisions relating to human trafficking. Defines "human trafficking," "human trafficking organization," and "involuntary servitude." Includes a nonprofit organization that specializes in outreach and education programs on human trafficking in the development of an overall education program. Provides contents of human trafficking subject matter and requires human trafficking component of an education program to begin with the 2027-2028 school year. Adds the phrase "human trafficking" throughout the act. Effective in 60 days.

**Intro Date**

02/07/2025

**Actions**

02/07/2025 H - Introduced

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02/10/2025 H - Referred to - House Education

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**HB575 - An Act amending Titles 51 (Military Affairs) and 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in professional and occupational licenses, further providing for definitions and providing for policy for the award of academic credit for military training; and making editorial changes.**

**Sponsor**

Rep. Jacob D. Banta (R)

**Intro Date**

02/11/2025

**Actions**

02/11/2025 H - Introduced

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02/12/2025 H - Referred to - House Education

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**Sponsor**

Rep. Milou Mackenzie (R)

**Intro Date**

02/13/2025

**Actions**

02/13/2025 H - Introduced

## Upcoming Events

### **TUESDAY – 02/18/2025**

#### **1:00 PM, [Senate Appropriations](#)**

*Budget Hearing, Hearing Room 1, North Office Building*

Budget Hearing with the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) and the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA)

### **THURSDAY – 02/20/2025**

#### **9:00 AM, Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency**

*Board of Directors meeting, PHEAA Board Room*

#### **10:00 AM, House Appropriations**

*Budget Hearing, House Floor*

Budget Hearing with the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) and the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA)

#### **1:00 PM, House Appropriations**

*Budget Hearing, House Floor*

Budget hearing with state-related universities

### **MONDAY – 02/24/2025**

#### **10:00 AM, House Appropriations**

*Budget Hearing, House Floor*

Budget hearing with the Department of Education (PDE)

#### **1:00 PM, House Appropriations**

*Budget Hearing, House Floor*

Budget Hearing with the Department of Education (PDE)

### **THURSDAY – 03/06/2025**

#### **1:00 PM, House Appropriations**

*Budget Hearing, House Floor*

Budget hearing with the Governor's Office of the Budget/Executive Offices

### **WEDNESDAY – 02/26/2025**

#### **9:30 AM, [Senate Appropriations](#)**

*Budget Hearing, Hearing Room 1, North Office Building*

Budget hearing with the Department of Education (PDE)

#### **1:00 PM, [Senate Appropriations](#)**

*Budget Hearing, Hearing Room 1, North Office Building*

Budget hearing with the Department of Education (PDE) continued

### **THURSDAY – 03/06/2025**

#### **9:30 AM, [Senate Appropriations](#)**

*Budget Hearing, Hearing Room 1, North Office Building*

Budget hearing with the Governor's Budget Office/Executive Offices

#### **1:00 PM, [House Appropriations](#)**

*Budget Hearing, House Floor*

Budget hearing with the Governor's Office of the Budget/Executive Offices

## **In the News**

[02/07/2025 - ICYMI: Governor Shapiro's 2025-26 Budget Proposal Solves Problems, Supports Workforce Development, Drives Economic Growth, Strengthens Public Safety, Invests in Education, and Cuts Costs](#)

[02/10/2025 - The Shapiro Administration Announces Two Fellowship Programs Offering Career Experience in Public Service](#)

[02/11/2025 - Getting Workforce Development Done: Shapiro Administration Underscores Commitment to Investing in Registered Apprenticeships During Tour of Pennsylvania College of Technology, Highlights \\$600K Investment in Bus Mechanics Apprenticeship Program](#)

[02/13/2025 - APSCUF: Faculty, coaches do not have confidence in Commonwealth University president, vote shows](#)

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