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## SESSION STATUS

At 1:24 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, the House stands adjourned until Monday, April 7, 2025, at 12:00 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

At 12:51 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, the Senate recessed until Monday, May 5, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore.

## UPCOMING SESSION DAYS

### House

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

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*

### LT. GOV. DAVIS, REPRESENTATIVES, LOCAL LEADERS HIGHLIGHT FUNDING TO KEEP KIDS SAFE

By Julia Walters, Pennsylvania Legislative Services | March 28, 2025

Lt. Gov. Austin Davis spoke at Supporting Area Families Everyday (SAFE) in Bradford County today to highlight increased funding in the Shapiro-Davis administration's proposed 2025-2026 budget to help keep families and kids safer in their communities.

Heather McNett, founder, SAFE, described the role of SAFE as a neutral, safe space where parents can conduct supervised visits with their children under protections such as security cameras and trained professionals as well as offering parental education classes. McNett said SAFE aids families who are navigating challenges with custody, mental health issues, homelessness, substance use disorders (SUDs) and various other concerns to "maintain a meaningful connection through supervised visitation." McNett explained that SAFE aims to prevent the "often chaotic and even violent handoffs" that many families experience when dealing with custody issues and visitation rights. "I was inspired to create a child-focused, trauma-informed space because of my own children, who continue to be my greatest motivation," McNett stated.

Lt. Gov. Davis thanked everyone for coming to the press conference. He expressed his honor in not only being the lieutenant governor but also the chairman of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD). Lt. Gov. Davis emphasized that preventing violence before it occurs is a prime way to protect communities, rather than solely focusing on violence after it happens. "That's what the Violence Intervention and Protection (VIP) Grant Program is all about," he added. Lt. Gov. Davis described the VIP program as awarding grants to organizations that are helping reduce violence. He mentioned SAFE was one of 67 organizations that received a VIP grant through PCCD as a result of their efforts to prevent community violence and make their area safer. Lt. Gov. Davis continued, "The great thing about the VIP program is that it supports a wide range of models and relies on local groups, like SAFE, that are in tune with what their communities need to prevent violence." He mentioned the Shapiro-Davis administration's "comprehensive approach" for community safety, including supporting law enforcement officials as well as "community-based solutions" and supporting victims and survivors to heal from violence. Lt. Gov. Davis also mentioned his and the governor's intent to increase the VIP program by an additional \$10 million. "We know these programs and strategies, they work, and we need to learn to get them into more communities across Pennsylvania," the lieutenant governor said. He acknowledged the Building Opportunity through Out-of-School Time (BOOST) program as well, which invested funds toward afterschool programs for at-risk youth across the commonwealth. While he mentioned the general decrease in gun violence and homicides across Pennsylvania, he also noted the increase in domestic violence homicides, which increased by 14% statewide. "We need to address the deadly intersections between domestic violence and gun violence that's taking place in many of our communities," Lt. Gov. Davis said. He also commented that the "majority" of gun violence deaths in Pennsylvania are suicides. He noted this is a particular problem for rural communities, and mental health needs to be part of the conversation regarding violence prevention as well.

Rep. Tina Pickett (R-Bradford) expressed her pride in SAFE's operation and the need for more similar organizations across the state. "It's a very workable, unique idea that... creates that harmony and that ability for us all to be safe and work together, and mostly, to watch out for our children," she said. Rep. Pickett mentioned that children are often caught in dramatic or tumultuous custody situations, and SAFE helps mitigate some of the negative effects. She highlighted the phrase "turning pain into purpose" and how it accurately addresses the motivation behind SAFE's mission.

Zachary Gates, Bradford County commissioner, stated how violence is a "true hindrance" to children's peace and joy. He then mentioned Bradford County's \$155,000 investments in parenting classes and supervised visitation protections to additionally support family violence protection efforts. He noted his support for the Shapiro-Davis administration's investments in their proposed 2025-2026 budget toward the VIP and BOOST programs, mentioning that "the positive impacts... cannot be underscored." Gates continued, stating that parenting styles and disciplinary approaches have a large impact on child development. "When violence is the first and only resort, suffering is the first and only outcome," he said. Gates commended SAFE and their efforts to "break the chains" of abuse and neglect by offering safe spaces, coping mechanisms and teaching skills. He emphasized the "obligation" local and state governments have in providing parents with resources and skills to "make truly deliberate choices, not snap judgments based on blind emotion." Gates stated that these investments the Shapiro-Davis administration are proposing not only benefit parents and children but are also "breaking down resorts that lead to cycles of violence and criminality."

Jared David, executive director, the Abuse and Rape Crisis Center (ARCC), explained ARCC's mission, "to end interpersonal violence." He mentioned domestic and sexual violence, child abuse, human trafficking and hate crimes are some of the issues ARCC aims to address through crisis intervention, various forms of therapy, safe housing and legal and medical advocacy, as well as a 24-hour hotline. David expressed that violence affects entire communities, and supporting parents with "the tools to create conflict-free environments" strengthens these communities. He also stated the collaborative effort ARCC creates with local law enforcement, health care providers and schools "not only to support survivors, but also to hold perpetrators accountable." He urged more organizations in Bradford to implement violence prevention programs that promote consent, boundaries and healthy relationships overall. David mentioned that ARCC can help with these educational efforts, offering training to provide these programs. He praised the state funding toward these efforts, saying, "State and federal funding sustains services that empower survivors and help retain the trained trauma-informed staff that are consistent and provide compassionate care." David stated that while he sees the "devastating" effects of violence, "we also see the strength of survivors and the transformative power of education, advocacy and support." David emphasized his gratefulness for state and local leaders' commitment to preventing violence in communities and also highlighted that "lasting change depends on all of us."

Mercedes Meuse, president, Board of Directors, SAFE, described her experience utilizing SAFE's services while she was navigating leaving an abusive relationship with her child's father. She stated that after she was granted full custody of her child, she joined SAFE as a supervisor and "was able to learn, train and help other families reunite." Meuse simultaneously benefitted from SAFE's resources of supervised visits. "This allowed my son to not only reconnect with his father in a safe place but also have a secure environment," she continued. Meuse added that her son's father participated and learned from their parenting classes as well. "I now serve as the president on SAFE's board and will continue to advocate for individuals struggling with co-parenting situations," Meuse said. She added that her "heart has healed" as a result of SAFE's resources and encouraged others to ask for help as well. "It could save your life," Meuse stated.

Lt. Gov. Davis thanked Meuse for sharing her story and for giving back to her community. He emphasized the importance of creating safe spaces for both children and parents. Lt. Gov. Davis noted his newer entrance into parenthood, mentioning his 18-month-old daughter, Harper. "That just changes your whole life perspective, and it changes your priorities," he said. Lt. Gov. Davis commended SAFE for providing families with "a tremendous amount of hope" and expressed his pride in supporting their work.

Lt. Gov. Davis opened up the press conference for questions from the media.

### **What stood out about SAFE when awarding grants through the VIP program?**

Lt. Gov. Davis mentioned the "thorough" process PCCD goes through when awarding grants. "We look at the work that they're doing in terms of in terms of meeting the needs in this specific community," he said. He mentioned that addressing certain issues might look different in other areas and that SAFE "stood out" in meeting Bradford County's specific needs.



## **ACTIVISTS CELEBRATE TRANS DAY OF VISIBILITY**

By Dominic Kenny, Pennsylvania Legislative Services | March 31, 2025

Representatives from various transgender and nonbinary advocacy organizations were joined by Democratic politicians to celebrate Trans Day of Visibility at a rally in the Main Capitol Rotunda today.

Daye Pope, co-founder, Pennsylvania Coalition for Trans Youth, said the rally was a chance to hear from trans and nonbinary leaders around the commonwealth. “Even as we come together, there are some who are trying to move forward legislation that attacks trans kids in the state senate,” she said. “We need to tell them loud and clear that we are not going back.”

AJ Scruggs, a trans community advocate, said, “Today we recognize the progress that we’ve made, the battles we continue to fight and the future that we hope to shape together.” He said every student deserves to be seen, heard and respected regardless of gender identity. He advocated for the passing of the “Safe and Equal Schools” legislative package from last session— [HB 1997](#), [HB 1998](#), [HB 1999](#) and [HB 2024](#). He said the bills were a promise that no student should feel unsafe, unheard or erased in a place meant to nurture learning and growth. He argued that trans students thrive in spaces that recognize them. He said trans students face higher rates of bullying and homelessness due to discrimination.

Angie Chelton, pastor, Pilgrims Mennonite Church, talked about her experience raising two trans children. She said she is often asked how her children ended up being trans and that she simply responds, “Because I am so very blessed.” She discussed the reconciliation between her Christian faith and supporting her trans children. She said that trans children are loved by God and deserve love, protection and care from the people in their lives. She argued that advocating for trans children is “a divine call to justice rooted in the very heart of the Christian faith.” She said she believed people of the Christian faith are called to love and protect their LGBTQ children. She stated that her children are a gift to the world.

Rain Black, a two-spirit, autistic watercolor and beadwork artist and community organizer, began with a Native American greeting. He remarked that the land that the Capitol was built on was previously inhabited by the Munsee, Lenape and the Conestoga-Susquehannock tribes. He said the land was stolen from the tribes by white settlers and colonizers who used the Doctrine of Discovery as justification because the Native Americans were not white or Christian. Black argued that the fight for trans rights was tightly woven into the history of America, noting that many colonizing Europeans targeted two-spirit members of the tribe because of their roles in the community. He compared the treatment of trans people to the treatment of Native Americans by colonizers, saying the attacks accomplish the same goal “in a different format.” He urged young indigenous people to recognize their heritage and make a difference through visibility and action.

Ciora Thomas, founder, Sisters PGH, said trans people have always been visible. She said trans people deserve to grow into their full selves “not in spite of Pennsylvania, but with the full support of it.” She said she put together a piece of legislation entitled “Protecting TLGBTQIA Youth from Homelessness Act,” which recognized that trans youth are vulnerable to systems that have failed to protect them. She stressed that the current legal protections in place in Pennsylvania are not enough. “Whether you’re a Democrat, Republican or Independent, you know we exist,” she said. She stressed that being trans is not a mental illness and that transphobia should be counteracted. She said her organization assists Black and Brown trans youth in the area and is opening a new location in downtown Pittsburgh. She discussed the migration of trans people into Pennsylvania from hostile states, which she said will only intensify under the current administration. She stressed the need for state funding to help trans people in need. She urged legislators to do their “job” and protect trans youth. She closed by leading the rally in a “trans power” chant.

Saint-Osei Valentino, co-founder and lead organizer, Black Liberation Autonomous Collective (BLAC), stressed that being trans is not “new,” highlighting the diverse age range of people in the ground and noting the existence of trans people in history, such as Pauli Murray and Alexander John Goodrum. She stressed that visibility is not just about being seen but choosing to take up space and exist on “our own terms.” She stressed that the trans communities need “accomplices,” not just allies.

Lex Pe'er Horwitz, LGBTQIA+ educator, consultant and public speaker, spoke about their experience being the first transgender athlete in collegiate squash and the first transgender athlete at Bowdoin College. They stressed that trans people are more than their gender identity. They said they did not have a space where they felt they could express themselves until college. They stressed that children should be able to choose their own path in life. “No athlete should have to choose between being their authentic self and participating in the sport that they love,” they said.

Sen. Amanda Cappelletti (D-Montgomery) acknowledged the presence of her colleagues Sens. Lindsey Williams (D-Allegheny), Shariff Street (D-Philadelphia), Carolyn Comitta (D-Chester) and Tim Kearney (D-Delaware). She discussed the legislative package aimed at simplifying the name change process, which includes [SB 437](#), [SB 448](#) and [SB 477](#). She said she believes in a future where all Pennsylvanians are treated with respect.

Vincent Cooks, founder, For the Boys PGH, spoke about the isolation and rage he felt after experiencing transphobia. He said For the Boys PGH is a place where trans-masculine people can exist to be affirmed. He discussed the numerous pieces of legislation aimed at trans youth. He argued that these bills do not protect children, instead putting them in harm's way. "We are strongest when we show up together," he stressed. "Protection is not privilege."

Hailey Dunn, veteran, United States Air Force, spoke about her transition experience after her military service. She said her partner helped her realize her gender identity after she had struggled with it for years. She said her parents did not take it very well after she told them she was transgender. "My mother looked at me and said, 'You're going to hell, but I still love you anyway,'" she said. "That's not something you should tell your child." She said she told her mother she should reevaluate her faith and beliefs if they are more important than her child. She said the military taught her that things such as race and gender identity don't matter because "you all bleed the same color."

Ashleigh Strange, executive director, Governor's Advisory Commission on LGBTQ Affairs, emphasized the Shapiro administration's support of the trans community. She highlighted the installation of 80 gender neutral bathrooms in commonwealth buildings by next year. She discussed the investment of \$200 million in school mental health supports and the pushing of mental health parity laws. She stressed that trans people want to be "happy" and "protected." She said the governor knows that people try to use trans kids as pawns in political games but stressed, "That's not how we do things in Pennsylvania." She said Governor Josh Shapiro urges legislators to support bills that uplift the trans community. "I assure you that those who seek to erode our freedoms are in the minority here in the Capitol," she said.

Alex Walker-Cerrado, organizer, NEPA Stands Up, talked about their experience in school as a student who was trans and Mexican. They said they understand the struggle of trans kids who come from immigrant families. They reminded trans youth that they are not alone in their struggle. They quoted Atticus Finch from *To Kill a Mockingbird*, saying, "I wanted you to see what real courage is. It's when you know you're licked before you begin, but you begin anyway, and you see it through no matter what."

Dena Stanley, founder, Trans YOUning, derided UPMC's decision to halt gender affirming care to children. She discussed a protest planned for April 3 around the commonwealth, speaking out against the decision. She also argued against [SB 9](#), titled the "Save Women's Sports Act," which prohibits those born as males from participating in women's sports. She urged the audience to reach out to their local legislators and tell them to vote against the bill.



## **SENATORS, TEACHERS, STUDENTS KICK OFF CTE DAY**

By Julia Walters, Pennsylvania Legislative Services | April 2, 2025

Sen. Lynda Schlegel Culver (R-Northumberland) and Sen. Lindsey Williams (D-Allegheny), along with teachers and students, gathered in the East Wing Rotunda today to celebrate and support career and technical education (CTE).

Sen. Culver, chairman, Senate Education Committee, expressed excitement at kicking off CTE Day. She noted the 25 schools present to show off their creative projects and highlight the subject matter they learn about every day. Sen. Culver also encouraged attendance to the Senate Education Committee's public hearing at 9:30 a.m. in Room 8E-B of the East Wing, focused on CTE challenges and successes. She stated CTE support is not only bipartisan but "easy" considering the benefits it reaps. "Credentialing, graduation rates, job placements, wait lists to get in... I mean, the numbers just say it all," Sen. Culver emphasized. "Here is an education program getting results and getting students ready to enter the workforce." She asserted that as CTEs become more popular with students, the legislature should focus on appropriating more funding toward them. Sen. Culver stressed that CTEs are "growing our commonwealth" as students develop valuable labor and industry skills. "Getting our employers the skilled workers they need to keep our businesses open and thriving— This is what CTE does so well," Sen. Culver said.

Sen. Williams, minority chairman, Senate Education Committee, explained her commitment to advocating for CTE, mentioning how it prepares students for a variety of options, including entering the workforce, obtaining an apprenticeship or moving on to higher education. She encouraged everyone in attendance to talk with students and take a look at their projects. "I promise you'll learn something," she said. "I come away impressed every single time I get to talk to students."

Kevin Rice, executive director, Steel Center for Career and Technical Education (Steel Center), thanked the senators for their “exceptional leadership” and “unwavering support” for the CTE community across the commonwealth. He highlighted the long history within Pennsylvania’s Capitol building “to work together and strengthen our way of life.” Rice expressed gratitude for “continuing the tradition” regarding supporting CTE in funding and policies that lift up these programs. He celebrated the “dedication” of teachers, administrators and support staff that guide and teach students every day. Rice made note of the positive relationships CTE programs build with local businesses within their communities, fueling connection and purpose behind their projects. Rice stated that CTE Day is not only about promoting the successes and progress of CTE, but also the challenges still present within their community. He concluded by underscoring his pride in CTE. “In a time when unity can feel elusive, CTE stands as a space where people come together around a shared vision to create a more skilled workforce and a brighter future,” Rice said.

Milad Jajed, Healthcare Occupations Technology Student, Parkway West Career & Technology Center (Parkway West CTC), highlighted Parkway West CTC’s 16 programs for students to prepare them for their next steps in either the workforce or higher education. “I wanted hands-on experience from industry professionals while getting a complete education,” she explained her choice to attend Parkway West CTC. Jajed stressed that she “couldn’t be happier” with her education, as her teachers have years of experience to pass on as well as quality equipment used in “cutting edge facilities” to aid their training. She additionally expressed concern over the accessibility of CTE education, stating, “We need more CTE funding so that our schools can enroll every student who wants to pursue a CTE pack.” Jajed mentioned that funding helps schools maintain the most up-to-date equipment, so the students’ training and skills are able to fully translate into the current workforce. She noted that updating the certification process for educators would also be helpful for the CTE community. Jajed emphasized the opportunity of being in Harrisburg to see the “amazing” work being done in Harrisburg, mentioning that her local leaders “inspire” her daily. “Thank you for making CTE a priority. Let’s keep building new paths so that all students can build prosperous careers in Pennsylvania,” Jajed finished.



## **SEN. ROBINSON, DMVA, PDE RECOGNIZE PURPLE STAR SCHOOLS**

By Kyle Purchase, Pennsylvania Legislative Services | April 2, 2025

Sen. Devlin Robinson (R-Allegheny) celebrated Purple Star Schools from Pennsylvania in the Capitol Media Center today as part of “Month of the Military Child” and encouraged other schools to apply to the program.

Sen. Robinson discussed the legislation from the 2021-2022 session that established the Purple Star School Program, [SB 1028](#) and [HB 1867](#), now Act 69 of 2022. He explained the press conference was to recognize schools who “embraced” the program and said, “Military life often involves big, difficult challenges that those children also must face, things like frequent moves and their parents being deployed overseas for long periods of time.” He regarded those who serve in the military as “heroes,” but stated, “Their children also need superhuman strength and courage to adjust to new schools on a regular basis, and that can’t be easy.” He thanked representatives from the schools, parents, the Department of Education (PDE) and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) for being in attendance.

Sen. Patrick Stefano (R-Fayette) said he found it “hard to believe it’s been three years since Act 69 was passed,” and reiterated the challenges students of military parents face. He said he was “proud” to recognize schools who were Purple Star Schools and explained various types of schools from “public to charter to career technical” were designated. He echoed Sen. Robinson’s sentiments about encouraging more schools to apply for the program and said, “We know that there are schools throughout our communities, and they’re already doing incredible work in supporting military connected students, and an educator’s commitment to supporting military families is vital.”

Sen. Doug Mastriano (R-Franklin) explained he was wearing a purple “Veggie Tales” tie because his son gave it to him 20 years ago for Father’s Day. He voiced praise for the program and talked about his own experience serving in the military. He asked everyone to see his picture in military uniform that was placed on the press conference board to emphasize “what kids go through.” He provided a story about a conversation he had with an officer of his who was from Italy. Sen. Mastriano explained he gave permission for the officer to go home after the officer explained to him his “son was out of control,” and noted the officer “just cried.” He emphasized the story to say, “It was that important that the family is fractured without the household and intact, and what the Purple Star Schools do in the state here is they make it a little bit easier.” He also encouraged more schools to join the program.

Dr. Carrie Rowe, Acting Secretary of Education, PDE, said two things came to her mind when she heard the phrase, “kids these days.” She said the first thing she thinks about is “how hard it is to be a kid, making friends and keeping them, changing schools every three years or so, and having new expectations at those schools.” She then talked about the “added pressure” on students of military parents who will “attend six to nine schools in their schooling.” She said the second thing she thinks about is hope. She expressed her confidence with the kids and said, “Judging by what I see, we’re going to be in great hands.”

Major General John R. Pippy, Adjutant General, DMVA, thanked the legislators for their work and said, “Not only are you helping our students, but from a broader perspective, you’re showing the commitment you have to make Pennsylvania a better place to live, work, play and serve.” He said the program “makes our job easier” and reiterated the challenges students face. He added, “Those who will join just reinforces how wonderful it is to be part of Pennsylvania.” He concluded by discussing potential career opportunities for the students and parents with the Pennsylvania Army National Guard (PAARNG).

Dr. Katherine Roach, director of special programs, West Allegheny School District, talked about her school district’s involvement with the program and introduced two of her colleagues: Gary Hutsler, assistant principal of West Allegheny High School, and Susan Kriznik, guidance counselor of West Allegheny School District. She provided details about her school district’s involvement with the Month of the Military Child and school clubs and programs associated with the military. She asserted, “We have a lot of students whose parents are set to be deployed in the near future, so we’re also setting safe spaces for these students to be able to continue to connect with their family members whenever they’re no longer home.”

Kate Hickey, military liaison, St. Patrick School, said the school has “always supported the military community” and expressed her “excitement” for encouraging other schools to join the program.

Dr. Colleen Friend, superintendent, Carlisle Area School District, discussed and emphasized the importance of a Purple Star designation for a school and said she was “proud of the deep ties” to the relationship with the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle. She explained the designation was applied to the entire school district and said, “It reflects our unwavering commitment to serving military families with intentionality and care through dedicated transition support strong communication and school based liaisons, we ensure these students feel welcomed, understood and valued from the moment they arrive.” She encouraged educators and policymakers to continue to support the Purple Star Program.

Brian Robinson, assistant director of student services, Cumberland Valley School District, discussed his school district’s designation as a Purple Star and said, “It’s our privilege to serve those who have sacrificed so much for our country.” He provided examples of the school district assisting military families and students and stated, “We take these steps knowing that we are not perfect but also knowing that we are actively working to improve, just as we strive to support diverse needs of all our students.”

Sen. Robinson thanked everyone in attendance and encouraged people to visit his [website](#) and PDE’s [website](#) for more information about the program and announced the new application window opened yesterday.

Also in attendance were Sens. Camera Bartolotta (R-Washington), Judy Ward (R-Blair), Greg Rothman (R-Cumberland), Elder Vogel (R-Beaver) and Rep. Barbara Gleim (R-Cumberland).



## Committee News

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

### Senate Health & Human Services Committee

04/01/2025, 11:00 a.m., Room 8E-A, East Wing

By Dominic Kenny, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider three bills.

[SB 115](#) – (PN 66) Amends the Human Services Code, in general powers and duties of the Department of Public Welfare, further providing for personal care home and assisted living residence administrators; and abrogating regulations. Requires the department to provide a skills competency examination to individuals seeking employment as a direct care staff person in either a personal care home or an assisted living residence in lieu of successfully obtaining a high school diploma or GED equivalency to include an assessment of interpersonal communication skills, basic writing and reading comprehension, understanding of cultural and diverse communities, awareness of mental and behavioral health needs and other competencies specific to working in a personal care home or an assisted living residence. Adds that nothing in this subsection shall be construed to permit a direct care staff person from dispensing, distributing or administering medication. Effective in 60 days. The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

Sen. David Argall (R-Schuylkill), the bill's prime sponsor, discussed Pennsylvania's aging population, noting that the number of people 65 and older in the commonwealth will double by 2040. He said nursing facilities have reported that many direct care positions are currently vacant and that beds continue to be taken offline due to staff shortages. He noted that nursing and care facilities lost 14% of their workforce between 2019 and 2022. He said his bill would allow people without a high school diploma or GED equivalency to take a skill competency exam with the goal of becoming a direct caregiver.

Chairman Michele Brooks (R-Mercer) emphasized the need to add flexibility to the workforce. She said she thought the bill was a "win-win" for everyone involved.

Sen. Judy Schwank (D-Berks) said she fully supported the bill. She asked if there was an estimate on the total number of students that would take advantage of the program. Chairman Brooks said there have been no estimates but noted that many associations look forward to the bill's implementation.

Minority Chairman Art Haywood (D-Montgomery) praised the bill. He noted that one major challenge facing direct care worker shortages is low wages. He stressed the need to address the issue in a different piece of legislation in the future. Chairman Brooks agreed with Chairman Haywood.

[SB 256](#) – (PN 210) The Carbon Monoxide Alarm Standards in Child Care Facilities Act provides for standards for carbon monoxide alarms in child care facilities; and imposes penalties. Provides several definitions. Explains nothing in this act is intended to modify the authority and responsibilities of the Department of Labor and Industry (L&I) under the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act. Establishes carbon monoxide alarm requirements in child care facilities. Provides for licensure. Effective in 90 days. The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

Sen. Wayne Fontana (D-Allegheny), the bill's prime sponsor, said the bill would require all child facilities in Pennsylvania to install and maintain at least one carbon monoxide detector. He noted that Pennsylvania is the national leader in carbon monoxide deaths and poisonings. He said the Department of Human Services (DHS) supplied all certified child care providers access to two free carbon monoxide detectors in 2023. He noted that several early childhood organizations have also stated that they would be willing to help with costs for providers through bulk purchases. He said the \$20 cost of a carbon monoxide detector is a small cost to put on any individual's life. He noted the bill was supported by several children's organizations.

Chairman Brooks said current battery-powered detectors make the installation more feasible for providers.

[SB 411](#) - (PN 370) Amends the Stroke System of Care Act, providing for statewide stroke registry. Directs the Department of Health to ensure access to a statewide stroke registry. Permits the department to contract with a nationally recognized, evidence-based organization. Directs the department to update the registry on a biannual basis. Directs stroke centers to submit data to the department on a biannual basis. Provides for data access by the department. Permits the department to enter a contract with a nationally recognized, evidence-based organization for the receipt, storage, holding, updating or maintenance of the data or files under department control and management. Permits the department to enter into reciprocal reporting agreements with the appropriate agencies of other states to exchange stroke care data. Effective in 60 days. The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.

A00260, by Ward, revises the date of compliance for stroke care facilities from January 1, 2025, to January 1, 2026. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

Sen. Elder Vogel (R-Beaver), the bill's prime sponsor, said more than 795,000 Americans experience a stroke every year. He said he learned from his father's stroke that time is of the essence in order to treat them. He said the bill would require the Department of Health (DOH) to work with a nationally recognized evidence-based organization to create and minister a stroke registry. He said the registry would help assist emergency medical service providers, hospital stroke teams and other healthcare providers to provide high-quality stroke care to patients. He noted that the American Heart Association supports the bill.

Chairman Haywood said the bill was important to him because his mother died from a stroke.

Chairman Brooks thanked Sen. Vogel for introducing the bill, saying it could save lives and improve care.



### **Senate Institutional Sustainability and Innovation Committee**

*04/01/2025, 11:30 a.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Building*

Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee held a public hearing to discuss life sciences innovation in Pennsylvania.

Chairman Frank Farry (R-Bucks) stated the hearing would focus on the life science industry in Pennsylvania and its role in economic growth. He emphasized the committee's goal to foster bipartisan discussion and policy development, particularly in drug development and medical device manufacturing.

Minority Chairman Timothy Kearney (D-Delaware) highlighted the importance of the life sciences sector to Pennsylvania's economy, questioning whether the state is maximizing its potential in this field. He expressed concern over federal funding cuts and restrictions on National Institute of Health (NIH) funding, emphasizing the need for state-level strategies to grow the industry and expand its benefits across Pennsylvania.

Chris Molineaux, president and CEO, Life Sciences Pennsylvania, highlighted the sector's cost-effectiveness and its role in reducing health care costs. He described the life sciences ecosystem in Pennsylvania, noting it directly employs over 102,000 individuals and contributes more than \$61 billion annually to the economy. He emphasized the industry's multiplier effect, creating three to four additional jobs for every direct job. He urged the importance of public policy to support the industry. He discussed the high costs and low success rates of new drug applications. He advocated for policies to reduce the time and cost of the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) approval process. He supported the governor's budget proposal for funding life sciences and innovation. He suggested initiatives like a Clinical Trials Network and state-level support mechanisms to bolster research and development efforts in small companies.

Dr. Bin Yan, associate vice president for research director, Office of Technology Transfer, The Pennsylvania State University (Penn State), spoke about Penn State's contributions to life science and innovation. She detailed the university's role in transforming research into market-ready products and its comprehensive research enterprise. She highlighted Penn State's global impact through examples such as the invention of transducers for medical ultrasound devices, leadership in heart valve and artificial heart research and the development of neutralizing monoclonal antibodies for HPV, leading to an HPV vaccine. She discussed Penn State's broader impact beyond human health, including the success of a spin-off company's biopesticide product. She noted ongoing research in critical health areas like Alzheimer's disease and cancer. Yan spoke about the need for technology commercialization in generating wealth and economic vitality. She explained the process of technology transfer and the importance of protected intellectual property and commercial partners. She described Penn State's collaborative efforts in commercializing technologies through partnerships with industry partners and highlighted the importance of patenting and licensing. She recognized Penn State's leadership in life science innovation and the need for continued collaboration and investment in life sciences.

Josh Caputo, CEO, Humotech, shared his background, including founding Humotech in 2015 after completing his PhD in robotics. He highlighted the company's focus on developing assistive devices, the validation of their technology and the importance of state support for startups. He expressed hope for continued backing by the General Assembly to help grow and manufacture their technology in Pennsylvania.

Chairman Kearney inquired about the proposal for Rural Clinical Trial networks, noting the challenge of finding participants for clinical trials. Molineaux specified that the Governor's Innovation Fund proposal aims to attract companies to bring their clinical trials to Pennsylvania by offering financial support to clinics, with the goal of incentivizing companies to conduct their trials in the state. He highlighted the high costs associated with drug development clinical trials and the number of active clinical trials in Pennsylvania. Chairman Kearney expressed interest in initiatives to retain students for their careers in the area, asking about Project Onramp. Molineaux explained Project Onramp would help connect students in underserved populations to provide funding for internships with life sciences companies. He noted the internships would not only be science-based but also finance, public affairs, clinical development or research sectors. Chairman Kearney emphasized the importance of retaining talented students in Pennsylvania to build their lives and careers within the state. Molineaux echoed this sentiment, stressing the need for a supportive state government ecosystem to attract companies and capital for hiring graduates.

Sen. Steven Santarsiero (D-Bucks) highlighted the contributions of his constituents in the biotech and life sciences sectors, describing local innovations. He asked about the challenges startups face and how the state can support their growth. Molineaux emphasized the need to attract capital without direct state grants and the development of the Clinical Trials Network to reduce the time and cost of trials, which could attract more companies and talent to Pennsylvania. He highlighted Pennsylvania's history in large pharma and the challenge of retaining senior executives who are often drawn to Boston for its investment capital and state incentives. He praised the governor's Innovation Fund proposal as a significant step towards retaining talent and companies within Pennsylvania. Sen. Santarsiero expressed support for the governor's proposal and noted Massachusetts's success in attracting companies and executives due to its \$1.5 billion investment through MassBio, acknowledging that Massachusetts is about 15 years ahead of Pennsylvania in this regard.

Sen. Arthur Haywood (D-Montgomery) asked for a definition of the term "Valley of Death." Caputo explained it as the challenging phase of translating early-stage research into real-world applications. Molineaux described it as the gap between initial government seed capital and the stage where companies can attract private investment. Yan added that this gap also applies to the transition of discoveries from laboratory success to human application, often not funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) or NIH.

Chairman Farry asked about de-risking the manufacturing process of novel medicine. Molineaux discussed incentivizing companies to use Pennsylvania-based manufacturing facilities for advanced modalities like cell and gene therapy.

Katherine Shannon, site head, BaseCamp Pittsburgh, ElevateBio, discussed the company's focus on cell and gene therapies for diseases like cancer and genetic disorders. She emphasized the challenges in therapy development due to resource and funding shortages. She highlighted the company's aim to provide end-to-end capabilities to reduce financial risks for partners. She described a collaboration with the University of Pittsburgh and the Richard King Mellon Foundation for the Pitt Bio Forge project in Hazelwood Green, which aimed to create a life sciences ecosystem and hundreds of jobs. She shared that the facility is expected to be operational by 2027, creating at least 170 full-time positions and supporting an additional 900 jobs during construction. She emphasized the need for government support in workforce development and training to ensure the success of cell and gene therapy innovations.

Laurel Lindstrom Todd, vice president of U.S. Market Access and Policy, Iovance Biotherapeutics, discussed the company's role in cell therapy innovation for cancer treatment and its growth in Pennsylvania. She highlighted the FDA's approval of mtag-V for advanced melanoma in February 2024. She credited the Keystone Opportunity Zone (KOZ) program for financial benefits that influenced Iovance's decision to locate in Philadelphia. She detailed the expansion of Iovance at the Indiana County Technology Center (ICTC) from less than 15 employees to over 600 and the importance of partnerships for workforce development in the life sciences sector. She stressed the need for continued support for the life sciences in Pennsylvania, including workforce development and the proposed innovation fund in Governor Josh Shapiro's budget.

Rick Nettles, chief scientific officer, Johnson & Johnson (J&J), shared his personal connection to Bucks County and highlighted J&J's commitment to medical innovation, with over \$77 billion invested in research and development over the past decade. He detailed J&J's significant presence in Pennsylvania, with eight campuses and over 7,000 employees. He highlighted J&J's investment of more than \$12 billion in innovation in 2023. He stated the company's focus on developing treatments for challenging illnesses in oncology, immunology, and neuroscience, with the goal of developing over 70 novel therapies by 2030.

Michele Washko, president and CEO, Life Sciences Greenhouse Investments, described the organization as a nonprofit venture fund established in 2002 with funding from the Tobacco Settlement Fund, focusing on early-stage health-related biotechnology companies in Pennsylvania. She highlighted over \$43 million invested in 82 companies, resulting in more than 800,000 jobs and attracting over \$700 million in private funding. She emphasized the importance of Pennsylvania's life sciences sector. She advocated for increased funding and support for research and development tax credits and an innovation fund proposal.

Sen. Judy Ward (R-Blair) expressed interest in how new drugs reach the market and their insurance coverage, specifically asking about drugs for Alzheimer's or prostate cancer. Nettles explained the process of drug approval by the FDA after phase three clinical trials and distribution through pharmacies. He stated that drug availability to patients depends on their insurance coverage, with his team working to negotiate broad access with insurers and health care providers. Sen. Ward thanked Nettles for his comments to help constituents who are watching along to know more about the details.

Sen. Maria Collett (D-Montgomery) inquired about the collaborative efforts in the life sciences industry, especially regarding t-cell therapy for cancers. Todd emphasized the importance of policy advocacy and the role of tech transfer and sharing scientific knowledge to avoid redundancy in innovation. Nettles highlighted the competitive yet collaborative nature of the industry. He detailed the use of advisory boards and collaboration with academic partners and clinical trial investigators to inform clinical trial designs. Washko stated that younger companies advocate for representatives with a lot of academic knowledge to help grow their portfolio. She noted how most leadership comes from people who previously worked at larger companies or sat on medical advisory boards. Sen. Collett asked about the readiness of young people for careers in research and if state investment in life sciences could be effectively utilized immediately. Nettles expressed optimism about the talent pipeline for researchers. Todd discussed a pre-bachelor training program in southeastern Pennsylvania for aseptic manufacturing in advanced facilities.

Sen. Santarsiero mentioned the governor's proposal for investment in life sciences and asked about the consequences of inaction, especially given the advancements made by other states. Washko warned that without investment, Pennsylvania risks losing its talent to other locations and emphasized the competitive nature of funding for company development. Nettles emphasized the importance of a favorable policy and tax environment for retaining talent in Pennsylvania.

Chairman Kearney acknowledged the challenges faced in the "valley of death" and thanked Washko for her contributions.

Rob Bair, president, PA Building and Construction Trades Council, highlighted the importance of the life sciences sector to Pennsylvania's building industry. He spoke about the expansion of apprenticeship programs and helping to keep his workers safe and healthy. He emphasized the need for more economic opportunities in Pennsylvania and expressed gratitude to the industry for assisting his industry. He noted its role in generating employment opportunities and urged for continued and increased investment.

Laura Manion, president and CEO, Chester County Chamber of Business and Industry (CCCBI), emphasized the significant role of the life sciences sector in Pennsylvania's economy. She explained its contribution to annual labor income, tax revenue and total economic output. She highlighted Chester County's leadership in life science innovation. She discussed the importance of supporting the life science sector in Pennsylvania, highlighting legislation that helps early startup technology companies. She emphasized the need for policies that enhance the life science ecosystem, including workforce development and innovation. She emphasized this would keep Pennsylvania a hub for scientific and medical research. She expressed readiness to collaborate on policies for the industry's growth and innovation on behalf of the 600 employees working at CCCBI.

Colleen Floreck, vice president of Global Marketing and Strategy, Ecolab Life Sciences, spoke about her commitment to Pennsylvania's life sciences sector. She detailed her educational background in the state and her career in life sciences. She highlighted Ecolab's role as a global leader in hygiene and water safety technologies and services. She expressed her dedication to demonstrating to Ecolab the value of further investment in Pennsylvania. She described the organization's support for the pharmaceutical and biotech sectors, emphasizing the company's global presence and its significant role in Pennsylvania, with six locations and approximately 1,000 employees. She outlined Ecolab's three pillars: contamination control strategies, water optimization solutions and high-quality resins for drug purification. She discussed the impact of the life sciences sector on the broader ecosystem, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, and noted the effects of recent slowdowns in research funding and delayed approvals. Floreck emphasized the ongoing impact of reduced investment in life sciences, highlighting the importance of public investment for industry stability and innovation support. She shared Ecolab's current contributions, such as significant water and carbon savings, and urged policymakers to consider broad investment in life sciences for future health and economic growth.

Sen. Santarsiero emphasized the importance of Pennsylvania making investments to compete with states like Massachusetts in innovation and infrastructure. He highlighted Pennsylvania's strengths and warned that without further investment, the state risks falling behind. He expressed gratitude for the testimonies, underscoring the need for the General Assembly to understand and act on this message.

Bair stressed the importance of prioritizing Pennsylvania in the life sciences sector as a bipartisan issue that benefits all Pennsylvanians. He applauded the industry's potential for job creation and talent retention within the state and noted the personal relevance of life sciences for himself and his colleagues.

Chairman Kearney thanked everyone, noting that this is a brand new committee in the legislature and today was the committee's first hearing. "I think today was a wonderful start," he remarked. "You heard the chairman say in the beginning that this committee was going to strive to be bipartisan. It was going to work on these issues together. I think we have the possibility of being a truly innovative committee here in the legislature."

Chairman Farry reiterated that this was the committee's first hearing as a brand-new committee. He emphasized the life sciences sector's importance in job creation and economic impact, highlighting institutions like Penn State. He recognized upcoming legislation to expand research and development tax credits and support investment. He acknowledged the compassion of employees in the life sciences industry. He shared a personal story about his wife's battle with breast cancer to underline the significance of medical advancements and the critical role of scientific research. He thanked the medical community for their contributions and expressed his commitment to fostering innovation in health care within the commonwealth.



### **Senate Appropriations Committee**

*04/01/2025, 1:40 p.m., Rules Committee Conference Room*  
Kyle Purchase, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider legislation.

[SB 96](#) - (PN 51) Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses), in assault, further providing for the offense of terroristic threats. Removes language providing for restitution and adds language providing for the costs of responding to a threat which outlines what a person convicted of violating this section or adjudicated delinquent shall be sentenced to pay. Makes editorial changes. Adds that a threat relating to a school entity or institution of higher education constitutes a felony of the third degree. Specifies definitions. Effective in 60 days. The bill was **reported as committed**, along a party line vote, with Democrats voting in the negative except Sen. Art Haywood (D-Montgomery).

Chairman Scott Martin (R-Lancaster) said there would be \$17,002 in additional costs per inmate.

[SB 315](#) - (PN 249) Amends the Public School Code, in career and technical education, further providing for career and technical education equipment grants. Requires the Department of Education (PDE) to use data for the calculations under this section based on the most recent years for which data is available, as determined by PDE, and shall fix the data as of the first day of June preceding the school year in which the allocation occurs. Stipulates that if, after the data based on the first day of June is found by PDE to be incorrect, PDE shall revise the calculations accordingly. Effective immediately. The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

Chairman Martin said the enactment of the bill will have no fiscal impact on commonwealth funds.

[SB 472](#) - (PN 427) Amends the Administrative Code, in administrative organization, further providing for department heads, for gubernatorial appointments and for deputies. Adds that no designation is effective for greater than 90 days unless the person is nominated for a position under section 207.1 (d)(1) and is only effective until the Senate acts on the nomination and outlines the criteria for a deputy head of department. Adds that a person designated as deputy or nominated by the governor to a position as the head of any department must, upon request of the Appropriation Committee of the Senate or the House, appear at a hearing of either committee concerning the federal or state appropriations to the department or the budget request of the department. Effective in 60 days. The bill was **reported as committed**, along a party line vote, with Democrats voting in the negative.

[SB 475](#) - (PN 430) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), in organization and jurisdiction of courts of common pleas, further providing for problem-solving courts; and, in sentencing, further providing for modification or revocation of order of probation. Replaces "problem-solving" with "treatment" courts in the language of the bill. Effective 90 days. The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

Chairman Martin said the enactment of the bill will have no fiscal impact on commonwealth funds.



## **Senate Education Committee**

*04/02/2025, 9:30 a.m., Room 8E-B, East Wing*  
Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee held a public hearing to highlight the importance of career and technical education (CTE) in Pennsylvania.

Chairman Lynda Schlegel Culver (R-Northumberland) emphasized the importance of CTE in the workforce and encouraged members to learn about students' projects from career and tech centers across the state. She shared personal anecdotes to illustrate the reliance on skilled professionals trained in CTE programs and stressed the need to support CTE facilities for a well-trained workforce.

Minority Chairman Lindsey Williams (D-Allegheny) thanked the panelists and attendees for their advocacy for CTE and expressed anticipation for the testimonies.

Curt Funkhouser, administrative director, Columbia Montour Tech, discussed the role of Columbia Montour Area Vocational Technical School in training students for careers in Pennsylvania, highlighting the school's mission, collaboration with school districts and the range of technical education programs offered. He emphasized the need for increased funding, updated equipment, a pipeline for CTE educators, policy changes and a statewide awareness campaign to combat the stigma associated with CTE.

Dr. Erik Orndorff, superintendent, Pequea Valley School District, spoke about the Pequea Valley School District's commitment to CTE, noting the issue of limited space in CTE programs and the significant waitlist at the Lancaster Career and Tech Center. He emphasized the district's shift away from the "everybody needs to go to college" mindset and mentioned efforts to provide internships and apprenticeships to enhance students' skills and opportunities.

John Trovato, secondary principal, Pequea Valley School District, discussed two initiatives to enhance CTE opportunities for students in the Pequea Valley School District, including efforts to cross county lines for program availability and the creation of the Career Occupation Relevancy Education (C.O.R.E.) Program for at-risk ninth and 10th graders. He highlighted the program's success in exposing students to skilled trades, achieving a 100% graduation rate among participants, with some securing early enrollment at Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology.

Angela Mike, executive director of CTE, Pittsburgh Public Schools, shared her own experience as a high school cosmetology student, highlighting how CTE programs ignite passion, provide real-world skills and open career opportunities. She emphasized that most CTE students pursue both post-secondary education and employment, dispelling the "myth" that vocational training limits future prospects. She detailed Pittsburgh's 17 CTE programs, which offer hands-on learning, industry certifications and job placement support, all made possible through federal and state funding. She stressed the growing financial challenges, including rising costs for equipment, transportation and certification exams. She urged lawmakers to increase funding flexibility, support new program startups and create a statewide marketing campaign to raise awareness of CTE opportunities. She also called for streamlined pathways for industry professionals to become teachers, addressing the educator shortage. She thanked the committee for its support and emphasized the need for continued investment in CTE to prepare students for high-demand careers.

Chairman Culver acknowledged Funkhouser's contributions and asked about his suggestion to recognize industry credentials for skilled professionals transitioning to educators. Funkhouser discussed the barriers faced by industry professionals, such as the "costly" and "time-consuming" National Occupational Competency Testing Institute (NOCTI) exams. He suggested recognizing their credentials to alleviate these barriers. Chairman Culver then inquired about the impact of recent CTE instructor certification reforms and sought suggestions for further improvements. Orndorff emphasized the importance of facilitating the certification process for CTE industry teachers and the need for a system allowing Department of Education (PDE) and Continuing Education (CE) teachers to work together without union issues. Chairman Culver praised Trovato's C.O.R.E. Program and encouraged him to share the model with other schools. Trovato highlighted the importance of identifying unique staff skills and resources, as well as the challenge of funding. He suggested leveraging existing staff strengths and analyzing student interest data.

Chairman Culver thanked Mike for her insights on keeping CTE schools current with technology and inquired about the agility of CTEs in updating their curriculum to include AI training. Mike affirmed that CTE programs can adapt to evolving technology, provided they have adequate funding. She highlighted the use of advanced simulations in training students for real-world scenarios, such as emergency response. Pittsburgh's Emergency Response Technology Program, supported by donations, includes hands-on training with police, fire and ambulance equipment. She noted that simulations are not always applicable to professions in the law enforcement and medical fields. She emphasized that grants have been crucial in acquiring these tools but sustaining them requires consistent funding. She urged lawmakers to consider the long-term financial commitment needed to keep CTE programs

technologically current and effective.

Chairman Williams asked Funkhouser to elaborate on his recommendation for covering tuition for intern certification credits to help future CTE educators. Funkhouser explained the challenges industry professionals face when transitioning into teaching roles, including the need for additional training and the costs associated with it. He suggested the importance of mentor-mentee programs and additional resources to support these professionals. Chairman Williams acknowledged the challenges of transitioning industry professionals into teaching and emphasized the value they bring to the classroom. Funkhouser questioned the necessity of additional degrees for industry professionals transitioning into teaching and highlighted their motivations for teaching. Orndorff discussed the benefits of hands-on learning and the natural classroom management that occurs when students are engaged in learning about their passions. Chairman Williams stated the experience industry professionals might have in supervising and teaching in their fields. Orndorff emphasized the importance of industry professionals as role models.

Chairman Williams highlighted her collaboration with Mike on the emergency response tech program and the success of the carpentry pre-apprenticeship program. She emphasized the importance of apprenticeships in addressing workforce shortages. Mike advocated for the expansion of the apprenticeship model in CTE and detailed the process of creating a pre-apprenticeship program, including aligning curriculum with partners and formalizing commitments through Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs). Chairman Williams discussed the challenge of ensuring CTE programs prepare students for jobs that offer a living wage, mentioning discussions with Chairman Culver and legislative efforts to address wage issues in certain professions. She expressed a desire for CTE investments to lead to sustainable employment options for students. Funkhouser discussed the significance of programs like culinary arts and cosmetology, which, despite not being seen as high-priority occupations, fulfill essential societal needs. He pointed out the challenges these programs face, such as insufficient funding and restrictions on using grants for necessary equipment, which hinder their success.

Sen. Timothy Kearney (D-Delaware) shared his background as an architect and educator, highlighting his involvement in apprenticeship programs and the annual apprenticeship fair in Delaware County. He emphasized the value of alternative career paths that avoid debt and discussed his experience with building tiny houses to illustrate the practical application of architectural education. He stressed the urgent need for skilled tradespeople in Philadelphia, particularly in light of upcoming projects like America 250, and advocated for continued support for vocational training programs.

Chairman Culver discussed the progress of [SB 315](#), which she sponsored, underscoring its role in funding technical education. She highlighted the benefits of CTE for students and communities, expressed concern over the growing waitlist for CTE programs and emphasized the need for support through private investment and partnerships. She urged the General Assembly and Gov. Josh Shapiro's office to consider the recommendations made for CTE programs and announced the recess of the Senate Education Committee meeting.



## **Bullet.in.Points**

No Bullet.in.Points this week.

## Cosponsor Memos

**HB541 - An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for lost, stolen, damaged or illegible registration plate.**

### Sponsor

Rep. Jonathan Fritz (R)

### Summary

(PN 537) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for lost, stolen, damaged or illegible registration plate. Provides an individual employed as a staff person in a district office of a member of the Senate or House of Representatives of the commonwealth shall be an authorized representative of the department for purposes of paragraph (1) if the individual has completed a training program, approved by the department, for making the determination required by paragraph (1). 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 Transportation

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04/01/2025 H - Meeting Scheduled - 04/07/2025, 10:00 AM - Voting Meeting (House Transportation), Room B31, Main Capitol

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**HB804 - An Act amending the act of March 28, 1984 (P.L.150, No.28), known as the Automobile Lemon Law, further providing for definitions; and applying the act to recreational vehicles.**

### Sponsor

Rep. Liz Hanbidge (D)

### Summary

(PN 832) Amends the Automobile Lemon Law, further providing for definitions; and applying the act to recreational vehicles sold or leased on or after January 1, 2026, in this commonwealth. Amends the definition of “dealer” or “motor vehicle dealer” to include a person in the business of buying, selling, leasing or exchanging motor vehicles or recreational vehicles. Amends the definition of “new motor vehicle” to include a motorcycle or recreational vehicle. Provides several definitions. Effective in 60 days.

### Intro Date

03/03/2025

### Actions

03/03/2025 H - Introduced

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03/04/2025 H - Referred to - House Consumer Protection, Technology and Utilities

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03/31/2025 H - Meeting Scheduled - 04/07/2025, 10:00 AM - Voting Meeting (House Consumer Protection, Technology and Utilities), Room 205, Ryan Office Building

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**HB1057 - An Act amending the act of May 11, 1889 (P.L.188, No.210), entitled "A further supplement to an act, entitled 'An act to establish a board of wardens for the Port of Philadelphia, and for the regulation of pilots and pilotage, and for other purposes,' approved March twenty-ninth, one thousand eight hundred and three, and for regulating the rates of pilotage and number of pilots," further providing for rates of pilotage and computation, for pilotage fees and unit charge and for charges for services.**

**Sponsor**

Rep. Darisha K. Parker (D)

**Summary**

(PN 1148) Amends the act entitled "A further supplement to an act, entitled 'An act to establish a board of wardens for the Port of Philadelphia, and for the regulation of pilots and pilotage, and for other purposes,' approved March twenty-ninth, one thousand eight hundred and three, and for regulating the rates of pilotage and number of pilots," further providing for rates of pilotage and computation, for pilotage fees and unit charge and for charges for services. Revises various pilotage rates and unit amounts. Effective in 60 days.

**Intro Date**

03/26/2025

**Actions**

03/26/2025 H - Introduced

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03/26/2025 H - Referred to - House Commerce

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04/02/2025 H - Meeting Scheduled - 04/08/2025, 9:30 AM - Voting Meeting (House Commerce), Room 523, Irvis Office Building

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**HB1085 - An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, in general budget implementation, further providing for Motor License Fund.**

**Sponsor**

Rep. Ed Neilson (D)

**Summary**

(PN 1188) Amends the Fiscal Code, in general budget implementation, further providing for Motor License Fund (MLF). Requires the appropriation from the MLF to the Pennsylvania State Police for fiscal year 2025-2026 to not exceed \$125,000,000. Stipulates for fiscal year 2026-2027 and each fiscal year thereafter, no amount shall be appropriated. Effective immediately.

**Intro Date**

03/31/2025

**Actions**

03/31/2025 H - Introduced

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03/31/2025 H - Referred to - House Transportation

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04/01/2025 H - Meeting Scheduled - 04/07/2025, 10:00 AM - Voting Meeting (House Transportation), Room B31, Main Capitol

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**HB1093 - An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in other required equipment, further providing for restraint systems.**

**Sponsor**

Rep. David Madsen (D)

**Summary**

(PN 1210) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in other required equipment, further providing for restraint systems. Revises required duties for the driver of a passenger car, Class I truck, Class II truck or motor home. Stipulates that if the driver is under 18 years of age, they must be secured in a properly adjusted and fastened safety seat belt system. Provides that the driver shall secure or cause to be secured in a properly adjusted and fastened safety seat belt every vehicle occupant eight years of age or older but under 18 years of age. Effective in 60 days.

**Intro Date**

03/31/2025

**Actions**

03/31/2025 H - Introduced

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04/01/2025 H - Meeting Scheduled - 04/07/2025, 10:00 AM - Voting Meeting (House Transportation), Room B31, Main Capitol

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04/01/2025 H - Referred to - House Transportation

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**HB1125 - An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in operation of vehicles, providing for automated license plate reader systems.**

**Sponsor**

Rep. Joshua Siegel (D)

**Intro Date**

04/03/2025

**Actions**

04/03/2025 H - Introduced

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04/03/2025 H - Referred to - House Transportation

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**HB1142 - An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in safety and anti-pollution equipment, further providing for windshield obstructions and wipers.**

**Sponsor**

Rep. Patrick Gallagher (D)

**Intro Date**

04/03/2025

**Actions**

04/03/2025 H - Introduced

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04/04/2025 H - Referred to - House Transportation

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**SB65 - An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in licensing of drivers, further providing for schedule of convictions and points; in rules of the road in general, further providing for meeting or overtaking school bus; and imposing penalties.**

**Sponsor**

Sen. Lisa Baker (R)

**Summary**

(PN 486) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in licensing of drivers, further providing for schedule of convictions and points; in rules of the road in general, further providing for meeting or overtaking school bus; and imposing penalties. Provides that the driver of a vehicle meeting or overtaking any school bus stopped on a highway or traffic way shall stop at least 15 feet before reaching the school bus when the red signal lights on the school bus are flashing and the side stop signal arms are activated under section 4552(b.1) (relating to general requirements for school buses). Requires a fine between \$250 and \$500 and a surcharge of \$35 upon committing a first summary offense of subsection (a) or (f.1), and for a second or subsequent offense, a person shall be sentenced to pay a fine no less than \$500 and a surcharge of \$35 and attend a driver improvement school or undergo a special examination. Provides that a person who violates subsection (b) commits a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of no less than \$100 and a \$35 surcharge, and for a second or subsequent offense, a person commits a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of no less than \$250 and a \$35 surcharge and attend a driver improvement school or undergo a special examination. Directs the surcharge to be deposited into the School Bus Safety Grant Program Account. Adds requirements for driver education and permits a school district to provide educational information prior to and throughout the school year. Stipulates that, at a minimum, the educational information shall cover a driver's duty when approaching a school bus using amber and red signals to receive or discharge school children and penalties related to violations. The addition of 75 PA.C.S. § 3345(K) and (L) is effective in 60 days. Section 3 is effective immediately. The remainder of this act is effective in one year. (Prior PN: 26)

**Intro Date**

01/22/2025

**Actions**

03/26/2025 S - Voted Favorably From Committee as Amended - Senate Transportation

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03/26/2025 S - Reported as amended - Senate Transportation

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03/26/2025 S - First consideration

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03/31/2025 S - Second consideration

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**SB167 - An Act making an appropriation from the Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Regulatory Fund to the Philadelphia Parking Authority for the fiscal year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.**

**Sponsor**

Sen. Scott Martin (R)

**Intro Date**

04/03/2025

**Actions**

04/03/2025 S - Introduced

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04/03/2025 S - Referred to - Senate Appropriations

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**SB185 - An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in lighting equipment, further providing for general lighting requirements.**

**Sponsor**

Sen. Scott Hutchinson (R)

**Summary**

(PN 487) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in lighting equipment, further providing for general lighting requirements. Permits a vehicle, other than a motor carrier vehicle, with a gross vehicle weight of 14,000 pounds or less to be operated on a highway with an ornamental lamp bar or auxiliary lighting strip in combination with the stop lamps of the vehicle's rear lighting system, outlining what shall apply. Adds that these provisions do not apply to a vehicle with original rear lighting equipment from a manufacturer that is consistent with an ornamental lamp bar or auxiliary lighting strip. Defines "ornamental lamp bar or auxiliary lighting strip." Effective in 60 days. (Prior PN: 123)

**Intro Date**

01/24/2025

**Actions**

03/26/2025 S - First consideration

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03/31/2025 S - Second consideration

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04/01/2025 S - Laid out for discussion

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04/01/2025 S - Third consideration and final passage

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04/03/2025 H - Referred to - House Transportation

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**SB481 - An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in size, weight and load, providing for milk hauling during inclement weather and emergency declaration and further providing for permit for movement during course of manufacture.**

**Sponsor**

Sen. Judy Ward (R)

**Summary**

(PN 439) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in size, weight and load, providing for milk hauling during inclement weather and emergency declaration and further providing for permit for movement during course of manufacture. Provides that a combination of up to 80,000 pounds, combination consistent with section 4968(a.2)(4) (relating to permit for movement during course of manufacture) or farm vehicle which is hauling a milk product shall be allowed to move upon highways during inclement weather or a declared national, state or local emergency. Establishes a decal that identifies the vehicle as a licensed milk hauler. Prohibits a penalty from being imposed on the driver if the operation complies with this section. Provides definitions. Effective in 60 days.

**Intro Date**

03/20/2025

**Actions**

03/26/2025 S - Voted Favorably From Committee - Senate Transportation

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03/26/2025 S - Reported as committed - Senate Transportation

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03/26/2025 S - First consideration

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03/31/2025 S - Second consideration

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03/31/2025 S - Re-referred to - Senate Appropriations

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**SB532 - An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of the road in general, providing for private parking lots.**

**Sponsor**

Sen. Frank A. Farry (R)

**Intro Date**

04/02/2025

**Actions**

04/02/2025 S - Introduced

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04/02/2025 S - Referred to - Senate Transportation

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**SB538 - An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in transportation network service, further providing for rates and forms of compensation.**

**Sponsor**

Sen. Christine M. Tartaglione (D)

**Intro Date**

04/02/2025

**Actions**

04/02/2025 S - Introduced

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04/02/2025 S - Referred to - Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure

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**SB539 - An Act amending Titles 53 (Municipalities Generally) and 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in transportation network companies, further providing for transportation network company drivers; and, in transportation network service, further providing for transportation network company drivers.**

**Sponsor**

Sen. Christine M. Tartaglione (D)

**Intro Date**

04/02/2025

**Actions**

04/02/2025 S - Introduced

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04/02/2025 S - Referred to - Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure

## **Basic Ed Bill Actions**

**HB1040 - An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for Diversity Inclusive Curriculum Pilot Program.**

**Sponsor**

Rep. Joseph C. Hohenstein (D)

**Summary**

(PN 1129) Amends the Public School Code, adding Article XVII-E to provide for Diversity Inclusive Curriculum Pilot Program. Provides definitions. Establishes the program to provide instruction to students on the political, economic and social contributions of individuals of the LGBTQ+ community. Mandates the pilot program to operate for three full school years, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year. Provides for the selection of school entities. Establishes Department of Education responsibilities. Requires program evaluation and reporting by the department. Effective in 60 days.

**Intro Date**

03/25/2025

**Actions**

03/25/2025 H - Introduced

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03/25/2025 H - Referred to - House Education

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03/31/2025 H - Press Conference on Trans Visibility Day

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**HB1069 - An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in pupils and attendance, further providing for military child advance enrollment.**

**Sponsor**

Rep. Barbara Gleim (R)

**Summary**

(PN 1169) Amends the Public School Code, in pupils and attendance, further providing for military child advance enrollment. Directs school districts receiving a credit transfer to accept the grade point associated with the credit transferred from the sending school entity. Defines "receiving school district," "secondary school" and "sending school entity." Effective in 60 days.

**Intro Date**

03/27/2025

**Actions**

03/27/2025 H - Introduced

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03/31/2025 H - Referred to - House Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness

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**HB1121 - An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in pupils and attendance, providing for access to private pay services.**

**Sponsor**

Rep. Andre D. Carroll (D)

**Intro Date**

04/03/2025

**Actions**

04/03/2025 H - Introduced

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04/03/2025 H - Referred to - House Education

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**SB9 - An Act providing for sport activities in public institutions of higher education and public school entities to be expressly designated male, female or coed; and creating causes of action for harm suffered by designation.**

**Sponsor**

Sen. Judy Ward (R)

**Summary**

(PN 177) The Fairness in Women's Sports Act provides for sport activities in public institutions of higher education and public school entities to be expressly designated male, female or coed; and creates causes of action for harm suffered by designation. Provides definitions. Prohibits athletic teams or sports designated for females, women or girls from being open to students of the male sex. Allows students to participate in an interscholastic, intercollegiate, intramural or club athletic team or sport designed for the student's sex or designated coed or mixed. Prohibits a government entity, licensing or accrediting organization or an athletic association or organization from entertaining a complaint, opening an investigation or taking any other adverse action against a school or institution of higher education for maintaining separate interscholastic, intercollegiate, intramural or club athletic teams or sports for students of the female sex. Permits a student who is deprived of an athletic opportunity or suffers direct or indirect harm as a result of a known violation to bring a cause of action for injunctive relief, damages, psychological, emotional and physical harm suffered, attorney fees and costs and any other relief available under law against the school or institution of higher education. Allows a student who is subject to retaliation or other adverse action by a school, institution of higher education or athletic association or organization as a result of reporting a violation to an employee or representative of the school, institution or athletic association or organization or to any federal or state agency with oversight of schools or institutions of higher education in Pennsylvania to bring a cause of action. Permits a school or institution of higher education that suffers direct or indirect harm as a result of a violation to bring cause of action. Prohibits a person from bringing a civil action later than two years after the day on which the harm underlying the cause of action occurs. Provides that if a part of this act is found invalid, all valid parts that are severable from the invalid part shall remain in effect. Effective in 60 days.

**Intro Date**

02/03/2025

**Actions**

03/26/2025 S - Voted Favorably From Committee - Senate Education

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03/26/2025 S - Reported as committed - Senate Education

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03/26/2025 S - First consideration

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03/31/2025 S - Second consideration

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03/31/2025 S - Press Conference on Trans Visibility Day

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**SB96 - An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in assault, further providing for the offense of terroristic threats.**

**Sponsor**

Sen. Michele Brooks (R)

**Summary**

(PN 51) Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses), in assault, further providing for the offense of terroristic threats. Removes language providing for restitution and adds language providing for the costs of responding to a threat which outlines what a person convicted of violating this section or adjudicated delinquent shall be sentenced to pay. Makes editorial changes. Adds that a threat relating to a school entity or institution of higher education constitutes a felony of the third degree. Specifies definitions. Effective in 60 days.

**Intro Date**

01/22/2025

**Actions**

04/01/2025 S - Voted Favorably From Committee - Senate Appropriations

04/01/2025 S - Re-reported as committed - Senate Appropriations

04/01/2025 S - Laid out for discussion

04/01/2025 S - Third consideration and final passage

04/03/2025 H - Referred to - House Judiciary

**SB160 - An Act to provide appropriations from the General Fund for the expenses of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Departments of the Commonwealth, the public debt and the public schools for the fiscal year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025; to provide appropriations from special funds and accounts to the Executive and Judicial Departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025; to provide for the appropriation of Federal funds to the Executive and Judicial Departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025; and to provide for the additional appropriation of Federal and State funds to the Executive and Legislative Departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.**

**Sponsor**

Sen. Scott Martin (R)

**Intro Date**

04/03/2025

**Actions**

04/03/2025 S - Introduced

04/03/2025 S - Referred to - Senate Appropriations

**SB315 - An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in career and technical education, further providing for career and technical education equipment grants.**

**Sponsor**

Sen. Lynda Schlegel Culver (R)

**Summary**

(PN 249) Amends the Public School Code, in career and technical education, further providing for career and technical education equipment grants. Requires the Department of Education (PDE) to use data for the calculations under this section based on the most recent years for which data is available, as determined by PDE, and shall fix the data as of the first day of June preceding the school year in which the allocation occurs. Stipulates that if, after the data based on the first day of June is found by PDE to be incorrect, PDE shall revise the calculations accordingly. Effective immediately.

**Intro Date**

02/26/2025

**Actions**

04/01/2025 S - Re-reported as committed - Senate Appropriations

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04/02/2025 S - Discussed during public hearing - Senate Education

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04/02/2025 S - Laid out for discussion

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04/02/2025 S - Third consideration and final passage

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04/03/2025 H - Referred to - House Education

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**SB541 - An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school safety and security, providing for panic alerts.**

**Sponsor**

Sen. Arthur L Haywood (D)

**Intro Date**

04/02/2025

**Actions**

04/02/2025 S - Introduced

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04/02/2025 S - Referred to - Senate Education

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**SR68 - A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to fully cooperate with Federal efforts to eliminate the United States Department of Education, reaffirming Pennsylvania's sovereign authority over its educational system and recognizing the need for State-led education solutions to improve outcomes for Pennsylvania students.**

**Sponsor**

Sen. Dawn W. Keefer (R)

**Summary**

(PN 522) Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to fully cooperate with federal efforts to eliminate the United States Department of Education.

**Intro Date**

04/02/2025

**Actions**

04/02/2025 S - Introduced

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04/02/2025 S - Referred to - Senate Education

## Higher Ed Bill Actions

**SB9 - An Act providing for sport activities in public institutions of higher education and public school entities to be expressly designated male, female or coed; and creating causes of action for harm suffered by designation.**

### Sponsor

Sen. Judy Ward (R)

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### Intro Date

02/03/2025

### Actions

03/26/2025 S - Voted Favorably From Committee - Senate Education

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03/26/2025 S - Reported as committed - Senate Education

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03/26/2025 S - First consideration

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03/31/2025 S - Second consideration

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03/31/2025 S - Press Conference on Trans Visibility Day

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**Actions**

04/01/2025 S - Voted Favorably From Committee - Senate Appropriations

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04/01/2025 S - Re-reported as committed - Senate Appropriations

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04/01/2025 S - Laid out for discussion

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04/01/2025 S - Third consideration and final passage

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04/03/2025 H - Referred to - House Judiciary

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**SB170 - An Act providing for funding for certain State-aided universities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, for costs basis, for frequency of payments and for recordkeeping requirements; imposing a duty on the Auditor General; providing for financial statements, for the Agricultural College Land Scrip Fund and for restrictions; and making appropriations.**

**Sponsor**

Sen. Scott Martin (R)

**Intro Date**

04/03/2025

**Actions**

04/03/2025 S - Introduced

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04/03/2025 S - Referred to - Senate Appropriations

## Upcoming Events

### **WEDNESDAY – 04/09/2025**

**11:30 AM, AICUP Day on the Hill Press Conference**

*Press Conference*

### **MONDAY – 04/14/2025**

**1:30 PM, [House Democratic Policy Committee](#)**

*Public Hearing, Penn State New Kensington Digital Foundry 855 Fifth Ave. New Kensington*

*Public hearing on The Impact of Life Sciences.*

### **TUESDAY – 04/15/2025**

**10:30 AM, Homeschool Capitol Day Press Conference**

*Press Conference*

### **FRIDAY – 04/25/2025**

**10:30 AM, 12th Annual Student Competition Award Ceremony**

*Press Conference*

Auditor General DeFoor will partner with Harrisburg University of Science and Technology and Members 1st Federal Credit Union to announce and honor the finalists of the 12th Annual Student Financial Literacy Competition.

## In the News

[03/28/2025 - Shapiro Administration Announces \\$1.5 Million in Parent Pathways Grants to Help More Pennsylvanians Afford Higher Education, Deliver on Governor Shapiro's Vision for Accessible and Affordable Higher Ed](#)

[04/01/2025 - Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Updates Popular Litter Education Series: Open Your Eyes to Litter in a Watershed Available Now!](#)

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