

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



State Update

The following bills were on the agenda for the Senate Education Committee yesterday. Please see below for the bill numbers, a brief synopsis of each and committee action taken.

- **SB246 - An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in student supports, providing for parental and employee notification of weapon incidents.**

05/06/2025 - S - Reported as amended - Senate Education
05/06/2025 - S - Voted Favorably From Committee as Amended

- **SB114 - An Act amending the act of June 9, 1997 (P.L.169, No.14), known as the Nurse Aide Resident Abuse Prevention Training Act, providing for training for long-term care, for criteria for nurse aides and for limitation on department.**

05/06/2025 - S - Reported as amended - Senate Education
05/06/2025 - S - Voted Favorably From Committee as Amended

- **SB310 - An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in high schools, providing for Free Application for Federal Student Aid.**

5/06/2025 - S - Reported as amended - Senate Education
5/06/2025 - S - Voted Favorably From Committee as Amended

- **SB10 - An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, establishing the Pennsylvania Award for Student Success Scholarship Program and the Pennsylvania Award for Student Success Scholarship Fund.**

05/06/2025 - S - Reported as committed - Senate Education
05/06/2025 - S - Voted Favorably From Committee - Senate Education

The Pennsylvania Principals Association has joined

with other education organizations specifically opposed to SB10. [Click here](#) for the joint letter.

- **SB127 - An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, repealing provisions relating to Holocaust, genocide and human rights violations instruction and providing for Holocaust, genocide and human rights violations instruction required.**

05/06/2025 - S - Reported as committed - Senate Education

05/06/2025 - S - Voted Favorably From Committee - Senate Education

- **SB227 - An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in duties and powers of boards of school directors, further providing for State convention or association, delegates, expenses and membership.**

05/06/2025 - S - Reported as committed - Senate Education

05/06/2025 - S - Voted Favorably From Committee - Senate Education

- **SB700 - An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in evidence-based reading instruction, further providing for definitions and for evidence-based reading instruction curriculum and providing for reading screening, for reading deficiency and identification, for school entity duties and reading intervention plan, for parent notification, for grants to school entities, for funding and for reporting; and establishing the Evidence-based Reading Instruction Restricted Account.**

05/06/2025 - S - Reported as committed - Senate Education

05/06/2025 - S - Voted Favorably From Committee - Senate Education

In the News...

Reforming cyber charter schools: New bill targets accountability and costs

(Source: MY CHESCO, May 2, 2025 | 10:47 AM.)

The bill, [H.B. 1372](#), introduced by State Representative Joe Ciresi (D-Montgomery), seeks to address longstanding concerns surrounding accountability and financial inefficiencies tied to cyber charter operations. [Click here](#) for full article.

PA lawmakers examine cyber charter schools' reserves amid funding debate

(Source: CBS21, WHP, Emily Marines, Fri, May 2nd 2025 | 6:11 PM.)

Cyber charter schools are reportedly holding hundreds of millions of dollars in reserves while public schools are paying them millions of dollars in taxpayer money.

That's according to testimony at a hearing Friday at Greater Johnstown, which was the second of three taking place across Pennsylvania to discuss a resolution for the situation.

At Friday's hearing, the Pennsylvania House Education Committee heard testimonies from two local school officials, as well as the parent of a student attending a cyber charter.

[Click here](#) for full article.

PDE Invests \$10.35M to Expand Access to CTE, Strengthening PA's Workforce for the Future

(Source: PAPSA, May 1, 2025.)

On April 30, 2025, the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) announced \$10.35 million in PAsmart Advancing Grants for Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs that expand access to computer science and science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education for learners across the Commonwealth.

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WHAT IS TITLE II, PART A?

What is Title II? Title II, Part A, the Supporting Effective Instruction State Grant Program, is the most significant source of federal funding supporting professional learning for educators and leaders at the school, district and state levels. Authorized under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Title II is designed, among other things, to provide **all students** with greater access to effective educators.

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Pennsylvania Principals Association

Position Statement on State and Federal Education Issues

The **Pennsylvania Principals Association (PA Principals Association)** stands in solidarity with national organizations such as the **National Association of Secondary School Principals (NAESP)** and the **National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP)** in advocating for equitable, well-funded and inclusive education policies at both state and federal levels. In light of ongoing challenges and critiques directed at the education sector, we reaffirm our commitment to the following principles:

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