

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



State Update

State Budget

Pa. budget deadline slips by, as Shapiro, legislature continue to negotiate

Pennsylvania will once again have no state budget in place by the June 30 deadline, as negotiations continue over a fiscal plan where mass transit funding, Medicaid, and regulation of so-called “skill games” have become sticking points.

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(Source: *Pennlive.com*, June 30, 2025.)

Pennsylvania governor anticipates a deal ‘very soon’ as lawmakers blow through the budget deadline

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Gov. **Josh Shapiro** and Pennsylvania’s politically divided Legislature will miss Pennsylvania’s legal deadline to pass a budget for the new fiscal year, amid closed-door talks to try to produce a compromise on a spending plan.

Without the Democratic governor’s signature on a new spending plan, the state loses some of its spending authority starting Tuesday, particularly on discretionary payments, such as those to vendors, counties, public schools and grant applicants.

The impact of such missed payments generally takes until August to be felt by schools and counties.

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(Source: *ABC27, WHTM*, June 30, 2025.)

Basic Ed Bill Actions

- **HB17:** 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, further providing for subjects of instruction and flag code.
 - **Sponsor:** Rep. Dane Watro (R)
 - **Action:** 06/25/2025 Senate - Referred to - Senate Education
- **HB180:** 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 Nonprofit School Food Program, repealing provisions relating to school lunch and breakfast reimbursement and establishing the Universal School Meal Program and the Universal School Meal Fund; and making appropriations.
 - **Sponsor:** Rep. Emily Kinhead (D)
 - **Action:** 06/24/2025 House - Discussed at the SNAPA Press Conference
- **HB240:** An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in licensing of drivers, further providing for qualifications for school bus driver endorsement.
 - **Sponsor:** Rep. Kerry A. Benninghoff (R)
 - **Action:** 06/24/2025 G - Presented to the Governor
- **HB354:** An Act providing for "What Is Your Pennsylvania Story" guidelines for school entities; and imposing duties on the Department of Education.
 - **Sponsor:** Rep. Jared G. Solomon (D)
 - **Action:** 06/26/2025 Senate - Third consideration and final passage
- **HB538:** An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in sexual violence, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking education, prevention and response at institutions of higher education and private licensed schools, further providing for scope of article, for definitions, for education program and for follow-up; and making an editorial change.
 - **Sponsor:** Rep. Robert Leadbeter (R)
 - **Action:** 06/24/2025 Senate - Referred to - Senate Education
- **HB564:** An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for mental health crisis response; and imposing duties on the Department of Human Services.
 - **Sponsor:** Rep. Tarah Probst (D)
 - **Action:** 06/24/2025 House - Re-reported as committed - House Rules

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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 (NASSP)** 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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