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### SESSION STATUS

At 10:05 a.m. on Monday, August 11, 2025, the House stands adjourned until Monday, September 22, 2025, at 12:00 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

At 8:37 p.m. on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, the Senate recessed until Monday, September 8, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

### UPCOMING SESSION DAYS

#### House

Sept. 22-24 (NV), 29-30  
Oct. 1, 6-8, 27-29  
Nov. 17-19  
Dec. 8-10 (NV), 15-17

#### Senate

Sept. 8-10  
Oct. 20-22, 27-29  
Nov. 17-19  
Dec. 8-9

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## Press Conferences

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

### GOV. SHAPIRO CELEBRATES LOCAL IBEWS AND TRAINING CENTERS, DISCUSSES EXPANSIONS IN PENNSYLVANIA’S WORKFORCE

By Julia Walters, Pennsylvania Legislative Services | August 15, 2025

Gov. Josh Shapiro visited the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 63 Joint Apprenticeship and Training Community (JATC) Electrical Training Center in Luzerne County today to discuss the expansion of Pennsylvania’s workforce opportunities.

John Olejnik, business manager, IBEW Local 163, thanked several key figures for being present at the press conference, including Rep. Eddie Day Pashinski (D-Luzerne). He commended Gov. Shapiro and described how his administration “stood with working people and has shown real support for the skilled trades” over the course of his tenure. Olejnik stated Gov. Shapiro’s workforce policies and focus on apprenticeship programs are factors that allowed IBEW Local 163 JATC to double in size. He added that they hope to expand even further “as data centers continue to develop.” Olejnik stated that investing in workforce development is an “investment in the future of our state,” mentioning their JATC trains upcoming electricians with the skills they need to hone their craft. He thanked Gov. Shapiro once again before introducing him to speak.

Gov. Shapiro commended the IBEW Local 163 for their “critically important work” in communities, creating jobs and economic opportunities. He added he is grateful for their leadership in moving Pennsylvania forward. Gov. Shapiro recalled his visit to Luzerne County a week prior as the result of a “tragic” moment where two state troopers and one emergency medical services (EMS) worker were shot in the line of duty. He stated he visited with the troopers and EMS worker and reported they are “on the mend” and mentioned he will be “continuing to pray” for them and their families. Gov. Shapiro then focused on the work of the IBEW Local 163 JATC, highlighting the enjoyment he gets from watching students develop their skills in a “hands-on” environment and further transforming their learning and knowledge into economic opportunity. He also looked back on his announcement a few weeks prior, where he announced Amazon was investing an “initial \$20 billion” to build data centers in Northeastern Pennsylvania as well as Bucks County. “This is obviously a big deal for Local 163 and the hundreds of members that you represent, but it’s also a big deal for this region,” he said. Gov. Shapiro mentioned it is the “largest private sector investment” in the history of the commonwealth. He described feeling skepticism from “the voices of union leaders and union members” who were discouraged about the prospect of new trade jobs coming into Pennsylvania. He continued, “I think those letdowns now have turned to optimism about our future,” mentioning the “10,000 tradespeople” who will perform work on the initial data centers. Gov. Shapiro stated these are “good-paying jobs” that will help workers provide for their families and live comfortably. He further highlighted, as part of the Amazon \$20 billion investment, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania invested an additional \$10 million into workforce development in Northeastern Pennsylvania, as well as Bucks County. Gov. Shapiro commended and thanked Rep. Pashinski for “literally” being the deciding vote in the House of Representatives for the funding. “He’s never forgotten his community,” he continued.

Gov. Shapiro added that his administration is working with various community colleges and high schools as well in order to develop pre-apprenticeship programs and classes. He emphasized that every pathway to success should be respected and also validated by lawmakers. “We treat

people with respect, not just with our words, but with our deeds, with our actions,” Gov. Shapiro said. He highlighted that his first administrative action in office was removing the college degree requirement for 90% of state government jobs. Gov. Shapiro added that the General Assembly has invested 50% more in workforce development since the day he took office two and a half years ago. He lauded the 165 new apprenticeship programs that have been created, helping over 34,000 Pennsylvanians over the past two years. Gov. Shapiro commended the IBEW Local 163 for being “the epicenter of that work” and mentioned he was proud to have invested \$600,000 in that particular IBEW. He also announced a \$1 million investment to Luzerne County Community College (LCCC) for their “efforts to expose high school students to a career in the trades.” Gov. Shapiro highlighted his excitement about talking to apprenticeship students and asking them about their paths to trades work. He commented that many express not enjoying high school or college and incurring some levels of higher education debt before learning about apprenticeships and other pathways. Gov. Shapiro expressed concern for students not having exposure to trades work earlier in high school. However, due to the partnership between LCCC and local high schools, Gov. Shapiro stated that more exposure was occurring for students, leading them to alternative pathways to success. “That’s a win for everybody, for that individual, for our community college, for our union hall, for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,” he said. Gov. Shapiro added he will continue looking for ways to advance Pennsylvania. “It’s a team game, and this team is winning again here in the commonwealth,” he emphasized.

Matt Atherton, apprentice, IBEW Local 163, thanked the governor for his support in building more apprenticeship opportunities. He mentioned how the IBEW Local 163 JATC has been a “life-changing influence” in pursuing the electrical trade and developing his technical skills. Atherton explained how the IBEW and JATC gave hands-on experience and “empowered” him to excel in his career, provide for his family and take pride in his work and union community. Atherton recommended the IBEW Local 163 JATC program for anyone looking for a stable career with “great, competitive wages, good health insurance and a retirement that is hard to beat anywhere.”

Holly Pilcavage, vice president, Enrollment & Student Success, Luzerne County Community College (LCCC), stated she sees “first-hand” how education and business work together to build a “strong workforce.” She described LCCC as the “largest and most successful community college in Northeastern Pennsylvania,” noting it serves over 7,000 students across eight locations. She added that LCCC is a “leading partner” in the commonwealth’s technology and trades workforce to ensure that large companies, mentioning Amazon, expand in the region. “The economic wins we’ve seen in our region are exciting, but they also come with a great responsibility to prepare a skilled workforce,” Pilcavage said. She highlighted their Career and Technology Academy, LCCC’s program for high school students to earn college credits and develop “industry-recognized skills” before they continue education or enter the workforce. Pilcavage commended an Innovation Grant from the Department of Education (PDE), allowing tuition coverage for students in the first two years of the program. She states this removes “one of the biggest barriers to opportunity.” Pilcavage further focused on LCCC’s Micro-Credential Academy, focused on fields such as manufacturing and artificial intelligence (AI) and the Construction and Trade Pre-Apprenticeship Academy, which partners with the Pennsylvania Building & Construction Trades Council to create union apprenticeship programs. She stated the goal of these programs is to prepare Pennsylvania’s workforce for the region’s growth in advancing data centers, as well as other manufacturing and skilled trades work.

Lindsay Griffin-Boylan, president & CEO, Greater Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce, praised the “strategic investments” of the Shapiro administration in driving economic growth. She mentioned the Chamber’s priorities of workforce development and access to education. “We are committed to forging strong partnerships between businesses, workforce partners and educational institutions, empowering students and workers with the knowledge, skills and experiences necessary to fuel a robust regional talent pipeline,” Griffin-Boylan stated. She stressed the importance of having a workforce that can meet the demands of a growing economy. Griffin-Boylan highlighted the Luzerne Learns to Work program for high school students searching for different pathways after high school and workforce development tools. She emphasized how “every journey matters” when it comes to career and education because it helps keep the commonwealth “alive, thriving and competitive.”

Gov. Shapiro described the importance of partnerships and how it isn’t always seen as commonly in “our divided politics today.” He thanked local union leaders as well as business and education leaders for coming together, noting how “everything is now connected.” Gov. Shapiro emphasized it was because of partnerships such as these that he is able to secure large private sector investments, such as the deal with Amazon.

Gov. Shapiro opened the press conference to questions from the media.

### **How are budget negotiations going?**

Gov. Shapiro said he was working “tirelessly” with leadership. “I was in the Capitol yesterday talking to leaders. I was in Harrisburg this morning. I’m here with you now,” he said. “I’m going to be on the phone with the leaders again this afternoon, and I assume throughout the weekend.” Gov. Shapiro stated they are working in “polarizing times,” but expressed his confidence in their ability to work through adversity as they have in the past. He mentioned how leadership has been “respectful” as they work to “narrow” their differences and bridge the gap between the Democrats and Republicans.

**Recently, there have been reports that U.S. Congressman Rob Bresnahan (R-PA) received threats of violence preceding his wedding this weekend. What is your take on the political violence in this country, as someone who has been the subject of political violence?**

Gov. Shapiro responded that there is “no place” for violence in politics. He said he wishes Rep. Bresnahan and his fiancé “the very best” and “a life of happiness and a wonderful wedding.” Gov. Shapiro continued, saying “The way we settle our differences in this society and our politics is through debate” and “through speaking up in respectful ways.” He recalled the situation about three months ago when he was the victim of arson, mentioning he is grateful for the first responders who helped his family. Gov. Shapiro added there was no place for violence in Congress or in society.

**Do you have concerns regarding the acquisition deal between Community Health Systems (CHS), selling three hospitals to Tenor Health Foundation?**

Gov. Shapiro said he and his team are “aware of the challenges” at CHS. “We’re exploring a number of different options there to be able to have stable health care options for this region,” he added. Gov. Shapiro expressed his concern for rural hospital closures in Pennsylvania and mentioned the recent One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) will further this challenge. He stated he is working with “a bipartisan group of lawmakers” in Harrisburg to remove private equity from health care, as they allow “health care institutions to run into the ground.” Gov. Shapiro thanked Rep. Bridget Kosierowski (D-Lackawanna) and Rep. Pashinski for their leadership on the issue and for working together to find a sustainable solution.

**Does this proposal look viable?**

Gov. Shapiro said he was “working through some of the details.” He mentioned he did not want to get into specifics but assured that both he and his team were spending time on the issue.

**What do you say to concerns regarding data centers and how much energy they use, the noise they create and their environmental toll?**

Gov. Shapiro explained how Pennsylvania is a “net energy exporter,” highlighting that the commonwealth creates more energy than it uses and has the potential to create more. He stated that more energy production means “more freedom and more economic opportunity” for Pennsylvania. Gov. Shapiro noted his collaborations with Constellation for Three Mile Island nuclear clean power and with Homer City in Indiana County to create natural gas from an old coal-fired power plant. He stated that creating more energy allows the commonwealth to partner with large companies to invest in data centers, creating jobs and economic progress. Gov. Shapiro recalled how he “saved off about \$25 to \$30 billion in increased costs for consumers” when he sued the Pennsylvania-New Jersey-Maryland (PJM) power grid last December. He further noted how Pennsylvania should be creating more energy, which “allows us the flexibility to create the jobs and protect consumers.”

Gov. Shapiro further added that Amazon shares the same concerns regarding the environment, regarding “protecting the air and the water and the public health of communities.” He noted local townships that are getting data centers will still “have a say” in the process, as well as making the interests of their municipalities heard. Gov. Shapiro additionally stated Pennsylvania doesn’t “have a choice” in furthering data centers and AI. “AI is going to be developed,” he said. “The question is whether America is going to win the race to develop AI or whether China is going to win the race to develop AI.” Gov. Shapiro continued, saying Pennsylvania is one of “a handful” of states poised to be leaders on this front. “Our steel, our coal, helped power the world,” Gov. Shapiro stated. “This is the next frontier.”

**What do you tell your constituents in the southern end of Luzerne County who are concerned about the 12-mile transmission power line from Pennsylvania Power & Light (PPL) and losing their rural way of life?**

Gov. Shapiro stated he would be “happy” to talk with PPL to ensure they are hearing the community’s concerns. He mentioned how we “obviously” need power transmission but stated his belief in “a way to do it that not only puts these guys to work but puts them to work in a way that doesn’t upset their neighbors.”

**What are your thoughts on potentially running against State Treasurer Stacy Garrity for governor?**

Gov. Shapiro responded, “Look, the Republicans are going to deal with their intramural fight.” He said he is maintaining his focus on “bringing Democrats and Republicans together to get stuff done.”



## Committee News

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

### House Democratic Policy Committee

08/19/2025, 2:00 p.m., BNY Mellon Center, 1735 Market St. - 5th Floor Conference Center, Philadelphia

By Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee held a public hearing on food insecurity.

Rep. Amen Brown (D-Philadelphia) shared his personal experiences with food insecurity in Philadelphia, emphasizing its impact on human dignity and the importance of community efforts to combat hunger.

George Matysik, executive director, Share Food Program, discussed the organization's role in feeding children in Philadelphia, the 120% increase in food assistance needs, federal cuts to programs like Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the anticipated \$6.5 million in cuts from the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). He urged lawmakers to focus on anti-poverty measures.

Loree Jones Brown, CEO, Philabundance Food Bank, highlighted the hunger crisis in southeastern Pennsylvania and southern New Jersey, the distribution of 35 million meals last year and the challenges posed by federal cuts, including the loss of 250,000 pounds of food and \$1.5 million in funding. She called for government and nonprofit collaboration to address hunger.

Chairman Ryan Bizzarro (D-Erie) said he is "encouraged by the governor's proposal." He continued, "Which is why we sent a comprehensive piece to the Senate, which they have been playing games with, that made the investments in these critical programs." Noting Erie County's proximity to New York and Ohio, he asked whether the food distributed by the organizations stays within Pennsylvania. Matysik responded that 100% of their food stays within the five-county Philadelphia region. Brown replied, "We serve both southeastern Pennsylvania and southern New Jersey." She explained the food in the program that was cut "100% stayed in Pennsylvania."

Rep. Johanny Cepeda-Freytiz (D-Berks) expressed concern over food insecurity and asked for recommendations on collaborative solutions. Matysik discussed the complexity of finding solutions for other areas of policy but noted "easy" solutions for solving hunger. He praised the state food purchase program and Pennsylvania Agricultural Surplus Program (PASS) for their impact in Pennsylvania, emphasizing the importance of advocacy. Rep. Cepeda-Freytiz inquired about using green spaces for food production and how to involve the community in advocacy, stressing the need to contact federal legislators and Senate Republican leaders about budget issues. Brown highlighted the role of advocacy in addressing hunger, detailing her organization's efforts in food provision, workforce development and advocacy informed by those facing hunger. She mentioned the impact of federal advocacy and the importance of continued efforts. Matysik noted the prioritization of green spaces by Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding and the collaboration with the city council to identify more green spaces in Philadelphia.

Rep. Morgan Cephas (D-Philadelphia) emphasized the need for strategies that include rural areas and collaboration with non-partisan organizations, asking about strategies for reversing harm. Matysik discussed creating an equitable food system and highlighted progress in Pennsylvania, including home delivery services and plans to discuss this model in Washington, D.C. He mentioned the issue of food swamps in rural areas. Brown discussed the persistent food insecurity among specific demographics in Pennsylvania, advocating for support of programs like SNAP and Medicaid over direct funding for food banks. She highlighted the economic impact of SNAP reductions and called for support of the state food purchase program and PASS. Rep. Cephas inquired about the impact of federal funds being "unlawfully withheld" from Brown's organization, mentioning [HB 1804](#). Rep. Cephas explained the bill would "withhold payments to the federal government for every single dollar that is unlawfully withheld." Matysik mentioned a loss of about \$1.5 million per year used to purchase food from Pennsylvania farmers, emphasizing the financial impact on the farmers. Brown provided details of financial losses Philabundance would face but noted efforts to be more efficient as an organization.

Rep. Joseph Hohenstein (D-Philadelphia) emphasized the importance of investment in transit and food for healthier communities and economies and asked about the immediate impacts of budget cuts on various aspects of food distribution and organization health. Brown shared her observation of significantly emptier food shelves since spring, an unprecedented situation in her five years of experience, and mentioned her organization's efforts to maintain service levels despite these challenges. Matysik noted the issue of longer lines at food assistance locations due to increasing demand and anticipated worsening conditions with SNAP program cuts.

Rep. Joanna McClinton (D-Philadelphia), Speaker of the House, discussed the need for sustainable state-level investment and better support for farmers to help those in need across Pennsylvania. She thanked the testifiers for their efforts within their organizations.

Vincent Schiavone, chair and CEO, Caring for Friends, discussed Caring for Friends' efforts in addressing hunger, especially during COVID-19, and called for extended tax credits for food donations, better coordination among state departments and increased funding to combat hunger in Pennsylvania.

Rep. Andre Carroll (D-Philadelphia) highlighted the significant senior population in his district and the impact of SNAP cuts, asking about the financial investment needed to increase staff and cool storage to meet the growing need, and how schools can express interest in partnering with Caring for Friends for the cold storage initiative. Schiavone explained that schools and community organizations reach out through elected officials and entities like the city council, highlighting the need for funding to equip facilities with refrigerators and freezers.

Rep. Brown inquired about the investment from the City Council. Schiavone mentioned the council provided the amount was "a couple of \$100,000 a year," but emphasized the need for more funding. Rep. Brown asked if there was a specific line item in the budget for this funding. Schiavone stated he was unsure, noting many programs had been cut due to financial constraints.

Rep. Cephas inquired about the possibility of creating a "city-subsidized grocery store" to support the ecosystem in individual districts. Schiavone expressed skepticism about the effectiveness of such stores, citing failures in similar models and emphasizing the importance of leveraging local community resources like churches and synagogues for food distribution. Rep. Cephas discussed the closure of a grocery store in her district, emphasizing the need for strategies that complement food pantries. Schiavone mentioned they provide holiday lunches and indicated a willingness to discuss further with those who have remarks or questions.

Wendy Hutchison, Philadelphia constituent, shared her experiences living in a low-income senior building, highlighting the food insecurity faced by residents and praising Rep. Brown and his team for their efforts to provide healthy food to the community, emphasizing the importance of access to nutritious food for dignity and personal advancement.

Daaiyah Iqbal, Philadelphia constituent, shared her positive experience with Rep. Brown's food distribution office, noting the welcoming atmosphere and the high quality of the food provided. She said she became a volunteer at the food bank and highlighted the importance of the service to seniors, single parents and disabled individuals, emphasizing the need for nourishing food for those with health issues. Iqbal expressed her gratitude for the food bank's impact on her family and the broader community, including West Oakland, and urged panel members to support and subsidize community needs.

Johndi Harrell, founder and executive director, The Center for Returning Citizens (TCRC), discussed the challenges and adaptations his organization faced in food distribution across Philadelphia. He emphasized the need for additional funding to hire more staff, purchase vehicles and support their goal of being a resource for organizations on waiting lists for food supplies.

Andrea Bono, constituent, shared his personal struggles with food insecurity, highlighting the impact of community resources in providing consistent meals and a supportive community after his mother's SNAP benefits were cut.

Rep. Anthony Bellmon (D-Philadelphia) emphasized the importance of community food programs and asked for insights on reducing the stigma associated with receiving free food from pantries. Hutchison shared her reluctance to seek help from a food bank due to feelings of unworthiness and highlighted the emotional support she received from the pantry staff, which helped her overcome her hesitation.

Rep. Robert Matzie (D-Beaver) asked Hutchison if the approach of the Breezy Mart makes it more appealing for people to seek help and acknowledged the importance of community support and the role of government in supporting its citizens. Hutchison described the Breezy Mart method of food distribution as encouraging and community-oriented, sharing how she participates and helps others with excess food items.

Rep. Hohenstein related his personal experience with government assistance to the importance of support in overcoming challenges and unlocking potential.

Rep. Jacklyn Rusnock (D-Berks) emphasized recognizing the human element behind statistics in addressing hunger and education challenges, sharing her experiences as a teacher and praising the dignified approach to food pantries that allow individuals to choose their own food.

Chairman Bizzarro praised Rep. Brown for his impactful work in the community, likening his efforts to providing full-circle care. He highlighted the importance of replicating Rep. Brown's efforts throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and mentioned that

the day's testimony would be available online. Chairman Bizzarro emphasized the commitment to policies that benefit people and invited Rep. Brown to make closing remarks.

Rep. Brown shared personal reflections on the importance of service, highlighted by his daughter's wish to feed people for her birthday. "We have a lot more work to do," he said. "We cannot do it alone."



## **Bullet.in.Points**

No Bullet.in.Points this week.

## **Cosponsor Memos**

### **HCO2595 - Enhancing our Workforce by Recognizing the Skill of Biliteracy**

#### **Sponsor**

Rep. Joseph D'Orsie (R)

#### **Summary**

Gives school districts the opportunity to offer the seal of biliteracy on the diplomas of students who complete all necessary language requirements by the Department of Education.

#### **Intro Date**

08/21/2025

#### **Last Action**

08/21/2025 H - Cosponsor memo filed

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### **HCO2598 - Interest Free Loans for Pre-K Counts During Budget Impasse**

#### **Sponsor**

Rep. Eric Davanzo (R)

#### **Summary**

Provides no-interest loans equal to the amount a Pre-K Counts provider would have received if the budget had been enacted time and provides for programmatic flexibility for providers to be able to continue to participate in the Pre-K Counts program when the program re-starts after the budget is enacted, including modifying the minimum number of instructional days for providers that could not begin the school year on time due to the lack of timely payment.

#### **Intro Date**

08/21/2025

## Last Action

08/21/2025 H - Cosponsor memo filed

## Basic Ed Bill Actions

**HB1814 - 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 possession and use of cell phones.**

### Sponsor

Rep. Mandy Steele (D)

### Summary

(PN 2231) Amends the Public School Code, in pupils and attendance, providing for possession and use of cell phones. Provides that a student of a public school entity cannot possess or use a cell phone during the school day in an academic building of the public school entity. Establishes directions for possession of the cell phone at the beginning of the school day and repossession at the end of the school day. Provides for exceptions if a student is a member of a volunteer fire company, ambulance or rescue squad, a need for a cell phone due to an immediate family member's medical condition or an administrator approves the possession and use of the cell phone by the student. Requires the public school entity to develop and update its written policies on cell phone use, which will be subject to Department of Education approval. Defines "public school entity." Effective in 60 days.

### Intro Date

08/20/2025

### Actions

08/20/2025 H - Introduced

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08/20/2025 H - Referred to - House Education

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**SB969 - An Act amending Title 24 (Education) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, establishing the Educational Freedom for Families Program and the Teacher Excellence Incentive Fund; and imposing duties on the Department of Education and the State Treasurer.**

### Sponsor

Sen. Doug Mastriano (R)

### Summary

(PN 1109) Amends Title 24 (Education), establishing the Educational Freedom for Families Program within the Department of Education (PDE) and the Teacher Excellence Incentive Fund in the State Treasury; and imposing duties on PDE and the State Treasurer. Adds definitions. Provides for annual appropriations from the General Fund to PDE in an amount no less than the average per-pupil state subsidy for basic education funding and establishes the education savings account in the State treasury for each eligible student. Provides for the portability of the money deposited into the account and prohibits misappropriation, misuse and provides for audits. Grants PDE the authority to establish rules and guidelines, maintain a list of participating providers, conduct annual audits and ensure compliance with federal and state nondiscrimination laws. Establishes reporting requirements. Provides for charter and cyber charter school expansions, outlining the application process and the priorities. Establishes homeschooling support, including through instructional materials, technology resources and grant funding made available by PDE. Adds that no regulation under this chapter shall alter or infringe upon the autonomy of lawful home education programs. Provides for STEM program enhancements, providing for grant allocation and utilization requirements. Provides for appropriations from unspent or reclaimed account moneys from dormant or misused accounts, private donations and grants, federal education reform funds and other sources authorized by law. Outlines performance measures and implementation guidelines. Effective on July 1, 2026, or immediately, whichever is later.

**Intro Date**

08/15/2025

**Actions**

08/15/2025 S - Introduced

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08/15/2025 S - Referred to - Senate Education

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**SB973 - An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, providing for early human life development education.**

**Sponsor**

Sen. Michele Brooks (R)

**Summary**

(PN 1114) Amends the Public School Code, in terms and courses of study, providing for early human life development education. Requires school entities to provide instruction on early human life development education beginning in the 2025-2026 school year and continuing thereafter. Provides definitions. Effective immediately.

**Intro Date**

08/15/2025

**Actions**

08/15/2025 S - Introduced

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08/15/2025 S - Referred to - Senate Education

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## Higher Ed Bill Actions

No Bill Actions this Week.

## Upcoming Events

**TUESDAY – 08/26/2025**

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

*Public Hearing, The Peters Township Community Recreation Center, 700 Meredith Drive, Venetia*  
Public hearing on child care: challenges and solutions.

**THURSDAY – 08/28/2025**

**10:30 AM, State Education Funding Delays Press Conference**

*Press Conference, TBA, Harrisburg Capitol Complex*

## **In the News**

[08/15/2025 - In Luzerne County, Governor Shapiro Visits IBEW Local 163 Training Center to Highlight His Administration's Focus on Expanding Pennsylvania's Workforce to Create Jobs and Grow the Economy](#)

[08/15/2025 - In Northampton County, Shapiro Administration Completes \\$720,000 Stream Restoration Project at Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center to Strengthen Flood Resilience, Enhance Outdoor Recreation, and Expand Public Access to Bushkill Creek](#)

[08/19/2025 - Pa. students are not bargaining chips in state budget fight, PSEA leaders say](#)

[08/20/2025 - Pittsburgh Public high schools: absenteeism & performance](#)

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