

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



## State Update

### STATE BUDGET

*Hundreds of Pennsylvania educators call for cyber charter funding reform in state budget*

A letter featuring signatures from administrators at 215 schools was sent to state legislators Thursday — calling for a cyber charter funding formula that reflects the true cost of cyber education and increased transparency of how cyber charter schools use their tuition dollars.

[Click here](#) for full article.

**Source: Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, September 11, 2025.**

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*PA lawmakers say budget plan is imminent, without details ... again*

Democrats and Republicans insisted — again — this week that a potential deal is near, though details remain scarce.

[Click here](#) for full article.

**Source: WITF, September 10, 2025.**

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*Senate passes Baker's school bus safety bill*

Legislation sponsored by Sen. Baker, R-Lehman Township, to enhance school bus safety and better protect children traveling to and from school has been approved by the Senate.

[Click here](#) for full article.

**Source: Times Leader, September 10, 2025.**

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## *As PA budget impasse wears on, schools, some local agencies say they are already in crisis*

Pennsylvania's K-12 public school districts, which rely on varying levels of state subsidy to supplement their local property taxes, are seeing a similar slow burn of financial distress since the state missed its start-of-the-school-year education aid payments.

[Click here](#) for full article.

**Source: *PennLive*, September 8, 2025.**

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## *Amid state budget impasse, school leaders eye cyber-charter funding reform*

With local superintendents looking toward Harrisburg for developments on the state budget impasse, school leaders are also eyeing a bill that recently passed the House that could bring relief from ballooning cyber-charter school costs.

[Click here](#) for full article.

**Source: *Morning-Times*, August 30, 2025.**

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## **Basic Ed Bill Actions**

- [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: 09/10/2025 - Press Conference on Suicide Prevention Day
- [HB1850](#) - An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, providing for teacher tax credit.
  - Sponsor: Rep. Ed Neilson (D)
  - Action: 09/09/2025 - Referred to House Finance
- [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.
  - Sponsor: Sen. Judy Ward (R)
  - Action: 09/10/2025 - Removed from table
- [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.
  - Sponsor: Sen. Doug Mastriano (R)
  - Action: 09/10/2025 - Removed from table
- [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)
- Action: 09/12/2025 - Placed on HVS
  
- **SB604** - An Act authorizing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to join the Counseling Compact; and providing for the form of the compact.
- Sponsor: Sen. Lisa M. Boscola (D)
- Action: 09/10/2025 - Press Conference on Suicide Prevention Day
  
- **SB922** - An Act amending the act of January 28, 1988 (P.L.24, No.11), known as the Private Academic Schools Act, further providing for application for license, for issuance and renewal of license and for promulgation of rules and regulations.
- Sponsor: Sen. Scott Martin (R)
- Action: 09/10/2025 - Referred to - House Education

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*(A weekly report on legislative and executive actions on education-related legislation in Pennsylvania state government.)*

## **Federal Update**

### ***House panel approves 26% cut to Title I funding for FY26***

The House Appropriations Committee, after a day-long debate, advanced a bill Tuesday that would reduce federal Title I funding for low-income schools by 26% and cut the overall U.S. Department of Education budget by 15% to \$67 billion for fiscal year 2026.



**Click here** for full article.

**Source: K-12 DIVE, September 10, 2025.**

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### ***Most — but not all — imperiled federal grants for special education will continue***

The U.S. Department of Education will supply expected competitive grant funding for hundreds of in-progress special education projects nationwide in time for the upcoming fiscal year, reassuring grant recipients and advocates nationwide who had feared widespread cancellations.

**Click here** for full article. *(Subscription may be required.)*

**Source: Education Week, September 5, 2025.**

## **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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