

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



***Seasons Greetings!***  
***Wishing You Health and  
Happiness this Holiday  
Season and Prosperity in  
the New Year.***

***The PA Principals Association Board of  
Directors & Staff***

We will be back in your inbox on January 6, 2026.



## **State Update**

### ***Bill banning smartphones from Pa. public schools moves toward floor vote in Senate***

A mandated ban on mobile devices could begin no later than the start of the 2027-28 school year at public schools across Pennsylvania under terms of a bill that advanced Tuesday within the state Senate.

Unanimous votes cast by members of the Senate Education Committee amended and advanced **Senate Bill 1014** toward a floor vote. The bipartisan vote reflected the legislation's broad support. It has 12 Democrats and 8 Republicans listed as cosponsors.

**[Click here](#)** for the full article.

**Source:** *Allied News*, Dec. 10, 2025.

**[Click here](#)** for the *PA Principals Association's Position Statement*. (Cited by Sen. Williams in the above article.)

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### ***Allegheny County and officials elsewhere want state to pay for budget impasse costs***

School districts — possibly the most shortchanged category during the July 1

- November 12 stretch without a budget — don't yet know their collective losses, according to Kevin Busher, chief advocacy officer for the Pennsylvania School Boards Association.

[Click here](#) for the full article.(Subscription may be required.)

**Source:** *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, December 12, 2025.

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## *Gov. Shapiro highlights education funding boost at Susquehanna Township HS*

Education funding makes up the largest portion of Pennsylvania's state budget, and for some districts, this year's \$900 million increase for public schools arrived at a critical time.

That includes Susquehanna Township School District, which officials say is the fastest-growing district in the Commonwealth.

[Click here](#) for the full article.

**Source:** *Fox43*, December 10, 2025.

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## *2025-26 School Code Implementation Guide*

As a follow-up from the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) regarding the enacted 2025–26 state budget and amendments to the Public School Code, they have provided a [2025-26 School Code Implementation Guide](#). This document provides a more detailed overview of the provisions included in Act 47 of 2025 and offers deeper implementation details, effective dates and specific requirements to support your planning across the coming months and year.

[Click here](#) for the guide.

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## **BASIC BILL ACTIONS**

- **[HB2092](#)** - An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school finances, providing for reduction of school district debt.  
• **Sponsor:** Rep. Seth M. Grove (R)  
• **Action:** 12/09/2025 - Referred to House Education
- **[HB2095](#)** - An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in preliminary provisions, providing for mandate waiver program.  
• **Sponsor:** Rep. Seth M. Grove (R)  
• **Action:** 12/09/2025 - Referred to House Education
- **[HB2079](#)** - An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, establishing the Budget Impasse Reimbursement Program.  
• **Sponsor:** Rep. Sean Dougherty (D)  
• **Action:** 12/03/2025 - Referred to - House Appropriations
- **[SB116](#)** - 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 credit for employment at congregate care facility.  
• **Sponsor:** Sen. David G. Argall (R)  
• **Action:** 12/09/2025 - First consideration

- **SB299** - An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for Pennsylvania Promise Program; and establishing the Pennsylvania Promise Program Fund.
- **Sponsor: Sen. Vincent J. Hughes (D)**
- **Action: 12/05/2025 - Referred to Senate Education**
- **SB1014** - 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 bell-to-bell phone-free policy.
- **Sponsor: Sen. Devlin J. Robinson (R)**
- **Action: 12/09/2025 - First consideration**
- **SB1111** - An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school security, further providing for school security personnel.
- **Sponsor: Sen. Jarrett Coleman (R)**
- **Action: 12/05/2025 - Referred to Senate Education**
- **SB1116** - 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 communism education.
- **Sponsor: Sen. Doug Mastriano (R)**
- **Action: 12/10/2025 - Referred to Senate Education**

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## **EDUCATION RECAP**

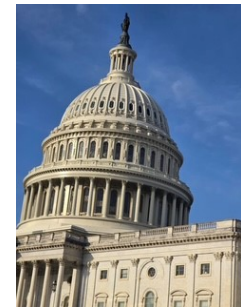
***Click here*** for more.

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

## **Federal Update**

### ***Trump calls for federal policy framework preempting state AI laws***

President Donald Trump **signed an executive order Thursday** challenging the growing ecosystem of state AI laws and setting the stage for a federal policy to oversee the technology, citing concerns over compliance challenges for businesses and stymying innovation.



***Click here*** for full article.

**Source: K-12 DIVE, December 12, 2025.**

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### ***House subcommittee advances 18 bills to protect minors online***

The House Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade on Thursday **advanced 18 bills** seeking to protect children and teens online, including the Kids Online Safety Act and the Children and Teens' Online Privacy Protection Act or COPPA 2.0.

***Click here*** for full article.

**Source: K-12 DIVE, December 12, 2025.**

## *Education Department distributes more than \$208M in new mental health grants*

The new funds come after the agency controversially revoked up to \$1 billion under the same programs from recipients that incorporated DEI efforts.

[Click here](#) for full article.

Source: *K-12 DIVE*, December 11, 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 (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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