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SESSION STATUS

At 5:48 p.m. on Wednesday, December 17, 2025, the House stands adjourned until Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. for non-voting session, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

At 3:32 p.m. on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, the Senate recessed until Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 11:50 a.m. unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore.

UPCOMING SESSION DAYS

House

Jan. 6 (NV), 26-28
Feb. 2-4
March 23-25
April 13-15, 27-29
May 4-6
June 1-3, 8-10, 15-17, 22-30
Sept. 28-30
Oct. 5-7, 19-21
Nov. 9, 10

Senate

Jan. 6, 26-28
Feb. 2-4
March 16-18, 23-25
April 20-22
May 4-6
June 1-3, 8-10, 22-26, 29-30

The Education Recap is a comprehensive weekly report on legislative and executive actions on education-related legislation in Pennsylvania state government, as compiled and edited by PLS. Additional information, including video, transcript and testimony, is available to [PLSGovTrac](https://www.plsgovtrac.com) users. For more information, contact sales@mypls.com.

Press Conferences

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

No press conferences this week.

Committee News

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

House Education Committee

*12/16/2025, 10:00 a.m., Room 205, Ryan Office Building
By Dominic Kenny, Pennsylvania Legislative Services*

The committee met to consider one resolution.

HR 370 – (PN 2612) Resolution recognizing November 29, 2025, as the “50th Anniversary of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act” in Pennsylvania. The resolution was unanimously **reported as committed**.

Minority Chairman Bryan Cutler (R-Lancaster) said the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) has created countless opportunities for students with disabilities to succeed. “I personally believe compassion and conservatism can coexist,” he said.

HB 158 – (PN 149) The Fairness in Women’s Sports Act provides for sport activities in public institutions of higher education and public school entities to be expressly designated male, female or coed; and creates causes of action for harms suffered by designation. Provides definitions. Prohibits an athletic team or sport designated for females, women or girls from being open to students of the male sex. Specifies that students are not restricted from participating in an interscholastic, intercollegiate, intramural or club athletic team or sport designed for the student’s sex or designated coed or mixed. Asserts that a government entity, licensing or accrediting organization or an athletic association or organization may not entertain a complaint, open an investigation or take other adverse action against a school or institution of higher education for maintaining a separate interscholastic, intercollegiate, intramural or club athletic team or sport for students of the female sex. Provides for cause of action, outlining deprivation of opportunity, retaliation, school’s cause of action and limitation. Asserts that if part of this act is found invalid, all valid parts that are severable from the invalid part shall remain in effect. Adds that if a part of this act is invalid in one or more of its applications, the part remains in effect in all valid applications that are severable from the invalid applications. Effective in 60 days. The bill was **re-referred** to the House Judiciary Committee, along a party-line vote, with Republicans voting in the negative.

Chairman Cutler said the referral of the bill breaks the trust of constituents and clouds the democratic process. “I think it does a great disservice to the communications that we have built with each other and our counterparts,” he said. “I would be more in favor of an actual discussion of the underlying issues.”

Rep. Jason D’Orsie (R-York) said he thought it was “embarrassing” for the committee to be “dodging a vote on a bill that eight out of ten Americans support.” He said the topics covered by the bill are irrelevant to the Judiciary Committee.

Rep. Brian Rasel (R-Westmoreland) asked what is causing the committee to be “kicking the can back and forth” on this issue. Rep. Mary Isaacson (D-Philadelphia) said there was no specific organization that was dictating where the bill was going to be referred. Rep. Rasel asked if it was a decision of party leadership, which Rep. Isaacson confirmed.

Rep. Jill Cooper (R-Westmoreland) expressed her disappointment with the decision of the committee. She said she was voted the most athletic female in high school and college and insisted that the House Education Committee was the right place to vote on the bill.

Rep. Stephanie Scialabba (R-Butler) called the referral of the bill a “delay tactic” and “a shame.”

[HB 1849](#) – (PN 2285) The Dads Defending Daughters Act provides for sport activities in public institutions of higher education and public school entities to be expressly designated male, female or coed; and creates causes of action for harm suffered by designation. Provides definitions. Requires interscholastic, intercollegiate, intramural or club athletic teams or sports that are sponsored by a public school entity, a public institution of higher education or any school or institution where students or teams compete against a public school entity or institution of higher education must be expressly designated as either male, men or boys, female, women or girls, or coed or mixed. Prohibits teams designated as females, women or girls from being open to students of the male sex. Provides protections for educational institutions from government entities, licensing or accrediting organizations or an athletic association or organization entertaining a complaint, opening an investigation or taking any other adverse action for maintaining separate interscholastic, intercollegiate, intramural or club athletic teams for students of the female sex. Provides for cause of action for deprivation of opportunity, retaliation and the school’s cause of action. Establishes limitations of later than two years after the day on which the harm underlying the cause of action occurs to bring a civil action. Provides for the severability of the act. Effective immediately. The bill was **re-referred** to the House Judiciary Committee, along a party-line vote, with Republicans voting in the negative.

Chairman Cutler said he will oppose the referral of this bill due to the same reasons as the last bill.

Rep. D’Orsie said the committee’s decision to refer the bill was a “strategic maneuver” and “disgraceful.”

Rep. Scialabba, speaking as a member of both committees, said the House Judiciary Committee will not provide any additional expertise. She said the House Education Committee has a responsibility to vote on the bill.

Rep. Cooper reiterated that the House Education Committee is “the place to vote on the bill.” She said politicians are elected to vote on controversial issues.

Rep. Marc Anderson (R-York) said the decision to refer the bill was rooted in “cowardice.” He urged the committee to take a stance and vote on the bill.



House Appropriations Committee

12/16/2025, 11:50 a.m., Room 140, Main Capitol

By Derek Danneker, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider several bills.

[HB 135](#) - (PN 2233) Amends Title 15 (Corporations and Unincorporated Associations), in workers' cooperative corporations, further providing for corporations, for articles of incorporation and for directors and officers. Lowers the required number of workers for a cooperative from five to three. Effective in 60 days. The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[HB 458](#) - (PN 440) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), in post-trial matters, further providing for eligibility for relief, providing for postconviction review for veterans with service-connected mental health disability and further providing for jurisdiction and proceedings; and, in sentencing, further providing for sentencing procedure for murder of the first degree. Allows an individual

serving or awaiting a sentence as a result of a first-degree murder charge to submit a written motion for the court to conduct a mental health evaluation to find if the individual has a military service-connected mental health disability, with authorized medical forms already released upon the date of the motion, asserting the service-connected mental health disability mitigates the circumstances surrounding the crime and was a contributing factor for the offense. Allows the court to not conduct a mental health evaluation if there is no reasonable possibility the individual could have a service-connected mental health disability that contributed to the offense. Directs the president judge of the Court of Common Pleas to assign postconviction relief to either a veterans court or a judge specializing in veterans affairs. Allows an individual to file for a hearing for postconviction relief during a 60-day period beginning on the individual's notice of mental health evaluation results to determine whether the evidence from the mental health evaluation would have reasonably altered the outcome of a trial. Directs the court to notify the Department of Corrections (DOC) of the individual's mental health status, if proven to be service-connected, in order to provide the individual with all necessary protections. Directs mental health evaluation findings to not be used as evidence against the individual in any way. Provides definitions. Effective in 60 days. The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[HB 1530](#) - (PN 1787) The Genetic Information Privacy Act provides for duties of direct-to-consumer genetic testing companies and for prohibition on disclosure of genetic data of consumers; and imposes civil penalties. Provides definitions. Asserts that a direct-to-consumer genetic testing company must provide clear and complete information regarding the company's policies and procedures for the collection, use or disclosure of genetic data. Stipulates that a direct-to-consumer genetic testing company must obtain a consumer's consent for the collection, use or disclosure of the consumer's genetic data. Asserts that a direct-to-consumer genetic testing company must require a valid legal process for disclosing genetic data to a law enforcement agency or any other federal, state or local government entity without the consumer's express written consent. Stipulates that a direct-to-consumer genetic testing company must develop, implement and maintain a comprehensive security program to protect the consumer's genetic data against unauthorized access, use or disclosure. Prohibits direct-to-consumer genetic testing companies from disclosing a consumer's genetic data to insurance entities or the employer of the consumer. Permits the Office of the Attorney General to bring civil action to enforce the provisions of the act. Provides for applicability. Effective in 60 days. The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[HB 1768](#) - (PN 2638) The Keystone Fresh Act establishes the Keystone Fresh Program; provides for the Fresh Schools Grant Program, for the Keystone Producer Grant Program, for the Keystone Assistance Grant Program and for the administration of the Keystone Fresh Program by the Department of Education (PDE) and the Department of Agriculture (PDA); and establishes the Keystone Fresh Fund. Provides General Assembly findings and declarations. Provides definitions. Adds definition for "institution of higher education." Redefines "new and beginning farmer or rancher." Establishes the Keystone Fresh Program and the Fresh Schools Grant Program within PDE in consultation with PDA to provide reimbursement for the purchase of local food for school meals. Outlines eligibility requirements and the evaluation process for applicants. Includes grant amounts based on student enrollment. Explains eligible and ineligible uses for grants and reimbursement of eligible costs. Requires the PDE to monitor the Fresh Schools Grant Program. Includes information grantees must provide for reimbursement. Establishes the Keystone Producer Grant Program and Keystone Assistance Grant Program and outlines eligible uses of grant money. Asserts that PDA will develop an application and process for awarding grants, as well as determine grant amounts. Asserts that PDE and PDA will receive the necessary funds from the fund to cover administrative costs. Requires PDE and PDA to biennially contact an eligible entity for an external review to evaluate the efficacy of this act. Includes nonprofit organizations and academic institutions as eligible entities for external review. Provides the contents of the external report. Establishes the Keystone Fresh Fund as an interest-bearing restricted account. Elaborates on the eligible use of money. Sections 5, 6 and 8 are effective in 245 days. Section 10 is effective immediately. The remainder of this act will be effective in 180 days. (Prior PN: 2596, 2177). The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[HB 1825](#) - (PN 2639) Amends the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, further providing for powers and duties of the commission; and providing for employer policies and procedures. Requires an employer to adopt written policies and procedures for preventing harassment, discrimination and retaliation against employees and outlines content requirements for the policies and procedures. Adds a prohibition on making false and frivolous reports of harassment, discrimination and retaliation, including any disciplinary consequences for an employee who knowingly makes a false or frivolous report. Removes "timely, thorough and prompt" from employer procedure requirement for investigation of claims of harassment, discrimination and retaliation. Requires visible and easy access to the policies and procedures and record keeping of the current policy and procedures, made available to the commission upon request. Directs the commission to develop standard policies and procedures that may be used by an employer to satisfy the requirements and to post the policies and procedures on their website, adding that nothing in the clause shall be construed to require an employer to adopt the standard policies and procedures, provided they maintain policies and procedures that are consistent with the requirements. Adds that in the case of federal changes, the commission shall publish those changes on its website within 45 days. Provides for complaints and penalties for violations. Removes provisions of the Human Relations Training Fund. Provides for a fine imposed and collected by the commission and deposited into the general fund. Effective in 120 days. (Prior PN: 2409, 2249). The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[SB 734](#) - (PN 799) An Act providing for the America250PA Semiquincentennial Celebration Bell monument on the grounds of the State Capitol to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, Pennsylvania's integral role in that event and the impact of its people on the nation's past, present and future. Lists General Assembly findings. Designates the location of

the monument. Establishes duties for the Department of General Services. Effective immediately. The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[HB 1881](#) - (PN 2637) Amends the Pharmacy Act, further providing for pharmacy technician and pharmacy technician trainee registration, qualifications and supervision; providing for administration of injectable medications, biologicals and immunizations, for clinical laboratory certificate and for report on pharmacy-administered vaccines; and repealing Chapter 10 of the Pharmacy Audit Integrity and Transparency Act. Expands pharmacists' practice authority to provide vaccines in accordance with recommendations from Pennsylvania's health authorities informed by professional medical societies. Directs the board to establish education and training standards and practice guidelines pursuant to which pharmacists shall be authorized to administer injectable medications, biologicals and immunizations to individuals eight years of age or older and influenza and COVID-19 immunizations by injectable or needle-free delivery methods to individuals five years of age or older. Adds that an individual practicing as a pharmacy technician for at least one year between January 29, 2019, and June 28, 2025, is not required to comply with clause (3)(i) or (ii). Outlines what the standards and guidelines shall include. Requires reporting on the administration of immunizations to the immunization registry maintained by the Department of Health (DOH) within 72 hours of immunization administration and to the individual's primary care provider. Details who may administer injectable medications, biologicals and immunizations. Removes a provision stating the administration of injectable medications, biologicals and immunizations must be in accordance with a definitive set of treatment guidelines established by a physician and consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommendations or another competent authority approved by the board. Adds that the administration of injectable medications, biologicals and immunizations must be in accordance with a definitive set of treatment guidelines established by a physician and consistent with specified requirements. Changes that DOH can exclude an immunization from administration under section 3.5 upon a determination under clause (3)(ii). Provides for if a pharmacy holds a valid certificate of waiver issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Specifies when a pharmacist may designate the administration of a test to a pharmacy intern or pharmacy technician. Asserts that DOH shall submit any nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines that DOH has disapproved to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the next available issue of the Pennsylvania Bulletin. Requires DOH to report information concerning authorized pharmacist activities to the Senate president pro tempore, House Speaker and majority and minority leaders of the House and Senate. Directs DOH to review available data. Mandates DOH to report its findings no later than five years following the effective date, include recommendations for changes in the laws of this commonwealth and, upon completion of the report and transmission of the report, publish the findings on its website. Effective in 60 days. (Prior PN: 2424, 2341). The bill was **reported as committed**, along a party-line vote, with Republicans voting in the negative.



House Appropriations Committee

12/17/2025, 12:50 p.m., Room 140, Main Capitol

By Kyle Purchase, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider several bills.

Before getting to the agenda, Chairman Jordan Harris (D-Philadelphia) and Minority Chairman James Struzzi (R-Indiana) thanked Reps. Josh Siegel (D-Lehigh) and Torren Ecker (R-Adams) for their service to the committee and wished them well in their future roles.

[HB 1663](#) – (PN 2710) Amends the Public School Code, establishing the Statewide Children's Literacy Program and the Children's Literacy of Pennsylvania Restricted Account; and imposing duties on the Department of Education. Revises definitions. Provides additional definitions. Establishes the Children's Literacy of Pennsylvania Restricted Account in the General Fund. Permits the State Treasurer to accept outside revenues for deposit into the account. Asserts that money from the account shall be allocated to qualified local entities that agree to a dollar-for-dollar match for purposes of the program. Permits the department to waive the dollar-for-dollar match requirement to prevent undue financial hardship. Stipulates that money remaining in the account at the close of the fiscal year will not lapse and instead will be carried forward to the next fiscal year. Stipulates that any interest that accrues in the account will remain. Establishes the Statewide Children's Literacy Program within the Department of Education to promote the development of a comprehensive statewide initiative to encourage children from birth to five years of age to develop a love of reading and learning. Directs qualified local entities to use allocated money to provide one age-appropriate book to each eligible child in the qualified local entity's service area. Asserts that books will be sent monthly to each child's home at no cost to families. Stipulates that a book provided under this subsection may not contain depictions of sexual activity, child pornography, pornography, nudity or

sexual conduct, or material that is obscene as defined in 18 PA.C.S. § 5903(B) (relating to obscene and other sexual materials and performances). Directs the department to match the amount required of qualified local entities. Revises departmental duties to include language for the Children's Literacy Program. Permits the department to promulgate necessary regulations. Directs the department to submit a report to the General Assembly no later than January 1 following the end of the fiscal year in which funds were allocated from the account. Provides for the contents of the report. Effective in 60 days. (Prior PN: 2031). The bill was **reported as committed**, along a party-line vote, with Republicans voting in the negative.

[A02268](#), by Harris, adds department oversight and the requirement for a qualified local entity to provide the eligible child's family with information about how to obtain a library card from the local library. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

Chairman Struzzi asked for a summary of the amendment. Courtney Richardson, Democratic executive director and chief counsel, provided the summary of the amendment. Chairman Struzzi thanked Richardson for the reading and said, "I think we're all supportive of our local library." Speaking on the amended bill, he said Republicans would vote in the negative but did appreciate the support of local libraries.

[HB 505](#) - (PN 2362) Amends Title 66 (Public Utilities), in restructuring of electric utility industry, further providing for energy efficiency and conservation program. Lists required components for the program. Strikes the word "resilience" throughout the act. Establishes duties of electric distribution companies, including plan requirements. Requires the plan to include specific energy efficiency measures and programs that result in reductions in consumption for households at or below 150% of the federal poverty income or an alternative income level established by the commission, not less than 150% of the Federal poverty income guidelines. Stipulates that upon request by an electric distribution company, the commission may establish an alternative compliance mechanism for direct installation of energy-efficient equipment that produces quantifiable and verified reductions in energy consumption for households at or below the income level established in this clause. Asserts the amount of funding proposed for an alternative compliance mechanism may not be less than the amount expended by the electric distribution company for specific energy efficiency measures or programs for households at or below 150% of the federal poverty income guidelines, or the alternative income level approved by the commission under this clause, in the prior phase. Adds that the alternative compliance mechanism may be established based on a specified dollar amount of funding provided for the direct installations by the companies. Provides fund allocation limitations. Revises what the program shall be subject to. Requires that by November 30, 2030, the commission shall compare the total costs of energy efficiency, resilience and conservation plans implemented under this section to the total savings in energy, resilience and capacity costs to retail customers in this commonwealth or other costs determined by the commission, and if the commission determines that the benefits of the plans exceed the costs, the commission shall set requirements for electric distribution companies to establish a program addressing daily peak demand or an alternative reduction program approved by the commission. Removes program evaluation requirements. Provides for commission approval, stipulating the commission may not disapprove a plan solely due to the inclusion of mechanical insulation, including insulation materials, facings and accessory products used for thermal requirements for mechanical piping and equipment, hot and cold applications and heating, venting and air conditioning applications. Revises penalty provisions. Requires collected penalties to be deposited into the hardship fund of the energy distribution company for the respective service territory. Adds that no penalty shall be assessed for a company that has timely and in good faith filed a plan subsequently approved by the commission. Authorizes the commission to limit costs, providing that the total cost of any plan required under this section prior to May 31, 2031, shall be the amount approved by the commission for the prior phase multiplied by the total percentage change in the electric distribution company's distribution base revenue in the prior phase. Provides incentives. Requires the direction for an industrial sector study and to post a report on the commission's website. Provides and revises several definitions. Strikes language from the definition of "energy efficiency," regarding measuring increased consumer resilience, and adds a definition for "phase." The amendment or addition of 66 Pa.C.S. § 2806.1(e) (2)(iii), (f), (k.1) and (k.2) is effective in 60 days. Section 3 is effective immediately. The remainder of this act is effective May 31, 2031. (Prior PN: 1482). The bill was **reported as committed**, along a party-line vote, with Republicans voting in the negative.

[HB 1957](#) – (PN 2711) Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for personal reproductive liberty. Adds that every individual has the fundamental right to exercise personal reproductive liberty and make and effectuate decisions regarding the individual's own reproduction. Prohibits the commonwealth from denying, burdening, infringing upon or abridging this right unless justified by a compelling state interest achieved by the least restrictive means. Permits the commonwealth to regulate the provision of abortion care after fetal viability, except that in no circumstance shall the commonwealth prohibit an abortion that, in the professional judgement of an attending health care professional, is medically indicated to protect the life or physical or mental health of the pregnant individual. Defines "fetal viability." Constitutional amendments require approval in two consecutive legislative sessions and then approval by the voters through a referendum. (Prior PN: 2468). The bill was **reported as committed**, along a party-line vote, with Republicans voting in the negative.

[HB 710](#) - (PN 2597) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in financial responsibility, further providing for required financial responsibility and providing for online verification of financial responsibility. Requires the Department of Transportation to verify financial responsibility information self-certified by a motor vehicle registrant through the verification system established under section 1786.1 (relating to online verification of financial responsibility). Stipulates that if the verification system provides no evidence of financial responsibility,

the department shall send the owner or registrant a notice providing the owner or registrant the opportunity to provide proof of financial responsibility to the department. Permits proof of financial responsibility to be satisfied through the online verification system established under section 1786.1. Does not require a motor vehicle owner or registrant to provide a financial responsibility identification card if coverage is confirmed through the online verification system. Adds that any insurer who has issued a contract of motor vehicle liability insurance or any approved self-insurance entity must notify the department in an appropriate and timely manner and asserts this does not apply to an insurer that participated in the verification system established under section 1786.1. Requires an insurer to provide a copy of the cancellation notice of insurer's filing procedures with proof that the notice was written in the normal course of business and mailing upon request of an owner or registrant in an appeal case. Asserts that the department is not required to produce a copy or other proof that a notice of termination, lapse or cancellation was provided to the owner or registrant in order to satisfy the burden of proof in a proceeding under section 1786 (e). Provides online verification and the duty to establish an online verification system. Establishes system and participation requirements. Adds system requirements must be consistent with specifications and standards supported and used by motor vehicle administrators in other jurisdictions of the United States. Requires insurers with over 1,000 contracts of motor vehicle liability insurance to have the ability to respond to and confirm a request for verification of financial responsibility for at least 24 months prior to the date of the request for verification of financial responsibility. Asserts that an insurer is not required to respond to and confirm a request for verification of financial responsibility made more than six months prior to the effective date of section 1786.1(c)(3). Provides liability. Requires reporting. Provides for temporary regulations. Defines "department." The addition of 75 Pa.C.S. § 1786.1(a), (b)(7) and (i) is effective immediately. Section 3 is effective immediately. The remainder of this act is effective in 18 months. (Prior PN: 729). The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[HB 1251](#) - (PN 2533) Amends the Physical Therapy Practice Act, further providing for definitions and for practice of physical therapy. Adds definitions for "midwife" and "physician assistant." Strikes "certified nurse" from the language in section 2. Expands the practice of physical therapy to include midwives. Makes technical changes. Effective in 60 days. (Prior PN: 2296). The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[HB 1286](#) – (PN 2709) Amends the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline Notification Act, further providing for definitions; providing for training requirements for public lodging establishments and for training requirements for third-party listing platforms and rental operators; further providing for enforcement, for violation, for affirmative defenses, for administrative penalties and for criminal penalties; and imposing duties on the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD). Amends the definition of "establishment" and adds several definitions. Requires public lodging establishment owners, operators or managers and third-party contractors to ensure that each employee and contract worker receives human trafficking awareness training. Outlines how the required training shall be completed. Revises the approval of training programs to include consultation with statewide associations representing the lodging, hospitality and travel and tourism industries. Specifies that failure to comply with this requirement shall constitute a breach of the contract. Provides for alternative training. Adds language for a third-party listing platform throughout the act. Provides training components. Asserts that completed training shall be valid for two years from the date of completion. Requires a record of completion maintained in digital or paper form. Outlines the components that the human trafficking awareness training shall include. Mandates PCCD, in consultation with the Pennsylvania Restaurant and Lodging Association, to approve free online training courses or existing programs that meet the requirements and publish a list of approved training programs on its website. Requires record retention, stating records shall be made available to the Department of Labor and Industry (L&I) or a law enforcement agency upon request. Directs third-party listing platforms to ensure that each rental operator using the platform completes human trafficking awareness training, detailing how training shall be completed and providing for alternative training. Asserts that completed training shall be valid for two years from the date of completion. Requires a record of completion maintained in digital or paper form, and requires record retention, which shall be made available to L&I, an appropriate law enforcement agency or the licensing authority upon request. Adds providing training acknowledgements or records of completion for review upon request by an appropriate law enforcement agency or the licensing authority to the responsibilities under enforcement. Specifies that failure by an owner, operator or manager of a public lodging establishment or third-party contractor to comply with section 3.1 and failure by a third-party listing platform or rental operator to comply with section 3.2 constitutes a violation of this act. Replaces the general rule under affirmative defenses with owners, operators or managers. Provides for third-party listing platforms or rental operators and an affidavit by third-party listing platforms or rental operators. Includes the training requirements of section 3.1 or 3.2 under the administrative penalty provisions. Outlines the schedule of sanctions regarding training requirements. Adds an exception to penalties collected, municipal enforcement and Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) enforcement, asserting that no less than 50% of the penalties retained by the licensing authority, the municipality, or PSP shall be distributed to PCCD for grants under 18 Pa.C.S. § 3031 (relating to grants). Revises language under criminal penalties to include the training requirements of section 3.1 or 3.2 and changes the time frame to 90 days. Allows the licensing authority to suspend the license of a public lodging establishment or short-term rental for up to one year upon receipt of a certified record of conviction and notification from the court. Effective in one year. (Prior PN: 1462). The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[HB 150](#) - (PN 2066) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), in sentencing, repealing provisions relating to transfer of inmates in need of medical treatment and providing for modification of an imposed term of imprisonment for reasons of illness. Repeals Section 9777. Revises the authority of the court, authorizing a court to modify a term of imprisonment in cases involving

serious health issues, listing conditions that may be satisfied. Provides notification and decision requirements. Outlines judicial procedures. Requires the court to issue a decision on a petition, stating the reasons for the decision and the decision shall be made within 30 days of a petition made under subsection (a). Mandates annual reporting. Removes and adds other definitions. Applies the act to an individual sentenced on, before or after the effective date of this section. Effective in 60 days. (Prior PN: 1386). The bill was **reported as committed**, with Republicans voting in the negative, except Rep. Ecker.



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LRB: DOCUMENTS FILED BUT NOT PUBLISHED

The Legislative Reference Bureau announced that it has accepted the following documents during the preceding calendar month for filing without publication:

- Management Directive No. 310.13 Amended—Responsibilities for Annual Comprehensive Financial Reporting approved on November 10, 2025
- Management Directive No. 310.23 Amended—Commonwealth Purchasing Program approved on November 6, 2025
- Management Directive No. 315.15 Amended—Withholding of Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency Loans from Employee Pay approved on November 10, 2025
- Management Directive No. 315.27 Amended—Recovery of Conversion Payments approved on November 10, 2025

Additional information is available on the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Cosponsor Memos

HCO2941 - Data Center Homestead Exclusion

Sponsor

Rep. Jeff Olsommer (R)

Summary

Requires that increases to property tax revenue attributable to new data center construction within a school district shall be used exclusively to fund additional Homestead/Farmstead property tax relief for district residents.

Intro Date

12/15/2025

Last Action

12/15/2025 H - Cosponsor memo filed

Basic Ed Bill Actions

HB158 - An Act providing for sport activities in public institutions of higher education and public school entities to be expressly designated male, female or coed; and creating causes of action for harms suffered by designation.

Sponsor

Rep. Barbara Gleim (R)

Summary

(PN 149) The Fairness in Women's Sports Act provides for sport activities in public institutions of higher education and public school entities to be expressly designated male, female or coed; and creates causes of action for harms suffered by designation. Provides definitions. Prohibits an athletic team or sport designated for females, women or girls from being open to students of the male sex. Specifies that students are not restricted from participating in an interscholastic, intercollegiate, intramural or club athletic team or sport designed for the student's sex or designated coed or mixed. Asserts that a government entity, licensing or accrediting organization or an athletic association or organization may not entertain a complaint, open an investigation or take other adverse action against a school or institution of higher education for maintaining a separate interscholastic, intercollegiate, intramural or club athletic team or sport for students of the female sex. Provides for cause of action, outlining deprivation of opportunity, retaliation, school's cause of action and limitation. Asserts that if part of this act is found invalid, all valid parts that are severable from the invalid part shall remain in effect. Adds that if a part of this act is invalid in one or more of its applications, the part remains in effect in all valid applications that are severable from the invalid applications. Effective in 60 days.

Intro Date

01/17/2025

Actions

01/17/2025 H - Referred to House Education

10/29/2025 H - Discussed during voting meeting House Health

12/16/2025 H - Voted favorably from committee with request to re-refer to House Judiciary House Education

12/16/2025 H - Reported with request to re-refer to House Judiciary House Education

12/16/2025 H - Re-referred to House Judiciary

HB1663 - An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, establishing the Statewide Imagination Library Program and the Imagination Library of Pennsylvania Restricted Account; and imposing duties on the Department of Education.

Sponsor

Rep. Liz Hanbidge (D)

Summary

(PN 2710) Amends the Public School Code, establishing the Statewide Children’s Literacy Program and the Children’s Literacy of Pennsylvania Restricted Account; and imposing duties on the Department of Education. Revises definitions. Provides additional definitions. Establishes the Children’s Literacy of Pennsylvania Restricted Account in the General Fund. Permits the State Treasurer to accept outside revenues for deposit into the account. Asserts that money from the account shall be allocated to qualified local entities that agree to a dollar-for-dollar match for purposes of the program. Permits the department to waive the dollar-for-dollar match requirement to prevent undue financial hardship. Stipulates that money remaining in the account at the close of the fiscal year will not lapse and instead will be carried forward to the next fiscal year. Stipulates that any interest that accrues in the account will remain. Establishes the Statewide Children’s Literacy Program within the Department of Education to promote the development of a comprehensive statewide initiative to encourage children from birth to five years of age to develop a love of reading and learning. Directs qualified local entities to use allocated money to provide one age-appropriate book to each eligible child in the qualified local entity’s service area. Asserts that books will be sent monthly to each child’s home at no cost to families. Stipulates that a book provided under this subsection may not contain depictions of sexual activity, child pornography, pornography, nudity or sexual conduct, or material that is obscene as defined in 18 PA.C.S. § 5903(B) (relating to obscene and other sexual materials and performances). Directs the department to match the amount required of qualified local entities. Revises departmental duties to include language for the Children’s Literacy Program. Permits the department to promulgate necessary regulations. Directs the department to submit a report to the General Assembly no later than January 1 following the end of the fiscal year in which funds were allocated from the account. Provides for the contents of the report. Effective in 60 days. (Prior PN: 2031)

Intro Date

06/25/2025

Actions

12/16/2025 H - Laid out for discussion

12/17/2025 H - Voted Favorably From Committee as Amended House Appropriations

12/17/2025 H - Re-reported as amended House Appropriations

12/17/2025 H - Laid out for discussion

12/17/2025 H - Third consideration and final passage

HB1768 - An Act establishing the Keystone Fresh Program; providing for the Fresh Schools Grant Program, for the Keystone Producer Grant Program, for the Keystone Assistance Grant Program and for the administration of the Keystone Fresh Program by the Department of Education and the Department of Agriculture; and establishing the Keystone Fresh Fund.

Sponsor

Rep. Danilo Burgos (D)

Summary

(PN 2638) The Keystone Fresh Act establishes the Keystone Fresh Program; provides for the Fresh Schools Grant Program, for the Keystone Producer Grant Program, for the Keystone Assistance Grant Program and for the administration of the Keystone Fresh Program by the Department of Education (PDE) and the Department of Agriculture (PDA); and establishes the Keystone Fresh Fund. Provides General Assembly findings and declarations. Provides definitions. Adds definition for “institution of higher education.” Redefines “new and beginning farmer or rancher.” Establishes the Keystone Fresh Program and the Fresh Schools Grant Program within PDE in consultation with PDA to provide reimbursement for the purchase of local food for school meals. Outlines eligibility requirements and the evaluation process for applicants. Includes grant amounts based on student enrollment. Explains eligible and ineligible uses for grants and reimbursement of eligible costs. Requires the PDE to monitor the Fresh Schools Grant Program. Includes information grantees must provide for reimbursement. Establishes the Keystone Producer Grant Program and Keystone Assistance Grant Program and outlines eligible uses of grant money. Asserts that PDA will develop an application and process for awarding grants, as well as determine grant amounts. Asserts that PDE and PDA will receive the necessary funds from the fund to cover administrative costs. Requires PDE and PDA to biennially contact an eligible entity for an external review to evaluate the efficacy of this act. Includes nonprofit organizations and academic institutions as eligible entities for external review. Provides the contents of the external report. Establishes the Keystone Fresh Fund as an interest-bearing restricted account. Elaborates on the eligible use of money. Sections 5, 6 and 8 are effective in 245 days. Section 10 is effective immediately. The remainder of this act will be effective in 180 days. (Prior PN: 2596, 2177)

Intro Date

08/04/2025

Actions

11/19/2025 H - Placed on HVS

12/16/2025 H - Voted Favorably From Committee House Appropriations

12/16/2025 H - Re-reported as committed House Appropriations

12/16/2025 H - Laid out for discussion

12/16/2025 H - Third consideration and final passage

HB2107 - An Act authorizing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to join the Interstate Compact for School Psychologists; providing for form of compact; and imposing additional powers and duties on the Governor, the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the Compact.

Sponsor

Rep. Manuel Guzman (D)

Summary

(PN 2726) The Interstate Compact for School Psychologists Act authorizes the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to join the Interstate Compact for School Psychologists; provides for form of compact; and imposes additional powers and duties on the governor, the secretary of the commonwealth and the compact. Outlines the purpose of the compact. Provides definitions. Establishes eligibility requirements for a state to join and maintain being a member state of the compact. Requires each member state to grant an equivalent license to practice school psychology in that state upon application by a licensee who satisfies the criteria, and to grant renewal of the equivalent license to a licensee who satisfies the criteria. Permits member states to set and collect a fee for granting an equivalent license. Outlines the requirements for obtaining, maintaining, and renewing an equivalent license from a remote state under the compact. Provides for active military members or their spouses. Establishes provisions for discipline and adverse actions. Details the establishment of the School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact Commission, outlining membership, voting and meetings, powers, executive committee, annual report, financing, and qualified immunity, defense and indemnification. Directs the commission to provide for facilitating the exchange of information to administer and implement the provisions of the compact. Provides for rulemaking. Outlines oversight, dispute resolution and enforcement. Details the date on which the compact shall come into effect and establishes provisions for withdrawal and amendment. Provides for construction and severability. Explains a consistent effect and conflict with other state laws. Describes when and how the compact becomes operative. Provides for compensation and expenses of the compact administrator who represents this state. Effective in 60 days.

Intro Date

12/18/2025

Actions

12/18/2025 H - Introduced

12/18/2025 H - Referred to House Professional Licensure

Higher Ed Bill Actions

HB158 - An Act providing for sport activities in public institutions of higher education and public school entities to be expressly designated male, female or coed; and creating causes of action for harms suffered by designation.

Sponsor

Rep. Barbara Gleim (R)

Summary

(PN 149) The Fairness in Women's Sports Act provides for sport activities in public institutions of higher education and public school entities to be expressly designated male, female or coed; and creates causes of action for harms suffered by designation. Provides definitions. Prohibits an athletic team or sport designated for females, women or girls from being open to students of the male sex. Specifies that students are not restricted from participating in an interscholastic, intercollegiate, intramural or club athletic team or sport designed for the student's sex or designated coed or mixed. Asserts that a government entity, licensing or accrediting organization or an athletic association or organization may not entertain a complaint, open an investigation or take other adverse action against a school or institution of higher education for maintaining a separate interscholastic, intercollegiate, intramural or club athletic team or sport for students of the female sex. Provides for cause of action, outlining deprivation of opportunity, retaliation, school's cause of action and limitation. Asserts that if part of this act is found invalid, all valid parts that are severable from the invalid

part shall remain in effect. Adds that if a part of this act is invalid in one or more of its applications, the part remains in effect in all valid applications that are severable from the invalid applications. Effective in 60 days.

Intro Date

01/17/2025

Actions

01/17/2025 H - Referred to House Education

10/29/2025 H - Discussed during voting meeting House Health

12/16/2025 H - Voted favorably from committee with request to re-refer to House Judiciary House Education

12/16/2025 H - Reported with request to re-refer to House Judiciary House Education

12/16/2025 H - Re-referred to House Judiciary

HB1849 - An Act providing for sport activities in public institutions of higher education and public school entities to be expressly designated male, female or coed; and creating causes of action for harm suffered by designation.

Sponsor

Rep. Clint Owlett (R)

Summary

(PN 2285) The Dads Defending Daughters Act provides for sport activities in public institutions of higher education and public school entities to be expressly designated male, female or coed; and creates causes of action for harm suffered by designation. Provides definitions. Requires interscholastic, intercollegiate, intramural or club athletic teams or sports that are sponsored by a public school entity, a public institution of higher education or any school or institution where students or teams compete against a public school entity or institution of higher education must be expressly designated as either male, men or boys, female, women or girls, or coed or mixed. Prohibits teams designated as females, women or girls from being open to students of the male sex. Provides protections for educational institutions from government entities, licensing or accrediting organizations or an athletic association or organization entertaining a complaint, opening an investigation or taking any other adverse action for maintaining separate interscholastic, intercollegiate, intramural or club athletic teams for students of the female sex. Provides for cause of action for deprivation of opportunity, retaliation and the school's cause of action. Establishes limitations of later than two years after the day on which the harm underlying the cause of action occurs to bring a civil action. Provides for the severability of the act. Effective immediately.

Intro Date

09/09/2025

Actions

10/29/2025 H - Discussed during voting meeting House Health

10/29/2025 H - Press Conference Held - Dad Legislators Call for Action to Defend Daughters in Sports

12/16/2025 H - Voted favorably from committee with request to re-refer to House Judiciary House Education

12/16/2025 H - Reported with request to re-refer to House Judiciary House Education

12/16/2025 H - Re-referred to House Judiciary

HB2099 - An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for Delayed Payment Plan Program; establishing the Delayed Payment Plan Program Fund; and imposing duties on the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency.

Sponsor

Rep. Eddie Day Pashinski (D)

Summary

(PN 2699) Amends the Public School Code, providing for Delayed Payment Plan Program; establishing the Delayed Payment Plan Program Fund; and imposing duties on the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency. Adds definitions. Establishes the Delayed Payment Plan Program, allowing the agency to enter into an income share agreement with a student accepted for enrollment at any of the 15 Pennsylvania State community colleges or the Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology beginning with the 2025-2026 academic year. Outlines eligibility requirements and the powers and duties of the agency, including imposing reasonable limits, partnering with participating institutions, distributing income share agreement program money, contracting with program administrators, ensuring transparency and making, entering, executing and delivering contracts, conveyances and other instruments as necessary. Establishes the Delayed Payment Plan Program Fund within the State Treasury, limits the maximum administrative costs to \$400,000 in the first year and \$300,000 for each year thereafter and outlines the sources for the fund. Provides for income share agreement terms, outlining content requirements. Establishes reporting requirements. Effective in 60 days.

Intro Date

12/11/2025

Actions

12/11/2025 H - Introduced

12/12/2025 H - Referred to House Education

Upcoming Events

No Upcoming Events this week.

In the News

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