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# LEGISLATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS

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## PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

2019-2020 Legislative Session

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Fall 2019

Pennsylvania's House Republican Caucus is committed to our state's residents and taxpayers. Constantly striving to strengthen the economy, enact commonsense public policy, and provide a government that is both efficient and effective, the Pennsylvania House Republican Caucus is out front, fighting to make Pennsylvania the best place to live, work and raise a family.

By working together, we have accomplished much and have shown we stand by our commitments.

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# Budget

Thanks to Republican-led budgets, our revenues are up, and we are on a path to better protect taxpayers now and in the future.

- This budget puts \$317 million into the Rainy Day Fund.
- We passed legislation to ensure taxpayer dollars are accounted for and the administration can be held accountable for supplemental spending.
- Our record of holding the line on tax increases and spending is proven correct by the increased revenues. This budget continues to build on those ideals:
  - We are strategically investing while also backing up our legislative priorities with the funding to make an impact to attract and grow more job creators and family-sustaining jobs.
  - We are committed to our agricultural and farming community, ensuring the Commonwealth's No.1 industry has what it needs to thrive.
  - We are strengthening victim rights, protecting communities and helping those battling addiction.
  - We remain committed to educating for success. We recognize that students find success in different

ways. School funding is increased, but so is funding to support opportunities for students to thrive in private, charter and online schools.

- Employers are searching for employees with the right skills for the modern workforce. We complement this search by promoting career and technical education expansion ideas so Pennsylvanians can get the training, skills and tools they need to succeed in careers that pay far more than minimum wage.



- ***Signed into Law:***
  - **Act 1A of 2019** (formerly HB 790 (Rep. Stan Saylor, R-York): Would provide for the General Appropriations Act for the 2019-20

fiscal year, which runs from July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020. (140-62).

- **Act 2A of 2019** (formerly HB 1350 (Rep. Stan Saylor, R-York): Would make non-preferred appropriations to the Pennsylvania State University for the 2019-20 fiscal year. (199-2).
- **Act 3A of 2019** (formerly HB 1351 (Rep. Stan Saylor, R-York): Would make non-preferred appropriations to the University of Pittsburgh for the 2019-20 fiscal year. (169-32).
- **Act 4A of 2019** (formerly HB 1352 (Rep. Stan Saylor, R-York): Would make non-preferred appropriations to Temple University for the 2019-20 fiscal year. (198-3).
- **Act 5A of 2019** (formerly HB 1353 (Rep. Stan Saylor, R-York): Would make non-preferred appropriations to Lincoln University for the 2019-20 fiscal year. (201-1).
- **Act 6A of 2019** (formerly HB 1354 (Rep. Stan Saylor, R-York): Would make non-preferred appropriations to the University of Pennsylvania for the 2019-20 fiscal year. (196-5).
- **Acts 7A -15A of 2019** (formerly SBs 235-243 (Sen. Pat Browne, R-Lehigh): Would make appropriations

for the following: Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs (201-0); Workmen's Compensation Administration Fund (201-0); Office of Small Business Advocate (201-0); Office of Consumer Advocate (201-0); Public School Employees' Retirement Fund (201-0); State Employees' Retirement Fund (201-0); Philadelphia Parking Authority (161-40); Public Utility Commission (201-0); and State Gaming Fund (201-0).

- **Act 15 of 2019** (formerly HB 1461 (Rep. Mindy Fee, R-Lancaster): Would allow the Office of Inspector General (OIG) to investigate and combat all avenues of public benefits fraud. Also serves as the Administrative Code bill for the 2019-20 state budget (181-6).
- **Act 20 of 2019** (formerly SB 712 (Sen. David Argall, R-Berks/Schuylkill): Would update the Fiscal Code to provide budget implementation language. (125-74).

# Economic Enhancers

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# #GOODJOBS4PA

House Republicans are looking at new pathways to careers with a greater focus on providing students with job skills *before* they leave high school. Students would benefit from knowing what kind of job or career they are headed for before taking on huge amounts of debt for a college degree they may never use.

While equipping students with workplace skills addresses the needs of one segment of the job-seeking population, our members are also offering solutions for unemployed adults, soon-to-be-released inmates and returning military veterans.

Ultimately building an effective workforce system is essential to economic development. Simply, you need people to be successful as they work in the jobs that are created. Our caucus is working on all sides of the issue, creating a world-class workforce and growing world-leading industries, which will lead to the next generation of great companies and employees calling Pennsylvania home.



***Workforce Ready PA***  
***Signed in Law:***

- **HB 265 (Rep. Craig Staats, R-Bucks):** Expands an established database that allows students and potential students to plan where courses, programs, certificates, and diplomas transfer among public schools and institutions of higher education. (197-0).

### ***Bills Awaiting Senate Action:***

- **HB 138 (Rep. Christopher Quinn, R-Delaware):** Provides further qualifications for license and examinations for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants. (193-0).
- **HB 280 (Rep. R. Lee James, R-Venango/Butler):** Increases the periods of time allotted for parties to appeal the determination of an Unemployment Compensation (UC) Service Center and the decision of a UC referee. (193-0).
- **HB 297 (Rep. Zachary Mako, R-Northampton/Lehigh):** Requires the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) to develop materials outlining workforce needs including training opportunities and future earning potential. Also allows for community colleges and other technical and/or trade schools to attend career/college fairs. (193-1).
- **HB 334 (Rep. Seth Grove, R-York):** Requires Pennsylvania Department of Education to establish a standard application for schools to seek approval to establish or renew a classification of instructional program. (195-0).

- **HB 393 (Rep. Patrick Harkins, D-Erie):** Requires PDE and the departments of Labor and Industry and Agriculture to develop and maintain a comprehensive online career resource center for students, parents, educators and school officials to provide information on the value and impact of career and technical education (CTE), career pathways, data and statistics on employment opportunities and compensation, postsecondary options, and statewide and regional articulation agreements. (194-0).
- **HB 394 (Rep. Gerald Mullery, D-Luzerne):** Requires PDE and the Department of Labor and Industry to conduct a complete inventory of existing workforce development programs at both the secondary and postsecondary levels. (195-0).
- **HB 395 (Rep. James Roebuck Jr., D-Philadelphia):** Allows CTE programs or a cluster of programs to establish occupational advisory committees at the Intermediate Unit (IU) level to serve multiple school districts or Career and Technical Centers (CTCs). (194-0).
- **HB 396 (Rep. James Roebuck Jr., D-Philadelphia):** Requires each local Workforce Development Board (WDB) to include in its membership at least one administrator of a Career and Technical Center whose attendance area is covered by the service area of the WDB. (194-0).
- **HB 425 (Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, R-Lehigh/Berks):** Creates *CareerBound*, a program to strengthen the connection between Pennsylvania's students and the next generation of high-priority careers. (192-1).
- **HB 522 (Rep. Mike Tobash, R-Schuylkill/Dauphin):** Establishes the Career and Technical Education Investment Incentive Program, which would provide tax credits to businesses that contribute to career and technical partnership organizations. (162-34).
- **HB 796 (Rep. Jared Soloman, D-Philadelphia):** Would create grant program for apprenticeship programs. (201-0).
- **HB 1437 (Rep. Mark Keller, R-Perry/Cumberland):** Would update the Rural Jobs and Investment Tax Credit Program. (159-41).
- **HB 64 (Rep. Harry Readshaw, D-Allegheny):** Amends the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs Act, allowing professionals to carry over accrued continuing education credits for biennial terms. (193-0).

## #ENERGIZE PA

### *Bills Awaiting Senate Action:*

- **HB 1100 (Rep. Aaron Kaufer, R-Luzerne):** Would create the Energy and Fertilizer Manufacturing Tax Credit. (139-46).
- **HB 1104 (Rep. Tarah Toohil, R-Luzerne):** Would require the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to establish a registry for

abandoned manufacturing sites  
across the Commonwealth. (197-2).

- **HB 1105 (Rep. Eric Nelson, R-Westmoreland):** Would incentivize businesses to remediate

Commonwealth lands that pose a  
current or future risk to the health  
and safety of our residents. (105-  
96).

## Promoting Confidence Among Consumers and Businesses

### *Signed in Law:*

- **Act 318 of 2019** (formerly HB 318, Rep. Lori Mizgorski, R-Allegheny): Allows consumers to permanently sign up for the state's "do-not-call" list. Currently, those on the list must re-register every five years. This bill removes the time period completely from the current law allowing consumers to register one time for as long as they hold the registered phone number. (174-0).

### *Bills Awaiting Senate Action:*

- **HB 26** (Rep. Pam Snyder, R-Greene/Washington): Adds motorcycles to the state's automobile lemon law. The law requires a manufacturer to fix any default which substantially impairs the use, value or safety of the vehicle, if the problem occurs in the first year of ownership or 12,000 miles. This legislation would extend those same protections to consumers purchasing new motorcycles. (168-6).



- **HB 1032** (Rep. Lee James, R-Venango/Butler): Would amend the Real Estate Appraisers Certification

Act to add certified PA evaluators to the State Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers. (200-0).

- **HB 1033** (Rep. Dan Moul, R-Adams): Would amend the Assessors Certification Act to provide for the qualifications, training and certification of revaluation company personnel. (197-3).
- **HB 1511** (Rep. Chris Quinn, R-Delaware): Would codify the Public Utility Commission's 60-day approval for unopposed telecommunication applications. (199-0).
- **HB 1534** (Rep. Robert Matzie, D-Beaver/Allegheny): Would update and clarify the existing anti-pyramid scheme law. (199-0).
- **HB 1563** (Rep. Dan Moul, R-Adams): Would amend the Municipal Authorities Act to allow owners of multiple properties or buildings with multiple units that are served by a single meter to request a rate study using a years' worth of usage data to determine if an adjustment is needed in the amount that the property owner pays. (197-4).
- **HB 1578** (Rep. Sue Helm, R-Dauphin/Lebanon): Would amend portions of Real and Personal Property law within the Uniform Condominium Act, the Real Estate Cooperative Act and the Uniform Planned Community Act. (199-0).

# Preserving PA's Agricultural Heritage

- **HB 915 (Rep. Martin Causer, R-McKean/Cameron/Potter):** Would clarify that milk haulers can travel on highways during a declaration of disaster emergency. (136-61). **VETOED** by the governor (Veto No. 2, 7/2/19)

## **Signed in Law:**

- **Act 28 of 2019 (formerly SB 338 (Str. Wayne Langerholc, R-Bedford/Cambria/Clearfield):** Increases the maximum width for implements of husbandry to travel on roadways to 18 feet. (200-0).
- **Act 33 of 2019 (formerly HB 370 (Rep. Kate Klunk, R-York):** Amends the Agricultural Area Security Law to provide for restrictions, limitations and subdivision on preserved farmland. (194-0).
- **Act 34 of 2019 (formerly HB 1514 (Rep. John Hershey, R-Juniata/Franklin/Mifflin):** Would revise and re-establish the existing Healthy Farms Healthy Schools program into the PA Farm-to-School Program, to provide grants for improving childhood nutrition while increasing exposure to agriculture for children in Pre-K through fifth grade. (198-0).
- **Act 35 of 2019 (formerly HB 1516 (Rep. Martin Causer, R-McKean/Cameron/Potter):** Would create the Pennsylvania Rapid Response Disaster Readiness Account and allocate funding to the Department of Agriculture to facilitate a quick response to agricultural disasters. (198-0).
- **Act 36 of 2019 (formerly HB 1520 (Rep. Pam Snyder, D-Greene/Fayette/Washington):** Would create a grant program to reimburse federal meat inspection costs for small or new processors. (199-0).
- **Act 37 of 2019 (formerly HB 1526 (Rep. Rich Irvin, R-Huntingdon/Centre/Mifflin):** Would re-establish a low-interest loan program administered by the State Conservation Commission in conjunction with lending institutions for the implementation of agricultural and conservation best management practices. (198-0).
- **Act 38 of 2019 (formerly HB 1590 (Rep. Clint Owlett, R-Tioga/Bradford/Potter):** Would create the Dairy Investment Program within the Commonwealth Financing Authority. (199-0).



- **Act 39 of 2019** (formerly SB 634 (Sen. Gene Yaw, R-Bradford/Lycoming/Sullivan/Susquehanna/Union): Would create the Conservation Excellence Program, granting the State Conservation Commission the authority to prioritize projects and provide technical assistance and funding through a mix of grants, low-interest loans and tax credits to help farmers and landowners implement conservation best management practices. (201-0).
- **Act 40 of 2019** (formerly SB 661 (Sen. Judy Ward, R-Blair/Fulton/Cumberland/Franklin/Huntingdon): Would provide state-level Specialty Crop Block Grants; establish the Pennsylvania Agricultural Business Development Center to serve as a resource to help every farmer create a business plan, transition plan or succession plan; reestablish a grant program to fund youth organizations that promote development in agriculture, community leadership, vocational training and peer fellowship; and establish an Urban Agricultural Infrastructure Grant Program. (201-0).

- **Act 65 of 2019** (formerly SB 478 (Sen. Elder Vogel, R-

Beaver/Butler/Lawrence): Would establish the Beginning Farmer Management Tax Credit for existing farmers and landowners who lease or sell their land, buildings and equipment to beginning farmers. (201-0).

- **Act 66 of 2019** (formerly SB 585 (Sen. Jake Corman, R-Centre/Juniata/Huntingdon/Mifflin): Would establish the Dairy Future Commission in the Agriculture Code. (200-0).

#### **Bills Awaiting Senate Action:**

- **HB 241 (Rep. Tina Pickett, R-Bradford/Sullivan/Susquehanna):** Would amend the Tax Reform Code of 1971 to allow a Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) tax credit be applied to the spouse of an eligible applicant. (200-0).
- **HB 404 (Rep. John Lawrence, R-Chester/Lancaster):** Adds the “Tree of Heaven” plant, a favorite food source of the invasive spotted lanternfly, to the list of noxious weeds in Pennsylvania. (194-0).
- **HB 1517 (Rep. David Zimmerman, R-Lancaster):** Would provide the State Conservation Commission with the authority to prioritize projects and provide technical assistance and funding through a mix of grants, low-interest loans and tax credits. (198-0).
- **HB 1518 (Rep. Pam DeLissio, D-Philadelphia/Montgomery):** Would re-establish the former (expired) Agriculture and Rural Youth Development Program into a new grant program to fund youth organizations that promote

development in agriculture, community leadership, vocational training and peer fellowship. (200-0).

- **HB 1519 (Rep. Chris Rabb, D-Philadelphia):** Would establish a state-level Specialty Crop Block Grant Program to invest in and encourage farming of high-priority crops like hemp, hops and hardwoods that are not eligible for the federal grants. (200-0).  
Department of Agriculture to serve as a resource to help every farmer
- **HB 1521 (Rep. Eddie Day Pashinski, D-Luzerne):** Would amend the existing PA Preferred agricultural commodities marketing program to bolster enrollment in the veteran farmer Homegrown by Heroes Program. (200-0).
- **HB 1523 (Rep. Russ Diamond, R-Lebanon):** Would establish the Pennsylvania Agricultural Business Development Center within the create a business plan, transition plan or succession plan. (198-0).

# Protecting Pennsylvanians

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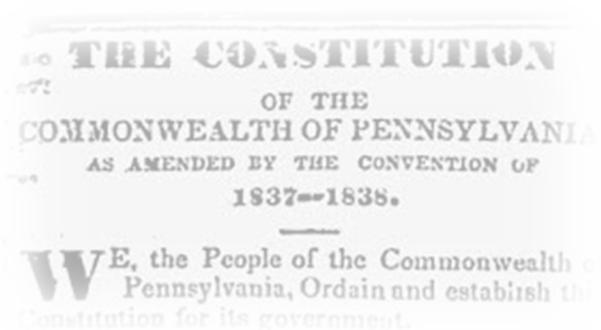
# Protecting Victims

In support of crime victims, House Republicans are out front, taking action to strengthen the protections for victims of crime. Just as those accused of a crime have certain rights, we need to ensure crime victims are treated with dignity and respect throughout the entire criminal justice process.

We support efforts to allow victims of crime to participate in the criminal justice system. Victims and survivors deserve the protection of our criminal justice system and the tools to help them confront and testify against their abusers.

## ***Goes Before the Voters via Referendum:***

- **HB 276 (Rep. Sheryl DeLozier, R-Cumberland):** Known as Marsy's Law, the bill adds a victim's bill of rights to the Pennsylvania Constitution. (190-8).



## ***Signed into Law:***

- **Act 21 of 2019 (formerly HB 315 (Rep. Thomas Murt, R-Montgomery/Philadelphia):** Establishes the offense of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). (196-1).

- **Act 23 of 2019 (formerly HB 502 (Rep. John Hershey, R-Juniata/Franklin/Mifflin):** Grants to crime victims the right to attend any proceeding relating to their cases, unless the court expressly determines that attendance would materially alter the victims' testimony. (197-1).
- **Act 24 of 2019 (formerly HB 504 (Rep. Natalie Mihalek, R-Allegheny/Washington):** Shields rape victims from irrelevant cross examination by ensuring that prior sexual assaults or other prior acts of victimization against a rape victim cannot be used at trial for the purpose of attacking the victim's character. (197-0).
- **Act 29 of 2019 (formerly SB 399 (Sen. Wayne Langerholc Jr., R-Bedford/Cambria/Clearfield):** Would expand the current list of rights for survivors of sexual assault and address anonymous submissions of sexual assault evidence and submissions for which jurisdiction is unknown. (200-0).
- **Act 30 of 2019 (formerly SB 469 (Sen. Daniel Laughlin, R-Erie):** Would allow out-of-court statements from crime victims with intellectual disabilities or autism under certain circumstances. (178-22).
- **Act 31 of 2019 (formerly SB 479 (Sen. Lisa Baker, R-Luzerne/Pike/Susquehanna):** Would expand the list of offenses in which the courts may admit into evidence an out-of-court statement by a child victim or witness. (199-1).

***Bills Awaiting Senate Action:***

- **HB 97 (Rep. Kathy Rapp, R-Warren/Crawford/Forest):** Amends the Crimes Code by adding “electronic nicotine delivery systems” (ENDS), or “vaping” devices, to the sections that currently make it illegal to sell tobacco products to minors and, for students, to use tobacco products on school grounds. (196-0).
- **HB 288 (Rep. Justin Simmons, R-Lehigh/Montgomery/Northampton):** Known as Caylee’s Law, the bill increases the penalty for concealing the death of a child from a first-degree misdemeanor to a third-degree felony, punishable by up to seven years imprisonment and/or a fine of up to \$15,000. (197-0).
- **HB 503 (Rep. Garth Everett, R-Lycoming/Union):** Allows victims and witnesses with intellectual disabilities or autism to submit out-of-court statements rather than face their perpetrators in court. (186-11).
- **HB 505 (Rep. Rob Kauffman, R-Franklin):** Expands the types of crimes in which out-of-court statements by child victims or child witnesses could be admitted by the court, avoiding further trauma for the affected children. (193-4).
- **HB 849 (Rep. Kate Klunk, R-York):** Would establish the Disclosing Sexual Harassment in the Workplace Act, prohibiting employers from requiring employees and prospective employees to sign a nondisclosure agreement related to sexual harassment as a condition of employment. (199-0).
- **HB 854 (Rep. Torren Ecker, R-Adams/Cumberland):** Ensures that the offense of strangulation is as

fully incorporated into our body of laws as other similarly violent and threatening offenses. (188-10).

- **HB 962 (Rep. Mark Rozzi, D-Berks):** Extends the statute of limitations for civil suits for childhood sexual abuse until the victim reaches the age of 55, eliminates the statute of limitations for filing criminal charges, and waives the Commonwealth’s sovereign immunity and governmental immunity related to childhood sexual abuse. (187-5).
- **HB 963 (Rep. Jim Gregory, R-Blair):** Amends Article I, Section 11 of the Pennsylvania Constitution to provide for a two-year window in which civil lawsuits alleging childhood sexual abuse may be filed in court notwithstanding any otherwise applicable statute of limitations defense. (177-15).



- **HB 991 (Rep. Wendi Thomas, R-Bucks):** Amends the Public Employee Pension Forfeiture Act to establish that the provision relating to committing sex offenses applies to all public employees and public officials. (198-0).
- **HB 1051 (Rep. Todd Stephens, R-Montgomery):** Amends the Child Protective Services Law to increase the penalties for mandated reporters who continue to fail to report suspected child abuse and broadens

the “continuing course of action” provision. (168-22).

- **HB 1171 (Rep. Tarah Toohil, R-Luzerne):** Specifies that civil confidentiality agreements do not cover communications with law enforcement. (191-0).

# Addiction and Substance Use Disorder

## *Bills Awaiting Senate Action:*

- **HB 596 (Rep. Doyle Heffley, R-Carbon):** Would establish a Detoxification and Addiction Treatment Bed Registry to be administered by the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs. (200-0).
- **HB 1005 (Rep. Jim Cox, R-Berks/Lancaster):** Would amend the Achieving Better Care by Monitoring All Prescriptions Program (ABC-MAP) Act to include the administration of naloxone in a patient's record on the ABC-MAP database. (110-89).
- **HB 1325 (Rep. Jason Ortity, R-Allegheny/Washington):** Would update sentencing provisions when an individual is convicted of trespass resulting from a violation of state casino or video gaming terminal self-exclusion list. (196-0).
- **HB 1662 (Rep. Gene DiGirolamo, R-Bucks):** Would amend and rename the Methadone Death and Incident Review Act to include deaths and incidents attributable to the use and misuse of buprenorphine. (199-0).



# Emergency Responders

## **Signed into Law:**

- **Act 17 of 2019** (formerly SB 127 (Sen. Mike Regan, R-Cumberland/York): Would reauthorize the 911 statute. (197-2).
- **Act 49 of 2019** (formerly HB 448 (Rep. Aaron Kaufer, R-Luzerne): Would add additional members to the Pennsylvania Commission for the

United States Semiquincentennial. (201-0).

## **Bills Awaiting Senate Action:**

- **HB 859 (Rep. Stephen Barrar, R-Delaware/Chester):** Extends the 911 statute (\$1.65 surcharge) for another four years, to June 30, 2023. (198-0).



## **HELPERS AND HEROES**

### **Bills Awaiting Senate Action:**

- **HB 269 (Rep. Michael Driscoll, D-Philadelphia):** Would amend the Tax Reform Code to provide an exemption from the Realty Transfer Tax for the surviving spouse/children of a first responder. (199-0).
- **HB 732 (Rep. Chris Quinn, R-Delaware):** Would amend the Tax Reform Code to provide an exemption from the Realty Transfer Tax for volunteer service providers. (199-0).

- **HB 1522 (Rep. Torren Ecker, R-Adams/Cumberland):** Would amend the Child Labor Act to eliminate the requirement that Junior Firefighters complete Department of Conservation and Natural Resources wildfire training before they can engage in firefighting activities. (200-1).
- **HB 1673 (Rep. Frank Farry, R-Bucks):** Would expand the types of programs that volunteer fire relief monies can fund, such as Length of Service Awards, which are programs that provide tax-deferred income benefits to active volunteers of a fire service. (196-0).
- **HB 1773 (Rep. Jim Struzzi, R-Indiana):** Would establish the Tuition Assistance for Active Volunteers Program. (196-0).
- **HB 1780 (Rep. Lee James, R-Venango/Butler):** Would exempt volunteer fire, rescue and ambulance

companies from portions of the Right-to-Know Law. (166-34).

- **HB 1786 (Rep. Chris Sainato, D-Lawrence):** Would establish the First Responder Loan Forgiveness Program under the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency. (196-0).
- **HB 1816 (Rep. Lynda Schlegal Culver, R-Northumberland/Snyder):** Would increase the loan amounts under the Volunteer Loan Assistance Program (VLAP) and add provisions to enhance the program. (196-0).
- **HB 1839 (Rep. Bob Brooks, R-Westmoreland/Allegheny):** Would authorize counties to offer a property tax credit for volunteer first responders. (196-0).
- **SB 146 (Sen. Michele Brooks, R-Crawford/Erie/Mercer/Warren):** Would establish online training programs where applicable for firefighters. (196-0).



# Justice Reform

## *Signed into Law:*

- **Act 58 of 2019** (formerly HB 1614 (Rep. Rob Kauffman, R-Franklin): Would provide law enforcement and the attorney general the authority to participate in local, state or federal task forces. This law also provides a two-year pilot program giving the attorney general concurrent jurisdiction to investigate and prosecute gun-related crimes in Philadelphia. (194-3).

## *Bills Awaiting Senate Action:*

- **HB 1538** (Rep. Martina White, R-Philadelphia): Would amend the Prisons and Parole Code to require that sex offenders must wait three years from the date of the current application to reapply for parole. (194-7).



# Strengthening Communities & Supporting Families

## Supporting Families

### *Signed into Law:*

- **Act 7 of 2019** (formerly SB 115( Sen. Tom Killion, R-Chester/Delaware): Would enhance CPR training instruction available to students in grades nine through 12. *Bill was amended in education committee, so returns to the Senate for concurrence. (197-0).*

### *Bills Awaiting Senate Action:*

- **HB 296** (Rep. Tarah Toohil, R-Luzerne): Establishes an Adoption and Foster Care Tax Credit for eligible foster parents. (200-0).
- **HB 360** (Rep. Jesse Topper, R-Bedford/Franklin/Fulton): Would set age 18 as the minimum age for obtaining a marriage license. (195-0).
- **HB 672** (Rep. Jason Ortity, R-Allegheny/Washington): Would provide for parental authority over a minor's mental health treatment. (195-0).

- **HB 783** (Rep. Jim Marshall, R-Beaver/Butler): Would establish the infant CPR and Choking Education and Prevention Program. (197-0).

- **HB 858** (Rep. Rosemary Brown, R-Monroe/Pike): Would create the Incentive Based Savings Program Act to authorize and permit financial institutions to conduct savings promotion programs. (195-0).
- **HB 924** (Rep. Tarah Toohil, R-Luzerne): Would prohibit discrimination by a life, accident or health insurer based on an insured's status as a living organ or tissue donor. (195-0).
- **HB 1001** (Rep. Donna Oberlander, R-Clarion/Armstrong/Forest): Would establish standards for the licensure and regulation of human milk banks in PA. (191-1).
- **HB 1634** (Rep. Karen Boback, R-Luzerne/Lackawanna/Wyoming): Would increase the fee assessed to recipients of child support from \$25 annually to \$35 annually in order to remain in federal compliance. (199-0).

## Strengthening Communities

### *Bills Awaiting Senate Action:*

- **HB 364** (Rep. Matt Gabler, R-Clearfield/Elk): Authorizes the use of revolving and flashing yellow lights for school vehicles, which are vehicles smaller than school buses that transport school students, such as vans and minivans. (196-0).
- **HB 775** (Rep. Russ Diamond, R-Lebanon): Requires the Department of Aging to cross reference its list of beneficiaries with death records



maintained by the Department of Health on a monthly basis. (196-0).

- **HB 1016 (Rep. Anthony DeLuca, D-Allegheny):** Would provide regulatory oversight of fraternal benefit societies' solvency. (196-0).
- **HB 1402 (Rep. Tedd Nesbit, R-Mercer/Butler):** Would establish the offense of sexual extortion. (195-0).

# Senior Citizens

## *Bills Awaiting Senate Action:*

- **HB 684 (Rep. Curt Sonney, R-Erie):** Excludes the cashing of savings bonds for seniors age 65 and older from being counted towards income when applying for lottery-funded programs. (193-0).
- **HB 754 (Rep. Wendi Thomas, R-Bucks):** Ensures any individual enrolled in PACE and PACENET as of Dec. 31, 2018, remains eligible if their maximum income limit is exceeded due solely to a Social Security cost-of-living adjustment. Eligibility would expire at the end of 2021. (193-0).
- **HB 956 (Rep. Thomas Murt, R-Montgomery/Philadelphia):** Would amend the State Lottery Law to reduce the statutorily mandated rate of return. (188-4).



# Health Care that Makes Sense

## *Signed into Law:*

- **Act 19 of 2019** (formerly SB 695 (Sen. Michele Brooks, R-Erie/Crawford/Mercer/Warren): Would reauthorize current human services-related assessments and add studies on two programs with potential fiscal impacts. (198-1).
- **Act 46 of 2019** (formerly HB 195 (Rep. Eric Nelson, R-Westmoreland): Title 40/medication synchronization. Medication synchronization allows patients to synchronize their medications in order to receive them on the same day each month, instead of having to make multiple visits to the pharmacy. (195-0).
- **Act 54 of 2019** (formerly HB 786 (Rep. Bryan Cutler, R-Lancaster): Would address declining outcomes and inequitable funding formulas for trauma centers. (199-0).
- **Act 68 of 2019** (formerly SB 698 (Sen. John Gordner, R-Columbia/Luzerne/Montour/Northumberland/Snyder): Would allow a physician to appoint a designee to assist with the input of information relating to written agreements into the Department of State's new online PALS licensing system as it relates to the medical practice act. (201-0).
- **Act 69 of 2019** (formerly SB 699 (Sen. John Gordner, R-Columbia/Luzerne/Montour/Northumberland/Snyder): Would allow a physician to appoint a designee to assist with the input of information relating to written agreements into the Department of State's new online PALS licensing system as it relates

to the Osteopathic Medical Act. (201-0).

## *Bills Awaiting Senate Action:*

- **HB 81 (Rep. Rob Kauffman, R-Franklin):** Outlines certification of central service technicians and surgical technologists. Currently, neither of these professions require certification in Pennsylvania. This bill would require central service technicians and surgical technologists to pass a nationally accredited exam and maintain continuing education requirements. (189-0).
- **HB 295 (Rep. Barry Jozwiak, R-Berks):** Establishes an Advisory Council on the Pediatric Neuropsychiatric Disorder Associated with Streptococcal Infections (PANDAS) and the Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (PANS). (142-58).
- **HB 321 (Rep. Kate Klunk, R-York):** Amends the Abortion Control Act to prohibit the abortion



of any child solely due to a diagnosis of possible Down syndrome. (117-76).

- **HB 629 (Rep. Kathy Rapp, R-Warren/Crawford/Forest):**

Requires health insurers to cover treatment plans for Lyme disease or related tick-borne illnesses as prescribed by a patient's health care practitioner, regardless if the treatment plan includes short-term or long-term antibiotic treatment. (158-34).

- **HB 770 (Rep. Anthony DeLuca, D-Allegheny):** Would require pharmacy technicians to be registered with the State Board of Pharmacy. (163-25).

- **HB 1058 (Rep. Kathy Rapp, R-Warren/Crawford/Forest):** Would require information to be given to a woman on the option of perinatal hospice care after she is diagnosed with a life-threatening fetal anomaly. (116-76).

# Conservation Efforts to Achieve Results

## *Signed into Law:*

- **Act 74 of 2019** (formerly HB 1557, Rep. Matt Gabler, R-Clearfield/Elk): Would amend the Coal Refuse Disposal Control Act (Act 318 of 1968) to address temporary cessation. (192-0).

## *Bills Awaiting Senate Action:*

- **HB 342 (Rep. Angel Cruz, D-Philadelphia)**: Would increase fines relating to the disposal of waste tires in cities. (186-0).
- **HB 441 (Rep. Curt Sonney, R-Erie)**: Allows wind power generation systems on preserved farmland. (185-9).

- **HB 447 (Rep. Brett Miller, R-Lancaster)**: Directs the Department of Transportation to plant vegetation which has been identified by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources as being native to Pennsylvania. (191-0).
- **HB 1410 (Rep. Todd Stephens, R-Montgomery)**: Would amend the Transit Revitalization Investment District Act to create a Military Installation Remediation Program. (144-54).



# Standing up for Taxpayers

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# Government Done Right

It's past time to install an update to end the Pennsylvania **Government Dysfunction**.

The status quo is clearly not working. Having "government done right" means upgrading to a more effective and efficient government while providing core services. From repealing out-of-date laws, to reexamining the effectiveness of some state boards and commissions, the House will give Pennsylvania a much-needed government update.

Each member of the House Republicans Caucus is committed to *upgrading* Pennsylvania's quality of life through safety, prosperity and wellness of its citizens.

- **SB 48 (Sen. John Gordner, R-Snyder/Northumberland/Montour/Columbia/Luzerne):** Would make several changes to the state's Election Code to: prohibit the Commonwealth from decertifying voting systems in 50% or more of the state's counties establish a Voting System Decertification Commission to review and make recommendations regarding the plan to replace voting systems; authorize the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority to issue bonds to fund county costs associated with replacement of voting systems; extend timelines for making application for, marking and submitting an absentee ballot; eliminate the straight party voting option; and reduce the number of back-up ballots that counties must print for each election. (111-88).

**VETOED** by the governor (*Veto No. 3, 7/5/19*)

## **Signed into Law:**

- **Act 1 of 2019 (formerly SB 113 (Sen. John DiSanto, R-Perry/Dauphin):** Requires the forfeiture of pension benefits for public employees who are convicted or plead guilty or no contest to any job-related felony offense. Previously, some job-related crimes did not require forfeiture of public pension; this bill closes the loophole. Passed House Tuesday with a 194-1 vote and was concurred by the Senate on Wednesday.
- **Act 12 of 2019 (formerly HB 33 (Rep. George Dunbar, R-Westmoreland):** Re-enacts the elimination of the general assistance cash benefit program. The state-only funded program was eliminated as part of a 2012 law, which was recently overturned by the courts on procedural grounds. The bill was amended to also extend the statewide hospital assessment, Philadelphia hospital assessment and the Medical Assistance Day One Incentive payments for non-public nursing homes. (106-95).
- **Act 14 of 2019 (formerly HB 856 (Rep. Karen Boback, R-Luzerne/Lackawanna/Wyoming):** Would reenact and reinstate the extension of permanent legal custodian and adoption assistance subsidies to children from 18 to 21 years of age. (196-0).

- **Act 15 of 2019** (formerly HB 1461 (Rep. Mindy Fee, R-Lancaster): Would allow the Office of Inspector General (OIG) to investigate and combat all avenues of public benefits fraud. Also serves as the Administrative Code bill for the 2019-20 state budget (181-6).
- **Act 41 of 2019** (formerly HB 1172 (Rep. David Hickernell, R-Lancaster/Dauphin): Would require the licensing boards and commissions under the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs (BPOA) to provide licensure by endorsement for applicants who hold similar licenses in other states. (201-0).
- **Act 43 of 2019** (formerly HB 24 (Rep. John Lawrence, R-Chester/Lancaster): Would require the principal for new issuances of state debt to be repaid in equal amounts over the (generally) 20-year term of the bond. Currently, the state uses a repayment scheme with lower principal payments in the first few years, with much higher principal payments as the loan matures. (197-0).



- **Act 72 of 2019** (formerly SB 724 (Sen. Jake Corman, R-Centre/Juniata/Mifflin/Huntington):

Would make technical corrections to PSERS and SERS Codes/Act 5 of 2017, PSERS emerging investment manager program and SERS definition of “enforcement officer.” (201-0).

- **Act 75 of 2019** (formerly HB 1170, Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, R-Lehigh/Berks): Would prohibit the employment of unauthorized employees in the construction industry. (170-28).
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**Bills Awaiting Senate Action:**

- **HB 17 (Rep. Frank Ryan, R-Lebanon):** Would require that the collection of assessed Personal Income Tax (PIT) be made within 10 years from the date the return was first due. (155-31).
- **HB 57 (Rep. Jonathan Fritz, R-Susquehanna/Wayne):** Would eliminate the following boards and commissions on basis of being outdated: (114-77).
  - Interstate Rail Passenger Advisory Council
  - Pennsylvania Public Television Network Commission
  - Industrial Resource Center Strategic Advisory Board
  - Small Business Advocacy Council
  - Advisory Committee on Probation
  - Joint Committee to Review Cost of Living
  - Legislative Representative for Collective Bargaining
  - Pennsylvania Quality Leadership Awards Council
  - Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Advisory

*Committee*

*• The Weather Modification Board*

- **HB 60 (Rep. Jim Cox, R-Berks):** Prohibits future Susquehanna River Basic Commission employees from being members of the State Employee Retirement System. (108-81).
  - **HB 68 (Rep. Frank Ryan, R-Lebanon):** Would amend the Unemployment Compensation Law to extend the time period for an employer to request relief from charges from 15 days to 30 days. (193-2).
  - **HB 284 (Rep. Daryl Metcalfe, R-Butler):** Modernizes the state’s History Code, allowing the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) additional powers in obtaining and recovering relevant state records and property. (193-0).
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- **HB 305 (Rep. Pam Snyder, D-Greene/Fayette/Washington):** Would create an inventory of all state department, agency, commission or institution-owned communication towers, poles, buildings and facilities to leverage existing state-owned assets to increase the availability of high-speed internet access to unserved and underserved Pennsylvanians. (192-0).
  - **HB 332 (Rep. Seth Grove, R-York):** Would authorize “Commerce

Court” programs within the Superior Court and county-level Courts of Common Pleas to decide business-related cases. (125-67).

- **HB 351 (Rep. Joe Emrick, R-Northampton):** Updates the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Compact to provide the governor with veto power over actions of the commission members of Pennsylvania. New Jersey officials already enacted similar legislation in their state. (175-16).
- **HB 430 (Rep. Kerry Benninghoff, R-Centre/Mifflin):** Would amend the Regulatory Review Act to further provide for procedures for subsequent review of final-form or final-omitted regulations. (105-90).
- **HB 476 (Rep. Zach Mako, R-Northampton/Lehigh):** Would amend the Solid Waste Management Act (Act 97 of 1980) to address notices of noncompliance. (196-0).
- **HB 509 (Rep. Greg Rothman, R-Cumberland):** Would establish the Permit Administration Act, which would provide tracking, timeline requirements and third-party review powers for permits issued by state agencies. (109-86).
- **HB 632 (Rep. Greg Rothman, R-Cumberland):** Would permit the use of electronic power of attorney documents for transferring a vehicle’s title to an insurance company. (197-0).
- **HB 633 (Rep. Mark Keller, R-Perry/Cumberland):** Would require all candidates and political committees that file campaign finance reports with the secretary of

the Commonwealth to file the reports electronically. (195-0).

- **HB 762 (Rep. Tim O’Neal, R-Washington):** Would require each state agency to appoint a regulatory compliance officer. (102-94).
- **HB 806 (Rep. Dawn Keefer, R-York/Cumberland):** Would require the General Assembly to approve by concurrent resolution an economically significant regulation before that regulation can go into effect. (103-91).
- **HB 847 (Rep. Justin Walsh, R-Westmoreland):** Would prohibit the use of electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards to purchase tobacco and tobacco products. (154-32).
- **HB 855 (Rep. Jim Struzzi, R-Indiana):** Would require the secretary of the Budget to project revenue shortfalls for the fiscal year starting in December and to put amounts in budgetary reserve equal to any shortfall to balance the budget. (108-90).
- **HB 860 (Rep. Brett Miller, R-Lancaster):** Would amend the Right-to-Know Law to exempt agency financial institution account numbers and information regarding dependents of agency dependents from public access; and to expand the exemption for personal financial information. (191-0).
- **HB 880 (Rep. Andrew Lewis, R-Dauphin):** Lowers the debt ceiling for the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) by \$100 million per year, starting in 2022, until the ceiling reaches \$2.65 billion in 2026. (104-92).
- **HB 917 (Rep. Lou Schmitt Jr., R-Blair):** Would repeal a 1929 law authorizing municipalities other than townships to acquire, maintain and operate a hospital. (199-0).
- **HB 920 (Rep. Stan Saylor, R-York):** Would update budget procedures related to unspent appropriations and how these amounts are dealt with at the close of a fiscal year. (108-90).
- **HB 921 (Rep. Eric Nelson, R-Westmoreland):** Would require the administration to issue quarterly reports on the amounts committed and awarded from special funds that provide grants and subsidies. (108-90).
- **HB 922 (Rep. Sheryl Delozier, R-Cumberland):** Would require the administration to supply additional information as part of the governor’s proposed budget. (109-89).
- **HB 923 (Rep. Rosemary Brown, R-Monroe/Pike):** Would require the governor to explain the reasons for a state supplemental appropriation request and to make recommendations for cost-savings or other reforms which address the cause of the need of a supplemental appropriation. (109-89).
- **HB 985 (Rep. Frank Ryan, R-Lebanon):** Clarifies which types of



audits the Department of the Auditor General shall conduct, and what professional qualifications each department employee shall possess in order to work on these various types of audits. (192-0).

- **HB 1021 (Rep. Torren Ecker, R-Adams/Cumberland):** Would allow either or both chambers of the General Assembly to intervene as a party in a judicial proceeding where a statute is alleged to be unconstitutional. (112-85).
- **HB 1031 (Rep. Clint Owlett, R-Tioga/Bradford/Potter):** Would repeal Act 118 of 1893, which authorizes the purchase of land and construction of buildings for the Scotland School for Veterans' Children. (191-0).
- **HB 1045 (Rep. Mike Turzai, R-Allegheny):** Requires the Commonwealth Financing Authority board to meet the second Tuesday of every other month. (194-3).
- **HB 1055 (Rep. Kate Klunk, R-York):** Would establish the Independent Office of the Repealer to review statutes and regulations for possible revision/repeal. (103-98).
- **HB 1062 (Rep. Michael Peifer, R-Pike/Wayne):** Would repeal a 1941 law related to 1940s construction regulations in the Pocono Mountains region. (197-0).

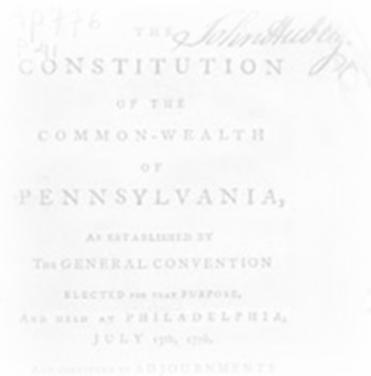


- **HB 1079 (Rep. Jack Rader, R-Monroe):** Would repeal a 1901 law related to exemption from capital stock tax. (189-1).
- **HB 1080 (Rep. Zach Mako, R-Northampton/Lehigh)** Would repeal a 1927 law related to the capital stock tax. (189-1).
- **HB 1081 (Rep. Aaron Kaufer, R-Luzerne):** Would repeal a 1931 law related to capital stock in corporations. (189-1).
- **HB 1083 (Rep. Thomas Sankey, R-Clearfield/Cambria):** Would repeal portions of a 1927 law related to capital stock and franchise tax, and an 1811 law related to settlements of public accounts. (188-1).
- **HB 1084 (Rep. Keith Greiner, R-Lancaster):** Would repeal a 1913 law related to personal property tax. (189-1).
- **HB 1085 (Rep. Aaron Bernstine, R-Lawrence/Beaver/Butler):** Would repeal a 1935 law related to personal property tax. (189-1).
- **HB 1086 (Rep. Seth Grove, R-York):** Would repeal a 1937 law related to store and theater tax. (188-1).
- **HB 1092 (Rep. Keith Gillespie, R-York):** Would repeal Act 577 of 1951, which authorized the construction of toll bridges on the Susquehanna River in Dauphin, Perry, Lancaster and York counties. (197-0).
- **HB 1174 (Rep. Matthew Dowling, R-Fayette/Somerset):** Would repeal Act 49 of 1933, which “Prohibits individuals and associations from playing or engaging in baseball or

football games before 2 p.m. and after 6 p.m. on Sundays.” (190-0).

- **HB 1179 (Rep. Jonathan Fritz, R-Susquehanna/Wayne):** Would repeal laws from 1933 which regulate when music can be played on Sundays. (190-0).
- **HB 1180 (Rep. Jonathan Fritz, R-Susquehanna/Wayne):** Would repeal laws from 1935 which regulate when movies can be played on Sundays. (190-0).
- **HB 1196 (Rep. Patrick Harkins, D-Erie):** Would amend the Public School Code by updating outdated terminology to conform with modern usage. (190-0).
- **HB 1210 (Rep. Mike Jones, R-York):** Would amend the School Code by repealing more than a dozen outdated and unnecessary provisions. (191-0).
- **HB 1222 (Rep. Andrew Lewis, R-Dauphin):** Would consolidate the Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes Act and the Institutions of Purely Public Charity Act. (200-0).
- **HB 1232 (Rep. George Dunbar, R-Westmoreland):** Would amend the Fiscal Code to update provisions pursuant to the Enhanced Revenue Collection Account. (196-0).
- **HB 1305 (Rep. Jeff Pyle, R-Armstrong/Butler/Indiana):** Would repeal Act 14 of 1963, which authorized construction of a highway and bridge. (197-0).
- **HB 1335 (Rep. Matt Gabler, R-Clearfield/Elk):** Would repeal obsolete portions of the Private Road Law (Act 169 of 1836). (195-0).

- **HB 1379 (Rep. Jim Rigby, R-Cambria/Somerset):** Would repeal a 1935 law, which places restrictions to when polo can be played on Sundays. (200-0).
- **HB 1405 (Rep. John Hershey, R-Juniata/Franklin/Mifflin):** Would repeal a 1935 law, which places restrictions to when tennis can be played on Sundays. (200-0).
- **HB 1444 (Rep. Justin Walsh, R-Westmoreland):** Would amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to allow the governing body of a local government unit to petition the Court of Common Pleas requesting the removal of a member of the governing body who attends fewer than 50% of all scheduled public meetings in a calendar year. (195-6).



- **HB 1502 (Rep. Seth Grove, R-York):** Would codify the state treasurer’s transparency portal, requiring state agencies to post budget documents online. It would also create Commonwealth Financial Watch, which would show the public the top 20 largest cost drivers and 10 agencies with the largest budget appropriations. (200-0).
- **HB 1537 (Rep. Patrick Harkins, D-Erie):** Would provide the Department of Labor and Industry

with more flexibility on how they draw down the funding for the modernization of Unemployment Compensation's benefit delivery system. (201-0).

- **HB1803 (Rep. Marcy Toepel, R-Montgomery):** Would require

settlements paid as a result of an action taken by an employee of a Commonwealth agency to be included on PennWATCH. (200-0).

# Fiscal Responsibility

## *Signed into Law:*

- **Act 13 of 2019** (formerly HB 262 (Rep. Carl Metzgar, R-Somerset/Bedford): Eliminates the inheritance tax rate for transfers of property to or for the use of a child age 21 years or younger from a natural parent, adoptive parent or step-parent. (194-3).

## *Bills Awaiting Senate Action:*

- **HB 128 (Rep. Rosemary Brown, R-Monroe/Pike):** Creates the PA First-time Homebuyers Savings Account program. The bill would allow first-time homebuyers to deposit money into a savings account, where it goes for the exclusive purpose of purchasing a first home, and if used for qualified

expenses, the money can be deducted from their state income tax. (188-1).

- **HB 330 (Rep. Joe Emrick, R-Northampton):** Makes technical corrections to the Property Tax Relief Act. (193-0).
- **HB 538 (Rep. Marty Flynn, D-Lackawanna):** Establishes a state income tax exemption for Olympic prize winnings and medals received from the United States Olympic Committee on account of competition in the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games. (197-0).
- **HB 706 (Rep. Keith Greiner, R-Lancaster):** Permits the executor or administrator of a decedent's estate to elect to file a combined annual income tax return for an estate and revocable trust during the period the estate is open. (194-3).



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## Relaxing the State's Hold on Alcohol

### *Signed into Law:*

- **Act 45 of 2019** (formerly HB 131 (Rep. Barry Jozwiak, R-Berks): Updates the state liquor code definition of “alcoholic cider” to match the federal definition. (199-0).
- **Act 48 of 2019** (formerly HB 423 (Rep. Jesse Topper, R-Bedford/Franklin/Fulton): Would amend the Liquor Code regarding local option ballot questions for alcohol manufacturers. (198-1).
- **Act 57 of 2019** (formerly HB 1524 (Rep. Jack Rader, R-Monroe): Would provide for auctioned liquor licenses to be transferred to designated tourist development projects. (135-64).



### *Bills Awaiting Senate Action:*

- **HB 325** (Rep. Daniel Deasy, D-Allegheny): Establishes the “Pennsylvania Distilled Spirits Industry Promotion Board.” (185-9).
- **HB 763** (Rep. Tim O’Neal, R-Washington): Amends the Liquor

Code to allow club license holders to sell six-packs to their members. (180-16).

- **HB 947** (Rep. Peter Schweyer, D-Lehigh): Amends the Liquor Code to provide consistency for the hours of operation for limited distilleries and breweries. (197-0).
- **HB 1048** (Rep. Jerry Knowles, R-Schuylkill/Berks/Carbon): Would remove the annual liquor license surcharge for a national veterans' organization or volunteer fire company. (199-0).
- **HB 1549** (Rep. Natalie Mihalek, R-Allegheny/Washington): Would clarify the assessment of Sales and Use Tax on the purchase price of a malt or brewed beverage sold on the premises of a PA Brewery. (196-0).
- **HB 1542** (Rep. Stan Saylor, R-York): Would amend the Liquor Code to add days for holders of special occasion permits and provide for other changes regarding special occasion permits. (199-0).
- **HB 1589** (Rep. Steve Samuelson, D-Northampton): Would amend the Liquor Code to extend the hours of operation for public venues and performing arts facilities and enable small movie theaters to qualify for a performing arts facility license. (196-3).
- **HB 1705** (Rep. Matt Gabler, Clearfield/Elk): Would authorize school districts to offer a property tax credit for volunteer first responders. (200-0).

# Advancing Local Government

## *Signed into Law:*

- **Act 4 of 2019** (formerly HB 264 (Rep. Zach Mako, R-Northampton): The legislation would create a system of financial best practices for municipal authorities across the state to use when handling the money, they collect. Some of the changes that this legislation would make include removing any individual names from municipal accounts, creating a standardized procedure for the handling of authority's funds, and requiring annual audits and fiscal reports to be presented to the authority board. (193-0).
- **Act 6 of 2019** (formerly HB 275 (Rep. Tom Mehaffie, R-Dauphin): Changes name of state's "Early Intervention Program" to the "Strategic Management Planning Program." (193-0).
- **Act 50 of 2019** (formerly HB 547 (Rep. Joe Emrick, R-Northampton): Allows First Class townships to pass an annual resolution to set their millage rate, as long as the rate is the same or lower than a prior year. When the millage rate is increased, the township must adopt an ordinance. (196-0).
- **Act 51 of 2019** (formerly HB 548 (Rep. Joe Emrick, R-Northampton): Amends the Borough Code and Third Class City Code to allow officials to set their annual tax millage rate by resolution, as long as the rate is the same or lower than a prior year. When the millage rate is

increased, the township must adopt an ordinance. (195-1).

- **Act 63 of 2019** (formerly SB 321 (Sen. Scott Martin, R-Lancaster): Would allow municipalities in certain counties to opt out of allowing the instillation of video gaming terminals within their municipal boundaries by passing a resolution. (184-17).

## *Bills Awaiting Senate Action:*

- **HB 103 (Rep. David Maloney, R-Berks):** Amends the Municipalities Planning Code to establish procedures and rules for nonbuilding lots as part of municipalities; Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances. (125-73).
- **HB 227 (Rep. Matt Gabler, R-Elk/Clearfield):** The bill proposes to correct an inconsistency in current law that creates different ballot access requirements for candidates for school board within the same school district. (193-0).
- **HB 324 (Rep. Keith Gillespie, R-York):** Allows municipalities to develop micro-enterprise loans to help start small businesses in blighted downtown communities. (192-2).
- **HB 349 (Rep. Doyle Heffley, R-Carbon):** Requires municipalities that opt to enforce the Uniform Construction Code (UCC) by using third-party agencies to have at least

two or more contracted for UCC administration. (114-84).



- **HB 407 (Rep. Kurt Masser, R-Northumberland/Columbia/Montour):** Updates the definition of “blight” to create a standard definition for the term in each blight remediation bill introduced. This will prevent points of contention as blight remediation progresses. (190-0).
- **HB 422 (Rep. Sheryl Delozier, R-Cumberland):** Creates a building code official “trainee” program. (196-1).
- **HB 510 (Rep. Paul Schemel, R-Franklin):** Allows intergovernmental cooperation to be established by resolution or ordinance, rather than solely by ordinance. (196-0).
- **HB 511 (Rep. Paul Schemel, R-Franklin):** Amends the Second Class Township Code to allow municipalities to take advantage of the provisions in House Bill 510. (196-0).
- **HB 512 (Rep. Paul Schemel, R-Franklin):** Amends the Third Class City Code to allow municipalities to take advantage of the provisions in House Bill 510. (196-0).
- **HB 1034 (Rep. Garth Everett, R-Lycoming/Union):** Would amend

the Consolidated County Assessment Law to further facilitate the existing statutory requirement that building permit information be submitted to the county assessment office. (196-4).

- **HB 1035 (Rep. Christina Sappey, D-Chester):** Would authorize political subdivisions and authorities to enter into contracts for services when two consecutive advertisements fail to induce bids. (200-0).
- **HB 1036 (Rep. Dan Moul, R-Adams):** Would amend the process by which a small borough, having a population of 3,000 residents or fewer, may seek to reduce the size of its borough council from seven members to either five members or three members. (200-0).
- **HB 1203 (Rep. Frank Ryan, R-Lebanon):** Would require that the annual audit of an authority must comply with state and federal standards and allows the incorporating municipality to request assistance from the auditor general. (200-0).
- **HB 1243 (Rep. Robert Freeman, D-Northampton):** Would amend the Main Street Act to allow DCED to extend the current grants for costs related to hiring the Main Street manager for an additional five years. (199-0).
- **HB 1246 (Rep. Robert Freeman, D-Northampton):** Would require compliance with ethics statutes for Act 47 coordinators appointed to assist financially distressed municipalities. (199-0).

## Insurance Related Concerns

### *Signed into Law:*

- **Act 42 of 2019** (formerly HB65 3 (Rep. Bryan Cutler, R-Lancaster): Would create a PA state-based health insurance exchange and a reinsurance program. (197-0).

### *Bills Awaiting Senate Action:*

- **HB 328** (Rep. Perry Warren, D-Bucks): Would establish the Flood

Insurance Premium Assistance Task Force. (197-0).

- **HB 427** (Rep. Kerry Benninghoff, R-Centre/Mifflin): Would prohibit health plans covering treatments for Stage IV, metastatic cancers from excluding or limiting drugs for patients if the drugs are FDA approved and consistent with best practices for Stage IV, metastatic cancer treatment. (196-3).



# Education Accomplishments

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## Education: Equipping Students for Success

- **HB 800 (Rep. Mike Turzai, R-Allegheny):** Would increase the amount of tax credits available under the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program by \$100 million (to \$210 million). (111-85). **VETOED** by the governor (Veto No. 1, 6/18/19)

### **Signed into Law:**

- **Act 16 of 2019 (formerly HB 1615 (Rep. Mike Turzai, R-Allegheny):** Would amend public school code and definitions of educational tax credits. (160-39).
- **Act 18 of 2019 (formerly SB 144 (Sen. Scott Martin, R-Lancaster):** Would create the Keystone Telepresence Education Grant Program for the purpose of awarding grants to intermediate units for the purchase of telepresence equipment and related support services for the educational support of homebound students. (192-0).
- **Act 64 of 2019 (formerly SB 440 (Sen. Kristin Phillips-Hill, R-York):** Would create a three-year pilot program that provides Flexible Instructional Days (FIDs) to school entities. (198-1).
- **Act 67 of 2019 (formerly SB 621 (Sen. Mike Regan, R-Cumberland/York):** Would update laws and guidelines for school police officers, school resource officers and school security guards. (116-83).
- **Act 70 of 2019 (formerly SB 700 (Sen. Pat Browne, R-Lehigh):** Would

implement a new program for state reimbursement for school construction and maintenance projects and establish the Public Higher Education Funding Commission. (201-0).



### **Bills Awaiting Senate Action:**

- **HB 49 (Rep. Rosemary Brown, R-Monroe/Pike):** Provides for the award of course credit for successful completion of coursework in personal finance during grades 9 through 12. (200-0).
- **HB 102 (Rep. David Maloney, R-Berks):** Would allow for expanded availability of hunter education courses in public schools. (143-46).
- **HB 239 (Rep. Harry Readshaw, D-Allegheny):** Would amend Act 10 of 1991 to bring State law regarding military recruiter access to students into compliance with Federal law. (170-30).
- **HB 355 (Rep. Mike Reese, R-Westmoreland/Somerset):** Would update the Charter School Law related to increasing ethical requirements of members of the

board of trustees and administrators of charter schools, and financial transparency of charter schools. (189-7).

- **HB 356 (Rep. Matt Dowling, R-Fayette/Somerset):** Would update the Charter School Law related to charter school facilities, including the use of sectarian facilities, purchase of school district facilities, operation of more than one charter school location and access to testing facilities. (105-91).
- **HB 357 (Rep. Jesse Topper, R-Bedford/Franklin/Fulton):** Would establish uniform processes and procedures related to charter applications, renewals, amendments, enrollment and attendance records. (106-91).
- **HB 358 (Rep. Jim Marshall, R-Beaver/Butler):** Would permit charter schools and area vocational-technical schools to enter into dual enrollment agreements with institutions of higher education. (142-54).
- **HB 518 (Rep. Jason Ortity, R-Allegheny/Washington):** Would amend the Private Licensed School Act to clarify that a “multibranch training school” can be in a different county than the primary licensed school. (199-0).
- **HB 1671 (Rep. Michael Peifer, R-Pike/Wayne):** Would make various updates to the state’s Tuition Account Program (PA 529), including allowing funds to be used for the payment of qualified education expenses for attendance at eligible elementary or secondary educational institutions. (200-0).
- **SB 89 (Sen. Vincent Hughes, D-Philadelphia/Montgomery):** Would update the Public School Code to replace references to “vocational technical schools” with “career and technical schools” and update other obsolete terms and add provisions related to career and technical education. (199-0).

## Safeguarding Citizens' Rights to Safely Hunt and Fish

### *Bills Awaiting Senate Action:*

- **HB 301 (Rep. Gerald Mullery, D-Luzerne):** Would increase the penalty for the illegal use of body-gripping traps outside of a watercourse, waterway, marsh, pond or dam. (185-0).
- **HB 584 (Rep. William Kortz, D-Allegheny):** Creates a specific fishing license exemption for participants in organized therapeutic fishing activities. (193-0).
- **HB 617 (Rep. Keith Gillespie, R-York):** Provides for a discounted general hunting license for Hunter Trapper Education (HTE) instructors by creating a "Volunteer Instructor License." (193-0).
- **HB 808 (Rep. Tom Mehaffie, R-Dauphin):** Authorizes the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) to establish the fees charged by the agency. (151-39).
- **HB 1185 (Rep. Steven Mentzer, R-Lancaster):** Would provide needed consistency across existing law and increase penalties for harmful, reckless behavior on Pennsylvania waterways. (192-0).
- **HB 1188 (Rep. Parke Wentling, R-Mercer/Crawford/Erie/Lawrence):** Would remove restrictions on night-vision optics for hunting. (195-5).

# Supporting and Honoring Our Veterans

## *Signed into Law:*

- **Act 32 of 2019** (formerly HB 1324 (Rep. Stephen Barrar, R-Delaware/Chester): Would expand the Pennsylvania National Guard Military Education Program by including the National Guard member's spouse or child in this benefit program. (199-0).
- **Act 55 of 2019** (formerly HB 807 (Rep. Frank Ryan, R-Lebanon): Specifies that the annual salary of deputy adjutant generals and general officers in command positions permanently employed by the Commonwealth is to be equivalent to the federal military base pay. (198-0).
- **Act 60 of 2019** (formerly SB 128 (Sen. Mike Regan, R-Cumberland/York): Would authorize the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) to serve as a liaison for the Civil Air Patrol and provide support. (199-0).
- **Act 62 of 2019** (formerly SB 298 (Sen. Lisa Baker, R-Luzerne/Pike/Susquehanna/Wayne/Wyoming): Would earmark "stolen

valor" fines to the Veterans' Trust Fund. (201-0).

## *Bills Awaiting Senate Action:*

- **HB 86 (Rep. David Maloney, R-Berks):** Requires the POW/MIA flag to be flown on state grounds and buildings when the American flag is also being flown and when the POW/MIA flag can be reasonably accommodated at the location. (198-0).
- **HB 233 (Rep. Tim O'Neal, R-Washington):** Second Class County Code/veterans grave decorations. The legislation would enhance current law to require cemeteries to remove flags when they become unsightly or weatherworn after Veteran's Day, and for the flags to be American made. The proposal allows for a family member to remove and keep the flag from the grave after Veterans' Day. Additionally, the bill would clarify current law to ensure greater communication between cemeteries, local veterans' organizations, and county commissioners, who are currently required to provide the flags. The measure applies only to Allegheny County. (194-0).
- **HB 375 (Rep. Neal Goodman, D-Schuylkill):** Removes the value of federal veterans' disability payments and the value of all state service-connected payments from income eligibility calculations for the PACE and PACENET programs. (193-0).

- **HB 630 (Rep. Gary Day, R-Lehigh/Berks):** Would provide employment protections to Pennsylvania residents who are members of a National Guard or Reserve unit in another state. (192-0).
- **HB 1050 (Rep. Frank Burns, D-Cambria):** Would establish enrollment requirements for military personnel, veterans and their families to help qualify for in-state tuition rates at public colleges and universities. (192-0).
- **HB 1380 (Rep. Karen Boback, R-Luzerne/Lackawanna/Wyoming):** Would provide for fishing license and hunting license reciprocity for active duty military members and disabled veterans. (200-0).
- **HB 1609 (Rep. Jennifer O'Mara, D-Delaware):** Would increase voluntary donation amounts to the Veterans' Trust Fund. (192-0).

# Transportation

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- **Act 22 of 2019** (formerly HB 384 (Rep. Josh Kail, R-Beaver/Washington): Increases the fine for driving a vehicle without the proper endorsement for that particular type of vehicle. Currently the fine is \$25; under this bill the fine would increase to \$200. (193-0).

## *Bills Awaiting Senate Action:*

- **HB 30** (Rep. Joseph Petrarca, D-Westmoreland/Armstrong/Indiana): Allows for increasing the contribution amount for the Governor Robert P. Casey Memorial Organ and Tissue donation Awareness Trust Fund. (198-0).

“Keystone Tree Fund” as a means to fund a TreeVitalize program and a riparian forest buffer grant program. The bill allows a person to make a \$3 contribution to the fund when electronically renewing a driver’s license, ID card or vehicle registration through PennDOT’s website. (199-0).

- **HB 634** (Rep. Mark Keller, R-Perry/Cumberland): Would expand procession rights to large group motorcycle rides. (172-23).
- **HB 792** (Rep. David Maloney, R-Berks): Would make changes to vehicle parking regulations when parking in a curbside bike lane. (200-1).
- **HB 869** (Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, R-Lehigh/Berks): Would expand the types of vehicles eligible for a refund from the liquid fuels tax to include ready-mix concrete mixers using a power takeoff unit. (191-1).
- **HB 1077** (Rep. Jim Marshall, R-Beaver/Butler): Would allow for the transportation of multiple hot ingots a distance up to 125 miles. (Current law limits distance to 25 miles.) (196-2).

- **HB 374** (Rep. Garth Everett, R-Lycoming/Union): Establishes the

## Miscellaneous

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- **Act 3 of 2019** (formerly SB 3 (Sen. Yaw, R-Bradford/Lycoming/Sullivan/Susquehanna/ Union): Designates the Eastern hellbender as the official amphibian of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- **Act 5 of 2019** (formerly HB 279 Rep. Karen Boback, R-Luzerne/Lackawanna/Wyoming): Provides civil immunity for any damage that may be done to a vehicle when forceful entry is necessary to rescue a child. (197-0).
- **Act 26 of 2019** (formerly HB 1166 (Rep. Barry Jozwiak, R-Berks): Increases pilot fees on the Delaware River and Bay. (197-0).
- **Act 47 of 2019** (formerly HB 235 (Rep. Tarah Toohil, R-Luzerne): Reforms state adoption requirements/witness consent rules for adoption by an incarcerated parent. Currently, due to housing restrictions, inmates often cannot obtain the necessary witness signatures required for a valid consent in adoption proceedings. This bill allows correctional staff to witness the consent of the incarcerated parent. (183-13).
- **Act 52 of 2019** (formerly HB 615 (Rep. Keith Gillespie, R-York): Would amend the definition of “enforcement officer” in the State Employees Retirement Code to include a Game Commission officer. (196-3).
- **Act 53 of 2019** (formerly HB 751 (Rep. Brad Roae, R-Crawford/Erie): Makes technical changes to the Public Utility Code to update the definition of service line to include water and wastewater; to acknowledge email as a valid form of service; and to ensure utilities pay taxes owed on contributions in aid of construction. (195-0).
- **Act 56 of 2019** (formerly HB 826 (Rep. Jim Marshall, R-Beaver/Butler): Would allow nonprofits affiliated with major league and collegiate sports teams to conduct 50/50 drawings for charity at home games. (194-7).

### *Bills Awaiting Senate Action:*

- **HB 350 (Rep. Jim Rigby, R-Cambria/Somerset):** Changes rules for tracking precious metal sales and helps law enforcement potentially recover stolen property including requiring dealers to possess purchased metals for a minimum of 10 working days and maintaining a copy of their annual license application. (190-5).

- **HB 365 (Rep. Martina White, R-Philadelphia):** Would add a new section to the Crimes Code addressing long-term trespassing by “squatters.” (155-44).
- **HB 561 (Rep. Sheryl DeLozier, R-Cumberland):** Allows minors to perform music in a licensed establishment so long as the minor is not compensated and is supervised by a parent or guardian. (185-12).
- **HB 619 (Rep. Sue Helm, R-Dauphin/Lebanon):** Would establish June 19 as “Juneteenth National Freedom Day” and make it an annual observance for the Commonwealth. (191-0).
- **HB 716 (Rep. John Galloway, D-Bucks):** Would amend the Administrative Code to create the Joint Agency Task Force on Misclassification within the Department of Labor and Industry. (198-0).
- **SB 733 (Sen. Pat Browne, R-Lehigh):** Would provide for capital itemization of the Gaming Economic Development and Tourism Fund for a science and education center. (200-0).
- **HB 752 (Rep. Mike Turzai, R-Allegheny):** Removes the current price per acre restriction on Game Fund money used for the purchase of land to be used as game lands in a county of the second class. (194-0).