

WEEKLY SESSION NOTES

SENATE REPUBLICAN POLICY COMMITTEE – MARIO M. SCAVELLO, CHAIRMAN

Monday, December 13, 2021

Bills amended on Third Consideration:

[SB 562](#) (SCAVELLO) Amends the Tax Reform Code to provide for an Airport Land Development Zone tax credit program. **AMENDED AND REREFERRED TO APPROPRIATIONS.**

[A02937](#) (SCAVELLO) Expands eligibility to all airports across Pennsylvania, providing for definitions for “commercial service airport” and “noncommercial service airports”. **ADOPTED 43-6.**

Bills voted on Third Consideration:

[SB 706](#) (ROBINSON) Establishes the Max Manufacturing Initiative Fund and the Max Manufacturing Endeavor Loan Fund to leverage the proximity of university and private engineering expertise through grants, incentivized private investments and business incentives to attract high-technology industries for advanced manufacturing. **PASSED 44-5.**

[SB 922](#) (LANGERHOLC) Designates the Gerald “Jerry” Confer Memorial Bridge in Clearfield County. **PASSED 49-0.**

[SB 937](#) (BROOKS) Amends the Public School Code to prohibit requirements for children to be vaccinated for COVID-19 in order to attend school. **PASSED 28-21.**

Bills voted on Supplemental:

[SB 772](#) (DISANTO) Amends the Insurance Company Law to reduce the minimum nonforfeiture rate for individual deferred annuities and adopts a consumer best interest standard for all annuity recommendations. **HOUSE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN 49-0.**

[SB 933](#) (MARTIN) Amends the Public School Code to allow official representatives of members of the General Assembly to vote at meetings of the State System of Higher Education Board of Governors. **PASSED 28-21.**

[HB 1332](#) (LEWIS) Amends the Public School Code of 1949 to require a school entity post curriculum information online. **PASSED 28-21.**

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Bills voted on Third Consideration:

[SB 428](#) (GORDNER) Amends the Election Code to change the date of the Presidential Primary. **PASSED 49-0.**

[SB 931](#) (MARTIN) Amends the Public School Code to exclude pandemic relief payments from the definition of household income. **PASSED 41-8.**

[SB 932](#) (MARTIN) Amends the Public School Code to include concurrent enrollment programs in the definition of school-related fees. **PASSED 33-16.**

[HB 1642](#) (WHITE) Amends the Public School Code to increase access to and the amount of education scholarships for students attending economically disadvantaged schools. **PASSED 30-19.**

[HB 1837](#) (IRVIN) Amends the Workers Compensation Act to make permanent changes to two sections of the Act based on suspended regulations during the COVID-19 disaster declaration. **PASSED 49-0.**

Bill amended on Supplemental:

[SB 913](#) (BAKER) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes regarding probation. **OVER AS AMENDED**

[A03128](#) (BAKER) Prohibits the imposition of a sentence of total confinement upon revocation unless the court finds either the defendant has been convicted of another crime or a defendant who has not been convicted of another crime to be sentenced to total confinement upon revocation only if the court first finds by a preponderance of the evidence the defendant committed a technical violation and various provisions apply. **ADOPTED**

[HB 412](#) (GLEIM) Amends the Public School Code to provide school entities with day-to-day substitute teacher flexibility.

[A03233](#) (PHILLIPS-HILL) Provides flexibility to hire retired teachers as substitutes during the 2021-22 and 2022-23. Expands the number of days a substitute may work in a school year. Uncaps the number of days a prospective educator may substitute. **ADOPTED**

Bills voted on Supplemental:

[SB 337](#) (BOSCOLA) Increases the minimum fine and raises the penalty for killing or unlawfully taking a bald or golden eagle in Pennsylvania. **PASSED 47-2.**

[SB 562](#) (SCAVELLO) Amends the Tax Reform Code to provide for an Airport Land Development Zone tax credit program. **PASSED 39-10.**

[HB 291](#) (**LABS**) Amends the State Lottery Law to extend the current Social Security cost-of-living-adjustment (COLA) moratorium for individuals enrolled in the PACE and PACENET programs. **PASSED 49-0.**

[HB 1260](#) (**THOMAS**) Amends the State Lottery Law to expand income eligibility for the PACENET program. **PASSED 49-0.**

[HB 1255](#) (**LEWIS**) Amends Title 42 to limit the time frame pursuant to which an action to recover damages may be brought against a real estate appraiser. **PASSED 49-0.**

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

Bills voted on Third Consideration:

[SB 291](#) (**HUGHES**) Senate Bill 291 provides for the Capital Budget Act of Fiscal Year 2021-22 (act). The act establishes the maximum bond indebtedness the Commonwealth may incur during the fiscal year for capital projects specifically itemized in a capital budget project itemization act. **PASSED 50-0.**

[HB 412](#) (**GLEIM**) Amends the Public School Code of 1949 to provide school entities with day-to-day substitute teacher flexibility. **PASSED 37-13.**

[SB 635](#) (**YUDICHAK**) Amends Title 12 (Commerce and Trade) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to make enhancements to the C-PACE Program. **PASSED 42-8.**

[SB 904](#) (**BAKER**) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) to allow a probation officer to hold meetings remotely with an individual who is on probation. **PASSED 50-0.**

[SB 905](#) (**BAKER**) Amends the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Law to require the County Adult Probation and Parole Advisory Committee to make recommendations and adopt standards regarding the weight that should be given to an offender's work schedule and medical care when making scheduling decisions. **PASSED 50-0.**

[SB 913](#) (**BAKER**) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes regarding probation. **PASSED 46-4.**

[SB 924](#) (**BROOKS**) Amends the Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Act of 1966, to institute a moratorium on the scheduled closing of the Polk and White Haven State Centers. **PASSED 32-18.**

[HB 2071](#) (**CAUSER**) Amends Title 64 (relating to Public Authorities) to establish the Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority. **PASSED 50-0.**

Bill amended and voted on Supplemental:

[SB 566](#) (REGAN) Amends the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L. 90, No. 21), known as the Liquor Code, to establish an annual excess license auction. **AMENDED AND PASSED 26-24.**

[A3160](#) (REGAN) Updates the definitions and regulations regarding “ready-to-drink cocktails” in relation to the Liquor Code. **ADOPTED 26-24.**

Executive Nominations:

[Attached.](#) **CONFIRMED 49-1.**

Court of Common Pleas, Venango County, Marie T. Veon.. **CONFIRMED 50-0.**

