

WEEKLY SESSION NOTES

SENATE REPUBLICAN POLICY COMMITTEE – MARIO M. SCAVELLO, CHAIRMAN

Tuesday, January 18th, 2022

Bills voted on Third Consideration:

SB 450 (YAW) Amends the Rural Pennsylvania Revitalization Act to revise the make-up of the board of directors for the Center for Rural Pennsylvania. **PASSED 49-0.**

HB 1121 (TOPPER) Designates the Colonel Joseph M. Stine Memorial Bridge in Bedford County. **PASSED 49-0.**

Bills amended on Supplemental:

SB 726 (PHILLIPS-HILL) Amends Title 18 to make the possession, use, sale or the threat to use ransomware a crime, authorizes civil actions by victims of a ransomware attack and requires the Office of Administration to study the susceptibility, preparedness and the ability of the Commonwealth to respond to a ransomware attack. **OVER AS AMENDED.**

A02559 (PHILLIPS-HILL) Makes several technical changes as well as allows agencies to purchase insurance coverage for ransomware attacks. **ADOPTED 29-20.**

SB 818 (J. WARD) Amends the Health Care Facilities Act to allow ambulatory surgical facilities to seek an exception or waiver from the Department of Health for surgical procedures not specified on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Ambulatory Surgical Center Covered Procedures List. **OVER AS AMENDED.**

A03434 (J. WARD) Clarifies that an ambulatory surgical facility may perform surgical procedures that are specified on the ASC-CPL, if doing so does not conflict with Federal or State law or regulation. **ADOPTED 29-20.**

Bills voted on Supplemental:

SB 861 (STEFANO) Makes the Commonwealth a party to the Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact – or EMS Compact. **PASSED 49-0.**

HB 930 (SCHLEGEL-CULVER) Amends Title 18 to add requirements that law enforcement deliver the DNA of a missing child and collect and submit the DNA of an unidentified deceased child to the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) and provide that DNA to the PSP for submission to the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NAMUS). Amends Title 44 to provide that forensic DNA stored by the PSP is to be submitted to NAMUS and provides for the collection and submission to NAMUS of DNA in certain investigations. **PASSED 42-7.**

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Wednesday, January 19th, 2022

Bills amended on Third Consideration:

SB 696 (LAUGHLIN) Amends the Breach of Personal Information Notification Act (Act 94 of 2005) to provide for security of computerized data and for the notification of residents whose personal information data was or may have been disclosed due to a security system breach. **OVER AS AMENDED.**

A03451 (PHILLIPS-HILL) Changes in the wording in the legislation that furthers the responsibility of state agencies and third parties (subcontractors) to properly notify individuals if personal information has been compromised. **AMENDED 43-6.**

Bills voted on Third Consideration:

SB 272 (MASTRIANO) Provides free fishing licenses for 100% disabled first responders residing in Pennsylvania. **PASSED 49-0.**

SB 482 (PHILLIPS-HILL) Amends Title 71 to establish the Office of Information Technology and the Information Technology Fund and providing for administrative, procurement, and cybersecurity procedures. **PASSED 29-20.**

SB 726 (PHILLIPS-HILL) Amends to make makes the possession, use, sale or the threat to use ransomware a crime, authorizes civil actions by victims of a ransomware attack and requires the Office of Administration to study the susceptibility, preparedness and the ability of the Commonwealth to respond to a ransomware attack. **PASSED 29-20.**

SB 818 (J. WARD) Amends the Health Care Facilities Act to allow ambulatory surgical facilities to seek an exception or waiver from the Department of Health for surgical procedures not specified on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Ambulatory Surgical Center Covered Procedures List. **PASSED 36-13.**

HB 1588 (MERCURI) Makes permanent a waiver issued under the Governor's emergency orders allowing mortgage originators to work remotely. **PASSED 49-0.**

Bill voted on Supplemental:

SB 696 (LAUGHLIN) Amends the Breach of Personal Information Notification Act to provide for security of computerized data and for the notification of residents whose personal information data was or may have been disclosed due to a security system breach. **PASSED AS AMENDED 32-17.**

Executive Session:

Nominations to the Fish and Boat Commission: **CONFIRMED 49-0.**