

# WEEKLY SESSION NOTES

SENATE REPUBLICAN POLICY COMMITTEE – MARIO M. SCAVELLO, CHAIRMAN

Tuesday · September 20, 2022

## ***Bill voted on Third Consideration:***

**SB 129 (FONTANA)** Creates the Carbon Monoxide Alarm Standards in Child Care Facilities Act requiring operational carbon monoxide detectors in childcare facilities that use fossil-fuel-burning heaters or appliances, fireplaces or in facilities that are attached to garages. **PASSED 50-0.**

## ***Bill amended on Third Consideration:***

**SB 1203 (ARGALL)** Creates the Restrictions for Associations with Russia and Belarus Act prohibiting the Commonwealth from entering into contracts with, or providing grants or tax credits to, persons associated with Russia and Belarus and whose name appears on an annually updated list published by Treasury. Allows contracting with those who supply critical materials or minerals to the U.S. federal government or domiciled businesses. **OVER AS AMENDED.**

**A05215 (ARGALL)** Provides for persons or entities on the prohibited persons or entities list to challenge their inclusion by submitting specified information to Treasury rather than the Attorney General. **ADOPTED 49-1.**

## ***Bills voted on Third Consideration on Supplemental:***

**SB 431 (LAUGHLIN)** Amends Title 34 (Game) to expand the sale of antlerless deer licenses from county treasurers to direct sales by the Pennsylvania Game Commission and sales through the Pennsylvania Automated Licensing Service by authorized license-issuing agents. **PASSED 45-5.**

**SB 488 (MASTRIANO)** Amends the Right to Know Law requiring State-related universities with more than 2,500 employees to publicly disclose the next 175 highest employee salaries, in addition to the 25 highest paid employees they must currently report. Also requires the institutions to make available through a public searchable and downloadable database certain director and employee information, current fiscal year budgets, previous year actual revenues and expenditures, and audited financial statements. **PASSED 38-12.**

**SB 831 (DUSH)** Repeals and consolidates provisions of the County Code into Title 16 (Counties) while enabling satellite offices outside the county seat for certain county offices, allowing with clarity electronic bidding by counties, and permitting 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> class counties to make annual appropriations to paid municipal fire departments or volunteer fire companies for firefighting equipment. Also moves existing district attorney qualifications, eligibility, and vacancy provisions into Title 16. **PASSED 50-0.**

**SB 1255 (PITTMAN)** Amends the Bituminous Coal Mine Safety Act allowing the Department of Environmental Protection to grant waivers to mine operators for required maintenance of engine oil and oil filter replacement of diesel-powered equipment. **PASSED 50-0.**

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## ***Bills voted on Third Consideration:***

**SB 1035 (BROWNE)** Amends Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) to modernize trusts and estates by incorporating provisions of the Uniform Trust Code and the Uniform Directed Trust Act. **PASSED 49-0.**

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**[HB 1571 \(FARRY\)](#)** Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) to create a special registration plate for recipients of the Air Medal. **PASSED 49-0.**

**[HB 1823 \(THOMAS\)](#)** Amends Title 37 (Historical and Museums) to transfer the operation of the Washington Crossing Historic Park from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. **PASSED 48-1.**

## ***Bills amended on Third Consideration and voted on Supplemental:***

**[SB 1037 \(REGAN\)](#)** Repeals the Coroners' Education Board Law and modernizes its provisions within Title 44 (Law and Justice) while moving oversight of the Coroners' Education and Training Board from the Attorney General to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. Adds a \$2 fee to each death certificate issued for financing education and training expenses, program administration costs, and mandated reimbursements to counties for coroner expenses relating to education and training attendance. **PASSED 31-19.**

**[A05640 \(REGAN\)](#)** Sets terms for non-ex officio board members at three years and allows all mandated annual continuing education hours to be completed online. Requires coroners to have continuing education and training on child and elder deaths, not just those relating to abuse. **ADOPTED 46-3.**

**[HB 2426 \(HICKERNELL\)](#)** Consolidates the Resource Family and Adoptive Process Act and the Resource Family Care Act into a new chapter within Title 67 (Public Welfare). Requires certain responsibilities of a county agency or contracted private foster care agency regarding communication and consultation with a resource parent; prohibits retaliatory actions against a resource parent for inquiries regarding agency decisions affecting a child; and requires the placement agency to interview an interested resource parent as a potential adoptive parent. **PASSED 50-0.**

**[A05142 \(J. WARD\)](#)** Makes technical changes to conform with Title 67 (Public Welfare) and ensures final passage does not affect the operation of all activities initiated under the two freestanding acts that are being consolidated. **ADOPTED 49-0.**

## ***Bills amended on Third Consideration:***

**[SB 1160 \(BAKER\)](#)** Amends the Medical Practice Act allowing athletic trainers to provide certain invasive procedures as part of athletic training services, as long as they are done under the direction of a licensed physician according to written protocols. **OVER AS AMENDED.**

**[A05527 \(BAKER\)](#)** Adds a definition for injury relating it to a physically active person receiving an acceptable standard of care for an athletic trainer. **ADOPTED 48-1.**

**[SB 1161 \(BAKER\)](#)** Amends the Osteopathic Medical Practice Act allowing athletic trainers to provide certain invasive procedures as part of athletic training services, as long as they are done under the direction of a licensed physician according to written protocols. **OVER AS AMENDED.**

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[A05528 \(BAKER\)](#) Adds a definition for injury relating it to a physically active person receiving an acceptable standard of care for an athletic trainer. **ADOPTED 49-0.**

## ***Executive Nominations:***

### Council of Trustees of Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania:

Amy B. Brayford	New Appointment	<b><u>CONFIRMED 46-4</u></b>
Krystjan K. Callahan	New Appointment	<b><u>CONFIRMED 46-4</u></b>
Steven M. Crawford	New Appointment	<b><u>CONFIRMED 46-4</u></b>
Daniel P. Elby	New Appointment	<b><u>CONFIRMED 46-4</u></b>
Michael K. Hanna, Jr.	New Appointment	<b><u>CONFIRMED 46-4</u></b>
Patrick D. Henderson	New Appointment	<b><u>CONFIRMED 46-4</u></b>
Susan P. Kefover	New Appointment	<b><u>CONFIRMED 46-4</u></b>
Brian D. O'Donnell	New Appointment	<b><u>CONFIRMED 46-4</u></b>
Karen J. Russell	New Appointment	<b><u>CONFIRMED 46-4</u></b>
Angela C. Smith	New Appointment	<b><u>CONFIRMED 46-4</u></b>
Ray C. Zaborney	New Appointment	<b><u>CONFIRMED 46-4</u></b>

### Council of Trustees of Pennsylvania Western University:

Mark A. Bellini	New Appointment	<b><u>CONFIRMED 46-4</u></b>
Stephen M. DeFrank	New Appointment	<b><u>CONFIRMED 46-4</u></b>
Joy M. Dunbar	New Appointment	<b><u>CONFIRMED 46-4</u></b>
Danny J. Jones	New Appointment	<b><u>CONFIRMED 46-4</u></b>
Patricia J. Kennedy	New Appointment	<b><u>CONFIRMED 46-4</u></b>
Barbara M. Logue	New Appointment	<b><u>CONFIRMED 46-4</u></b>
Larry O. Maggi	New Appointment	<b><u>CONFIRMED 46-4</u></b>
Barry R. Niccolai	New Appointment	<b><u>CONFIRMED 46-4</u></b>
Donna R. Oberlander	New Appointment	<b><u>CONFIRMED 46-4</u></b>
Kathy L. Pape	New Appointment	<b><u>CONFIRMED 46-4</u></b>
Larry C. Pickett	New Appointment	<b><u>CONFIRMED 46-4</u></b>
Neil R. Weaver	New Appointment	<b><u>CONFIRMED 46-4</u></b>

### Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania State University

David M. Kleppinger	Reappointment	<b><u>CONFIRMED 46-4</u></b>
Dan A. Onorato	New Appointment	<b><u>CONFIRMED 46-4</u></b>