

WEEKLY SESSION NOTES

SENATE REPUBLICAN POLICY COMMITTEE – MARIO M. SCAVELLO, CHAIRMAN

Tuesday · October 18, 2022

Bills voted on Third Consideration:

[SB 1141](#) (GEBHARD) Amends the Administrative Code to clarify that as part of the facilities master plan, the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs will determine the use of the former Lieutenant Governor's Mansion and provide equivalent facilities space for veterans programs and supporting the National Guard. **PASSED 47-0.**

[SB 1265](#) (STEFANO) Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) to require the Office of the State Fire Commissioner to implement a fire and emergency services training and education certification management system. **PASSED 47-0.**

Bill amended on Supplemental:

[SB 1330](#) (K. WARD) Amends the Insurance Company Law requiring group and individual health insurance policies to cover all costs associated with genetic counseling and testing for BRCA gene mutations for individuals at increased risk based on a clinical risk assessment tool and a personal or family history of breast or ovarian cancer. **OVER AS AMEDED.**

[A05717](#) (K. WARD) Makes technical changes and defines "genetic counseling" consistent with existing state law. Also stipulates genetic counseling and testing be provided by licensed, certified, or otherwise regulated individuals. **AGREED TO.**

Bill voted on Supplemental:

[SB 1243](#) (GEBHARD) Amends the Public-School Code to require a student to complete a one-half credit course in economics and personal finance to graduate from high school beginning in the 2024-2025 school year. **PASSED 29-18**

[A05749](#) (COSTA) Removes graduation requirement but requires PDE to provide model curriculum materials and resources relating to economic education and personal finance. PDE must also identify educator certification requirements that align with for a school entity to integrate instruction on personal financial literacy into a specific course or instruction, as well as develop guidelines to establish personal financial literacy educator and staffing criteria. Requires the State Board of Education to review current standards relating to economic education and personal finance and determine area for necessary promulgation and school districts to annually assess whether they are meeting the academic standards. **FAILED 19-28.**

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Bills voted on Third Consideration:

[HB 121](#) (ECKER) Omnibus land conveyance bill. **PASSED 46-3.**

[SB 589](#) (KEARNEY) Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) to provide an alternative process for the formation of a government study commission to consider home rule for municipalities currently in the Act 47 recovery program. **PASSED 49-0.**

[SB 1225](#) (MENSCH) Amends the Insurance Company Law further providing for coverage for mammography examinations and breast imaging. **PASSED 49-0.**

[SB 1330](#) (K. WARD) Amends the Insurance Company Law requiring group and individual health insurance policies to cover all costs associated with genetic counseling and testing for BRCA gene mutations for individuals at increased risk based on a clinical risk assessment tool and a personal or family history of breast or ovarian cancer. **PASSED 49-0.**

[HB 2667](#) (MERCURI) Amends Title 7 (Banks and Banking) to update the definition of “remote location” to clarify that in-person consumer interaction by mortgage originators or any other employees of the licensee may occur unless the remote location is his or her residence. **PASSED 49-0.**

Bill amended on Second Consideration:

[HB2633](#) (TOPPER) Amends Title 5 (Athletics and Sports) to repeal the current Uniform Athlete Agents Act and replace it with the Revised Uniform Athlete Agents Act (2015) in order to incorporate updates necessary in statute following the Supreme Court ruling regarding education-related student athlete compensation in *National Collegiate Athletic Association v Alston*. **AMENDED AND RE-REFERRED TO APPROPRIATIONS.**

[A05746](#) (MARTIN) Technical amendment. **AGREED TO.**

Bills voted on Supplemental:

[SB 139](#) (MASTRIANO) Amends the Public School Code to provide for a moment of silence in schools for the anniversary of September 11, 2001 and require the Department of Education to establish curriculum for instruction on the events and significance of that day. **PASSED 49-0.**

[SB 1282](#) (PITTMAN) Amends the Economic Development Agency, Fiduciary and Lender Environmental Liability Protection Act to grant land banks the same environmental liability protections other economic development agencies are granted with regard to properties purchased for redevelopment. **PASSED 49-0.**

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Executive Nominations:

Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency:

Jonathan D. Green	New Appointment	CONFIRMED 46-3
Ava M. Willis	New Appointment	CONFIRMED 46-3

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission:

John F. Coleman, Jr.	Reappointment	CONFIRMED 46-3
Stephen M. DeFrank	New Appointment	CONFIRMED 46-3
Katie L. Zerfuss	New Appointment	CONFIRMED 46-3

Board of Trustees of Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology:

Chris R. Buck	New Appointment	CONFIRMED 46-3
Mike P. Maguire	Reappointment	CONFIRMED 46-3