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Legislative UPDATE

Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education

Only the House of Representatives is in session this week, and it is expected that floor debate regarding amendments drafted to the natural gas severance tax bill, [HB 1401](#), will continue.

Senate

Session & Committee Activity

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The Senate stands in recess until Monday, December 11, 2017 at 1:00 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore.

House of Representatives

Session & Committee Activity

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The House convenes in voting session today, beginning today at 1:00 p.m., and again on Tuesday and Wednesday. The voting calendar includes consideration of:

[HB 110](#)

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in taxation and finance, establishing that total spending by the Commonwealth shall not exceed the spending limit in any fiscal year except for emergencies and pension obligations. Constitutional amendments require approval in two consecutive legislative sessions and then approval by the voters through a referendum.

[SB 166](#)

An Act establishing the Protection of Public Employee Wages Act providing for the protection of paychecks of certain workers and for the collection of political contributions. The bill states that a public employer may not deduct from the wages of a public employee money or funds to be used for political contributions, except as required by a valid collective

bargaining agreement entered into between a public employer and a representative of its employees prior to the effective date.

There are no committee meetings of interest currently scheduled.

State System

Bill Tracker Report

Tracking information is updated during legislative session weeks. There has been no new action on bills of interest since the last Legislative UPDATE.

In the House:

[HB 1941](#) Amends The Administrative Code, in Commonwealth budget procedures, further providing for lapsing of funds. *Last Action:* 12-01-17 H Filed

[HB 1942](#) Amends The Administrative Code, in Commonwealth budget procedures, further providing for transmission of budget information to the General Assembly. *Last Action:* 12-01-17 H Filed

[HB 1943](#) Amends The Administrative Code, in Commonwealth budget procedures, providing for definitions and further providing for budget implementation data, for electronic access of information and for lapsing of funds. *Last Action:* 12-01-17 H Filed

[HB 1944](#) Amends The Administrative Code, in Commonwealth budget procedures, further providing for submission of budget to General Assembly and for transmission of budget information to the General Assembly. *Last Action:* 12-01-17 H Filed

[HB 1945](#) Amends The Administrative Code, in Commonwealth budget procedures, further providing for submission of budget to General Assembly. *Last Action:* 12-01-17 H Filed

Co-sponsor Memos:

[SCO1159](#) Establishes zero-based budgeting requiring every state agency to justify each dollar of spending through recurring budget reviews. *Last Action:* 11-27-17 S Filed

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