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| April 17, 2017****Legislative UPDATE****Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education |

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| Student-led teams from each of the 14 universities that comprise Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education will canvas the Capitol Tuesday, meeting with legislators to discuss the important role the universities play in each of the campus communities, as well as in their regions and across the Commonwealth, and to encourage increased investment in state universities.The students will talk with legislators about their own college experiences and how important the education they are receiving is to them and to their families. About 90 percent of the more than 100,000 students who attend State System universities are Pennsylvania residents, and the vast majority will stay here after graduation, to work, to live and to raise their families.In all, nearly 150 students, faculty, administrators, trustees and alumni will take place in the State System's two-day advocacy effort, beginning with an advocacy orientation Monday afternoon. In addition to meeting with legislators, representatives from each of the universities will set up displays on Tuesday in the East Wing Rotunda, where they will demonstrate some of their top academic programs and research projects.  |

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| Senate**Session & Committee Activity**[Senate Session Days](http://passhe.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=853805168e37ceb08a882beba&id=8038e3035a&e=818379e0ea) | [Watch Session Live](http://passhe.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=853805168e37ceb08a882beba&id=6aaaef5e57&e=818379e0ea) | [Senate Calendars](http://passhe.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=853805168e37ceb08a882beba&id=a44399d44a&e=818379e0ea) | [Senate Committee Meeting Schedule](http://passhe.us9.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=853805168e37ceb08a882beba&id=9777c063b9&e=818379e0ea)The Senate convenes in session Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. through Wednesday. The following bills of interest are on the Senate Calendar:

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| [SB 167](http://passhe.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=853805168e37ceb08a882beba&id=4e903ebf21&e=818379e0ea)   | A Resolution proposing integrated amendments to the Constitution of Pennsylvania prohibiting the Executive Department and school districts from making payroll collections of dues, fees and political contributions.  |

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| [SR 34](http://passhe.us9.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=853805168e37ceb08a882beba&id=cefad914e7&e=818379e0ea)   | A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study and issue a report relating to the long-term sustainability and viability of the State System.  |

  The State System recently selected the National Center for Higher Education Management  Systems (NCHEMS) to assist the Board of Governors in conducting a strategic review of the System's overall operations--including those at each of the universities and in the Office of the Chancellor.NCHEMS is currently visiting System universities, gathering input from students, faculty, staff, alumni, and other stakeholders. Other efforts include meeting with elected leaders in Harrisburg and with university trustees.A website has also been launched to ensure that all stakeholders have an opportunity to track the progress of the Strategic system Review and to provide input along the way. [LEARN MORE >>](http://passhe.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=853805168e37ceb08a882beba&id=f2e07d6499&e=818379e0ea)  |

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| House of Representatives**Session & Committee Activity**[House Session Days](http://passhe.us9.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=853805168e37ceb08a882beba&id=e8237789a6&e=818379e0ea) | [Watch Session Live](http://passhe.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=853805168e37ceb08a882beba&id=b9d1ee4c42&e=818379e0ea) | [House Calendars](http://passhe.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=853805168e37ceb08a882beba&id=8d57e01f13&e=818379e0ea) | [House Committee Meeting Schedule](http://passhe.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=853805168e37ceb08a882beba&id=709c2526fe&e=818379e0ea)The House convenes Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. There no bills of interest on the House Calendar at this time. In recent floor activity, the chamber passed its budget bill ([HB 218](http://passhe.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=853805168e37ceb08a882beba&id=4fcaea804d&e=818379e0ea)) as part of the General Assembly’s 2017-18 budget process. [TRACKING RUN >>](http://passhe.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=853805168e37ceb08a882beba&id=0e4f95d02a&e=818379e0ea)The bill includes a nearly $9 million (2%) increase, which Governor Wolf also recommended for the State System. For context, that amount is similar to the State System's additional projected costs for pensions in 2017-18. This week in committee action, the House Education Committee is set to meet Tuesday to consider:

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| [HB 399](http://passhe.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=853805168e37ceb08a882beba&id=4de9ad9d28&e=818379e0ea)   | Amends the Public School Code regarding the recommendation of applicants for certification by teacher preparation programs, and the use of teacher certification assessments by teacher preparation programs. |

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| [HB 1022](http://passhe.us9.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=853805168e37ceb08a882beba&id=c6382ef337&e=818379e0ea)   | Amends the Public School Code to provide for the creation of uniform standards for awarding college credit for prior learning at public institutions of higher education. |

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| State SystemBill Tracker ReportThis tracking information is updated during legislative session weeks. Bills of interest on which action has occurred since the last Legislative UPDATE include:**Actions in the Senate:**

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| [HB 218](http://passhe.us9.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=853805168e37ceb08a882beba&id=d8338db428&e=818379e0ea) | An Act to provide from the General Fund for the expenses of the Executive, Legislative & Judicial Departments, the public debt & the public schools for the fiscal year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Last Action: 04-06-17 S Received and referred to Senate Appropriations |

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| [HB 1095](http://passhe.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=853805168e37ceb08a882beba&id=2a4b00aac3&e=818379e0ea)   | An Act requiring the identification of lawful presence in the United States as a prerequisite to the receipt of public benefits. Last Action: 04-12-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Government |

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| [HB 1140](http://passhe.us9.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=853805168e37ceb08a882beba&id=6bd009943f&e=818379e0ea)   | Amends the Public School Code, providing for suicide prevention at institutions of higher education. Last Action: 04-12-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Education |

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| [HB 1150](http://passhe.us9.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=853805168e37ceb08a882beba&id=900de9c003&e=818379e0ea)   | An Act establishing a Statewide academic scholarship program to be known as the Reliable Educational Assistance for College Hopefuls Scholarship; and providing for the powers and duties of the PA Higher Education Assistance Agency. Last Action: 04-12-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Education |

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| [HB 1226](http://passhe.us9.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=853805168e37ceb08a882beba&id=a885d1bc4d&e=818379e0ea)   | Amends the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act, further providing for the definition of "public work." Last Action: 04-13-17 H Filed |

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| [HB 1229](http://passhe.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=853805168e37ceb08a882beba&id=e8c24cebdf&e=818379e0ea)   | Amends the Right-to-Know Law regarding home addresses. Last Action: 04-13-17 H Filed |

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| [HB 1236](http://passhe.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=853805168e37ceb08a882beba&id=cfeebe3974&e=818379e0ea)   | Amends the Keystone Opportunity Zone, Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone & Keystone Opportunity Improvement Zone Act, in procedures for zones, providing for prevailing wages. Last Action: 04-13-17 H Filed |

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| This update is provided as a courtesy of the Office of the Chancellor as a preview of upcoming legislative activity and a review of action on legislative issues of interest to the State System. The Legislative UPDATE is distributed during legislative session weeks.Jennifer HooverDirector of Governmental Relationsjhoover@passhe.edu(717) 720-4021  |

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