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Legislative UPDATE

Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education

The General Assembly returns to session this week, convening Monday through Wednesday. After this week's end, both chambers will return to legislative session on Monday, June 5th, and will continue to meet weekly through the end of the month. Talks will continue in earnest to complete an on-time state budget as the June 30th budget deadline approaches.

[House Bill 218](#) (Saylor), as passed by the House in early April, waits further consideration in the Senate. The General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2017-18 would provide an \$8.9 million increase for the State System over the current fiscal year.

"When Pennsylvania's public universities flourish, Pennsylvania succeeds," said Chancellor Frank T. Brogan at the System's recent Advocacy Day. "A continued investment in the 14 universities in the State System is an investment in the success of every Pennsylvanian. These are our universities; these are our students; this is our future. And it's time we make an investment in the future."

Senate

Session & Committee Activity

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The Senate convenes Monday afternoon at 1PM through Wednesday. The chamber could take action this week on the following bills of interest:

- [SB 9](#) An Act requiring the identification of lawful presence in the United States as a prerequisite to the receipt of public benefits. The definition of "public benefit" includes postsecondary education.
- [SB 167](#) 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.
- [SB 168](#) Provides for notice and disclosure of proposed collective bargaining agreements and related documents and for open records.

- [SB 273](#) Prohibition of funds for sanctuary campuses.
- [SB 503](#) Amends Title 65 (Public Officers) eliminating the exemption of collective bargaining from the Sunshine Act.
- [SB 504](#) Amends the Right-to-Know Law, in procedure, further providing for exceptions for public records, adding that the exception for records pertaining to strategy relating to labor relations shall not apply to negotiations.
- [SB 651](#) An Act providing for the capital budget for fiscal year 2017-2018, itemizing capital projects in the aggregate amount of \$15.9 billion.

On Tuesday, the Senate Education Committee is scheduled to consider:

- [SB 634](#) Amends the Public School Code, requiring public institutions of higher education to adopt and make public uniform standards for determining and awarding academic credit for prior learning.

House of Representatives

Session & Committee Activity

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The House convenes this week, beginning Monday afternoon at 1PM. The following bill of interest is on the House Calendar for consideration.

- [HB 524](#) Amending the Military Access to Student Recruiting Information Act to bring the state statute regarding military recruiter access to school students into alignment with the Federal No Child Left Behind Act.

In committee activity, the House State Government Committee meets Tuesday to consider:

- [HB 1095](#) An Act requiring the identification of lawful presence in the United States as a prerequisite to the receipt of public benefits. The definition of "public benefit" includes postsecondary education.

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Bill Tracker Report

This 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:

- [SB 1](#) Amends Titles 24, 51, & 71 regarding pension reform. Last Action: 05-18-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

[SB 560](#) Amends Titles 18 & 42 regarding police body cameras. Last Action: 05-18-17 H
Received in the House and referred to House Judiciary

Actions in the House:

[HB 97](#) Amends Public School Code regarding charter schools. Last Action: 05-04-17 S
Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Education

[HB 399](#) Amends Public School Code regarding teacher preparation. Last Action: 05-04-17 S
Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Education

[HB 1022](#) Amends Public School Code regarding Advanced Placement Articulation. Last Action:
05-04-17 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Education

[HB 1399](#) Amends Title 65 regarding Sunshine Law exemption. Last Action: 05-18-17 H
Introduced and referred to committee on House State Government

Co-sponsorship memos:

[HCO2013](#) An Act that would create and define academic fraud. Last Action: 05-
09-17 H Filed

[HCO2049](#) An Act to provide non-municipal police officers who must receive
training and be certified under Act 120 the same jurisdictional
flexibility enjoyed by "municipal police officers." Last Action: 05-12-17
H Filed

[SCO 886](#) An Act to allow state to sell naming rights to rehabilitate existing state-
owned office space. Last Action: 05-17-17 S Filed

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.

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