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## Legislative UPDATE

### Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education

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The House last week passed [SB 1](#), pension reform legislation moving public sector employees to a hybrid plan that combines both a 401(K) style component and a smaller defined benefit component. The new plan applies to new hires only; however, current employees could choose to opt into the program. Specifically, beginning in 2019, new hires would be given a choice of one of three retirement options: 1) a full 401(k)-style option; 2) a defined benefit/defined contribution hybrid with a 1.0 multiplier at a lower employee costs; or 3) a defined benefit/defined contribution hybrid with a 1.25 multiplier at an increased employee cost. The legislation maintains provisions allowing employees of the State System, Pennsylvania State University and the Department of Education to choose an alternative retirement plan(TIAA-CREF).

Once signed today in the Senate, Governor Wolf will join bipartisan leaders and advocates to sign the legislation. [MORE >>](#)

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#### Senate

### Session & Committee Activity

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The chamber convenes this afternoon and will meet daily through Wednesday. The following bills of interest are on the chamber's bill calendar:

- [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 53](#) Amends The Higher Education Scholarship Law further providing for eligibility for State scholarship, allowing allow college students erolled in online courses to be awarded State grants.
- [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.

The following bills of interest wait action by the Senate Appropriations Committee before being considered on final passage by the full Senate:

[SB 168](#) Provides for notice and disclosure of proposed collective bargaining agreements and related documents and for open records.

[SB 273](#) Prohibits funds for sanctuary campuses.

[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.

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## House of Representatives

# Session & Committee Activity

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The House convenes this week, beginning Monday afternoon. The following bills of interest wait action by the full chamber.

[HB 25](#) An Act providing for school-to-work pilot programs; establishing the CareerBound Program; providing for a tax credit; and imposing powers and duties on the Department of Labor and Industry. The legislation enumerates and allows Pennsylvania institutions of higher learning to participate in CareerBound.

[HB 410](#) An Act providing for performance-based budgeting; establishing the Performance-Based Budget Board & providing for its powers & duties; conferring powers & imposing duties on the IFO; & providing for performance hearings & reviews.

[SB 560](#) Amends Titles 18 & 42 to expand the scope of permissible audio and video recording by law enforcement officers and to allow for public access to those recordings.

The following bill waits action by the House Rules Committee:

[HB 1095](#) An Act requiring the identification of lawful presence in the United States as a prerequisite to the receipt of public benefits. "Public benefits" include, but is not limited to, postsecondary education and any other similar benefit for which payments or assistance are provided to an individual, household or family eligibility unit by an agency of the Commonwealth or local government.

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## State System

# 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 (Education), 51 (Military Affairs) & 71 (State Government), extensively revising pension provisions; providing for defined contribution plan; for health insurance; for military leaves of absence; for retirement. Last Action: 06-08-17 H Signed in the House

### Actions in the House:

[HB 410](#) Act providing for performance-based budgeting; establishing the Performance-Based Budget Board & providing for its powers & duties; conferring powers & imposing duties on the IFO; & providing for performance hearings & reviews. Last Action: 06-06-17 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:115/N: 79)

[HB 1386](#) Amends the Public School Code, in certification of teachers, providing for instructional certificate grade spans and age levels. Last Action: 06-08-17 H Filed

[HB 1481](#) Amends the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act, further providing for definitions. Last Action: 06-01-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Labor and Industry

[HB 1526](#) 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: 06-08-17 H Filed

### Co-sponsorship memos:

[HCO2176](#) Requires school employees become mandated reporters under the adult protective services law and made aware of the number to call to protect adult students. Last Action: 06-06-17 H Filed

[HCO2183](#) Requires agencies to make meeting agendas available to the public prior to all public meetings. Last Action: 6- 6-17 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.

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