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Legislative UPDATE

Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education

The FY 2017-18 state budget remains unfinished. The Senate voted last week not to concur with the [revenue plan](#) the House approved on September 13th, potentially forcing both chambers into a conference committee. "In that process," [PennLive](#) reports, "three senators and three House members named by chamber leaders form a panel charged with moving a common bill to their respective chambers for final action. Any final bill would require four votes, including two from the members of each chamber."

Senate

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The Senate stands in recess until the call of the President Pro Tempore. Its next scheduled legislative session day is Monday, October 16th.

Regarding executive nominations, the Governor has named the following appointees to the Board of Governors. These require Senate confirmation:

Neil R. Weaver (Guido Pichini's expired seat)

Appointed to the Clarion University Council of Trustees in November 2016, Mr. Weaver is the executive deputy secretary for the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. He once served as chief of staff to Kathleen McGinty.

Marian Moskowitz (Aaron Walton's expired seat)

A member of the West Chester Council of Trustees, Ms. Moskowitz is a real estate developer and owner of the Franklin Commons office building in Phoenixville and is active in Chester County politics. She was named to the Delaware River Port Authority by Gov. Wolf in 2015.

Sam Smith (Jonathan Mack's expired seat)

Chair of the IUP Council of Trustees, the Honorable Sam Smith is a former long-time member of the PA House of Representatives—having served as Speaker of the House from 2011 to 2015.

Molly Gallagher (student appointment filling Logan Steigerwalt's seat)

Visual and performing arts major at Kutztown University

House of Representatives

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The House convenes in legislative session today through Wednesday. The chamber's calendar includes consideration of:

[HB 1095](#) An Act requiring the identification of lawful presence in the United States as a prerequisite to the receipt of public benefits, which is defined to include postsecondary education

There are no committee meetings of interest currently scheduled.

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:

[HB 453](#) Amends the Fiscal Code implementing the 2017-18 Commonwealth budget & instituting future budget implementation; repealing provisions; making an editorial change; and making related repeals. Last Action: 09-20-17 S Senate non-concurred in House amendments ([Vote N: 7/Y: 43](#))

[SB 168](#) An Act providing for notice and disclosure of proposed collective bargaining agreements and related documents and for open records. Last Action: 09-20-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar

[SB 330](#) Amends Title 24 (Education), providing for suicide prevention in institutions of higher education. Last Action: 09-20-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

[SB 503](#) Amends Title 65 (Public Officers), in open meetings, further providing for executive sessions. Last Action: 09-20-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar

[SB 504](#) Amends the Right-to-Know Law, in procedure, further providing for exceptions for public records. Last Action: 09-20-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar

Co-sponsorship Memos:

[HCO2510](#) Requires schools K-12 & postsecondary institutions to annually report incidences of sexual assault & domestic violence to the Department of Education, which would then be published on the Department's website as part of a Campus Report. Last Action: 09-19-17 H Filed

[HCO2515](#) Requires higher education institutions to establish student mental health and suicide prevention plans. Last Action: 09-19-17 H Filed

[HCO2517](#)

Requires higher education institutions to adopt affirmative consent standards for responding to allegations of sexual violence. Last Action: 09-21-17 H Filed

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