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Legislative UPDATE

Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education

Dave Reed, the majority leader of the state House of Representatives, [a graduate of the Cook Honors College at Indiana University of Pennsylvania,] has told Republican Party officials he plans to run for Congress to succeed U.S. Rep. Bill Shuster," reports [The Associated Press](#). Another candidate includes Senator John Eichelberger, chairman of the majority Senate Education Committee.

In other announcements, the following legislators have announced they are not running for reelection in 2018:

- Sen. Charles McIlhinney (R-Bucks)
- Rep. Ron Marsico (R-Dauphin)
- Rep. Bob Godshall (R-Montgomery)
- Rep. Katharine Watson (R-Bucks)
- Rep. Will Tallman (R-Adams)
- Rep. Harry Lewis (R-Chester)
- Rep. John Taylor (R-Philadelphia)
- Rep. Eli Evankovich (R-Westmoreland)

Legislators seeking a different office include:

- Sen. Scott Wagner (R-York)
- Rep. Kristin Phillips-Hill (R-York)
- Rep. Ryan Mackenzie (R-Lehigh)
- Rep. Stephen Bloom (R-Cumberland)
- Rep. Judith Ward (R-Blair)

Senate

Session & Committee Activity

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The Senate convenes this week, starting Monday afternoon at 1:00 p.m.

The chamber may consider the following bills of interest:

[HB 1448](#)

Amends the Public School Code to require the PA Department of Education to make information available on its website about the College Navigator Website and High Priority Occupations; requires school entities to annually provide this information to high school students; and provides for the creation of a comparison search tool for institutions of higher education if the College Navigator Website is discontinued. If PDE is required to create a new search tool, each institution is required to provide the information required for the comparison tool, as available, to PDE by January 1 of each year. If the information is available in an institution's Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) report, the institution may comply with the reporting requirements by sending an electronic copy of the IPEDS report to PDE. PDE is required to update the comparison tool as soon as practicable after receiving information from each institution of higher education.

[SR 228](#)

A Concurrent Resolution establishing a Global Education Task Force to issue a report no later than 18 months after the adoption of the resolution. The report would offer recommendations on assessing, measuring, improving upon and developing global competence skills among students to ensure they succeed and thrive in the workforce; identifying current best practices in schools and barriers to educating students; a plan to close the global education gap and ensure global-ready graduates; workforce development practices to ensure primary and secondary students are globally competent and ready to compete in the workforce; courses to be added to the current global competence education; advantages and disadvantages of regionalizing and customizing global education; and program funding methods. The chancellor of the State System or a designee would serve on the task force.

The Senate Republican Policy Committee meets Tuesday at 10 a.m. to hold a public hearing on free speech on college campuses. More information can be found on the committee's website at <http://policy.pasenategop.com>.

House of Representatives

Session & Committee Activity

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The House convenes today, Tuesday and Wednesday

Anticipated floor action this week includes:

[HB 1846](#)

Amends the Breach of Personal Information Notification Act further providing for definitions and for notification of breach; providing for notification; further providing for notice exemption; and further providing for civil relief. The bill establishes notice of the breach of the security of the system shall be made to the affected residents of this Commonwealth, and the entity providing notice may include information about what the entity has done to protect affected individuals and offer advice on what steps affected individuals may take to protect their information and what steps the individual whose information has been breached may take to protect himself or herself.

The House State Government Committee meets Tuesday to consider [HB 153](#), legislation amending the state constitution to reduce the size of the House from 203 members to 151 members. The General Assembly voted in 2015 to reduce the size of the House to 151 members, in 2022. To amend the state constitution, a bill must pass in two consecutive sessions. If the legislation passes again, then a referendum will be placed on the ballot for approval by voters.

Also, on Tuesday, the House Children and Youth Committee meets to take up [HB 1527](#), further providing for persons required to report suspected child abuse by stipulating a duty to report for a mandated reporter who witnesses an abusive act to an identifiable child.

State System

Bill Tracker Report

Tracking information is updated during legislative session weeks.

In the Senate:

[SB 874](#) An Act providing for the establishment of sexual harassment and sexual violence online reporting system by postsecondary institutions. 01-17-18
S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

In the House:

[HB 1752](#) Amends the Public School Code, in safe schools, further providing for Office for Safe Schools, by adding postsecondary institutions to the office's purview, establishing professional development training opportunities, and adding the development and monitoring of guidelines relating to sexual misconduct. 01-09-18 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Education

[HB 1753](#) Amends the Public School Code, in preliminary provisions, providing for annual report card on sexual violence and harassment. 01-11-18 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Education

[HB 1756](#) An Act providing for the establishment of sexual harassment and sexual violence online reporting system by postsecondary institutions. 01-19-18
H 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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