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Legislative UPDATE
Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education

The Senate is the only chamber of the General Assembly in session this week. After this week, the Senate is next scheduled to be in voting session on April 16. The House of Representatives returns on April 9.

Senate Session & Committee Activity

The Senate convenes this week, starting Monday afternoon. The following bill of interest is on the Senate calendar:

**HB 126**

Creates The Epinephrine Auto-Injector Entity Act providing for the use and stock of epinephrine auto-injectors by recreation camps, colleges and universities, day-care facilities, youth sports leagues, amusement parks, restaurants, places of employment, and sports arenas. Requires completed training by employees of eligible institutions before administration and provides Good Samaritan protections. Also allows training to be conducted by a health care practitioner employed or contracted by an authorized entity.

The Senate State Government Committee meets Tuesday to consider **SB 1078**, legislation amending Title 65 (Public Officers), adding that an executive session may be held to discuss, plan or review matters and records that are deemed necessary for emergency preparedness, protection of public safety and security of all property in a manner that if disclosed would be reasonably likely to jeopardize or threaten public safety or preparedness or public protection.

In executive nominations activity, the Senate confirmed last week Governor Wolf’s nomination of Janet L. Yeomans to the Board of Governors—to fill the seat vacated by Dan Meuser. Ms. Yeomans held various
management positions at 3M Corporation between 1983 and 2012, capping her time there as Vice President and Treasurer. She has been an Independent Trustee of Delaware Group Income Funds – Delaware Extended Duration Bond Fund and Delaware Enhanced Global Dividend and Income Fund since April 1999. She served as an Independent Trustee of Delaware Extended Duration Bond Fund. She holds degrees in Mathematics and Physics from Connecticut College and an M.B.A. degree from the University of Chicago.

On Friday, Majority Leader Jake Corman introduced a comprehensive rewrite of the state’s hazing laws.

"The proposed bill increases penalties for all of those involved in hazing; requires schools to have policies and reporting procedures in place to stop hazing; and informs students and parents of what is happening on campus. It also establishes clear-cut parameters on hazing for organizations such as fraternities and sororities." READ >>

House of Representatives

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The House stands adjourned until Monday, April 9, 2018 at 1:00 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

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Bill Tracker Report

Tracking information is updated during legislative session weeks.

Actions in the House:

HB 2166  Amends the Public School Code, in reimbursements by Commonwealth & between school districts, providing for career and technical education innovation and career preparation. Last Action: 03-22-18 H Filed

Co-sponsor Memos:

HCO3116  A three-bill package including the Higher Education Living Wage Act, Higher Education Faculty Fair Treatment Act, and Higher Education Faculty Unemployment Act. Last Action: 03-20-18 H Filed

SCO1328  Creates the Timothy J. Piazza Antihazing Law increasing penalties for all of those involved in hazing and requiring schools to have policies and reporting procedures in place to stop hazing and inform students and parents of what is happening on campus. Last Action: 03-21-18 S Filed

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