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## Legislative UPDATE

### Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education

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Did you know?

- 10 of the 25 largest universities in Pennsylvania are part of the State System
- Our graduates show an impressive job placement of 92%
- We generate \$11 of economic impact for every dollar of state investment

Those are just a few of the impressive facts that we've been sharing with our legislature. You can encourage support, too!

Use our [online advocacy tool](#) to post a message in social media, i.e. Facebook or Twitter, to encourage support for your university and the WHOLE State System. Include #Prepared4PA in your personal message.

They will be making funding decisions over the next month, so don't delay. Engage your legislators today!

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### Senate

## Session & Committee Activity

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The Senate gavels in at 1:00 p.m. today, and will convene again Tuesday and Wednesday--with one less Senator among the ranks. Effective today, Senator Scott Wagner (R-York) will resign from the chamber to focus solely on his gubernatorial campaign.

The chamber is expected to consider:

#### [HB 126](#)

Creates the Epinephrine Auto-Injector Entity Act, providing that a health care practitioner with prescriptive authority may prescribe epinephrine auto-injectors in the name of an authorized entity. An authorized entity is

defined as an entity or organization at which allergens capable of causing anaphylaxis may be present, including, but not limited to: colleges and universities. Also requires completed training by employees of eligible institutions before administration and provides Good Samaritan protections; training may be conducted by a health care practitioner employed or contracted by an authorized entity.

In other legislative activity, Majority and Minority Senate Education Committee chairmen, Sens. John Eichelberger and Andy Dinniman, filed co-sponsorship memos last week seeking support for legislation they intend to introduce that would provide the State System with greater management and financial flexibility.

Sen. Eichelberger's memo indicates his legislation would "prevent future collective bargaining agreements from containing provisions which result in delegation of necessary management authority away from the current or any future State System governance structure.

Under Sen. Dinniman's proposal, which is supported by Sen. Tomlinson, a change in the designation and state regulation of funds is suggested. The State System would continue to receive a state appropriation, and only those dollars would be considered "public" and be subject to current statutory and regulatory limitations. "All additional funds, such as tuition and other fee dollars received by each university would stay under the control of the university."

At this time, the Office of the Chancellor has taken no formal position on the proposed legislation. However, we are appreciative of the Senators' interest in the long-term sustainability of all 14 universities in the State System and are supportive of continued discussions about our System Redesign.

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## House of Representatives

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The House likewise convenes Monday through Wednesday.

Legislation establishing the Keystone Scholars Grant Program is on the Voting Calendar.

[HB 2248](#) Provides that \$100 be set aside within the Tuition Account Guaranteed Savings Program Fund, when the fund is in excess of five percent of the actuarially determined liabilities of the fund, for each child born in Pennsylvania to be used for qualified higher education expenses associated with the attendance at an eligible educational institution.

In committee activity, the **House Judiciary Committee** meets Tuesday to consider antihazing legislation.

[SB 1090](#) Amends Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), in offenses involving danger to the person, providing for antihazing and prescribing penalties; in forfeiture of assets, further providing for asset forfeiture; and making a related repeal. The bill adds a chapter to Title 18 on antihazing, defines the offense of hazing, and provides for aggravated hazing, organizational hazing, and institutional hazing. Institutions and secondary schools shall adopt policies against hazing and appropriate penalties for hazing. Title 42 is amended to provide for asset forfeiture for organizational hazing.

The **House State Government Committee** also meets Tuesday. It'll consider amendments to the Sunshine Act.

### [HB 1531](#)

Amends Title 65 (Public Officers), in open meetings, require a public agency to post a public meeting agenda on the Internet no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting, and to post and make the agenda available at the location of the meeting.

In committee activity prior to Memorial Day, the **House Local Government Committee** held an informational meeting pursuant to [HR 50](#), a resolution that directed the Legislative Budget & Finance Committee to conduct a comprehensive review of the fiscal impact on Commonwealth agencies and local government agencies for implementation of the Right-to-Know Law and recommendations.

The LB&FC released its [report](#) in February 2018. The report offers recommendations for both the General Assembly and the Office of Open Records. Most importantly, the LB&FC suggests the General Assembly consider establishing reasonable hourly fees as they determine necessary for commercial and/or other exceedingly time-consuming requests.

The Office of the Chancellor would concur. In prior testimony before legislative committees, the Office has testified about the impact of the law, suggesting the General Assembly consider allowing additional fees for commercial and legal "discovery" requests. Guidance on what constitutes "pending litigation" would also be helpful.

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## State System

# Bill Tracker Report

Tracking information is updated during legislative session weeks.

### Co-sponsor Memos:

#### [SCO1472](#)

Provides a hybrid funding approach to provide State System institutions with more flexibility. Last Action: 05-29-18 S Filed

#### [SCO1478](#)

Prevents future collective bargaining agreements from containing provisions which result in a delegation of management authority away from the current or any future State System governance structure. Last Action: 05-30-18 S Filed

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