



October 22, 2018

## Legislative UPDATE

### Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education

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Governor Tom Wolf on Friday signed [Senate Bill 1090](#), the Timothy J. Piazza Antihazing Law. The governor was joined by Jim and Evelyn Piazza, Timothy's parents, bill sponsor Senate Majority Leader Jake Corman, Penn State President Eric J. Barron and Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education Chancellor Dan Greenstein. [continue reading >>](#)

The new law requires the promulgation and publication of a written antihazing policy; the enforcement of and penalties for violations of the written antihazing policy; and the reporting of all violations of the written antihazing policy, as well as violations of federal and/or state laws related to hazing that are reported to the university.



(photo courtesy of the Governor's office)

"Students come to our 14 State System universities seeking a college experience that will positively shape their lives forever. That can happen only when everyone in the university community understands the importance of creating a safe and supportive environment. We're proud of our track record in that regard and are proud to stand in support of this legislation," said Chancellor Dan Greenstein about the new antihazing law.

Following the bill signing ceremony for [Act 80 \(Senate Bill 1090\)](#), Governor Tom Wolf took action on additional bills passed by the General Assembly, including:

[Act 82 \(House Bill 1386\)](#), sponsored by Representative Kristin Phillips Hill, amends the Public School Code, in certification of teachers, providing for instructional certificate grade spans and age levels and duties of the department. [continue reading >>](#)

The grade span and age levels for special education certificates issued after December 31, 2021, shall be prekindergarten through grade twelve or up to 21 years of age. An additional content area shall not be required for a special education. An individual holding special education-pk-8 and special education-7-12 level certificates shall have the opportunity to expand the scope of the individual's certificate to meet the additional grade levels by a process determined by the Department of Education, which shall include, but not be limited to, continuing education credits or attaining qualifying scores on the assessment made available by the Department of Education for the specific certification level.

For other bills of interest in the hands of the Governor, please read below.

Any bills not signed by the Governor will have to be reintroduced, if their prime sponsors wish for them to be considered in the new legislative session. The 2017-18 legislative session ends November 30th. It is anticipated lawmakers will only return before then for caucus leadership elections and other administrative issues--not for voting session, unless to address such issues as statute of limitations of reform, for example.

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## Senate

# Session & Committee Activity

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The Senate stands in recess until the call of the President Pro Tempore or Tuesday, November 14th, whichever occurs first.

Before finishing its legislative business last week, the chamber confirmed numerous appointments to various State System universities' Councils of Trustees. The Office of the Chancellor welcomes these new Trustees:

### **BLOOMSBURG**

Amy Bradford, Berwick

Barbara B. Hudock, Williamsport

Nancy Vasta, Southampton

### **CALIFORNIA**

Stephen DeFrank, Harrisburg

Anthony Amadio, Monca

### **CLARION**

Donna Oberlander, Clarion

Larry Pickett, Pittsburg

**EAST STROUDSBURG**

Edward Abraham, Effort

Bruno Klaus, Stroudsburg

Tina Nixon, Harrisburg

Paul Shemansky, East Stroudsburg

**EDINBORO**

Mark A. Bellini, Cochranon

Barbara Chaffee, Erie

Dennis Frampton, Meadville

**INDIANA**

Albert Cejka, Latrobe

Susan Delaney, Indiana

Mark A. Holman, Alexandria, VA

Laurie Kuzneski, Indiana

**KUTZTOWN**

Thomas Heck, Wyomissing

**LOCK HAVEN**

James Gregory, Lock Haven

**MANSFIELD**

Susan Kefover, Galeton

**MILLERSVILLE**

Brandon Danz, Washington Boro

Kathryn Ross, Lancaster

Holly Trego, Mountville

**SHIPPENSBURG**

Andrew Alosi, Shippensburg

Doug Harbach, Chambersburg

Bryan Lowe, Harrisburg

Antoinette L. Marchowsky, Enola

Matthew Steck, Harrisburg

**SLIPPERY ROCK**

Joshua Young, Coatesville

## WEST CHESTER

Christopher Lewis, Philadelphia

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### House of Representatives

## Session & Committee Activity

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The House stands in recess until the 12 hour call of the Chair or Tuesday, November 13th, whichever occurs first.

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## Bill Tracking Report

The following information is updated during legislative session weeks.

### Executive Action:

- [HB 126](#) Expands the availability of EpiPens by permitting entities such as summer camps, colleges and universities, restaurants, amusement parks, sport facilities, daycares and other facilities to have non-patient specific epinephrine auto-injectors in their facilities. *10-16-18 G In the hands of the Governor; 10-26-18 last day for Governor's action*
- [HB 1386](#) Amends the Public School Code, in certification of teachers, providing for instructional certificate grade spans and age levels and duties of the department. *10-19-18 G Earliest effective date*
- [HB 1822](#) Establishes a certification process and standards for those schools which elect to become a Certified Suicide Prevention Institution of Higher Education. Through the Pennsylvania Department of Education, institutions would be recognized for their commitment to providing students with information and services to meet their mental health needs and to assist in the event a student experiences a mental health crisis. *10-18-18 G In the hands of the Governor; 10-28-18 last day for Governor's action*
- [HB 2124](#) Requires schools of higher education to communicate certain loan information to students annually. *10-18-18 G In the hands of the Governor; 10-28-18 last day for Governor's action*
- [SB 1078](#) Amends Title 65 (Public Officers), in open meetings, further providing for executive sessions. *10-15-18 In the hands of the Governor; 10-25-18 G Last day for Governor's action*
- [SB 1090](#) Adds a new chapter to the Crimes Code 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. Also provides for purchase, consumption, possession or transportation of liquor or malt or brewed beverages and for safe harbor for violations of section 6308 (a) relating to attempts to purchase, consume, possess or knowingly and intentionally transport any liquor or malt or brewed beverages. Title 42 is amended to provide for asset forfeiture for organizational hazing. *10-19-18 G Approved by the Governor (Act 80); 11-18-18 earliest effective date*

[SB 1095](#)

Amends the Public School Code to delay the use of the Keystone Exams as a graduation requirement an additional year until the 2021-2022 school year. It also establishes several alternative options to the Keystone Exams for graduation requirements. *10-15-18 G In the hands of the Governor; 10-26-18 last day for Governor's action*

**In the Senate:**

[HB 1745](#)

Provides for a tuition and fee waiver program for youth who are or have been in substitute care. *10-17-18 S Set on Senate Calendar*

[HB 2158](#)

Amends the Public School Code, in preliminary provisions, providing for career information and recruitment. *10-17-18 S Set on Senate Calendar*

[HB 2159](#)

Amends Article XX-C, Transfers of Credits Between Institutions of Higher Education, to expand an online database of articulation agreements. *10-17-18 S Set on Senate Calendar*

**In the House:**

[HB 2248](#)

Amends the Tuition Account Programs & College Savings Bond Act, in tuition account program, further providing for programs & funds & establishing the Keystone Scholars Grant Program & Account; & making editorial changes. *10-17-18 H Set on the House Calendar*

[HB 2747](#)

Amends the Public Employe Relations Act, in employee rights, providing for right to participate in elections, for right to assemble, for rates of dues, right to initiate legal actions, employee organizations, for bylaws & penalties. *10-19-18 H Filed*

[HB 2571](#)

Amends the Public Employe Relations Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in employee rights, for payments to employee organizations; in scope of bargaining, for collection of payments; & making related repeals. *10-17-18 H Set on the House Calendar*

[HB 2489](#)

Authorizes the release of Project 70 restrictions on certain lands, in exchange for the imposition of Project 70 restrictions on other lands to be acquired. *10-17-18 H Received as amended in House and rereferred House Rules*

[HR 1161](#)

Honors East Stroudsburg University as it celebrates the 125th anniversary of its founding. *10-16-18 H Adopted*

[SR 228](#)

Establishes a Global Education Task Force. *10-17-18 H Set on the House Calendar*

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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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