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Session Information

On Wednesday, July 16, 2025 the House met briefly in non-voting session and now stands adjourned until Monday, September 22, 2025, unless sooner recalled by the speaker.

On Thursday, July 17, 2025, the Senate recessed to the call of the President Pro Tempore.

Session Days

**Additional days added (in red)*

Month	House	Senate
July	1, 2 (NV), 7, 8, 9, 14, 15 (NV), 16 (NV)	16, 17
September	22 (NV), 23 (NV), 24 (NV), 29, 30	8, 9, 10
October	1, 6, 7, 8, 27, 28, 29	20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29
November	17, 18, 19	17, 18, 19
December	8 (NV), 9 (NV), 10 (NV), 15, 16, 17	8, 9, 10

News and Updates

[Pa. House passes budget bill; ‘still much work to do,’ Senate Republicans say](#) on July 14, 2025 from *Pennsylvania Capital-Star*

Two weeks after the state budget deadline, lawmakers and Gov. Josh Shapiro said they’ve made progress in negotiations as the Democratic-controlled House advanced a \$50.6 billion proposal to the GOP-led Senate. It represents about a \$900 million reduction in overall spending compared to Shapiro’s \$51.6 billion proposal in February, but Republican House leaders said the bill is a largely procedural document and that work remains to be done.

[Trump administration unfreezes billions in federal education funds after outcry](#) on July 25, 2025 from *EdSource*

The Trump administration plans to unfreeze billions of dollars in federal funds for the current school year after an outcry from educators as well as lawmakers from both sides of the aisle. The day before the funds were set to be delivered on July 1, the White House announced that it was freezing over \$6 billion. [...] The grants, previously approved by Congress, were aimed at supporting English learners, migrant education, teacher training, after-school programs, and adult education.

[Gov. Shapiro ‘frustrated’ over lack of state budget to sign](#) on July 23, 2025 from *WGAL News 8 Local Pennsylvania*

With Pennsylvania’s state budget now more than three weeks overdue, Gov. Josh Shapiro said on Wednesday during a visit to Mifflin County that he’d like to see negotiations resolved sooner rather than later as counties and schools face anxiety over funding. [...] House Democrats and Senate Republicans have still not agreed on what could be a roughly \$50 billion spending plan. Among the biggest issues are how much to tax and regulate so-called “skill games” that have become commonplace at bars and taverns, and potential funding increases for small towns.

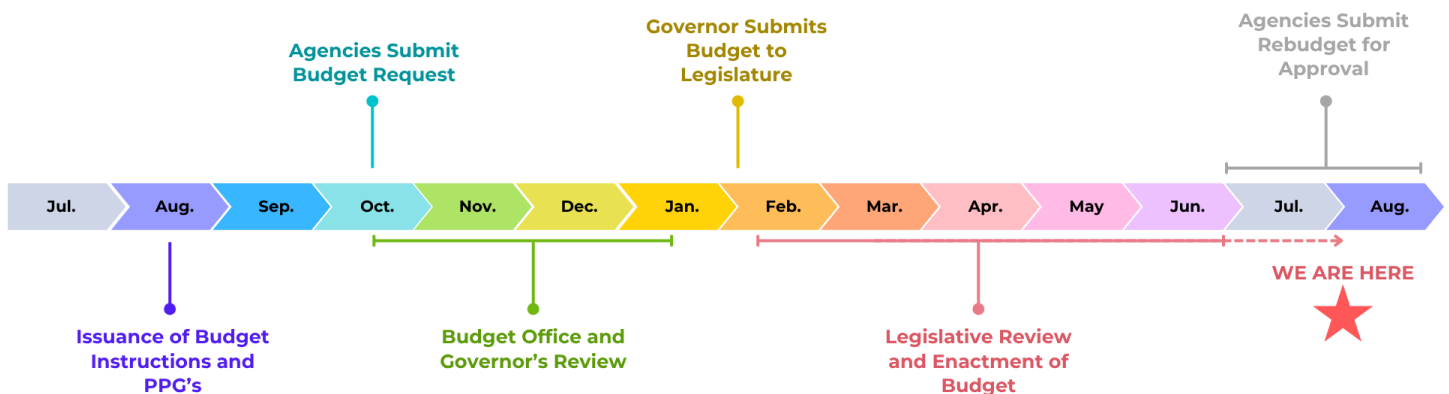
[Pennsylvania education funding in flux with delayed state budget and fluctuating federal aid](#) on July 28, 2025 from *CapitolWire*

Pennsylvania school districts fund education aid in flux from both the federal and state governments as the summer wears on. The U.S. Education Department is releasing \$5.5 billion in appropriated education

aid after freezing it a month ago for a review. Pennsylvania's share of that amount is \$230 million. The state Education Department missed a special education payment to schools last week due to the lack of a state budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26. The ups and downs regarding education aid come after school districts have adopted budgets for this fiscal year. [...] Pennsylvania provides billions of dollars of annual subsidies to schools, but the payments are staggered. A PASBO timetable shows subsidy payments due during August for basic education funding, pupil transportation, career and technical education, and ready to learn block grants. The state budget is nearly a month late with no sign of a deal between Shapiro, Senate Republican, and House Democratic leaders on legislation to present to lawmakers for a vote.

State Budget Update

Budget Process in Pennsylvania



No final agreement yet:

- The state legislature and Gov. Shapiro have not reached a final agreement on the 2025-2026 budget.
- The PA House passed a \$50.6 billion budget proposal on July 14, 2025. This represents a nearly \$900 million reduction from Gov. Shapiro's original proposal. However, negotiations with the Republican-controlled Senate are still ongoing.
- Payments delayed: Due to the impasse, the state is unable to make at least \$2.5 billion in payments to schools, counties, and essential service providers.

Curriculum & Instruction

Legislative Actions

- **HB354: "What is Your Pennsylvania Story", Rep. Solomon (D)**
Directs the Department of Education to develop optional social studies instructional materials for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years that encourage students to share their cultural and historical backgrounds as part of the "What Is Your Pennsylvania Story" initiative, in recognition of America's 250th anniversary.
06/26/2025 – Passed in the Senate (50-0)
06/30/2025 – House concurred in Senate amendments (199-4)

06/30/2025 – Signed in House

06/30/2025 – Signed in Senate

07/07/2025 – Approved by the Governor and became Act No. 30 of 2025.



- **HB17: Cursive Handwriting Instruction, Rep. Watro (R)**

Amends the Public School Code to add cursive handwriting as a required subject of instruction in elementary public and private schools in Pennsylvania.

06/23/2025 – Passed in the House (195-8)

In the Senate

06/25/2025 – Referred to Senate Education

07/16/2025 – Reported as committed

07/16/2025 – First consideration by the Senate

07/17/2025 – Second consideration and re-referred to Appropriations



- **SB700: Evidence-Based Reading Instruction Reform, Sen. Robinson (R)**

Expands and updates Pennsylvania's existing evidence-based reading instruction framework by requiring universal reading screeners for K-3 students three times per year, individualized reading intervention plans for students with reading deficiencies, and professional development for educators. The bill also establishes a Reading Leadership Council, creates a grant program and restricted fund to support implementation, and mandates public reporting on curricula, student outcomes, and educator training.

06/23/2025 – Second consideration and re-referred to Senate Appropriations



Newly Introduced Legislation

- **HB1535: Promotion Standards & Improvement Plans, Rep. N. Nelson (D)**

Requires the Department of Education to established PSSA-aligned performance levels and prohibits promotion for students in grades 3-8 who score significantly below proficiency in reading or math, unless they follow an individualized improvement plan or meet specific exceptions. Schools must develop and implement improvement plans with targeted academic support, and provide an appeals process for families.

06/02/2025 – Introduced and referred to House Education

- **HB1565: Firearm Safety Instruction, Rep. Banta (R)**

Requires all school entities to provide age-appropriate and politically neutral firearm safety instruction for students in grades K-12 beginning with the 2026-2027 school year. The Department of Education, in consultation with the State Police and Game Commission, must develop curriculum guidelines covering safe handling, storage, response, risks, and recreational uses of firearms.

06/05/2025 – Introduced and referred to House Education

- **HB1589: School Library Collection Requirements, Rep. Scott (D)**
Requires all public schools to maintain a library collection beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, including a minimum of 5,000 print items or at least 10 books per student, plus access to state-funded e-resources. A certified school librarian must manage the collection, provide instruction, and align library programs with Department of Education guidelines.
06/11/2025 – Introduced and referred to House Education
- **HB1597: After-School Reading Tutoring Program, Rep. Ortity (R)**
Authorizes school entities to establish after-school or summer peer tutoring programs starting in 2026-2027, using trained high school students to provide one-on-one structured literacy tutoring to students in grades K-2. The Department of Education must provide implementation guidance, and participating schools must report annually on outcomes and participation.
06/11/2025 – Introduced and referred to House Education
- **HB1680: Curriculum Transparency Requirements, Rep. Cooper (R)**
Requires proposed curriculum changes to be presented at a school board meeting and not approved until a subsequent meeting. Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, school entities must post online links or titles for all primary instructional resources, course summaries or syllabi, and related academic standards, with updates made within 30 business days of any changes.
06/30/2025 – Introduced and referred to House Education
- **HB1752: Keystone Exam Alternatives Study, Rep. Curry (D)**
Requires the Secretary of Education to commission an independent feasibility study evaluating whether the ACT and SAT could replace Keystone Exams in literature, algebra I, and biology. The study must assess alignment with state standards, equity, accommodations, and federal accountability requirements, with findings reported within one year.
07/22/2025 – Introduced and referred to House Education
- **SB839: Media Literacy Curriculum Requirement, Sen. Muth (D)**
Requires school districts to incorporate media literacy instruction into K-12 curricula beginning the school year after enactment. Directs the Department of Education to develop a model curriculum and provide professional development opportunities and instructional resources to support implementation.
06/06/2025 – Introduced and referred to House Education




Student Supports, Services, and Special Education

Newly Introduced Legislation

- **HB1743: Comprehensive School Counseling Services, Rep. Steele (D)**
Requires all school entities to develop and implement a K-12 comprehensive school counseling plan aligned with state and national frameworks. Mandates that school counselors spend at least 80% of their time on direct and indirect student services, limits administrative duties to 20%, and requires public posting and state monitoring of compliance beginning in the 2025-2026 school year.
07/16/2025 – Introduced and referred to House Education

- SB33: Comprehensive School Counseling Plans, Sen. L. Williams (D)**
 Requires school entities to develop and implement a comprehensive K-12 school counseling plan aligned with national and state frameworks. Plans must prioritize direct and indirect student services, set annual goals based on data, and be publicly posted. The Department of Education is responsible for oversight and must provide technical assistance and support.
06/18/2025 – Introduced and referred to Senate Education
- SB858: Military Child Enrollment & Credit Transfer, Sen. Rothman (R)**
 Requires school districts to allow advance enrollment of children whose parent or guardian is an active-duty military member transferring to Pennsylvania. Mandates acceptance of transferred grades for GPA calculations in secondary schools and establishes documentation timelines for residency verification after arrival.
06/18/2025 – Introduced and referred to Senate Education

Student Health & Wellness

- HB179: Whole Milk in Schools, Rep. Lawrence (R)**
 Authorizes Pennsylvania schools to use state or local funds to provide or sell whole or reduced fat Pennsylvania milk, regardless of federal restrictions. Requires the Department of Education to notify schools of this option and mandates a report on milk consumption and promotion efforts within two years.
06/16/2025 – Reported as committed from Agricultural & Rural Affairs
06/16/2025 – First consideration and Re-committed to Rules

- HB180: Universal School Meal Program, Rep. Kinhead (D)**
 Establishes the Universal School Meal Program to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students in participating schools regardless of income. Prohibits meal debt-related penalties and creates a dedicated fund to reimburse schools for meal costs not covered by federal programs.
06/02/2025 – Referred to Education

- HB191: AED & CPR Requirements, Rep. Brennan (D)**
 Replaces existing CPR and AED requirements in the Public School Code with updated mandates requiring each school to maintain at least one AED per building, ensure trained personnel are present, and offer biennial CPR/AED training to staff and volunteers. Schools must also develop cardiac emergency response plans and ensure AED access during athletic events.
06/09/2025 – Passed in the House (169-33)
In the Senate
06/18/2025 – Referred Education

- HB681: Student Health Data & BMI Reporting, Rep. Otten (D)**
 Revises school health service requirements by allowing parents to opt out of student height and

weight measurements and restricting disclosure of BMI data unless requested. Requires school districts to confidentially report aggregate BMI data to the Department of Health and prohibits BMI calculation during physical education instruction.

06/11/2025 – Passed in the House (158-45)

In the Senate

06/18/2025 – Referred to Education



- **HB1445: Insurance Coverage for School-Based Services, Rep. Warren (D)**

Prohibits health insurers from denying coverage for medically necessary mental health, behavioral health, or speech therapy services solely because they are provided in a school setting. Establishes conditions, exclusions, and penalties related to coverage of school-based services and amends telemedicine law to reinforce coverage for care delivered in schools.

06/25/2025 – Passed in the House (102-101)

In the Senate

06/25/2025 – Referred to Banking & Insurance



- **SB9: Fairness in Women's Sports Act, Sen. Judy Ward (R)**

Requires all public school entities and public institutions of higher education to designate sports teams as male, female, or coed based on biological sex at birth. Prohibits male students from participating on teams designated for females and allows students or schools to pursue legal action if they experience harm or retaliation related to the policy.

07/09/2025 – Reported from House Education with request to re-refer to Health

07/09/2025 – Re-referred to Health



- **SB375: Greg Moyer's Law – AED & CPR Access, Sen. Culver (R)**

Replaces prior CPR/AED provisions in the Public School Code with updated statewide requirements for training, emergency planning, and AED availability. Mandates biennial CPR and AED training for school staff and volunteers, cardiac emergency response plans for schools with athletics, annual AED reporting, and a statewide AED purchasing and support program. Dedicates 2.5% of school safety grant funds to defibrillator equipment and training through 2029-30.

06/06/2025 – Introduced and referred to Senate Education

06/10/2025 – Reported as amended and first consideration

06/11/2025 – Second consideration and re-referred to Appropriations

06/24/2025 – Re-reported as committed and third consideration and final passage (47-3)

In the House

06/25/2025 – Referred to Education



- **HB1648: Mental Health Days as Excused Absences, Rep. N. Nelson (D)**

Requires schools to adopt policies by the 2026-2027 school year allowing students to take up to two consecutive mental health days as excused absences. The Department of Education must provide model policy guidance, and schools must integrate follow-up supports for students who use multiple mental health days.

06/24/2025 – Introduced and referred to House Education

- **HB1669: Mandatory Free-Play Recess, Rep. Briggs (D)**

Requires school entities to provide at least 30 minutes of supervised, unstructured free-play recess each school day for students in kindergarten through grade five. Recess cannot be withheld for punitive or academic reasons and must occur outdoors when possible, with exceptions only for medical or IEP-related circumstances.

06/25/2025 – Introduced and referred to House Education

- **HB1706: Mental Health Awareness in Athletics, Rep. Daley (D)**

Requires revisions to state health and physical education standards to include mental health awareness and mandates school entities to notify students, families, and staff twice yearly about available mental health services. Also requires mental health training for coaches and procedures for referring students who stop attending extracurricular activities to student assistance programs.

07/07/2025 – Introduced and referred to House Education

- **SB816: Eating Disorder Education for Parents, Sen. Santarsiero (D)**

Requires school entities to annually provide parents of students in grades 6-12 with educational information on eating disorders. Establishes a statewide Eating Disorders Task Force led by the Departments of Education and Health to develop standardized guidelines, outreach materials, and periodic updates for schools and families.

06/03/2025 – Introduced and referred to Education

School Safety

Legislative Actions

- **SB246: Weapons in Schools: Providing for the notification of parents, guardians, and school employees, Sen. Coleman (R)**

Requires public and private schools to notify parents, guardians, and staff within 24 hours of certain incidents, including possession of a weapon, serious property damage, repeated bullying, harassment, or incidents causing serious bodily injury. Specifies how and to whom notifications must be sent, with exceptions based on location and context, while maintaining student privacy protections.

06/25/2025 – Reported as amended from House Education

06/25/2025 – First consideration

06/30/2025 – Second consideration, with amendments

06/30/2025 – Re-referred to Appropriations

07/01/2025 – Re-Reported as committed



Newly Introduced Legislation

- HB1587: School Crossing Guard Compliance. Rep. Shusterman (D)**
 Requires drivers to obey signals and stop when directed by school crossing guards, remaining stopped until told to proceed. Violations are subject to a \$250 fine and \$35 surcharge, which will be directed to the School Bus Safety Grant Program Account.
06/10/2025 – Introduced and referred to House Transportation
- SB930: Comprehensive School Safety and Security Reform, Sen. Martin (R)**
 Makes broad updates to the Public School Code’s school safety and security provisions. Enhances requirements for school safety coordinators, training, grants, and threat assessment teams; strengthens the Safe2Say Something Program by requiring faster response timelines, clearer reporting obligations, and grant compliance enforcement; and standardizes training requirements for school security personnel statewide.
07/10/2025 – Introduced and referred to Senate Education

Facilities & Transportation

- HB240: School Bus Driver Hearing Requirements, Rep. Benninghoff (R)**
 Amends driver licensing requirements to specify that school bus drivers who use hearing aids must pass a functional hearing test, but cannot be required to submit an electroacoustic analysis of the device if they meet hearing standards through testing.
06/23/2025 – Passed in the Senate (50-0)
06/24/2025 – Signed in the House
06/24/2025 – Signed in the Senate
06/27/2025 – Approved by the Governor and became Act no. 4 of 2025.
- HB1326: Pupil Transportation Data Reporting, Rep. Friel (D)**
 Requires school entities to report detailed pupil transportation data beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, including student counts, costs by school type, and extraordinary transportation expenses. The bill also permits use of technology to calculate distances and prohibits redundant or overly burdensome reporting formats.
06/10/2025 – Passed in the House (201-2)
In the Senate
06/18/2025 – Referred to Education



Newly Introduced Legislation

- HB1539: Electric School Bus Grant Program, Rep. Madsen (D)**
 Establishes a competitive grant program and dedicated fund within the Department of Education to support school entities and transportation providers in transitioning to electric school buses. Grants may cover vehicle purchases, conversions, charging infrastructure, and staff training, with priority given to high-need and environmentally impacted districts.
06/02/2025 – Introduced and referred to House Education
06/24/2025 – Reported with request to re-refer to Energy

06/24/2025 – Re-referred to Energy

- **HB1701: School Facilities & Safety Planning, Rep. Fiedler (D)**

Creates a statewide inventory and condition assessment process for public school facilities, including HVAC, ADA compliance, and environmental risks. Establishes the Public School Facility Advisory Committee, mandates school modernization plans based on assessment results, and requires installation of secure master key boxes on all school buildings for emergency access.

07/09/2025 – Introduced and referred to July 9, 2025

- **HB1708: School Vehicle Safety and Enforcement, Rep. Conklin (D)**

Expands traffic safety provisions and enforcement mechanisms for school vehicles, including new requirements for hazard light activation distances, penalties for passing stopped school vehicles, and enhanced visual signal rules. Updates the Vehicle Code to treat certain nontraditional vehicles transporting students similarly to school buses and increases fines and surcharges for related violations.

07/08/2025 – Introduced and referred to Education July 8, 2025

- **HB1714: Out-of-State Student Transportation Ban, Rep. Friel (D)**

Amends the Public School Code to prohibit school districts from authorizing pupil transportation to schools located outside the boundaries of Pennsylvania. Maintains existing provision related to in-state and nonpublic school transportation.

07/09/2025 – Introduced and referred to Education on July 9, 2025

- **SB835: POW/MIA Flag Display Requirement, Sen. Pennycuik (R)**

Amends the Public School Code to require the display of the official POW/MIA flag alongside the United States flag at public school buildings when the U.S. flag is displayed and where it can be reasonably accommodated.

06/09/2025 – Referred to Education

School Governance & Finance

Newly Introduced Legislations

- **HB1596: Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday, Rep. Flood (D)**

Expands Pennsylvania's sales and use tax exclusions to create an annual "back-to-school" sales tax holiday during the first three weeks of August. During this period, personal computers under \$1,500 and school supplies under \$50 are exempt from sales tax if purchased for nonbusiness use.

06/11/2025 – Introduced and referred to House Finance



- **HB1649: Property Tax Elimination & Replacement, Rep. Fink (R)**

Eliminates school property taxes and replaces them with county-level personal income and sales taxes. Establishes two new state-managed funds to receive and distribute revenue, and repeals provisions of the Public School Code and Tax Reform Code to enable the new funding structure.

06/24/2025 – Introduced and referred to House Finance

- **[HB1654](#): Equal Starting Salary for Teachers, Rep. Shusterman (D)**
Requires school districts, beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, to provide equal starting salaries to teachers holding the same grade span certification within the same class and step on the salary schedule.
06/24/2025 – Introduced and referred to House Education
- **[SB789](#): Temporary Budget Continuation, Sen. Baker (R)**
Requires the Commonwealth to continue state appropriations at 80% of the prior year’s levels if the general appropriation bill is not enacted by June 30. This provision would apply across all state-funded sectors, including education, to avoid funding gaps during budget delays.
06/03/2025 – Introduced and referred to State Government
- **[SB791](#): Tax Uniformity for Multicounty Districts, Sen. Kane (D)**
Amends the Public School Code to add a new option for school districts that lie in more than one county to set a uniform millage rate change across the entire district. The new method aligns with limitations established by the Taxpayer Relief Act and provides consistency with districts that lie within a single county.
06/03/2025 – Introduced and referred to Education

Teacher & Staff Certification and Training

- **[HB1402: Teacher Certification Fee Cap, Rep. Schweyer \(D\)](#)**
Caps educator certificate eligibility review fees at \$50 and exempts active-duty military members, veterans, and their spouses from paying educator certification and discipline fees to the Department of Education.
06/11/2025 – Third consideration and final passage (203-0)
In the Senate
06/18/2025 – Referred to Education

- **[HB1403: Inactive Certification Flexibility, Rep. Borowski \(D\)](#)**
Expands pathways to reactivate certification for educators not currently employed by a school entity with an inactive teaching certification. Certification may be reactivated either through 30 hours of recent continuing education or with a conditional job offer from a school entity that commits to supporting completion of the required hours within two school years.
06/23/2025 – Passed in the House (203-0)
In the Senate
06/24/2025 – Referred to Education

- **[HB1404: Second Career Teaching Certification, Rep. Curry \(D\)](#)**
Renames “intern certificates” as “second career certificates” and clarifies requirements for career and technical teaching certifications. The bill streamlines eligibility pathways, including those based on work experience and credential review, and extends the validity of second career

certificates from three to five years.

06/23/2025 – Passed in the House (203-0)

In the Senate

06/24/2025 – Referred to Education



- **HB1405: Veteran’s Pathway to CTE Certification, Rep. Munroe (D)**

Allows veterans with at least 8,000 hours (four years, full-time) of experience in an occupational area during military service to qualify for a Career and Technical Intern Certificate or Instructional I Certificate to teach in approved CTE programs.

06/09/2025 – Passed in the House (202-0)

In the Senate

06/18/2025 – Referred to Education

06/24/2025 – Reported as committed from Education and first consideration

06/25/2025 – Second consideration and re-referred to Appropriations

06/26/2025 – Re-reported as committed from Appropriations



- **HB1407: Instructional Certification Grade Span Reform, Rep. Nelson (D)**

Restructures Pennsylvania instructional certificate grade spans beginning July 1, 2027, by consolidating grade bands into “Primary” (PreK-6) and “Secondary” (7-12) categories. The bill also expands early childhood certification to include grades 5-6 with qualifying assessments and outlines pathways for certificate expansion and updated educator preparation requirements.

07/14/2025 – Passed in the House (202-0)

In the Senate

07/22/2025 – Referred to Education



Newly Introduced Legislation

- **HB1536: CTE Director Certification Flexibility, Rep. Cutler (R)**

Allows individuals with a superintendent’s letter of eligibility to serve as directors of career and technical education (CTE) programs if they meet specified experience and educational requirements. The bill prohibits the Department of Education from setting time-based supervisory requirements and allows service under an emergency permit to count toward required experience.

06/02/2025 – Introduced and referred to House Education

- **HB1632: Human Trafficking Training for Educators, Rep. Pugh (R)**

Beginning in the 2025-2026 school year, requires the Department of Education to develop a one-hour continuing professional education program on human trafficking awareness and prevention. Completion of this training will be mandatory for all educators subject to continuing education requirements.

06/23/2025 – Introduced and referred to House Education

Charter and Cyber Schools

Legislative Actions

- **HB1500: Cyber Charter School Reform & Oversight, Rep. Isaacson (D)**
Overhauls cyber charter school funding, accountability, and oversight by establishing a Cyber Charter School Funding and Policy Council, capping tuition rates, creating fund balance limits, and prohibiting incentive payments for enrollment. The bill mandates wellness checks, enhances residency verification, imposes stricter financial reporting, and enacts a five-year moratorium on new cyber charter approvals beginning in 2025-2026.

In the Senate

06/06/2025 – Referred to Senate Education



- **SB927: Cyber Charter Wellness Check Update, Sen. Pennycuik (R)**
Amends the Public School Code to clarify that weekly cyber charter wellness checks must involve real-time visual and verbal interaction between students and school representatives. Specifies that turning on a webcam during synchronous instruction qualifies as fulfilling this requirement.
07/08/2025 – Introduced and referred to Senate Education
07/16/2025 – Reported as committed and first consideration
07/17/2025 – Second consideration and re-referred to Appropriations



- **SB934: Cyber Charter Residency Verification, Sen. Pennycuik (R)**
Amends the Public School Code to strengthen residency verification procedures for cyber charter school students. Requires families to submit proof of residence twice annually and directs the Department of Education to resolve residency disputes within 15 days. The bill also prohibits retaliation against school employees who report suspected nonresidency.
07/08/2025 – Introduced and referred to Senate Education
07/16/2025 – Reported as amended and first consideration
07/17/2025 – Second consideration and re-referred to Appropriations



School Choice & Vouchers

Newly Introduced Legislation

- **HB1763: Scholarship Tax Credit Compliance, Rep. Gleim (R)**
Designates the Department of Community and Economic Development as the official agency to opt Pennsylvania into federal tax credit for contributions to scholarship organizations under 26 U.S.C. § 25F. Requires scholarship organizations to annually demonstrate federal compliance to remain eligible and outlines procedures for certification, reporting, and audit.
07/24/2025 – Introduced and referred to House Education

Early Childhood Education

- **HB1505: Protecting Access to Pre-K Counts, Rep. Hanbidge (D)**

Amends the Public School Code to add intermediate units to the list of entities eligible to serve as providers for early learning programs, provided they meet all Department of Education quality standards.

07/07/2025 – Passed in the House (202-1)

In the Senate

07/14/2025 – Referred to Education



Career & Technical Education

Legislative Actions

- **SB315: CTE Equipment Grant Funding Fix, Sen. Culver (R)**

Requires the Department of Education to use the most recent available data as of June 1 preceding the school year to calculate allocations for Career and Technical Education (CTE) equipment grants. If the data is later found to be incorrect, the department must revise the calculations accordingly.

06/24/2025 – Reported as committed from House Education and first consideration by House

06/25/2025 – Second consideration and re-referred to Appropriations



- **SB877: Permanent CTE Barber Training Program, Sen. Pennycuick (R)**

Removes the expiration date from Pennsylvania's pilot program for barber training through career and technical centers, making the program permanent. Maintains existing reporting requirements and ensures that regulations, contracts, and activities under the pilot continue without interruption.

06/23/2025 – Introduced and referred to Senate Education

06/24/2025 – Reported as committed and first consideration

06/25/2025 – Second consideration and re-referred to Appropriations

07/16/2025 – Re-reported as committed

07/17/2025 – Third consideration and final passage (49-1)

In the House

07/17/2025 – Referred to Education



- **SB878: Permanent CTE Cosmetology Training Program, Sen. Pennycuick (R)**

Removes the expiration date from Pennsylvania's pilot program for cosmetology training through career and technical centers, converting it into a permanent program. Preserves existing reporting requirements and ensures continuation of all regulatory and contractual arrangements initiated under the pilot.

06/23/2025 – Introduced and referred to Senate Education

06/24/2025 – Reported as committed and first consideration

06/25/2025 – Second consideration and re-referred to Appropriations

07/16/2025 – Re-reported as committed

07/17/2025 – Third consideration and final passage (49-1)

In the House

07/17/2025 – Referred to Education



Newly Introduced Legislation

- **HB1566: CTE Cosmetology & Barber Program Extension, Rep. Struzzi (R)**

Removes the expiration date from Pennsylvania's pilot programs for providing cosmetology and barber training through career and technical centers, effectively making both programs permanent. Also updates annual reporting requirements to begin May 31, 2026, and continues yearly.

06/05/2025 – Introduced and referred to House Education