



Delaware County Intermediate Unit
Legislative Update Summary
September 2, 2026

State Updates

State Session Information

The General Assembly is currently on recess and will continue to be until September. The House will reconvene on September 9, and the Senate will reconvene on September 28.

State Legislative Updates

At a glance, we are tracking six newly introduced bills this month. As of this summary's publication, there were no new bills introduced related to Curriculum & Instruction; Student Supports, Services, & Special Education; Student Health & Wellness; Facilities & Transportation; and Teaching & Certification.

School Safety

There is one newly introduced bill related to school safety:

- [SB1421](#), which was introduced August 10, would allow municipalities to, after passage of an ordinance, use AI automated road safety monitoring systems to enforce traffic violations in school zones.

School Governance & Finance

There were three newly introduced bills in relation to school governance and finance:

- [HB2735](#), which was introduced on August 12, would require school districts to have estimated ending committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balances be less than certain percentages of total budget expenditures before implementing real property tax increases. If enacted, the bill would apply beginning with the 2027-2028 school year. The proposed percentages of total budget expenditures are as follows:
 - Less than or equal to \$11,999,999 (12%)
 - \$12 million-\$12,999,999 (11.5%)
 - \$13 million-13,999,999 (11%)
 - \$14 million-\$14,999,999 (10.5%)

- \$15 million-\$15,999,999 (10%)
 - \$16 million-\$16,999,999 (9.5%)
 - \$17 million-\$17,999,999 (9%)
 - \$18 million-\$18,999,999 (8.5%)
 - Greater than or equal to \$19 million (8%)
- [HB2727](#), which was introduced on August 4, would establish a framework allowing political subdivisions to grant an annual property tax freeze to eligible seniors age 65 or older who have lived in Pennsylvania for at least five years. In the initial year, applicants would qualify if their household income does not exceed \$65,000 annually or if their real property taxes exceed 10% of household income. The freeze would apply only to the applicant's primary residence.
 - [SB1445](#), which was introduced on August 26, would provide a refundable \$8,000 tax credit per eligible child per taxable year for students not enrolled in public schools to cover various learning expenses such as tuition, materials, tutoring, and other eligible educational expenses. The credit would apply to students with families whose annual income is no greater than 300% of the area's median gross income for the taxpayer's area of residence. An eligible child would consist of the following:
 - Must be school-age and not possess a high school diploma
 - Live within the attendance boundary of a Pennsylvania public school
 - Be eligible to attend that school district
 - Not be enrolled in public school during that taxable year

Career and Technical Education

There are two newly introduced bills related to career & technical education:

- [HB2737](#), which was introduced Aug. 12, would require the career and technical board of each career and technical school program to report the number of students on a waitlist for every program offered to the Department of Education through the Career and Technical Education Information System by July 1 of each year. The Secretary of Education would annually report the number of students on the waitlists for each career and technical school program across the Commonwealth to the House of Representatives and Senate Education committees. The bill would take effect immediately.

- [HB2743](#), which was introduced August 18, would require school entities that do not use a year-round calendar to begin each school year no earlier than the first day after Labor Day. The bill would also prohibit school entities from starting the school year on the same day as any local agricultural fairs. The bill aims to accommodate students participating in 4-H and other agricultural programs at county fairs.