



## Summary of Legislation April 18, 2019

### **Turzai Bill to Ensure Timely Action on Economic Development Project Funding Earns House Approval**

HARRISBURG – Legislation that would require the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) to conduct business six times per year, on specific dates, sponsored by Speaker of the House Mike Turzai, overwhelmingly passed the House on April 16 by a vote of **194-3**. Current law requires the chairperson to schedule board meetings. During the last nine years, meetings have been delayed or cancelled, for extended timeframes, on five separate occasions.

“Such delays are problematic for everyone involved in project planning and development, right down to our residents who will benefit from proposed economic development,” Representative Turzai stated. “As I see it, there is no reason to delay or cancel meetings because board members intend to vote against certain proposed projects. Transparency is an important and required method of operation for this board.”

[House Bill 1045](#) requires the board to meet on the second Tuesday of the months of January, March, May, July, September and November. The chairperson would still have the flexibility to call meetings more frequently than this, as needed. The bill now goes to the Senate for consideration.

### **Senators Offer No-Tax Alternative to Wolf’s Restore PA Plan**

**Senators Camera Bartolotta (R-46)** and **Pat Stefano (R-32)** offered an alternative April 8 to Governor Wolf’s Restore PA plan that would fund infrastructure projects throughout the state without the Governor’s severance tax. As part of his budget address, Governor Wolf proposed a bond issue – funded by an additional tax on the natural gas industry – to provide funding for blight remediation, stormwater projects, flood prevention, brownfield cleanups and infrastructure projects. Bartolotta and Stefano proposed a plan that would fund similar projects through revenues generated by lifting the Governor’s moratorium on non-surface disturbance natural gas drilling on state forest lands. The Senators’ plan would not require the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to authorize new non-surface disturbance horizontal drilling. It would only lift the moratorium on leases for existing wellpads.

“This legislation represents a commonsense approach to best protect and utilize our natural resources without massive borrowing that could have a negative impact on job creators and consumers,” Stefano said. “Imposing job-killing taxes and long-term debt will only result in a step backward for our state’s economy and environment.”

“We have an opportunity to fund all of the projects that Governor Wolf wants to complete without creating new taxes that will stifle investment, chase away new jobs and boost energy costs to consumers,” Bartolotta said. “The natural gas industry already pays higher taxes in the form of impact fees that have helped fund billions of dollars in projects throughout the state. We need to explore different options other than piling on taxes that will ultimately be passed on to ratepayers.”

As part of the alternative plan, revenues generated from new gas leases on state forest land would be placed in a special fund managed by the **Commonwealth Financing Authority** to be distributed for blight remediation, flood control infrastructure, stormwater infrastructure, paving and repairing dirt and gravel roads, green infrastructure and abandoned mine reclamation projects.

### **Governor's Office Publishes Regulatory Agenda**

Executive Order 1996-1 requires all agencies under the jurisdiction of the Governor to submit for publication semi-annually an agenda of regulations under development or consideration. The agendas are compiled to provide

members of the regulated community advanced notice of regulatory activity. It is the intention of the Administration that these agendas will serve to increase public participation in the regulatory process.

Agency contacts should be contacted for more information regarding the regulation and the procedure for submitting comments. This Agenda represents the Administration's present intentions regarding future regulations. The information provided is current as of February 22, 2019. The following regulation announcements of interest to PEDAs were published in the Saturday, March 23, 2019 issue of the PA Bulletin.

<b><i>Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED)</i></b>			
Industrialized Housing and Components 12 Pa. Code Chapter 145	Spring 2019, as Proposed	The proposed regulation would reduce the frequency of Department inspections for a factory or manufacturing facility with approved building system documentation from once a year to every other year.	Jill B. Busch (717) 720-7314
<b><i>Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST)</i></b>			
Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST) Assistance and Clean Water State Revolving Fund 25 Pa. Code Sections 963.1—963.20, including inter alia: 963.12(a)(7) 963.13(c) 963.15(a) 963(15)(c) 963(16) 963.18(c) (# 101-08; # 101-09)	Fall 2019, as Proposed	Revisions under consideration include, inter alia: Amendments to 25 Pa. Code §§ 963.1—963.20 to be consistent with statutory revisions imposed by P.L. 51, No. 16, enacted June 19, 2013, the Federal Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014, and guidance revisions implemented by the Department of Environmental Protection, to reflect updates to business practices, and to incorporate any provisions necessary to accommodate for the deletion of 25 Pa. Code § 965 in its entirety, including, but not limited to the following:  (1) Delete 25 Pa. Code § 963.12(a)(7) thereby allowing PENNVEST to provide financial assistance (loan and grant) for costs associated with the extraction for profit of minerals or other resources from wastewater or sludge whether the project is sponsored by a public or private actor.  (2) Amend 25 Pa. Code § 963.13(c) by revising the section to provide for an amortization of advance funding loans with a term of 59 months of interest only and repayment on principal and interest on the 60th month.	Shawn W. Weis (717) 783-6776
		(3) Amend 25 Pa. Code § 963.15(a) by revising the first sentence to provide for a change in the normal loan term to allow 3 years of interest only prior to principal amortization.  (4) Amend 25 Pa. Code § 963.15(c)(5) to provide that maximum interest rates on loans shall be determined based upon the unemployment rate for the applicable county in the most recent calendar year for which data has been finalized as of the application cutoff date.  (5) Amend 25 Pa. Code § 963.15(c)(6) by revising the sentence to define "bond interest rate" to mean the rate of interest paid by the Commonwealth in its issuance of general obligation bonds immediately preceding the date of the approval of the loan.  (6) Amend 25 Pa. Code § 963.16 to provide the parameters of a loan or bond guarantee program to be provided by PENNVEST.  (7) Delete 25 Pa. Code § 963.18(c)(2)(iii) to eliminate the requirement for prior written approval of change orders that exceed \$25,000 or 2 percent of the amount of the project's construction cost, or an aggregate of all change orders that exceed 10 percent of the project's construction cost.	

## **EQB: Proposed Rulemaking – Water Quality Management and National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit Application and Annual Fees**

The Environmental Quality Board proposed to amend Chapters 91 and 92a, relating to general provisions; and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permitting, monitoring and compliance, to establish new fee schedules for Water Quality Management (WQM) permit applications, National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit applications and NPDES annual fees, and to make clarifications. This proposed rulemaking was adopted by the board at its meeting of December 18, 2018. More information is available on the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. For further information, contact **Sean Furjanic, PE, Environmental Program Manager, Bureau of Clean Water**, PO Box 8774, Rachel Carson State Office Building, Harrisburg, PA 17105, (717) 787-2137; or Margaret O. Murphy, Assistant Director, Bureau of Regulatory Counsel, PO Box 8464, Rachel Carson State Office Building, Harrisburg, PA 17105, (717) 783-7472.

Written comments, suggestions, support or objections regarding this proposed rulemaking may be submitted to the board here **by May 14, 2019**. Comments may also be emailed to [RegComments@pa.gov](mailto:RegComments@pa.gov), or mailed to the Environmental Quality Board, PO Box 8477, Harrisburg, PA 17105.

The board scheduled a public hearing for accepting public comments on the proposed rulemaking for 1 p.m. at 909 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17110. Persons wishing to present testimony at a hearing are requested to contact the Environmental Quality Board, PO Box 8477, Harrisburg, PA 17105, (717) 783-8727. More information on presenting testimony is available on the Pennsylvania Bulletin. <https://www.pabulletin.com/secure/data/vol49/49-13/453.html>

## **Legislative Activity**

**The following bills of interest to PEDAs were acted on by the General Assembly this past month.**

### **Budget Related Bills**

[HB 24](#) RE: Debt Repayment (by Rep. John Lawrence, et al)

Amends the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act, in capital facilities, further providing for bonds, issue of bonds and notes, maturity and interest. Requires the principal for new issuances of state debt to be repaid in equal amounts over the term of the bond. Provides the legislation shall apply to bonds, including funding bonds, issued on or after July 1, 2019. Effective immediately.

**Reported as committed from House Finance Committee, read first time, and laid on the table, 3/27/2019**

**Removed from the table, 4/8/2019**

**Read second time, and Rereferred to House Appropriations Committee, 4/9/2019**

[HB 275](#) RE: Strategic Management Planning Program (by Rep. Tom Mehaffie, et al)

Amends the Municipalities Financial Recovery Act, in Early Intervention Program, further providing for definitions, for program objectives and for authorization; in municipal financial distress, further providing for limitation of status; and making an editorial change. The Early Intervention Program is renamed the **Strategic Management Planning Program**.

**Reported as committed from Senate Local Government Committee, and read first time, 3/26/2019**

**Read second time and rereferred to Senate Appropriations Committee, 3/27/2019**

**Reported as committed from Senate Appropriations Committee, 4/8/2019**

[HB 790](#) RE: General Appropriation Act of 2019 (by Rep. Stan Saylor, et al)

Provides appropriations from the General Fund for the expenses of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Departments of the Commonwealth, the public debt and the public schools for the fiscal year July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019; providing appropriations from special funds and accounts to the Executive and Judicial Departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019; and providing for the appropriation of Federal funds to the Executive and Judicial Departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. Effective July 1, 2019, or immediately, whichever is later.

**Introduced and referred to House Appropriations Committee, 3/12/2019**

[HB 880](#) RE: RACP Cap (by Rep. Andrew Lewis, et al)

Amends the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act, in capital facilities, further providing for appropriation for and limitation on redevelopment assistance capital projects. The bill establishes that beginning July 1, 2022, and each July 1 thereafter until the sum of the outstanding obligations for redevelopment assistance capital projects equals \$2,650,000,000, the sum of the maximum amount of outstanding obligations for redevelopment assistance projects shall be decreased by \$100,000,000.

**Introduced and referred to House Finance Committee, 3/19/2019**

**Reported as committed from House Finance Committee, read first time, and laid on the table, 4/8/2019**

**Removed from the table, 4/9/2019**

**Read second time, and rereferred to House Appropriations Committee, 4/10/2019**

[HB 921](#) RE: Special Funds (by Rep. Eric Nelson, et al)

Amends the Administrative Code, in Commonwealth budget procedures, providing for a definition of encumbrance, and grants and subsidies; and providing that for each special fund from which grants and subsidies are paid each department shall prepare a report within 20 days of each calendar quarter indicating the details for each grant and subsidy.

**Introduced and referred to House Appropriations Committee, 4/16/2019**

[HB 922](#) RE: Budget Reports (by Rep. Sheryl Delozier, et al)

Amends the Administrative Code, in Commonwealth budget procedures, further providing for submission of budget to General Assembly and for transmission of budget information to the General Assembly. The bill establishes that no later than 90 days after the enactment of a general appropriation act, the Secretary of the Budget shall prepare and submit a summary of appropriations to the Majority and Minority Chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives, the Independent Fiscal Office and members of the General Assembly.

**Introduced and referred to House Appropriations Committee, 4/10/2019**

[HB 1045](#) RE: CFA Board Meetings (by Rep. Mike Turzai, et al)

Amends Title 64 (Public Authorities & Quasi-Public Corporations), in Commonwealth Financing Authority, further providing for the board. The bill establishes that the board shall meet on the second Tuesday of every other month, beginning with January, and may meet at the call of the chairperson.

**Introduced and referred to House Appropriations, Committee, 4/2/2019**

**Reported as committed from House Appropriations Committee, read first time, and laid on the table, 4/9/19**

**Removed from the table, 4/10/2019**

**Read second time, and rereferred to House Appropriations Committee, 4/15/2019**

**Reported as committed from House Appropriations Committee, read third time, and passed House, 4/16/2019 (194-3)**

[HB 1053](#) RE: Lean State Government Act (by Rep. Frank Ryan, et al)

Provides for duties of the Department of the Auditor General, for initial performance audit of major State agencies, for continuing performance audits of major state agencies, for duties of major State agencies and for progress report by major State agencies.

**Introduced and referred to House State Government Committee, 4/5/2019**

**Reported as amended from House State Government Committee, read first time, and laid on the table, 4/16/2019**

[HB 1127](#) RE: Appropriation Act of 2019 - Department of Community and Economic Development (by Rep. Jason Ortity, et al)

Makes appropriations from the General Fund to the Department of Community and Economic Development for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. Effective July 1, 2019, or immediately, whichever is later. Part of a large package of bills designed to debate the full budget agency by agency.

**Introduced and referred to House Appropriations, Committee, 4/8/2019**

[HR 148](#) RE: Funding for Storm Water Infrastructure Projects (by Rep. Aaron Kaufer, et al)

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to provide additional funding for storm water infrastructure projects in Pennsylvania.

**Introduced and referred to House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee, 3/13/19**

[HR 231](#) RE: Resilient Infrastructure (by Rep. Stephen Barrar, et al)

A Resolution urging the federal government to prioritize and consider the need for resilient infrastructure to reduce risks and meet the country's economic, environmental and social needs.

**Introduced and referred to House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee, 4/12/19**

[SB 234](#) RE: General Appropriation Act of 2019 (by Sen. Patrick Browne, et al)

Provides appropriations from the General Fund for the expenses of the executive and judicial departments, the state government support agencies and the General Assembly of the commonwealth, the public debt and the public schools for the fiscal year July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, for certain institutions and organizations and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019; to provide appropriations from special funds and accounts to the executive and judicial departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018; to provide for the appropriation of federal funds to the executive and judicial departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019; and to provide for the additional appropriation of federal and state funds to the executive and judicial departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. Effective July 1, 2019, or immediately, whichever is later.

**Reported as committed from Senate Appropriations Committee, and read first time, 3/18/2019**

**Read second time, 3/19/2019**

**Recommitted to Senate Appropriations Committee, 3/20/2019**

[SB 468](#) RE: Severance Tax (by Sen. Tommy Tomlinson, et al)

Amends the Tax Reform Code imposing a natural gas severance tax; and repealing expiration provision relating to unconventional gas well fees. The tax shall be imposed on the gross value of the units severed at the wellhead during a reporting period at a rate of five percent. A producer shall file a return with the department, which shall include the number of natural gas units severed by the producer for the reporting period, the number of producing sites used by the producer for the severance of natural gas in each county and municipality, and the amount of tax due.

**Introduced and referred to Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee, 3/21/2019**

**Cosponsor memo filed**

[SCO 796](#) (Bartolotta) - [No-Tax Alternative to Restore PA Plan](#). Provides a non-tax alternative to the Restore Pennsylvania initiative.

**Filed, 4/8/2019**

## **KOZ/CRIZ/Tax Credits**

[HB 800](#) RE: EITC Increase (by Rep. Mike Turzai, et al)

Amends the Public School Code, in educational tax credits, further providing for definitions and for limitations. The bill increases various thresholds for the EITC. Effective July 1, 2019, or immediately, whichever is later.

**Introduced and referred to House Education Committee, 3/18/2019**

[HB 896](#) RE: Land Bank Tax Credits (by Rep. Tom Caltagirone, et al)

Amends the Tax Reform Code, in neighborhood assistance tax credit, further providing for definitions, for public policy and for tax credit. The bill establishes that any business firm which engages or contributes to a neighborhood organization which engages in the activities in a case involving homeless housing assistance, which are located in a land bank jurisdiction shall receive a tax credit if the secretary annually approves the proposal of such business firm or private company.

**Introduced and referred to House Urban Affairs Committee, 3/19/2019**

[HB 914](#) RE: [City Revitalization Improvement Zones \(CRIZ\) Expansion](#) (by Rep. Mark Longetti, et al)

Amends the Tax Reform Code, in city revitalization and improvement zones, further providing for definitions and for establishment or designation of contracting authority, providing for number of authorized zones and further providing for approval. The bill establishes that the department shall authorize 15 zones as follows: four in cities with populations above 60,000 based on the most recent Federal decennial census; four in cities with populations above 20,000, but not more than 60,000, based on the most recent Federal decennial census; four in cities with populations up to 20,000 based on the most recent Federal decennial census; and three additional cities regardless of population category if the city otherwise meets the requirements.

**Introduced and referred to House Commerce Committee, 3/20/2019**

[HB 1208](#) RE: [Airport Development](#) (by Rep. Mike Carroll, et al)

Amends the Tax Reform Code adding a new article establishing the airport land development zone program to encourage and promote the creation of new jobs on land and buildings owned by airports in the commonwealth.

Provides for an airport land development zone tax credit in the amount an airport land development zone employer may earn in any tax year equal to \$2,100 for each full-time equivalent employee in excess of the number of full-time equivalent employees employed by the employer prior to January 1, 2020. Further provides for definitions, and application and plan.

**Introduced and referred to House Commerce Committee, 4/15/2019**

[HB 1242](#) RE: Definition of Neighborhood Assistance (by Rep. Peter Schweyer, et al)

Amends the Tax Reform Code, in neighborhood assistance tax credit, expanding the definition of neighborhood assistance to include any other assistance which addresses a public health concern, and defines public health concern as a health or welfare concern among the population of a community as a whole.

**Introduced and referred to House Finance Committee, 4/16/2019**

[HB 1243](#) RE: Main Street Grants (by Rep. Bob Freeman, et al)

Amends the Main Street Act further extending the duration of basic grants for an additional five years if approved by the commonwealth.

**Introduced and referred to House Local Government Committee, 4/16/2019**

[HB 1246](#) RE: Early Intervention Program Receivers (by Rep. Bob Freeman, et al)

Amends the Municipalities Financial Recovery Act, in municipal financial distress, further providing for prohibitions of coordinators; and in receivership in municipalities, indicating a person previously contracted with the commonwealth or distressed municipality as a coordinator, receiver, financial consultant, legal counsel or through a contract under the Early Intervention Program is ineligible to be appointed as a receiver.

**Introduced and referred to House Local Government Committee, 4/16/2019**

[SB 522](#) RE: Angel Investment Tax Credits (by Sen. Sharif Street, et al)

Amends the Tax Reform Code of 1971 adding a new article providing for the Angel Investment Tax Credit program for the purpose of increasing capital investment, encouraging job creation, and creating a business environment that attracts and encourages early-stage financing for businesses with the potential for high growth. Provides for qualified business plans; credit for qualified investment; and for carryover, application of tax credit, carryback, refund and assignment. Further provides a taxpayer shall not be entitled to a tax credit for qualified investments incurred in taxable years ending after December 31, 2030, and the total amount of tax credits approved by the Department of Community and Economic Development in any calendar year shall not exceed \$20 million. Also provides for shareholder, owner or member pass-through, repayment, recapture, reports, termination, and guidelines. Also increases the annual cap on the Research and Development Tax Credit Program from \$55 million to \$100 million with \$20 million allocated exclusively for small businesses. The new article is effective immediately and the increase in the Research and Development Tax Credit Program shall take effect in 60 days.

**Introduced and referred to Senate Finance Committee, 4/4/2019**

#### **Cosponsor Memos Filed**

**HCO 1777** (Comitta) - [Modernizing Pennsylvania's Renewable Energy Standards](#)  
**Filed, 4/10/2019**

**HCO 1791** (M. Keller) - [Revisions to the Rural Jobs and Investment Tax Credit Program](#)  
**Filed, 4/11/2019**

**SCO 801** (DiSanto) - [State Grant Support Program for Localities Impacted by Power Plant Closures](#)  
**Filed, 4/10/2019**

#### **Liability**

[SB 517](#) RE: Product Liability (by Sen. Lisa Baker, et al)

Amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), in limitation of time, providing for a statute of repose in product liability. The legislation establishes a civil action or proceeding brought against any person or businesses to recover damages for death, injury to persons or property, or for economic loss allegedly resulting from a defective product must be commenced within 15 years under certain circumstances.

**Introduced and referred to Senate Judiciary Committee, 4/4/2019**

## Local/State Government Regulations

[HB 53](#) RE: the Department of Business, Tourism and Workforce Development (by Rep. Frank Ryan, et al)  
Amends Title 71 (State Government), in boards and offices, establishing the Department of Business, Tourism and Workforce Development and transferring specific powers and duties from the Department of Labor and Industry, the Department of Community and Economic Development and the Department of State to the Department of Business, Tourism and Workforce Development. The legislation's general provisions, along with establishing a secretary and a strategic plan, shall be effective immediately.

**Introduced and referred to House State Government Committee, 3/14/2019**

[HB 54](#) RE: Department of Local Government and Community Affairs (by Rep. Matthew Dowling, et al)  
Amends Title 71 (State Government), in boards and offices, establishing the Department of Local Government and Community Affairs and transferring specific powers and duties from the Department of Community and Economic Development and the Department of State to the Department of Local Government and Community Affairs. The legislation's general provisions, along with establishing a secretary and a strategic plan, shall be effective immediately.

**Introduced and referred to House State Government Committee, 3/14/2019**

[HB 56](#) RE: Office of Information Technology (Sponsor Withdrew)  
Amends Title 71 (State Government), in boards and offices, providing for information technology; establishing the Office of Information Technology and the Information Technology Fund; providing for administrative and procurement procedures and for the Joint Cybersecurity Oversight Committee; and imposing penalties. The legislation relates to administrative procedures and procurement regarding information technology.

**Introduced and referred to House State Government Committee, 3/14/2019**

[HB 57](#) RE: [Reinventing Government](#) (by Rep. Jonathan Fritz, et al)  
An Act **abolishing** the following state authorities, boards, commissions, committees, councils and representatives: (1) the Advisory Committee on Probation within the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole; (2) **the Industrial Resource Center Strategic Advisory Board** within the Department of Community and Economic Development; (3) the Joint Committee to Review the Cost-of-Living Supplements under 24 Pa.C.S. 8348 (relating to supplemental annuities) and 71 pa.c.s. 5708 (relating to supplemental annuities); (4) the Pennsylvania Public Television Network Commission; (5) the Public Television Broadcasting Advisory Council; (6) the Pennsylvania Quality Leadership Awards Council; (7) the **Small Business Advocacy Council** within the Department of Community and Economic Development; and (8) the Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Advisory Committee within the Department of Health. The act makes related repeals. Effective in 60 days.

**Introduced and referred to House State Government Committee, 3/14/2019**

**Reported as amended from House State Government Committee, read first time, and laid on the table, 4/16/2019**

[HB 58](#) RE: State Apprenticeship and Training Council (by Rep. Justin Walsh, et al)  
Amends the Community and Economic Development Enhancement Act, in transfers of functions, transferring functions, duties and entities to the Department of Community and Economic Development; in restructuring of certain administrative entities, providing for State Apprenticeship and Training Council; and, in restructuring of certain memberships and participation, providing for membership on the State Apprenticeship and Training Council. The legislation repeals section three of the Apprenticeship and Training Act.

**Introduced and referred to House State Government Committee, 3/14/2019**

[HB 103](#) RE: Family Heritage Open Space Protection Act (by Rep. David Maloney, et al)  
Amends the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, in subdivision and land development, adding the Family Heritage Open Space Protection Act, which provides for non-building lots by adding that the creation of a non-building lot shall be exempt from regulation under a subdivision and land development plan except as provided. The subdivision and land development ordinance shall include: (1) provisions allowing for the creation of two non-building lots when presented with a waiver form obtained from the Department of Environmental Protection; and (2) in the event that the owner or applicant of a subdivided parcel that has been granted a non-building waiver subsequently desires to build upon or develop the property, the owner or applicant shall comply with all applicable statutes, regulations or ordinances in effect at the time of the desired construction or development.

**Reported as committed from House Local Government Committee, read first time, and laid on the table, 3/20/2019  
Removed from the table, 4/9/2019**

**Amended on House floor, read second time, and rereferred to House Appropriations Committee, 4/10/2019  
Reported as committed from House Appropriations Committee, read third time, and passed House, 4/15/2019 (125-73)**

[HB 407](#) RE: [Uniform Definition of Blight](#) (by Rep. Kurt Masser, et al)

Amends Title 1 (General Provisions), in rules of statutory construction, further providing for definitions. The bill defines blighted property.

**Amended on House floor, read second time, and rereferred to House Appropriations Committee, 3/12/2019**  
**Reported as committed from House Appropriations Committee, read third time, and passed House, 3/13/2019 (190-0)**  
**Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Urban Affairs and Housing Committee, 3/19/2019**

## Local/Property Taxes

[HB 324](#) RE: Microenterprise Loan Programs (by Rep. Keith Gillespie, et al)

Amends Title 72 (Taxation & Fiscal Affairs), establishing microenterprise loan programs and abating real property assessment. The bill establishes that an administrative entity shall have the powers to: issue loans to microenterprises that will operate on property owned by the administrative entity and leased to the microenterprise; negotiate for loans and grants from both public and private sources; acquire property to lease to start-up entrepreneurs in order to facilitate the establishment of a microenterprise; and enter into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement with other administrative entities or municipalities.

**Removed from the table, 3/12/2019**

**Read second time, and Rereferred to House Appropriations Committee, 3/13/2019**

**Reported as committed from House Appropriations Committee, read third time, and passed House, 3/18/2019 (192-2)**  
**Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Community, Economic & Recreational Development Committee, 3/28/2019**

## Minimum Wage

NONE

## Permitting

[HB 414](#) RE: Erosion and Sediment Control Permit Act (by Rep. Dave Zimmerman, et al)

Provides for an erosion and sediment control permit, for compliance, for an annual report and for duties of the Department of Environmental Protection.

**Reported as amended from House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee, read first time, and Laid on the table, 4/17/2019**

[HB 645](#) RE: Municipal Permit Denial (by Rep. Gerald Mullery, et al)

Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), in neighborhood blight reclamation and revitalization, further providing for municipal permit denial. The bill establishes that a municipality or a board may deny issuing to an applicant a municipal permit if the applicant owns real property in any municipality for which there exists on the real property a delinquency in real property taxes or municipal charges or for failure to abate a serious violation of state law or a code on real property within the municipality that is owned by a limited liability corporation or a principal of a limited liability corporation, incorporated inside or outside of this commonwealth.

**Reported from House Local Government Committee with a request to re-refer to House Urban Affairs Committee, and rereferred to House Urban Affairs Committee, 3/20/2019**

## State Sales/Use Taxes

### Cosponsor memos filed

**HCO 1714** (Rabb) - [Prohibiting company-specific corporate welfare](#). Enters Pennsylvania into a legally-binding agreement with like-minded states to not engage in any corporation-specific tax-payer-funded subsidies for any companies that seek to move to or from a participating state.

**Filed, 4/3/2019**

**HCO 1789** (MJ Daley) - [Corporate Tax Overhaul](#). Governor Wolf's plan to improve the competitiveness of the Commonwealth's economy by lowering the Corporate Net Income Tax (CNIT) rate while leveling the playing field for all businesses by requiring combined reporting.

**Filed, 4/11/2019**

## Workforce Development

[HB 394](#) RE: Workforce Development Program Clearinghouse (by Rep. Gerald Mullery, et al)

Amends the Public School Code, in vocational education, providing for a workforce development program clearinghouse. The bill establishes that no later than January 1, 2020, the Department of Education shall, in consultation with the Department of Labor and Industry, conduct an inventory to determine the number and types of workforce development programs offered at secondary and postsecondary institutions and report its findings and actions to the chairman and minority chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate, the chairman and minority chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives, the chairman and minority chairman of the Education Committee of the Senate, and the chairman and minority chairman of the Education Committee of the House of Representatives no later than June 30, 2020.

**Removed from the table, 3/13/2019**

**Read second time, and rereferred to House Appropriations Committee, 3/18/2019**

**Reported as committed from House Appropriations Committee, read third time, and passed House, 3/19/2019 (195-0)**

**Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Education Committee, 3/28/2019**

[HB 396](#) RE: WIB Membership (by Rep. Jim Roebuck, et al)

Amends the Workforce Development Act, in local workforce investment areas and boards, further providing for membership. The bill establishes that a local workforce investment board appointed by the chief elected official shall include at least one local administrator of a career and technical center.

**Removed from the table, 3/18/2019**

**Read second time, and rereferred to House Appropriations Committee, 3/19/2019**

**Reported as committed from House Appropriations Committee, read third time, and passed House, 3/20/2019 (194-0)**

**Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Labor and Industry Committee, 3/28/2019**

[HB 425](#) RE: CareerBound Act (by Rep. Ryan McKenzie, et al)

Provides for school-to-work programs; establishing the CareerBound program; and imposing powers and duties on the Department of Labor and Industry. Funding and notice effective immediately, remainder of the act effective upon publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

**Removed from the table, 3/18/2019**

**Read second time, and rereferred to House Appropriations Committee, 3/19/2019**

**Reported as committed from House Appropriations Committee, read third time, and passed House, 3/20/2019 (1942-1)**

**Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Labor and Industry Committee, 3/28/2019**

[HB 522](#) RE: Career and Technical Education Investment Incentive Program (by Rep. Mike Tobash, et al)

Amends the Public School Code adding an article providing for the Career and Technical Education Investment Incentive Program. The intent of the program is to foster and encourage private investment in career and technical education programs and the repair, upkeep, replacement and upgrading of industry-grade materials and instructional equipment. Portions are effective immediately and the remainder is effective upon publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

**Removed from the table, 3/13/2019**

**Amended on House floor, read second time, and rereferred to House Appropriations Committee, 3/18/2019**

**Reported as committed from House Appropriations Committee, read third time, and passed House, 3/19/2019 (162-34)**

**Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Education Committee, 3/28/2019**

[HB 811](#) RE: [Second Chance Employment Opportunities](#) (by Rep. Jim Cox, et al)

Amends Title 63 (Professions and Occupations (State Licensed)) providing for licensing for individuals with a criminal conviction and for occupational licensing for low-income individuals.

**Introduced and referred to House Professional Licensure Committee, 4/9/2019**

### Cosponsor memo filed

**HCO 1839** (Walsh) - [Consolidation of the Commonwealth's Workforce Development System](#) Improves and empowers the state's Workforce Development Board by shifting the WDB from L&I to DCED.

**Filed, 4/17/2019**

**HCO 1840** (Walsh) - [Improving Coordination of Workforce Development Programs under the Workforce Development Board](#). Consolidates programs that comprise our workforce system under the Department of Labor

and Industry, the Department of Community and Economic Development, and the Department of Human Services under DCED.

**Filed, 4/17/2019**

*Copies of all bills of interest can be accessed via the Internet at:*

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/session.cfm>

### **Upcoming Meetings of Interest**

Some House Committee meetings and session can be viewed online at: <http://www.pahousegop.com/>

Senate Committee meetings and session can be streamed at: <http://www.pasenategop.com/>

#### **THURSDAY - 4/25/19**

**House Democratic Policy Committee**

**10:00 a.m., UA Steamfitters Local 420 Hall, 14420 Townsend Road, Philadelphia**

Public hearing with Rep. Ed Neilson on workforce development

#### **MONDAY - 4/29/19**

**House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee**

**9:00 a.m., Room 60, East Wing**

Public hearing on Pennsylvania's nuclear waste containment in light of TMI's impending closure

#### **2019 SENATE SESSION SCHEDULE**

**April 29, 30**

**May 1, 6, 7, 8**

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### **Commonwealth Financing Authority Meeting Schedule (Subject to Change)**

**2019 schedule (subject to change): May 22 (PUC Hearing Room 1, Keystone Building), July 16**

**All meetings are held beginning at 10:30 AM, in the Forest Room, CKB Meeting Center, 1st Floor (plaza)**

**Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street, Harrisburg, unless otherwise indicated. The public is**

**welcome. For more information: <https://dced.pa.gov/programs-funding/commonwealth-financing-authority-cfa/>**