



## Summary of Legislation December 21, 2018

### Wolf Announces Grants Bolstering Vocational Education

Governor Tom Wolf announced December 3 [\\$1.2 million in grants](#) that will go toward new equipment purchases at 38 career and technical centers and area vocational technical education schools across the state. The maximum grant allowed under the program is \$50,000, and each grant must be matched dollar-for-dollar from a local source which could include local school funds or contributions from businesses and industry partners.

“There is incredible demand for skilled workers in communities throughout Pennsylvania,” said Governor Wolf. “This equipment will help students get the training they need for good jobs in their local communities. This will further strengthen our talented and educated workforce and continue to bring jobs to Pennsylvania while making our economy stronger.”

### Legislative Activity

**No bills of interest to PEDA were acted on by the General Assembly this past month. The 2017-18 legislative session ended, officially, on November 30. The following co-sponsorship memos for bills to be introduced next session have been circulated thus far.**

### Budget Related Bills

[HCO 63](#) (Quinn) - Authorizes the expanded use of public-private partnerships for public infrastructure initiatives.  
**Filed, 12/3/2018**

[HCO 64](#) (Quinn) - Presents a proposal for \$315 million in annual investments for environmental conservation, recreation, and preservation projects across the commonwealth.  
**Filed, 12/3/2018**

[HCO 68](#) (Quinn) - Permits manufacturers making capital investments in excess of \$50 million to claim a deduction against their taxable income.  
**Filed, 12/3/2018**

[HCO 70](#) (Quinn) - Establishes Pennsylvania's Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program.  
**Filed, 12/3/2018**

[HCO 113](#) (Grove) - Changes Pennsylvania's budget process to a zero-based and performance-based model.  
**Filed, 12/5/2018**

[SCO 1](#) (Brooks) - Amends the Tax Reform Code of 1971 to reduce the Corporate Net Income (CNI) tax rate.  
**Filed, 12/4/2018**

[SCO 112](#) (DiSanto) - Requires the General Assembly to approve all regulations with an economic impact or cost to the Commonwealth, to its political subdivisions, and to the private sector exceeding \$1 million.  
**Filed, 12/4/2018**

[SCO 144](#) (Phillips-Hill) - Establishes a zero-based budgeting (ZBB), which would require every state agency to justify each dollar of spending through intensive and recurring budget reviews.

**Filed, 12/5/2018**

[SCO 150](#) (Killion) - Provides the necessary authority for administrative agencies to fund grant programs and projects in support of cost-efficient green infrastructure and nature-based solutions.

**Filed, 12/5/2018**

[SCO 188](#) (Haywood) - The Fair Share Tax Plan cuts the Personal Income Tax on a person's active income from wages and interest to 2.8% and imposes impose a tax rate of 6.5% on certain passive income.

**Filed, 12/7/2018**

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

[HCO 225](#) (Snyder) - Provides businesses with a tax credit for contributing to educational programs occurring outside the school setting in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods.

**Filed, 12/13/2018**

[SCO 47](#) (Langerholc) - Increases the amount of available grants to distressed municipalities under Act 47 through an existing funding source.

**Filed, 12/4/2018**

[SCO 239](#) (Mensch) - Provides that manufacturers with private capital investments of a specified amount can claim a deduction against their taxable income for up to five years.

**Filed, 12/11/2018**

[SCO 246](#) (Scavello) –

Amends and streamlines the Neighborhood Improvement District Act as it relates to the Tax Increment Financing Act.

**Filed, 12/12/2018**

## **Local/State Government Regulations**

[HCO 19](#) (Mehaffie) - Changes the name of Early Intervention Program to the Strategic Management Planning Program.

**Filed, 12/3/2018**

[SCO 136](#) (DiSanto) - Orders a six-month review of the Pennsylvania Code to count, cap, and cut the number of regulations in Pennsylvania.

**Filed, 12/5/2018**

[SCO 137](#) (Phillips-Hill) - Addresses growing regulations in Pennsylvania by establishing the Independent Office of the Repealer and implementing a one-in, two-out model for new regulations.

**Filed, 12/5/2018**

## **Local/Property Taxes**

[HCO 31](#) (Cox) - Removes tax obstacles for small businesses to promote competitiveness.

**Filed, 12/3/2018**

[SCO 100](#) (Farnese) - Amends the definition of hotel to clarify that units temporarily rented for occupancy are generally subject to the hotel occupancy tax, even if the dwelling is ordinarily used for household living.

**Filed, 12/4/2018**

[SCO 138](#) (Hutchinson) - Package of bills to remove tax obstacles for small businesses.

**Filed, 12/5/2018**

## **Minimum Wage**

NONE

## **Permitting**

[HCO 65](#) (Quinn) - Amends the Clean Streams law to provide for a riparian buffer waiver process.  
Filed, 12/3/2018

## **Sales/Use Taxes**

NONE

## **Workforce Development**

[HCO 240](#) (Bizzaro) - Strengthens the Industry Partnerships program.  
Filed, 12/14/2018

[SCO 135](#) (Langerholc) - Creates the Recovery to Work Pilot Program to connect individuals in recovery with occupations through local workforce development boards.  
Filed, 12/5/2018

[SCO 260](#) (Boscola) - Provides military spouses greater ease in obtaining the transfer of their professional license.  
Filed, 12/13/2018

[SCO 276](#) (Blake) - Establishes a Career Readiness Council.  
Filed, 12/17/2018

## **Other Bills of Interest**

[SCO 297](#) (Baker) - Bans gifts to public officials and public employees.  
Filed, 12/18/2018

## **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/>

### **2019 SENATE SESSION SCHEDULE**

January	1, 28, 29, 30
February	4, 5, 6
March	18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27
April	8, 9, 10, 29, 30
May	1, 6, 7, 8
June	3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28

### **2019 HOUSE SESSION SCHEDULE**

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February	4, 5, 6, 19, 20, 21
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May	1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 22
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## **Commonwealth Financing Authority Meeting Schedule (Subject to Change)**

**2019 schedule (so far) January 29, March 26, May 21, 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**

The public is welcome.

**For more information:**

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

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

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