



## Summary of Legislation July 5, 2018

### **Budget Passes a Week EARLY**

In Harrisburg, the General Assembly showed an unusual amount of unanimity this year, by passing the FY 2018-19 budget package not only on time, but 8 days EARLY. On June 20, the House passed [HB 2121](#) by a (188-10) vote, and the Senate followed suit just two days later, passing the bill without amendment, and little discussion, (47-2). Governor Wolf wasted no time signing the bill, which spends \$32,092,325,000 in General Fund money and federal augmenting appropriations totaling an additional \$27,743,772,000, in addition to other funds from dedicated revenue sources. For a budget breakdown, visit: <http://www.legis.state.pa.us/WU01/LI/B1/FN/2017/0/HB2121P3747.pdf>

In addition to the bipartisan agreement on the spending plan, the authorizing "Code" bills that describe and provide the means for the spending also passed relatively easily, unlike last year. First, [HB 1929](#) amends the Fiscal code, outlining how the money approved in HB 2121 will be rolled out. Areas of interest to PEDA include:

#### **Article XVI-B.1 Capital Facilities**

Section 1601.1-B.1 (Applications)

Notwithstanding Section 318 of the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act, a redevelopment assistance capital project may receive funds if the project was itemized in a capital project itemization bill or a capital budget bill that was enacted more than 10 years before the date the project is approved provided that the Office of the Budget received an application or other written form of request for redevelopment assistance capital project grant funding for the project from a prospective applicant during the time period from January 9, 2015 through May 18, 2015, or January 29, 2018 through February 27, 2018.

#### **(New) Article XVI-B.2 Entertainment Business Financial Management Firms**

Provides that for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, an operating organization may satisfy the requirements of section 1904-B(a.3)(2) of the Tax Reform Code of 1971 (relating to master list of legal business names, and business addresses engaged in active conduct of trade or business within the neighborhood improvement zone) by providing to the contracting authority a copy of the management contract between the qualified business and the entertainment business financial management firm that has primary responsibility for completing reports for the qualified business. The provision shall only apply to qualified businesses engaged in the provision of entertainment services or activities in a facility.

#### **Article XVI-H. Tax Credits**

*Section 1604-H. (Department of Community & Economic Development)* - amends the Entertainment Economic Enhancement Program tax credit for qualified rehearsal and tour expenses incurred or to be incurred by permitting DCED to award tax credits to 10 tours in fiscal year 2018-2019. DCED may, at its discretion, advance the award of tax credits to a maximum of 2 additional tours in fiscal year 2018-2019.

#### **Article XVI-K. Business in Our Sites Program Account**

*Section 1602-K. (Transfer of Funds)* is amended to provide for 2018-2019 transfers of \$10,000,000 from available funding in the CFA First Industries Program account and \$35,000,000 from the CFA Building Pennsylvania Program to the CFA Business in Our Sites Program account. The CFA Business in Our Sites Program provides grants and loans for the acquisition and development of key sites for future use by businesses, private developers, and other entities.

*Fiscal Impact: The enactment of these provisions will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds or CFA programs, and will re-capitalize the CFA Business in Our Sites Program.*

#### **(New) Article XVI-N. Private Dam Financial Assurance**

A new article is added to the Fiscal Code to provide for the Private Dam Financial Assurance Program, to be administered by Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection to provide financial assurance assistance for dam owners to assist in meeting financial obligations under the Dam Safety and Encroachments Act of 1978. To be eligible for this program, dam owners must:

- be in compliance with the Dam Safety and Encroachments Act and the corresponding regulations;
- pay a one-time registration fee of \$1,000 per dam; and
- pay an annual fee equal to 1% of the bond amount required by DEP.

An owner that is enrolled in the program is deemed to have met all proof of financial responsibility requirements promulgated pursuant to Section 11 of the Dam Safety and Encroachments Act for the owner's dam.

A special fund is established in the State Treasury known as the Private Dam Financial Assurance Fund. Program premiums and fees are to be deposited into this special fund. The new article also authorizes the establishment of a revolving loan program for costs incurred to provide maintenance, repair, or permanent breach of the owner's dam. No loan shall exceed 50% of eligible costs and no loan shall exceed \$500,000. Loan terms will be up to 10 years; interest rates will be fixed and equal to the 5-Year U.S. Treasury Note on the date of application; and DCED may charge an origination fee of up to 2.5% of the loan amount.

*Fiscal Impact: These provisions will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. Any revenue deposited into the Private Dam Financial Assurance Fund would be derived from fees on private owners to establish the program to provide financial assurance assistance to owners of regulated private dams. DCED, along with DEP, have determined that they will be able to administer the program without additional resources.*

#### **Article XVII-A. Special Funds**

Subarticle A: Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund, Section 1702-A. Funding

Adds a paragraph to mandate that if the Secretary of the Budget certifies a General Fund surplus for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, 50% of the surplus shall be deposited in the Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund by the end of the next succeeding quarter.

*Fiscal Impact: Provides a projected deposit of \$19,854,000 to the Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund; the first deposit that will be made to the Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund since 2006-2007.*

Subarticle H: Section 1774.1-A. Other Grants is amended to make available, in 2018-2019, \$14,504,399 from the CFA H2O PA and the H2O PA Marcellus Legacy accounts for the distribution for water and sewer project with a cost of not less than \$30,000 and not more than \$500,000. Additional funding for water and sewer grants totaling \$10,000,000 in FY 2018-2019 will be transferred from the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) First Industries Program account for the distribution or reimbursement for water and sewer projects as grants in the amount of not less than \$30,000 and not more than \$500,000. In determining grant amounts, the CFA shall not include the matching funds requirement in the calculation of the cost of the project. For fiscal year 2018-2019, the CFA may not require the submission of new applications but shall consider projects for grant funding submitted during the application period that ended on February 28, 2018.

*Fiscal Impact: The enactment of these provisions will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds or CFA programs, and will make available approximately \$25,000,000 for PA Small Water & Sewer program grants.*

#### Subarticle E. Natural Gas Infrastructure Development Fund

A new Section (*proposed as 1747-A.1*) is added to the Fiscal Code to specify for grants awarded under the subarticle on or after January 23, 2018, the CFA may not rescind an executed grant agreement without a qualified majority vote of the board of the CFA.

#### Subarticle F. First Chance Trust Fund

*Section 1754-A.1 (Use of fund)* is amended to provide that in determining preference for First Chance Trust Fund scholarships or programs that benefit children, the Pennsylvania Commission of Crime and Delinquency shall consider factors including the victimization of the student or child, the risk factors that lead to criminal behavior, and the impact of crime on the student or child.

#### *Subarticle E (Restrictions on Appropriations for Funds and Accounts)*

*Section 1798.3-E. (Multimodal Transportation Fund)* is amended to specifically provide that local match requirements for the Department of Transportation and the CFA Multimodal Transportation programs may be waived for good cause if the applicant for assistance is a port terminal operator. A port terminal is defined as a marine facility used in connection with the transportation or transfer of freight, personnel, or equipment. The date has been extended to December 31, 2019, for which local match requirements may be waived for good cause.

#### *Section 1719-H. (Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED))*

- Funds appropriated for general government operations shall be used in part to support an engineering study related to infrastructure investment and marketing for an industrial development area, and to support manufacturing technology development.
- Allocates funding appropriated for marketing to attract tourists.
- Funds appropriated for Keystone Communities to be distributed to the following:
  - Main Street, Elm Street and Enterprise Zone programs;
  - an anti-violence task force, in consultation with the Office of the Attorney General, in a county of a second class A that is also a home rule county;
  - projects supporting economic growth, community development and municipal assistance.
- Funds appropriated for local municipal emergency relief will be used to provide State assistance to individuals and political subdivisions directly impacted by a natural and man-made disasters or public safety emergencies.

#### *Section 1722-H. (Department of Education)*

- Specifies that funds appropriated for the Ready-to-learn Block Grant shall be distributed in accordance with section 2599.6 of the Public School Code of 1949. Any funds remaining may be distributed by the department based on guidelines and submitted applications.
- From the appropriation for adult and family literacy programs, summer reading programs and the adult high school diplomas program, funds will be allocated for an after-school learning program for low-income students.
- From funds appropriated for career and technical education, \$20,000,000 shall be distributed as grants based upon recommendations of the Pennsylvania Workforce Development Board to support emerging workforce needs throughout elementary and secondary education.
- Inserts language concerning funds and payments for approved private schools.
- Provides for the use of funding for regional community college services.
- Funds appropriated for trauma-informed education will be used for an educational program designed for children that teaches coping skills to assist with social, economic and environmental factors in their community.
- Allocates specific amounts to various community education councils.

- Maintains the Commonwealth's elimination of payments for Social Security and required contributions for public school employees' retirement to charter and cyber charter schools.

*Section 1727-H. (Department of Labor and Industry)*

- A portion of the funds appropriated for industry partnerships will be allocated for workforce development for veterans, and current and emerging work force needs.

## **L&I Issues Proposed Rulemaking on Minimum Wage**

The Department of Labor and Industry published a proposed rulemaking for the purpose of carrying out the Minimum Wage Act and safeguarding the minimum wage rates it established. Written comments on the proposed rulemaking may be directed to Bryan Smolock, Director, Bureau of Labor Law Compliance, Department of Labor and Industry, 651 Boas Street, Room 1301, Harrisburg, PA 17121, (717) 787-0606, bsmolock@pa.gov within 30 days.

<https://www.pabulletin.com/secure/data/vol48/48-25/961.html>

## **Legislative Activity**

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

### **Budget Related Bills**

[HB 83](#) RE: Capital Facilities Debt (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. The bill adds that retirements of principal for funding bonds authorized under section 312 shall be regular and substantial if made in annual or semiannual amounts whether by stated serial maturities or by mandatory sinking fund retirements computed in accordance with either a level annual debt service plan as nearly as may be or upon the equal annual maturities plan. Provisions allowing the issuing officials to enter into agreements or contracts to insure or secure payment of principal, interest or the purchase price of bonds which will assist in managing the interest costs of the debt of the Commonwealth are repealed.

**Read second time, 6/21/2018**

[HB 110](#) RE: Spending Limits (by Rep. Ryan Warner, et al)

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in taxation and finance, establishing that total spending by the Commonwealth shall be restricted to an increase over the prior fiscal year equal to the sum of the average percentage increase in the consumer price index for the three preceding calendar years and the average percentage increase in the population of the Commonwealth for the three preceding calendar years. Prohibits total spending from being circumvented by transferring spending from the General Fund to special funds or restricted receipt accounts. Allows the percentage increase in the spending limitation in any fiscal year to be increased only by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members elected to the Senate and House. Constitutional amendments require approval in two consecutive legislative sessions and then approval by the voters through a referendum.

**Rereferred to Senate Appropriations Committee, 6/18/2018**

[HB 1929](#) RE: Fiscal Code Amendments (by Rep. Ron Marsico, et al)

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, implementing the 2018-2019 Commonwealth budget and instituting future budget implementation: Further providing for title of act; in cigarette sales and licensing; further providing for preemption; In Treasury Department: providing for Keystone Scholars Grant Program; In disposition of abandoned and unclaimed property: further providing for property held by business associations; In procedure for the disbursement of money from the State **Treasury: further providing for settlement agreements and enforcement**; In capital facilities: further providing for applications; providing for entertainment business financial management firms; In tax credits: further providing for Department of Community and Economic Development; In Business in Our Sites Program Account: further providing for transfers of funds; providing for private dam financial assurance; In special funds: further providing for Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund funding and for other grants relating to Pennsylvania Gaming Economic Development and Tourism Fund; In additional special funds: **further providing for use of Tobacco Settlement Fund**, for distributions from

Pennsylvania Race Horse Development Fund and for drug and alcohol programs; providing for Natural Gas Infrastructure Development Fund grant agreements; and further providing for use of First Chance Trust Fund; In general budget implementation: providing for Independent Fiscal Office revenue estimates; further providing for Attorney General, for Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, for Department of Health, for Department of Labor and Industry, for Department of Revenue and for surcharges; providing for deposit into School Safety and Security Fund and further providing for Multimodal Transportation Fund; In school district debt refinancing bonds: further providing for sinking fund charges for school building; providing for reinstatement of item vetoes; repealing provisions relating to 2013-2014 budget implementation and 2013-2014 restrictions on appropriations for funds and accounts; providing for 2018-2019 budget implementation and 2018-2019 restrictions on appropriations for funds and accounts; and making related repeals.

**Reported as amended from Senate Judiciary Committee, and read first time, 6/18/2018**

**Read second time, and rereferred to Senate Appropriations Committee, 6/19/2018**

**Reported as amended from Senate Appropriations Committee, read third time, and passed Senate, 6/22/2018 (44-5)**

**Received as amended in House and rereferred House Rules Committee, re-reported on concurrence as committed from House Rules Committee, and House concurred in Senate amendments, 6/22/2018 (171-22)**

**Signed in the House and in the Senate, 6/22/2018**

**Approved by the Governor, 6/22/2018 (Act No. [42](#) of 2018)**

**[HB 2101](#) RE: Commonwealth Office of Management and Budget (by Rep. Seth Grove, et al)**

Amends Title 71 (State Government), in boards and offices, providing for Commonwealth Office of Management and Budget. The bill establishes the Office of Management and Budget as an administrative department within the executive branch of government. The office shall exercise the authority and perform the duties of the following agencies: Office of the Budget, Department of General Services, Office of Administration, and Office of Policy and Planning. Scope of the chapter, legislative finding and declarations, definition, director, and Governor's Office of Transformation, Innovation, Management and Efficiency sections are effective immediately; and the remainder of the act is effective 30 days after publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

**Reported as amended House State Government Committee, read first time, and rereferred to House Rules Committee, 6/19/2018**

**[HB 2102](#) RE: 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 new department. Scope of chapter, definitions, secretary, and strategic plan sections are effective immediately; and the remainder of the act is effective 30 days after publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

**Reported as amended House State Government Committee, read first time, and rereferred to House Rules Committee, 6/19/2018**

**[HB 2103](#) 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 new department. Scope of chapter, definitions, secretary, and strategic plan sections are effective immediately; and the remainder of the act is effective 30 days after publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

**Reported as amended House State Government Committee, read first time, and rereferred to House Rules Committee, 6/19/2018**

**[HB 2105](#) RE: Elimination of Outdated Boards and Commissions (by Rep. Jonathan Fritz, et al)**

An Act abolishing numerous State authorities, boards, commissions, committees, councils and representatives; and making related repeals. The following boards and commissions would be eliminated: Interstate Rail Passenger Advisory Council; Pennsylvania Public Television Network Commission; Canine Health Board; Community Service Advisory Board; **Industrial Resource Center Strategic Advisory Board; Small Business Advocacy Council**; Adult Basic and Literacy Education Interagency Coordinating Council (ABLE ICC); Advisory Committee on Probation; **Energy Development Authority**; Health Careers Leadership Council; Joint Committee to Review Cost of Living; Legislative Representative for Collective Bargaining; Lobbying Disclosure Regulations Committee;

Pennsylvania Quality Leadership Awards Council; Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Advisory Committee; and Voting Standards Development Board

**Amended in House State Government Committee and not voted, 6/19/2018**

[HB 2121](#) RE: General Appropriation Act of 2018 (by Rep. Stan Saylor, et al)

Provides 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, 2018, to June 30, 2019, 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, 2018; to provide appropriations from the State Lottery Fund, the Tobacco Settlement Fund, the Aviation Restricted Account, the Hazardous Material Response Fund, The State Stores Fund, the Milk Marketing Fund, the Home Investment Trust Fund, the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund, the Tuition Account Guaranteed Savings Program Fund, the Banking Fund, the Firearm Records Check Fund, the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority Fund, the Oil and Gas Lease Fund, the Home Improvement Account, the Cigarette Fire Safety and Firefighter Protection Act Enforcement Fund, the Insurance Regulation and Oversight Fund, the Pennsylvania Racehorse Development Restricted Receipt Account, the Justice Reinvestment Fund, the Multimodal Transportation Fund, the State Racing Fund and the ABLE Savings Program Fund to the Executive Department; to provide appropriations from the Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account to the Judicial Department for the fiscal year July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019; to provide appropriations from the Motor License Fund for the fiscal year July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019, for the proper operation of several departments of the Commonwealth and the Pennsylvania State Police authorized to spend Motor License Fund money; to provide for the appropriation of Federal funds to the Executive and Judicial Departments of the Commonwealth and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018; to provide for the additional appropriation of Federal and State funds from the General Fund, the State Lottery Fund and the Tobacco Settlement Fund for the Executive and Judicial Departments of the Commonwealth for the fiscal year July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017; and providing for augmentation from additional funding source.

**Reported as amended from House Appropriations Committee, 6/19/2018**

**Read third time, and passed House, 6/20/2018 ([188-10](#))**

**Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Appropriations Committee, re-reported as committed from Senate Appropriations Committee, and read first time, 6/20/2018**

**Read second time, 6/21/2018**

**Read third time, and passed Senate, 6/22/2018 ([47-2](#))**

**Signed in the House and in the Senate, 6/22/2018**

**Approved by the Governor, 6/22/2018 (Act No. [1A](#) of 2018)**

[SB 1056](#) RE: Bonus Depreciation (by Sen. Michele Brooks, et al)

Amends the Tax Reform Code, in corporate net income tax, further defining taxable income. The stated intent of the bill is to align state law with federal law's 100 percent bonus depreciation. Effective immediately.

**Received in the House and referred to House Finance Committee, 6/14/2018**

**Reported as committed from House Finance Committee, read first time, and laid on the table, 6/19/2018**

**Removed from the table, 6/20/2018**

**Read second time, and rereferred to House Appropriations Committee, 6/21/2018**

**Reported as committed from House Appropriations Committee, read third time, and passed House, 6/22/2018 ([194-0](#))**

**Signed in the House and in the Senate, 6/22/2018**

**Approved by the Governor, 6/28/2018 (Act No. [72](#) of 2018)**

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

[HB 2530](#) RE: Educational Tax Credits (by Rep. Kristin Phillips-Hill, et al)

Amends the Public School Code, in educational tax credits, further providing for definitions, for tax credits and for limitations. The bill establishes a person adversely affected by the withholding of a written notice of approval may bring an action in mandamus to compel the department to perform its duty to give the written notice of approval or a private action to recover damages or request declaratory or injunctive relief. The department shall annually increase the dollar amounts under the amounts section if more than 90 percent of the total aggregate amount of tax credits

under the amounts section was used by taxpayers during the prior fiscal year and the General Assembly has not otherwise enacted an increase to the dollar amounts.

**Introduced and referred to House Education Committee, 6/26/2018**

[SB 1214](#) RE: Entertainment Production Tax Credit (by Sen. Tom Killion, et al)

Amends the Tax Reform Code, in entertainment production tax credit, further providing for carryover, carryback and assignment of credit. The bill establishes a purchaser or assignee of all or a portion of a tax credit that is included in the same Federal consolidated tax return as the taxpayer may utilize the film tax credit to the same extent allowable for the taxpayer.

**Introduced and referred to Senate Finance Committee, 6/22/2018**

## **Local/State Government Regulations**

[HB 2468](#) RE: Eminent Domain in Conservation Easements (by Rep. Warren Kampf, et al)

Amends Title 26 (Eminent Domain), in limitations on use of eminent domain, defining "conservation easement" and "open space benefits" and providing for eminent domain of land subject to conservation easement. The bill states no agency of the Commonwealth, political subdivision, authority, public utility or other body having or exercising powers of eminent domain shall condemn any land subject to a conservation easement for any purpose, unless prior approval has been obtained from the orphans' court of the county in which the land is located. This condemnation approval shall not be required for an underground public utility facility that does not permanently impact the open space benefits protected by the conservation easement. The bill provides for determination of blight, notice, review, findings and decisions, injunctions, and emergency exception.

**Reported as committed from House Rules Committee, read second time, and rereferred to House Appropriations Committee, 6/18/2018**

**Reported as committed from House Appropriations Committee, read third time, and passed House, 6/19/2018 ([179-18](#))**

**Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Local Government Committee, 6/20/2018**

**Reported as committed from and Senate Local Government Committee, read first time, 6/20/2018**

**Amended on Senate floor, and read second time, 6/21/2018**

**Read third time, and passed Senate, 6/22/2018 ([37-12](#))**

**Received as amended in House and rereferred House Rules Committee, re-reported on concurrence as committed from House Rules Committee, and House concurred in Senate amendments, 6/22/2018 ([177-15](#))**

**Signed in the House and in the Senate, 6/22/2018**

**Approved by the Governor, 6/24/2018 (Act No. [45](#) of 2018)**

[SB 667](#) RE: Land Banks (by Sen. Patrick Stefano, et al)

Amends Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) relating to land banks. Add a new subsection providing a land bank jurisdiction located in the county of the second A, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh or eighth class may, by ordinance, designate a redevelopment authority as land bank for the jurisdiction. Provides an authority designated as a land bank shall exercise the powers of land bank subject to certain limitations.

**Approved by the Governor, 6/19/2018 (Act No. [33](#) of 2018)**

[SB 1215](#) RE: Eminent Domain (by Sen. Andrew Dinniman, et al)

Amends Title 26 (Eminent Domain), in limitations on use of eminent domain, further providing for definitions and providing for eminent domain of land subject to conservation easement. The bill establishes no agency of the Commonwealth, political subdivision, authority, public utility or other body having or exercising powers of eminent domain shall condemn any land subject to a conservation easement for any purpose, unless prior approval has been obtained from the orphans' court of the county in which the land is located. This section and definitions of conservation easement and open space benefits shall apply to a condemnation for which a declaration of taking is filed after December 31, 2017.

**Introduced and referred to Senate Local Government Committee, 6/22/2018**

## Local/Property Taxes

[HB 1511](#) RE: hotel occupancy tax application (by Rep. Marguerite Quinn, et al)

Amends the Tax Reform Code, in hotel occupancy tax, applying the state sales and the local hotel occupancy tax to the full price paid by the consumer at point of sale for booking a hotel room. Establishes the Tourism Promotion Fund as a restricted revenue account within the Treasury Department, into which tax collected by intermediaries will be deposited and disbursed upon appropriation for tourism promotion purposes.

**Reported as amended from House Finance Committee, read first time, and rereferred to House Rules Committee, 6/22/2018**

## Minimum Wage

NONE

## Permitting

[HB 1284](#) RE: Pennsylvania Business Permitting Portal Act (by Rep. Michael Pifer, et al)

Provides for the Pennsylvania Business Permitting Portal within the Department of Community and Economic Development; and establishes the Pennsylvania Business Permitting Portal Advisory Board. The department shall establish the Pennsylvania Business Permitting Portal to provide a single online access point to aid existing and potential business owners in completing the necessary permit applications associated with establishing and operating a business in this Commonwealth.

**Amended on House floor, read second time, and Rereferred to House Appropriations Committee, 6/22/2018**

**Reported as committed from House Appropriations Committee, read third time, and passed House, 6/25/2018 (195-0)**

**Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Community, Economic & Recreational Development Committee, 6/29/2018**

## Sales/Use Taxes

NONE

## Workforce Development

[HB 1419](#) RE: Clean Slate (by Rep. Sheryl Delozier, et al)

Amends Title 18 (Crimes & Offenses) and Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), in dissemination of criminal history record information, further providing for general regulations and for order for limited access and providing for clean slate limited access. Further provides for exceptions; for order to vacate order for limited access; for effects of expunged records and records subject to limited access; and for employer immunity from liability. Also provides for, in juvenile matters, inspection of court files and records and for law enforcement records.

**Reported as committed from Senate Judiciary Committee, and read first time, 6/18/2018**

**Read second time, and rereferred to Senate Appropriations Committee, 6/19/2018 S**

**Reported as committed from Senate Appropriations Committee, 6/19/2018**

**Read third time, and passed Senate, 6/22/2018 (49-0)**

**Approved by the Governor, 6/28/2018 (Act No. [56](#) of 2018)**

[HB 1641](#) RE: Employment First Act (by Rep. Bryan Cutler, et al)

Provides for competitive integrated employment in state and county agencies and any entity providing publicly funded education, training, employment and related services and long-term services and supports for working-age Pennsylvanians with a disability; establishes Employment First, the Governor's Cabinet for People with Disabilities and the Employment First Oversight Commission and provides for their powers and duties; and confers powers and imposes duties on the Governor and the Office of the Governor. The bill establishes that it shall be the policy of the Commonwealth that competitive integrated employment shall be the preferred outcome for all individuals with a disability eligible to work under federal or state law, regardless of severity of disability and assistance required and work-based learning experiences for all youth with a disability in collaboration with the Department of Labor and Industry. Employment services and opportunities must be offered to all individuals with a disability receiving publicly funded services, regardless of whether they live in their own home or in a residential setting. The Office of

the Governor shall develop an initial three-year plan based upon information provided by the state agencies for implementing Employment First for submission to the General Assembly. The plan shall identify the specific policies and implementation dates for state agency compliance.

**Approved by the Governor, 6/19/2018 G (Act No. [36](#) of 2018)**

[SB 714](#) RE: Pennsylvania Career Readiness Council Act (by Sen. John Blake, et al)

Provides for the powers and duties of the **Pennsylvania Career Readiness Council**, to be established in the Department of Community and Economic Development, and tasked with developing a plan to improve the Commonwealth's career readiness preparation system and produce an annual report to the General Assembly, the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House detailing their progress made including recommendations. Provides for the composition of the council and that within three years shall operate exclusive of appropriations from the General Fund and DCED. If that qualification is not met the executive director shall transmit notice to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin, and the act shall expire.

**Reported as amended from Senate Labor and Industry Committee, and read first time, 6/18/2018**

### **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/>

#### **TUESDAY - 9/25/18**

**House Finance, Local Government and Urban Affairs Committees**

**9:00 a.m., Room 140 Main Capitol**

Joint public hearing on Act 47

**The House and Senate are in recess to the call of their respective chairs.**

#### **2018 FALL SENATE SESSION SCHEDULE (Subject to change)**

**September 24, 25, 26**

**October 1, 2, 3, 15, 16, 17**

**November 14**

#### **2018 FALL HOUSE SESSION SCHEDULE**

**September 12, 13, 24, 25, 26**

**October 1 (non-voting), 2 (non-voting), 9, 10, 15, 16, 17**

**November 13**

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

**Tuesday, July 17**

**10:30 AM**

Forest Room, CKB Meeting Center, 1st Floor (plaza) Commonwealth Keystone Building  
400 North Street, Harrisburg

**Tuesday, September 18**

**10:30 AM**

Forest Room, CKB Meeting Center, 1st Floor (plaza) Commonwealth Keystone Building  
400 North Street, Harrisburg

**Wednesday, November 14**

**10:30 AM**

Forest Room, CKB Meeting Center, 1st Floor (plaza) Commonwealth Keystone Building  
400 North Street, Harrisburg

**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>