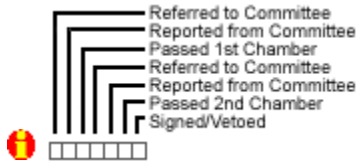




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 HB 41

Grove, Seth

Act re direct primary care

(PN 20) The Medical Service Agreement Act provides for direct primary care, medical service agreements and insurance, for medical service agreement requirements, for use of health savings accounts or flexible spending accounts, and for use of other health care practitioners. The bill establishes that in order to be considered a medical service agreement under this act, the medical service agreement shall be in writing, be signed by the patient or patient's legal representative or guardian, be signed by the physician, allow either party to terminate the medical service agreement upon written notice to the other party, describe the specific health care services that are included in the medical service agreement, specify the fee for the medical service agreement, specify the period of time under the medical service agreement, and include the following statement: This agreement does not provide comprehensive health insurance coverage. The agreement only provides for the health care services specifically described. Effective in 60 days.

 HB 60

Cox, Jim

Bill History: 01-06-21 H Filed
01-11-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Health

Amends Titles 18, 22, 23, 42, 44, & 61

(PN 918) Amends Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses), 22 (Detectives and Private Police), 23 (Domestic Relations), 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), 44 (Law and Justice) and 61 (Prisons and Parole, making editorial changes and related repeals. This legislation establishes the Law and Justice Code and retains current provisions relating to DNA data and testing and constables while adding and codifying three statutes; the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Law, 1978 Act 274; the Deputy Sheriffs' Education and Training Act, 1984 Act 2; and the Crime Victims' Act, 1998 Act 111. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 03-16-21 H Filed
03-16-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary

 HB 96

Miller, Daniel

Amends Title 75 re accessibility placards

(PN 68) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, further providing for all references to "handicap" and "handicapped" regarding placards, parking permits and designated areas to reflect the use of the terms "accessible" and "accessibility." Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-08-21 H Filed
01-11-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

 HB 98

Miller, Daniel

Amends Insurance Company Law re providers

(PN 69) Amends the Insurance Company Law, in casualty insurance, providing for billing eligible insureds for services by an out-of-network provider. The bill establishes that an out-of-network provider that renders mental health care, substance use disorder treatment or treatment for a disability to an eligible insured in this commonwealth is prohibited from billing an eligible insured for any amount in excess of the cost-sharing

amounts that would have been imposed if the mental health care, substance use disorder treatment or treatment for a disability had been rendered by an in-network provider. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

01-08-21 H Filed
01-11-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance



HB 102

Miller, Daniel

Amends Public School Code re increasing access

(PN 72)Amends the Public School Code, in intermediate units, repealing provisions relating to psychological service; establishing the addition of school social workers to the definition of professional employees and providing for a definition of school social workers. Provides for the transfer of student health records to the school district where the student is newly enrolled and for the retention of health records. Establishes staffing ratios for school counselors, psychologists, social workers, and school nurses. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

01-08-21 H Filed
01-11-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Education



HB 114

Miller, Daniel

Amends Title 71 re hiring and promotion auth.

(PN 82) Amends Title 71 (State Government), in civil service reform, providing for excepted service hiring and promotion authority for individuals with disabilities. This legislation enables an appointing authority to more effectively and efficiently hire and promote qualified, working-age adults, whose physical or mental impairments impact their ability to participate in the competitive hiring and promotion process in the commonwealth's workforce. Establishes that the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation shall provide necessary supports including identifying agencies that will hire a working-age adult with a significant disability, identifying eligible candidates, developing customized employment job classifications, providing job coaching, and providing another service for a

working-age adult that is customarily provided by the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation to their similarly-situated customers. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-11-21 H Filed
01-11-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Labor and Industry

 HB 115 Miller, Daniel

Amends Title 23 re parentage

(PN 83) Amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations) adding provisions relating to establishment of parent-child relationship for certain individuals; providing for voluntary acknowledgment of parentage, for registry of paternity, for genetic testing, for proceeding to adjudicate parentage, for assisted reproduction, for surrogacy agreements and for information about donors. The bill establishes that an individual is presumed to be a parent of a child if: the individual and the woman who gave birth to the child are married to each other and the child is born during the marriage, whether the marriage is or could be declared invalid; the individual and the woman who gave birth to the child were married to each other and the child is born not later than 300 days after the marriage is terminated by death, divorce, dissolution or annulment, whether the marriage is or could be declared invalid; or the individual and the woman who gave birth to the child married each other after the birth of the child, whether the marriage is or could be declared invalid, and the individual at any time asserted parentage of the child. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-11-21 H Filed
01-11-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary

 HB 125 Mizgorski, Lori

Act re William J. Schofield, III, Mem. Bridge

(PN 92) Act designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 1951, carrying State Route 4017 on Wetzel Road, Shaler Township, Allegheny County, as the Commander William J. Schofield, III, Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.

T HB 200

Toohil, Tarah

Bill History: 03-16-21 H Voted favorably from committee on House Appropriations
03-16-21 H Reported as committed from House Appropriations
03-16-21 Laid out for discussion 3:41pm
03-16-21 Third consideration 3:42pm
03-16-21 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:202/N: 0)

Amends Early Intervention Services System Act

(PN 548) Amends the Early Intervention Services System Act further providing for title of the act by changing the Department of Public Welfare to the Department of Human Services; providing for definitions of "postpartum depression," for high-risk child identification, assessment and tracking system; and making editorial changes to update obsolete cross-references and outdated terminology. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 03-24-21 H Voted favorably from committee on House Children and Youth
03-24-21 H Reported as committed from House Children and Youth
03-24-21 H First consideration
03-24-21 H Laid on the table
05-24-21 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

N HB 208

DeLuca, Anthony

Act re disclosing COVID-19 cases

(PN 174) Communicable Disease Reporting Act providing for the disclosure of communicable diseases in certain facilities during disaster emergencies. Provides for release of information upon request, confidentiality, and enforcement. Effective immediately.

Bill History: 01-21-21 H Filed
01-22-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Health

N HB 210

DeLuca, Anthony

Act re tattoo & body piercing standards

(PN 176) The Corrective Cosmetic Artists provides sterilization, sanitation and safety standards for any business engaged in tattooing or body piercings. Establishes that DOH shall establish a registry and adopt regulations to carry out provisions of the act. Provides for the duties and responsibilities of

artists, prohibitions for minors without written consent of a parent or legal guardian, authority of municipalities, unlawful acts, tongue-splitting limitations, disciplinary matters, penalties, injunctive relief, and exemptions. The section related to powers and duties of DOH shall take effect in two years. The section related to the tongue-splitting limitation shall take effect in 60 days. The remainder of the act shall take effect in 180 days.

Bill History: 01-21-21 H Filed
01-22-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Health

 HB 220 Rader, Jack

Amends Drug & Alcohol Programs re drug testing

(PN 187) Amends the Administrative Code, in powers and duties of the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, further providing for powers and duties. The bill establishes that the standards shall require that private and public treatment and rehabilitation facilities may not deny addiction treatment to an individual solely due to a negative result on a drug test. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 04-20-21 H Reported as committed from House Appropriations
04-20-21 Laid out for discussion 12:13pm
04-20-21 Third consideration 12:14pm
04-20-21 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:201/N: 0)
04-21-21 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Health and Human Services

 HB 225 Mentzer, Steven

An act re healthcare preauthorization

(PN 1099) Amends the Insurance Company Law, in quality health care accountability and protection, establishing standards related to preauthorization of health care services and step therapy; and making an editorial change. The legislation establishes the responsibility of managed care plans to make updates to enrollment eligibility information within 30 days of receiving updated enrollment information, provides that prior authorization requests shall be accessible to health care providers and accepted by insurers and utilization review organizations

electronically, and provides standards for preauthorization costs and for restrictions on preauthorization of health care services. The legislation provides provisions related to continuity of care, step therapy protocols, operational standards, access requirements in service areas, uniform preauthorization form and preauthorization exemptions, and data collection and reporting. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 04-01-21 H Filed
04-01-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance

T HB 250 Miller, Daniel

Amends Public School Code re health classes

(PN 218) Amends the Public School Code, in terms and courses of study, further providing for subjects of instruction and flag code and providing for mental health, physical disabilities and developmental disabilities education. Effective in 60 days

Bill History: 01-22-21 H Filed
01-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Education

N HB 269 Shusterman, Mel

Amends Title 65 re lobbying transparency

(PN 242) Amends Title 65 (Public Officers), in lobbying disclosure, providing provisions for the disclosure of a reportable business relationship. Requires lobbyists to provide a detailed annual report disclosing reportable business relationships if a formal or informal agreement or understanding exists in which the lobbyist or client pays, has paid, or promises compensation to a person whom the lobbyist or client knows is a state official or employee; if a nongovernmental entity has reason to know that the state official or employee has requisite involvement; or it involves a third party as directed by the state official or the entity. Provides for determining factors if a relationship is required to be reported. Further provides for the disclosure of a reportable business relation and establishes penalties. Effective in 120 days.

Bill History: 01-26-21 H Filed
01-26-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Government

N HB 272 Ciresi, Joseph

Amends Public School Code re charter schools

(PN 662) Amends the Public School Code, in charter schools, for powers, for requirements, for the board of trustees, for contents of the application, for State Charter School Appeal Board, for funding, for annual reports and assessments, for grants, and buildings. Effective immediately.

Bill History: 02-26-21 H Filed
03-01-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Education
03-02-21 H Discussed during budget hearing, House Appropriations -- House Appropriations

N HB 275 Keefer, Dawn

Amends Title 23 re substance abuse

(PN 246) Amends Titles 23 (Domestic Relations) and 42 (Judiciary), in child protective services, establishing that child abuse includes exposing a child to alcohol or a controlled substance during pregnancy if the child has a positive test for a controlled substance or is diagnosed with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder; and, in juvenile matters, establishing like provisions related to the term "dependent child." Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-26-21 H Filed
01-27-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary

T HB 280 Ortitay, Jason

Amends Title 18 re gun background checks

(PN 251) Amends Title 18 (Crimes & Offenses), in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for definitions, for licenses, for sale or transfer of firearms and for Pennsylvania State Police, repealing provisions, and providing for licensing of dealers and for administrative regulations. Repeals the Pennsylvania Instant Check System and provides for criminal background and mental health checks to be conducted through the National Instant Criminal Background Check System. Effective in 360 days.

T HB 295

Thomas, Wendi

Bill History:

01-26-21 H Filed
01-27-21 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Judiciary

Amends Human Services Code re services

(PN 265) Amends Human Services Code, in general powers and duties of the department, providing that nondiscrimination requirements on any department or service provider under arrangement with a department for execution of programs, including the medical assistance program, awarding grants, or the provision of adequate child welfare services on the basis of race, color, familial status, religion, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, handicap or disability or use of an assistance animal. The act provides that any entity that dispenses services under an arrangement or is licensed or supervised by a department to enforce an employment nondiscrimination policy on the aforementioned grounds. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

01-27-21 H Filed
01-27-21 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Human Services

Amends Tax Reform Code re sales tax

(PN 276) Amends the Tax Reform Code, in sale & use tax, providing for imposition of tax and for computation of tax, repealing provisions relating to exclusions from tax and for alternate imposition of tax and credits; and providing for special taxing authority. Removes all exceptions and exclusions to the Sales and Use Tax and reduces the statewide Sales and Use Tax rate from 6 percent to 1.9 percent. Section 5 of this act shall take effect immediately, and the remainder of this act shall take effect upon publication of this notice.

Bill History:

01-27-21 H Filed
01-27-21 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Finance

Act re health benefits

T HB 315

DeLuca, Anthony

(PN 289) The Health Insurance Core Benefits Coverage Act provides that an insurer offering, issuing, or renewing an individual or group health insurance policy shall include federal essential health benefits. Provides an individual or group health insurance policy shall cover health benefits at least as comprehensive as the health benefits required to be covered in a policy first offered in 2020. Provides provisions related to modifications. Allows for the promulgation of regulations and temporary regulations. Provides for the act's enforcement and applicability. Repeals all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act. Effective immediately.

Bill History: 01-27-21 H Filed
01-28-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance

 HB 365 Harkins, Patric

Amends School Code re derogatory terms

(PN 337) Amends the Public School Code making editorial changes removing certain terms such as "crippled", "defective", "disturbed", "handicapped" and "retarded" from the code. Also removes changes to homebound instruction and updates terminology related to intellectual disability and removes reference to "at the detention home" and the reference to "other" related to inappropriate conduct. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 05-10-21 S Reported as committed from Senate Education
05-10-21 S First consideration
05-11-21 S Set on the Senate Calendar
05-11-21 Second consideration 3:22pm
05-11-21 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations

 HB 368 Davis, Austin

Act re healthcare worker COVID-19 protections

(PN 340) The COVID-19 Pandemic Front Line Employee Health and Safety Protection Act provides requirements for health care or emergency responder employers on protecting workers from COVID-19 exposure. Provides requirements and limitations for an employer in another sector to protect

employees from COVID-19 exposure. Establishes the right to bring own personal protective equipment, duties of the Department of Health and employers regarding notification of illness in the workplace, and whistleblower protections. Permits the Department of Labor and Industry to impose civil penalties for violations. Effective immediately.

Bill History: 01-29-21 H Filed
02-03-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Labor and Industry

 HB 383

Davis, Austin

Amends Municipalities Statute re local police

(PN 355) Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) adding a new subchapter establishing the Municipal Police Enhancement Consolidation Grant Program to be administered by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency to provide grants to be used to improve and enhance the capabilities of municipal police departments, incentivize consolidation, and provide training and other appropriate resources to municipal police officers. Provides for publication and notice of program, award of grants, applications for grants, and accreditation or consolidation incentives. Also establishes the Municipal Police Enhancement Consolidation Grant Program Fund. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-29-21 H Filed
02-03-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Local Government

 HB 384

Davis, Austin

Amends Decedents Statute re guardianships

(PN 356) Amends Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries), in incapacitated persons, further providing for provisions concerning powers, duties and liabilities. The bill establishes that a guardian of the person shall have the same authority to make mental health care decisions on behalf of the incapacitated person as a mental health care agent, and a mental health care decision by the guardian of the person shall be effective without court approval as with a mental health care agent. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

01-29-21 H Filed
02-03-21 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Judiciary



HB 393

Sims, Brian

Amends Crimes Statute re ammunition
purchases

(PN 368) Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses), in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for definitions, for persons not to possess, use, manufacture, control, sell or transfer firearms, for sale or transfer of firearms, for Pennsylvania State Police, for firearm sales surcharge, for Firearm Records Check Fund, for retail dealer required to be licensed and for licensing of dealers and providing for ammunition purchase authorization permits and for transporting ammunition into this commonwealth. The bill establishes that a person holding an ammunition purchase authorization permit may purchase or otherwise seek the transfer of ownership of ammunition from a retailer that sells ammunition. An ammunition purchase authorization permit shall be valid for four years from the date of issuance. Also establishes a process for the Pennsylvania State Police to approve and revoke applications for an ammunition purchase authorization permit, with a fee not to exceed \$50. In transporting ammunition into this commonwealth, the bill establishes that a resident of this commonwealth may not transport ammunition into this commonwealth if the resident purchased or otherwise obtained the ammunition from outside of this commonwealth and the ammunition has not been delivered to a licensed importer, licensed manufacturer or licensed dealer in this commonwealth for delivery to the resident. Effective July 1, 2021, or immediately, whichever is later.

Bill History:

02-03-21 H Filed
02-03-21 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Judiciary



HB 404

Galloway, John

Amends Human Services Code re mental
health

(PN 378) Amends the Human Services Code, in children and youth, providing for the establishment of a statewide children's mental health ombudsman to advocate on behalf of children with mental health disorders for a term of five years for a maximum of two terms and to report to the secretary or executive director of the Governor's Office of Advocacy and Reform. The legislation provides the ombudsman with duties and reporting procedures. Effective in 90 days.

Bill History: 02-04-21 H Filed
02-04-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services

 HB 405 Galloway, John

Amends Title 42 re rehab. & drug treatment

(PN 379) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary), in organization and jurisdiction of courts of common pleas, providing for magisterial district judges to have concurrent jurisdiction with drug courts and to adopt the local rules for administration and related treatment services. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 02-04-21 H Filed
02-04-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary

 HB 407 Galloway, John

Amends Public School Code re mental health

(PN 380) Amends the Public School Code, in safe schools, establishing the School Student Mental Health Assistance Augmentation Account to provide grants to school entities for mental health services, upon approval by the Department of Education, including hiring supporting staff, implementing programming and providing transportation. Effective July 1, 2021, or immediately, whichever is later.

Bill History: 02-04-21 H Filed
02-04-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Education

 HB 409 Galloway, John

Amends Human Services Code re mental health

(PN 382) Amends the Human Services Code, in mental health, providing for a mental health care services clearinghouse to be

created and maintained on a publicly accessible Internet website to provide a database of mental health care providers, hotlines, resources, and other information. Effective in one year.

Bill History:

02-04-21 H Filed
02-04-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services


 **HB 413** Zabel, Michael

Amends Crime Statute re multiple gun purchases

(PN 391) Amends Title 18 (Crimes & Offenses), in firearms and other dangerous articles, providing for a limit on handgun purchases; and establishing the Violence Prevention Account. The bill establishes that no person may purchase more than one handgun in Pennsylvania within any 30-day period and no person may sell or cause to be sold to a person in this commonwealth more than one handgun within any 30-day period. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

02-04-21 H Filed
02-04-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary

 **HB 423** Rowe, David

Repeals and Act re net income tax

(PN 400) Repeals the Individual Net Income Tax Act, which was never enforced and was invalidated in the Pennsylvania Supreme Court case Kelley v. Kalonder. Effective immediately.

Bill History:

04-19-21 H Reported as committed from House Appropriations
04-19-21 Laid out for discussion 2:07pm
04-19-21 Third consideration 2:07pm
04-19-21 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:201/N: 0)
04-20-21 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Finance

 **HB 433** Bradford, Matt

Act re budget bill

(PN 663) The General Appropriations Act of 2021 provides 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, 2021, to June 30, 2022,

and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021; provides appropriations from special funds and accounts to the executive and judicial departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021; and provides for the appropriation of federal funds to the executive and judicial departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. Effective July 1, 2021, or immediately, whichever is later.

Bill History: 02-26-21 H Filed
03-01-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations



HB 464

Boback, Karen

Amends Family Caregiver Support Act

(PN 1392) Amends the Family Caregiver Support Act updating the intent of the act and language, providing definitions for Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder, care receiver, older relative caregiver for a child and primary caregiver, providing for the department's authority in reimbursements. Provides that prior to making a change to the maximum amount available to a qualified primary caregiver for out-of-pocket expenses or for home modifications or assistive devices, the department shall publish a notice in The Pennsylvania Bulletin and notify the chairpersons and minority chairpersons of the Senate Aging and Youth and House Aging and Older Adult Services Committees. Further provides the department may not promulgate a regulation under this section that interferes with any privileges or rights provided by federal law. Establishes prohibitions for the primary caregiver to receive benefits under the act in the following circumstances: the primary caregiver is a perpetrator in a substantiated case of abuse, neglect, exploitation, or abandonment as defined in the Older Adults Protective Services Act, the Adult Protective Services Act, or is a perpetrator in a substantiated case of child abuse as defined

by Child Protective Services. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 425, 1013)

Bill History: 04-28-21 S Reported as amended Senate Aging and Youth
04-28-21 S First consideration
05-10-21 S Set on the Senate Calendar
05-10-21 Second consideration 3:28pm
05-10-21 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations

 HB 519 Schweyer, Peter

Act re Protecting Pennsylvanians

(PN 483) The Health Insurance Access Protection Act prohibits an insurer offering, issuing or renewing an individual or group health insurance policy from imposing any rule of initial or continued eligibility of any individual to enroll in or renew a health insurance policy based on any preexisting condition or health factor in relation to an individual or a dependent of the individual. Further provides for prohibition concerning premium rates; prohibition concerning beverage coverage; limitations on premium rating factors; single risk pools; regulations; and enforcement. Effective immediately.

Bill History: 02-10-21 H Filed
02-11-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance

 HB 522 Isaacson, Mary

Joint Resolution re Economic Bill of Rights

(PN 486) Joint Resolution proposing separate and distinct amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania providing for an economic bill of rights, which includes the right to a living wage, the right to affordable health care, reliable transportation, and safe working conditions. Constitutional amendments require approval in two consecutive legislative sessions and then approval by the voters through a referendum.

Bill History: 02-11-21 H Filed
02-11-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Government

 HB 540 Boback, Karen

Amends School Code re bullying awareness

(PN 503) Amends the Public School Code, in terms and courses of study, requiring a school entity serving students in grades six through 12 to provide students at least one hour or one standard class period of evidence-based suicide awareness and prevention training, violence prevention, and social inclusion each school year. Provides further provisions regarding training students on suicide awareness, violence prevention and social inclusion. Effective immediately.

Bill History: 02-12-21 H Filed
02-16-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Education
02-22-21 H Corrective Reprint, Printer's No. 546

 HB 547 Miller, Daniel

Amends Admin Code re Disability Inclusion

(PN 708) Amends the Administrative Code of 1929 establishing the Department of Accessibility and Inclusion. Transfers the following and offices to the new department: Office of Vocational Rehabilitation; Office of Developmental Programs; Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services; Bureau of Disability Determination; Bureau of Early Intervention Services; and the Accessibility Advisor Board. Provides for the powers and duties of the department. Effective in one year.

Bill History: 03-01-21 H Filed
03-02-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Government

 HB 551 Keefer, Dawn

Amends Unemployment Law re eligibility

(PN 516) Amends Unemployment Compensation Law, in preliminary provisions, providing for definitions of abuse and domestic violence; in contributions by employers and employees, providing that the employer shall be relieved of paying unemployment compensation (UC) if the unemployment is due to discharge or suspension from work for specified reasons that include failure to obey workplace rules or damaging employer property; and, in compensation, further providing that no employee shall be ineligible for UC if their spouse is a member of the U.S. Armed

Forces or if the individual voluntarily leaves work due to a domestic violence situation where continued employment would jeopardize the safety of the individual. Effective immediately.

Bill History: 02-16-21 H Filed
02-17-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Labor and Industry
02-25-21 H Discussed during public hearing, House Labor and Industry -- House Labor and Industry

 HB 555 Gaydos, Valerie

Amends Title 40 re Association Health Care

(PN 919) Amends Title 40 (Insurance), in regulation of insurers and related persons generally, providing for association health plans. Establishes association health plan requirements, coverage requirements, rate and premium requirements, filing requirements, regulations, and enforcement. Provides for related repeals. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 03-16-21 H Filed
03-16-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance

 HB 560 Deasy, Daniel

Amends Title 51 re combat to college program

(PN 524) Amends Title 51 (Military Affairs) adding a chapter establishing for the Combat-to-College Program. The bill requires each campus of a State higher education institution to provide the services and a coordinator as described in the bill to help student veterans go from combat to college in order to create a positive educational environment for student veterans to successfully graduate from universities and vocational degree programs while recognizing the skills, training and experience associated with military training. A Statewide Combat-to-College Task Force is established and shall report annually to the legislature. The new chapter shall expire after 15 years. Portions are effective in one year and the remainder is effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 02-17-21 H Filed
02-22-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Prepared.

T HB 605

Ecker, Torren

Amends Title 42 re COVID Liability Reform

(PN 1142) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), in arbitration, establishing that actions alleging personal injury or death relating to exposure to COVID-19 shall first be submitted to and heard by a board of three members of the bar on the court. Provides for limitation on compulsory arbitration on COVID-19 actions. Also adds a new subchapter limiting liability for schools and child-care facilities, manufacturers, distributors, labelers and users of personal protective equipment, businesses, local government authorities and healthcare providers relating to COVID-19. Effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 1028)

Bill History: 04-06-21 H Reported as committed from House Appropriations
04-06-21 Laid out for discussion 3:30pm
04-06-21 Third consideration 3:31pm
04-06-21 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:107/N:94)
04-09-21 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Judiciary

T HB 642

Sappey, Christi

Amends Title 40 re Ensuring Telemedicine

(PN 598) Amends Title 40 (Insurance) providing for telemedicine, authorizing the regulation of telemedicine by professional licensing boards and providing that a health care provider who engages in telemedicine in a manner that does not comply with the standards of care or rules of practice shall be subject to discipline by the appropriate licensure board. Establishes that a health care provider providing telemedicine services shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations. Provides that a health care provider shall verify the location and identity of the person receiving care and disclose the health care provider's identity, geographic location and medical specialty. Establishes that health insurance policies

issued in the commonwealth shall provide coverage for medically necessary telemedicine delivered by a participating network provider who provides a covered service via telemedicine consistent with the insurer's medical policies. Provides for reimbursement of telemedicine services during the COVID-19 pandemic and for conditions of reimbursement for telemedicine services provided under Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Sections related to insurance coverage of telemedicine shall take effect upon publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. Provisions related to Medicaid and CHIP reimbursement shall take effect in 90 days. The remainder of the act shall take effect immediately.

Bill History: 02-23-21 H Filed
02-24-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance

 HB 659

Bernstine, Aaro

Amends Title 18 re Constitutional Firearms

(PN 1536) Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses), in firearms and other dangerous articles, repealing provisions relating to firearms not to be carried without a license, providing for license not required. This bill establishes that every person present in Pennsylvania shall have an affirmative right to keep and bear firearms, including the right to carry openly or concealed, carry loaded or unloaded, train with, transport, possess, use, acquire, purchase, transfer, inherit, buy, sell, give, or otherwise dispose of or receive any firearm or self-defense device without a license. Provides for a sportsman's firearms permit, for places of application, changes from sheriff for issuance of a license to "proper issuing authority," and for a pre-issuance investigation. Establishes prohibitions of issuing a license to carry a firearm to individuals who have been involuntarily committed to a mental institution unless the commitment has been expunged or vacated. Provides that the license issuing authority shall issue or refuse to issue a license within 14 days. Effective in 60 days.

 HB 688

Evans, Carol

Bill History: 05-17-21 H Filed
05-17-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary

Act re veterans' homelessness

(PN 646) The Preventing Veterans' Homelessness Act establishes the Veterans' Housing Assistance Program, tasked with identifying homeless veterans and coordinating with the agency to ensure that homeless veterans are provided the opportunity to receive assistance from the agency's housing ombudsman or financial assistance from the agency; and makes an appropriation of \$12,500,000 for the program and \$500,000 for the department from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 02-25-21 H Filed
02-26-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Prepared.

 HB 691

Evans, Carol

Amends Title 42 re post-conviction review

(PN 649) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary), in post-trial matters, providing for eligibility for relief if a court failed to consider evidence of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) or traumatic brain injury (TBI) as a result of military service, providing for post-conviction review for veterans with TBI or PTSD, and establishing procedures for court review and mental health evaluations; and, in sentencing, providing for the mitigating circumstance of PTSD and TBI as determined by a mental health evaluation. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 02-25-21 H Filed
02-26-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary

 HB 694

Evans, Carol

Act re Integrated Student Supports

(PN 651) The Integrated Student Supports Act intends to remove academic and nonacademic barriers to learning as a means to enhance student academic success, decrease dropout rates and increase graduation rates in public elementary and

secondary schools, and provide the Department of Education the ability to distribute grants to public school entities. Effective immediately.

Bill History: 02-25-21 H Filed
02-26-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Education

T HB 721 Miller, Daniel

Amends Health Care Act re mental health beds

(PN 942) Amends the Health Care Facilities Act, in general provisions, repeals and effective date, providing for acute care mental health bed registry and referrals. The bill establishes that the Department of Health shall develop and administer an online acute care mental health bed registry to facilitate the temporary hospitalization and treatment of individuals who meet the criteria for inpatient examination and treatment under the Mental Health Procedures Act. The department shall promulgate regulations necessary to implement this section which is effective immediately. The remainder of the act is effective 60 days after the publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

Bill History: 03-16-21 H Filed
03-17-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Health

N HB 729 Sims, Brian

Act re minor conversion therapy ban

(PN 714) The Protection of Minors from Conversion Therapy Act prohibits mental health professionals from engaging in conversion therapy with an individual under 18 years of age. Effective immediately.

Bill History: 03-03-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Health

N HB 780 Bizzarro, Ryan

Amends Title 75 re Disabled Driver

(PN 766) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in licensing of drivers, adding to the membership of the Medical Advisory Board one certified driving rehabilitation specialist. Effective in 60 days.

T HB 784

Briggs, Tim

Bill History: 03-03-21 H Filed
03-04-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

Amends School Code re mental health education

(PN 772) Amends the Public School Code, in terms and courses of study, requiring mental health education. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 03-04-21 H Filed
03-08-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Education

N HB 786

Briggs, Tim

Amends Therapist Act re art therapy licensing

(PN 774) Amends the Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors Act providing that an applicant shall be qualified to hold oneself out as a licensed professional art therapist if the applicant submits proof of satisfactory to the board that the applicant is of good moral character, has successfully met educational requirements, complied with experience requirements, and the applicant's postgraduate experience is completed under the supervision by a licensed professional art therapist, a certified art therapist, or any other licensed mental health professional acceptable to the board. Provides requirements for a license to be issued without examination. Further provides that only individuals who have received licenses as licensed professional art therapist under the act may engage in the independent practice of professional art therapy, use the letters "L.P.A.T." in connection with their names, or represent themselves to the public as licensed professional art therapists, professional art therapists or art therapists. Amendment of section 4, addition of section 16.5, amendment of section 17(b), and amendment of section 20(a) shall take effect in 24 months. The remainder of the act shall take effect in 60 days.

Bill History: 03-04-21 H Filed
03-08-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Professional Licensure

N HB 830

Boback, Karen

Amends Title 23 re victim document fees

(PN 812) Amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations), in protection from abuse, providing for waiver of fees for corrected or duplicate state documents from the Department of Transportation and Department of Health. The departments shall adopt a statement of policy to that end and make the statement available on their websites. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 03-05-21 H Filed
03-08-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary

 **HB 839** Markosek, Brand

Amends Title 35 re "Green Alert" System

(PN 822) Amends Title 35 (Health and Safety) providing for the Pennsylvania Amber Alert System for Abducted and Missing Persons to assist in the recovery of abducted children; the Missing Endangered Person Advisory System (MEPAS) to assist in the recovery of missing persons who are at special risk of harm or injury; and the Green Alert System to assist in the recovery of missing veterans-at-risk. Establishes duties of the Pennsylvania State Police, prohibitions of the alert systems, operational requirements of the MEPAS and the Green Alert System, coordination with other jurisdictions, assessment of cost, and immunity. Provides for related repeals. Effective immediately.

Bill History: 03-08-21 H Filed
03-09-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Prepared.

 **HB 841** DeLuca, Anthony

Amends Mental Health Procedures Act re Abuse

(PN 825) Amends the Mental Health Procedures Act, in general provisions, establishing that mentally disabled persons in treatment have the right to be free from abuse, neglect and exploitation. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 03-08-21 H Filed
03-09-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services

N HB 866 Ortitay, Jason

Amends School Code re background check ban

(PN 854) Amends the Public School Code providing for institution of higher education application and process. Establishes that an institution of higher education may not inquire about the criminal history of a prospective student except for convictions of certain specified offenses. Provides that if an institution denies admission to a prospective student based upon a conviction of a specified offense, the institution shall notify the prospective student of the denial, and the prospective student may appeal the decision to the institution. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 03-10-21 H Filed
03-11-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Education

N HB 924 Davanzo, Eric

Amends Title 18 re Firearms Application

(PN 913) Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses), in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for licenses. Removes requirement the use of references in an application. Provides that the sheriff to whom the application is made shall not keep or retain information relevant to the investigation beyond the initial application and proof of approval for more than 10 days beyond successful issuance or denial of license. Further provides that the attorney general shall seek to establish reciprocity agreements with every state and may not unilaterally withdraw from any reciprocity agreement. Requires the attorney general to submit a report concerning reciprocity agreement progress between states. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 03-15-21 H Filed
03-15-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary

T HB 935 Saylor, Stanley

Act re budget bill

(PN 932) The General Appropriation Act of 2021 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, 2021, to June 30, 2022; to provide appropriations from special funds and accounts to the executive and judicial departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022; and to provide for the appropriation of federal funds to the executive and judicial departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. Effective July 1, 2021, or immediately, whichever is later.

Bill History: 03-17-21 H Laid on the table
03-17-21 H Removed from the table
03-22-21 H Set on the House Calendar
03-22-21 Second consideration 1:44pm
03-22-21 H Rereferred to House
Appropriations

 HB 936

Saylor, Stanley

Act re budget bill

(PN 933) The General Appropriation Act of 2021 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, 2021, to June 30, 2022, to provide appropriations from special funds and accounts to the executive and judicial departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022; and to provide for the appropriation of federal funds to the executive and judicial departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. Effective July 1, 2021, or immediately, whichever is later.

Bill History: 03-17-21 H Laid on the table
03-17-21 H Removed from the table
03-22-21 H Set on the House Calendar
03-22-21 Second consideration 1:45pm
03-22-21 H Rereferred to House
Appropriations

 HB 966

Kosierowski, Br

Act re PA joining the Nurse Licensure Compact

(PN 976) The Nurse Licensure Compact Act authorizes the commonwealth to join the Nurse Licensure Compact with other states and provides for the uniform requirements of the compact, including general provisions and jurisdiction; applications for licensure; additional authorities invested in party state licensing boards; establishment of the Interstate Commission of Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators; rulemaking; and oversight, dispute resolution, and enforcement. Effective immediately.

Bill History: 03-18-21 H Filed
03-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Professional Licensure

N HB 971

Kinsey, Stephen

Amends Crime Victims Act re Waiting Areas

(PN 981) Amends the Crime Victims Act, in services, further defining safe waiting areas. A secure waiting area shall be a locked room within a judicial center which is exclusively used by victims, witnesses, attorneys and family members of victims and witnesses. The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency shall provide standards for construction. The legislation also establishes that hospitals shall construct secure waiting areas. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 03-18-21 H Filed
03-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary

T HB 975

DelRosso, Carri

Amends Title 18 re Protecting Elders

(PN 1418) Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses), in sexual offenses, establishing the offense of institutional sexual assault of a care-dependent person. The legislation prohibits caretakers from sexual intercourse, deviant sexual intercourse, or indecent contact of a care-dependent person who receives care or treatment in a facility. Provides an exception if the victim and the caretaker are spouses, persons living as spouses or current sexual or intimate partners whose relationship preexisted the caretaker relationship. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer's Number: 984)

Bill History: 05-04-21 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m.,
Room 205 Ryan Office, House Judiciary -
- House Judiciary
05-04-21 H Reported as amended House
Judiciary
05-04-21 H First consideration
05-04-21 H Laid on the table
05-24-21 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

T HB 983 Thomas, Wendi

Amends Public School Code re "Phillip's Law"

(PN 995) Amends the Public School Code requiring the Department of Education to conduct a study of public schools regarding school mental health professionals, which shall include certain delineated criteria. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 03-19-21 H Filed
03-19-21 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Education

N HB 1011 Quinn, Chris

Act re Retaining Health Care Innovations Act

(PN 1042) The Retaining Health Care Innovations Act provides legal authority for administrative flexibilities to continue despite the termination or expiration of the COVID-19 disaster declaration and requires the development of recommendations to retain innovations adopted during the pandemic. Administrative flexibilities provided to a health care facility, practitioner or proved and adopted under the authority of the disaster declaration shall be extended through the extension period or until the Joint State Government Commission issues a report in accordance with this act, whichever is later. Allows a health care facility to take advantage of administrative flexibilities during the extension period even if the emergency operations plan of the facility is closed. Requires the Joint State Government Commission to perform an analysis of the administrative flexibilities and issue a report to the General Assembly. Provides for the contents of report. Also requires the commission to establish an advisory committee and provides for its composition. Further provides nothing in the act shall require the commonwealth to maintain administrative flexibilities that would violate

federal law or disqualify the commonwealth from receiving federal matching funds for Medicaid services. Effective immediately.


Bill History: 03-23-21 H Filed
03-24-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Health
04-27-21 H Discussed during public hearing, House Republican Policy Committee -
- House Republican Policy Committee

 HB 1020 Mehaffie, Thoma

Amending the Prof. Nursing Law re practice.

(PN 1055) Amends the Professional Nursing Law making changes to numerous definitions of terms, including "treating," "medical nutrition therapy," and "certified nutrition specialist," among others. Amends composition of the State Board of Nursing. Outlines requirements for dietitian nutritionist or nutritionist licensure and registration, scope of practice, and activity prohibited. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 03-25-21 H Filed
03-26-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Professional Licensure

 HB 1037 Davis, Tina

Amends Title 61 re Solitary Confinement

(PN 1074) Amends Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) adding a chapter providing for solitary confinement. An inmate may not be placed in solitary confinement unless the following conditions are met: (1) there is reasonable cause to believe that the inmate would create a substantial risk of immediate serious harm to himself or herself or another, as evidenced by recent threats or conduct, and a less restrictive intervention would be insufficient to reduce the risk; (2) the inmate is subject to a disciplinary sanction; (3) the inmate received a personal and comprehensive medical and mental health examination conducted by a clinician; and (4) the decision to place an inmate in solitary confinement is made by the chief administrator. An inmate shall only be held in solitary confinement in accordance with a hearing which provides timely, fair, and meaningful opportunities for the inmate to contest the confinement. A clinician shall evaluate an inmate placed in solitary

confinement on a daily basis. During a correctional institution or facility lockdown, an inmate may not be placed in solitary confinement for more than 15 consecutive days or for more than 20 days during any 60-day period. An inmate who is a member of a vulnerable population may not be placed in solitary confinement. The bill outlines standards for inmate treatment. The commission shall post quarterly reports on the department's website on the use of solitary confinement. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

03-26-21 H Filed
03-29-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary

 HB 1077 Parker, Darisha

Amends Title 18 re Voluntary No Firearm List

(PN 1113) Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) adding language providing for self-exclusion from purchasing a firearm. Requires the Pennsylvania State Police to establish and maintain a list of persons self-excluded from purchasing a firearm or receiving a firearm by transfer. Provides a person may, in a form and manner to be established by the State Police, request placement on the voluntary self-exclusion list. Further provides for period of exclusion and removal from the self-exclusion list. Also provides the list shall not be open to public inspection. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

03-31-21 H Filed
04-01-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary

 HB 1110 Neilson, Ed

Act re Licensure for Electrical Contractors

(PN 1149) The Electrical Contractor, Electrician and Apprentice Electrician Licensure Act provides for licensure of electrical contractors, electricians and apprentice electricians; establishes the State Board of Electrical Licensure; provides for powers and duties of the board; establishes fees, fines and penalties; and makes an appropriation. Sections about licensure, licensed electrical contractors and electricians in other states and violations effective in two years. Remainder of the act effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 04-05-21 H Filed
04-06-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Professional Licensure

 HB 1116 Mihalek, Natali

Amends Fiscal Code re Nonprofit Emergency

(PN 1165) Amends the Fiscal Code, in emergency COVID-19 response, appropriating \$200 million to the Commonwealth Financing Authority for the Nonprofit Economic Emergency Delivery System Grants Program. Establishes the grant program to award grants to eligible community-based nonprofit organizations and provides for its application, deadline and guidelines. Provides that grants awarded by the authority to eligible organizations may not exceed \$500,000. Effective immediately.

Bill History: 04-05-21 H Filed
04-07-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
05-14-21 H Discussed during public hearing, Senate Democratic Policy Committee -
- Senate Democratic Policy Committee

 HB 1160 Gillespie, Keit

Act re Residential Property Tax Elimination

(PN 1253) The Residential Property Tax Elimination Act authorizes school districts to levy, assess and collect a tax on personal income or a tax on earned income and net profits as means of abolishing property taxation by school districts; provides that no act of the General Assembly may vacate or preempt a resolution passed or adopted providing for the imposition of a tax by a school district unless the act expressly vacates or preempts the authority to pass or adopt resolutions; establishes that a board of school directors may, by resolution, levy, assess and collect or provide for the levying, assessment and collection of a tax on personal income or a tax on earned income and net profits for general revenue purposes; provides for education tax and for imposition of and exclusions from a sales and use tax for the elimination of residential property taxes; provides for increase to the personal income tax, for certain licenses, for hotel occupancy tax, for procedure and administration of the tax, for expiration of

authority to issue certain debt and for reporting by local government units of debt outstanding; establishes the Residential Property Tax Elimination Fund; provides for disbursements from this fund and for certain rebates and assistance to senior citizens; and repeals sales tax provisions of the Tax Reform Code and earned income tax of the Taxpayer Relief Act. This act shall take effect upon the amendment of the Constitution of Pennsylvania to provide for special tax provisions that prohibit a school district from imposing a tax on real property classified as residential property.

Bill History: 04-15-21 H Filed
04-16-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Finance

 HB 1172 Kosierowski, Br

Amends re Care for Sexual Assault Survivors

(PN 1228) Amends the Sexual Assault Testing and Evidence Collection Act, further providing for definitions, for sexual assault evidence collection program and for rights of survivors of sexual assault. Provides financial assistance to registered professional nurses, qualified hospitals and individual health care practitioners seeking completion of training in the sexual assault nurse examiner education guidelines established by the International Association of Forensic Nurses or similar training available to those seeking to become a sexual assault forensic examiner. Further provides that a sexual assault victim, guardian of a sexual assault victim or close relative of a deceased sexual assault victim have the right to not be prevented from, or charge a fee for, receiving a medical forensic examination and all subsequent medical services related to the sexual assault, which may be provided to the victim at a hospital or emergency department of a hospital by a health care practitioner or registered professional nurse up to 90 days following the initial medical forensic examination. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 04-13-21 H Filed
04-14-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary

 HB 1185 Thomas, Wendi

Amends Title 66 re appliance energy standards

(PN 1241) Amends Title 66 (Public Utilities), in public utility code, establishing the Pennsylvania Energy and Water Efficiency Standards Act and providing minimum energy and water efficiency standards for certain products sold in this commonwealth, specifically commercial and residential appliances. The bill provides minimum efficiency standards and limitations on products applicable to this legislation, along with provisions regarding implementation, compliance, and new and revised standards and regulations. Inconsistent regulations and acts are repealed. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

04-14-21 H Filed
04-15-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Consumer Affairs

 HB 1200 Thomas, Wendi

Act re The Family Care Act

(PN 1478) The Pennsylvania Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act provides for the Pennsylvania Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program within the Department of Labor and Industry (L&I) for family and medical leave insurance benefits. Provides for required documentation, notice of approved claim, information sharing, confidentiality, and cooperation among departments. Provides for the powers and duties of L&I for administration of the act, including for calculating benefits, dispersing information to employers and employees, and providing written notices to employers for distribution, among other responsibilities. Provides for eligibility for family and medical leave benefits and an annual report on the enforcement of the act. Provides for administration and procedures. Imposes penalties for violations of the act. Establishes the Pennsylvania Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act Advisory Board to assist with implementation. Effective in 180 days.

Bill History:

05-07-21 H Filed
05-10-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Labor and Industry

 HB 1206 Young, Regina (

Amends Public School Code re Education Plans

(PN 1267) Amends the Public School Code, in terms and courses of study, further providing that for the Pandemic of 2020, each school entity shall update its continuity of education plan submitted to the Department of Education before the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year and establishes plan requirements and reopening guidelines as developed by the secretary of education. Establishes the COVID-19 School Reopening Task Force and its membership composition and duties. Effective immediately.

Bill History:

04-16-21 H Filed
04-16-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Education

 HB 1211 Guerst, Nancy (

Amends Title 18 re Firearm Restraining Orders

(PN 1272) Amends Title 18 (Crimes & Offenses), in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for persons not to possess, use, manufacture, control, sell or transfer firearms and for licenses; and providing for firearm restraining order. The bill establishes provisions of a firearm restraining order and provides that a person who is the subject of an active firearm restraining order shall not possess, use, control, sell, transfer or manufacture or obtain a license to possess, use, control, sell, transfer or manufacture a firearm in this commonwealth. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

04-16-21 H Filed
04-16-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary

 HB 1308 Schlossberg, Mi

Act re Localized Overdose Fatality Review Team

(PN 1400) The Overdose Fatality Review Act provides for the establishment of overdose fatality review teams, for duties of the Department of Health, for confidentiality of overdose fatality review team records and criminal and civil liability protections. This legislation establishes that DOH shall collaborate with the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs to assist in collecting the reports of an overdose fatality review team

and promulgate regulations to implement the act. Effective in 30 days.

Bill History:

04-29-21 H Filed
04-30-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services

 **HB 1309** Schlossberg, Mi

Act re Localized Suicide Death Review Teams

(PN 1401) The Suicide Death Review Act provides for the establishment of suicide death review teams, for duties of the Department of Health (DOH), for confidentiality of suicide death review team records and criminal and civil liability protections. This legislation provides that DOH shall assist in collecting the reports of a suicide death review team and promulgate regulations to implement the act. Effective in 30 days.

Bill History:

04-29-21 H Filed
04-30-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Health

 **HB 1335** Sims, Brian

Amends School Code re sex education

(PN 1433) Amends the Public School Code adding a new section requiring each school to provide students with sexual health education that meets the criteria set forth in the legislation. Requires the Department of Education and the Department of Health to develop and maintain a list of sexual education curricula consistent with the requirements of the new section. Effective in 90 days.

Bill History:

05-04-21 H Filed
05-05-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Education

 **HB 1352** Jozwiak, Barry

Act re PANS and PANDAS

(PN 1467) The Advisory Council on Pediatric Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections (PANDAS) and Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (PANS) Act establishes the Advisory Council on PANDAS and PANS and provides for the duties of the Advisory Council on PANDAS and PANS. The legislation provides for the composition of

the council, meeting requirements, and duties of the advisory council. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

05-05-21 H Filed
05-07-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Health

 HB 1357 Mako, Zachary

Amends Titles 42 and 61 re merging PB and DOC

(PN 1469) Amends Titles 42 (Judiciary) and 62 (Prisons and Parole), in numerous provisions, providing guidelines for restrictive conditions of probation; establishing that a law enforcement officer is a parole agent of the Department of Corrections; repealing subchapter D related to state parole agent; providing provisions regarding supervision of sexual offenders; establishing the status and supervisory relationship of peace officers; and providing numerous technical changes. Among numerous revisions, further provides for the transfer of the Pennsylvania Board of Probation's functions, powers and duties to the Department of Corrections regarding the operations of the parole system generally. Establishes the Pennsylvania Parole Board as an independent administrative board for the purposes of granting and revoking paroles to certain offenders. Provides for short sentence parole. Provides that a parolee is at liberty on parole when the parolee is residing at a community corrections center, community corrections facility or group-based home. Provides that credit awarded to a technical parole violator for time served on parole in good standing is subject to forfeiture if an offender is subsequently recommitted as a convicted parole violator. Further provides for technical violations of parole. Provides that the appropriation for the Pennsylvania Parole Board and Board of Pardons must each be in a separate line item under the Department of Corrections. Effective immediately.

Bill History:

05-05-21 H Filed
05-07-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary

 HB 1368 Thomas, Wendi

Amends Title 40 re State Exchange Legislation

(PN 1485) Amends Title 40 (Insurance) adding a chapter providing for on-exchange insurers. Provides that a health insurance policy through the exchange must include coverage for ambulatory patient services; emergency services; hospitalization; maternity and newborn health care; mental health and substance use disorder services; prescription drugs; rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices; laboratory services; preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management; and pediatric services. Further provides that an insurer offering a health insurance policy through the exchange may not impose a preexisting condition exclusion. Prohibits an insurer that offers a health insurance policy through the exchange from establishing a lifetime limit on the dollar value of benefits for any enrollee or annual limits on the dollar value of benefits for any participant or beneficiary. Also provides for dependent coverage; premiums; and comparative purchasing options. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

05-07-21 H Filed
05-10-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance



HB 1384

Kenyatta, Malco

Act re LGBTQ+ identifier question

(PN 1498) The Data for LGBTQ Lives Act provides that all state forms that collect demographic information shall include a voluntary LGBTQ identifier question. Provides that information collected may only relate to the health and well-being of the individual seeking service or benefit from a commonwealth agency or entity or seeking to attain or maintain employment with a commonwealth agency or entity. Provides that an individual has an option to not answer an LGBTQ identifier on all state forms. Provides for the form related to the LGBTQ identifier and for prohibited acts related to the identifier question. Provides penalties for violations. Requires reporting on LGBTQ identifier one year following the effective date and every year thereafter. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

05-10-21 H Filed
05-11-21 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House State Government

 HB 1392 Saylor, Stanley

Amends Titles 23 & 42 re Family Court Reform

(PN 1508) Amends Titles 23 (Domestic Relations) and 42 (Judiciary) repealing provisions relating to hearing by master, jury trial, mediation programs, fees and costs, review of programs, existing programs and consolidation of proceedings related to family court and establishing constitutional amendments require approval in two consecutive legislative sessions and establishing the Family Law and Justice Act to provide procedures for litigating family law cases involving divorce, annulment, child support, spousal support, custody, alimony and equitable division of marital property. Certain sections of the legislation are effective immediately, some upon publication of notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*, and the remainder is effective 180 days after publication of notice.

Bill History:

05-11-21 H Filed
05-14-21 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Judiciary

 HB 1399 Miller, Daniel

Amends Title 42 re Training for District Judge

(PN 1539) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary), in selection and retention of judicial officers, further providing for content of course of instruction and specific topics of instruction to include information regarding the awareness, support, treatment and diversionary options relating to mental health, intellectual disabilities, autism, and addiction and instruction on the imposition and collection of fines, costs and restitution in summary cases. Provides for the annual continuing education requirement for magisterial district judges to include information regarding the awareness, support, treatment, and diversionary options relating to mental health, intellectual disabilities, autism, and addiction and instruction on the imposition and collection of

finances, costs and restitution in summary cases. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

05-17-21 H Filed
05-17-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary

T HB 1420 Thomas, Wendi

Amends re Healthcare Heroes' Mental Health

(PN 1527) Amends the Human Services Code adding a new section directing the Secretary of Human Services to establish a public awareness campaign to provide information to the general public concerning the programs and services available for first responders, health care workers, other frontline workers and their families experiencing mental health issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Also directs the secretary, in establishing the campaign, to develop outreach efforts and provide information to the general public. Effective immediately.

Bill History:

05-14-21 H Filed
05-14-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services

N HR 1 Benninghoff, Ke

Resolution re rules of the House

(PN 1) Resolution adopting permanent rules for the House of Representatives, further providing for time of meeting, for order of business, for fiscal notes, for general appropriation bill and non-preferred bills, for consideration of bills, for amendments, for bills amended by the Senate, for hospital and home appropriations or acquiring lands of the Commonwealth, for House and concurrent resolutions, for standing committees and subcommittees, for powers and duties of standing committees and subcommittees, for Government Oversight Committee, for investigations, for privileged motions, for lay on the table, for division of a question, for financial interests in gaming entities, for electric roll call and for Committee on Ethics; and providing for temporary rules relating to roll call votes, to voting meetings of committees, to consideration of bills, third consideration and final passage bills and conference committee reports. Provides the temporary rules shall

expire on August 1, 2021, unless amended or revoked by the House.

Bill History:

01-05-21 H Filed
01-05-21 H Set on the House Calendar

 HR 3

Benninghoff, Ke

Resolution re permanent rules of the House

(PN 4) Resolution adopting permanent rules for the House of Representatives, further providing for time of meeting, for order of business, for fiscal notes, for general appropriation bill and non-preferred bills, for consideration of bills, for amendments, for bills amended by the Senate, for hospital and home appropriations or acquiring lands of the Commonwealth, for House and concurrent resolutions, for standing committees and subcommittees, for powers and duties of standing committees and subcommittees, for Government Oversight Committee, for investigations, for privileged motions, for lay on the table, for division of a question, for financial interests in gaming entities, for electric roll call and for Committee on Ethics; and providing for temporary rules relating to roll call votes, to voting meetings of committees, to consideration of bills, third consideration and final passage bills and conference committee reports and remote participation. Provides the temporary rules shall expire on August 1, 2021, unless amended or revoked by the House.

Bill History:

01-05-21 H Filed
01-05-21 H Set on the House Calendar
01-05-21 H Adopted (Vote: Y:142/N: 54)

 HR 28

DeLuca, Anthony

Resolution re Affordable Care Act

(PN 300) Resolution strongly urging the Congress of the United States to retain certain consumer protections if the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is ruled unconstitutional.

Bill History:

01-27-21 H Filed
01-28-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance

 HR 43

Davis, Austin

Resolution re LBFC study on police

(PN 363) Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study of the salaries and training of police officers in this commonwealth.

Bill History: 01-29-21 H Filed
02-03-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary

 HR 54 Sims, Brian

Resolution re discrimination

(PN 514) Resolution recognizing discrimination against women, people of color, LGBTQ+ people, disabled people and other marginalized groups as a public health issue threatening the safety of Pennsylvanians.

Bill History: 02-16-21 H Filed
02-17-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Health

 HR 72 Sturla, Mike

Resolution re JSGC study on childhood trauma

(PN 820) Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a comprehensive study to find an age-appropriate measuring tool to measure childhood trauma.

Bill History: 03-04-21 H Filed
03-08-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Education

 HR 94 Webster, Joseph

Resolution re committee representation

(PN 1362) Resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives, further providing for standing committees and subcommittees.

Bill History: 04-22-21 H Filed
04-23-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Rules

 SB 13 Hughes, Vincent

Act re paid sick leave

(PN 119) The Healthy Employee and Healthy Workplace Act provides that each employer in Pennsylvania must provide paid sick leave to an employee. Provides for when paid sick leave must be provided to employees. Provides for paid sick leave accrual and use,

rate of payment and payment of sick leave. Establishes complaint procedures and employer penalties as well as remedies. Effective immediately.

Bill History: 01-28-21 S Filed
01-28-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Banking and Insurance

 SB 25 Bartolotta, Cam

Amends Professional Nursing Law re modernize

(PN 219) Amends the Professional Nursing Law further providing for definitions; and providing for licensure as a certified nurse practitioner. The bill outlines the scope of practice for certified nurse practitioners. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 02-22-21 S Filed
02-22-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Consumer Protection & Prof. Licensure

 SB 26 Williams, Antho

Act re sexual orientation change

(PN 9) The Protection of Minors from Sexual Orientation Change Counseling Act prohibits mental health professionals from engaging in sexual orientation change efforts with an individual less than 18 years of age. The legislation allows minors to consent to such counseling. Effective immediately.

Bill History: 01-20-21 S Filed
01-20-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Consumer Protection & Prof. Licensure

 SB 27 Williams, Linds

Amends Public School Code re charter schools

(PN 370) Amends the Public School Code, for agreements with institutions of higher education, for educational excellence, for charter school requirements, for powers, for State Charter School Appeal Board, for cyber charter schools, and reimbursements. Provides that a paid media advertisement by a public school entity that refers to the cost of tuition, technology, transportation or other expenses shall not advertise those expenses as free, and any reference to tuition,

technology, transportation or other expenses must indicate that the cost is covered by taxpayer dollars. Allows a school district, charter school, or area career and technical school to enter into an agreement with one or more institutions of higher education approved to operate in the commonwealth to allow students to attend such institutions of higher education while the students are enrolled in the school district, charter school, regional charter school, cyber charter school or area career and technical school. Further provides that the expenditures of revenues received by a school district under section 1603-B shall not be included in the school district's total expenditure per average daily membership used to calculate the amount to be paid to a charter school entity under section 1725-A or 1725.1-A. Requires a charter school entity to establish plans, policies and practices consistent with its charter, this article and federal and state laws. Further provides that an authorizer of a charter school shall have all powers necessary for granting or denying new charter applications; for executing, amending, renewing, revoking or nonrenewing charter agreements; and for overseeing and monitoring charter schools that the authorizer or State Charter School Appeal Board has authorized. Requires trustees of a charter school to be public officials for the purposes of ethics standards and financial disclosure, and each trustee shall file a statement of financial interests for the preceding calendar year with the board of trustees of the charter school entity, the State Ethics Commission and the authorizer of the charter school not later than May 1 of each year that members hold the position and of the year after a member leaves the position. Provides that if the State Charter School Appeal Board determines that a party to an appeal has engaged in arbitrary, dilatory, obdurate or vexatious conduct with respect to any application, revocation or renewal decision, the appeal board is authorized to impose against the party the costs incurred by the appeal board, the department and the Office of General Counsel in hearing the appeal and may also impose reasonable counsel fees and other taxable cost against the party and in favor of

the appropriate prevailing party in the appeal. Establishes requirements for cyber charter schools funding and reimbursements. Effective immediately.

Bill History: 03-10-21 S Filed
03-10-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education
04-12-21 S Discussed during public hearing, Senate Education -- Senate Education

T SB 40

Phillips-Hill,

Amends Human Services Code re Medicaid

(PN 20) Amends the Human Services Code directing the Department of Human Services to provide behavioral health and physical health services integration into HealthChoices medical assistance managed care program for those who need behavioral health services, physical health services and medication. The act requires that the department implement the integrated medical assistance managed care program by contracting with managed care organizations to ensure high-quality and comprehensive care, develop strategies to address social determinants of health, provide information to support whole-person care delivery, maintain budget stability, balance patient satisfaction with prudent financial measures, ensure cost-effective health services, provide a uniform delivery system and assist recipients in attaining independence or self-care. Effective immediately.

Bill History: 01-20-21 S Filed
01-20-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

N SB 50

Hughes, Vincent

Act re insurance coverage protections

(PN 50) The Health Insurance Access Protection Act provides for the prohibition of insurance to discriminate based on preexisting conditions or health factors through the requirement for an individual to pay a premium rate greater than the premium rate for similarly situated individual enrolled in the same policy. The legislation provides for an insurer to vary the premium rate based on family size, geographic rating

area, age and tobacco use. The act provides for fines, penalties and additional remedies for insurers who violate the legislation. The act repeals any other acts that are inconsistent. Effective immediately.

Bill History: 01-28-21 S Filed
01-28-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Banking and Insurance

 SB 51 Hughes, Vincent

Act re essential health benefits

(PN 112) The Health Insurance Core Benefits Coverage Act provides for individual and group health care insurance coverage protections and for core health care benefits. Requires a health insurance policy offered, issued or renewed in this commonwealth to include coverage for essential health benefits. Effective immediately.

Bill History: 01-28-21 S Filed
01-28-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Banking and Insurance

 SB 53 Santarsiero, St

Amends Insurance Company Law re Young Adults

Bill History: 04-09-21 S Filed
04-09-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Banking and Insurance

 SB 78 Baker, Lisa

Amends Titles 23 & 42 re child custody

(PN 65) Kayden's Law, Amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations) and 42 (Judiciary), in child custody, providing for the definitions of abuse, health and safety of the child, nonprofessional supervised physical custody, and professional supervised physical custody. Establishes safety conditions for the award of custody if the court finds a history of child abuse of the child or household member including nonprofessional supervised physical custody, professional supervised physical custody, limitations on physical custody, appointment of a professional to provide counseling, limitations on legal custody, and other restrictions. Provides for factors considered when awarding custody to include factors affecting the health and safety of the child, the present and past abuse committed by a party, including violent or assaultive behavior, the present and past parental

duties, the need for stability except if the changes are necessary to protect the health and safety of the child, the child's preference based upon their developmental age, and the child's fear of a party. Establishes that a party's reasonable concerns for a child's health and welfare shall not be considered attempts to turn the child against the other party and establishes exceptions for the consideration of factors if the party or the child was subjected to abuse by the other party. Provides for the consideration of criminal convictions to include simple assault and recklessly endangering another person, trafficking in individuals, involuntary servitude, patronizing a victim of sexual servitude, and cruelty to an animal. Establishes procedures for guardian ad litem for a child providing that a court may appoint guardian ad litem who shall establish that they received education and training relating to child abuse and domestic abuse education and training. Provides that substantial allegations of abuse shall constitute a reasonable basis for appointing counsel. Establishes that the award of counsel fees, costs, and expenses to a party when the other party acts in bad faith may not apply if that party engaged the judicial process in good faith to protect the child from harm. Provides that the court may direct that a party who has been found to have perpetrated abuse to pay all or a portion of fees incurred by the other party. Provides for child abuse and domestic abuse education and training for judges and court personnel as developed by the Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC). Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

03-16-21 S Removed from the table
05-10-21 S Set on the Senate Calendar
05-10-21 S Laid on the table
05-10-21 S Removed from the table
05-24-21 S Set on the Senate Calendar

 SB 94

Scavello, Mario

Act re loan forgiveness programs

(PN 69) The Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Staff Member and Alcohol and Drug Addiction Counselor Loan Forgiveness Program Act provides for commonwealth support for a Mental Health and Intellectual

Disability Staff Member Loan Forgiveness Program and an Alcohol and Drug Addiction Counselor Loan Forgiveness Program, both of which are established in the legislation. The Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Staff Member Loan Forgiveness Program provides loan forgiveness of up to \$5,000 per year, or \$20,000 per applicant, for the education necessary to be a mental health or intellectual disability staff member in Pennsylvania if the applicant enters into a contract with the agency that requires the qualified recipient to remain employed as a full-time mental health or intellectual disability staff member in Pennsylvania for a period of two consecutive years. The Alcohol and Drug Addiction Counselor Loan Forgiveness Program similarly provides for \$5,000 per year, or \$20,000 per applicant, in loan forgiveness for the education necessary to be an alcohol and drug addiction counselor in Pennsylvania if the qualified applicant enters a contract with the agency that requires the qualified recipient to remain employed as a full-time alcohol and drug addiction counselor in Pennsylvania for a period of two consecutive years. The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) shall report annually on the operation of the programs. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-22-21 S Filed
01-22-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

 SB 134 Fontana, Wayne

Amends Judicial Code re firearm protection

(PN 107) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), in actions, proceedings and other matters generally, adding a chapter providing for extreme risk protection orders. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-27-21 S Filed
01-27-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Judiciary

 SB 138 Bartolotta, Cam

Amends title 61 re incarcerated women

(PN 115) Amends Title 61 (Prisons and Parole), in general administration, providing a correctional institution shall, in writing,

report each restraint applied to a pregnant, laboring or postpartum individual in the correctional institution's custody as well as any instance a pregnant, laboring or postpartum individual is placed in restrictive housing; and, in miscellaneous provisions, establishing a pregnant or postpartum incarcerated or detained individual may not be involuntarily placed in restrictive housing in any correctional institution. Provides pregnant or postpartum incarcerated or detained individuals who violate the rules and regulations of a correctional institution shall be issued an informal resolution of misconduct. Enumerates the content of a correctional institution's report on restraints applied and incidents of restrictive housing as well as the availability of the written findings. Provides provisions regarding failure to comply with written findings. Provides for alternative discipline for pregnant and postpartum incarcerated or detained individuals. Provides no staff other than a licensed health care professional shall conduct an invasive body cavity search of a pregnant incarcerated individual or detainee and a correctional institution shall limit inspections by male staff where a female incarcerated individual or detainee is in a state of undress. Provides the Department of Corrections (DOC) may not assign a pregnant incarcerated individual to any bed that is elevated more than three feet from the floor of the facility. Provides the department and the Department of Human Services shall jointly develop and provide both correctional institutions and county correctional institutions with a training program for staff who have contact with pregnant or postpartum incarcerated or detained individuals. Provides provisions regarding family consideration in placement and visitation, issuance of feminine hygiene products related to menstruation, and postpartum recovery. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

01-28-21 S Filed
01-28-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Judiciary

(PN 210) Amends Title 35 (Health and Safety), in prescribing opioids to individuals, providing for prescribing opioids to individuals and further providing for definitions, for prohibition and for procedure; and making editorial changes. The bill defines minor as an individual less than 18 years of age and excludes a minor who is married or has been married, pregnant or has been pregnant, a member of the armed forces of the United States, or legally emancipated. The bill changes the name of the chapter from prescribing opioids to minors to prescribing opioids to individuals. Effective in 180 days.

Bill History: 02-18-21 S Filed
02-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Consumer Protection & Prof. Licensure

 SB 171 Hughes, Vincent

Act re budget bill

(PN 278) The General Appropriations Act of 2021 provides 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, 2021, to June 30, 2022, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021; provides appropriations from special funds and accounts to the executive and judicial departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021; and provides for the appropriation of federal funds to the executive and judicial departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. Effective July 1, 2021, or immediately, whichever is later.

Bill History: 03-02-21 S Filed
03-02-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Appropriations

 SB 190 Mensch, Bob

Act re family caregivers in long-term care

(PN 619) The Essential Family Caregiver Designation Act provides for essential family caregivers in facilities during disaster emergencies. Provides that during a state of disaster emergency declared as the result of a communicable disease, the secretary of health or human services shall require a facility to designate at least one essential family caregiver per resident to provide companionship and assist with activities requiring one-on-one direction, including compassionate care situations. Further provides visitation by an essential family caregiver may be conducted through different means based on a facility's structure and the needs of the residents, such as use of resident rooms, dedicated visitation spaces and the outdoors, and provides for visitation in circumstances beyond compassionate care. Establishes that facility includes long-term care nursing facility or a hospice. Provides for compliance with federal or state government precautions designed to reduce the spread of a communicable disease. Also provides for essential family caregiver requirements. Establishes that nothing in the act shall be construed to supersede federal authority or guidance regarding long-term care facilities or to prevent the secretary from taking necessary actions to render the commonwealth eligible for federal funds or reimbursement services provided in long-term care facilities. Effective immediately. (Prior Printer's Number: 158, 485)

Bill History: 04-27-21 S Set on the Senate Calendar
04-27-21 Laid out for discussion 4:13pm
04-27-21 Third consideration 4:13pm
04-27-21 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 34/N: 13)
04-29-21 H Received in the House and referred to House Health

 SB 195

Ward, Judy (F)

Amends Family Caregiver Act re modernization

(PN 168) Amends the Family Caregiver Support Act updating the intent of the act and language, providing definitions for Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder, care receiver, older relative caregiver for a child and primary caregiver, providing for the

department's authority in reimbursements, and prohibiting persons who commit a substantiated case of abuse, neglect, exploitation or abandonment under the Older Adults Protective Services Act, Adults Protective Services Act or any other law regarding an older adult, child or individual with a disability from receiving benefits unless authorized by the department to prevent further abuse, neglect, exploitation or abandonment. Provides the department may not promulgate a regulation under this section that interferes with any privileges or rights provided by federal law. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 02-10-21 S Filed
02-10-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Aging and Youth

 SB 200 Bartolotta, Cam

Amends Early Intervention Services System Act

(PN 537) Amends the Early Intervention Services System Act replacing references of public welfare to human services; in general provisions, providing for a definition of postpartum depression; and in statewide system for provision of early intervention services, adding children who have a parent that is either at high risk for or is diagnosed with postpartum depression and have been referred by a physician, health care provider or parent to the identification, assessment and tracking of at-risk children. The legislation replaces references to mental retardation with intellectual disability throughout the legislation. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 04-09-21 S Filed
04-09-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

 SB 225 Phillips-Hill,

Amends Insurance Company Law re authorization

(PN 453) Amends the Insurance Company Law by providing for responsibilities of managed care plans and amending section 2111 by adding language requiring the plans to make updates of its enrollment eligibility

information within 30 days of receiving updated enrollment information and to establish rules pertaining to the timely filing of health care provider claims that require a health care provider's filing duty to commence whichever occurs last: when the patient is discharged, when the patient presents complete and accurate insurance information, or when authorization or approval is confirmed by the medical care plan. Adds sections providing for preauthorization standards and for preauthorization costs. Also adds a new subsection to section 2117 relating to continuity of care. Further provides for step therapy protocols, required disclosure, operational standards, preauthorization and adverse determinations, appeals, access requirements in service areas, uniform preauthorization form, preauthorization exemptions, and data collection and reporting. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 03-18-21 S Filed
03-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Banking and Insurance

 SB 255

Browne, Patrick

Act re budget bill

(PN 230) The General Appropriations Act of 2021 provides 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, 2021, to June 30, 2022, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021; provides appropriations from special funds and accounts to the executive and judicial departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021; and provides for the appropriation of federal funds to the executive and judicial departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. Effective July 1, 2021, or immediately, whichever is later.

 SB 306

Boscola, Lisa

Bill History: 02-22-21 S Filed
02-22-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Appropriations

Amends Title 42 re domestic violence

(PN 316) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) providing for registration of domestic violence predators, establishing the Domestic Violence Predator Assessment Board, and imposing powers and duties on the Pennsylvania State Police and on the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole. Effective in six months.

 SB 324

Langerholc, Way

Bill History: 03-10-21 S Filed
03-10-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Judiciary

Amends Public School Code re graduation

(PN 331) Amends the Public School Code, in pupils and attendance, providing for assisting students experiencing education instability. Adds a new section providing that beginning in the 2021-22 school year and each school year thereafter, a school entity receiving a student who has experienced education instability shall assign a point of contact to the student experiencing education instability; develop policies and procedures to apply full or partial credit for coursework that is satisfactorily completed at, and reflected in the student's records from, a prior school entity by a student that enrolls at the receiving school entity; not penalize a student for a school uniform or dress code violation related to a delay in obtaining a uniform; waive all fees that would otherwise be assessed against the student; and allow the student to participate in any school-sponsored or extracurricular activity for which the students meets placement and qualification requirements. Provides for the duties of the point of contact and for the Department of Education. Effective immediately.

 SB 351

Langerholc, Way

Bill History: 03-10-21 S Filed
03-10-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

Amends Public School Code re community

(PN 353) Amends the Public School Code adding a new chapter providing for the Community Engaged Schools for Success Pilot Program Act. Provides any school operated by a school district is eligible for designation by the secretary of education as a community engaged school if it meets at least one of the criteria provided in the legislation. Further provides for community engaged school designation, community engaged plan, duties of program manager, duties of the Department of Education, and community engaged school grants. Also provides grant funds shall be used exclusively for the purpose of supporting a community engaged school's community engagement plan and are subject to audit by the department and the auditor general. Effective immediately.

Bill History:

05-10-21 S Meeting set for 11:30 a.m.,
Senate Chamber, Senate Education -
- Senate Education
05-10-21 S Voted favorably from committee
on Senate Education
05-10-21 S Reported as committed from
Senate Education
05-10-21 S First consideration
05-24-21 S Set on the Senate Calendar

 SB 354

Schwank, Judy

Amends Public School Code re dating
violence

(PN 355) Amends the Public School Code, in terms and courses of study, for dating violence education; and, in sexual violence education at institutions of higher education, further providing for definitions and for education program. Provides that the Department of Education, through its Office for Safe Schools, and in consultation with the State Board of Education, must provide grants to school entities for purposes of implementing the provisions of this section, including for costs associated with training under subsection (c) and curriculum changes under subsection (d). Further provides that a school entity shall make dating violence policy available on its publicly available Internet website, if available, and post the policy in every classroom. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 03-10-21 S Filed
03-10-21 S Introduced and referred to
committee on Senate Education

N SB 376

Boscola, Lisa

Amends Title 18 re residency restrictions

(PN 364) Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) adding that offenders subject to registration due to a conviction for an offense wherein the victim was a minor may not reside within 1,000 feet of the real property on which any public, private or parochial school, licensed preschool program, certified day care center, registered family day care home, public playground recreation center or playground is located. No such person shall establish a residence or maintain a residence or other living accommodation within 500 feet of any point at which transportation is provided to students of any public, private or parochial school except provided by a fixed-route public transportation service. Lastly, no such person who is subject to any order of parole, probation or supervision may be placed by any governmental authority in any residential setting that does not comply with the provisions of this section. These new requirements shall not require the offender to sell or otherwise dispose of any real estate, home or other real property or to cancel any lease of real property that was acquired or entered into prior to the effective date of the legislation. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 03-10-21 S Filed
03-10-21 S Introduced and referred to
committee on Senate Judiciary

N SB 405

Boscola, Lisa

Amends Title 20 re death with dignity act

(PN 396) Amends Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) adding a new chapter providing for end of life options. The End of Life Options Act allows individuals with a terminal disease to request a prescription for medicine that would end their life. Provides for definitions; requests for medication; attending physician responsibilities; pharmacist authorization; consulting physician confirmation; counseling referral; right to rescind request; waiting

periods; medical record documentation requirements; reporting requirements; health care provider participation; and penalties. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 03-11-21 S Filed
03-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Judiciary

 SB 411

Browne, Patrick

Amends Titles 42 & 61 re departments

(PN 489) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary) and 62 (Prisons and Parole), in numerous provisions, providing guidelines for restrictive conditions of probation; establishing that a law enforcement officer is a parole agent of the Department of Corrections; repealing subchapter D related to state parole agent; providing provisions regarding supervision of sexual offenders; establishing the status and supervisory relationship of peace officers; and providing numerous technical changes. Among numerous revisions, further provides for the transfer of the Pennsylvania Board of Probation's functions, powers and duties to the Department of Corrections regarding the operations of the parole system generally. Establishes the Pennsylvania Parole Board as an independent administrative board for the purposes of granting and revoking paroles to certain offenders. Establishes that the Office of Victim Advocate shall notify the victim or nearest relative of the opportunity to provide a statement for inclusion in the parole report or present testimony for inclusion at the parole hearing. Provides for short sentence parole. Provides that a parolee is at liberty on parole when the parolee is residing at a community corrections center, community corrections facility or group-based home. Provides that credit awarded to a technical parole violator for time served on parole in good standing is subject to forfeiture if an offender is subsequently recommitted as a convicted parole violator. Further provides for technical violations of parole. Provides that the appropriation for the Pennsylvania Parole Board must be in a separate line item. Effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 400)

Bill History: 03-23-21 S Reported as amended Senate Appropriations

03-24-21 S Set on the Senate Calendar
03-24-21 Laid out for discussion 10:24am
03-24-21 Third consideration 10:24am
03-24-21 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 46/N: 1)

N SB 429

Williams, Antho

Amends Title 18 re Firearms Registry

(PN 433) Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses), in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for sale or transfer of firearms and for registration of firearms. Provides that the Pennsylvania State Police shall retain information received from the application/record of sale provided under the subsection through retention of the application/record of sale or through entering the information contained in the application/record of sale onto a computer. Requires that every person who owns, possesses, purchases or otherwise receives ownership of a firearm under section 6111, or who brings or causes to be brought into the commonwealth's a firearm, shall register the firearm with the Pennsylvania State Police within seven days of acquisition of the firearm or within seven days after the firearm is brought into the commonwealth. Effective in 180 days.

Bill History:

03-15-21 S Filed
03-15-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Judiciary

N SB 436

Street, Sharif

Act re Data For LGBTQ+ Lives

(PN 589) The Data for LGBTQ Lives Act provides for the use of a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer identifier in all commonwealth agency or entity blanks, forms, documents and applications. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

04-13-21 S Filed
04-13-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Government

T SB 468

Hughes, Vincent

Act re Poverty Reduction Initiatives

(PN 571) The Intergenerational Poverty Act provides for the study of intergenerational poverty; establishes the intergenerational poverty tracking system, the Interagency Workgroup on Poverty and Economic

Insecurity, and the Pennsylvania Commission on Poverty Elimination and Economic Security; provides a strategic plan to address poverty and economic insecurity, including a report on the strategic plan; and for duties of the Department of Human Services and the secretary of the budget. Effective July 1, 2021.

Bill History: 04-13-21 S Filed
04-13-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

 SB 485 Scavello, Mario

Amends Physical Therapy Act re dry needling

(PN 514) Amends the Physical Therapy Practice Act providing for dry needling therapy for physical therapists in Pennsylvania. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 04-08-21 S Filed
04-08-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Consumer Protection & Prof. Licensure

 SB 490 Sabatina, John

Amends Title 18 re No-Fly, No-Buy

(PN 519) Amends Title 18 (Crimes & Offenses) prohibiting individuals on federal watch lists from purchasing firearms in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Lays out penalties and duties of the State Police. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 04-08-21 S Filed
04-08-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Judiciary

 SB 565 Dush, Cris (F)

Amends Title 18 re Constitutional Carry

(PN 610) Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses), in firearms and other dangerous articles, repealing provisions relating to firearms not to be carried without a license, providing for license not required. This bill establishes that every person present in Pennsylvania shall have an affirmative right to keep and bear firearms, including the right to carry openly or concealed, carry loaded or unloaded, train with, transport, possess, use, acquire, purchase, transfer, inherit, buy, sell, give or otherwise dispose of or receive any

firearm or self-defense device without a license. Provides for a sportsman's firearms permit, for places of application, changes from sheriff for issuance of a license to "proper issuing authority," and for a pre-issuance investigation. Establishes prohibitions of issuing a license to carry a firearm to individuals who have been involuntarily committed to a mental institution unless the commitment has been expunged or vacated. Provides that the license issuing authority shall issue or refuse to issue a license within 14 days. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 04-16-21 S Filed
04-16-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Judiciary

 SB 572

Yaw, Gene

Amends Title 20 re Codification of POLST

(PN 608) Amends Title 20 (Decedents, Estates, and Fiduciaries), providing for criminal penalties related to an out-of-hospital do-not-resuscitate (OOH-DNR) order and Pennsylvania orders for life-sustaining treatment (POLST). Provides for the issuance of orders and bracelets and necklaces related to OOH-DNRs and the revocations of OOH-DNRs. Provides that emergency medical services (EMS) providers shall comply with the instructions of an authorized medical physician to discontinue resuscitation. Establishes that EMS providers shall comply with an OOH-DNR order if made aware of the order by examining a bracelet, a necklace, or the order itself. Provides that an OOH-DNR order may not be executed on or after the date the department adopts an initial POLST form. Establishes requirements for valid POLST forms and for a POLST Advisory Committee. The provisions related to the establishment of a POLST Advisory Committee shall take effect immediately. The remainder of the act shall take effect in 90 days.

Bill History: 04-16-21 S Filed
04-16-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

 SB 580

Laughlin, Danie

Act re PA Family & Medical Leave Program

(PN 690) The Pennsylvania Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act establishes the Pennsylvania Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program and the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund; confers powers and imposes duties on the Department of Labor and Industry (L&I); and imposes penalties. This legislation provides that L&I shall establish the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program and be responsible for the administration of the act and the fund, and establishes eligibility requirements, the calculation of benefits, contributions, a reduced leave schedule, employment protections, coordination of benefits, and annual reporting requirements by L&I. Effective in 180 days.

Bill History: 05-03-21 S Filed
05-03-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Labor and Industry

 SB 594

Ward, Judy (F)

Amends Fiscal Code re Nonprofit COVID grants

(PN 640) Amends the Fiscal Code, in emergency COVID-19 response, appropriating \$200 million to the Commonwealth Financing Authority for the Nonprofit Economic Emergency Delivery System Grants program. Establishes the grant program to award grants to eligible community-based nonprofit organizations and provides for its application, deadline and guidelines. Provides that grants awarded by the authority to eligible organizations may not exceed \$500,000. Effective immediately.

Bill History: 04-21-21 S Filed
04-21-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Community, Economic & Recreational Dev
05-14-21 S Discussed during public hearing, Senate Democratic Policy Committee -
- Senate Democratic Policy Committee

 SB 601

Williams, Linds

Amends Title 66 re appliance efficiency reqs.

(PN 675) Amends Title 66 (Public Utilities), in public utility code, establishing the Pennsylvania Energy and Water Efficiency Standards Act and providing minimum

energy and water efficiency standards for certain products sold in this commonwealth, specifically commercial and residential appliances. The bill provides minimum efficiency standards and limitations on products applicable to this legislation, along with provisions regarding implementation, compliance, and new and revised standards and regulations. Inconsistent regulations and acts are repealed. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 04-27-21 S Filed
04-27-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Consumer Protection & Prof. Licensure

 SB 608

Phillips-Hill,

Amends Personal Info. Act re data breaches

(PN 670) Amends the Breach of Personal Information Notification Act further providing for definitions and for notification of breach; and providing for contents and nature of notice and for storage policies. The bill establishes that if a state agency is the subject of the breach of the security of the system, the state agency shall notify the following: the head of the state agency within two hours of the detection of the breach of the security of the system and the Governor's Office of Administration and the Office of Attorney General within four hours of the detection of the breach of the security of the system. Effective in 120 days.

Bill History: 04-27-21 S Filed
04-27-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Communications and Technology

 SB 671

Hutchinson, Sco

Act re Health Care Innovations Retention Act

(PN 740) The Retaining Health Care Innovations Act provides legal authority for administrative flexibilities to continue despite the termination or expiration of the COVID-19 disaster declaration and requires the development of recommendations to retain innovations adopted during the pandemic. Administrative flexibilities provided to a health care facility, practitioner or provider and adopted under the authority of the disaster declaration shall be extended through the extension period or until the

Joint State Government Commission issues a report in accordance with this act, whichever is later. Allows a health care facility to take advantage of administrative flexibilities during the extension period even if the emergency operations plan of the facility is closed. Requires the Joint State Government Commission to perform an analysis of the administrative flexibilities and issue a report to the General Assembly. Provides for the contents of report. Also requires the commission to establish an advisory committee and provides for its composition. Further provides nothing in the act shall require the commonwealth to maintain administrative flexibilities that would violate federal law or disqualify the commonwealth from receiving federal matching funds for Medicaid services. Effective immediately.

Bill History: 05-11-21 S Filed
05-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

 SB 677

Muth, Katie (F)

Act re Veterans' Homelessness

(PN 748) The Preventing Veterans' Homelessness Act establishes the Veterans' Housing Assistance Program, tasked with identifying homeless veterans and coordinating with the agency to ensure that homeless veterans are provided the opportunity to receive assistance from the agency's housing ombudsman or financial assistance from the agency; and makes an appropriation of \$12.5 million for the program and \$500,000 for the department from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021. Effective in 60 days.






Bill History: 05-11-21 S Filed
05-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Veterans Affairs & Emergency Prepared.

 SR 12

Bartolotta, Cam

Resolution re Slavery & Human Trafficking

(PN 55) Resolution recognizing the month of January 2021 as "National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month" in Pennsylvania.

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| | | Bill History: | 01-20-21 S Filed 01-20-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Rules and Executive Nominations |
|  SR 20 | Browne, Patrick | | Resolution re Eating Disorders Awareness (PN 108) Resolution recognizing the week of February 22 through 28, 2021, as "Eating Disorders Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania in conjunction with the observance of "National Eating Disorders Awareness Week." |
| | | Bill History: | 01-27-21 S Filed 01-27-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Rules and Executive Nominations |
|  SR 43 | Schwank, Judy | | Resolution re "National Social Work Month" (PN 435) Resolution recognizing the month of March 2021 as "National Social Work Month" in Pennsylvania. |
| | | Bill History: | 03-15-21 S Filed 03-15-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Rules and Executive Nominations |
|  SR 64 | Santarsiero, St | | Resolution re Love is Love Day (PN 613) Resolution recognizing February 15, 2021, as "Love is Love Day" in Pennsylvania. |
| | | Bill History: | 04-16-21 S Filed |
|  SR 66 | Muth, Katie (F) | | Resolution re Military Sexual Assault Survivor (PN 614) Resolution designating the week of April 18 through 24, 2021, as "Time to Acknowledge Military Sexual Assault Survivors Week" in Pennsylvania. |
| | | Bill History: | 04-16-21 S Filed |
|  SR 74 | Muth, Katie (F) | | Resolution re Fourth Trimester Care Day (PN 598) Resolution designating May 26, 2021, as "Fourth Trimester Care Day" in Pennsylvania. |
| | | Bill History: | 04-14-21 S Filed 04-14-21 S Introduced and referred to |

 SR 109 Bartolotta, Cam

committee on Senate Rules and Executive Nominations

Resolution re postpartum depression awareness

(PN 721) Resolution designating the month of May 2021 as "Postpartum Depression Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Bill History: 05-06-21 S Filed
05-06-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Rules and Executive Nominations

 SR 110 Collett, Maria

Resolution re School Nurse Day

(PN 726) Resolution designating May 12, 2021, as "School Nurse Day" in Pennsylvania.

Bill History: 05-07-21 S Filed
05-07-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Rules and Executive Nominations

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