



PAACC Pennsylvania Update

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PAACC State Capitol Snap Shot

The House and Senate had a flurry of activity during the last week of session for the year. The Governor signed a list of bills that were passed by the legislature in the final week of session. The General Assembly is now out of session until they return in mid-November for leadership elections. Any legislation that has not passed by the end of the session will need to be re-introduced in the new session in 2019.

UPCOMING SESSION DAYS

House

November 13

Senate

November 14

With the elections approaching quickly on November 6, legislators and candidates are spending their days campaigning. The top race in state government is the gubernatorial election.

Candidates for Governor:

Governor Tom Wolf, Democrat (Incumbent) www.wolfforpa.com

Scott Wagner, Republican www.wagnerforgov.com

Paul Glover, Green www.paulglover.org/governor

Kenneth Krawchuk, Libertarian www.kenk4pa.com

Lieutenant Governor:

John Fetterman, Democrat www.johnfetterman.com

Jeff Bartos, Republican www.wagnerbartos.com

Jocolyn Bowser-Bostick, Green www.gpofpa.org/jocolyn_bowser_bostick_2018

Kathleen Smith, Libertarian www.kenk4pa.com

Pennsylvania also has a U.S. Senate race this year and all the U.S. House Members are up for re-election, with several open seats due to retirements and re-districting. At the state level, all House Members are up for re-election, as well as half of the Senate.

Allegheny County voters will see a referendum question on the ballot. The question reads: *"Shall the Allegheny County Home Rule Charter be amended to establish the Allegheny County Children's Fund, funded by Allegheny County levying and collecting an additional 0.25 mills, the equivalent of \$25 on each \$100,000 of assessed value, on all taxable real estate, beginning January 1, 2019 and thereafter, to be used to improve the well-being of children through the provision of services throughout the County including early childhood learning, after school programs, and nutritious meals."* The initiative needs a simple majority to pass.

REAL ID

Feds Extend REAL ID Grace Period

Pennsylvania has been granted an extended grace period to comply with REAL ID requirements set by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The grace period was set to expire Oct. 10, 2018, but has now been extended until Aug. 1, 2019. A final federal deadline for all states to comply is Oct. 1, 2020.

This grace period extension means that Pennsylvania residents will not face access issues when entering federal facilities or boarding commercial aircraft through at least Aug. 1, 2019.

REAL ID is voluntary for Pennsylvania residents, but encouraged for those who may need to access certain federal facilities, such as military bases, or fly commercial flights within the United States. Residents also have the option to use other, non-REAL ID forms of enhanced identification.

Residents wishing to obtain REAL ID-compliant driver's licenses and photo ID cards can obtain them, beginning in March 2019. In the meantime, customers are encouraged to pre-verify for REAL ID the required documentation as soon as possible, giving them ample time to prepare.

Economic and Workforce Development

Neighborhood Assistance Program Increase

Having passed the House in April and the Senate on October 17, the Governor signed HB 645 into law on October 24. Now known as Act 100, it will increase the cap on the Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) tax credit from \$18M to \$36M, effective July 1, 2019. The NAP program successfully puts public-private partnerships into action and focuses corporate support in neighborhoods in the Pittsburgh region and across the state that are committed to revitalizing themselves. An increase on the NAP tax credit cap will allow the financial commitments of businesses engaged in helping these

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communities to be more fully leveraged. The current \$18 million cap has never been lifted since the NAP's inception in 1971.

One-Stop Shop Online Permitting Portal

Signed by the Governor on October 24 as Act 107, the Pennsylvania Business One-Stop Shop Act requires the Department of Community and Economic Development to establish the Pennsylvania Business One-Stop Shop as a single online access point to aid business owners and potential business owners in identifying and securing the necessary permits, licenses, certifications, applications, forms and registrations associated with satisfying the legal requirements to establish and operate a business in the Commonwealth. It also requires a Commonwealth agency, at the request of the department, to provide technical assistance and guidance for the implementation of additional features or resources of the One-Stop Shop. Also requires a Commonwealth agency to cooperate in good faith with the department for the development of additional features or resources. Requires the department to submit an annual report no later than January 1 of each year to the chairmen and minority chairmen of the House Commerce Committee and the Senate Community, Economic and Recreational Development Committee.

Teacher in the Workplace Grants

On October 25, Governor Wolf announced that \$2.5 million is available for Teacher in the Workplace grants that will partner school districts with local businesses, resulting in new career opportunities for students. A total of \$2.5 million in funding is available through the Department of Labor & Industry (L&I) to eligible organizations who partner with their local workforce development board to implement Teacher in the Workplace programs. These programs partner educators with local businesses to share and exchange information that can then be used to enhance students' classroom instruction. Additional details and the grant application can be found on L&I's [website](#). The application deadline is December 21, 2018.

Infrastructure

Transportation

On October 19, Governor Wolf signed into law SB 172, no known as Act 86. The legislation provides for speed timing devices and for automated speed enforcement systems in active work zones and establishes a pilot program for an automated speed enforcement system on designated highways. The bill adds a new section establishing a pilot program for an automated speed enforcement system in work zones on state highways. It authorizes the Department of Transportation to enforce section 3362 (relating to maximum speed limits) by recording violations using an automated speed enforcement system approved by the department. The new section shall only be applicable on Federal-aid highways and the Pennsylvania Turnpike in areas agreed upon by the system administrator and the secretary of Transportation. Further provides for owner liability, penalties, liability, limitations, and for a system administrator. Also provides for a pilot program for automated enforcement on U.S. Route 1 (Roosevelt Boulevard) between Ninth Street and the Philadelphia county line shared with Bucks

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County and Henry Avenue between Hunting Park Avenue and Port Royal Avenue. The new section shall expire five years from its effective date. The pilot program is effective in 120 days, portions are effective 60 days after publication of notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin and the remainder is effective immediately.

Automated speed enforcement cameras (ASES) will be deployed in active work zones along federal aid highways under PennDOT and the Turnpike Commission's jurisdiction. Motorists that exceed the speed limit by at least 11 mph when construction workers and an ASES are present will receive a written warning for the first offense, a \$75 fine for the second offense and a \$150 fine for third and subsequent offenses. Motorists who do not speed through these active work zones will not be impacted by this legislation.

This legislation was based on a law that previously passed in Maryland. Approximately seven percent of motorists in that state were found to exceed the stated speed limit in work zones by at least 12 mph. After legislation was passed placing speed cameras in work zones, the number of Maryland drivers exceeding the posted speed limit dropped to less than one percent.

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