

MCA
Summary of Legislation
December 2018

House and Senate Leaders Announce Committee Chairs for 2019-20 Session

On **January 2, 2019**, Speaker of the House Mike Turzai (R-Allegheny County) announced the appointments of majority committee chairmen for the 2019-20 Legislative Session. House committees study each bill and determine which proposals will go to the full House. They conduct public hearings on key issues, allowing citizens and interested groups to have a say in the legislative process, and they serve as a resource for members and others. Committees are outlined in the House Rules that are enacted for each session. On January 7, House Democrat Leader Frank Dermody (D-Allegheny) released the list of Minority Chairs for his caucus. Here are the appointments to Chairs of Committees of interest to MCA:

Consumer Affairs:

Rep. Brian Ellis, 11th Legislative District, Butler County.
Rep. Rob Matzie, 16th Legislative District, Beaver and Allegheny counties.

Environmental Resources and Energy:

Rep. Daryl Metcalfe, 12th Legislative District, Butler County.
Rep. Greg Vitali, 166th Legislative District, Delaware and Montgomery counties.

Finance:

Rep. Michael Peifer, 139th Legislative District, Pike and Wayne counties.
Rep. Jake Wheatley, 19th Legislative District, Allegheny County

Judiciary:

Rep. Rob Kauffman, 89th Legislative District, Franklin County
Rep. Tim Briggs, 149th Legislative District, Montgomery County

Labor and Industry:

Rep. Jim Cox, 129th Legislative District, Berks and Lancaster counties.
Rep. Patrick Harkins, 1st Legislative District, Erie County

Local Government:

Rep. Dan Moul, 91st Legislative District, Adams County.
Rep. Bob Freeman, 136th Legislative District, Northampton County

Professional Licensure:

Rep. Dave Hickernell, 98th Legislative District, Lancaster and Dauphin counties.
Rep. Harry Readshaw, 36th Legislative District, Allegheny County

State Government:

Rep. Garth Everett, 84th Legislative District, Lycoming and Union counties.
Rep. Kevin Boyle, 172nd Legislative District, Philadelphia and Montgomery counties

Transportation:

Rep. Tim Hennessey, 26th Legislative District, Chester and Montgomery counties.
Rep. Mike Carroll, 118th Legislative District, Luzerne and Lackawanna counties

Urban Affairs:

Rep. Sue Helm, 104th Legislative District, Dauphin and Lebanon counties.
Rep. Thomas Caltagirone, 127th Legislative District, Berks County

The Senate Republican and Democrat leaders released their respective 2019-20 Committee chairs on January 7. Those committee chairs are listed below. Full committee rosters will be available after the committees organize the week of January 15.

Senate Standing Committee Chair Assignments of interest:

Agriculture & Rural Affairs – Senator Elder Vogel, Jr. (R-47); Judy Schwank (D-11)

Appropriations – Senator Pat Browne (R-16); (D-7)

Communications & Technology – Senator Wayne Langerholc, Jr. (R-35); Steve Santarsiero (D-10)

Community, Economic & Recreational Development – Senator Mario Scavello (R-40); Larry Farnese (D-1)

Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure – Senator Robert Tomlinson (R-6); Lisa Boscola (D-18)

Education – Senator Ryan Aument (R-36); Andrew Dinniman (D-19)

Environmental Resources & Energy – Senator Gene Yaw (R-23); John Yudichak (D-14)

Finance – Senator Scott Hutchinson (R-21); John Blake (D-22)

Intergovernmental Operations – Senator Judy Ward (R-30); Wayne Fontana (D-42)

Judiciary – Senator Lisa Baker (R-20); Daylin Leach (D-17)

Labor & Industry – Senator Camera Bartolotta (R-46); Christine Tartaglione (D-2)

Local Government – Senator Scott Martin (R-13); Tim Kearney (D-26)

Rules & Executive Nominations – Senator Jake Corman (R-34); Jay Costa (D-43)

State Government – Senator Mike Folmer (R-48); Anthony H. Williams (D-8)

Transportation – Senator Kim Ward (R-39); John Sabatina, Jr. (D-5)

Urban Affairs & Housing – Senator Tom Killion (R-9); Katie Muth (D-44)

Legislative Activity

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

Bidding / Contracting

[HCO 157](#) (Everett) - Modernizes Pennsylvania's Separations Act to streamline projects for public buildings.
Filed, 12/6/2018

[SCO 44](#) (S. Martin) - Prohibits discriminatory project labor agreements (PLAs).
Filed, 12/3/2018

[SCO 49](#) (S. Martin) - Provides school districts the option to publish public notices in a more flexible manner such as a district newspaper.
Filed, 12/4/2018

[SCO 62](#) (Brooks) - Amends the Construction Code by exempting several types of common home improvement projects.
Filed, 12/4/2018

[SCO 88](#) (Scavello) – Authorizes government entities to meet their legal advertising requirements through publication in a community paper of mass dissemination.
Filed, 12/4/2018

[SCO 108](#) (Farnese) – Amends Title 62 to place dollar limits on political contributions of bidding contractors and require disclosure of those political contributions.
Filed, 12/4/2018

[SCO 165](#) (Laughlin) - Requires a municipality to contract with at least three third party agencies.
Filed, 12/6/2018

Budget Related Bills

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

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

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

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

[HCO 234](#) (Toohil) - Clarifies language in the tax code with regard to traffic signal foundations, poles and mast arms.
Filed, 12/14/2018

Environmental Building Standards

[HCO 71](#) (C. Quinn) - Requires the design, construction, and renovation of state-owned or leased buildings to comply with specified building standards.
Filed, 12/3/2018

[SCO 150](#) (T. Killion) - Provides the necessary authority for administrative agencies to fund grant programs and projects in support of cost-efficient green infrastructure and nature-based solutions.
Filed, 12/5/2018

Liability

NONE

Local/State Government/Regulations

NONE

Local/Property Tax Reform

NONE

Mandate Waivers

NONE

Mechanic's Lien

NONE

Permitting

NONE

Prevailing Wage

[SCO 109](#) (DiSanto) - Exempts Pennsylvania school districts from the requirements of the Prevailing Wage Act.
Filed, 12/4/2018

Professional Licensure

[HCO 260](#) (Neilson) - Establishes a statewide licensing requirement for electrical contractors, electricians, and apprentice electricians.

Filed, 12/17/2018

Sales/Use Tax

[HCO 273](#) (Owlett) - Provides a Sale and Use tax (SUT) exemption for items and/or services purchased by a contractor(s) on behalf of a school district, intermediate unit, area vocational-technical school or charter school that are related to a construction project.

Filed, 12/19/2018

School Construction

NONE

Transportation

NONE

Worker's Comp

NONE

Workforce Development

[HCO 80](#) (Cox) - Reforms occupational license requirements to reduce barriers of reentry for former criminal offenders into a profession or trade.

Filed, 12/3/2018

[HCO 240](#) (Bizzaro) - Strengthens the Industry Partnerships program.

Filed, 12/14/2018

[SCO 45](#) (Martin) - Codifies access to a ratio of one supervisory journeyman for each apprentice.

Filed, 12/3/2018

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

Filed, 12/5/2018

[SCO 260](#) (Boscola) - Provides military spouses greater ease in obtaining the transfer of their professional license.

Filed, 12/13/2018

[SCO 276](#) (Blake) - Establishes a Career Readiness Council.

Filed, 12/17/2018

[SCO 356](#) (J. Costa) - Provides temporary extended unemployment benefits for individuals who are unemployed due to a labor lockout.

Filed, 1/1/2019

Upcoming meetings of Interest

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

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

THURSDAY - 2/14/19

House Appropriations Committee

3:00 p.m., Room 140, Main Capitol

Budget Hearing - Department of Labor and Industry

MONDAY - 2/25/19

Senate Appropriations Committee

10:00 a.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Building

Budget Hearing - Dept. of Labor & Industry

Senate Appropriations Committee

1:00 p.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Building

Budget Hearing - Dept. of General Services

TUESDAY - 2/26/19

House Appropriations Committee

3:00 p.m., Room 140, Main Capitol

Budget Hearing - Department of General Services

2019 SENATE SESSION SCHEDULE

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

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May 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 22
June 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28

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

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