

AFTP Bill Chart--Bills with Action

January-March 2017

gray shading=bills that have passed one chamber

Bill	Author	One-Liner	Description	Status
HB 110	Warner, Ryan	Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in taxation and finance, providing for spending limitations on the Commonwealth.	Limits spending of the Commonwealth, exclusive of appropriations with federal funds. Allows the spending limit to be waived by a 3/4 vote of the General Assembly.	First Consideration in the House, 3/21/17; Set on House Tabled Calendar, 4/3/17
HB 157	Metcalf, Daryl	Amends Title 37 (Historical & Museums), in general provisions, further providing for defs., for powers & duties of PHMC, for personal property & for documents, for archival records, & for access to older public records, & for powers.	Accd. to co-sponsor memo, this bill proposes the following: 1. Adding definitions for Archival Record, Public Record, Record, State Archives, and State Archivist, 2. Modernizing the sale and disposition of property as well as adding language on abandoned property on loan to the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission (PHMC), 3. Including language that the State Archives shall be the official repository for the permanent and historically valuable public records of the Commonwealth, 4. Adds a new section on the protection and recovery of historical Commonwealth and local government records, 5. Opening access to older public records after 75 years, unless specifically prohibited by law, 6. Removing from Title 37 certain historical properties that the PHMC either has transferred or sold to other entities.	Passed the House, 2/8/17; Referred to Senate State Government Committee, 2/15/17
HB 178	Day, Gary	Amends the Public School Code, in terms and courses of study, further providing for fire and emergency evacuation drills.	Requires public school entities to conduct at least one school security drill, defined as "a planned exercise, other than a fire drill or natural disaster drill, designed to practice procedures to respond to an emergency situation that may include, but is not limited to, an act of terrorism, armed intruder situation or other violent threat."	Passed the House, 3/13/17; Referred to Senate Education Committee, 3/20/17
HB 202	Turzai, Mike	Amends the Public School Code, in preliminary provisions, further providing for Keystone Exams.	Expands list of assessments for meeting new highschool graduation proficiency requirement: "A NOCTI exam, NIMS assessment or other industry-based competency assessment identified by the Secretary of Education and approved by the State Board of Education."	Passed the House, 3/13/17; Referred to Senate Education Committee, 3/20/17

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HB 218	Saylor, Stanley	Act to provide from the General Fund for the expenses of the Executive, Legislative & Judicial Departments, the public debt & the public schools for the fiscal year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.	Vehicle for 2017-18 General Appropriations Bill.	Second Consideration in the House, 3/20/17; Rereferred to House Appropriations, 3/20/17
HB 224	Simmons, Justin	Amends the Public School Code, in school health services, providing for administration of epinephrine auto-injectors by school bus drivers and school crossing guards.	Makes current civil immunity provisions applicable to school bus drivers and crossing guards, as those provisions related to epinephrine auto-injectors.	Passed the House, 3/13/17; Referred to Senate Education Committee, 3/20/17
HB 250	Turzai, Mike	Amends the Public School Code, in educational tax credits, further providing for limitations.	Increases aggregate limitations for EITC, a business tax credit for specific taxes paid by business firms. Increases are as follows: \$30 million increase for scholarship organizations; \$15 million increase for education improvement organizations; \$5 million increase for opportunity scholarship organizations.	Passed the House, 3/13/17; Referred to Senate Education Committee, 3/20/17
HB 398	DiGirolamo, Gene	Amends the Administrative Code, in Commonwealth budget procedures, providing for essential service payments during budget impasse.	Enacts a process by which state appropriations for essential services can be made in the event that an Appropriations Bill is not enacted by July 1, of any year.	First Consideration in the House, 3/22/17; Set on House Tabled Calendar, 4/3/17
HB 410	Warner, Ryan	Act providing for performance-based budgeting; establishing the Performance-Based Budget Board & providing for its powers & duties; conferring powers & imposing duties on the IFO; & providing for performance hearings & reviews	Creates a Performanced Based Budget Board, made up of the four chairs of the Appropriations committees and the Director of the Independent Fiscal Office. Enacts a procedure by which state agencies must report to new Board. Also requires legislative standing committees to conduct at least one performance hearing on all agencies assigned to that committee.	First Consideration in the House, 3/21/17; Set on House Tabled Calendar, 4/3/17
HB 599	Dunbar, George	Act establishing the Results First Project; and providing for data collection and analysis by the Independent Fiscal Office.	Requires the Independent Fiscal Office to enact the "Results First Project," defined as "a multidimensional data analyzing system." Further requires the IFO to consult with a nationally recognized organization which "specializes in and has expertise with the scientific basis of a cost-benefit analysis model."	First Consideration in the House, 3/13/17; Set on House Tabled Calendar, 4/3/17
HR 50	Harper, Kate	Resolution directing the Legislative Budget & Finance Committee to conduct a comprehensive review of the fiscal impact on Commonwealth agencies & local government agencies for implementation of the Right-to-Know Law & recommendations.	Report is due one year after adoption of the resolution.	Adopted by the House, 3/21/17

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SB 7	Folmer, Mike	Amends Titles 24 (Education), 71 (State Government), & 72 (Taxation & Fiscal Affairs), in retirement for school employees, for actuarial cost method; for duties of board; for taxpayer protection; for Fund; & repealing provisions.	Enacts appropriations limit for state appropriations.	First Consideration in the Senate, 2/7/17; Set on Senate Calendar, 3/27/17
SB 166	Eichelberger, John	Act providing for protection of paychecks of certain workers and for the collection of political contributions.	Limits public employers' ability to collect union dues by payroll deduction to fair share fees.	Passed the Senate, 2/8/17; Referred to House State Government Committee, 2/13/17
SB 167	Wagner, Scott	Joint Resolution proposing integrated amendments to the Constitution of Pennsylvania prohibiting the Executive Department and school districts from making payroll collections of dues, fees and political contributions.	Amended in committee to prohibit payroll deduction for collection of "political" funds. Only applies to school districts and the Commonwealth.	Second Consideration in the Senate, 2/1/17; Set on the Senate Calendar, 3/27/17
SB 173	Bartolotta, Camera	Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania in taxation and finance, providing for spending limitations.	Constitutional amendment to enact limits on state appropriations.	First Consideration in the Senate, 2/7/17; Set on Senate Calendar, 3/27/17
SB 178	Scavello, Mario	Amends Title 37 (Historical & Museums) further providing for powers & duties of PHMC, for personal property & for documents, & providing for archival records & for access to older public records; & for powers over certain historic property.	Duplicate of HB 157.	First Consideration in the Senate, 3/21/17; Set on Senate Calendar, 3/27/17
SB 181	Mensch, Bob	Act providing for performance-based budgeting & tax credit efficiency review; est. the Performance-Based Budget Board & providing for its powers & duties; & conferring powers & imposing duties on the Independent Fiscal Office.	Requires performance based review of state appropriations and tax credits.	Passed the Senate, 2/6/17; Referred to House Appropriations Committee, 2/8/17
SB 227	Eichelberger, John	Amends the Public School Code, in district superintendents & assistant superintendents, further providing for manner of election or approval and for term and salary of assistants.	Changes provisions as they related to school superintendent employment contracts and contract renewals.	Second Consideration in the Senate, 3/20/17; Set on the Senate Calendar, 3/27/17

Bill	Author	One-Liner	Description	Status
SB 229	Eichelberger, John	Amends the Public School Code further providing for payment of salaries in cases of sickness, injury or death, repealing provisions, & further providing for Distinguished Educators Program.	Removes statutory provisions relating to sick, bereavement and sabbatical leave for educators.	First Consideration in the Senate, 1/31/17; Set on the Senate Calendar, 3/27/17
SB 241	McGarrigle, Thomas	Amends the Equal Pay Law further providing for wage rates; and providing for preemption.	Prohibits employers from requiring employees to keep their wages secret as a condition of employment. Amended on the Senate floor to include a preemption for any local ordinances related to equal pay.	Passed the Senate, 2/8/17; Referred to House Labor and Industry Committee, 2/13/17