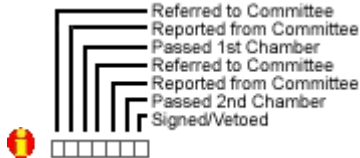




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T HB 3

Cutler, Bryan

Amends Title 40 re insurance markets oversight

(PN 2211) Amends Title 40 (Insurance) providing for health insurance markets oversight; and establishing the Pennsylvania Health Insurance Exchange Fund. The legislation establishes a reinsurance program as authorized under the Affordable Care Act. Sets a cap on the user fee at 3.5 percent. Provides for conditions that would cause a sunset of the legislation. Effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 1995, 2065)

Companions: [HCO2139](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 06-28-19 G In the hands of the Governor
07-02-19 G Approved by the Governor (Act: 42)
07-02-19 G Earliest effective date

T HB 15

Readshaw, Harry

Act re telemedicine regulation & licensing

(PN 711) The Telemedicine Act, relating to telemedicine, authorizes the regulation of telemedicine by professional licensing boards; and provides for insurance coverage of telemedicine. Medicaid program reimbursement section effective in 90 days. Remainder of the act effective immediately.

 HB 33

Dunbar, George

Companions: [HB 872](#) (Related)
[HCO 848](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 03-01-19 H Filed
03-05-19 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Insurance

Amends Human Services Code re gen.
assistance

(PN 2182) Amends the Human Services Code to eliminate the general assistance cash benefit program. Makes definition changes in the Statewide Quality Care Assessment and extends the Philadelphia Hospital Assessment. Also continues the medical assistance day-one incentive payment for nonpublic nursing homes. The elimination of the general assistance cash benefit program shall take effect August 1, 2019 and the remainder of the act shall take effect July 1, 2019, or immediately, whichever is later. (Prior Printer Number: 47)

Companions: [HCO 297](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 07-07-19 G Last day for Governor's action
06-28-19 G Approved by the Governor (Act:
12)
07-01-19 G Earliest effective date

Amends Health Care Facilities Act re ID tags

(PN 52) Amends the Health Care Facilities Act by omitting health care workers' last names from facility identification badges. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HCO 145](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 01-09-19 H Filed
01-28-19 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Health

Amends Human Services Code re med.
assistance

(PN 357) Amends the Human Services Code extending presumptive eligibility to those who meet the qualifications for Medicaid and wish to remain in their homes. Except as set forth in paragraph (2), the addition of section 443.13 of the act shall take effect 30 days

 HB 51

Bernstine, Aaro

following publication of the notice under section 2. The addition of section 443.13(f) and the remainder of the act are effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 62)

Companions: [HCO 366](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 02-20-19 H Over in House
02-20-19 H Rereferred to House Appropriations
04-10-19 H Discussed during informational meeting, House Aging and Older Adult Services -- House Aging and Older Adult Services

 [HB 52](#) Grove, Seth

Amends Title 71 re reinventing government

(PN 908) Amends Title 71 (State Government), in boards and offices, establishing the Commonwealth Office of Management and Budget. The powers and duties vested in the Secretary of the Budget, the Secretary of General Services, the Secretary of Administration and the Secretary of Policy and Planning are transferred to the director, who shall exercise the powers and perform the duties that those secretaries exercised or performed prior to the effective date. The director of the new office shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The legislation's general provisions, along with establishing a director and a strategic plan, shall be effective immediately. The remainder of this legislation shall be effective 30 days after publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Companions: [HB 53](#) (Related)
[HB 54](#) (Related)
[HB 55](#) (Related)
[HB 56](#) (Related)
[HB 57](#) (Related)
[HB 58](#) (Related)
[HCO 952](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 03-12-19 H Filed
03-14-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Government

 [HB 55](#) Schemel, Paul

Amends Title 71 re Health & Human Services

(PN 911) Amends Title 71 (State Government), in boards and offices,

providing for the Department of Health and Human Services and transferring specific powers and duties from the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services to the Department of Health and Human Services. The legislation's general provisions, along with establishing a secretary and a strategic plan, shall be effective immediately. The remainder of this legislation shall be effective 30 days after publication of notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Companions: [HB 52](#) (Related)
[HB 53](#) (Related)
[HB 54](#) (Related)
[HB 56](#) (Related)
[HB 57](#) (Related)
[HB 58](#) (Related)
[HCO 952](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 03-13-19 H Filed
03-14-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Government

 [HB 57](#)

[Fritz, Jonathan](#)

Act re reinventing government

(PN 1678) Act abolishing the following state authorities, boards, commissions, committees, councils and representatives: (1) the Advisory Committee on Probation within the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, (2) the Industrial Resource Center Strategic Advisory Board within the Department of Community and Economic Development, (3) the Joint Committee to Review the Cost-of-Living Supplements under 24 Pa.C.S. 8348 (relating to supplemental annuities) and 71 Pa.C.S. 5708 (relating to supplemental annuities), (4) the Pennsylvania Public Television Network Commission, (5) the Public Television Broadcasting Advisory Council, (6) the Pennsylvania Quality Leadership Awards Council, (7) the Small Business Advocacy Council within the Department of Community and Economic Development, and (8) the Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Advisory Committee within the Department of Health. The act makes related repeals. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 913, 1452)

Companions: [HB 52](#) (Related)
[HB 53](#) (Related)
[HB 54](#) (Related)
[HB 55](#) (Related)
[HB 56](#) (Related)
[HB 58](#) (Related)
[HCO 952](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 05-06-19 Third consideration 5:35pm
05-06-19 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:114/N:77)
05-17-19 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate State Government

 [HB 78](#) Rothman, Greg

Amends Title 23 re child fatality report

(PN 81) Amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations), in child protective services, further providing for investigating performance of a county agency by the Department of Human Services. Provides if the report determines that no one was culpable in a child's fatality or near fatality, the report shall not be available to the public one year following the issuance of the report. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HB 2506](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)
[HCO 203](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 01-14-19 H Filed
01-28-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Children and Youth

 [HB 92](#) Grove, Seth

Amends Title 72 re Joint Revenue Estimate Cmte

(PN 94) Amends Title 72 (Taxation and Fiscal Affairs) adding a chapter providing for budgetary procedures and establishing the Joint Revenue Estimation Committee. The committee shall meet at least once a month to discuss changes in the revenue collected by the commonwealth during the current month and the fiscal year compared to the most recently released estimate made by the committee. No revenue estimate may be approved without being approved by 11 members of the committee. If the committee fails to approve a revenue estimate, the governor and the General Assembly shall utilize the revenue estimates of the Independent Fiscal Office for approving

General Fund expenditures. Effective immediately.

Companions: [HCO 530](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 01-17-19 H Filed
01-28-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Finance

[T](#) HB 93

Grove, Seth

Amends Title 72 re outcome based budgeting

(PN 95) Amends Title 72 (Taxation and Fiscal Affairs) providing for preliminary provisions; for taxation; and for fiscal affairs and for commonwealth budget procedures; establishing the Joint Revenue Estimation Committee and the Performance-Based Incentive Account; and making related repeals. The intent of the bill is move the budget process to a zero-based and performance-based model or outcome-based process. Effective July 1, 2021.

Companions: [HCO 113](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 01-28-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Finance
04-17-19 H Meeting set for 9:00 a.m., Room G-50, Irvis Office Building, House Finance -
- House Finance
04-17-19 H Passed over in committee House Finance

[T](#) HB 113

Miller, Daniel

Amends Public School Code re disabilities

(PN 111) Amends the Public School Code adding an article providing for students with disabilities at institutions of higher education. The bill requires that no later than upon entering the twelfth grade, Individual Education Plan (IEP) transition planning for a student who is an individual with a disability shall identify and include student goals that are likely to continue to need to be addressed should the student attend an institution of higher education. An institution of higher education shall adopt policies for the support of students with disabilities to succeed once enrolled. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HCO 397](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

 [HB 119](#)

[Miller, Daniel](#)

Bill History: 01-22-19 H Filed
01-28-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Education

Amends Public School Code re suicide incidents

(PN 114) Amends the Public School Code, in safe schools, further providing for reporting by adding that in addition to any other required report, no later than 72 hours from an incident of attempted suicide or committed suicide on school property, a chief school administrator shall report the incident to the office. The report shall not reveal any identifying information of a student and shall meet the requirements under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HB 2074](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)
[HB 1657](#) (Related)
[HCO 152](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 01-22-19 H Filed
01-28-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Education

 [HB 121](#)

[Miller, Daniel](#)

Amends Public School Code re officer training

(PN 116) Amends the Public School Code, in grounds and buildings, providing for school police officers, school resource officers and school security guards. The bill requires each school police officer, school resource officer, or school security guard to successfully complete training designed to facilitate working with children and adolescents, including those with mental health and behavioral health needs due to a disability. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HCO 128](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 01-22-19 H Filed
01-28-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Education

 [HB 125](#)

[Miller, Daniel](#)

Amends the Pharmacy Act re drug labels

(PN 119) Amends the Pharmacy Act adding that upon request by a consumer, a pharmacy shall make available accessible

prescription labels to the consumer for an individual who has a visual impairment at no additional cost, including a label which provides for any of the following: (1) audible prescription information, (2) prescription information in braille, or (3) prescription information printed in a high-contrast large font. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HB 2698](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)
[HCO 121](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 01-22-19 H Filed
01-28-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Health

 [HB 130](#) Miller, Daniel

Amends Insurance Company Law re coverage

(PN 124) 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.

Companions: [HB 2724](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)
[HCO 126](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 01-22-19 H Filed
01-28-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance

 [HB 137](#) Quinn, Chris

Amends Controlled Substance Act re immunity

(PN 130) Amends the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act further providing for drug overdose response immunity. The bill establishes that a person experiencing a drug overdose event may not be charged and shall be immune from prosecution if, within ten days after receiving medical attention, the person experiencing the drug overdose event obtained a

screening and received a referral for treatment from a properly accredited addiction services provider. A person who transported or reported and remained with a person experiencing a drug overdose event may not be charged and is entitled to immunity. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HB 2147](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)
[HB 475](#) (Related)
[HCO 78](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)
[SB 408](#) (Related)

Bill History: 01-23-19 H Filed
01-28-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary

T [HB 138](#) Quinn, Chris

Amends Physical Therapy Practice Act re exam

(PN 131) Amends the Physical Therapy Practice Act further providing for qualifications for license and examinations for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants. The bill establishes that an applicant who is 90 days from completing the professional study of physical therapy may sit for the examination if the applicant verifies with the board that the applicant is 90 days from graduating from an accredited program as determined by the board. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HB 2617](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)
[HCO 83](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 03-20-19 Third consideration 1:38pm
03-20-19 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:193/N: 0)
03-28-19 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Consumer Protection & Prof. Licensure

T [HB 184](#) Cruz, Angel

Amends Minimum Wage Act re tipped min. wage

(PN 156) Amends the Minimum Wage Act, further providing for definitions. The bill establishes that the additional amount on account of tips may not exceed the value of tips actually received by the employee unless an employer shall pay a tipped employee the minimum wage. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HCO 54](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

T HB 185 Quinn, Chris

Bill History: 01-24-19 H Filed
01-28-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Labor and Industry

Amends Public School Code re opioid education

(PN 157) Amends the Public School Code, in terms and courses of study, requiring students to receive mandatory instruction in opioid abuse in every school year in every grade from grade six through grade twelve. Makes appropriations to school districts, based on their class. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HB 1984](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)
[HCO 73](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 01-24-19 H Filed
01-28-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Education

T HB 191 Cruz, Angel

Amends Inst. of Purely Public Charities Act

(PN 163) Amends the Institutions of Purely Public Charities Act, further providing for definitions, for state-related universities and for criteria for institutions of purely public charity. The bill establishes that all real property owned by state-related universities or owned by the commonwealth and used by a state-related university and all real property owned by other institutions of higher education shall be subject to the laws of this commonwealth relating to the assessment, taxation, and exemption of real estate and shall not be exempt from state and local taxation. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HCO 415](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 01-24-19 H Filed
01-28-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Finance

T HB 195 Nelson, Eric

Amends Title 40 re medication sync.

(PN 167) Amends Title 40 (Insurance), in regulation of insurers and related persons generally, adding a chapter providing for medication synchronization. "Medication synchronization" is defined as the coordination of prescription drug filling or

refilling by a pharmacy or dispensing physician for a health insurance enrollee taking two or more maintenance medications for the purpose of improving medication adherence. Effective in 365 days.

Companions: [HCO 409](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 06-27-19 G In the hands of the Governor
07-02-19 G Approved by the Governor (Act: 46)
07-01-20 G Earliest effective date

[T](#) [HB 197](#) [Rothman, Greg](#)

Act re health care transparency in pricing

(PN 169) The Health Care Cost Transparency Act requires a health care provider operating in the Commonwealth to publish the cost of health care procedures. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HB 1876](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)
[HCO 186](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 01-24-19 H Filed
01-28-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Health

[T](#) [HB 205](#) [Deasy, Daniel](#)

Amends Older Adults Protective Services Act

(PN 175) Amends the Older Adults Protective Services Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for the definition of "exploitation" by including action by an individual who is acting under a power of attorney. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HB 1397](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)

Bill History: 01-24-19 H Filed
01-28-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Aging and Older Adult Services

[T](#) [HB 235](#) [Toohil, Tarah](#)

Amends Title 23 re adoption consent witness

(PN 2265) Amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations) adding language providing that the consent of an incarcerated parent of an adoptee may be witnessed by a correctional facility employee designated by the correctional facility. Any consent witnessed by a correctional facility employee shall list the address of the correctional facility on the consent. In lieu of two witnesses, a consent

may be acknowledged before a notary public. Increases the annual fee for child support collection services from \$25 to \$35 and increases the threshold amount of child support collections before the fee is imposed from \$500 to \$550 annually. Provides the background check requirement applies to all employees, including administrative and other support personnel, minors age 14 to 17, and exchange visitors in the United States on J-1 visas. Expands the disqualifying conditions for employment to include being listed as a registered sex offender under the National Crime Information Center National Sex Offender Registry or as a perpetrator of child abuse on a statewide database, and conviction of certain disqualifying offenses as provided in the legislation. Also limits the provisional employment provision. Certain provisions take effect immediately and the remainder shall take effect September 30, 2019. (Prior Printer Number: 205, 877)

Companions: [HB 61](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)
[HCO 776](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 06-28-19 G In the hands of the Governor
07-02-19 G Approved by the Governor (Act: 47)
07-02-19 G Earliest effective date

 [HB 236](#) Toohil, Tarah

Amends Title 23 re adoption-related counseling

(PN 206) Amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations) by establishing a new section prescribing the process for adoption related counseling services to be administered by each county. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HB 56](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)
[HCO 775](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 01-25-19 H Filed
01-28-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Children and Youth

 [HB 237](#) Toohil, Tarah

Amends Title 23 re reimbursement to mother

(PN 207) Amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations), in adoption, further providing for home study and preplacement report and for

report of intention to adopt, repealing provisions relating to report of intermediary and exhibits, further providing for investigation, for contents of petition for adoption and for exhibits, providing for permissible reimbursement of expenses and further providing for time of entry of decree of adoption. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HB 289](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)
[HCO 777](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 01-25-19 H Filed
01-28-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Children and Youth

[T](#) [HB 248](#) Pickett, Tina

Act re Rural Health Redesign Center Authority

(PN 217) The Pennsylvania Rural Health Redesign Center Authority Act establishes the Pennsylvania Rural Health Redesign Center Authority; providing for its powers and duties; and establishing the Pennsylvania Rural Health Redesign Center Fund. Effective in 180 days.

Companions: [HCO 175](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 01-25-19 H Filed
01-28-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Health
03-05-19 H Press conference held

[T](#) [HB 296](#) Toohil, Tarah

Amends Tax Reform Code re foster care credit

(PN 269) Amends the Tax Reform Code creating an adoption and foster care tax credit. A taxpayer may claim a tax credit of \$500 per foster child placement in the tax year that the foster child first qualifies as a dependent on the taxpayer's federal tax return. A taxpayer may claim a tax credit of \$1,000 for an adopted child in the same tax year that the taxpayer qualifies for the federal adoption tax credit. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HCO 179](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 06-27-19 Third consideration 1:45pm
06-27-19 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:200/N: 0)

T HB 299 Toohil, Tarah

07-08-19 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Finance

Amends Human Services Code re SNAP benefits

(PN 272) Amends the Human Services Code, in fiscal provisions relating to public assistance, establishing a uniform statewide time period for the distribution of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits. Effective immediately.

Companions: [HCO 180](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)
[SB 285](#) (Related)

Bill History: 01-30-19 H Filed
01-30-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Health

T HB 316 Owlett, Clint

Act re opioid abuse epidemic impact

(PN 296) The Opioid Abuse Child Impact Task Force Act establishes a task force on the opioid abuse epidemic's impact on children and provides for powers and duties of the task force. The task force shall focus on improving the safety, well-being and permanency of substance-exposed infants and other young children affected by their parents' substance abuse disorders. This act expires March 1, 2020, and is effective immediately.

Companions: [HCO 706](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 05-23-19 H Removed from the table
05-23-19 H Laid on the table
09-17-19 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

T HB 335 Grove, Seth

Amends Human Services Code re mental health

(PN 312) Amends the Human Services Code, in public assistance, providing for the integration of mental health, substance abuse and primary care services in the HealthChoices medical assistance managed care program. Effective immediately.

Companions: [HCO 107](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)
[SB 268](#) (Related)

 HB 378

Isaacson, Mary

Bill History:

01-31-19 H Filed
02-01-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Health

Amends Title 18 re possessing firearms

(PN 350) Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses), in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for persons not to possess, use, manufacture, control, sell or transfer firearms, for restoration of firearm rights for offenses under prior laws of this Commonwealth, for licenses and for Pennsylvania State Police. Persons not to possess, use, manufacture, control, sell or transfer firearms include a person who has been ordered to undergo involuntary mental health treatment on an outpatient basis under the Mental Health Procedures Act. Such a person may petition the court to review the sufficiency of the evidence upon which the order was based. Effective in 60 days.

Companions:

[HCO 94](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History:

02-04-19 H Filed
02-05-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary

Amends Admin. Code re Drug & Alcohol Placement

(PN 370) 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 Department of Drug and Alcohol programs has the power and duty to utilize criteria developed or adapted by the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs to meet the needs, service requirements and regulatory structure of the commonwealth to guide decisions governing the type, level and length of care, including hospital detoxification, for all patients receiving drug and alcohol addiction treatment through federal or state funding. Effective in 60 days.

Companions:

[HCO 885](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History:

06-25-19 H Reported as committed from House Human Services

 HB 386

DiGirolamo, Gen

 [HB 390](#)

[Miller, Daniel](#)

06-25-19 H First consideration
06-25-19 H Rereferred to House Rules

Amends Public School Code re social workers

(PN 374) Amends the Public School Code, in professional employees, further providing for definitions and providing for school social workers. The bill establishes that a school entity that employs a school social worker must employ an individual who holds an educational specialist certificate for school social worker issued by the Department of Education. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HB 2512](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)
[HCO 117](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 02-05-19 H Filed
02-06-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Education
03-25-19 H Press conference held

 [HB 391](#)

[Miller, Daniel](#)

Amends Health Care Facilities Act re bed reg.

(PN 375) 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 Internet web-based 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, effective immediately. The remainder of the act effective 60 days after the publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

Companions: [HCO 652](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)
[SB 437](#) (Related)

Bill History: 02-05-19 H Filed
02-06-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Health

 [HB 405](#)

[Neilson, Ed](#)

Amends Minimum Wage Act re min. wage increase

(PN 381) Amends the Minimum Wage Act further providing for definitions and for minimum wages; providing for tipped employees; and further providing for exemptions. The bill establishes that every employer shall pay to each of his or her employees' wages for all hours worked at a rate of not less than \$9.50 an hour beginning 60 days after the effective date of this paragraph. After the increase in the minimum wage to \$9.50 an hour, minimum wage shall be increased by \$0.1875 every two months for a period of two years. After the two-year period, the minimum wage shall be increased by an annual cost-of-living adjustment calculated by the secretary using the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland area. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HB 1715](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)
[HCO 211](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 02-05-19 H Filed
02-06-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Labor and Industry

 [HB 424](#) [Heffley, Doyle](#)

Act re Warm Hand-Off for overdose survivors

(PN 635) The Warm Hand-Off to Treatment Act provides for the warm hand-off of overdose survivors to addiction treatment, for a comprehensive warm hand-off initiative; establishes the Warm Hand-Off Initiative Grant Program; provides for consents and for immunity; establishes the Overdose Recovery Task Force; and provides for overdose stabilization and warm hand-off centers, for rules and regulations and for annual reports. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HCO 523](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 02-22-19 H Filed
03-01-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services
03-12-19 H Discussed during public hearing, House Human Services -- House Human Services

 [HB 426](#) [Benninghoff, Ke](#)

Amends Human Services Code re TANF program

(PN 413) Amends the Human Services Code eliminating extended Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefits beyond a five year time span. Establishes a cumulative 48-month lifetime limit of assistance. Also provides for exemptions. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HB 1788](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)
[HCO 831](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 02-06-19 H Filed
02-11-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Health

 [HB 430](#) Benninghoff, Ke

Amends Regulatory Review Act re process

(PN 417) Amends the Regulatory Review Act further providing for procedures for subsequent review of disapproved final-form or final-omitted regulations. Agencies are prohibited from reissuing the same regulation in the future, or promulgating a regulation that is substantially similar, unless the new or revised regulation is specifically authorized by a law enacted after the date the concurrent resolution is approved or deemed to be approved by the Governor or after the date when the General Assembly overrides the Governor's veto of the concurrent resolution. Further, a committee may report a concurrent resolution to initiate the repeal of any regulation currently in effect, provided that the committee conducts a public hearing on the matter prior to reporting the concurrent resolution. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HCO 935](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 04-30-19 Third consideration 3:56pm
04-30-19 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:105/N:90)
05-03-19 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Inter-Governmental Operations

 [HB 439](#) Nesbit, Tedd

Amends Election Code re absentee ballots

(PN 425) Amends the Pennsylvania Election Code, in voting by qualified absentee electors, further providing for applications for official absentee ballots by removing the

requirement that certification of permanent disability for an absentee ballot must be renewed every four years in order to maintain eligibility. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HB 1765](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)
[SB 263](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)
[HCO 478](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)
[SB 345](#) (Related)

Bill History: 02-06-19 H Filed
02-11-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Government
06-04-19 H Discussed during informational meeting, House State Government -- House State Government

 [HB 462](#) Cruz, Angel

Amends Mental Health Procedures Act re review

(PN 447) Amends the Mental Health Procedures Act, in general provisions, further providing for mental health review officer. Establishes that the notification shall be transmitted by the judge, mental health review officer or county mental health and intellectual disabilities administrator between 72 hours and 96 hours after the adjudication, commitment or treatment of mental health. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HCO 614](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 02-07-19 H Filed
02-11-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary

 [HB 469](#) DeLuca, Anthony

Amends Insurance Company Law re health benefit

(PN 454) Amends the Insurance Company Law adding a new section providing for coverage for essential health benefits. Requires a health insurance policy offered, issued, or renewed in Pennsylvania to include coverage for essential health benefits. Provides for a definition of "essential health benefits." Effective in 30 days.

Companions: [HCO 307](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)
[SB 51](#) (Related)

T HB 470

Frankel, Dan

Bill History:

02-08-19 H Filed
02-11-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance

Amends Insurance Company Law re limits

(PN 455) Amends the Insurance Company Law adding a new section providing a health insurance offered, issued, or renewed in Pennsylvania shall not establish a lifetime limit or annual limit of the dollar amount on essential health benefits for an individual. Provides a definition of "essential health benefits." Effective in 30 days.

Bill History:

02-08-19 H Filed
02-11-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance

Amends Insurance Company Law re preexisting

(PN 456) Amends the Insurance Company Law adding a new section providing a health insurer shall be prohibited from discriminating against a qualified group based on a preexisting medical condition. Provides a definition for "preexisting medical condition." Effective in 30 days.

Companions: [HCO 317](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History:

02-08-19 H Filed
02-11-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance

T HB 475

Hahn, Marcia

Amends the Controlled Substance Act

(PN 463) Amends the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act offering immunity for persons involved in caring for a person experiencing a drug overdose. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HB 1871](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)
[HB 137](#) (Related)
[HCO 550](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)
[SB 408](#) (Related)

Bill History:

02-08-19 H Filed
02-12-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary

T HB 491 Boback, Karen

Amends Unemployment Comp. Law re classes

(PN 479) Amends the Unemployment Compensation Law adding a new section requiring the Department of Labor and Industry to make reasonable accommodations upon request for all claimants with a disability who are eligible for compensation and referred to employment offices for reemployment services. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HB 2561](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)
[HCO 507](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 02-08-19 H Filed
02-12-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Labor and Industry

T HB 503 Everett, Garth

Amends Title 42 re victim protection

(PN 862) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), in depositions and witnesses, adding a subchapter providing for procedures to protect victims and witnesses with intellectual disabilities or autism. The intent of the bill is to provide procedures which will protect material witnesses or victims of crime with intellectual disabilities or autism during their involvement with the criminal justice system. The bill outlines when an out-of-court statement made by an individual with an intellectual disability or autism who is a victim or witness describing enumerated offenses would be admissible in evidence. Enumerated offenses include homicide, assault, kidnapping, human trafficking, sexual offenses, burglary, robbery, incest, and corruption of minors. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 491)

Companions: [HCO1069](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)
[SB 469](#) (Related)

Bill History: 04-09-19 Third consideration 2:36pm
04-09-19 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:186/N:11)
04-22-19 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Judiciary

T HB 507 Rothman, Greg

Amends Regulatory Review Act re regulations

(PN 636) Amends the Regulatory Review Act defining "economically significant regulation" and stipulating that each regulation submitted by an agency shall include a fiscal note prepared by the Office of the Budget. The Senate and the House shall review the final-form regulation at an informational hearing and provide the agency that submitted the regulation with an opportunity to provide testimony on the necessity for regulation to fulfill the intent of the authorizing statute. If the final-form regulation is not approved by a majority vote of the Senate and the House of Representatives, the regulation shall be deemed rejected and the agency shall be barred from promulgating the regulation. The General Assembly may adopt a concurrent resolution abrogating a regulation. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HCO1013](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 02-11-19 H Filed
03-01-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Resources and Energy

 [HB 519](#) [Ortitay, Jason](#)

Amends Tax Reform Code re hiring program

(PN 513) Amends the Tax Reform Code, in tax credit eligibility, defining "hiring program for disabled individuals" and providing for employment and advancement of qualified individuals with a disability. Except as provided, before a tax credit may be awarded to a qualified taxpayer, the department shall make a finding that the qualified taxpayer has implemented or is in the process of implementing a hiring program for disabled individuals. The Department of Community and Economic Development, in conjunction with the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation of the Department of Labor and Industry and the Department of Human Services, shall establish guidelines for a hiring program for disabled individuals. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HB 2491](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)
[HCO 338](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

 HB 552

Dowling, Matthe

Bill History: 02-13-19 H Filed
02-19-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Finance

Amends Human Services Code re work requirement

(PN 551) Amends the Human Services Code, in public assistance, providing for work requirements. The bill establishes that no later than March 1 of each year, the secretary shall apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services of the United States Department of Health and Human Services for a demonstration program for instituting a work requirement for a medical assistance enrollee who is not exempt. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HCO 45](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 02-19-19 H Filed
02-20-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Health

 HB 590

Miller, Daniel

Amends Public School Code re health classes

(PN 597) 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.

Companions: [HCO 41](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)
[SB 571](#) (Related)

Bill History: 02-22-19 H Filed
02-28-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Education

 HB 596

Heffley, Doyle

Act re Bed Registry

(PN 642) The Detoxification and Addiction Treatment Bed Registry Act establishes a detoxification and addiction treatment bed registry. The Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs shall develop and administer an internet-based detoxification and addiction treatment bed registry to collect, aggregate and display information about available beds at a licensed provider's facility for the treatment of individuals in

need of detoxification and addiction treatment. The bill provides for contents of and participation in the registry. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HCO1076](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 06-11-19 Third consideration 2:52pm
06-11-19 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:200/N: 0)
06-14-19 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Health and Human Services

 [HB 597](#) DeLuca, Anthony

Amends Institutions of Purely Public Charity

(PN 643) Amends the Institutions of Purely Public Charity Act further providing for definitions and stating that institutions may not enter into a restrictive covenant not to compete, and the institution cannot attempt to enforce a restrictive covenant not to compete. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HCO1037](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 02-22-19 H Filed
03-01-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Finance

 [HB 636](#) DeLuca, Anthony

Amends Public School Code re drug screening

(PN 650) Amends the Public School Code, in preliminary provisions, providing for testing for controlled substances for prospective employees of public and private schools, intermediate units and area vocational-technical schools, including independent contractors and their employes, except as provided. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HCO 683](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 02-27-19 H Filed
03-01-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Education

 [HB 658](#) Murt, Thomas

Amends Mental Health Procedures Act re exam

(PN 671) Amends the Mental Health Procedures Act, in involuntary examination and treatment, further providing for persons who may be subject to involuntary emergency examination and treatment. The

bill removes the "within 30 days" qualifier for the potential for serious bodily harm. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HB 449](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)
[HCO 501](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 02-28-19 H Filed
03-01-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary

 [HB 672](#) Ortitay, Jason

Amends Act re mental health age of consent

(PN 2004) Amends the act entitled "An act enabling certain minors to consent to medical, dental and health services, declaring consent unnecessary under certain circumstances," repealing provisions relating to mental health treatment and for release of medical records and adding new language providing for consent for voluntary inpatient and outpatient mental health treatment and for release of medical records. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 685, 1813)

Companions: [HCO1295](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 06-05-19 Third consideration 1:59pm
06-05-19 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:195/N: 0)
06-06-19 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Health and Human Services

 [HB 762](#) O'Neal, Tim

Act re regulatory compliance advisor

(PN 812) The State Agency Regulatory Compliance Officer Act designates an employee as an agency's regulatory compliance officer. The bill requires an annual report detailing the progress of the agency and regulatory compliance office towards upholding this act, and the number and type of regulated communities served. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HCO1245](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)
[SB 253](#) (Related)

Bill History: 04-30-19 Third consideration 2:00pm
04-30-19 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:102/N: 94)
05-03-19 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Inter-Governmental Operations

T HB 772

McClinton, Joan

Amends Title 42 re community-based sentencing

(PN 845) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary) adding a new section providing for alternative sentencing for primary caretakers. Requires the court, immediately after the conviction of an individual for a nonviolent offense, to determine if the person convicted is a primary caretaker of a dependent child. Further provides if the court determines that the person is a primary caretaker, the court shall impose an individually assessed sentence without confinement in a prison, work camp, halfway facility or similar institution and based on community rehabilitation. Also provides for conditions, appearance, modifications and definitions. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HB 1690](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)
[HCO1222](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 03-08-19 H Filed
03-11-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary

T HB 773

McClinton, Joan

Amends Title 23 re drug overdose reporting

(PN 846) Amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations), in child protective services, further providing for notification to department and development of plan of safe care for children under one year of age. The bill establishes that a health care provider or first responder organization shall immediately make a report or cause a report to be made to the appropriate county agency if the health care provider or first responder renders emergency medical service, including the administration of Naloxone, for a heroin or an opioid overdose or an overdose resulting from the use of another illegal substance by a parent of a child under 18 years of age or by any other individual residing in the parent's household. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HCO1106](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)
[SB 368](#) (Related)

Bill History: 03-08-19 H Filed
03-11-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Children and Youth

T HB 790 Saylor, Stanley

Act re budget bill

(PN 2215) The General Appropriation Act of 2019 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, 2019, to June 30, 2020, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019; provides appropriations from special funds and accounts to the Executive and Judicial Departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019; and providing for the appropriation of federal funds to the Executive and Judicial Departments for the fiscal year July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. Effective July 1, 2019, or immediately, whichever is later. (Prior Printer Number: 870)

Bill History: 07-07-19 G Last day for Governor's action
06-28-19 G Approved by the Governor (Act: 1A)
06-28-19 G Earliest effective date

T HB 806 Keefer, Dawn

Amends Regulatory Review Act re procedures

(PN 899) Amends the Regulatory Review Act, further providing for definitions, for proposed regulations and procedures for review and for final-form regulations and final-omitted regulations and procedures for review; providing for regulations deemed withdrawn; further providing for procedures for subsequent review of disapproved final-form or final-omitted regulations by the commission; and providing for concurrent resolution required for economically significant regulations. The bill establishes that an agency shall submit to the commission and the committees a copy of

the proposed regulation and a regulatory analysis form which includes the following: in the case of a citation of state statutory authority, the citation must be to a provision of the statute that explicitly states that the agency may promulgate regulations for the specific purpose cited in the statement of need for the regulation; and the estimates shall be prepared by the Independent Fiscal Office and submitted to the agency for inclusion in the regulatory analysis form and shall include an estimate of the annual costs to be used to determine whether the regulation is an economically significant regulation. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HCO 240](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 04-30-19 H House Stephens/Cutler motion to reconsider vote by which HB 806 passed ([Vote Y: 109/N: 86](#))
04-30-19 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:103/N: 91)
05-03-19 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Inter-Governmental Operations

 [HB 833](#)

[Owlett, Clint](#)

Amends Human Services Code re medical support

(PN 1492) Amends the Human Services Code, in public assistance, requiring all applicants and recipients to, as a condition of eligibility, cooperate with the department in securing medical support from the noncustodial parent of any child for whom medical assistance is sought or provided in all cases in which support is being sought for the child, unless the custodial parent is a victim of domestic violence perpetrated by the noncustodial parent or the application endangers the child. The department may not accept a private agreement that results in the child foregoing medical support which would otherwise be available to the child. Provides the pursuit of medical support from the noncustodial parent harms either the child or the custodial parent's well-being as documented pursuant to regulations promulgated by the department. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 933, 1332)

Companions: [HB 114](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)
[HCO 368](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 04-17-19 Second consideration 1:32pm
04-17-19 H Over in House
04-17-19 H Rereferred to House Appropriations

 [HB 835](#)

[Petrarca, Josep](#)

Amends Title 23 re State of the Child

(PN 1499) Amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations), in child protective services, providing for investigation of reports by adding that subject to the confidentiality requirements of section 6339 (relating to confidentiality of reports), the county agency shall have access to and shall review each record requested relating to the child, including medical records, records of drug and alcohol treatment and school records pursuant to the cooperation required under sections 6340.1 (relating to exchange of information) and 6346 (relating to cooperation of other agencies). Neither the consent of the parents nor any other release shall be required to provide the records requested by the county agency.

Companions: [HCO1251](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 06-04-19 H Removed from the table
06-04-19 H Laid on the table
09-17-19 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

 [HB 836](#)

[Murt, Thomas](#)

Amends Title 40 re parity coverage

(PN 936) Amends Title 40 (Insurance), providing for special provisions relating to particular classes of risk that involve mental health and addiction; and making related repeals regarding Act 284 of 1921. The bill establishes that a health insurance policy shall provide coverage for mental illness and alcohol or other drug abuse and dependency that meets, at a minimum, all of the following standards: coverage for mental illness and alcohol or other drug abuse and dependency shall include at least 30 inpatient and 60 outpatient days annually; a person covered under the policy shall be able to convert coverage of inpatient days to outpatient days on a one-for-two basis; there shall be no difference in either the

annual or lifetime dollar limits in coverage for mental illness and alcohol or other drug abuse and dependency and any other illness; there shall be no difference in cost-sharing arrangements, including, but not limited to, deductibles and copayments for coverage of mental illness and alcohol or other drug abuse and dependency and for coverage of any other illness; and a health insurance policy may not impose an NQTL with respect to a mental illness and alcohol or other drug abuse and dependency in any classification of benefits unless, under the terms of the policy as written and in operation, any process, strategy, evidentiary standard or other factor. Effective immediately.

Companions: [HCO1279](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 03-13-19 H Filed
03-14-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance

[T](#) [HB 848](#)

[Walsh, Justin](#)

Amends Human Services Code re allotments

(PN 948) Amends the Human Services Code providing that public assistance that is not used within six months of receipt by the eligible individual or family shall be forfeited. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HB 1618](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)
[HCO1133](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 03-13-19 H Filed
03-14-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Health

[T](#) [HB 872](#)

[Day, Gary](#)

Act re Telemedicine Law

(PN 1200) Establishes the Telemedicine Act authorizing the regulation of telemedicine by professional licensing boards and providing for insurance coverage for telemedicine. Insurance coverage of telemedicine shall be effective upon publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. Medicaid program reimbursement shall be effective in 90 days. The remainder of this act is effective immediately.

Companions: [HB 15](#) (Related)
[HCO 144](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

 [HB 893](#)

[Schlossberg, Mi](#)

Bill History: 03-15-19 H Filed
04-05-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance

Amends Tax Reform Code re aging in place

(PN 1016) Amends the Tax Reform Code providing for caregiver tax credit. The bill establishes that for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, a credit shall be allowed against a taxpayer's aggregate tax liability for taxpayers with an adjusted gross income of less than \$40,000. The amount of the credit shall equal 50 percent of the Federal dependent care credit that the taxpayer is eligible for in the taxable year. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HB 495](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)
[HCO1385](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 03-15-19 H Filed
03-20-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Finance

 [HB 939](#)

[McClinton, Joan](#)

Amends Title 42 re solitary confinement

(PN 1070) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary), in juvenile matters, adding language providing a staff member from the Bureau of Juvenile Justice Service of the Department of Human Services, the Bureau of Human Services Licensing of the Department of Human Services, a facility operated primarily for the detention of children or any other secure facility may not subject a juvenile to room confinement for the purpose of discipline, punishment, retaliation, coercion or any other reason as result of an adjudication of delinquency or disposition of the juvenile or detention of the juvenile prior to the adjudication of delinquency or disposition of the juvenile. Provides this prohibition shall not apply if room confinement is used as a temporary response to the juvenile's behavior which poses a serious and immediate risk of physical harm to the juvenile or any other individual. Also provides for techniques, explanation, confinement period, and transfers. Prohibits a juvenile from being subject to consecutive

periods of room confinement. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HB 1698](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)
[HCO 802](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 03-21-19 H Filed
03-25-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary

[T](#) [HB 941](#) [Heffley, Doyle](#)

Amends Human Services Code re PBM pricing

(PN 1748) Amends the Human Services Code, in public assistance, providing for financial disclosures for pharmacy services. The legislation provides for transparency in pharmacy benefit manager pricing in Medicaid and addresses inadequate reimbursement rates for pharmacies. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HCO1711](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 06-11-19 H Reported as committed from House Health
06-11-19 H First consideration
06-11-19 H Rereferred to House Rules

[T](#) [HB 945](#) [Barrar, Stephen](#)

Amends Human Services Code re PBM

(PN 2167) Amends the Human Services Code, in public assistance, adding a section requiring the Department of Human Services to prevent a medical assistance managed care organization from entering into any contract for pharmacy services with a pharmacy benefits manager under certain circumstances as provided in the legislation. Further provides for definitions. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HCO2031](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)
[SB 789](#) (Related)

Bill History: 06-17-19 H Filed
06-18-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Health

[T](#) [HB 967](#) [Cutler, Bryan](#)

Amends Title 35 re PHC4

(PN 1098) Amends Title 35 (Health and Safety) reauthorizing the Health Care Cost Containment Council. Provides for duties and

responsibilities of the council. Effective immediately.

Companions: [HCO1309](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 03-26-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Health
06-04-19 H Meeting set for 9:30 a.m., Room G-50, Irvis Office Building, House Health -
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06-04-19 H Passed over in committee House Health

[T](#) [HB 986](#) [Hershey, Johnat](#)

Amends Human Services Code re transportation

(PN 1148) Amends the Human Services Code, in public assistance, further providing for nonemergency medical transportation services. The legislation provides that the Joint State Government Commission shall conduct a study on the positive and negative impacts to each county utilizing a statewide or regional full-risk brokerage model. Effective immediately.

Companions: [HCO 960](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)
[SB 390](#) (Related)

Bill History: 03-26-19 H Filed
04-02-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Health
04-09-19 H Press conference held

[T](#) [HB 995](#) [Lewis, Andrew \(](#)

Amends Title 71 re Fighting Chance Act

(PN 1202) Amends Title 71 (State Government), providing for regulatory review and for regulatory reduction pilot program; and making an editorial change. The legislation is intended to reduce barriers for small business owners, workers and returning residents who want to enter the workforce in an occupation requiring a license. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HCO 975](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 03-27-19 H Filed
04-05-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Government

[T](#) [HB 1005](#) [Cox, Jim](#)

Amends ABC-MAP Act re narcan & naloxone

(PN 2238) Amends the Achieving Better Care by Monitoring All Prescriptions Program (ABC-MAP) Act further providing for purpose, for definitions, for powers and duties of board, for establishment of program and for requirements for dispensers and pharmacies; providing for requirements for first responders, single county authorities, hospital emergency departments, coroners, and medical examiners; and further providing for access to prescription and drug-related overdose event information. The bill adds opioid overdose agents to the scope of the act, among other items. Effective in 180 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1341, 2022)

Companions: [HB 1002](#) (Related)
[HCO1391](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 06-24-19 H 1 Floor amendment(s) adopted
06-24-19 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:110/N:89)
07-08-19 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Health and Human Services

 [HB 1022](#) [Kortz, Bill](#)

Amends Title 23 re rights of parents

(PN 1171) Amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations), in child protective services, further providing for exclusions from child abuse. The bill establishes that a parent may permit a child of sufficient age and maturity to avoid harm or unreasonable risk of harm to engage in independent activities, including the following: traveling to and from school, including by walking, running or bicycling; traveling to and from nearby commercial or recreational facilities; engaging in outdoor play; remaining in a vehicle unattended; remaining at home unattended; or engaging in a similar independent activity. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HB 2450](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)
[HCO 376](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 03-28-19 H Filed
04-02-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Children and Youth

 [HB 1024](#) [Rader, Jack](#)

Amends Admin. Code re addiction treatment

(PN 2018) 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. (Prior Printer Number: 1173)

Companions: [HB 1052](#) (Related)
[HCO2002](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)
[SB 722](#) (Related)

Bill History: 06-05-19 Second consideration 1:43pm
06-05-19 H Over in House
06-05-19 H Rereferred to House Appropriations


 [HB 1051](#) Stephens, Todd

Amends Title 23 re reporting child abuse

(PN 1457) Amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations), in child protective services, further providing for penalties for failure to report suspected child abuse by mandated reporters. Increases the offense of willfully failing to report suspected child abuse by a mandate reporter when it is a "continuing course of action" from a misdemeanor of the first degree to a felony of the third degree. Further provides if the child abuse constitutes a felony of the first degree or higher, the person commits a felony of the second degree. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1214)

Companions: [HB 2641](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)
[HCO1086](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)
[SB 683](#) (Related)

Bill History: 04-17-19 Third consideration 1:38pm
04-17-19 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:168/N:22)
04-30-19 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Aging and Youth

 [HB 1052](#) Nelson, Eric

Amends Admin. Code re addition treatment

(PN 2019) Amends the Administrative Code, in powers and duties of the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, establishing that the department has the power and duty to

require treatment facilities to notify an emergency contact designated by a patient if the patient leaves a treatment facility against medical advice, provided that the patient has not revoked consent to notify the emergency contact. Notification must occur immediately and in no event later than 12 hours of a patient leaving against medical advice. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1215)

Companions: [HB 1024](#) (Related)
[HCO1170](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)
[SB 722](#) (Related)

Bill History: 06-05-19 Second consideration 1:47pm
06-05-19 H Over in House
06-05-19 H Rereferred to House
Appropriations

[T](#) [HB 1055](#) Klunk, Kate

Amends Regulatory Review Act re Repealer

(PN 1407) Amends the Regulatory Review Act adding language establishing the Independent Office of the Repealer within the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) and providing for its powers and duties. Requires a state agency that promulgates a new regulation to identify at least two existing regulations for repeal. Also establishes the Selection and Organization Committee in the office. Provides the committee shall consist of one member appointed by the governor, one member appointed by the Senate President Pro Tempore in consultation with the Senate Majority and Minority Leaders, and one member appointed by the Speaker of the House in consultation with the House Majority and Minority Leaders. Further provides for the selection of a director of the office by the committee. The office expires June 30, 2025. Effective immediately.

Companions: [HCO1345](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)
[SB 251](#) (Related)

Bill History: 04-30-19 Laid out for discussion 2:11pm
04-30-19 Third consideration 2:12pm
04-30-19 H Defeated on final passage ([Vote Y: 100/N: 97](#))

[T](#) [HB 1090](#) Ortitay, Jason

Amends Fiscal Code re budget implementation

(PN 1261) Amends the Fiscal Code, in general budget implementation, further providing for applicability and for definitions and abbreviations; adding preliminary provisions relating to appropriation acts and special provisions for Federal funds and certain miscellaneous provisions relating to appropriations and appropriation acts; and further providing for Department of Human Services, for Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, for courts of common pleas and for community courts and magisterial district judges. Effective July 1, 2019, or immediately, whichever is later.

Bill History: 04-05-19 H Filed
04-08-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

 **HB 1204** DeLuca, Anthony

Amends Health Care Facilities Act re need

(PN 1416) Amends the Health Care Facilities Act adding language reinstating the Certificate of Need program. Effective in 90 days.

Companions: [HCO1433](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 04-11-19 H Filed
04-15-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Health

 **HB 1211** Frankel, Dan

Amends Health Care Facilities Act re access

(PN 1429) Amends the Health Care Facilities Act adding language requiring hospitals operating as part of an integrated delivery network to contract with any health insurer carrier that is willing to enter into a contract. Prohibits those hospitals when contracting with insurers from using contractual provisions and engaging in business practices that impede the availability of quality health care and restrict access to facilities for services. If a mutually agreeable contract cannot be reached, a contract shall be imposed on the parties through mandatory binding arbitration. Further provides for definitions, methodology records, survey, survey expenses, and confidentiality. Effective in 90 days.

Companions: [HCO1434](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 04-11-19 H Filed
04-15-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance
05-14-19 H Press conference held

 [HB 1213](#) Frankel, Dan

Act re fair access to hospital care

(PN 1430) The Patient Access and Consumer Choice Act provides a hospital-owned physician practice that is part of an integrated delivery network shall assure accountability and accessibility of adequate health care services to members of a health insurance carrier which allows access to quality care and continuity of health care services. The practice shall enter into a provider contract with any health insurance carrier that is willing to enter into a contract. If a mutually agreeable contract cannot be reached, a contract shall be imposed on the parties through mandatory binding arbitration. Prohibits a hospital-owned practice from placing restrictive covenants on its employment contracts that restrain any individual from engaging in the individual's lawful profession or limiting or restricting a consumer's access to continuity of care solely on the basis of the consumer's health insurance carrier. Requires the Insurance Department to ensure compliance with the act and to promulgate regulations. Further provides for definitions, effect of failure to maintain or enter into a mutually agreeable provider contract, terms of default provider agreement, payment under the default provider agreement, confidentiality, and civil penalties. Effective in 90 days.

Companions: [HCO1434](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 04-11-19 H Filed
04-15-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance
05-14-19 H Press conference held

 [HB 1215](#) Kim, Patty

Amends Minimum Wage Act re increase in wage

(PN 1086) Amends the Minimum Wage Act further providing for definitions and for minimum wages; providing for gratuities;

further providing for enforcement and rules and regulations, for penalties and for civil actions; repealing provisions relating to preemption; and providing for taxpayer savings and reinvestment. The bill increases the minimum wage incrementally to \$15/hour in 2025, to be adjusted for inflation thereafter. The bill also provides for tips and tipped wages. Further, the Secretary of Human Services shall publish savings, which shall be used to provide increases to childcare providers, direct-care workers and for home and community-based services. Effective immediately.

Companions: [HCO 979](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)
[SB 12](#) (Related)

Bill History: 03-22-19 H Filed
03-21-19 H Press conference held
03-25-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Labor and Industry

 [HB 1218](#) [McClinton, Joan](#)

Amends Title 18 re substance abuse

(PN 1424) Amends Title 18 (Crimes & Offenses), in other offenses, further providing for Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction Fund. The bill establishes that a mandatory cost of \$150, which shall be in addition to any other costs imposed pursuant to statutory authority, shall automatically be assessed on any individual convicted or adjudicated delinquent or any individual who pleads guilty or nolo contendere for a violation of certain crimes. Effective immediately.

Companions: [HCO1514](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 04-12-19 H Filed
04-15-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary

 [HB 1271](#) [Mihalek, Natali](#)

Act re parenting and depression

(PN 1479) The Prenatal and Postpartum Counseling and Screening Act requires a hospital, birthing center, physician, nurse-midwife or midwife to provide information relating to parenting and prenatal depression, postpartum depression, postpartum psychosis and other emotional

trauma counseling to a pregnant woman during gestation or at delivery of an infant. Further provides for the powers and duties of the Department of Health under this act. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [SB 370](#) (Related)

Bill History: 04-16-19 H Filed
04-17-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Children and Youth
05-07-19 H Corrective Reprint, Printer's No. 1741

[T](#) [HB 1276](#) [Hickernell, Dav](#)

Act re fostering independence waiver program

(PN 2057) The Fostering Independence Through Education Act provides a waiver program for youth who are or have been in substitute care. The legislation provides qualifications for student enrollment and requirements for the Department of Human Services and institutions of higher education to assist student involvement in the waiver program. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1484)

Companions: [HCO1666](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 06-10-19 H Reported as amended House Education
06-10-19 H First consideration
06-10-19 H Rereferred to House Rules

[T](#) [HB 1290](#) [Polinchock, Tod](#)

Amends Title 23 re child abuse reporting

(PN 1558) Amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations) adding language providing if a county agency investigates a report of suspected child abuse and learns that the subject of the report is a person serving the armed services of the United States, the agency is required to immediately give notice to the Family Advocacy Program at the U.S. Department of Defense by contacting the program's representative for Pennsylvania or the subject's military installation. Further provides for the specific information to be included in the notice to the service member's duty station or the advocacy program. Effective immediately.

Companions: [HCO1604](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

T HB 1307 Murt, Thomas

Bill History: 04-17-19 H Filed
04-25-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Children and Youth

Act re loan forgiveness for mental health jobs

(PN 1527) The Intellectual Disability Staff Member and Alcohol and Drug Addiction Counselor Loan Forgiveness Program Act provides loan relief for residents who graduated with either a two-year, four-year or graduate-level degree and are hired as a full-time staff member by a county mental health or intellectual disability service agency. The legislation indicates other qualifications for loan forgiveness, along with the components of loan forgiveness. The legislation states that an annual report of the program must be provided, and that funding for the loan forgiveness would be appropriated by the General Assembly. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HCO1619](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)
[SB 706](#) (Related)

Bill History: 04-22-19 H Filed
04-25-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services

T HB 1310 Murt, Thomas

Amends Human Services Code re cognitive rehab

(PN 1530) Amends the Human Services Code, in public assistance, providing Medicaid payments to providers of cognitive rehabilitation therapy. Effective immediately.

Companions: [HCO1612](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 04-22-19 H Filed
04-25-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Health

T HB 1349 White, Martina

Amends Mental Health Procedures Act

(PN 1643) Amends the Mental Health Procedures Act providing for persons who may be subject to involuntary examination and treatment by establishing that a drug overdose represents a clear and present danger. Specifically provides that a person is considered severely mentally disabled as a

result of a substance use disorder which caused a drug overdose event. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HCO1639](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 06-11-19 H Voted from committee with request to re-refer to House Human, House Judiciary Services -- House Judiciary
06-11-19 H Reported with request to re-refer to House Human Services, House Judiciary Committee -- House Judiciary
06-11-19 H Rereferred to House Human Services

 [HB 1358](#) Benninghoff, Ke

Amends Admin. Code re MAT for addiction

(PN 1652) Amends The Administrative Code, in powers and duties of the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, requiring the department to promulgate rules and regulations for medication-assisted treatment. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HCO1194](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 04-29-19 H Filed
05-01-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services

 [HB 1363](#) Murt, Thomas

Act re intellectual disabilities or autism

(PN 1715) The Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Bill of Rights Act establishes rights for individuals with intellectual disabilities or autism. The legislation requires the Department of Human Services to develop and submit a plan to address the waiting list for community-based services for individuals with disabilities or autism with requirements to conduct public hearings and obtain public comment for stakeholders. The legislation indicates the department shall provide a report regarding individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism which will be posted publicly. Effective immediately.

Companions: [HCO1614](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 04-29-19 H Filed
05-06-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services

T HB 1398 Ravenstahl, Ada

Amends Title 75 re fines for littering

(PN 1720) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in miscellaneous provisions relating to the operation of vehicles, increasing fines for violations of depositing waste and other material on highway property or waters. The legislation provides that five percent of the amount allocated for statewide public education and awareness programs to promote litter control and recycling and awareness shall be used for signage to be placed along Pennsylvania roadways that notifies the public of littering fines. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HCO1564](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 04-29-19 H Filed
05-06-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

T HB 1401 Miller, Daniel

Amends Public School Code re support services

(PN 1767) Amends the Public School Code, in intermediate units, repealing provisions relating to psychological services; in professional employees, providing for school social workers; and, in school health services, further providing for health services and providing for school counselors, school psychologists and school social workers. The bill establishes that a school entity that employs a school social worker must require the individual to hold an educational specialist certificate for school social worker issued by the Department of Education, except when the individual meets the exception for a school social worker as set forth in Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors Act; or holds a either a social worker license issued by the Department of State or another certificate issued by the Department of Education prior to the development of an educational specialist certificate for school social worker by the Department of Education. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [SB 997](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)
[HCO1966](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)
[SB 650](#) (Related)

Bill History: 05-08-19 H Filed
05-08-19 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Education

[T](#) [HB 1418](#) [Hill-Evans, Car](#)

Act re Integrated Student Supports

(PN 2133) 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 provides the Department of Education the ability to distribute grants to public school entities. Effective immediately.

Companions: [HCO1482](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 06-13-19 H Filed
06-14-19 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Education

[T](#) [HB 1438](#) [Kaufer, Aaron](#)

Amends Title 40 re treatment

(PN 1776) Amends Title 40 (Insurance), in regulation of insurers and related persons generally, adding a chapter providing for mental health parity and addiction treatment. Requires insurers to provide a report containing certain delineated information to the department annually. Also requires the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, working in consultation with the department, to review the annual report to determine general compliance by insurers. A report of its findings shall then be created and promulgated to various entities. Effective immediately.

Companions: [HCO1521](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 05-07-19 H Filed
05-08-19 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Insurance

[T](#) [HB 1439](#) [Kaufer, Aaron](#)

Amends title 40 re reporting by insurers

(PN 1777) Amends Title 40 (Insurance), in regulation of insurers and related persons generally, adding a chapter providing that no later than January 1 of each year, an insurer that issues or administers a health insurance policy or health plan in the commonwealth, including a policy or plan in which mental health or substance use disorder benefits are managed by an entity other than the insurer, shall file with the department a written certification signed by an officer of the insurer under oath attesting certain compliance. Effective immediately.

Companions: [HCO1521](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 05-07-19 H Filed
05-08-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance

 [HB 1440](#) [Kaufer, Aaron](#)

Amends Title 40 re available coverage

(PN 1778) Amends Title 40 (Insurance), in regulation of insurers and related persons generally, adding a chapter requiring the complete and proper disclosure and transparency of addiction services covered by policies issued to policy holders. Effective immediately.

Companions: [HCO1521](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 05-07-19 H Filed
05-08-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance

 [HB 1442](#) [Mentzer, Steven](#)

Amends Human Services Code re assisted living

(PN 1791) Amends the Human Services Code, in departmental powers and duties as to licensing, providing for a prelicensure waiver of physical site for entities interested in assisted living residence licensure; in rules, providing that a living unit shall not be required to have a bathtub or shower in the bathroom, but an assisted living residence shall maintain adequate bathing facilities to accommodate all residents with at least one bathtub or shower for every 10 residents which includes privacy; and in rules and regulations, removing requirements regarding insulin administration, intermittent

intravenous therapy, insertions, sterile irrigation and replacement of catheter, oxygen and inhalation therapy. Effective immediately.

Companions: [HCO1799](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 05-08-19 H Filed
05-13-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Aging and Older Adult Services

[T](#) [HB 1459](#) [Schlossberg, Mi](#)

Amends Titles 35 & 75 re emergency responders

(PN 1826) Amends Titles 35 (Health and Safety) and 75 (Vehicles), in Title 35, adding a chapter providing for emergency responder mental wellness and stress management; establishing the Statewide Critical Incident Stress Management Program; providing for duties of the Secretary of Health and the Department of Health; in emergency medical services system, further providing for support of emergency medical services; in operation of vehicles general provisions, further providing for EMS costs; and, in driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs, further providing for Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HCO2035](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 05-13-19 H Filed
05-14-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Prepared.

[T](#) [HB 1500](#) [Miller, Daniel](#)

Amends Public School Code re school counselors

(PN 1888) Amends the Public School Code, in intermediate units, requiring that a school entity that employs a school social worker must require the individual employed in the position to hold an educational specialist certificate for school social workers issued by the Department of Education. Also provides that when a student who enrolls in a school entity previously attended a different school entity within this commonwealth, the school entity in which the student is newly enrolled

shall request, and the school entity the student previously attended shall surrender, the student's comprehensive health record maintained under the section, and lays out exceptions. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HCO2096](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 05-20-19 H Filed
05-23-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Education

[T](#) [HB 1548](#) [Miller, Daniel](#)

Amends Title 71 re hiring & promotion

(PN 1964) Amends Title 71 (State Government), in civil service reform, adding a new chapter with the stated purpose of establishing an excepted service hiring and promotion authority that 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 within the commonwealth's workforce. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HCO2102](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 05-31-19 H Filed
06-03-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Labor and Industry

[T](#) [HB 1551](#) [Dawkins, Jason](#)

Amends Title 18 re mental health evaluations

(PN 1967) Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) adding a new chapter requiring law enforcement officers to undergo a mental health evaluation for post-traumatic stress disorder by a licensed mental health professional on a biennial basis and within 30 days of an incident of the use of lethal force during the course of law enforcement duties. Further provides for treatment and desk duty. Effective in two years.

Companions: [HCO 955](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 05-31-19 H Filed
06-03-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary

[T](#) [HB 1622](#) [Thomas, Wendi \(](#)

Amends Public School Code re mental health

(PN 2115) 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.

Companions: [HCO1997](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 06-12-19 H Filed
06-12-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Education

 [HB 1633](#) [Boback, Karen](#)

Amends Title 23 re contact with children

(PN 2185) Amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations), in child protective services, expanding applicability regarding employees having contact with children and adoptive and foster parents to include administrative and other support personnel, regardless of whether the administrative or other support personnel have direct contact with children. The bill also provides for restrictions on contacting minors employed through programs, activities or services. Some provisions of this act shall take effect December 31, 2019; the remainder of the act shall take effect September 30, 2019. (Prior Printer Number: 2139)

Bill History: 06-24-19 H Voted favorably from committee on House Rules
06-24-19 H Reported as committed from House Rules
09-17-19 H Set on the House Calendar

 [HB 1662](#) [DiGirolamo, Gen](#)

Amends Methadone Death & Incident Review Act

(PN 2207) Amends the Methadone Death and Incident Review Act, incorporating Buprenorphine-related deaths into the act, including in the title, short title, definitions, the Methadone Death and Incident Review Team, team duties, review procedures and confidentiality. The legislation also removes the term narcotic treatment and replaces it with opioids-assisted treatment throughout the act. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HCO1812](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

T HB 1669 Rabb, Christoph

Bill History: 06-25-19 H Reported as committed from House Human Services
06-25-19 H First consideration
06-25-19 H Rereferred to House Rules

Amends Human Services Code re facilities

(PN 2227) Amends the Human Services Code, in departmental powers and duties as to licensing, establishing that an authorized agent of the department shall enter and inspect a facility licensed by the state, and that if the facility is determined to be operating outside the scope of its license, the Department of Human Services shall revoke the facility's license to operate and be required to apply for the appropriate licensure. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HCO 822](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 06-21-19 H Filed
06-24-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services

T HB 1696 Murt, Thomas

Amends Insurance Company Law re mental health

(PN 2288) Amends the Insurance Company Law, in health insurance coverage parity and nondiscrimination, establishing that an insurer shall annually file required information to determine the insurer's compliance with the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HCO2166](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 06-27-19 H Filed
07-08-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance
07-09-19 H Introduced as a bill - see HCO2166

T HB 1704 Bernstine, Aaro

Amends Human Services Code re BHMCO

(PN 2296) Amends the Human Services Code, in medical assistance, establishing the Medical Assistance Deemed Eligibility Program for In-Patient Behavioral Health Services. The legislation enables patients in crisis to be deemed eligible for behavioral

health services, be automatically enrolled in a local behavioral health managed care organization, and receive these services immediately while their medical assistance application is being reviewed. This legislation also provides that the department shall make a determination on medical assistance eligibility within 60 days of the submission of an application. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HCO2267](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 07-01-19 H Filed
07-08-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services

[T](#) [HB 1709](#) [Kenyatta, Malco](#) Amends Human Services Code re emergency relief

Bill History: 07-09-19 H Filed

[T](#) [HB 1722](#) [Neilson, Ed](#) Amends Title 35 re opioid prescriptions

Bill History: 07-15-19 H Filed

[T](#) [HR 74](#) [Cruz, Angel](#) Concurrent Resolution re cognitive disability

(PN 392) Concurrent Resolution declaring that the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is committed to equal rights for individuals with cognitive disabilities to technology and information access and calling for implementation of these rights with deliberate speed.

Companions: [HR 760](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)
[HCO 583](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 06-05-19 H Laid on the table
06-05-19 H Removed from the table
09-17-19 H Set on the House Calendar

[T](#) [HR 121](#) [Marshall, Jim](#) Resolution re World Down Syndrome Day

(PN 742) Resolution recognizing March 21, 2019, as "World Down Syndrome Day" in Pennsylvania.

Companions: [HCO 801](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 03-06-19 H Introduced as noncontroversial resolution
03-20-19 H Adopted (Vote: Y:194/N: 0)
03-20-19 H Press conference held

[T](#) [HR 143](#) [Kinsey, Stephen](#) Resolution re Disabilities Awareness Month

(PN 863) Resolution designating the month of March 2019 as "Disabilities Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Companions: [HCO1357](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 03-11-19 H Filed
03-12-19 H Introduced as noncontroversial resolution
03-20-19 H Adopted (Vote: Y:194/N: 0)

[T](#) [HR 166](#) [Benninghoff, Ke](#)

Resolution re Professional Counselor Awareness

(PN 1011) Resolution designating the month of April 2019 as "Professional Counselor Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Companions: [HCO1381](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 03-19-19 H Filed
03-20-19 H Introduced as noncontroversial resolution
04-09-19 H Adopted (Vote: Y:199/N: 0)

[T](#) [HR 185](#) [Boback, Karen](#)

Resolution re Child Abuse Prevention Month

(PN 1137) Resolution designating the month of April 2019 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Pennsylvania.

Companions: [HCO1316](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)
[SR 93](#) (Related)

Bill History: 03-28-19 H Filed
04-02-19 H Introduced as noncontroversial resolution
04-15-19 H Adopted (Vote: Y:198/N: 0)

[T](#) [HR 275](#) [Webster, Joseph](#)

Resolution re Children's Mental Health

(PN 1585) Resolution designating the week of April 29 through May 6, 2019, as "Children's Mental Health Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

Companions: [HCO1861](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 04-29-19 H Filed
04-29-19 H Introduced as noncontroversial resolution
05-13-19 H Adopted (Vote: Y:198/N: 0)

<p>T HR 310</p>	<p>Bullock, Donna</p>	<p>Resolution re Mental Health Awareness</p>
		<p>(PN 1704) Resolution designating the month of May 2019 as "Mental Health Awareness in the Black Community Month" in Pennsylvania.</p>
	<p><i>Companions:</i></p>	<p>HCO1690 (Co-sponsor Memo)</p>
	<p><i>Bill History:</i></p>	<p>05-03-19 H Filed 05-06-19 H Introduced as noncontroversial resolution 05-15-19 H Adopted (Vote: Y:194/N: 0)</p>
<p>T HR 320</p>	<p>Kenyatta, Malco</p>	<p>Resolution re child abuse</p>
		<p>(PN 1761) Resolution urging the Department of Human Services to investigate child abuse in all child residential and day treatment facilities in this Commonwealth and make policy recommendations regarding the decades of abuse uncovered at the Glen Mills Schools.</p>
	<p><i>Companions:</i></p>	<p>HCO1577 (Co-sponsor Memo)</p>
	<p><i>Bill History:</i></p>	<p>05-07-19 H Filed 05-08-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Children and Youth</p>
<p>T SB 5</p>	<p>DiSanto, John</p>	<p>Amends Regulatory Review Act re regulations</p>
		<p>(PN 121) Amends the Regulatory Review Act providing for regulatory reduction and for regulatory baseline and public availability. The bill requires that each proposed regulation shall include a regulatory replacement request as part of the regulatory analysis form. A regulatory replacement request shall include the following: (1) The regulatory requirements that are proposed to be repealed; (2) The number of regulatory requirements proposed to be repealed through the proposed regulation and regulatory replacement request; (3) The number of new regulatory requirements proposed to be promulgated through the proposed regulation and regulatory replacement request; and (4) The net number of new regulatory requirements proposed to be promulgated. Additionally, each state agency shall complete an internal review of all regulatory requirements within</p>

the purview of the agency and shall submit their findings to the Governor, both the Senate and the House of Representatives and the commission. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [SCO 112](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 02-01-19 S Filed
02-01-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Inter-Governmental Operations

[T](#) SB 12 Tartaglione, Ch

Amends Minimum Wage Act re minimum wages

(PN 475) Amends The Minimum Wage Act further providing for definitions and for minimum wages; providing for gratuities; further providing for enforcement and rules and regulations, for penalties and for civil actions; repealing provisions relating to preemption; and providing for savings and reinvestment. The bill establishes a minimum wage schedule in the amount of \$12.00 per hour effective July 1, 2019, \$12.50 per hour effective July 1, 2020, \$13.00 per hour effective July 1, 2021, \$13.50 per hour effective July 1, 2022, \$14.00 per hour effective July 1, 2023, \$14.50 per hour effective July 1, 2024, and \$15.00 per hour effective July 1, 2025, with each succeeding year thereafter increased by an annual cost-of-living adjustment calculated by the Consumer Price Index. Effective immediately.

Companions: [HB 1215](#) (Related)
[SCO 549](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 03-22-19 S Filed
03-22-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Labor and Industry

[T](#) SB 25 Bartolotta, Cam

Amends Professional Nursing Law re modernize

(PN 507) Amends the Professional Nursing Law, further providing for title, for definitions, for State Board of Nursing, for dietitian-nutritionist license required, for unauthorized practices and acts not prohibited, for temporary practice permit, for graduates of schools of other states, territories or Dominion of Canada, for

persons entitled to practice, for certified registered nurse practitioners and qualifications, for scope of practice for certified registered nurse practitioners, for prescriptive authority for certified registered nurse practitioners, for Drug Review Committee, for professional liability, for reporting of multiple licensure, for continuing nursing education, for punishment for violations, for refusal, suspension or revocation of license, for reinstatement of license and for injunction or other process; and providing for the expiration of the State Board of Nursing's power to license certified registered nurse practitioners. The bill adds advanced practice registered nurse-certified nurse practitioners to the act, which means a registered nurse licensed in this commonwealth to practice independently in a population focus area in which the registered nurse is certified by a board-recognized national certification program. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 334)

Companions: [SCO 119](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 06-12-19 Third consideration 1:43pm
06-12-19 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 44/N: 6)
06-14-19 H Received in the House and referred to House Professional Licensure

 SB 41

Schwank, Judy

Amends Title 35 re addiction treatment

(PN 18) Amends Title 35 Health and Safety providing for emergency addiction treatment; and imposing powers and duties on the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs. The bill establishes the Emergency Addiction Treatment Program in the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs to provide addiction treatment in licensed long-term residential addiction treatment facilities, including licensed halfway houses, for individuals who are unable to obtain timely or appropriate treatment, as determined by the department, and to establish such treatment facilities. The program shall be administered by the department. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [SCO 278](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

T SB 56

Williams, Antho

Bill History: 01-11-19 S Filed
01-11-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

Act re conversion therapy for minors

(PN 29) 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.

Companions: [SB 44](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)
[SCO 362](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 01-11-19 S Filed
01-11-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Consumer Protection & Prof. Licensure

T SB 67

Ward, Judy (F)

Act re Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact

(PN 60) The Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact Act authorizes the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to join the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact; provides for the form of the compact; and imposes additional powers and duties on the governor, the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the compact. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [SCO 284](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 06-19-19 S Reported as committed from Senate Consumer Protection & Prof. Licensure
06-19-19 S First consideration
09-23-19 S Set on the Senate Calendar

T SB 78

Tartaglione, Ch

Amends Minimum Wage Act re tipped minimum wage

(PN 53) Amends Minimum Wage Act further providing for definitions and for rate of minimum wages; and providing for reporting by the Department of Labor and Industry. The bill establishes that for a tipped employee who customarily and regularly receives tips, but who actually receives in tips an amount equal to the rate otherwise

applicable, every employer shall pay to each of his or her employees' wages for all hours worked at a rate of not less than \$3.95 an hour beginning July 1, 2019; and 70 percent of the rate otherwise applicable for an hour beginning January 1, 2020. Effective immediately.

Companions: [SCO 266](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 01-23-19 S Filed
01-23-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Labor and Industry

T SB 79

Tartaglione, Ch

Amends Minimum Wage Act re tip deductions

(PN 54) Amends the Minimum Wage Act, further providing for definitions. The bill that an employer that permits a customer to pay a gratuity by credit card shall pay the employees the full amount of the gratuity that the customer indicated on the credit card slip without deduction for any credit card payment processing fee or cost that may be charged to the employer by the credit card company. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [SB 162](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)
[SCO 265](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 01-23-19 S Filed
01-23-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Labor and Industry

T SB 86

Brooks, Michele

Amends Titles 18 & 23 re Safe Haven Law

(PN 485) Amends Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 23 (Domestic Relations), in offenses against the family, further providing for newborn protection; in child protective services, further providing for definitions and for taking a child into protective custody; and, in newborn protection, further providing for definitions and for incubators for newborns, providing for health care providers at urgent care centers accepting newborns and further providing for reporting acceptance of newborns, for immunity and for duties of the Department of Human Services. Enables a parent to leave a newborn at an urgent care center without facing criminal liability as long as

enumerated conditions are met. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 64)

Companions: [SCO 244](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 03-26-19 Third consideration 2:25pm
03-26-19 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 45/N: 0)
03-27-19 H Received in the House and referred to House Judiciary

T SB 106 Martin, Scott

Amends Titles 18 & 42 re evaluating juveniles

(PN 78) Amends Titles 18 (Crimes & Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary), in assault, further providing for terroristic threats; and, in juvenile matters, further providing for detention of child and for investigation and report. The bill establishes that a child who is charged with the crime of terroristic threats shall be placed in a secure detention facility. The child shall be detained and may not be released until completion of a mental health examination and a home risk assessment, which shall include a visit to the primary residence of the child. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [SB 1165](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)
[SCO 148](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 01-24-19 S Filed
01-24-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Judiciary

T SB 112 Yaw, Gene

Amends Title 35 re prescribing opioids

(PN 508) 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. (Prior Printer Number: 57)

Companions: [SCO 26](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 06-19-19 Third consideration 1:35pm
06-19-19 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 50/N: 0)
06-19-19 H Received in the House and referred to House Health

T SB 118 Langerholc, Way

Act re Recovery to Work Pilot Program

(PN 937) The Recovery-to-work Act establishes Recovery-to-work as a pilot program within the Department of Labor and Industry. Provides for local recovery-to-work pilot programs, for incentives to encourage business participation, and for powers and duties of the Department of Labor and Industry. Effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 107, 725)

Companions: [SCO 135](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 06-18-19 Third consideration 5:00pm
06-18-19 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 34/N: 16)
06-19-19 H Received in the House and referred to House Labor and Industry

T SB 119 DiSanto, John

Amends Regulatory Review Act re reduction

(PN 124) Amends the Regulatory Review Act providing for regulatory reduction and for regulatory baseline and public availability. The bill requires that each proposed regulation shall include a regulatory replacement request as part of the regulatory analysis form. A regulatory replacement request shall include the following: (1) The regulatory requirements that are proposed to be repealed; (2) The number of regulatory requirements proposed to be repealed through the proposed regulation and regulatory replacement request; (3) The number of new regulatory requirements proposed to be promulgated through the proposed regulation and regulatory replacement request; and (4) The net number of new regulatory requirements proposed to be promulgated. Additionally, each state agency shall complete an internal review of all regulatory requirements within the purview of the agency and shall submit their findings to the Governor, both the Senate and the House of Representatives and the commission. Effective in 60 days.

 SB 176

Browne, Patrick

Companions: [SB 1102](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)
[SCO 136](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 02-01-19 S Filed
02-01-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Inter-Governmental Operations

Amends Title 62 re procurement code contracts

(PN 133) Amends Title 62 (Procurement), in source selection and contract formation, further providing for sole source procurement and for competitive selection procedures for certain services. The bill outlines stipulations for contracts that include contingency fees. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [SCO 443](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 02-01-19 S Filed
02-01-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Government

 SB 182

Brooks, Michele

Amends Public School Code re tick bites

(PN 138) Amends the Public School Code, in school health services, providing for the removal of a tick from a student. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HB 1409](#) (Related)
[SCO 5](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 02-01-19 S Filed
02-01-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

 SB 189

Leach, Daylin

Amends Health Care Facilities Act

(PN 144) Amends the Health Care Facilities Act, in licensing of health care facilities, further providing for licensure by repealing provisions that require the department to apply the same regulations to abortion facilities that are applied to ambulatory surgical facilities. These regulations include classification of the facilities in the same manner as ambulatory surgical facilities. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [SB 210](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)
[SCO 378](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 02-01-19 S Filed
02-01-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

 SB 191

Bartolotta, Cam

Amends Title 35 re patient centered treatment

(PN 147) Amends Title 35 (Health and Safety) adding a chapter providing for office-based opioid and non-narcotic opioid treatment provider certification; and establishing the Opioid Treatment Certification Fund. Each office-based opioid treatment provider and non-narcotic opioid treatment provider shall do all of the following: (1) Follow department-established treatment protocols consistent with section 303 of the Controlled Substances Act; (2) Follow standard medical practices in opioid treatment as outlined in the bill; (3) Develop an individualized treatment plan for each patient, which must be signed by the patient; (4) Require each patient to actively participate in appropriate behavioral counseling or treatment for the patient's substance abuse and document each visit that the patient is attending sufficient behavioral health treatment; (5) Provide ongoing toxicological testing; (6) Develop a drug abuse and diversion plan; and (7) Physically secure and maintain the confidentiality of all patient records. Effective in 180 days.

Companions: [SCO 116](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 02-01-19 S Filed
02-01-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

 SB 193

Hughes, Vincent

Amends Title 61 re SIPP expansion

(PN 149) Amends Title 61 (Prisons & Parole) expanding the Statewide Intermediate Program to include gambling addiction. Effective in six months.

 SB 199

Regan, Mike

Companions: [SB 121](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)
[SCO 503](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 02-01-19 S Filed
02-01-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Judiciary

Amends Public School Code re depression checks

(PN 156) Amends the Public School Code, in school health services, requiring early intervention depression screening beginning in sixth grade. Effective immediately.

Companions: [SCO 187](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 02-04-19 S Filed
02-04-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

 SB 219

Hughes, Vincent

Amends Public School Code re health industries

(PN 185) Amends the Public School Code adding an article establishing the Health-Related Industries Educational Scholarship Program and the Health-Related Industries Educational Scholarship Program Fund in the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency. The program and fund shall be used to provide grants for defraying the necessary expense of residents of the commonwealth who are eligible students pursuing an eligible course of study pertaining to health-related industries. Contributions to the fund would be tax deductible. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [SB 205](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)
[SCO 502](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 02-05-19 S Filed
02-05-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

 SB 226

White, Donald (

Amends Title 23 re drug use during pregnancy

(PN 408) Amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations), in child protective services, further providing for definitions by adding that it shall be considered child abuse if a child is born and exhibits symptoms of

withdrawal as a result of prenatal drug abuse or tests positive at birth for a controlled substance unless the symptoms are exhibited or the child tests positive for a controlled substance as a result of the mother's lawful intake of the drug or substance as prescribed. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [SCO 355](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 03-13-19 S Filed
03-13-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Aging and Youth

T SB 233

Street, Sharif

Amends Controlled Substance Act re cannabis

(PN 216) Amends The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act changing the grading of possession of a small amount of marijuana to from a misdemeanor to a summary offense. Defines a small amount of marijuana as 30 grams or less of marijuana or eight grams of hashish. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [SB 1265](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)
[HB 927](#) (Related)
[SCO 389](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 02-07-19 S Filed
02-07-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Judiciary

T SB 250

Phillips-Hill,

Amends Regulatory Review Act re reform

(PN 568) Amends the Regulatory Review Act further providing for definitions, for proposed regulations and procedures for review and for final-form regulations and final-omitted regulations and procedures for review; providing for regulations deemed withdrawn; further providing for procedures for subsequent review of disapproved final-form or final-omitted regulations by the commission; providing for concurrent resolution required for economically significant regulations; further providing for existing regulations; and providing for state agency regulatory compliance officers and for Independent Office of the Repealer. Effective in 60 days.

		<p>Companions: SB 251 (Related) SCO 137 (Co-sponsor Memo)</p> <p>Bill History: 04-08-19 S Filed 04-08-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Inter-Governmental Operations</p>
<p>T SB 255</p>	<p>Dinniman, Andre</p>	<p>Act re Healthcare Facilities Violence Act</p> <p>(PN 217) The Health Care Facilities Violence Prevention Act provides for violence prevention committees in health care facilities, for powers and duties of committee, for remedies and for powers and duties of Department of Labor and Industry. Effective in 180 days.</p>
		<p>Companions: SCO 418 (Co-sponsor Memo)</p> <p>Bill History: 02-07-19 S Filed 02-07-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Labor and Industry</p>
<p>T SB 268</p>	<p>Phillips-Hill,</p>	<p>Amends Human Services Code re behavioral</p> <p>(PN 222) Amends the Human Services Code, in public assistance, providing for behavioral health and physical health services integration. The bill establishes that the department shall integrate into the HealthChoices medical assistance managed care program the following services for medical assistance-eligible persons: behavioral health services covered by medical assistance, physical health services covered by medical assistance and all medication and specialty pharmacy drug benefits covered by medical assistance. Effective immediately.</p>
		<p>Companions: HB 335 (Related) SCO 215 (Co-sponsor Memo)</p> <p>Bill History: 02-07-19 S Filed 02-07-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services</p>
<p>T SB 271</p>	<p>Ward, Judy (F)</p>	<p>Amends Fiscal Code re women's health funding</p>

(PN 409) Amends the Fiscal Code, in general budget implementation, further providing for Department of Human Services and funding for women's services. Effective immediately.

Companions: [SCO 59](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 03-13-19 S Filed
03-13-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

[SB 273](#)

Ward, Judy (F)

Amends Community-Based Health Care Act

(PN 244) Amends the Community-Based Health Care Act, in health care assistance, further providing for Community-Based Health Care Program by removing the 25 percent limitation on grants awarded going to federally qualified health centers. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HB 644](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)
[SCO 407](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 02-07-19 S Filed
02-07-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

[SB 297](#)

Baker, Lisa

Act re interbranch comm. on child-welfare

(PN 259) The Interbranch Commission on the Child Welfare System Act establishes a joint legislative, executive and judicial commission on the child welfare system. The commission shall have the following powers: (1) To investigate and analyze the events, practices, processes, procedures and other activities surrounding the treatment of children in foster care, including children who were adopted and later died from abuse; (2) To investigate and analyze the events, practices, processes, procedures and other activities related to the child welfare system in this Commonwealth; (3) To review the procedures, practices and rules relating to the selection of foster parents and potential adoptive parents; (4) To review procedures used in responding to the conduct of foster and adoptive parents and to make recommendations as necessary; (5) To review the oversight and licensing of county

and private children and youth agencies, foster care agencies and adoption agencies;

(6) To hold public hearings for the taking of testimony and the requesting of documents;

(7) To issue subpoenas under the hand and seal of its chairperson commanding any person to appear before the commission and answer questions concerning matters properly being inquired into by the commission and to produce any books, papers, records, documents, data and information produced and stored by an electronic data processing system as the commission deems necessary. The subpoenas may be served upon a person and shall have the force and effect of subpoenas issued out of the courts of this Commonwealth. A person who willfully neglects or refuses to testify before the commission or to produce a book, paper, record, document or data or information produced and stored by an electronic data processing system shall be subject to the penalties provided by the laws of this Commonwealth;

(8) Through the chairperson of the commission, to administer oaths and affirmations to witnesses appearing before the commission; and

(9) To cause the deposition of witnesses in this Commonwealth to be taken in the manner prescribed by law for taking depositions in civil actions. Effective immediately.

Companions: [SCO 261](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 02-14-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services
04-10-19 S Meeting set for 9:00 a.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Buil, Senate Health and Human Services -- Senate Health and Human Services
04-10-19 S Passed over in committee Senate Health and Human Services

 SB 311

Costa, Jay

Act re Patient Access & Consumer Choice

(PN 306) The Patient Access and Consumer Choice Act requires physician practices operating as part of an integrated delivery network to meet certain requirements to ensure patient access and consumer choice; imposes powers and duties on the Insurance

Department; and imposes penalties.
Effective in 90 days.

Companions: [SCO 574](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 05-14-19 S Press conference held
06-19-19 S Resolution to discharge
committee from further consideration of this
bill presented
06-24-19 S Senate Discharge Resolution laid
on table

 SB 314

[Baker, Lisa](#)

Act re PA Rural Health Redesign Center Auth.

(PN 292) The Pennsylvania Rural Health Redesign Center Authority Act establishes the Pennsylvania Rural Health Redesign Center Authority and the Pennsylvania Rural Health Redesign Center Fund. Effective in 180 days.

Companions: [SCO 291](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 06-12-19 Third consideration 1:55pm
06-12-19 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 50/N: 0)
06-14-19 H Received in the House and
referred to House Health

 SB 322

[Martin, Scott](#)

Amends Human Services Code re medicaid

(PN 299) Amends the Human Services Code adding a new section requiring the Department of Human Services to issue a request for proposals for a total population Medicaid Decision System pilot program in one Medicaid managed care region of the commonwealth that incorporates electronic evidence-based medicine into physical and behavioral health decisions concerning a medical assistance recipient and provides the department with utilization patterns, oversight, utilization trend analysis and health care evaluations through a data analytic system. Also requires the department and the offeror to issue a report at the end of the first six months and at the end of the subsequent six months if the contract is extended to chairs and minority chairs of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee and the House Health Committee. Provides for the content of the report. Also allows the department at the conclusion of the contract to expand the

health initiative if certain conditions are met.
Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [SCO 451](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 02-22-19 S Filed
02-22-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

T SB 368

Boscola, Lisa

Amends Title 23 re mandatory reporting

(PN 410) Amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations), in child protective services, further providing for notification to department and development of plan of safe care for children under one year of age. The department shall: (1) Compile the information from notifications received by the department during the same calendar quarter and publish the information from the notifications as soon as possible on the department's website. The information shall be segregated and searchable by county; and (2) Submit a report of the information to the General Assembly not later than January 31 of the following calendar year. The information may include such other statistical analysis as deemed appropriate by the department in order to best represent frequencies and trends across this commonwealth. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HB 773](#) (Related)
[SCO 31](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 03-13-19 S Filed
03-13-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Aging and Youth

T SB 370

Bartolotta, Cam

Act re prenatal & postpartum counseling

(PN 356) The Prenatal and Postpartum Counseling and Screening Act requires information relating to parenting and prenatal depression, postpartum depression, postpartum psychosis and other emotional trauma counseling and screening to be provided to a pregnant woman; and provides for the powers and duties of the Department of Health. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HB 1271](#) (Related)
[SCO 373](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

T SB 390

Baker, Lisa

Bill History: 03-04-19 S Filed
03-04-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

Amends Human Services Code re MATP

(PN 373) Amends the Human Services Code, in public assistance, further providing for nonemergency medical transportation services by requiring the department to suspend any action until 90 days after the Joint State Government Commission conducts a study on the positive and negative impacts to each county of utilizing a Statewide or regional full-risk brokerage model under this section. Effective immediately.

Companions: [HB 986](#) (Related)
[SCO 505](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 04-30-19 S Set on the Senate Calendar
04-30-19 S Second consideration 4:30pm
04-30-19 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations

T SB 398

Gordner, John

Amends Reg. Review Act re legislative

(PN 380) Amends the Regulatory Review Act further providing for definitions, for proposed regulations and procedures for review, for final-form regulations and final-omitted regulations and procedures for review and for procedures for subsequent review of disapproved final-form or final-omitted regulations. The bill provides for legislative committee oversight of regulations. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [SCO 458](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 03-11-19 S Filed
03-11-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Inter-Governmental Operations

T SB 408

Ward, Kim

Amends the Controlled Substance Act re rehab

(PN 388) Amends the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act further providing for drug overdose response

immunity by stipulating that a person who has sought medical assistance for a drug overdose or for whom medical assistance for an overdose has been obtained may not be charged for certain related offenses and shall be immune from prosecution. No person shall be granted immunity more than twice. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HB 137](#) (Related)
[HB 475](#) (Related)
[SCO 421](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 03-11-19 S Filed
03-11-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Judiciary

 [SB 424](#)

[Langerholc, Way](#)

Amends Titles 35, 42 & 61 re substance use

(PN 391) Amends Titles 35 (Health and Safety), 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 61 (Prisons and Parole), establishing the Nonnarcotic Medication Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program in Title 35; in organization and jurisdiction of courts of common pleas, providing for court assessments for substance use disorder treatment; in other criminal provisions, further providing for supervisory relationship to offenders; and, in Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, further providing for supervisory relationship to offenders. The Nonnarcotic Medication Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program is established within the Department of Drugs and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) to increase opportunities for single county authorities to provide comprehensive substance use disorder treatment to offenders as may be clinically appropriate through the awarding of grants. To the extent that grant money is available, a single county authority may contract with an eligible provider to make available nonnarcotic medication assisted substance use disorder treatment to an offender upon whom a court imposes a sentence of confinement, intermediate punishment, an alternative sentence, probation, Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition or a fine. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [SCO 189](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

 SB 432

Phillips-Hill,

Bill History: 03-11-19 S Filed
03-11-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Judiciary

Amends ABC-MAP Act re prescription information

(PN 401) Amends the Achieving Better Care by Monitoring All Prescriptions Program (ABC-MAP) Act granting access to prescription information to certain personnel of an organization that has an agreement to be paid on a capitated basis to provide services to medical assistance beneficiaries, who are engaged in care management, the development and evaluation of quality improvement strategies, program integrity initiatives or conducting internal compliance reviews and data reporting for the medical assistance program. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [SCO 82](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 06-18-19 Third consideration 5:09pm
06-18-19 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 50/N: 0)
06-19-19 H Received in the House and referred to House Health

 SB 437

Bartolotta, Cam

Amends Health Care Facilities Act re registry

(PN 405) Amends the Health Care Facilities Act, in general provisions, repeals and effective date, providing for acute care mental health bed registry and referrals by requiring the department to develop and administer a voluntary web-based 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 Article II or III Mental Health Procedures Act. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HB 391](#) (Related)
[SCO 511](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 03-12-19 S Filed
03-12-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

 SB 445

Baker, Lisa

Amends Tax Reform Code re adoption tax credit

(PN 441) Amends the Tax Reform Code, providing for adoption and foster care tax credit. The bill establishes the Adoption and Foster Care Tax Credit Program where a taxpayer may claim a tax credit of \$500 per foster child placement in the tax year that the foster child first qualifies as a dependent on the taxpayer's federal tax return or a tax credit of \$1,000 for an adopted child in the same tax year that the taxpayer qualifies for the federal adoption tax credit. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [SCO 595](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 03-19-19 S Filed
03-19-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

 SB 454

Ward, Judy (F)

Amends Human Services Code re payment rates

(PN 449) Amends the Human Services Code, in public assistance, providing for public notice of provider payment rates for individuals with an intellectual disability or autism. The bill establishes that not later than 30 days after the governor's budget address, the department shall transmit to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin a notice that includes the proposed provider payment rates for home-based and community-based services for the next fiscal year. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [SCO 58](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 06-18-19 S Set on the Senate Calendar
06-18-19 Second consideration 5:18pm
06-18-19 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations

 SB 469

Laughlin, Danie

Amends Title 42 re tender years exception

(PN 476) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), in depositions and witnesses, adding a subchapter providing for procedures to protect victims and witnesses with intellectual disabilities or autism. The intent of the bill is to provide procedures which will protect material witnesses or

victims of crime with intellectual disabilities or autism during their involvement with the criminal justice system. The bill outlines when an out-of-court statement made by an individual with an intellectual disability or autism who is a victim or witness describing enumerated offenses would be admissible in evidence. Enumerated offenses include homicide, assault, kidnapping, human trafficking, sexual offenses, burglary, robbery, incest, and corruption of minors. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HB 503](#) (Related)
[SCO 723](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 06-30-19 G Last day for Governor's action
06-28-19 G Approved by the Governor (Act: 30)
08-27-19 G Earliest effective date

 SB 484

Mensch, Bob

Act re drug co-payment caps

(PN 524) An Act providing for the requirements for insurers relating to prescription drug coverage; and conferring powers and imposing duties on the Insurance Department. The legislation provides specialty tier prescription drug requirements and guidelines on cost-sharing exceptions. The bill indicates the Insurance Department shall promulgate regulations necessary to administer this act. The legislation adds that this act shall not require a health benefit plan provide any additional prescription drug coverage, implement specific utilization management techniques or cease utilization of tiered cost-sharing structures. The bill indicates that nothing in the act shall be constructed to require a pharmacist to substitute a prescription drug without the written consent of the prescribing physician. The act shall apply to all health benefit plans delivered or issued for delivery or renewed on or after the effective date. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [SCO 216](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 03-28-19 S Filed
03-28-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Banking and Insurance

 SB 505

Phillips-Hill,

Amends Human Services Code re SNAP

(PN 537) Amends the Human Services Code, in general powers and duties of the Department of Human Services, providing for child support requirements for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HB 1559](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)
[SCO 156](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 04-03-19 S Filed
04-03-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

 [SB 527](#) [Brewster, Jim](#)

Act re marijuana for personal use referendum

(PN 710) The Adults Referendum Act provides for a nonbinding statewide referendum for legalization of marijuana for personal use by adults in Pennsylvania. The referendum question shall be read as: Shall the Pennsylvania General Assembly legalize marijuana for personal use by adults? The referendum shall be advertised and conducted in accordance with the Pennsylvania Election Code. Effective immediately.

Companions: [SCO 709](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 05-03-19 S Filed
05-03-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Government

 [SB 537](#) [Stefano, Patric](#)

Amends Admin Code re substance abuse centers

(PN 600) Amends the Administrative Code, in powers and duties of the Department of Public Welfare and its departmental administrative and advisory boards and commissions, further providing for medical assistance payments and for admissions to drug and alcohol facilities. The Department of Human Services shall include as an access standard in the agreement that each medical assistance behavioral health managed care organization administering a provider network for treatment of substance use disorders maintain a provider network that is

geographically accessible to members. Subject to federal approval, the access standard for ambulatory substance use disorder treatment to which a member travels shall be at least two providers within: (1) 30 minutes travel time in urban areas; and (2) 30 minutes travel time in rural areas if there are licensed substance use disorder treatment providers located in the geographic area that meet the managed care organization's credentialing requirements, otherwise within 60 minutes of travel time. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [SCO 179](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 04-10-19 S Filed
04-10-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

[T](#) SB 609

Brooks, Michele

Amends Reg. Review Act re automatic review

(PN 676) Amends the Regulatory Review Act defining "economically significant regulation" and providing that after an economically significant regulation has been in effect for three years, the agency shall report the status of the regulation, the impact of the regulation on the regulated community and the direct and indirect cost to the Commonwealth of the regulation. Effective immediately.

Companions: [SB 1231](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)
[SCO 534](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 04-30-19 S Filed
04-30-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Inter-Governmental Operations

[T](#) SB 650

Costa, Jay

Amends Public School Code re services

(PN 793) Amends the Public School Code, in intermediate units, repealing provisions relating to psychological services; in professional employees, providing for school social workers; and, in school health services, further providing for health services and providing for school counselors, school psychologists and school social workers. The bill establishes that a school entity that

employs a school social worker must require the individual to hold an educational specialist certificate for school social worker issued by the Department of Education, except when the individual meets the exception for a school social worker as set forth in Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors Act; or holds a either a social worker license issued by the Department of State or another certificate issued by the Department of Education prior to the development of an educational specialist certificate for school social worker by the Department of Education. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HB 1401](#) (Related)
[SCO 898](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 05-17-19 S Filed
05-17-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

 SB 675

[Brooks, Michele](#)

Act re licensing prescribers of suboxone

(PN 820) The Buprenorphine Medically Assisted Treatment Act establishes that the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs shall establish a program for certification of buprenorphine office-based prescribers as qualified by training and experience to prescribe buprenorphine. The legislation establishes fees for certification, requirements for prescribing buprenorphine, and penalties for violations of this act. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [SCO 597](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 06-17-19 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 41/N: 9)
06-18-19 H Received in the House and referred to House Human Services
06-25-19 H Meeting set for 9:00 a.m., Room G-50, Irvis Office Building, House Human Services -- House Human Services

 SB 683

[Boscola, Lisa](#)

Amends Title 23 re abuse on a minor

(PN 903) Amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations), in child protective services, establishing language indicating an obligation to report on an individual who exhibits a pattern of abuse and/or is likely to commit

additional acts of child abuse. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HB 1051](#) (Related)
[SCO 113](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 06-06-19 S Filed
06-06-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Aging and Youth

 [SB 706](#)

[Scavello, Mario](#)

Act re loan forgiveness program

(PN 889) 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 into 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.

Companions: [SB 134](#) (Refiled from 17R Session)
[HB 1307](#) (Related)
[SCO 51](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

T SB 722

Tartaglione, Ch

Bill History:

06-06-19 S Filed
06-06-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

Amends Admin. Code re addiction treatment

(PN 892) Amends the Administrative Code, in powers and duties of the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, establishing the power to utilize criteria developed or adapted by the department to meet the needs, service requirements and regulatory structure of the commonwealth to guide decisions governing the type, level and length of care, including hospital detoxification, for pregnant addicted women, addicted women with dependent children, veterans, homeless individuals with addiction, low-level drug offenders sent to treatment as part of sentencing by drug courts, and other patients receiving drug and alcohol addiction treatment through federal or state funding. The department may not utilize criteria from a national tool. Effective in 60 days.

Companions:

[HB 1024](#) (Related)
[HB 1052](#) (Related)
[SCO 928](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History:

06-25-19 S Set on the Senate Calendar
06-25-19 S Discussed during voting meeting, House Human Services -- House Human Services
09-23-19 S Set on the Senate Calendar

T SB 749

Costa, Jay

Amends Public School Code re health services

(PN 928) Amends the Public School Code repealing provisions relating to psychological services and amending the definition of professional employee; adding a subsection regarding school social workers; adding a section regarding health services; and adding a section regarding school counselors, school psychologists, and school social workers. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

06-10-19 S Filed
06-10-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

T SB 762

Baker, Lisa

Act re federal and state wage hour regs.

(PN 972) The Statutory Construction of Wage and Hour Laws Act provides for statutory construction of Pennsylvania wage and hour laws. The following apply: (1) the Minimum Wage Act of 1968 shall be construed in pari materia with 29 U.S.C. Ch. 9 (relating to portal-to-portal pay) and sections 7 and 13 and the other provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (52 Stat. 1060, 29 U.S.C. 201 et seq.), including regulations in effect on or after the effective date; and (2) the minimum cash wage for tipped employees shall be \$2.83 per hour. If the minimum cash wage for tipped employees set forth in the Fair Labor Standards Act is increased above this rate, the rate shall be increased by the same amount and effective the same date as the increases under the Fair Labor Standards Act. The bill provides for construction, inconsistent repeals, and abrogates regulations. Effective in 30 days.

Companions: [SCO 790](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 06-14-19 S Filed
06-14-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Labor and Industry

T SB 789

Argall, David

Amends Human Services Code re PBM contracts

(PN 1099) Amends the Human Services Code, in public assistance, preventing medical assistance managed care organizations from entering into a contract for pharmacy services with a pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) if the PBM or a corporate affiliate has an ownership interest in a pharmacy providing the pharmacy services, or if the pharmacy providing the pharmacy services has an ownership interest in the PBM or a corporate affiliate. The legislation indicates that a PBM may not require that a beneficiary use the services of a specific pharmacy for a specialty drug. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: [HB 945](#) (Related)
[SCO1024](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

T SR 20

Baker, Lisa

Bill History: 07-09-19 S Filed
07-09-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

Resolution re medical malpractice claims study

(PN 155) Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study of the impact of venue for medical professional liability actions on access to medical care and maintenance of health care systems in this Commonwealth and requesting that the Pennsylvania Supreme Court delay action on the proposed amendment to Pa.R.C.P. No. 1006.

Companions: [SCO 558](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 02-26-19 G Discussed during budget hearing with judiciary, Senate Appropriations -
- Senate Appropriations
06-25-19 G Public hearing held in committee Joint Legislative Budget & Finance Committee
06-26-19 G Public hearing held in committee Joint Legislative Budget & Finance Committee

T SR 35

Tartaglione, Ch

Resolution re minimum and tipped minimum wage

(PN 377) Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to increase both the minimum wage and tipped minimum wage to \$15 per hour in the United States.

Companions: [HR 190](#) (Related)
[SCO 590](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 03-05-19 S Filed
03-05-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Labor and Industry

T SR 38

Schwank, Judy

Resolution re Brain Injury Awareness Month

(PN 422) Resolution designating the month of March 2019 as "Brain Injury Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

Companions: [SCO 570](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 03-18-19 S Filed
03-18-19 S Introduced and adopted
03-27-19 G Transmitted as directed

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