

**UPDATE OF STATE HOUSE BILLS OF INTEREST  
2019-2020 LEGISLATIVE TERM**

**Pennsylvania Farm Bureau  
November 2019 through January 2020**

**Bills introduced or moved by the legislature these months appear in red.**

<b><u>Bill Number &amp; Prime Sponsor</u></b>	<b><u>Summary</u></b>	<b><u>PFB Position</u></b>	<b><u>Status</u></b>
<b>HB 28 Snyder</b>	Would require PennDOT to develop standards to facilitate the construction and placement of signs for promotion of farm businesses (including farm market and produce stands) along state highways and to provide for exemption of farmers meeting established standards from requirements to obtain permits.	<b>NOT ADDRESSED IN PFB POLICY</b>	In the HOUSE TRANSPORTATION Committee
<b>HB 61 Readshaw</b>	Would statutorily establish the beginning date of regular antlered season to begin on the first Saturday following Thanksgiving.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	In the HOUSE GAME & FISHERIES Committee
<b>HB 62 Readshaw</b>	Would require individuals convicted of felony violations of any state's animal cruelty law an individual whose presence in PA is longer than 10 days to register for identification of themselves as animal abusers with the county sheriff. Would also require the State Police to maintain a central registry of registered animal cruelty violators, which is accessible to the public via internet.	<b>OPPOSES</b>	In the HOUSE JUDICIARY Committee
<b>HB 77 Rothman</b>	Would fully repeal the state inheritance tax.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	In the HOUSE FINANCE Committee
<b>HB 99 Zimmerman</b>	Would require DEP to maintain a secure system for permit applicants to track status of pending applications via the internet.	<b>NOT ADDRESSED IN PFB POLICY</b>	In the HOUSE ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES & ENERGY Committee

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<b>HB 102 Maloney</b>	Would require school districts, upon request of the Game Commission, to make available school facilities at reasonable times during after-school and weekend hours for the purpose of conducting hunter education courses.	<b>NOT ADDRESSED IN PFB POLICY</b>	Passed by the House In the SENATE GAME & FISHERIES Committee
<b>HB 104 Ryan</b>	Would amend the Prevailing Wage Act to limit the scope of projects for which payment of prevailing wages is required to those in which 51% of construction is to be paid by public monies.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	In the HOUSE LABOR & INDUSTRY Committee
<b>HB 105 Cox</b>	Would amend the state income tax law to authorize the use of like-kind exchange in disposition of property to manage the amount of taxable capital gains on the property's sale.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	Reported from Original House Committee <b>ON THE HOUSE TABLED CALENDAR</b>
<b>HB 131 Jozwiak</b>	Would amend the Liquor Code to limit the scope of fruit or fruit juice that, when fermented, would qualify as "alcoholic cider" to apples and pears.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	<b>ACT 45 OF 2019</b>
<b>HB 210 Cruz</b>	Would amend the Food Safety Act by making any raw agricultural food product having residue of a pesticide applied on the product after harvest a "misbranded" product in violation of the Act unless the product bears a clear and conspicuous label identifying the pesticide.	<b>NOT ADDRESSED IN PFB POLICY</b>	In the HOUSE AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS Committee
<b>HB 220 Cruz</b>	Would amend the Vehicle Code to allow for foreign individuals not possessing federal documentation of lawful presence in the US who have resided in the Commonwealth for at least 90 days to obtain a PA driver's license, provided the individual possesses a unexpired passport or an unexpired consular identification document or consular report of birth.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	In the HOUSE TRANSPORTATION Committee

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Prime Sponsor**

**Summary**

**PFB Position**

**Status**

**HB 262  
Metzgar**

Would prove numerous amendments to state tax laws beneficial to agriculture. Specifically, the bill would provide an exemption from realty transfer tax for transfers made to beginning farmers. The bill would also make several helpful changes to the REAP tax credit program to: (1) increase the maximum amount of total annual tax credits that may be approved by Commonwealth by \$3 million (\$13 million total); (2) increase the total REAP credits that may be provided to any individual from \$150,000 total to \$250,000 per any 7-year period; (3) increase to 50 percent (previously 25 %) the portion of cost for streambank erosion projects that could approved for REAP credits; (4) increase to 90 percent (previously 50 %) the portion of cost for “high priority best management” projects that could approved for REAP credits; (5) Allow for tax credits to be applied to offset taxable income of the spouse when credit holder and spouse file a joint tax return. Would also provide a general exemption from inheritance tax for transfers of property to the decedent’s children 21 years of age and younger.

**SUPPORTS**

**ACT 13 OF 2019**

**HB 305  
Snyder**

Would authorize the identification and leasing of government-owned internet infrastructure for use of residents and in unserved or underserved areas.

**SUPPORTS**

Passed by the House  
Reported from Senate  
Committees  
**ON THE SENATE  
FLOOR CALENDAR**

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<b>HB 319 Ryan</b>	Would exclude school district construction projects from requirements to pay prevailing wages, but allow voters by referendum to approve subjection of school district construction projects to prevailing wage payment requirements.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	In the House LABOR & INDUSTRY Committee
<b>HB 333 Nelson</b>	Would amend the state income tax laws to significantly expand the maximum annual business expense deduction from taxable income for purchase of capital and equipment, consistent with maximum deduction allowed under federal law.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	In the HOUSE FINANCE Committee
<b>HB 337 Cruz</b>	Would establish an animal abuser registry in each county and require residents in a county who have been convicted of a felony offense of cruelty to animals or felony violation of a statute protecting animal welfare to register.	<b>OPPOSES</b>	In the HOUSE JUDICIARY Committee
<b>HB 370 Klunk</b>	Would amend the Ag Area Security Law to: (1) allow the owner of a preserved farm to waive the right of future construction of a residence on the farm property; (2) allow for subdivision of an existing residence on a preserved farm.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	<b>ACT 33 OF 2019</b>
<b>HB 374 Everett</b>	Would establish a state Keystone Tree Fund for creation and use of state funds for tree development in riparian areas. Monies would be provided to the Fund through a commitment of \$3 of the fee charged for original application or renewal of driver's licenses (voluntarily chosen by the license applicant).	<b>NOT ADDRESSED IN PFB POLICY</b>	Passed by the House Passed by the Senate Signed by the Governor <b>ACT 78 OF 2019</b>

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<b>HB 404 Lawrence</b>	Would amend the Noxious Weed Control Act by adding Tree of Heaven (Ailanthus) to the state noxious weed list.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	Passed by the House Reported from Original Senate Committee ON THE SENATE TABLED CALENDAR
<b>HB 413 Oberlander</b>	Would amend the Vehicle Code to provide for a special annual permit for transporting or operating oversize agricultural equipment and agricultural liming materials, with more reasonable standards and conditions that are adaptable to farm operations and custom farm businesses.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	In the HOUSE TRANSPORTATION Committee.
<b>HB 420 Benninghoff</b>	Would establish specific timeframes within which DEP must decide on applications for erosion and sedimentation permit, and would recognize in statute exemptions of agricultural plowing and tillage areas and animal heavy use areas from requirements to obtain erosion and sedimentation permits.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	In the HOUSE ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES & ENERGY Committee
<b>HB 421 Benninghoff</b>	Would allow persons whose permit applications to DEP have not been acted upon within the time frames prescribed for DEP in statute to seek and obtain remedial relief from DEP's inaction with the Environmental Hearing Board.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	In the HOUSE ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES & ENERGY Committee
<b>HB 430 Benninghoff</b>	Would amend the Regulatory Review Act to: (1) prohibit a regulatory agency from attempting to re-propose a regulation that had been formally disapproved by the legislature; (2) authorize repeal of existing regulations pursuant to the Act's disapproval procedures.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	Passed by the House In the SENATE INTER- GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS Committee

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<b>HB 441 Sonney</b>	Would authorize development of wind power generation systems on farms with agricultural conservation easements granted under the state farmland preservation program, subject to limitations in the amount of area that may be utilized for wind power development.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	Passed by the House In the SENATE AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS Committee
<b>HB 446 Miller</b>	Would amend the Game and Wildlife Code to make the violation of “trespass on private property while hunting” a primary offense, without condition that the hunter also be in the act of another violation of the Code. The bill would also increase penalties for violation of trespass provisions.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	Reported from Original House Committee ON THE HOUSE TABLED CALENDAR
<b>HB 472 Everett</b>	Would require school districts, upon petition of 10% of the district’s registered voters, to conduct a referendum prior to undertaking any school construction or renovation project whose costs would exceed 30% of the school district’s annual budget.	<b>SUPPORTS AND SEEKS FURTHER AMENDMENTS</b>	In the HOUSE STATE GOVERNMENT Committee
<b>HB 473 Everett</b>	Would: (1) give first class townships numerous powers associated with the design and construction of an integrated system for stormwater management within the township’s borders; and (2) authorize first class townships to assess fees upon property owners to offset costs incurred in the development of infrastructure for stormwater management systems.	<b>AMENDMENTS NEEDED</b>	In the HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT Committee

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<b>HB 474 Everett</b>	Would: (1) give boroughs and towns numerous powers associated with the design and construction of an integrated system for stormwater management within the township's borders; and (2) authorize boroughs and towns to assess fees upon property owners to offset costs incurred in the development of infrastructure for stormwater management systems.	<b>AMENDMENTS NEEDED</b>	In the HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT Committee
<b>HB 523 Day</b>	Would require persons "enjoying a common benefit" from a private road to contribute to the cost of road maintenance. Would also give persons harmed by another's failure to contribute a right to bring civil action to compel payment of maintenance cost.	<b>AMENDMENTS NEEDED</b>	Passed by the House Awaiting Committee Assignment in the Senate
<b>HB 534 Zimmerman</b>	Would amend the Clean Streams Law to allow for waiver of land development projects disturbing greater than 1 and less than 5 acres from meeting NPDES requirements, consistent with federal law.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	In the HOUSE ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES & ENERGY Committee
<b>HB 549 Diamond</b>	Would repeal the current statutory prohibition of Sunday hunting, and would empower the Game Commission to authorize Sunday hunting by regulation.	<b>OPPOSES</b>	In the House GAME & FISHERIES Committee
<b>HB 551 Ortitay</b>	Would repeal authority provided under current law for persons holding tax credits, such as REAP tax credits, to sell those credits.	<b>OPPOSES</b>	In the HOUSE FINANCE Committee
<b>HB 560 Gleim</b>	Would: (1) increase the minimum level of total cost necessary for a public work project to be subject to requirement for payment of prevailing wages from \$25,000 to \$150,000; (2) exclude locally funded road and bridge projects from prevailing wage requirements.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	In the HOUSE LABOR & INDUSTRY Committee

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<b>HB 574 Greiner</b>	Would allow for up to \$3 million of state funds available under the state farmland preservation program to be allocated to land conservation trusts for agricultural conservation easement purchases.	<b>AMENDMENTS NEEDED</b>	In the HOUSE AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS Committee
<b>HB 581 F. Keller</b>	Would increase the minimum level of total cost necessary for a public work project to be subject to requirement for payment of prevailing wages from \$25,000 to \$500,000, with annual adjustments in future minimum cost level for projects subject to prevailing wage to reflect the rate of inflation.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	In the HOUSE LABOR & INDUSTRY Committee
<b>HB 594 Hershey</b>	Would amend the Vehicle Code to allow implements of husbandry exempt from registration to be operated, and drivers 14 years of age and older to operate, such implements between the implement owner's farm and a school within a 25-mile radius of the farm for use in an annual agricultural-related educational event.	<b>NOT ADDRESSED IN PFB POLICY</b>	In the HOUSE TRANSPORTATION Committee
<b>HB 611 Ryan</b>	Would provide for voters to approve, by voter referendum, the convening of a constitutional convention whose charge would be limited to matters related to the size and terms of the legislature, amendments to legislation, functions of the Lieutenant Governor, and the state judiciary.	<b>OPPOSES</b>	In the HOUSE STATE GOVERNMENT Committee
<b>HB 613-614 Ryan</b>	Would amend the Prevailing Wage Act to ensure projects for repair of roadways funded by local monies would not be subject to prevailing wage requirements.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	In the HOUSE LABOR & INDUSTRY Committee



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<b>HB 629 Rapp</b>	Would require all health insurance policies to include coverage for longer-term antibiotic treatment of patients documented with Lyme disease or related tick-borne illness and prohibit denial of coverage for longer-term antibiotic treatment on the basis that such treatment is unproven, experimental or investigational.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	Passed by the House In the Senate BANKING & INSURANCE Committee
<b>HB 725 DeLuca</b>	Would impose a threshold of \$100,000 in the value of transfers by death subject state inheritance tax.	<b>NOT ADDRESSED IN PFB POLICY</b>	In the HOUSE FINANCE Committee
<b>HB 727 DeLuca</b>	Would subject an employer who is found guilty of violating federal immigration law in employment of undocumented workers to a civil fine of \$5,000, as well as suspension of business or professional license.	<b>OPPOSES</b>	In the HOUSE JUDICIARY Committee
<b>HB 737 McNeill</b>	Would make transportation of dogs in an open truck bed or any external portion of a vehicle on public roads a criminal summary offense under the state's animal cruelty laws.	<b>AMENDMENTS NEEDED</b>	In the HOUSE JUDICIARY Committee
<b>HB 781 Boback</b>	Would authorize a portion of funds received by a county from unconventional gas well impact fees imposed under Act 13 to be used for stormwater management projects.	<b>NOT ADDRESSED IN PFB POLICY</b>	In the HOUSE ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES & ENERGY Committee
<b>HB 804 Moul</b>	Would give DEP exclusive power over regulation of groundwater, including groundwater withdrawal and retention, with any proposed new or modifications of regulatory standards subject to oversight and approval of the House and Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committees.	<b>NOT ADDRESSED IN PFB POLICY</b>	In the HOUSE ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES & ENERGY Committee

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<b>HB 808 Mehaffie</b>	Would give the Fish and Boat Commission authority to increase by regulation fishing and boating license and permit fees. Any proposed increase in fee would be subject to a formal process for public review and comment, review and comment by House and Senate Committees, and potential disapproval by the General Assembly (subject to veto by the Governor).	<b>NOT ADDRESSED IN PFB POLICY</b>	Reported from Original House Committee  In the HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS Committee
<b>HB 822 Conklin</b>	Would expressly authorize the employment of humane officers by counties, with power to enforce the Dog Law and cruelty to animals law.	<b>NOT ADDRESSED IN PFB POLICY</b>	In the HOUSE AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS Committee
<b>HB 827 Fritz</b>	Would statutorily designate the regulatory action by the Delaware River Basin Commission to ban the use of hydraulic fracturing within the watershed basin as a taking of property interest, entitling landowners affected to just compensation through eminent domain.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	Reported from Original House Committee  ON THE HOUSE FLOOR CALENDAR
<b>HB 902 Thomas</b>	Would amend the PA Constitution to increase length of terms of members of the House (4 years) and Senate (6 years) and prohibit any member from more than 3 consecutive terms.	<b>SUPPORTS AND SEEKS FURTHER AMENDMENTS</b>	In the HOUSE STATE GOVERNMENT Committee
<b>HB 915 Causer</b>	Would amend the Vehicle Code to exempt vehicles transporting producer milk between farms and a dairy plant from restrictions in operation during declared state emergencies.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	Legislation passed by both House and Senate  VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR  On the House Tabled Calendar
<b>HB 929</b>	Would provide for statutorily prescribed increases in the various classes of fishing license fees.	<b>NOT ADDRESSED IN PFB POLICY</b>	In the HOUSE GAME & FISHERIES Committee

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<b>HB 978 Hickernell</b>	Would amend the Right to Know Law to expressly require agencies to redact Social Security numbers in documents accessible to the public or requested by the public pursuant to the Law.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	In the HOUSE STATE GOVERNMENT Committee
<b>HB 1037 Lawrence</b>	Would provide a conditional exemption from requirements and standards normally imposed under the Statewide Building Code in use of agricultural buildings originally constructed before 1980 for social events (such as weddings), provided the building and event meet standards and requirements specifically prescribed in the legislation.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	Reported from House Committees  ON THE HOUSE FLOOR CALENDAR
<b>HB 1047 Knowles</b>	Would give municipalities unlimited authority to enact ordinances that allow a municipality to conduct testing of biosolids to be applied to land within the municipality, and impose costs for testing upon persons generating or transporting or upon landowners receiving the biosolids. Would also give municipalities authority to veto any permit for land application of biosolids issued by DEP.	<b>OPPOSES</b>	In the HOUSE ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES & ENERGY Committee
<b>HB 1188 Wentling</b>	Would amend the Game and Wildlife Code to repeal the Code's statutory prohibition in use of equipment such as beams and thermal and night vision equipment to assist hunters in targeting objects of hunting activities.	<b>NOT ADDRESSED IN PFB POLICY</b>	Passed by the House  In the SENATE GAME & FISHERIES Committee
<b>HB 1200 Hahn</b>	Would increase state personal income tax by 1.72 percent, with revenues used to provide the maximum property tax relief to property owners consistent with that authorized under homestead and farmstead exclusions.	<b>NOT ADDRESSED IN PFB POLICY</b>	In the HOUSE FINANCE Committee

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<b>HB 1215 Kim</b>	Would amend the Minimum Wage Act to impose incremental annual increases in mandated minimum wages, attaining a mandated wage of \$15.00 per hour in 2025, with annual adjustments in mandated wages each year thereafter based on the percentage change in the All Urban Consumer Price Index for PA, NJ, DE and MD from the previous year.	<b>OPPOSES</b>	In the HOUSE LABOR & INDUSTRY Committee
<b>HB 1223 Lawrence</b>	Would authorize the Department of Community and Economic Development to establish up to 20 Keystone Opportunity Dairy Zones, which would provide state income tax and sales tax exemptions and allow for municipalities to provide local tax exemptions, deductions, abatements and credits to dairy enterprises within the zone.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	Passed by the House In the SENATE AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS Committee
<b>HB 1224 Lawrence</b>	Would amend the Milk Marketing Law to authorize the Milk Marketing Board (PMMB) to coordinate with the Department of Revenue in coordinating the collection and distribution of PMMB's mandated over-order premium	<b>NOT ADDRESSED IN PFB POLICY</b>	Reported from Original House Committee ON THE HOUSE TABLED CALENDAR
<b>HB 1225 Fee</b>	Would exempt from sales tax the purchase of building materials and supplies for the construction or repair of animal housing facilities.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	<i>Enacted – See discussion of HB 262.</i>
<b>HB 1317 Goodman</b>	Would increase the number of members to serve on the Game Commission from 8 to 9, with the area to be represented comprised of Berks, Lehigh, Northampton and Schuylkill Counties (separated from the existing territory of the eighth district).	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	In the HOUSE GAME & FISHERIES Committee

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<b>HB 1348 Gleim</b>	Would provide to farmers engaged in agritourism enterprises on their farm limited protection from civil liability for injuries caused as a result of a person's participation in an agritourism activity.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	Reported from Original House Committee  In the HOUSE RULES Committee
<b>HB 1389 Sturla</b>	Would amend the Clean Streams Law to repeal the exemption from state or local stream fencing requirements currently provided farmers (subjecting farmers who fail to do so to criminal and civil penalties imposed under the Law).	<b>OPPOSES</b>	In the HOUSE ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES & ENERGY Committee
<b>HB 1400 Farry</b>	Would establish uniform state standards in regulation and administration of consideration, determination and construction of small receptors of broadband wireless service.	<b>NOT ADDRESSED IN PFB POLICY</b>	In the HOUSE CONSUMER AFFAIRS Committee
<b>HB 1468 Everett</b>	Would provide to the Game Commission authority to allow for two days of Sunday hunting of deer and one day of Sunday hunting of bear.	<b>AMENDMENTS NEEDED</b>	In the HOUSE GAME & FISHERIES Committee
<b>HB 1514 Hershey &amp; Burgos</b>	Would establish a Farm-to-School Program within the PA Department of Agriculture to provide grants for enhancement of student awareness and understanding of agricultural production and local agricultural products in schools.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	<b>ACT 34 OF 2019</b>
<b>HB 1516 Causer</b>	Would establish a Rapid Response Disaster Readiness Account to provide monies that facilitate the PA Department of Agriculture in timely and effective response to pest and disease conditions that imminently and seriously threaten the state's agricultural industry.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	<b>ACT 35 OF 2019</b>

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<b>HB 1517 Zimmerman</b>	Would establish a Conservation Excellence Grant Program for providing financial and technical assistance to farmers implementing best management practices in high priority watersheds.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	<i>Enacted – See discussion of SB 634 in PFB’s Senate Legislative Report</i>
<b>HB 1518 DeLissio</b>	Would re-establish the Agriculture and Rural Youth Development Program to provide grants to rural youth organizations for personal development in agriculture, vocational training, and social and community development.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	<i>Enacted – See discussion of SB 661 in PFB’s Senate Legislative Report</i>
<b>HB 1519 Raab</b>	Would establish a state Specialty Crop Block Grant Program to financially assist farmers in production of high-priority crops to supplement the federal specialty crop program.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	<i>Enacted – See discussion of SB 661 in PFB’s Senate Legislative Report</i>
<b>HB 1520 Snyder</b>	Would: (1) provide for promotion and marketing of farm products produced by military through the PA Preferred Program; (2) establish a program administered by the PA Department of Agriculture that would provide grants to “very small meat processors” (fewer than 10 employees or less than \$2.5 million in annual sales) for costs incurred in complying with federal meat inspection and certification standards.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	<b>ACT 36 OF 2019</b>
<b>HB 1521 Pashinski</b>	Would provide for promotion and marketing of farm products produced by military through the PA Preferred Program.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	<i>Enacted – See discussion of HB 1519</i>
<b>HB 1523 Diamond</b>	Would establish an Agricultural Business Development Center within the PA Department of Agriculture to assist farmers in development of business plans, transition plans, and succession plans for economic enhancement.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	<i>Enacted – See discussion of SB 661 in PFB’s Senate Legislative Report</i>

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<b>HB 1526</b> <b>Irvin</b>	Would establish an Agriculture-Linked Investment Program administered by the State Conservation Commission to provide low-interest loans to farmers for costs incurred in implementing best management practices.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	<b>ACT 37 OF 2019</b>
<b>HB 1536</b> <b>B. Miller</b>	Would amend the Vehicle Code to make certain classes of persons as “vulnerable highway users,” and impose increased penalties for motor vehicle drivers who would cause serious bodily injury or death to such users through careless driving.	<b>OPPOSES</b>	Reported from Original House Committee <b>ON THE HOUSE TABLED CALENDAR</b>
<b>HB 1603</b> <b>Grove</b>	Would amend state income tax laws to allow for net operating business losses to be applied to other classes of income to reduce a taxpayer’s total taxable income, consistent with deduction of loss.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	In the HOUSE FINANCE Committee
<b>HB 1642</b> <b>Everett</b>	Would establish by statute a program for state purchase of tradable nutrient and sediment credits from performance of conservation measures through competitive bidding process, to be administered by PennVEST. The legislation would also provide for an appropriation of \$20 million for purchasing credits under the program.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	In the HOUSE STATE GOVERNMENT Committee
<b>HB 1689</b> <b>Schmitt</b>	Would require school boards to include at the first regular public meeting of the school year an agenda item that reveals all school building construction or reconstruction projects to be considered undertaking in the upcoming year.	<b>SUPPORTS AND SEEKS FURTHER AMENDMENTS</b>	In the HOUSE EUCATION Committee

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<b>HB 1720 Neilson</b>	Would authorize and require prior approval by the General Assembly for conversion of any public roadway to a toll road.	<b>OPPOSES</b>	In the HOUSE TRANSPORTATION Committee
<b>HB 1760 Benninghoff</b>	Would eliminate authority of school districts and municipalities to file appeals to challenge tax assessment values of individual real property tax parcels, except when the parcel has gone through a countywide reassessment, been divided into smaller parcels, or a change in the productive use of the property has occurred.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	Reported from Original Senate Committee  In the SENATE APPROPRIATIONS Committee
<b>HB 1772 Keefer</b>	Would authorize landowners to provide notice of areas of property in which entry or presence is prohibited through the use of paint markings meeting minimum specified criteria, which will be recognized as sufficient “notice” in conviction of persons entering such areas under “defiant trespasser” provisions.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	Passed by the House Passed by the Senate Signed by the Governor ACT 103 OF 2019
<b>HB 1793 D. Miller</b>	Would prohibit the use of sky lanterns unless tethered or otherwise restricted from escaping from the property.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	In the HOUSE JUDICIARY Committee
<b>HB 1813 Otten</b>	Would amend the PA Constitution to give municipalities autonomous powers of self-government, essentially nullifying state authority to limit the scope of regulatory powers the local government may exercise.	<b>OPPOSES</b>	In the HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT Committee
<b>HB 1899 Delloso</b>	Would legalize and regulate the production and sale of recreational marijuana, under the administration and regulation of the state Liquor Control Board.	<b>OPPOSES</b>	In the HOUSE JUDICIARY Committee



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<b>HB 1911 Longietti</b>	Would require PennDOT to publish revised schedules for road damage bonds to be obtained by operators of vehicles on local roads with weights excess of posted weight limits; and would establish a presumption upon the occurrence of damage to a posted road that any vehicle operating at a weight in excess of the road's posted weight limits was the cause of that damage.	<b>OPPOSES</b>	In the HOUSE TRANSPORTATION Committee
<b>HB 1968 McNeill</b>	Would amend the cruelty to animals statutes to: (1) Prohibit an individual convicted of any provision of animal cruelty from owning animals for at least two years; (2) require the individual so convicted to undergo violence prevention counseling; (3) imposing upon any individual required to undergo violence prevention counseling but failing to complete counseling additional criminal penalties and extension of prohibition of animal ownership.	<b>OPPOSES</b>	In the HOUSE JUDICIARY Committee
<b>HB 1999 Shusterman</b>	Would provide immunity from criminal or civil liability to a person or food facility that donates food on a date after the food's labeled shelf life if the donor determines in good faith the food remains in wholesome condition.	<b>NOT ADDRESSED IN PFB POLICY</b>	In the HOUSE JUDICIARY Committee
<b>HB 2032 Ecker</b>	Would exempt agricultural employers and their employees from unemployment compensation tax, relative to employment obtained under the federal H-2A program.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	In the HOUSE LABOR & INDUSTRY Committee
<b>HB 2055 Snyder</b>	Would allow for development of broadband infrastructure by municipal authorities in underserved areas, as defined by the Federal Communications Commission.	<b>SUPPORTS</b>	In the HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT Committee

<u>Bill Number &amp; Prime Sponsor</u>	<u>Summary</u>	<u>PFB Position</u>	<u>Status</u>
<b>HB 2074 Freeman</b>	Would amend the PA Constitution by allowing the General Assembly to establish an exemption from property tax for that portion of tax that exceeds a percentage of the amount of the taxpayer's household income.	<b>NOT ADDRESSED IN PFB POLICY</b>	In the HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT Committee
<b>HB 2104 Hohenstein</b>	Would amend the cruelty to animals law by: (1) requiring owners of all domestic animals, including farm animals, to provide shelter that will keep the animal dry from any weather condition; (2) imposing specific and stringent standards of animal housing for dogs that are kept outside more than 30 minutes; and (3) prohibit any keeping of dogs outside for more than 15 minutes when a severe weather advisory or warning has been issued or when the temperature is below 32 degrees or above 90 degrees.	<b>AMENDMENTS NEEDED</b>	In the HOUSE JUDICIARY Committee
<b>HB 2113 Bernstine</b>	Would subject documents produced by Penn State University and other PA state-related institutions to public access of under the Right to Know Law.	<b>NOT ADDRESSED IN PFB POLICY</b>	In the HOUSE AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS Committee
<b>HB 2114 Bernstine</b>	Would extensively change the organizational make-up of Penn State University's Board of Trustees, including the elimination of designated membership of agricultural representatives to the Board.	<b>OPPOSES</b>	In the HOUSE AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS Committee
<b>HB 2131 Malagari</b>	Would authorize owners of land subject to an agricultural conservation easement to grant use of a corridor of the land for recreational trail use.	<b>OPPOSES</b>	In the HOUSE AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS Committee

**Bill Number &  
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**Summary**

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**HB 2148  
Causer**

Would amend the Conservation and Preservation Easement Act to establish standards for forest conservation easements acquired by public funds, including requirements that: (1) conveyance easement and legal documents used in conveyance of easement be approved by the Hardwoods Development Council; (2) proposed conveyances of easement be subject to public review and comment; (3) approval by the General Assembly, if state agency will acquire the easement; and lands subject to forest conservation easements be available for public recreation (including ATV and snowmobiles use) and develop and implement a forestry management plan devised by a consulting forester.

**NOT ADDRESSED  
IN PFB POLICY**

In the HOUSE  
AGRICULTURE &  
RURAL AFFAIRS  
Committee

**HB 2149  
Causer**

Would amend the Hardwoods Development Council Act to increase total membership on the Council from 25 to 27 members. Specific changes would decrease membership of secondary processors from 2 to 1; add a representative of the Allegheny National Forest; add 1 logger; and add 1 forester.

**NOT ADDRESSED  
IN PFB POLICY**

In the HOUSE  
AGRICULTURE &  
RURAL AFFAIRS  
Committee

**HB 2151  
Gaydos**

Would amend the PA Constitution by reducing the number of legislative districts in the House of Representatives from 203 to 151, to be effective upon execution of reapportionment after 2030.

**OPPOSES**

In the HOUSE STATE  
GOVERNMENT  
Committee.

**Bill Number &  
Prime Sponsor**

**Summary**

**PFB Position**

**Status**

**HB 2237  
Grove**

Would eliminate current requirements for voter approval of proposed change by local taxing districts to shift base of tax from property tax to personal income or earned income tax. The legislation would only require approval of proposed tax changes by the governing body.

**NOT ADDRESSED  
IN PFB POLICY**

In the HOUSE  
FINANCE Committee

**HB 2238  
Neilson**

Would amend the Dog Law by requiring pet shop kennels to post on each cage of dog being offered for sale information regarding the breed, age and date of birth of the dog; the state and the number of the USDA or PA license issued to the dog's breeder; and documentation of all medical treatments and inoculations given to and any medical diagnosis issued for the dog.

**NOT ADDRESSED  
IN PFB POLICY**

In the HOUSE  
AGRICULTURE &  
RURAL AFFAIRS  
Committee

**HB 2244  
Dunbar**

Would change state income tax laws to allow for deductions from taxable income based on a formula for estimation of depletion of the taxpayer's ownership interest in oil or natural gas reserves, consistent with federal income tax laws.

**SUPPORTS**

In the HOUSE  
FINANCE Committee