



PSCOA Political Update

Pennsylvania State Corrections Officers

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The following information on legislation that may impact the H-1 Bargaining Unit has been received today from our lobbyists, the Winter Group, and is being sent out for our membership's information. We ask that you share this information with all members of H-1.

State Budget

Yesterday a closed-door meeting held at the Governor's Residence to discuss the budget was not as successful as hoped. Democrats have priorities that they want to see in the budget but Republicans argue they cannot be included without tax increases, a resolution the GOP has vowed not to support. The Patriot News has quoted Sen. Pileggi saying the negotiations are at a "standstill, leaning in a negative direction."

Today the House Blue Dog Democrats will offer a no-new-tax-increase \$27.4 billion budget which will be backed by House Republicans. It could be a rare chance for lawmakers to break through the gridlocked budget, now more than a month overdue, something both public and closed-door meetings between legislative leaders and Governor Ed Rendell have failed to do. This amendment is now on the House Calendar for caucus discussion. Yet House Democrats are still planning on passing the Senate-approved plan, sending it to the Governor's desk, at which point he will line-veto all but \$4 billion—the amount needed to pay state workers and keep the government running.

Due to the impasse, 33,000 state workers did not receive a paycheck on Friday and another 44,000 may go payless this week if the House doesn't move a bill to the Governor's desk quickly.

Governor Rendell is holding a press conference in York today at 2:30 pm to discuss economic development. Budget questions are expected to be asked. The conference will be live on PCII.

No new news on the next meeting of the Budget Conference Committee.

Legislative Session Days for 2009

House

August 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

Senate

August 3

Legislative Calendar

MONDAY - 8/3/09

Senate State Government—Public hearing on: HB 792 Goodman Act re convey lands in Ryan Township

House Rules—To consider: HB 1330 Hanna Amends Title 3 re def. parking meter inspector HB 1847 Harhai Amends Coal Refuse Disposal Control re sites HB 1861 Caltagirone Amends Title 42 re deposits into account HB 1900 Belfanti Amends Unemployment Compensation Law re info. HB 1654 Daley Amends Title 7 re mortgage loan licensure HB 1770 Gergely Amends Unemployment Compensation Law

TUESDAY - 8/4/09

House Education—To consider: HB 11 Roebuck Amends Public School Code re accountability SB 736 Orié Amends Public School Code re asthma inhalers

House Judiciary—To consider: HB 1876 Hornaman Amends Title 45 re legal advertising HB 1883 Vereb Amends Title 42 re State Police Training Acct. SB 299 Corman Amends Title 18 re phishing SB 605 Waugh Amends Title 18 re offense of robbery SB 391 Greenleaf Act repealing act re certain Children's Homes

House Agriculture and Rural Affairs—To consider: SB 901 Scarnati Amends Biofuel Development Act re on-road sale

THURSDAY - 8/6/09

Independent Regulatory Review Commission—To consider: 2725 PA PUC #57-262: Household Goods in Use Carrier 2719 State Board of Pharmacy #16A-5422: Fees 2661 Municipal Police Officers' Education & Training Commission #17-75: Retired Law Enforcement Officers Identification & Qualification Cards 2732 Environmental Hearing Board #106-9: Practice & Procedure 2717 Environmental Quality Board #7-404: Bluff Recession & Setback

FRIDAY - 8/7/09

Senate Education—Public hearing on School Consolidation

Customized Bill Tracking Report

Track: PA State Corrections Officers **Request Date:** 7-27-2009 thru 8-3-2009

HB 35	Perzel	Amends PA Board of Probation and Parole Law further providing for business of the PA Board of Probation and Parole and for power to parole.
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Bill History: 03-05-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary


HB 36	Dally	Amends Prisoner Pre-release Plan Law further providing for release plans.
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HB 40	Perry	Amends Titles 18 (Crimes & Offenses) & 42 (Judiciary) further providing, in general principles of justification, for definitions, use of force in self-protection, etc. & further providing for sentences for offenses committed with firearms.
	Bill History:	01-26-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary
HB 129	Killion	Amends the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard & Recovery Act further providing for definitions, for contents of actuarial valuation report, for minimum funding standards & for revision of financing; & for deferred retirement option plans.
	Companions:	HB 2472 Killion (Refiled from 07R Session)
	Bill History:	03-19-09 H Actuarial Note Adopted ...Public Employee Retirement Commission
HB 132	Killion	Amends Title 18 (Crimes & Offenses) further providing for the offenses of possession of weapons, aggravated assault, criminal trespass & solicitation of minors at private residential rehabilitative institutions.
	Companions:	HB 2816 Killion (Refiled from 07R Session) HB 1878 Killion (Identical) 7-22-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary
	Bill History:	01-30-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary
HB 133	Killion	Amends act authorizing courts of record to remove convicts & persons confined in jails, workhouses, reformatories, reform or industrial schools, penitentiaries, prisons, etc. providing for payment of medical costs.
	Companions:	HB 1368 Killion (Refiled from 07R Session) SB 921 Erickson (Refiled from 07R Session)
	Bill History:	01-30-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary
HB 152	Solobay	Amends the Lethal Weapons Training Act further providing for education and training program.
	Companions:	HB 173 Solobay (Refiled from 07R Session)
	Bill History:	01-30-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary

HB 181	Cutler	Amends Title 34 (Game) further providing for powers and duties of enforcement officers and for resisting or interfering with an officer. Bill History: 06-04-09 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Game and Fisheries
HB 209	Caltagirone	Amends Title 42 (Judiciary) & codifying Title 61 (Penal & Correctional Institutions) providing for temporary release from county correctional institutions, parole without board supervision, jud. power to release inmates & medical transfer. Bill History: 05-12-09 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Judiciary
HB 241	Conklin	Act requiring persons convicted of arson & related offenses to register with local authorities; providing for duties of the PA State Police & the PA Board of Probation & Parole; and imposing a penalty. Bill History: 02-04-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Government
HB 264	Solobay	Amends Titles 18 (Crimes & Offenses) & 42 (Judiciary) further providing for expungement of criminal history record and for juvenile records; and providing for expungement fee. Bill History: 07-17-09 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Judiciary
HB 265	Mustio	Act providing for HIV-related testing for certain sex offenders; and making a related repeal. Bill History: 02-05-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary
HB 306	Keller, W	Amends the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole Law further providing for supervision by probation and parole officers. Companions: HB 31 Keller, W (Refiled from 07R Session) Bill History: 04-22-09 H Rereferred to House Appropriations
HB 605	Kauffman	Amends the Right-to-Know Law, providing for requests for public records of the Department of Corrections; and further providing for extension of time. Bill History: 02-24-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Government
HB 653	DeLuca	Act providing for the termination of law enforcement officers upon testing positive for a controlled substance. Companions: HB 2363 DeLuca (Refiled from 07R Session) Bill History: 02-27-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary


HB 684	Payne	Amends Title 18 (Crimes & Offenses) further providing for sentences for murder, murder of unborn child and murder of law enforcement officer.
	Bill History:	03-03-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary
HB 751	Watson	Amends Title 18 (Crimes & Offenses) further providing for the offense of aggravated harassment by prisoner.
	Companions:	HB 1466 Watson (Refiled from 07R Session)
	Bill History:	03-05-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary
HB 753	Sainato	Amends Title 71 (State Government) further defining "correction officer."
	Bill History:	03-05-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Government
HB 770	Petri	Amends the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole Law, further providing for power to parole.
	Bill History:	03-06-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary
 HB 792	Goodman	Act authorizing DGS, with the approval of the Governor & Dept. of Corrections, to grant & convey to Schuylkill County certain lands situate in Ryan Township, Schuylkill County.
	Bill History:	08-03-09 S Meeting set for 11:00 a.m., Schuylkill Technology Center, Fr ...Senate State Government
HB 913	Marsico	Amends The Administrative Code prohibiting the furlough of Commonwealth employees.
	Bill History:	03-12-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Government
HB 981	Hutchinson	Amends the Enforcement Officer Disability Benefits Law, extending the payment of the salary, medical and hospital expenses to Department of Conservation and Natural Resources law enforcement officers under certain circumstances.
	Bill History:	03-18-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Resources and Energy

HB 1053	Costa, D	Amends Title 18 (Crimes & Offenses) further providing for fines, for weapons or implements for escape and for contraband; and making a conforming amendment. Bill History: 03-23-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary
HB 1054	Gibbons	Amends Title 51 (Military Affairs) providing for veterans tuition rate. Bill History: 04-20-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Education
HB 1072	Waters	An Act providing released prisoners with access to voter registration materials; and imposing duties on the Department of Corrections. Bill History: 05-12-09 H Rereferred to House Appropriations
HB 1075	Waters	Amends Title 61 (Penal and Correctional Institutions), amending the heading of Title 61; adding definitions; and providing for prerelease testing. Companions: HB 2776 Waters (Refiled from 07R Session) Bill History: 03-24-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary
HB 1134	Cohen	Act providing for documents to inmates on their release; and providing for the powers & duties of the Department of Corrections. Bill History: 03-27-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary
HB 1145	Dermodly	Amends the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Law further providing for the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. Bill History: 06-04-09 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Judiciary
 HB 1202	Walko	Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the PA Constitution authorizing legislation to allow persons in the National Guard or in a reserve component, whether activated or not, to hold public office concurrently with their service. Bill History: 07-29-09 H Rereferred to House Rules


HB 1234	Creighton	Amends Title 18 (Crimes & Offenses) defining the offense of inmate tattooing; and prescribing a penalty.
	Companions:	HB 1613 Creighton (Refiled from 07R Session)
	Bill History:	04-08-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary
HB 1244	Belfanti	Amends Title 42 (Judiciary) providing for law enforcement officers of limited jurisdiction.
	Companions:	HB 1761 Belfanti (Refiled from 07R Session)
	Bill History:	04-08-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Labor Relations
HB 1246	Harper	Amends Emergency & Law Enforcement Personnel Death Benefits Act further providing for death benefit eligibility; & repealing certain provisions of the Municipal Police Pension Law & the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard & Recovery Act.
	Bill History:	04-24-09 H Actuarial Note Attached to the Bill ...Public Employee Retirement Commission
HB 1268	Dally	Amends the Police Officer, Firefighter, Correction Employee and National Guard Member Child Beneficiary Education Act providing for eligibility for sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and constables.
	Bill History:	04-16-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Education
HB 1271	Dally	Amends the Public Employe Relations Act adding law enforcement officers of limited jurisdiction as an additional category of covered employee.
	Companions:	HB 1075 Dally (Refiled from 07R Session)
	Bill History:	04-16-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Labor Relations
HB 1281	Gibbons	Act providing for notice and a public hearing relating to privately operated community corrections facilities.
	Bill History:	07-21-09 H Set on the House Voting Schedule
HB 1332	Gergely	Amends Title 42 (Judiciary) providing for confidential communications to a critical incident stress management team member by law enforcement officers, firefighters, first responders & corrections officers.
	Companions:	HB 2821 Gergely (Refiled from 07R Session)
	Bill History:	06-26-09 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Judiciary

HB 1364	Goodman	Amends The Administrative Code providing for private operation funds. Bill History: 04-27-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Government
HB 1365	Goodman	Amends the Private Prison Moratorium and Study Act further providing for a moratorium and for continued operation. Companions: HB 1469 Goodman (Refiled from 07R Session) Bill History: 04-27-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary
HB 1368	Murt	Act prohibiting Commonwealth agencies from paying bonuses to employees; and imposing penalties. Bill History: 04-28-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Government
HB 1395	Buxton	Amends The Administrative Code prohibiting the furlough of Commonwealth employees. Companions: SB 72 Piccola (Identical) 1-29-09 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Government Bill History: 05-06-09 H Rereferred to House Appropriations
HB 1414	Johnson	Act establishing the PA Criminal Justice Commission of 2009 as a subcommission under the PCCD to review PA's entire criminal justice system within an 18-month period, to propose concrete, wide-ranging reforms & reintegrating ex-offenders. Bill History: 05-04-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary
HB 1476	Thomas	Act directing the PHC4 to conduct a study relating to feasibility of requiring all health insurance plans offered to employees to be part of a single trust fund for the provision of health insurance plans & report to the General Assembly. Bill History: 06-23-09 H Rereferred to House Rules
HB 1567	Boyle	Amends Title 42 (Judiciary) further providing for publication of guidelines for sentencing, resentencing & parole & recommitment ranges following revocation, for adoption of guidelines for sentencing & for sentencing generally. Bill History: 06-23-09 H Rereferred to House Rules

HB 1730	Creighton	Amends the Official Visitation of Prisons Act, further providing for the definition of "official visitor."
	Companions:	HB 2506 Creighton (Refiled from 07R Session)
	Bill History:	06-17-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary
HB 1731	Bishop	Amends Title 42 (Judiciary) further providing for sentencing to partial confinement and for sentencing to total confinement.
	Bill History:	06-17-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary
HB 1758	Mann	Amends the Emergency and Law Enforcement Personnel Death Benefits Act, further providing for death benefit eligibility.
	Companions:	SB 1238 Stack (Refiled from 07R Session) SB 498 Stack (Identical) 3- 2-09 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Labor and Industry
	Bill History:	06-22-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Prepare
HB 1851	Payne	Amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) further providing for sentences for offenses committed with firearms.
	Bill History:	07-10-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary
HR 302	Goodman	Resolution designating the month of June 2009 as "Corrections Officers and Employees Month" in Pennsylvania.
	Bill History:	06-01-09 H Adopted (Vote: Y:192/N: 0)
SB 27	Washington	Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) providing for a limit on handgun purchases and sales; and establishing the Violence Prevention Fund.
	Companions:	SB 1043 Washington (Refiled from 07R Session)
	Bill History:	01-20-09 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Judiciary
SB 35	Tartaglione	Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses), in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for registration of firearms; providing for mandatory registration in 1st class cities and for firearms transfer.
	Bill History:	01-20-09 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Judiciary

SB 36	Tartaglione	Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses), in firearms and other dangerous articles, providing for report of theft or loss of a firearm. Bill History: 01-20-09 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Judiciary
SB 73	Greenleaf	Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses), in obstructing governmental operations, further providing for the offense of weapons or implements for escape and for contraband; and making a conforming amendment. Bill History: 07-16-09 H Rereferred to House Appropriations
SB 74	Greenleaf	Act establishing the Criminal Justice & Mental Health Reinvestment Program; and providing for powers and duties of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. Bill History: 02-24-09 S Discussed in budget hearing with PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency ...Senate Appropriations
SB 78	Greenleaf	Amends the Police Officer, Firefighter, Correction Employee & Nat'l Guard Member Child Beneficiary Act, extending benefits to surviving spouses, for act title, definitions, Postsecondary Education & Gen. Assembly report. Bill History: 03-05-09 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education
SB 103	Eichelberger	Act providing for banning bonuses provided to employees of Commonwealth agencies. Bill History: 01-21-09 S Discussed in press conference by Senate Republicans on 1-21-09
 SB 112	Greenleaf	Amends Titles 42 (Judiciary) & codifying Title 61 (Penal & Correctional Institutions) further providing for adoption of guidelines for resentencing, for adoption of guidelines for parole etc. & changes & repeals relating to codification. Bill History: 08-03-09 H Set on the House Voting Schedule
SB 196	Baker, L	Amends Title 51 (Military Affairs) further providing for educational leave of absence. Bill History: 06-09-09 H Received in the House and referred to House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Prepared.
SB 219	Greenleaf	Amends an act providing for a system of recording IDs of persons convicted of crime; imposing duties on State Police, dist. attys, etc.; providing for a short title, defining "correctional institution", & for records & violations. Companions: SB 625 Greenleaf (Refiled from 07R Session) Bill History: 02-19-09 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate

Judiciary

SB 301	Vance	Amends Title 30 (Fish) further providing for license fee for deployed Pennsylvania National Guard members and for resident license and fee exemptions.
	Bill History:	06-17-09 H Received in the House and referred to House Game and Fisheries
SB 302	Baker, L	Amends Title 34 (Game) further providing for resident license and fee exemptions for deployed Pennsylvania National Guard members.
	Bill History:	06-17-09 H Received in the House and referred to House Game and Fisheries
 SB 369	Logan	Amends the Emergency & Law Enforcement Personnel Death Benefits Act further providing for death benefit eligibility, & repealing provisions of the Municipal Police Pension Law & Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard & Recovery Act.
	Bill History:	08-03-09 S Set on the Senate Calendar
SB 408	Leach	Amends Title 42 (Judiciary & Judicial Procedure) providing for a mental health court division.
	Companions:	HB 80 Leach (Refiled from 07R Session)
	Bill History:	02-20-09 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Judiciary
SB 449	Ferlo	Amends Title 42 (Judiciary & Judicial Procedure) providing for wrongful conviction and imprisonment.
	Companions:	SB 714 Ferlo (Refiled from 07R Session)
	Bill History:	03-02-09 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Judiciary
SB 482	Kasunic	Amends Title 18 (Crimes & Offense) providing for mandatory prison sentences for arson and related offenses.
	Companions:	SB 241 Kasunic (Refiled from 07R Session)
	Bill History:	03-02-09 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Judiciary
SB 498	Stack	Amends the Emergency and Law Enforcement Personnel Death Benefits Act, further providing for death benefit eligibility.
	Companions:	SB 1238 Stack (Refiled from 07R Session) HB 1758 Mann (Identical)
		6-22-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Prepared.

		Bill History: 03-02-09 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Labor and Industry
SB 499	Stack	Act providing for group life insurance to law enforcement officers and for the powers and duties of the Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police.
	Companions:	SB 1239 Stack (Refiled from 07R Session)
	Bill History:	03-02-09 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Banking and Insurance
SB 638	Kasunic	Amends the Enforcement Officer Disability Benefits Law, extending benefits to county correction officers.
	Companions:	SB 559 Kasunic (Refiled from 07R Session)
	Bill History:	03-19-09 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Labor and Industry
SB 730	Greenleaf	Act providing for the rights of law enforcement officers concerning certain complaints and grievances.
	Companions:	SB 363 Greenleaf (Refiled from 07R Session)
	Bill History:	04-03-09 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Law and Justice
SB 1029	Argall	Act imposing limitations on the Department of Corrections relating to expenditures from certain funds available for inmates.
	Bill History:	07-14-09 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Judiciary
SB 1044	White, D	Act providing for drug redistribution within correctional facilities.
	Bill History:	07-23-09 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Judiciary
SR 143	Dinniman	Resolution proclaiming the week of July 19 through 25, 2009, as "Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Week" in Pennsylvania.
	Bill History:	07-07-09 S Adopted (Vote: Y: 48/N: 0)

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