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SENATE

MONDAY, May 1, 2023

The Senate met at 2 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor Austin A. Davis) in the Chair.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend MATT RICSON PARKS, of LCBC Church, Mechanicsburg, offered the following prayer:

Jesus, thank You so much for the privilege of being able to lead and influence this State. Thank You for the leaders in this room. We pray that there is a spirit of cooperation, peace, and unity that prevails today. I pray that You are honored by the decisions that we make, and our people are better because of it. Jesus, thank You for the privilege of leading and serving our State. We love You, thank You, and trust You. It is in Your name we pray. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Pastor Parks, who is the guest today of Senator Rothman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those assembled.)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following communications in writing from His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, which were read as follows and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations:

MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS'
EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION

April 27, 2023

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Jason Brinker, 35 Adam Street, York 17404, York County, Thirty-first Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training

Commission, to serve for a term of three years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS'
EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION

April 27, 2023

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Vincent DiCenzo, 829 Westbury Road, North Versailles 15137, Allegheny County, Forty-fifth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission, to serve for a term of three years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS'
EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION

April 27, 2023

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Richard Mendez, 3185 Elm Tree Road, Manheim 17545, Lancaster County, Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission, to serve for a term of three years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jarrad Berkihsier, Lancaster, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS'
EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION

April 27, 2023

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In conformity with law, I have the honor hereby to nominate for the advice and consent of the Senate, Guy Salerno, 711 Pleasant Avenue, Peckville 18452, Lackawanna County, Fortieth Senatorial District, for reappointment as a member of the Municipal Police Officers' Education

and Training Commission, to serve for a term of three years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following Senate Bills numbered, entitled, and referred as follows, which were read by the Clerk:

April 27, 2023

Senators BROOKS, DILLON, LANGERHOLC, KANE, STREET, J. WARD, MASTRIANO, COSTA, L. WILLIAMS, REGAN, COLLETT and FARRY presented to the Chair **SB 100**, entitled:

An Act providing for patient access to diagnostics and treatments for Lyme disease and related tick-borne illnesses; and requiring health care policies to provide certain coverage.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, April 27, 2023.

April 28, 2023

Senators J. WARD and COLLETT presented to the Chair **SB 607**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91), known as the State Lottery Law, in pharmaceutical assistance for the elderly, further providing for determination of eligibility.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, April 28, 2023.

Senators BAKER, J. WARD, COLLETT, KANE, FARRY, BREWSTER, ARGALL, PENNYCUICK, CAPPELLETTI, COSTA, SANTARSIERO, SCHWANK and DUSH presented to the Chair **SB 608**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 27, 2006 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as the Taxpayer Relief Act, in senior citizens property tax and rent rebate assistance, further providing for definitions.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 28, 2023.

Senators MASTRIANO and DUSH presented to the Chair **SB 618**, entitled:

An Act prohibiting health mandates and requirements by specified Federal and nongovernmental health organizations.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, April 28, 2023.

Senators SANTARSIERO, HAYWOOD, KEARNEY, HUGHES, FONTANA, COSTA, DILLON, CAPPELLETTI and STREET presented to the Chair **SB 623**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school health services, providing for parent educational information regarding eating disorders.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, April 28, 2023.

Senators BROOKS, DILLON, COLLETT, TARTAGLIONE, COMMITTA, COSTA and SANTARSIERO presented to the Chair **SB 624**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 7, 1982 (P.L.784, No.225), known as the Dog Law, in miscellaneous provisions, establishing the Pennsylvania Lost and Found Dog Registry.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, April 28, 2023.

Senators DUSH, STEFANO, PENNYCUICK, COLEMAN, ROTHMAN, HUTCHINSON and J. WARD presented to the Chair **SB 625**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 25, 1982 (P.L.633, No.181), known as the Regulatory Review Act, further providing for procedures for subsequent review of disapproved final-form or final-omitted regulations.

Which was committed to the Committee on INTERGOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, April 28, 2023.

Senators BREWSTER, FONTANA and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 626**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in court-ordered involuntary treatment of certain sexually violent persons, providing for court-ordered involuntary treatment of certain persons for controlled substance addiction; imposing duties on the Department of Human Services; and making editorial changes.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 28, 2023.

Senators BREWSTER, FONTANA and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 627**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 3 (Agriculture), 18 (Crimes and Offenses), 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in other offenses, further providing for drug trafficking sentencing and penalties; and making conforming amendments.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, April 28, 2023.

Senators BARTOLOTTA, SCHWANK and DUSH presented to the Chair **SB 629**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in sales and use tax, further providing for exclusions from tax.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 28, 2023.

Senator LANGERHOLC presented to the Chair **SB 630**, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 52767, carrying West High Street (State Route 4031), crossing the Ghost Town Trail, located in Ebensburg Borough, Cambria County, as the Corpsman Charles Doerr, United States Navy, Memorial Bridge.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, April 28, 2023.

Senators YAW, J. WARD and BAKER presented to the Chair **SB 631**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions relating to health care, further providing for applicability, for definitions, for criminal penalties, for emergency medical services, for definitions, for orders, bracelets and necklaces, for revocation, for absence of order, bracelet or necklace and for emergency medical services, repealing provisions relating to advisory committee and providing for discontinuance and for Pennsylvania orders for life-sustaining treatment; and making editorial changes.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, April 28, 2023.

Senator MASTRIANO presented to the Chair **SB 632**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school security, providing for school safety form.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, April 28, 2023.

Senators FARRY, LAUGHLIN, PENNYCUICK, MARTIN and ROTHMAN presented to the Chair **SB 671**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 31, 1965 (P.L.1257, No.511), known as The Local Tax Enabling Act, further providing for title of act; providing for local taxes in cities of the first class, for prohibition of tax on certain individuals and for reimbursement of taxes; and making repeals.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, April 28, 2023.

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following Senate Resolutions numbered, entitled, and referred as follows, which were read by the Clerk:

April 28, 2023

Senators CAPPELLETTI, SANTARSIERO, SCHWANK, HAYWOOD, DILLON, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, KANE, MARTIN, HUGHES, MILLER, ARGALL, COMITTA, BREWSTER, COSTA and COLLETT presented to the Chair **SR 106**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of May 7 through 13, 2023, as "Jewish Day Schools Week" in Pennsylvania and expressing appreciation and gratitude to Jewish day schools across this Commonwealth.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, April 28, 2023.

Senators CAPPELLETTI, SCHWANK, SANTARSIERO, SAVAL, DILLON, KEARNEY, HAYWOOD, BOSCOLA, FONTANA, KANE, MARTIN, HUGHES, PHILLIPS-HILL, MILLER, TARTAGLIONE, BROWN, COMITTA, DUSH, COSTA and COLLETT presented to the Chair **SR 107**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of May 2023 as "Jewish American Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, April 28, 2023.

BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

Senator MARTIN, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following bill:

SB 165 (Pr. No. 634) (Rereported)

An Act amending the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, further providing for prohibited acts and penalties.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVES

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana, Senator Pittman.

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I request temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Coleman, Senator Stefano, Senator Brooks, and Senator DiSanto, and a legislative leave for Senator Pennycuick.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Cappelletti.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pittman requests temporary Capitol leaves for Senator Coleman, Senator Stefano, Senator Brooks, and Senator DiSanto, and a legislative leave for Senator Pennycuick.

Senator Costa requests a legislative leave for Senator Cappelletti.

Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WEEKLY RECESS

Senator PITTMAN offered the following resolution, which was read as follows:

In the Senate, May 1, 2023

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene the week of Monday, May 8, 2023, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses the week of May 8, 2023, it reconvene the week of Monday, June 5, 2023, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene the week of Monday, May 22, 2023, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses the week of May 22, 2023, it reconvene the week of Monday, June 5, 2023, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

On the question,
Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The yeas and nays were required by Senator PITTMAN and were as follows, viz:

YEA-50

Argall	Culver	Langerhole	Santarsiero
Aument	Dillon	Laughlin	Saval
Baker	DiSanto	Martin	Schwank
Bartolotta	Dush	Mastriano	Stefano
Boscola	Farry	Miller	Street
Brewster	Flynn	Muth	Tartaglione
Brooks	Fontana	Pennycuick	Vogel
Brown	Gebhard	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Cappelletti	Haywood	Pittman	Ward, Kim
Coleman	Hughes	Regan	Williams, Anthony H.
Collett	Hutchinson	Robinson	Williams, Lindsey
Comitta	Kane	Rothman	Yaw
Costa	Kearney		

NAY-0

A majority of the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate present the same to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Stefano has returned, and his temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

GUESTS OF SENATOR KATIE J. MUTH PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Montgomery, Senator Muth.

Senator MUTH. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize some amazing constituents from my Senate district, as well as Senator Comitta's Senate district. Today we are honored to be joined in the Capitol by Aidan's Heart Foundation and over 75 students, educators, and parents from Downingtown Area School District in Chester County. I want to thank all of the volunteers from Aidan's Heart Foundation, and while I would love to name you all by name, because there are so many of you and you have to catch a bus back to after-school activities, I just want to extend my gratitude, and that I am honored to work with you on the legislation that we talked about earlier today at a press conference regarding the use of automated external defibrillators. While the majority of my guests are 6th-grade students from the Marsh Creek Sixth Grade Center--there are over 50 of them here today--and every single one of them is certified in CPR and is trained in the use of an AED. Also, here with us today are students from the Downingtown Area High School who continue to work as peer advocates, which they call heart heroes, alongside Aidan's Heart Foundation, teaching kids in the Sixth Grade Center the skills necessary to save lives.

Another guest in the gallery I want to give a shout-out to is Blair Allan, who is a survivor of sudden cardiac arrest. She was in cross country in 2012 at the Villa Maria Academy in Malvern in Chester County, and she went into sudden cardiac arrest and was saved by an AED. And last, but certainly not least, I want to recognize Christy Marshall Silva and her children, Devin, Quentin, and Fiona. Christy founded Aidan's Heart Foundation shortly after the tragic and unexpected death of her 7-year-old son, Aidan, in 2010. On a sunny afternoon on Labor Day weekend in 2010, Aidan suddenly collapsed without warning and died from unexplained sudden cardiac arrest. Since that day, Christy

has turned tragedy into action, and she is a tireless advocate for sudden cardiac arrest prevention, awareness, and education. Many of our colleagues here in the Senate had the pleasure of meeting with these students throughout the day as they lobbied door-to-door, trying to get support for commonsense, lifesaving legislation in support of Senate Bill No. 513 and Senate Bill No. 512. These are two bills that I wrote alongside advocates like Christy and the [American] Heart Association and others and introduced earlier this Session which have several bipartisan co-sponsors. So, thank you to those Members who have co-sponsored these two important bills that would take important steps toward ensuring the safety of students, student-athletes, staff, and even spectators during school hours and at school-sponsored events. We drafted these bills after working months alongside Christy and her team and learning about what other States do to prepare their schools, their coaches, and their teachers to respond to sudden cardiac arrest.

Senate Bill No. 512 would require each school building in Pennsylvania to have at least one AED placed in a central accessible location and require school districts to create an emergency action plan and certified emergency response teams to respond to the incidents of sudden cardiac arrest. Senate Bill No. 513 would require all coaches of athletic teams and supervisors of after-school activities to become certified in CPR and in the use of AEDs. If all of these young kids can do it, any of us can do it, and we all should want to take the steps necessary to save a life in the need that someone would need help using CPR and/or an AED. Public safety and protecting our students is not a partisan issue, and as these students have told you today, we can pass these bills out of the Committee on Education and get them to the Governor's desk. I want to thank, again, all of my colleagues who co-sponsored and supported this legislation, and thank you, again, to all of the advocates, the changemakers, and all of the people from Aidan's Heart Foundation for being here today and for all of the amazing work that you do in our community. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to give the Marsh Creek Narwhals, the Downingtown Area School students, and Aidan's Heart Foundation a warm Senate welcome. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Muth please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR GREG ROTHMAN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cumberland, Senator Rothman.

Senator ROTHMAN. Mr. President, it is my honor to introduce Pastor Matt Parks, who was the guest Senate Chaplain this afternoon. Matt lives in Monroe Township in my district and he leads the West Shore campus of LCBC, which stands for Lives Changed By Christ, which is also the church I attend. He is married to Pearl. They have three kids and have been married for 18 years. Thank you for being here today, and will we please have the Senate give him a warm welcome.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes, for the second time, the gentleman from Cumberland, Senator Rothman.

Senator ROTHMAN. Mr. President, I am pleased to introduce the Upper Dauphin Area High School and Middle School Archery Teams from my district seated in the gallery this afternoon. Both teams recently won the State championships in their divisions for middle school and high school to close out a season full of accomplishments. This past March, the teams joined around 900 other athletes from 53 schools across the Commonwealth to compete for the State championship. Having gone undefeated in the regular season, the high school team rose to the challenge and broke the State record for the third time this season en route to their State championship finish. Not to be outdone, the middle school team joined them as double State champions with 6 members of the combined teams placing in the top 10. The skills displayed by these individuals shows their determination and hard work. Please join me in recognizing these talented athletes, coaches, and supporters from Upper Dauphin Middle School and High School today.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Rothman please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR CAROLYN T. COMITTA PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Chester, Senator Comitta.

Senator COMITTA. Mr. President, I rise today to welcome a young athlete from my district, Macaela Walker, here today with her parents, Lamont and Crystal; coach, Mike Walling; and the athletic director of the Oxford Area High School, Michael Price. Macaela, a junior at Oxford Area High School, won first place in the girls' 60-meter hurdles event during the 2023 Pennsylvania Track and Field Coaches Association Indoor State Championships. She captured the gold medal with a time of 8.63 seconds. Macaela also finished second place in the 60-meter sprint event. The 60-meter hurdles race and the 60-meter sprint race were back-to-back races, and she still achieved her personal best times in both. I commend Macaela for her commitment to athletic excellence. Macaela, congratulations on your well-deserved win, and best wishes for the future. Please join me in giving a warm Senate welcome to Macaela Walker.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Comitta please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR DAVID G. ARGALL PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Schuylkill, Senator Argall.

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, this is an unusual group of introductions for me today. With me in the gallery are two international guests who are studying this year in Carbon County. Joel Vieten is from--I am going to try this very carefully--Schwalmtal, Germany--that is a tongue twister--and is studying this year at Palmerton High School as part of the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange. He is an active member of the Future Business Leaders of America, and he is very active in the church that his host family attends. Herzliche Willkommen, Joel.

Celia Rodriguez Gonzalez is from Spain. She was selected to be a part of the Amancio Ortega Foundation and is studying this year at Jim Thorpe High School. She is a member of the Jim Thorpe Track and Field Team, where she is already closing in on breaking a record as one of the fastest females in the history of the school. The original Jim Thorpe, perhaps one of the best track and field stars in world history, would have been very proud of that achievement. Please join me in giving them a warm welcome today to the Pennsylvania Senate.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Argall please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

GUEST OF SENATOR JOHN I. KANE PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Chester, Senator Kane.

Senator KANE. Mr. President, I rise today to welcome Caleb Leibig to the Senate floor. Caleb is a remarkable young man who has made a tremendous impact in our office during his time as an intern. Caleb is a rare talent who is deeply passionate about politics and policy and who has a remarkable ability to communicate complex ideas in an engaging and accessible way for all to understand and relate to. Caleb is a constituent of Senator DiSanto. He lives in Susquehanna Township and is a freshman at Penn State by way of Bishop McDevitt High School, right here in Harrisburg. Caleb has done some remarkable things to get him to this point with us today. In his senior year of high school, Caleb founded the Political Science Club of Bishop McDevitt. This group was created in order to promote debate and discourse among a diverse group of students with different viewpoints. Under Caleb, the group championed efforts to register eligible students to vote. Caleb's dedication to making a difference in the lives of Pennsylvanians is truly inspiring. He approaches his work with a sense of purpose and urgency that is infectious. Whether he is researching legislation, drafting memos, or working with constituents, Caleb always puts his best foot forward. He has a remarkable work ethic and a drive to succeed that will serve him well in all of his future endeavors. Caleb's energy, enthusiasm, and all-around good nature have made him a true asset to our team, and we know that he will do great things in the future. I am confident that Caleb will be a tremendous asset to anyone who is lucky enough to have him.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Kane please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR JIMMY DILLON PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Dillon.

Senator DILLON. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize the George Washington High School Cheerleading Team for their extraordinary accomplishments and for representing the city of Philadelphia and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with pride and distinction. These Eagles are a perfect example of why high school sports are a vital part of life in every corner of our Commonwealth. Despite facing daunting challenges and limited

resources, they have achieved greatness through diligence, dedication, and teamwork.

The athletes visiting us in the gallery are a testament to the power of perseverance and the value of never giving up on your dreams. Their coaches, Michele Sorokin-Socki and Veronica Hayes, deserve special recognition for their unwavering commitment to their team. They have been true champions for these young athletes, providing guidance and leadership that has helped them succeed both on and off the mat. Their dedication to Eagles cheerleading is a testament to the transformative power of public education and the important role that coaches play in shaping the lives of our young people.

George Washington High School cheerleading had an unconventional start, with most of the team lacking a background in the sport or the necessary resources for their program. They had to juggle part-time jobs and caring for siblings with cheer practice, but they did not let those challenges hold them back. Luckily, excellent coaching and hard work paid dividends because George Washington has grown into a force to be reckoned with. They were named the PIAA Co-Ed Public League District XII champions 3 years in a row and have also qualified for State championships five times. In 2022, they became the first team in the public league to advance to the State semifinals; a feat that has never been achieved by a Philadelphia team competing against suburban or private schools with considerably more resources. The Eagles ranked ninth in the co-ed division in the entire State of Pennsylvania.

On New Year's Day, the Washington Eagle cheerleaders joined their NFL counterparts to perform a halftime show in front of nearly 70,000 fans at Lincoln Financial Field. They have also won several local competitions, including the Plymouth Whitmarsh Cheer Challenge and the Pennsbury High School Winner Circuit. This team's hard work and dedication culminated with their history-making run to the NCA High School Nationals, the largest All-Star cheerleading competition in the world. They finished as 1 of the 10 best teams in the nation in their division. Through their dedication and perseverance, the George Washington High School Cheerleading Team has triumphed over obstacles to achieve some truly remarkable things. Remarkable enough, Mr. President, that there will be a Netflix documentary featuring our George Washington Eagles--so, it is pretty cool from my standards to be representing them here in the district.

These achievements are a source of great pride throughout the northeast section of Philadelphia. The Eagles have made history, and their success has brought a lot of joy to their school and to our community. I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the entire squad for their extraordinary accomplishments and their unwavering commitment to excellence. I hope your camaraderie and your commitment to each other lasts well beyond your days you finally hang up your Washington uniforms. I wish you all the best in your endeavors. I know you will continue to shine bright. Mr. President, I ask each of my colleagues to join me in congratulating George Washington High School with our warm Senate welcome. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Dillon please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

GUEST OF SENATOR SHARIF T. STREET PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Street.

Senator STREET. Mr. President, I rise to introduce Mr. Kevin Bowman, a man who was recently given his life back after serving 35 years in State correctional institutions for a crime he did not commit. At 22 years old, Kevin was wrongly accused of committing a crime that resulted in the loss of life. For 35 years he served life without parole--death by incarceration for a crime he did not commit. Earlier this year, a judge exonerated him, allowing him to reunite with his family and reconnect with his community and move forward with his life.

While the time lost cannot be returned, Mr. Bowman is an example of the imperfections of our criminal justice system and should be an inspiration for its reform. Our Commonwealth currently holds among the most lifers, many of whom will never have an opportunity to have their cases undergo serious review, some of whom have never taken a life, are advanced in age, and according to our own Department of Corrections, pose minimal to zero risk to the public. It is critical we empower the Board of Parole to review cases that make sense, especially for seniors and the terminally ill, whose medical expenses continue to burden our taxpayers. The time has come to reexamine and reform our criminal justice system. May we rise to thank Mr. Kevin Bowman for joining us today and wish him the best as he works to rebuild his life.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guest of Senator Street please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

GUESTS OF SENATOR ANTHONY H. WILLIAMS PRESENTED TO THE SENATE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Anthony Hardy Williams.

Senator A.H. WILLIAMS. Mr. President, thank you for using my entire name. I really do appreciate that. For those who do not know the story about Audenried Charter School Girls' Basketball Team, I am here to recognize them and their accomplishment this year. Audenried is a school in my district, it is in one of those areas of the city that people sometimes overlook and can be considered a tough area. But the school itself is, frankly, magnificent. It is now achieving at a rate higher than most in the surrounding community. And most importantly, they are graduating young people to colleges and professions that they can find a way to be a productive part of society. This young group of women achieved something that their school had never achieved before, and that is to be recognized as the Public School League champion this past year.

With us, we have the head coach, Kevin Slaughter; I would ask him to rise. Coach Devon Allen; I would ask him to rise. We have the MVP, Shayla Smith, recognized as the Philadelphia Public League regular season MVP; I ask her to rise. And Aniya Howard, the Philadelphia Public League Championship game MVP; I would ask her to rise. And I would ask now, the entire team to stand collectively and be acknowledged by the Senate, for not just simply their achievement in winning a championship game, but giving dignity, grace, and honor to what it looks like to

be a woman and a champion in Philadelphia, and in Pennsylvania, and this State, and this country. Sometimes small things go unrecognized. Sometimes how you can sit on the bench or be MVP in the game, but win a championship collectively requires collective support and distinction. We in the Senate of Pennsylvania are acknowledging that today, and we are grateful that you could travel here. I would ask that the Senate of Pennsylvania acknowledge my guests as well.

The PRESIDENT. Would the guests of Senator Anthony Williams please rise and be welcomed by the Senate.

[Applause.]

REQUEST FOR RECESS

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster, Senator Aument.

Senator AUMENT. Mr. President, I request a recess of the Senate for purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Finance to be held immediately in the rear of the Chamber in the Rules room, followed by a Republican caucus to be held in the Majority Caucus Room.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, Senate Democrats will meet in the rear of the Chamber at the conclusion of the committee meeting that was just referenced.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Brooks has returned, and her temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

RECESS

The PRESIDENT. For purposes of a meeting of the Committee on Finance to be held off the floor in the Rules room, immediately followed by Republican and Democratic caucuses to be held in their respective caucus rooms, without objection, the Senate stands in recess.

AFTER RECESS

The PRESIDENT. The time of recess having expired, the Senate will come to order.

CALENDAR

THIRD CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 239 (Pr. No. 205) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act providing for guidelines and procedures governing certain investigations and interrogations of correctional and forensic employees; authorizing certain civil suits by correctional officers; and providing for impact of collective bargaining agreements and for summary suspensions.

Considered the third time and agreed to,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Schuylkill, Senator Argall.

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, this bill would ensure that our corrections officers and our forensic employees retain their rights when they are accused of wrongdoing. We have seen too many times in the past when these employees were suspended without pay and benefits for almost a year, they were unable to ask questions, they were unable to defend themselves during their suspension. The Senate has passed this legislation three times in the past, each time with a strong bipartisan vote. The Senate Committee on Labor and Industry this year passed it unanimously. I think we should all be able to agree that any corrections officer or forensic employee found guilty of a crime should be prosecuted, but we also should agree that we need to guarantee and preserve the constitutional rights of the accused, so they are not punished, as we have seen in the past, without due process.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Jefferson, Senator Dush.

Senator DUSH. Mr. President, I rise also to support this bill. In its original form years ago, it was not really ready for prime time. We had some issues that would make it very difficult for the administration to actually take care of people who were not performing well and get them out of the institutions. But, by the same token, having lived through this myself in the Department of Corrections and watching friends and colleagues who had been escorted out of the prison and had to sit for months and unpaid, having their families deal with this, we have finally struck a balance that will actually protect the officers' lives from the people who are unsafe and causing issues within the prison, while at the same time giving the administration the ability to properly conduct an investigation. And I am grateful for Senator Argall and the people on his team who helped work to make this better. Thank you.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The yeas and nays were taken agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution and were as follows, viz:

YEA-36

Argall	Culver	Langerholc	Robinson
Aument	Dillon	Laughlin	Rothman
Baker	DiSanto	Martin	Stefano
Bartolotta	Dush	Mastriano	Tartaglione
Boscola	Farry	Miller	Vogel
Brooks	Flynn	Pennycuik	Ward, Judy
Brown	Gebhard	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Kim
Coleman	Hutchinson	Pittman	Williams, Anthony H.
Costa	Kane	Regan	Yaw

NAY-14

Brewster	Fontana	Muth	Schwank
Cappelletti	Haywood	Santarsiero	Street
Collett	Hughes	Saval	Williams, Lindsey
Comitta	Kearney		

A constitutional majority of all the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate present said bill to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 447 and SB 598 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 81 (Pr. No. 652) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of September 27, 1961 (P.L.1700, No.699), known as the Pharmacy Act, further providing for definitions and for unlawful acts.

Considered the second time and agreed to, Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration. Upon motion of Senator PITTMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, AMENDED AND REREFERRED

SB 140 (Pr. No. 654) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in metropolitan transportation authorities, providing for special prosecutor for mass transit.

On the question, Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?

LANGERHOLC AMENDMENT A0399 ADOPTED

Senator LANGERHOLC offered the following amendment No. A0399:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 10, by inserting before "Within":

(a) Special prosecutor.--

Amend Bill, page 3, line 25, by inserting after "Police":

or any law enforcement agency with appropriate jurisdiction

Amend Bill, page 3, line 26, by inserting after "Police":

or any law enforcement agency with appropriate jurisdiction

Amend Bill, page 8, line 25, by inserting after "The":

Attorney General, the

Amend Bill, page 8, by inserting after line 30:

(15) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a governing body of a political subdivision or public official may not enact or enforce an ordinance, executive order or directive or take any other official action that would be inconsistent with the provisions of this section or direct a law enforcement agency with appropriate jurisdiction to not assist the special prosecutor if able. An ordinance, executive order or directive or any other official action in violation of this section shall be null and void.

(b) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Law enforcement agency." Any of the following:

(1) A public agency of a political subdivision having general police powers and charged with making arrests in connection with the enforcement of the criminal or traffic laws.

(2) A campus police or university police department, as used in section 2416 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, certified by the Office of Attorney General as a criminal justice agency under the definition of "criminal justice agency" in 18 Pa.C.S. § 9102 (relating to definitions).

(3) A railroad or street railway police department formed with officers commissioned under 22 Pa.C.S. Ch. 33 (relating to railroad and street railway police) or any prior statute providing for the commissioning.

(4) An airport authority police department.

(5) A county park police force under section 2511(b) of the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code.

On the question, Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cambria, Senator LANGERHOLC.

Senator LANGERHOLC. Mr. President, this amendment is technical in nature, and it clarifies that law enforcement agencies with appropriate jurisdiction may assist the special prosecutor, as well as providing appropriate restrictions on local action which is based off of recent court decisions. I would ask for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. President.

And the question recurring, Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

The yeas and nays were required by Senator LANGERHOLC and were as follows, viz:

YEA-30

Argall	Dillon	Laughlin	Robinson
Aument	DiSanto	Martin	Rothman
Baker	Dush	Mastriano	Stefano
Bartolotta	Farry	Pennycuick	Vogel
Brooks	Gebhard	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Brown	Hutchinson	Pittman	Ward, Kim
Coleman	Kane	Regan	Yaw
Culver	Langerhole		

NAY-20

Boscola	Costa	Kearney	Schwank
Brewster	Flynn	Miller	Street
Cappelletti	Fontana	Muth	Tartaglione
Collett	Haywood	Santarsiero	Williams, Anthony H.
Comitta	Hughes	Saval	Williams, Lindsey

A majority of the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.

On the question, Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration, as amended?

It was agreed to.

Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

Upon motion of Senator PITTMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill, as amended, was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 153 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 189 (Pr. No. 653) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in veterans' pensions and benefits, further providing for blind veteran's pension and for amputee and paralyzed veteran's pension.

Upon motion of Senator PITTMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 243 (Pr. No. 208) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in public assistance, further providing for uniformity in administration of assistance and regulations as to assistance.

Considered the second time and agreed to, Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration. Upon motion of Senator PITTMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, AMENDED AND REREFERRED

SB 244 (Pr. No. 209) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in public assistance, further providing for uniformity in administration of assistance and regulations as to assistance.

On the question, Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?

ARGALL AMENDMENT A0383 ADOPTED

Senator ARGALL offered the following amendment No. A0383:

Amend Bill, page 1, lines 13 and 14, by striking out "wage records held by employers and the Department of Revenue" and inserting: "income and employment records held by the Department of Labor and Industry"

On the question, Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Schuylkill, Senator Argall.

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, this is simply a technical amendment suggested by the committee staff on the Committee on Appropriations, as well as the Committee on Health and Human Services, to verify that the income and employment data will be provided by the Department of Labor & Industry. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator Haywood.

Senator HAYWOOD. Mr. President, I rise to urge a "no" vote on this amendment. DHS currently uses quarterly wage match hits from the Department of Labor & Industry to determine income eligibility for medical assistance and SNAP benefits. This information is collected from employers quarterly as part of the unemployment compensation system and then passed onto DHS by the Department of Labor & Industry. This amendment is duplicative of current information received and used by DHS to evaluate income eligibility for benefit programs and is therefore unnecessary. This amendment duplicates what the department is currently doing and therefore will generate confusion on a process that is currently working well.

Mr. President, further, DHS also collects and acts on information about new jobs through L&I's new hire database, and it uses the TALX database, which many, especially large employers, use to supply payroll information. I rise and ask for a "no" vote because of the duplication, and as a result, the confusion of making the Department of L&I the new source of information when it is already the source of that same information.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes, for a second time, the gentleman from Schuylkill, Senator Argall.

Senator ARGALL. Mr. President, just briefly, I do not understand how anyone could say that the perfect system is already in place. Every year, the Inspector General goes to the public with reports of hundreds of people who have been convicted of fraud. We have seen it again with Auditors General, both Republicans and Democrats, who have pointed out flaws in the system. The system is not working. That is why we need this legislation, as well as some other legislation that I will be offering later this week.

And the question recurring, Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

The yeas and nays were required by Senator ARGALL and were as follows, viz:

YEA-29

Argall	Culver	Laughlin	Robinson
Aument	DiSanto	Martin	Rothman
Baker	Dush	Mastriano	Stefano
Bartolotta	Farry	Pennycuick	Vogel
Boscola	Gebhard	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Brooks	Hutchinson	Pittman	Ward, Kim
Brown	Langerhole	Regan	Yaw
Coleman			

NAY-21

Brewster	Flynn	Kearney	Schwank
Cappelletti	Fontana	Miller	Street
Collett	Haywood	Muth	Tartaglione
Comitta	Hughes	Santarsiero	Williams, Anthony H.
Costa	Kane	Saval	Williams, Lindsey
Dillon			

A majority of the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration, as amended?

It was agreed to.
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.
Upon motion of Senator PITTMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill, as amended, was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE CANCELLED

The PRESIDENT. Senator Coleman has returned, and his temporary Capitol leave is cancelled.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 245 (Pr. No. 210) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in public assistance, further providing for reports to General Assembly.

Considered the second time and agreed to,
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.
Upon motion of Senator PITTMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 295, SB 360 and SB 361 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION AND REREFERRED

SB 362 (Pr. No. 655) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in budget and finance, further providing for county portion of fines, etc.; in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for railroad trains not to block crossings; and imposing penalties.

Considered the second time and agreed to,
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for third consideration.

Upon motion of Senator PITTMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill just considered was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 429 (Pr. No. 381) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 28, 1935 (P.L.477, No.193), referred to as the Enforcement Officer Disability Benefits Law, further providing for disability benefits and for definitions.

Upon motion of Senator PITTMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILL OVER IN ORDER

SB 446 -- Without objection, the bill was passed over in its order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

BILL REREFERRED

SB 464 (Pr. No. 449) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in municipal pensions, providing for pension service credit for prior service with police department.

Upon motion of Senator PITTMAN, and agreed to by voice vote, the bill was rereferred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILLS OVER IN ORDER

SB 508, SB 561 and SB 562 -- Without objection, the bills were passed over in their order at the request of Senator PITTMAN.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Hughes.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Costa requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Hughes. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR RESUMED

SECOND CONSIDERATION CALENDAR RESUMED

BILL AMENDED

SB 645 (Pr. No. 618) -- The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, providing for ten-year limitation for acquiring title to vacant land for gardens in cities of the first class.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the bill on second consideration?

HUGHES AMENDMENT A0355 ADOPTED

Senator COSTA, on behalf of Senator HUGHES, offered the following amendment No. A0355:

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 26 and 27, by striking out "Notwithstanding 42 Pa.C.S. § 5527.1(c)(1), a" and inserting:

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Amend Bill, page 2, line 29, by striking out all of said line and inserting:

under
Amend Bill, page 3, line 1, by striking out "this section." and inserting:

42 Pa.C.S. § 5527.1(c)(2) and (3) and (d).
(c) Nonexclusive remedy.--The relief available under this section is intended to be cumulative and not exclusive of any other rights or remedies that may be available under law or equity, including, but not limited to, the determination of title to a decedent's interest in real estate under 20 Pa.C.S. § 3546 (relating to determination of title to decedent's interest in real estate).

Amend Bill, page 3, line 2, by striking out "(c)" and inserting:
(d)

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I just ask my colleagues to join me in supporting this amendment. Thank you.

And the question recurring,
Will the Senate agree to the amendment?

The yeas and nays were required by Senator COSTA and were as follows, viz:

YEA-47

Argall	Costa	Langerholc	Saval
Aument	Culver	Laughlin	Schwank
Baker	Dillon	Martin	Stefano
Bartolotta	Dush	Miller	Street
Boscola	Farry	Muth	Tartaglione
Brewster	Flynn	Pennycuik	Vogel
Brooks	Fontana	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Brown	Gebhard	Pittman	Ward, Kim
Cappelletti	Haywood	Regan	Williams, Anthony H.
Coleman	Hughes	Robinson	Williams, Lindsey
Collett	Kane	Rothman	Yaw
Comitta	Kearney	Santarsiero	

NAY-3

DiSanto	Hutchinson	Mastriano
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A majority of the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.

Without objection, the bill, as amended, was passed over in its order.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana, Senator Pittman.

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I request a legislative leave for Senator Regan.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pittman requests a legislative leave for Senator Regan. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR No. 1

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION
AND FINAL PASSAGE

SB 165 (Pr. No. 634) -- The Senate proceeded to consideration of the bill, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, further providing for prohibited acts and penalties.

Considered the third time and agreed to,
And the amendments made thereto having been printed as required by the Constitution,

On the question,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Philadelphia, Senator Tartaglione.

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, Senate Bill No. 165 amends the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act to make the operation of safe injection sites prohibited in Pennsylvania. Specifically, Senate Bill No. 165 prohibits the operation of clinics or establishments that knowingly provide the space for people to induce any controlled substance into their body, whether that be through injection, ingestion, inhalation, or other means. To be clear, we are not creating new crimes with Senate Bill No. 165, we are only bringing Pennsylvania in line with Federal law. Under 21 U.S.C. § 856, the act of maintaining drug-involved premises is already illegal anywhere in the United States. I also want to clarify that Senate Bill No. 165 will not affect other harm reduction efforts across the Commonwealth, such as needle exchange programs.

This issue is very personal to me. My district is the home of Kensington and Allegheny, which has often been labeled as the epicenter of the opioid crisis in our State and in our nation. I live less than 2 miles from there; one of my district offices is just a mile from there; and as a person in long-term recovery myself from alcohol addiction, I am acutely aware how difficult addiction is to overcome, and I have the utmost empathy and compassion for those struggling. But recovery, sobriety, and beating addiction needs to be the goal of this legislature, this State, and all Pennsylvanians. Because recovery is not an unobtainable goal, it is the only permanent solution for individuals to beat addiction and improve the quality of their life. I have optimistic expectations for people; I know everyone that struggles with addiction has it in them to seek and thrive recovery, and that is why I oppose supervised consumption sites.

To be sure, addiction is a devastating, gut-wrenching experience, I would not wish it on my worst enemy. But while addiction persists and drug use continues in our nation, we cannot allow spaces for supervised substance use to permeate throughout the Commonwealth. The truth is that treatment and rehabilitation are still massively under prioritized and underfunded in our State and nation. According to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, it is estimated that more than 21 million people in the United States struggle with substance use disorder. Nearly 80 percent of them never received treatment for their addiction. We must support and raise up those suffering from addiction by investing in treatment, in recovery, and in our people, and we need to prioritize sobriety, not just allow addictions to continue and spiral.

My neighbors and my constituents in Kensington have had enough. They feel like they are not heard, they feel that they are ignored, and all too often are not of concern to the people who make decisions. Visit Kensington, come walk with me, meet the people who call it home. You will meet incredible, resilient people who just want their community to be safe and livable. What you will not meet are people calling for supervised consumption sites. These people have seen the worst addiction crisis that our Commonwealth has ever known. They need our support, not for outside groups and people, who often have never set foot in their neighborhoods, to open supervised consumption sites. Pennsylvania and Pennsylvanians deserve better than State-condoned addiction prolongment. We need to fund harm reduction programs, I agree. But we need innovative ways of helping those struggling with addiction without prolonging and allowing a system of State-sponsored addiction in Pennsylvania. I have supported, helped fund, and vigorously advocated for programs like needle exchanges, mobile wound care units, and mobile methadone treatment. But what I have never, and never will advocate for is programs that perpetuate addiction without a path to recovery. I ask for an affirmative vote on Senate Bill No. 165 so that we can prioritize recovery for Pennsylvanians.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Erie, Senator Laughlin.

Senator LAUGHLIN. Mr. President, first off, I rise in support of this bill, and I thank the maker for introducing it. You know, everyone in this room has compassion for those who are trapped in the cycle of addiction. But when we talk about harm reduction, the conversation always seems to center on those who are addicted. But we also have to look to the broader community, the citizens who pack a lunch and go to work in those communities where these drug hotspots are located. We have to think about the school kids who have to walk past these things and think about harm reduction for them as well.

You know, we, for far too long, have allowed these problems to grow and exacerbate and get worse in our communities. The folks in this room know what the right thing to do is, and it is not always just the easiest path for these folks. You know, the addict or the addicted have, you know, they want us to throw them a life raft and get them out of that cycle of addiction. But we need to do the right thing. We need to stand up and be strong and pass this bill and get it to the Governor's desk because I can tell you, the safe injection sites are a misnomer. They are not safe, they are not safe for the addict, they are not safe for the community, they are

not safe for anybody, and we need to stand up and do what is right, and I for one cannot wait to vote for this bill. So, thank you, and I hope you are all with me.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Senator Saval.

Senator SAVAL. Mr. President, I rise in opposition to Senate Bill No. 165. I am united with my colleagues in the urgency that we feel to lessen the pain and suffering that the ongoing opioid crisis has caused our people in our communities. I believe Senate Bill No. 165, however, will not ameliorate the harms of the opioid crisis, but instead, by prohibiting and criminalizing spaces proven to save lives, reduce disease transmission, and connect those who use them with vital health services, Senate Bill No. 165 will perpetuate these harms.

Mr. President, I offer to the Senate the experiences of one of my constituents who has given me permission to share a bit of her family's story, anonymously. This is the story. [Reading:] For his entire life, my brother was loving, kind, creative, and hard-working. He had a self-deprecating sense of humor that instantly set people at ease and a smile that lit up every room. For more than a decade, he struggled with addiction, and our whole family struggled alongside him. The last few years of his addiction were the scariest and most heartbreaking. But after the birth of his son, he recommitted to getting sober. He wanted so badly to be a provider for his child and partner. He hid his use from us as best as he could, and he died from a heroin overdose on the eve of his twenty-seventh birthday at home, his 6-month-old baby asleep in the other room. When I received the phone call, it felt like a telephone pole had crashed through my chest. Nine years later, I have learned to live with the hole, but it is still there. I used to be wary of overdose prevention centers, uncomfortable at the idea of a space where people could continue to hurt themselves. And then a few years ago, the owner of a house notorious for drug use across from mine in South Philadelphia passed away. It was winter. We began to see people sleeping in the streets of our neighborhood, sleet beating down on them in the cold winter nights. Presumably, they had been indoors, protected from the cold and the rain. Presumably, they had been with people who cared about whether they lived or died. My heart broke anew. Suddenly, I understood. Overdose prevention centers do not encourage drug use, they protect the lives and dignity of those in the throes of addiction. Our city is traumatized. Each year, thousands of families go through what my family went through. For the sake of those families and their loved ones; for the sake of my family, my brother, and my nephew, who never got to know the dad who loved him more than life itself, please do not take away this chance for people to receive care and support, to live another day, to go into recovery.

Mr. President, Senate Bill No. 165 is based on false pretenses in terms of how overdose prevention centers operate in practice and in terms of their impact on surrounding communities. In a debate riddled with misconceptions, here are some facts: overdose prevention centers are private, sanitary areas where people use drugs under supervision of trained staff, who can provide a medical intervention in the event of an overdose. No drugs are provided at these facilities. Overdose prevention centers help reduce the cost of the opioid crisis by improving health outcomes for people who use drugs, and lessening the burden on emergency services, the criminal justice system, and public health services.

Moreover, overdose prevention centers are consistent with principles of human rights and dignity. These spaces are tools with a single purpose: to reduce harm and promote health for some of the most vulnerable and marginalized members of our society.

If the fear is that overdose prevention centers will encourage drug use, this is baseless. Studies in Canada and Australia show that people who use an overdose prevention center were more likely to enter addiction treatment than those who did not. These findings suggest that overdose prevention centers facilitate entry into addiction treatment programs by providing a safe and supportive environment for people who use drugs and by connecting them with healthcare providers and treatment services. If the fear is that overdose prevention centers will increase crime, this is baseless as well. Studies have shown that opening an overdose prevention center was associated with decreases in drug trafficking, drug-related violence, public drug use, and discarded needles. If the fear is that overdose prevention centers are ineffective, this is wrong. In their 40 years of operations across the globe, zero deaths have been reported at overdose prevention centers. Many lives have been saved. In a single year, on point, an overdose prevention center in New York City reversed between 500-600 overdoses.

For our public health, our financial health, and our moral health, it is time that we acknowledge overdose prevention centers to be the lifesaving spaces they are proven to be and incorporate them as tools in our public health. Senate Bill No. 165 closes the door. On behalf of my constituents and all our constituents, I urge my colleagues to join me in voting "no."

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Berks, Senator Schwank.

Senator SCHWANK. Mr. President, I would like to commend my friend and colleague, the gentlewoman from Philadelphia, who introduced this legislation, Senate Bill No. 165, as a result of the substance abuse crisis--and I will say that again, crisis--that she is experiencing in her district and other places across the Commonwealth. Safe injection sites are a possible tool to combat the opioid and substance abuse epidemic that has ravaged communities and lives in each of our districts. While our individual districts may not be ready for the implementation of safe injection sites, I caution my colleagues not to be shortsighted in limiting the future use of them. If you think back, and I think all of us here can, on some of the other harm reduction tools that have been effectively treating substance use disorder, you may recall that Narcan, the antidote to opioids that literally saves lives, was not readily adopted when it was first introduced. In fact, there was resistance among many individuals who are responsible for helping to save lives in using this. Medication-assisted treatment, such as methadone, was and still is controversial and surrounded by stigma in many communities.

What we do know is that treatments for substance abuse do not come in one-size-fits-all options. We are in no position in this Commonwealth to eliminate any possible harm reduction techniques. We are just still too far behind in this crisis. We are running to catch up, and yet, we can seemingly not get our arms around it. And I fear, as well-intentioned as this legislation may be to protect a community, in the end, we will, as a body, regret--years, maybe a few years, maybe more--we will regret passing legislation that eliminates, that negates the possibility of a

possible harm reduction technique which could be working somewhere in the Commonwealth. Again, I commend the gentlewoman from Philadelphia for understanding the severity of the crisis and for being proactive in her attempts to reduce harm and save lives. But this is not the answer, and I urge a "no" vote on this legislation. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes, for a second time, the gentlewoman from Philadelphia, Senator Tartaglione.

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, I would like to be perfectly clear, we are not creating new crimes with Senate Bill No. 165. This legislation only brings Pennsylvania in line with already existing Federal law. Under 21 U.S.C., § 856, the act of maintaining drug-involved premises is already illegal anywhere in the United States.

Thank you, Mr. President.

LEGISLATIVE LEAVE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana, Senator Pittman.

Senator PITTMAN. I request a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Bartolotta.

The PRESIDENT. Senator Pittman requests a temporary Capitol leave for Senator Bartolotta. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

And the question recurring,
Shall the bill pass finally?

The yeas and nays were taken agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution and were as follows, viz:

YEA-41

Argall	Culver	Langerholc	Rothman
Aument	Dillon	Laughlin	Santarsiero
Baker	DiSanto	Martin	Stefano
Bartolotta	Dush	Mastriano	Street
Boscola	Fary	Miller	Tartaglione
Brewster	Flynn	Pennycuick	Vogel
Brooks	Fontana	Phillips-Hill	Ward, Judy
Brown	Gebhard	Pittman	Ward, Kim
Coleman	Hutchinson	Regan	Williams, Anthony H.
Collett	Kane	Robinson	Yaw
Costa			

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Cappelletti	Hughes	Muth	Schwank
Comitta	Kearney	Saval	Williams, Lindsey
Haywood			

A constitutional majority of all the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate present said bill to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**

Senator HUTCHINSON, from the Committee on Finance, reported the following bill:

SB 671 (Pr. No. 671)

An Act amending the act of December 31, 1965 (P.L.1257, No.511), known as The Local Tax Enabling Act, further providing for title of act; providing for local taxes in cities of the first class, for prohibition of tax on certain individuals and for reimbursement of taxes; and making re-peals.

BILL ON FIRST CONSIDERATION

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now proceed to consideration of the bill reported from committee for the first time at today's Session.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.
The bill was as follows:

SB 671.

And said bill having been considered for the first time,
Ordered, To be printed on the Calendar for second consideration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

The following announcements were read by the Secretary of the Senate:

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023

10:00 A.M.	BANKING AND INSURANCE (to consider the nomination of Sarah Hammer as Secretary of the Department of Banking and Securities)	Room 461 Main Capitol
	CANCELLED	
11:00 A.M.	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (to consider Senate Bills No. 100, 205, 262, 414, 500, 549 and 555)	Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
11:00 A.M.	TRANSPORTATION (to consider the nomination of Honorable Michael Carroll as Secretary of Transportation)	Room 8E-B East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
12:00 P.M.	EDUCATION (to consider Senate Bills No. 97, 290, 353, 456, 460 and 647)	Room 8E-A East Wing (LIVE STREAMED)
12:00 P.M.	GAME AND FISHERIES (to consider Senate Bills No. 146, 344 and 411)	Room 461 Main Capitol
12:30 P.M.	COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (to consider Senate Bills No. 248 and 497; and the nomination of Acting Secretary Frederick Siger, Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED))	Room 461 Main Capitol
Off the Floor	APPROPRIATIONS (to consider Senate Bills No. 140, 243, 244, 245 and 671)	Rules Committee Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023

9:30 A.M.	AGING AND YOUTH (to consider the nomination of Jason Kavulich for the position	Room 8E-B East Wing
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of Secretary of Aging; and to consider Senate Bill No. 607) (LIVE STREAMED)

PETITIONS AND REMONSTRANCES

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Philadelphia, Senator Tartaglione.

Senator TARTAGLIONE. Mr. President, I rise because today marks 6,140 days since this legislature last passed an increase in our minimum wage. But, Mr. President, our continued failure of action is not indicative of what is happening in the real world. Some employers are taking it upon themselves to offer competitive, family-sustaining jobs. Mr. President, WellSpan Health, one of the largest employers in central Pennsylvania, has announced that they are going to raise their organizational minimum wage, and it will move from \$15 to \$17 per hour, effective July 2, 2023. They also announced, over the last 2 years, they have invested \$245 million towards merit increases, 403(b) contributions, and other support to their employees over the last 2 years.

Look, Mr. President, it can be done. We can treat workers with respect, we can treat every worker with dignity, and we can make sure all workers can live off the wages they are paid, but we cannot continue to allow workers across this Commonwealth to be forced to work for poverty-level wages. Mr. President, I am preparing to reintroduce Senate Bill No. 12, which will put all of Pennsylvania's workers on a path to \$15 an hour and provide relief to tens of thousands of workers across the Commonwealth that are subject to our starvation-level \$7.25. I hope my colleagues will come together and join me so we can finally support our lowest earners and pass Senate Bill No. 12 so that we can put Pennsylvanians on the path to prosperity.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Franklin, Senator Mastriano.

Senator MASTRIANO. Mr. President, I rise in support of Senate Resolution No. 93, Military Appreciation Month. While our men and women in uniform are serving around the world 365 days a year, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, we praise the honor, service, and sacrifice of all the members of our Armed Forces: the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Space Force, as well as our great National Guard. In 1999, Congress designated May as National Military Appreciation Month. May was chosen because it has many individual days marked to note our military's achievement, including Loyalty Day, which is today; Victory Day in Europe, coming up shortly; Children of Fallen Patriots Day; Military Spouse Appreciation Day; Armed Forces Day; and of course, Memorial Day.

The vigilance of the members of our Armed Forces has been instrumental in the preservation of our freedom, of peace, security, and prosperity, which are enjoyed by Americans around the nation and citizens around the world. An entire generation of Europeans know not war, thanks to the diligence of the United States Armed Forces since the Cold War. The success of the United States Armed Forces depends on the dedicated service of its members, their families, and the civilian employees in the Department of Defense, as well as the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. With this resolution, we thank and honor all of our heroes, whether they serve in uniform or are

family members supporting, and remind all our citizens to remember them, not just today or this month, but every day.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Senator Scott E. Hutchinson) in the Chair.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR

RECALL COMMUNICATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following communication in writing from His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, which was read as follows and referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations:

MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS'
EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION

May 1, 2023

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

In accordance with the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the Commonwealth, I do hereby recall the nomination dated February 23, 2023, of Aaron H. Danks, 1801 North Second Street #2, Harrisburg 17102, Dauphin County, Fifteenth Senatorial District, for appointment as a member of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission, to serve for a term of three years, and until the successor is appointed and qualified, vice Jarrad Berkihisser, Lancaster, resigned.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following Senate Bills numbered, entitled, and referred as follows, which were read by the Clerk:

May 1, 2023

Senators BREWSTER, FONTANA and COSTA presented to the Chair **SB 628**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in public safety, providing for limits on opioid prescriptions.

Which was committed to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, May 1, 2023.

Senators PENNYCUICK and COLLETT presented to the Chair **SB 634**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law, in procedure, further providing for exceptions for public records.

Which was committed to the Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, May 1, 2023.

Senators DILLON, FONTANA, BOSCOLA, KANE, COSTA, STREET and MUTH presented to the Chair **SB 635**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for exemptions and special provisions relating to taxation.

Which was committed to the Committee on FINANCE, May 1, 2023.

Senators BROOKS, DILLON, SCHWANK and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 636**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, providing for records to be kept.

Which was committed to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, May 1, 2023.

Senators CAPPELLETTI, KEARNEY, TARTAGLIONE, HAYWOOD, FONTANA, KANE, COMITTA, SANTARSIERO, L. WILLIAMS, COSTA, MUTH and COLLETT presented to the Chair **SB 637**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for sale or transfer of firearms.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, May 1, 2023.

Senators CAPPELLETTI, SCHWANK, FONTANA, HAYWOOD, KANE, BREWSTER, COSTA and STREET presented to the Chair **SB 638**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, in casualty insurance, providing for enrolled dependents right to confidentiality for health care services received.

Which was committed to the Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE, May 1, 2023.

Senators KANE, FONTANA, DILLON, COSTA and BREWSTER presented to the Chair **SB 639**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in wiretapping and electronic surveillance, further providing for exceptions to prohibition of interception and disclosure of communications.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, May 1, 2023.

Senator LANGERHOLC presented to the Chair **SB 640**, entitled:

An Act designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 11781, on that portion of State Route 3004 over the West Branch Susquehanna River, Burnside Township, Clearfield County, as the United States Army Sergeant Harold Koller Memorial Bridge.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, May 1, 2023.

Senators KANE, SANTARSIERO, DILLON, CAPPELLETTI, KEARNEY, L. WILLIAMS, HAYWOOD, TARTAGLIONE, SAVAL, COSTA and COLLETT presented to the Chair **SB 641**, entitled:

An Act providing for individuals to voluntarily register for the Pennsylvania Do-Not-Sell List maintained by the Pennsylvania State Police,

for firearms not to be in the possession of a registrant and for advertising by the Department of Health; and imposing penalties.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, May 1, 2023.

Senators REGAN, ROBINSON, MILLER, BREWSTER, FARRY, COSTA, MASTRIANO and PENNYCUICK presented to the Chair **SB 646**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in benefits, providing for supplemental annuities for certain State Police officers commencing 2023.

Which was committed to the Committee on LAW AND JUSTICE, May 1, 2023.

Senators ROTHMAN, DUSH and J. WARD presented to the Chair **SB 656**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in liquid fuels and fuels tax, further providing for definitions and providing for electric vehicle road use fee; and making editorial changes.

Which was committed to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION, May 1, 2023.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following Senate Resolution numbered, entitled, and referred as follows, which was read by the Clerk:

May 1, 2023

Senators BOSCOLA, ROBINSON, KEARNEY, CAPPELLETTI, SCHWANK, STREET, LAUGHLIN, COSTA, L. WILLIAMS, COLLETT, COMITTA, HAYWOOD, ARGALL, KANE, MARTIN, SANTARSIERO, SAVAL, BREWSTER, DUSH, HUTCHINSON, MILLER, LANGERHOLC, CULVER and J. WARD presented to the Chair **SR 94**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of April 2023 as "Community College Month" in Pennsylvania.

Which was committed to the Committee on RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, May 1, 2023.

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana, Senator Pittman.

Senator PITTMAN. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess until Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 1 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, unless sooner recalled by the President pro tempore.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 5:36 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time.