



**2017-18 Controversial Votes & Bills  
for Rep. Fred Keller, HD 85**

## Controversial Votes and Bills

Every session controversial legislation on women’s health, guns, labor issues, education funding, tax increases/cuts, the state budget, and many other issues, are sent to the House floor for a vote. Below is a summary of critical and/or controversial votes from the **2017-18 Legislative session** by topic for **Rep. Fred Keller**.

Each bill title includes **vote #**, **bill #**, **brief description**, **vote type**, and **yeas/nays**.

615 – [H.B. 218/ 2017-18 final spending bill](#), Concurrence with Senate ([173/27](#))

Additionally, controversial votes or bills from previous sessions have been added after the 2017/18 votes. You can check your opponent’s vote on any of these bills by visiting the [legislative website](#) and searching for the bill.

### Highlights of Rep. Fred Keller’s 2017/18 Bad Votes:

- Voted for House Republican spending plan (H.B. 218 Vote #133) that would have reduced funding for safe schools programs, career and technical education, local public health departments, funding for child care, mental health services, emergency management services, and more.
- Voted for irresponsible House Republican revenue plan (H.B. 453 PN 2410) that would have paid for 2017-18 budget by taking money from other funds and using loans. These transfers would have taken \$4.5 million in funding from the Substance Abuse and Demand Reduction Fund in the middle of the opioid epidemic and \$125.5 million from transportation related programs, including \$32.1 million from SEPTA.
- Voted twice against “no budget, no pay” amendments that would keep legislators from receiving paychecks and other benefits. See votes 910 & 913 for more details.
- Voted for bill that allows school districts in some situations to furlough teachers for economic reasons, without making the decision on a seniority basis. (H.B. 178).
- Voted to take away the ability of local governments to protect their environment by banning single-use plastic bags in their community’s (H.B. 1071).
- Voted to take away local elected officials ability to keep their communities safe from gun violence by supporting H.B. 671. This bill would allow outside

organizations and individuals to sue municipalities they feel have “adversely affected” their firearm rights.

- Voted against amendments to protect local gun laws in public places, including the counties surrounding Philadelphia. Also voted against amendments to protect local laws that prevent straw purchases of firearms, individuals convicted of making terroristic threats from being able to purchase firearms, and the sale of assault weapons.
- Voted to reinstate some mandatory minimums (H.B. 741).
- Voted against amendment that would have prevented lobbyists from also acting as political consultants. (Vote 606)
- Voted for two bills that would make some families of disabled children pay healthcare premiums towards Medicaid, and impose work requirements on Medicaid recipients. (H.B. 59 & H.B. 2138)
- Voted for legislation that would have limited unions’ political donations by prohibiting state, county and local governments from using their payroll systems to let workers voluntarily ask their employers to deduct money for their respective union’s political action committees. (S.B. 166)
- Voted to ban abortions after 20 weeks with no exception for rape and incest (S.B. 3) and if a fetus is diagnosed with Down Syndrome (H.B. 2050).
- Voted for corporate backed bill to limit what drugs worker’s comp recipients can access using their Worker’s Compensation benefits. (S.B. 936)
- Opposed amendment to ensure health care providers use evidence-based practices and provide evidence-based information. (Vote 1084)

## Budget Votes

Rep. Fred Keller voted No on:

615 – [H.B. 218/ 2017-18 final spending bill](#), Concurrence with Senate ([173/27](#))

**Prime Sponsor:** Saylor

**What it does/would do:** H.B. 218 was the \$32 billion spending component of the 2017-18 state budget passed by the House and Senate passed at the end of June 2017. The bill makes new investments in education (\$175 million), supports efforts to grow more jobs for working men and women, protects core services for state residents and communities, and provides funding to continue the fight against the heroin epidemic that is devastating neighborhoods and families. Read House Dem's [statement on the budget here](#).

**Status:** Passed by both House and Senate and signed by Gov. Wolf as Act 1A.

**Rep. Fred Keller voted Yes on:**

**133 – H.B. 218/ House Republican Budget 17/18, Final passage ([114/84](#))**

**Prime Sponsor:**

**What it does/would do:** This is the House Republican budget voted on in April of 2017, prior to being amended in the Senate and eventually passed as the spending bill. This was passed with only Republican votes of support.

This budget would have slashed important funding for education, first responders, agricultural research, programs for women and children, and more. If House Republicans had their way funding for Pennsylvania's safe schools initiative would be eliminated, assistance for new and expecting mothers slashed, and a nearly 80% cut in Disaster Relief funding when Pennsylvania has experienced avalanches, tornados and flooding within the last couple of years.

*Please see "Additional Information on H.B. 218 (Vote #133)" on **page 24** for more details.*

**Status:** Passed House and Senate, vetoed by Gov. Wolf. Placed back on House calendar in March 2018.

**Rep. Fred Keller voted Yes on:**

**678 – H.B. 453/Revenue Plan, Motion to Concur ([103/91](#))**

**Prime Sponsor:** Ryan

**What it does/would do:** House Republican revenue plan/fiscal code bill that would have hurt the Commonwealth and contained insufficient recurring revenues. The plan included: \$631 million in cuts to special funds, such as the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation and Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction funds; A risky and expensive scheme to



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securitize \$1 billion in Tobacco Settlement Fund revenues, requiring an unprecedented sale by the Commonwealth Financing Authority of future state assets; Millions of dollars of transfers from the Liquor Control Board and Joint Underwriting Association, Money from court settlements that mostly already is accounted for; and Cuts to previous years' budgets.

*Please see "Additional Information on H.B. 453 PN 2410" on **page 26** for more details.*

**Status:** Senate non-concurred on House amendments, killing bill.

**Rep. Fred Keller voted No on:**

**794 – H.B. 674/ Fiscal Code, Motion to concur ([109/75](#))**

**Prime Sponsor:** Withdrew

**What it does/would do:** This is the 2017-18 Fiscal Code, part of the revenue package to pay for the spending plan. The code:

- One-time transfer of \$200 million from medical liability insurance (malpractice) fund to General Fund
- Allows Stop-and-go inspections
- Provides \$15 million in one-time funding to Erie Schools

**Status:** Passed and approved by Governor as Act 44.

**Rep. Fred Keller voted Yes on:**

**819 – H.B. 271/ Gambling expansion, Motion to concur with Senate Amendments ([109/72](#))**

**What it does/would do:** This is one of the largest expansion of gaming in the country, creating the possibility for 10 mini casinos, truck stop video gambling terminals, airport tablet gaming, and allow for sports betting if Congress legalizes it. It is estimated to generate nearly \$234 million in application and license fees in 2017-18. Included under budget because the anticipated revenue from this bill was used to help complete the 2017/18 funding.

**Status:** Passed by both House and Senate and signed by Gov. Wolf as Act 42.



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**Rep. Fred Keller voted No on:**

**910 – Proposed [amendment A5083](#) to [H.B. 1490](#)/ Budget Procedures Reform, Amendment vote ([74/115](#))**

**Prime Sponsor:** Hanna is the amendment sponsor.

**What it does/would do:** The Hanna amendment proposed a “no budget, no pay” constitutional amendment, preventing legislators, the executive and cabinet officers from collecting per diems and paychecks from July 1 until a full budget is adopted and enacted. It does provide for retroactive compensation and reimbursement after the bill has passed and signed by the Governor.

**Status:** H.B. 1490 was passed finally by the House ([116/76](#)), without the Hanna Amendment, in December 2017 and has been referred to Senate Appropriations.

**Rep. Fred Keller voted No on:**

**913 – Proposed [amendment A5147](#) to [H.B. 1490](#)/ Budget Procedures Reform, Amendment vote ([34/154](#))**

**Prime Sponsor:** Dean is the amendment sponsor.

**What it does/would do:** The Dean amendment is a “no budget, not pay” proposal. If by the first day of the fiscal year the General Assembly has not enacted a balanced operating budget, including bills that raise sufficient revenue, members of the General Assembly shall not be entitled to receive salary or reimbursement for expenses until the budget is enacted into law.

**Status:** H.B. 1490 was passed finally by the House ([116/76](#)), without the Dean Amendment, in December 2017 and has been referred to Senate Appropriations.

## Education Funding

**Rep. Fred Keller voted Yes on:**

**59- [H.B. 250](#)/ EITC increase, Final passage. ([147/39](#))**

**Prime Sponsor:** Turzai

**What it does/would do:** This bill expands school choice and uses public funds to support private schools. It would increase funding for the [Educational Improvement Tax Credit \(EITC\)](#) program by \$50 million, from the current \$125 million to \$175 million. EITC provides companies with a 75% tax credit for donations to a non-profit scholarship or educational improvement organization, including private schools. [Opportunity scholarship Tax Credit Program \(OSTC\)](#) increased by \$25 million, from the current \$50 million to \$75 million.

**Status:** Referred to Senate Education Committee.

**Rep. Fred Keller voted Yes on:**

**275 – [H.B. 97/ Charter Schools](#), Final passage ([108/84](#))**

**Prime Sponsor:** Reese

**What it does/would do:** This bill was sold as a means to bolster charter schools' transparency, ethics and accountability rules. However, this bill falls short of these goals by establishing separate standards for charters and district schools and failing to provide local school districts the ability to properly oversee these schools. More details on problems with this bill from the PA Education Law Center are [available here](#).

**Status:** This bill was amended in the Senate and was received as amended by the House Rules committee.

**Rep. Fred Keller voted Yes on:**

**781 – [H.B. 178/ School Code](#), Motion to concur ([105/81](#))**

**Prime Sponsor:** Day

**What it does/would do:** This is the 2017-18 School Code, the code:

- Allows school districts in some situations to furlough teachers for economic reasons, without making the decision on a seniority basis.
- Ban's lunch shaming. Specifically, by requiring school districts to provide meals to students regardless of the ability to pay and prohibits them from publicly identifying, stigmatizing, or assigning work chores to students who cannot pay or owe money for school meals.
- Expands opioid education in schools
- Delays using Keystone Exams as a graduation requirement until 2019-2020 school year.
- Requires schools to conduct a security drill designed to practice procedures to respond to an act of terrorism, armed intruder situation, or other violent threat.
- Provides \$10 million for additional tax credits for companies that donate to private school scholarship funds.

**Status:** Passed and became law without Gov. Wolf's signature as Act 55.

## Environment

**Rep. Fred Keller voted No on:**

**705 – H.R. 497/ Biodiversity Awareness Month, Adoption ([126/70](#))**

**Prime Sponsor:** McCarter

**What it does/would do:** Rep. Steve McCarter's (D-154) Resolution designating the month of October 2017 as "Biodiversity Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. These are typically unanimously adopted, but was considered 'controversial' by Rep. Chris Dush (R-66) who motioned to postpone. His [motion failed with 44 yeas and 152 nays](#).

**Status:** Adopted by House 126 to 70.

**Rep. Fred Keller voted Yes on:**

**276 – [H.B. 1071/ Ban on plastic bag bans](#), Final passage ([102/87](#))**

**Prime Sponsor:** Farry

**What it does/would do:** Prohibits local governments from imposing a ban, fee, surcharge or tax on a recyclable plastic bag supplied by a retail establishment.

**Status:** Passed House and Senate, vetoed by Gov. Wolf. Placed back on House calendar in March 2018.

**Rep. Fred Keller voted Yes on:**

**545 – S.B. 624/ Reduce Protections for Streams from Mining, Final passage ([120/77](#))**

**Prime Sponsor:** Sen. Scarnati

**What it does/would do:** This bill makes it easier for companies to pollute waterways by exempting certain waste from coal mining operations. Specifically, it exempts planned



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subsidence caused by bituminous coal mining operations as a source of pollution to waterways, provided that the mining operation has an approved mitigation plan.

**Status:** Senate concurred with House amendments and passed, came in to law as Act 32 without Gov. Wolf's signature.

**Rep. Fred Keller voted Yes on:**

**833 – Proposed [amendment A4651](#) to [H.B. 1401/ Nat. Gas Severance Tax](#), Amendment vote ([51/142](#))**

**Prime Sponsor:** Oberlander

**What it does/would do:** This amendment would have allowed drillers to impede on the mineral rights of landowners by allowing drillers to drill under your property from a neighboring drill site.

More specifically, it adds a new section providing where an operator has the right to drill an oil and gas well on separate leases or units, the operator may drill and produce a well that traverses, by horizontal drilling, more than one lease or unit if the operator reasonably allocates production from the well among the leases or units and the traverse well is not expressly prohibited by the terms of a lease.

**Status:** Amendment failed, H.B. 1401 is currently set on House calendar.

**Rep. Fred Keller voted Yes on:**

**838 – Proposed [amendment A4214](#) to [H.B. 1401/ Nat. Gas Severance Tax](#), Amendment vote ([97/95](#))**

**Prime Sponsor:** Benninghoff

**What it does/would do:** Adds a new section that states if the DEP has not denied a permit in the applicable time period established for review then the permit shall be deemed approved.

**Status:** Amendment passed, H.B. 1401 is currently set on House calendar.

**Rep. Fred Keller voted Yes on:**

**846 – Proposed [amendment A4190](#) to [H.B. 1401/ Nat. Gas Severance Tax](#), Constitutionality of Amendment vote ([98/91](#))**

**Prime Sponsor:** Harper inquired to constitutionality of Amendment.

**What it does/would do:** Amendment would establish limits on the regulatory authority of DEP and Environmental Quality Board for a period of 24 months.

**Status:** Amendment ruled constitutional, H.B. 1401 is currently set on House calendar.

**Rep. Fred Keller voted Yes on:**

**847 – Proposed [amendment A4190](#) to [H.B. 1401/ Nat. Gas Severance Tax](#), Amendment vote [\(85/107\)](#)**

**Prime Sponsor:** Oberlander

**What it does/would do:** Amendment would establish limits on the regulatory authority of DEP and Environmental Quality Board for a period of 24 months. It would prevent DEP from adopting, promulgating or submitting for public comment of any “regulations, technical guidance, general permits, permit conditions or rulemaking of any kind” and reassign staff to review permit applications during this period.

**Status:** Amendment failed, H.B. 1401 is currently set on House calendar.

## Ethics Reform

**Rep. Fred Keller voted No on:**

**606 – [H.B. 1175](#), [A01218/Lobbyists as political consultants](#), Amendment vote [\(98/101\)](#)**

**Prime Sponsor:** Cutler

**What it does/would do:** Neuman’s Amendment, 1218, would have prevented lobbyists from also acting as political consultants. H.B. 1175 Increased penalties on lobbyists for violations.

**Status:** Amendment failed, bill passed both House and Senate through concurrence. Signed by Gov. Wolf as Act 2.

## Gun Laws/ Law Enforcement/ Criminal Justice

**Rep. Fred Keller voted Yes on:**

**80 - [H.B. 27](#)/ Officer involved shootings, Final passage ([157/39](#))**

**Prime Sponsor:** White

**What it does/would do:** Prevents the disclosure of Identities of officers involved in shooting unless they are charged with a crime. Specifically, The name and identifying information of the law enforcement officer may not be released to the public before the investigation is complete or before 30 days after the incident has occurred, whichever occurs first.

**Status:** Tabled in Senate.

**Rep. Fred Keller voted Yes on:**

**167 – [H.B. 741](#)/ Mandatory Minimums, Final passage ([122/67](#))**

**Prime Sponsor:** Stephens

**What it does/would do:** Reinstate mandatory minimums for some drug and violent crime offenses per rules outlined by the court.

**Status:** Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

**Rep. Fred Keller voted Yes on:**

**302 – [H.B. 671](#)/ Suing municipalities for stronger gun laws, Final passage ([134/53](#))**

**Prime Sponsor:** Keller

**What it does/would do:** This bill attacks the ability of local governments to govern themselves and to protect their citizens. It would allow individuals and organizations like the NRA to sue municipalities for any local gun bans they believe are stronger than state laws by specifying that state law supersede local gun laws and ordinances. The bill would put municipalities on the hook for legal expenses if the individual is successful, but would not require those taking legal action to cover expenses if the municipality prevails.

**Status:** Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.

**Rep. Fred Keller voted No on:**

**243 – Proposed Amendment [A00785](#) to H.B. 671/ Suing municipalities for stronger gun laws, Amendment vote ([46/145](#))**

**Amendment Sponsor:** Thomas

**What it does/would do:** This amendment by Rep. Thomas would have protected local bans on guns for people who have received mental health treatment.

**Status:** Amendment failed, bill passed house and is in Senate Judiciary Committee.

**Rep. Fred Keller voted No on:**

**246 – Proposed Amendment [A00812](#) to H.B. 671/ Suing municipalities for stronger gun laws, Amendment vote ([51/139](#))**

**Amendment Sponsor:** McCarter

**What it does/would do:** This amendment by Rep. McCarter would have protected local bans on guns for people who have been convicted of making terroristic threats or threats to use WMDs.

**Status:** Amendment failed, bill passed house and is in Senate Judiciary Committee.

**Rep. Fred Keller voted No on:**

**249 – Proposed Amendment [A00816](#) to H.B. 671/ Suing municipalities for stronger gun laws, Amendment vote ([51/140](#))**

**Amendment Sponsor:** Donatucci

**What it does/would do:** This amendment by Rep. Donatucci would have protected bans in local municipalities in Philly and the collar counties.

**Status:** Amendment failed, bill passed house and is in Senate Judiciary Committee.

**Rep. Fred Keller voted No on:**

**251 – Proposed Amendment [A00846](#) to H.B. 671/ Suing municipalities for stronger gun laws, Amendment vote ([50/141](#))**

**Amendment Sponsor:** Kim

**What it does/would do:** This amendment by Rep. Kim would have protected bans in local municipalities in 3rd Class Counties.

**Status:** Amendment failed, bill passed house and is in Senate Judiciary Committee.

**Rep. Fred Keller voted No on:**

**252 – Proposed Amendment [A00848](#) to H.B. 671/ Suing municipalities for stronger gun laws, Amendment vote ([54/137](#))**

**Amendment Sponsor:** Kinsey

**What it does/would do:** This amendment by Rep. Kinsey would have protected local anti-Straw Purchasing Laws. Straw purchases are when a person who is prohibited from buying firearms uses another person to buy a gun on their behalf.

**Status:** Amendment failed, bill passed house and is in Senate Judiciary Committee.

**Rep. Fred Keller voted No on:**

**254 – Proposed Amendment [A00852](#) to H.B. 671/ Suing municipalities for stronger gun laws, Amendment vote ([52/139](#))**

**Amendment Sponsor:** Kinsey

**What it does/would do:** This amendment by Rep. Kinsey would have protected local assault weapon bans.

**Status:** Amendment failed, bill passed house and is in Senate Judiciary Committee.

**Rep. Fred Keller voted No on:**

**244 – Proposed Amendment [A00863](#) to H.B. 671/ Suing municipalities for stronger gun laws, Amendment vote ([52/139](#))**

**Amendment Sponsor:** Frankel

**What it does/would do:** This amendment by Rep. Frankel would have protected local firearms laws that are supported by the FOP.

**Status:** Amendment failed, bill passed house and is in Senate Judiciary Committee.

**Rep. Fred Keller voted No on:**

**266 – Proposed Amendment [A00997](#) to H.B. 671/ Suing municipalities for stronger gun laws, Amendment vote ([50/141](#))**

**Amendment Sponsor:** Comitta

**What it does/would do:** This amendment by Rep. Comitta would have protected bans on firearms in public buildings and places such as schools and playgrounds

**Status:** Amendment failed, bill passed house and is in Senate Judiciary Committee.

**Rep. Fred Keller voted No on:**

**434 – Proposed amendment [A01324](#) to H.B. [877/ Human Services Code Bill](#), Amendment vote ([78/116](#))**

**Amendment Sponsor:** Gainey

**What it does/would do:** This amendment by Rep. Gainey would have changed the 25 day SNAP distribution schedule to 10 days.

**Status:** Amendment failed, bill referred back to House Appropriations.

## Healthcare/Medicaid

**Rep. Fred Keller voted Yes on:**

**864 – H.R. 622/ Resolution recognizing 25 Years of CHIP, Adoption vote ([192/0](#))**

**Prime Sponsor:** DeLuca

**What it does/would do:** A Resolution recognizing the 25th anniversary of the Children's Health Insurance Program and the important physical and behavioral health benefits the program provides to children of this Commonwealth.

**Status:** Adopted by the House.

**Rep. Fred Keller voted Yes on:**

**657 – [H.B. 59/ Changes to Medicaid in PA](#), Concurrence with house amendments vote ([102/91](#))**

**Prime Sponsor:** Moul

**What it does/would do:** Originally intended to be an adoption bill, this was amended to make families (making over \$246K/yr) of disabled children pay healthcare premiums towards medicaid, and impose work requirements on Medicaid recipients.

**Status:** Was again amended in Senate after this concurrence vote, passed out of house further amended on a final concurrence vote 116/78. Bill was Veto 2 for Gov. Wolf.

**Rep. Fred Keller voted Yes on:**

**1121 – [S.B. 936/ Workers Comp Drug Formulary](#), Final passage ([101/92](#))**

**Prime Sponsor:** Sen. White

**What it does/would do:** The bill would direct the Labor and Industry Department to adopt a drug formulary, a proposal strongly backed by the state's large business groups. Opponents argue the legislation is too vague and that injured workers are in a special category so shouldn't be subject to the restrictions of a formulary.

**Status:** Sent to Governor, last day to take action is 4/28/18.

**Rep. Fred Keller voted Yes on:**

**1125 – [H.B. 2138/ Work Requirements for Medicaid Recipients](#), Final passage ([115/80](#))**

**Prime Sponsor:** Dowling

**What it does/would do:** The bill would spend millions of state tax dollars to throw people off their health insurance coverage through Medicaid by imposing a costly work requirement on recipients. Specifically, H.B. 2138 directs the state Department of Human Services to draft a waiver seeking approval by the federal government to implement the Medicaid-related work requirements. Medicaid disbursements come from a combination of federal and state funds.



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Critics believe that even people who meet the work requirements or exemptions could lose their coverage while having difficulty completing the necessary paperwork to prove it. The Department of Human Services, which opposes the bill, estimates that the first year of implementing it could cost the state as much as \$800 million. [Read more.](#)

**Status:** Sent to Senate.

**Rep. Fred Keller voted Yes on:**

**154– H.B. 235/ Opioid task force, Final passage (191/0)**

**Prime Sponsor:** Watson

**What it does/would do:** This bill is **The Opioid Abuse Child Impact Task Force Act**, establishing a task force responsible for identifying strategies and making recommendations to help substance exposed infants and improve outcomes for recovering pregnant and parenting women. The 13-person task force is comprised of the Secretary of Human Services or a designee, the Secretary of Health or a designee, the Secretary of Drug and Alcohol Programs or a Designee, three members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and four members appointed by the governor.

**Status:** Referred to Senate Aging and Youth Committee.

## Tax Votes

**Rep. Fred Keller voted No on:**

**731 – H.B. 113/ Natural Gas Severance Tax, Discharge Petition (83/115)**

**Prime Sponsor:** Harper

**What it does/would do:** The petition would have allowed a vote on a fair severance tax on natural gas in Pennsylvania, the only major gas-producing state without one. Specifically, it would impose a severance tax on the extraction of natural gas from unconventional gas wells with a rate of 3.5% of the gross value of the units severed at the wellhead.

**Status:** Discharge petition failed, bill is over in the House.

**Rep. Fred Keller voted No on:**

**768 – [H.B. 542/ Tax Reform Code](#), Motion to Concur with Senate Amendments vote ([102/88](#))**

**Prime Sponsor:** Thomas (both bill and motion to concur)

**What it does/would do:** This legislation is the 2017-18 revenue component of the budget, funding the spending bill passed on June 30. Because this revenue plan was so late, Pennsylvania's credit ratings was downgraded again. 42 Dems supported, 32 opposed. Funding in this bill includes borrowing \$1.5 Billion from the Tabaco Securitization fund, legalizes and taxes commercial fireworks. Those who opposed did so because the plan relies on borrowing and some tax increases instead of recurring revenue to put Pennsylvania on a sustainable fiscal path.

**Status:** Passed and approved by Governor as Act 43.

## Women's Health

**Rep. Fred Keller voted Yes on:**

**929 – [S.B. 3/ 20 Week Abortion Ban](#), Final passage ([121/70](#))**

**Prime Sponsor:** Sen. Brooks

**What it does/would do:** This bill would impede on a woman's right to choose by amending the Abortion Control Act to reduce the maximum gestational age for legal abortions from 24 to 20 weeks, with no exceptions for pregnancies from rape or incest, or for seriously malformed fetuses.

**Status:** Passed by both House and Senate, Vetoed by Gov. Wolf on 12/18/17.

**Rep. Fred Keller voted No on:**

**1084 – [H.B. 2050, A6341/ Amendment to require medical practitioners to use evidence-based practices](#), Amendment adoption vote ([63/127](#))**

**Prime Sponsor:** Frankel (amendment)



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**What it does/would do:** This amendment would prohibit doctors/health practitioner from being required to provide medically false or non-evidence based information/services. This was a proposed amendment to H.B. 2050, a bill that would ban abortions based on a diagnosis — or even just a belief — that a fetus has Down syndrome. It was advanced out of Health without a hearing.

**Status:** Amendment failed.

**Rep. Fred Keller voted Yes on:**

**1119 – [H.B. 2050/ Down Syndrome Abortion Ban](#), Final passage ([139/56](#))**

**Prime Sponsor:** Turzai

**What it does/would do:** H.B. 2050 would ban abortions based on a diagnosis — or even just a belief — that a fetus has Down syndrome. It was advanced out of Health without a hearing.

**Status:** Passed out of House, sent to Senate for consideration.

**Other:**

**Rep. Fred Keller voted Yes on:**

**301 – [H.B. 1238/Libre’s Law](#) (Now Act 10), Final passage ([167/20](#))**

**Prime Sponsor:** Stephens

**What it does/would do:** Named after a Boston terrier puppy rescued from near death on a Lancaster County farm, Libre’s Law strengthens animal cruelty laws in Pennsylvania. It does so by allowing felony charges for first-time animal cruelty offenders, putting PA in line with 47 other states in making animal abuse a felony. According to Humane PA, this level of punishment was usually used in cases of animal fighting or killings of endangered species.

**Status:** Passed by both House and Senate and signed by Gov. Wolf as Act 10.

**Rep. Fred Keller voted Yes on:**

**453 – [S.B. 1/ Pension Reform](#) (Act 5), Final passage ([143/53](#))**

**Prime Sponsor:** Sen. Corman

**What it does/would do:** Act 5 is a pension reform bill that is expected to save the state \$1.4 billion over 30 years. It does so by increasing employee contributions for new hires of the State Employees' Retirement System and Public School Employees' Retirement System while reducing benefits, beginning in 2019. Current employees can opt in as well.

It would not affect current employees who choose not to opt in or retirees already receiving benefits.

The plan offers future public employees a choice among three retirement savings options – two hybrid defined benefit/defined contribution plans and a defined contribution retirement plan.

**Status:** Passed by both House and Senate and signed by Gov. Wolf as Act 5.

**Rep. Fred Keller voted No on:**

**134 – [H.B. 271](#), [PN 1237/ Tablet Gaming \(Eventually Act 42\)](#), Final passage ([142/56](#))**

**Prime Sponsor:** Ortitay

**What it does/would do:** This is the early version one of the largest expansions of gaming in the country. This version of H.B. 271 would have allowed licensed casino holders in Pennsylvania to apply for an airport terminal tablet gaming permit for a one-time fee of \$1 million. Gross revenues would be taxed at 34 percent, with 14 percent going to the state, and the remaining 20 percent earmarked for the airport.

**Status:** Passed by House, Amended in Senate, passed in concurrence with amendments and signed by Gov. Wolf as Act 42. See **vote 819** for final version.

**Rep. Fred Keller voted Yes on:**

**350 – [S.B. 133/ REAL ID](#) (Act 3 of 2017), Final passage ([190/1](#))**

**Prime Sponsor:** Sen. Ward

**What it does/would do:** This bill moves Pennsylvania toward compliance with federal Real ID regulations to ensure that state residents don't face difficulty using their IDs for air travel or visits to federal facilities. It repeals the 2012 state law and requires the Department of Transportation and other agencies to comply with the 2005 Real ID Act passed by the federal government. [Click here for FAQ's and more information on REAL ID.](#)

**Status:** Passed both chambers and signed by Gov. Wolf as Act 3 of 2017.

**Rep. Fred Keller voted No on:**

**449 – H.B. 271 PN 1942/ Gambling Expansion, Concurrence with Senate and House Amendments vote (102/89)**

**Prime Sponsor:** Ortitay

**What it does/would do:** This is the 675 page version of the bill to expand the legalization and regulation of gaming in Pennsylvania. This bill would bring casino-style gambling to airports and bars, as well as regulate online gambling and fantasy sports contests. Among the most divisive measures in the bill was the allowance for as many as 40,000 slots-like video gaming terminals in liquor establishments, including bars, bowling alleys and truck stops.

**Status:** Concurrence vote passed House, amended further in Senate, eventually passed in October, signed by Gov. Wolf as Act 42.

**Rep. Fred Keller voted Yes on:**

**708 – [H.B. 171/ Amending Poll Watcher Requirements](#), Final passage (106/91)**

**Prime Sponsor:** Saccone

**What it does/would do:** This bill would amend the Election Code to remove the requirement that poll watchers be from the county that they are poll watching in. This would allow watchers to be bussed into Philadelphia or watchers from Philadelphia to be bussed into the rural areas.

**Status:** Passed finally from the House, no action scheduled in the Senate as of March 2018.

**Rep. Fred Keller voted No on:**

**729 – Proposed [amendment A3564](#) to [H.B. 1692/ Iran-Free Procurement](#), Amendment Germane vote (78/115)**



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**Prime Sponsor:** Kaufer (H.B. 1692), Bradford (Amendment A3564)

**What it does/would do:** The proposed Bradford amendment, A3564, would add a chapter entitled North Korea-Free Procurement, charging the Department of General Services to develop a list of entities determined to be engaged in certain investment activities in North Korea, and limiting eligibility to contract with the commonwealth on a related basis.

This legislation would amend Title 62, Chapter 35 (Iran-Free Procurement) to change the expiration requirements of Iran-Free Procurement. The restrictions of Iran-Free Procurement would not expire until the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act of 2010 is repealed by the Congress of the United States.

**Status:** The Bradford amendment was ruled to be not germane, H.B. 1692 passed the house finally 191/1 and has been received by the Senate State Government Committee.

**Rep. Fred Keller voted Yes on:**

**933 – [S.B. 166/ Paycheck Protection](#), Final passage ([90/102](#))**

**Prime Sponsor:** Sen. Eichelberger

**What it does/would do:** This legislation is designed to attack union workers' rights by targeting workers' voluntary contributions to the unions that represent them. Sometimes referred to as the 'paycheck protection bill', this legislation would limit unions' political donations by prohibiting state, county and local governments from using their payroll systems to let workers voluntarily ask their employers to deduct money for their respective union's political action committees.

**Status:** Defeated on final passage in the House, passed over in committee in Senate Rules and Executive Nominations.

**Rep. Fred Keller voted Yes on:**

**1222 – [H.B. 1659/ Work requirements for SNAP recipients](#), Final passage ([108/79](#))**

**Prime Sponsor:** Keefer

**What it does/would do:** This bill would prohibit the state from applying for waivers of the work requirements for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. As a condition for SNAP benefits, recipients will be required to work, perform community service, participate in a work program or be enrolled as a full-time student. This requirement will be in place for ABAWDs and will not apply to single parents with custody of a child under the age of twelve.

**Status:** Passed, currently in the Senate.

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#### **Additional Information on H.B. 218 (Vote #133):**

[According to the House Republican Appropriation Committee](#), the version H.B. 218 passed on 4/4/17 (Vote #133) would have:

- Eliminated funding for victims of Juvenile Offenders
- Cut funding to the Join Local-State Firearm Task Force (\$105K)
- **Agriculture**
  - Eliminate funding for avian flu preparedness and response
  - Eliminate funding for agricultural research (p. 3 House R analysis)
- **Education**
  - Reduced funding for the Office of Safe Schools advocate (\$26K)
  - Eliminated funding for teacher professional development
  - Reduced funding for Career and Technical Education Equipment Grants (\$450K)
  - Eliminated funding for safe schools initiative
  - Eliminated Higher Education Assistance funding
- **Environmental Protection**
  - Cut funding from environmental program management (Almost \$2 million)
  - Cut funding from Environmental Protection Operations (Over \$4 million)
- **General Services**
  - Cut Capitol Police funding by nearly \$1 million the same year complex experienced a shooting spree
- **Human Services:**
  - Cuts to county assistance offices (Nearly \$49 million)
  - *Cut \$155K in funding from State Laboratory, [who helps oversee elimination of rape kit backlog](#). – Further research needed*

- Cuts to mental health services (\$19.59 million)
- Cut \$552K from funds for Obstetric and Neonatal services (pregnant/new mothers and their newborns)
- Cuts to Child Care Services (\$15,189,000)
- Cuts to Child Care Assistance (\$12,724,000)
- Cut funding to local Health Departments (\$3,813,000 or 15%)
- **State Police**
  - Reduce funding for Law Enforcement Information Technology by nearly half a million dollars
- **Emergency Management Agency**
  - Cut Disaster Relief (EA) funding by nearly \$4 million from 16/17 levels, 79%
- **County Court Administration**
  - Eliminate Court Interpreter Grant completely. This grant provides funding to counties to meet mandates for assuring access to those with limited English proficiency.

According to a [report by the non-partisan County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania](#), H.B. 218 as passed on April 4, 2017 in the House would have resulted in:

- “...counties would also experience significant and devastating cuts to key line items, highlighted by sweeping cuts amounting to millions of dollars in funding for criminal justice, human services, and administrative programs that counties perform on the Commonwealth’s behalf.” (p. 1)
- “...so although the proposal has been touted as a “no tax increase” budget, in reality, the lack of adequate funding from the Commonwealth will place additional pressures on other areas of county budgets. This means local tax increases as counties will be forced to continue providing these services on county property tax dollars.” (p. 1)
- **Human Services**
  - A 15% (\$2.8 million) cut from the Homeless Assistance Program
  - A \$5 million reduction for mental health services compared to the Governor’s 17/18 proposal.
  - A reduction of \$4 million in county behavioral health funding when compared to the Governor’s proposal. This change would eliminate the amount that was included by the Governor for treatment costs for 1,200 non-Medical Assistance eligible clients who are newly able to receive the substance use disorder treatment through the Centers of Excellence.
- **Judiciary**
  - Elimination of \$10 million in new funding proposed by the governor to provide Naloxone to first responders and schools through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD).

- Eliminates funding for programs that are shown to reduce recidivism and reduce costs in the long term. Specifically, “Funding for adult probation services in HB 218 has been completely eliminated; zeroing out this line, which supports community supervision options, will severely challenge ongoing efforts by counties to make smart decisions about the use of jail. Also eliminated is funding for intermediate punishment programs, removing alternatives that yield the best chance of offenders productively changing behaviors and resulting in jail time for non-violent offenders, and thus increased correctional costs at the county level.” (p. 5)
  - Eliminate funding for juvenile probation services, placing training funds for county probation staff in jeopardy. (p.5)
  - **Ag/ Environment**
    - A 15%/ \$500K cut from funding for conservation districts across the departments of Agriculture and Environmental Protection, hurting efforts to protect our air, water, and natural environment.
  - **Elections**
    - Cut funding for secure elections with a 5% cut to the Statewide Uniform Registry of Electors (SURE) when we should be strengthening our system.
  - **Community/ Economic Development**
    - Eliminate funding for the [Pennsylvania First Program](#), a program focused on investment and job creation in Pennsylvania.
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## **Additional Information on H.B. 453 PN 2410:**

**H.B. 453 PN 2410**, [the House Republican Revenue Bill passed in September 2017](#), but was too extreme for the state Senate to concur with. This proposal would have made a series of one time “transfers” from special funds to the general fund to pay for the budget passed on 6/30/17. The cuts below are the result of these one-time transfers contained in this bill.

**According to a report by Rep. Joe Markosek, Democratic Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, H.B. 453 PN 2410 would have:**

## Economic Development

- [\\$91.4 million transfer from Business and Economic Development funding](#)
  - Including \$11 Million from the Small Business First Fund
  - Cut \$359K from job training fund
- [\\$23.7 million transfer from public safety funding](#)
  - \$2.7 million from the Justice Reinvestment Initiative grants, which includes money for victim services, county probation, and the commission on sentencing. (p. 2)
- [\\$10 million transfer from the state Rehabilitation Center Fund](#), which provides education, counseling, and transition services to help Pennsylvanian's with disabilities to gain employment and live independently. (p. 4)
- Cut funding from Job Training Fund (p. 5)

## Environment

- [Cut funding to keep our air and water safe.](#)

## Opioids

- [Cut \\$4.5 million in funds from the Substance Abuse and Demand Reduction Fund](#), delaying funding for important treatment and prevention programs.
  - “Money in the fund is given out in grants administered by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency to provide for substance abuse prevention, treatment, and education. A portion of funds are specifically allocated to prevention and education for youth, and in the workplace.” (p. 3)

## Transportation

- [Cut transportation related programming by \\$125.5 million \(20%\)](#)
- Including a cut of \$50 million from mass transit funding (Public Transportation Trust), which could lead to increased fares for riders, including seniors and the disabled, as well as loss of jobs.
  - [\\$32.1 million less for SEPTA](#)
  - \$11.3 million less for the Port Authority of Allegheny County, the second largest transit agency, has indicated the cut would mean:
    - The elimination of bus and light-rail routes;

- The reduction of weekday service hours impacting or eliminating routes including high-impact routes
  - Service eliminations impacting 30,000 daily riders. All riders could experience some reduction in service.
  - 4,100 public school students affected who rely on public transit;
  - Elimination of all weekend and evening service on all routes;
  - Decreased paratransit support serving people with disabilities and elderly throughout the county; and
  - Fare increases.
- [Click here](#) for specific information on how these cuts impact local transit agencies and authorities.

**According to CCAP, the cuts in H.B. 453 would:**

- Take away funding already committed for providing technical assistance to farmers and projects that are vital to improving water quality.
- “Cuts to the Multimodal Transportation Fund would put more than 200 multimodal transportation projects from across the state in jeopardy.” (P.2)
- The \$50 million transfer from Public Transportation Trust Fund would “translat[e] into a 30 percent services reduction and fair increases.” (p.2)

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Below is a summary of controversial votes from the 2015-16 Legislative session by topic, and controversial votes or bills from previous sessions. You can check your opponent’s vote on any of these bills by visiting the [legislative website](#) and searching for the bill.

**1. Tax Votes**

- HB504/A01564 (Saylor) – This amendment was a dollar for dollar Property Tax relief bill. The amendment raised the income tax from 3.07 to 3.7 percent, raised the sales tax from 6% to 7%, and imposed a 1% hotel tax to pay for the Property Tax relief that would be driven out in various ways to school districts. The bill would provide roughly \$4.2 billion dollars in increased revenue.  
**RESULT:** The amendment passed.
- HB504 Final Passage (Gabler) – Amendment that increased income, sales, and hotel taxes passed and voted for the final version of HB504.

**RESULT:** The bill was sent to the *Senate* Finance Committee May 20, 2015

- HB283/A03468 (Markosek) – The bill increased the income tax imposed a severance tax on gas drillers in exchange for education funding, increased property tax refunds, and budget deficit reduction.

**RESULT:** The bill failed

- HB1888 (Quinn) – This was a tax amnesty bill that was a revenue producer by allowing PA residents to pay back taxes with no penalty.

**RESULT:** The bill was sent to the *Senate* Appropriations Committee on June 29, 2016

- HB1198 – This was the revenue package that amended the 2016 Tax Code. The bill included increased cigarette taxes, new taxes on digital download and smokeless tobacco, as well as other one-time measures, licensing fees, and (fiscally questionable) intra-governmental loans.

**RESULT:** Signed into law by Gov. Wolf, July 2016

## 2. Budget Votes

- 2015-16 Vetoed Budget (HB1192/PN1959) – This was the vetoed 2015-16 budget. Notable budget lines are listed below:

- i. HB1192 included \$100 million in increased education funding (PDE)
- ii. Veterans Outreach Services was cut by \$850,000 (DMVA)

- 2015-16 Blue Lined Budget (HB1460/PN2626) – This was the “Christmas Budget” passed by the Senate shortly before Christmas. Funding levels were similar to HB1192.

- 2015-16 Stopgap Budget (HB1801/PN2968) – This was the budget stopgap bill that filled the funding gap created by Governor Wolf’s “blue-lining” of HB1460. There are no budget lines of note in this budget.

- 2016-17 Budget (SB1073/PN2009) – This was the compromise budget passed in 2016. There are several lines of note:

- i. Lobbying Disclosure was cut by 42.2% (DoS)
- ii. Funding for Child Care Services was cut by 12.8% (DHS)
- iii. Funds for the Philadelphia Municipal Court were increased by 6% (PHL Courts)

## 3. Education Funding/Schools

- HB805 (A01211): Provisional Vocation Education Expansion.

**RESULT:** Amendment did not pass

- HB805 (A01212): Requires all charter and cyber charter schools to be certified.

**RESULT:** Amendment did not pass

- HB805 (A01222): Teacher training for AP courses.

**RESULT:** Amendment did not pass

HB805 (A01226): Teacher paid bereavement leave for grandchildren. **RESULT:** Amendment passed

- HB805 (A01242): PSEA agreed to language; can layoff if two consecutive unsatisfactory evaluation and administration lay off balance with teachers. **RESULT:** Amendment passed

- HB805 (A01283): Requires charter and cyber charter schools to use teacher evaluations. **RESULT:** Amendment did not pass
  - HB805 (A02223): Allows teachers to be laid off for economic reasons unless distinguished for two out of last three years. **RESULT:** Amendment passed
  - HB805: Last In First Out – teacher seniority furlough bill. Changes the way teachers are furloughed by going away from traditional seniority based system. **RESULT:** Passed
  - HB210 (A0055): The amendment appropriates \$396,198,000 for the building and construction of schools, including charter schools. **RESULT:** Amendment did not pass
  - HB1112: Creates an advisory board to look at data collection deductions at school districts. **RESULT:** Referred to EDUCATION, June 29, 2015 [Senate]
  - HB1640: Allows public schools to display the words “In God We Trust”. **RESULT:** Tabled 7/16
  - HB1915: Requires all public schools to offer online courses. [HB1915](#) **RESULT:** Referred to EDUCATION, 6/16 [Senate]
  - HB1385: PSU Non-preferred less than Wolf 15-16.
  - HB1386: Pitt non-preferred less than Wolf 15-16.
  - HB1387: Temple non-preferred less than Wolf 15-16.
  - HB1388: Lincoln non-preferred less than Wolf 15-16.
  - HB1389: Penn Vet School non-preferred less than Wolf 15-16.
  - HB2137: Non-preferred – Penn State 2016/17.
  - HB2138: Non-preferred – Pitt 2016/17.
  - HB2139: Non-preferred – Temple 2016/17.
  - HB2140: Non-preferred – Lincoln 2016/17.
  - HB2141: Non-preferred –University of Pennsylvania Vet School 2016/17.
- 4. Guns/Law Enforcement/Hunting**
- HB447 (A0448): The amendment allows for eviction for unlawful discharge of firearm in a single-family dwelling, apartment, multiple dwelling premises or tenant building. **RESULT:** Amendment did not pass
  - HR143: Condemns Wolf's moratorium on the death penalty.  
HB44: Increases penalties for crimes committed with a firearm. **RESULT:** Referred to JUDICIARY, 10/15 [Senate]  
HB1538: Conceals police identity in shootings. **RESULT:** Referred to LAW AND JUSTICE, 11/15 [Senate]
  - HB222: No public assistance for drug convicts. **RESULT:** Referred to PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, 4/16 [Senate]
  - HB1339 (A06204): Requires a warrant for police to use drones. **RESULT:** Amendment did not pass
  - HB1770: Motion to accept committee report (to re-refer bill to Rules from Judiciary- ultimately killing a bill that would have prevented those on “no fly list” from buying guns). *YEA vote blocks the ban.*

**5. Women’s Health**

- HB1948: Bans abortions after 20 weeks. **RESULT:** Tabled 7/16
- HB1574 (A04133): Made female circumcision a crime. **RESULT:** Amendment did not pass

## 6. Unions/Pensions

- HB874: Lessens the legal protections for unions when engaging in labor disputes (collective bargaining agreements). **RESULT:** Signed into Law 11/15
- SB1 (A02829): Repeals Act 120 POB Prohibition (2010 Pension Reform Bill). **RESULT:** Amendment did not pass
- SB1: Senate pension reform (vetoed by Wolf). **RESULT:** Bill, together with Governor's Veto Message, laid on the table, 7/15 [Senate]
- SB1071: Pension Reform creating hybrid pension plan.
- SB1071: Stacked hybrid compromised plan.
- SB1071 (A08206): Compromised stacked pension reform. [More SB1071 information](#)  
**RESULT:** Amendment passed

## 7. Marijuana/Liquor

- HB1196: Amends Liquor code to define geographically contiguous areas that are 5 miles. Allows bars to stay open later for DNC events, and reduces fees for the license that would allow casinos to sell alcohol 24/7. HB466: Liquor Privatization Bill (Privatize PA Liquor system). **RESULT:** Referred to RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, 7/16 [Senate]
- HB466 (concurrence in Liquor Privatization that was Vetoed by Wolf) **RESULT:** Bill, together with Governor's Veto Message, laid on the table, 7/15 [House]
- HB1192 (A01678): Adds more money for drug and alcohol treatment. **RESULT:** Amendment passed
- SB3: Medical marijuana. **RESULT:** Signed into Law 4/16
- SB3 (A05835): Omnibus compromise amendment for medical marijuana.  
**RESULT:** Amendment passed
- SB3 (A05958): Can use marijuana for autism. **RESULT:** Amendment passed
- SB3 (A06047): Cannot use marijuana for HIV/AIDS. **RESULT:** Amendment did not pass
- SB3: Medical marijuana concurrence. **RESULT:** Passed 4/16
- HB1690: Liquor modernization – gas stations beer etc. **RESULT:** Signed into Law 6/16
- HB1690: Liquor modernization Concurrence. **RESULT:** Passed 6/16

## 8. Size of Legislature

- HB153: Reduces the size of the House of Representatives from 203 to 151.
- HB153 (A0870): Amendment reduces Senate to 38 members. **RESULT:** Amendment passed
- HB384: Reduces the size of the Senate from 50 to 37. **RESULT:** Referred to STATE GOVERNMENT, 5/15 [Senate]

## 9. Environment

- SB875: Treated mine water can be used in oil and gas industries. **RESULT:** Signed into Law 10/15

- SB875 (A02871): Categorizes mine water as solid waste. **RESULT:** Amendment did not pass
- SB875 (A03023): Test mine water for bromides. **RESULT:** Amendment did not pass
- SB875 (A03025): Requires DEP to conduct a costs benefits study and environmental impact of using treated mine water for gas well development.  
**RESULT:** Amendment did not pass
- SB1195: amends timeline for clean power energy.  
**RESULT:** Signed into Law 6/16
- HB2013: Allow third party providers to operate in state parks (anti-environmental).
- HB2013 (A08911): Turns public-private partnerships in state parks to a pilot program. [HB2013](#) **RESULT:** Amendment passed
- SB279 (A08194): Reduces number of representatives on the Penn Grade Crude development advisory council from 2 to 1.  
**RESULT:** Amendment did not pass
- SB279 (A08193): Removes section of bill as to not delay rule making concerning conventional oil and gas wells. [More information](#)  
**RESULT:** Amendment did not pass

## 10. Other

- HR659: Investigate if AG Kane could be impeached.
- HB1925 (A07619): Gaming Expansion without VGTs (ie, iGaming).  
**RESULT:** Amendment did not pass
- HB1925 (A07622): Gaming expansion with VGTs.  
**RESULT:** Amendment did not pass
- HB2150 (A08621): Gaming expansion with VGTs.  
**RESULT:** Amendment did not pass
- HB2150 (A08734): Gaming Expansion without VGTs (ie, iGaming).  
**RESULT:** Amendment passed
- HB2150: Gaming expansion (ie, iGaming).  
**RESULT:** Referred to COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, 6/16 [Senate]
- SB562 (A02096): Makes regulatory review more transparent.  
**RESULT:** Amendment did not pass
- SB1267: Expands the green light go-program (red light cameras).  
**RESULT:** Signed into Law 7/16
- HB911: Imposes a uniform surcharge of \$1.65 on each 911 communications service or prepaid wireless devices that provide 911 communications.  
**RESULT:** Signed into Law 6/15
- HB911 Concurrence: Imposes a uniform surcharge of \$1.65 on each 911 communications service or prepaid wireless devices that provide 911 communications.  
**RESULT:** Passed 6/15
- HB911 (A00611): Lowers surcharge to \$1.50 instead of \$1.65.  
**RESULT:** Amendment did not pass



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- HB911 (A00727): 5-year moratorium on raising property taxes to cover 911 system's cost.  
**RESULT:** Amendment did not pass

## Appendix: Votes from Previous Sessions

### 2013-2014 Legislative Session

- **Notable Votes**

- HB1603 (A4421): Amendment would require disclosure to doctors of contents of chemicals when patients are exposed to them. The bill would put the DOH regulation requiring physician supervision of the administration of anesthesia into statute. *A no vote prevents disclosure.*  
**RESULT:** Amendment did not pass
- HB1437 (A01720): Medicaid expansion with all cost paid for by the federal government.  
**RESULT:** Amendment did not pass
- HB468 (A00821): Increase income level for property tax rebate.  
**RESULT:** Amendment did not pass

### 2011-2012 Legislative Session

- **Notable Votes**

- HB1485: House GOP Budget for 2011 that drastically cut funding for basic education, higher education, and health and human services: \$1 Billion cut in education funding and 100s of millions cut from senior citizen programs.  
**RESULT:** Signed into Law 6/11
- HB761 (Concur): 2012 Tax Code. \$1.7 billion tax giveaway for Shell Oil without requiring a guarantee they hire any PA workers.  
**RESULT:** Passed 6/12
- HB1950: Stripped local communicates of their rights to control drilling within their borders. Failed to enact a sensible extraction fee on Marcellus Shale drilling. *This was later over turned by the Supreme Court.*  
**RESULT:** Signed into Law 2/12
- HB3 (Concur): Public Private Partnerships. **Result:** Passed 6/12
- HB3 (A6530): When considering contracts, the public will give substantial weigh and priority to the following factors: (1) The offeror commits to using American made construction materials; (2) The offeror commits to using Pennsylvania made steel. (3) The offeror's principal place of business is located in the United States. (4) The offeror's principal place of business is located in this Commonwealth. (5) The offeror has or will create a physical presence in this Commonwealth. *A no vote allows state contracts to go to companies in foreign places like China and India, rather than Pennsylvania companies.* **Result:** Amendment Passed



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- HB574: Would require abortion facilities to meet standards of ambulatory surgical facilities.

**RESULT:** Referred to PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, 5/11 [Senate]

- **Notable Bills (See if Opponent Sponsored)**

- HB76: Would increase the income tax by nearly fifty percent and raises the sales tax by one percent while also expanding it to include necessities like food and medicine. *Property tax elimination act*. **Result:** Referred to Finance, March 2013.
- HB1077: Would require invasive mandatory ultrasound that would require women to undergo unnecessary medical procedures. **Result:** Laid on table, March 2012.