



2015-16 Legislative Summary
South Central Republican Caucus

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South Central Republican Caucus Legislative Update

Over the past two years, I have been honored to serve as Chairman of the South Central Republican Caucus and proud of the hard work done by our caucus to move Pennsylvania forward. Since the start of this legislative session, the members of South Central Republican Caucus have prime sponsored 26 bills which became law. Despite the governor's impasse bringing progress on non-budget issues to a halt for nine months; 15 members of the South Central Caucus had bills that became law.

In order to put this into perspective, the South Central Republican Caucus prime sponsored 18% out of the approximate 143 General House Bills which became law during this session. Comparatively, the South Central Republican Caucus only accounts for 13% of total House membership.

South Central Republican Caucus members also took the lead and authored two key government reforms which were passed by the General Assembly to improve government efficiency and protect excellent teachers. Unfortunately, Governor Wolf elected to veto the reforms contained in House Bill 805 and 1618. Despite the governor's veto passing these reforms were significant accomplishments for which our caucus should be proud.

In addition to prime sponsored legislation, the South Central Republican Caucus has succeeded in passing landmark legislation into law through additional methods including the amendatory process. As a result, our caucus led the way to pass legislation requiring DUI offenders to have Interlock installed in their vehicles, "Ride on Red" legislation for motorcyclists, Unemployment Compensation Reform, Bail Bondsmen Reform and legalizing Medical Marijuana.

On top of legislation which passed the General Assembly, the caucus was authored an additional 45 bills which passed the House. All told, 18 members of the South Central Republican Caucus sponsored legislation which passed the House. While these bills died awaiting consideration in the Senate; the number of bills passed and members with bills passed demonstrates the important impact our caucus has in shaping public policy in the commonwealth.

As we prepare to enter a new session in the coming weeks, I look forward to again working as part of the South Central Republican Caucus to move the Commonwealth forward in a positive direction.

Sincerely,



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Prime-Sponsored Legislation Signed into Law

1. **Act 63 of 2015 (Greiner)**: This legislation, originally House Bill 239, amended current law to allow counties to offer a cost-of-living adjustment without raising significant taxes. The bill was signed into law on November 24, 2015.
2. **Act 48 of 2015 (Greiner)**: This legislation, originally House Bill 823, provided updates to Act 164 of 2014 to expand background checks and make it easier to fill vacancies for tax collectors. The bill was signed into law on October 22, 2015.
3. **Act 66 of 2016 (Cutler)**: This legislation was originally House Bill 2003 and conveyed land in Southern Lancaster County as a historical site.
4. **Act 29 of 2015 (M. Keller)**: This legislation, originally House Bill 501, designated a bridge in honor of Private First Class Harold Barrick who was killed in action. The bill was signed into law on July 20, 2015.
5. **Act 88 of 2016 (M. Keller)**: This legislation, originally House Bill 325, provided necessary updates to the Auctioneer Licensing and Trading Assistant Act. The bill was signed into law on July 20, 2016.
6. **Act 103 of 2016 (M. Keller)**: This legislation, originally House Bill 665, fixed technical errors within Act 94 of 2016. The bill was signed into law on October 5, 2016.
7. **Act 43 of 2015 (Kauffman)**: This legislation, originally House Bill 75, requires out-of-state pharmacies to show a valid license in their home state and recent inspection report to operate in Pennsylvania. The bill was signed into law on October 7, 2015.
8. **Act 6 of 2016 (Kauffman)**: This legislation, originally House Bill 561, exempts active military personnel from paying a local earned income tax while on active duty. This bill was signed into law on February 23, 2016.
9. **Act 8 of 2015 (Grove)**: This legislation, originally House Bill 182, allows pharmacists to provide children ages 9 and older with a flu shot. The bill was signed into law on June 26, 2015.
10. **Act 91 of 2015 (Grove)**: This legislation, originally House Bill 777, ensures that increases in social security income from a cost-of-living adjustment do not remove seniors from PACE or PACENET. The bill was signed into law on December 28, 2015.
11. **Act 1 of 2015 (Tallman)**: This legislation, originally House Bill 152, extends the amount of time a family of a deceased law enforcement officer or emergency personnel may file for death benefits. The bill was signed into law on May 13, 2015.

12. **Act 75 of 2015 (Hickernell)**: This legislation, originally House Bill 477, empowers foster parents to enroll their foster children into extracurricular activities at school. The bill was signed into law on December 10, 2015.
13. **Act 47 of 2016 (Payne)**: This legislation, originally House Bill 57, improves natural gas competition to increase consumer convenience and lower cost. The bill was signed into law on June 23, 2016.
14. **Act 18 of 2016 (Gillespie)**: This legislation, originally House Bill 794, allows for counties to increase the hotel tax from 3% per room to 5%. The bill was signed into law on April 20, 2016.
15. **Act 6 of 2015 (Gingrich)**: This legislation, originally House Bill 341, requires real estate disclosure forms provide a location and description of storm water facilities defined in the bill. The bill was signed into law on June 19, 2015.
16. **Act 51 of 2015 (Gingrich)**: This legislation, originally House Bill 904, brings the First Class Township Code into conformity with existing law for boroughs, third class cities and other townships. The bill was signed into law on October 30, 2015.
17. **Act 26 of 2016 (Gingrich)**: This legislation, originally House Bill 400, works to assist students with a disability to enter into gainful employment. The bill was signed into law on May 17, 2016.
18. **Act 7 of 2016 (Regan)**: This legislation, originally House Bill 941, reduces the licensing fee for a historic distillery. The bill was signed into law on February 23, 2016.
19. **Act 104 of 2016 (Regan)**: This legislation was originally House Bill 1711 designated a bridge after Staff Sergeant Jason Faley. The bill was signed into law October 4, 2016.
20. **Act 26 of 2015 (Marsico)**: This legislation, originally House Bill 229, updates the Commonwealth's law to address the growing problem of cyber bullying. The bill was signed into law on July 10, 2015.
21. **Act 59 of 2015 (Marsico)**: This legislation, originally House Bill 874, makes it illegal for someone to be stalked, harassed or threatened by an individual involved in a labor dispute. The bill was signed into law on November 4, 2015.
22. **Act 31 of 2016 (Marsico)**: This legislation, originally House Bill 1574, expands the state's anti-hazing law to expand the number of students protected from hazing. The bill was signed into law on May 24, 2015.

23. **Act 92 of 2016 (Diamond)**: This legislation, originally House Bill 967, legalized industrial hemp for research purposes. The bill was signed into law on July 20, 2016.
24. **Act 90 of 2016 (Bloom)**: This legislation, originally House Bill 835, designated a section of 74 after Marine Lance Corporal Gary Lee Ream. The bill was signed into law on July 20, 2016.
25. **Act 116 of 2016 (Saylor)**: This legislation, originally House Bill 447, limits the death payment provisions for the family of a recently deceased tenant. The bill was signed into law on November 2, 2016
26. **Act 143 of 2016 (Phillips-Hill)**: This legislation, originally House Bill 2078, reduces the barriers for military personnel and their family members from acquiring a teacher certification. This bill was signed into law on November 3, 2016.

Legislation Vetoed by the Governor

1. **House Bill 805 (Bloom)**: This legislation, would have allowed school districts during difficult economic times to keep the best performing teachers in the classroom. The bill was vetoed by Governor Wolf on May 18, 2016.
2. **House Bill 1618 (Fee)**: This legislation, would have established the Office of the Inspector General as being independent of the Governor's Office. The changes would have been implemented following the current administration and allowed the Inspector General to pursue waste more effectively. The bill was vetoed by Governor Wolf on October 28, 2016.

Legislation Passed by Amendment or Senate Companion

1. **House Bill 950 (Bloom)**: This legislation became **Act 101 of 2016** after being amended into Senate Bill 1267. Act 101 allows a motorcyclist stuck at a red light because of a failure of a pressure plate to proceed with due care.
2. **Amendment 5980(Marsico)**: This amendment provided a comprehensive fix to Senate Bill 3 as originally passed by the Senate. Under the amendment, the Commonwealth established a system for the distribution of medical marijuana to those with certain illnesses. As amended Senate Bill 3 became **Act 16 of 2016**.
3. **Amendment 10637(Grove)**: This amendment provided a comprehensive reform to the State's Unemployment Compensation System. Under the amendment to House Bill 2382 over 44,000 workers became eligible for unemployment while making the system solvent faster. This amendment was later incorporated into House Bill 319. House Bill 319, as amended was signed into law as **Act 144 of 2016**.
4. **Amendment 6689(Greiner)**: This was a comprehensive amendment to Senate Bill 290 requiring individuals with a high blood Alcohol content on their first offense to get an ignition interlock system. This amendment, upon concurrence by the Senate, became **Act 33 of 2016**.
5. **House Bill 603 (Grove)**: This legislation became **Act 54 of 2016** after the General Assembly passed Senator Aument's, identical companion bill, Senate Bill 837. The law now requires those practicing as a marriage or family therapist to be licensed in Pennsylvania.
6. **House Bill 367 (Cutler)**: This legislation became **Act 16 of 2015** after the General Assembly passed was Senate Bill 397, the companion to Representative Cutler's House Bill 367. Act 16, creates a uniform practice of providing of bail for those awaiting trial.

Prime-Sponsored Legislation Passed by the House

1. **House Bill 367 (Cutler)**: This legislation creates a uniform set of rules across the state for proving of bail and was passed out of the House of Representatives on May 4, 2015.
2. **House Bill 1348 (Cutler)**: This legislation enhances penalties for failure to comply with the lobbying disclosure law and was passed out of the House of Representatives on October 7, 2015.
3. **House Bill 2293 (Cutler)**: This legislation designates a bridge in honor of a fallen marine corporal who was killed in Afghanistan. The bill passed out of the House of Representatives on October 18, 2016
4. **House Bill 577 (Moul)**: This legislation allows the designees of the General Assembly to the Potomac River Basin to have voting rights. The bill passed out of the House of Representatives on April 24, 2016.
5. **House Bill 544 (Moul)**: This legislation limits legal liability for landowners during a public event on the property. The House of Representative s passed the bill on April 4, 2016.
6. **House Bill 1204 (Moul)**: This legislation amends the state liquor law and was passed out of the House of Representatives on September 30, 2015.
7. **House Bill 1353 (Moul)**: This legislation amends current law to enhance the penalty for vehicular homicide while intoxicated. This bill was passed out of the House of Representatives on April 5, 2016
8. **House Bill 1313 (Moul)**: This legislation amends the Small Games of Chance Law and was passed by the House of Representatives on September 28, 2016.
9. **House Bill 1528 (Moul)**: This legislation addresses adoption subsidies by local governments and was passed out of the House of Representatives on October 17, 2016.
10. **House Bill 1940 (Moul)**: This legislation amends current law to ease the regulatory and financial burden on volunteer organizations by expanding the exemption on charities required to register with the state. This bill was passed out of the House of Representatives on June 21, 2016.
11. **House Bill 139 (Zimmerman)**: This legislation amends the Private Academic Schools Act for the licensure of online schools. The House of Representatives passed the bill on December 4, 2015.

12. **House Bill 1103 (Zimmerman)**: This legislation exempts “high tunnels” from compliance with the Storm Water Management Act. The House of Representative passed the bill on March 22, 2016.
13. **House Bill 2222 (Zimmerman)**: This legislation codifies a competitive bid process for boroughs when making an emergency purchase. The House of Representative passed the bill on October 19, 2016.
14. **House Bill 1334 (Klunk)**: This legislation was amends the State Bingo Law and was passed by the House of Representatives on June 14, 2016.
15. **House Bill 1418 (Gillespie)**: This legislation would allow owners of a historic military vehicle obtain a historic military vehicle license plate from PenDot. This bill was passed out of the House of Representatives on January 27, 2016.
16. **House Bill 1452 1418 (Gillespie)**: This legislation creates a voluntary instructor hunting license and was passed out of the House of Representatives on February 10, 2016.
17. **House Bill 1084 (Phillips-Hill)**: This legislation removes PSBA from the state pension system and was passed out of the House of Representatives on April 13, 2016.
18. **House Bill 455 (Keller)**: This legislation works to ensure that state law does not violate a Pennsylvanian’s constitutional right to not self-incriminate concerning potential Game Code violations. The House of Representatives passed the bill on April 22, 2015.
19. **House Bill 760 (Keller)**: This legislation works to provide veterinarians with civil liability and legal protections when reporting potential animal abuse. The House of Representatives passed the bill on September 29, 2015.
20. **House Bill 1797 (Keller)**: This legislation amends current law to reclassify autocycles as a subset of motorcycles. The House of Representatives passed this legislation on February 10, 2016.
21. **House Bill 1902 (Keller)**: This legislation, designates a bridge to honor the death of Private William Stambaugh of Perry County during the Second World War. The House of Representatives passed this bill on May 17, 2016.
22. **House Bill 215 (Gingrich)**: This legislation amends Title 18 concerning the neglect or abuse of a care dependent person. The House of Representatives passed the bill on February 10, 2015
23. **House Bill 322 (Gingrich)**: This legislation amends Title 18 for the evaluation of a gambling addiction. The House of Representatives passed the bill on November 17, 2015.

24. **House Bill 825 (Gingrich)**: This legislation provides financial transparency by requiring the Independent Fiscal Office provide a fiscal impact statement for executive orders. The House of Representatives passed the bill on June 25, 2015.
25. **House Bill 903 (Gingrich)**: This legislation amends the Second Class Township Code for maintenance of properties. The House of Representatives passed the bill on June 17, 2015.
26. **House Bill 217 (Regan)**: This legislation amends Title 18 to increase penalties to an individual who commits a crime while concealing their identity. The House of Representatives passed the bill on April 14, 2015.
27. **House Bill 220 (Regan)**: This legislation amends Title 18 requiring an individual to stay in their vehicle when stopped by a Law Enforcement Officer. The House of Representatives passed the bill on April 5, 2016.
28. **House Bill 222 (Regan)**: This legislation amends Title 18 preventing convicted drug traffickers from receiving welfare benefits. The House of Representatives passed the bill on April 5, 2016.
29. **House Bill 1578 (Fee)**: This legislation amends creates an E-Learning Program to facilitate a competitive grant program for hybrid learning. The House of Representatives passed the bill on June 23, 2016.
30. **House Bill 1685 (Fee)**: This legislation designates a bridge after William Synder, who was chief of the Denver Fire Company for 33 years. The House of Representatives passed the bill on April 4, 2016.
31. **House Bill 74 (Kauffman)**: This legislation amends Title 18 creating the crime of endangering a child. The House of Representatives passed the on bill May 6, 2015.
32. **House Bill 446 (Marsico)**: This legislation amends current law to require mandatory probation for a person convicted of a Tier II Sex Offense. The House of Representatives passed the bill on March 2, 2015.
33. **House Bill 1691 (Marsico)**: This legislation places the Commonwealth in compliance with federal law on sex trafficking prevention. The House of Representatives passed the bill on March 2, 2015.
34. **House Bill 1740 (Diamond)**: This legislation would increase the cost of requesting a police report of a vehicle accident to offset police costs. The House of Representatives passed the bill on June 6, 2016.

35. **House Bill 11 (Grove)**: This legislation amends codifies Governor Wolf’s GO-Time initiative to streamline state government using private sector practices. The House of Representatives passed the bill on May 6, 2015
36. **House Bill 210 (Grove)**: This legislation amended the State’s School Construction Reimbursement Program to reduce, time and costs for school districts entering the program. The House of Representatives passed the bill on May 12, 2015
37. **House Bill 323 (Grove)**: This legislation establishes a business court at the appellate in Pennsylvania. The House of Representatives passed the bill on October 7, 2015.
38. **House Bill 122 (Delozier)**: This legislation increases the amount allowed under current law for transfer to minors. The House of Representatives passed the bill on May 6, 2015
39. **House Bill 123 (Delozier)**: This legislation amends the Judicial Code to direct unreturnable money used to post bail for restitution of outstanding payments. The House of Representatives passed the bill on September 30, 2015
40. **House Bill 124 (Delozier)**: This legislation amends current law to provide courts with more information regarding potential child abuse. The House of Representatives passed the bill on May,6 2015
41. **House Bill 1317 (Delozier)**: This legislation designates a bridge after , Corporal Jonathan Faircloth, a fallen United States Solider. The House of Representatives passed the bill on October 19, 2015
42. **House Bill 1945 (Delozier)**: This legislation establishes a Building Code Trainee Program. The House of Representatives passed the bill on September 20, 2016.
43. **House Bill 1520 (Saylor)**: This legislation allows those applying for a driver’s license to simultaneously register for the selective service. The House of Representatives passed the bill on December 14, 2015.
44. **House Bill 1689 (Saylor/Hill)**: This legislation creates a National Guard Challenge Program to assist dropouts in acquiring a GED necessary for higher education or a career in the military. The House of Representatives passed the bill on December 14, 2015.
45. **House Bill 928 (Mentzer)**: This legislation reduces the amount of debt the state can hold saving millions of taxpayer dollars. The bill was passed by the House of Representatives on October 21, 2015.

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