

Connections

State Cuts MA Recipients

The Philadelphia Inquirer reports that during the month of September, 31,741 Pennsylvanians were cut from Medical Assistance insurance. The PA Department of Public Welfare says they cut individuals who were ineligible because their paperwork was not complete. Of those people nearly 18,000 were children. While non profit organizations say these cuts came very quickly after the new fiscal year in July, the department says they are following the law.

Reapportionment Meeting Today

According to the Pittsburgh Tribune Review, when the PA Legislative Reapportionment Commission meets today to discuss the reapportionment of state House and Senate districts, the 38th Senate District - one of many - could be in jeopardy. The commission is expected to consider a plan to redraw districts today. They have been meeting and hearing testimony since March. Since the census in 2010, there were 28 counties with population loss. 23 of those counties are in western PA. Visit this site for specific updates and reports: <http://www.redistricting.state.pa.us/>

Solar Industry Growing But For How Long

The Pittsburg Post Gazette reports that in August 2011, the solar industry employed 100,237 workers nationwide which is a 6.8% increase over the past year. Within the next year the industry hopes to grow even more and add 24,000 new jobs. Pennsylvania ranks 4th in the nation with the number of solar jobs (4,703) and has the 6th most solar businesses (750). While the growth is promising in the energy industry, there are uncertainties that may hinder growth including reduction in state and federal subsidies and low alternative energy portfolios.

**** The Senate and the House both reconvene session at 1:00 p.m. today.**

Legislative Session Days 2011

2011 HOUSE SESSION SCHEDULE October 31 November 1, 2, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23 December 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14	2011 SENATE SESSION SCHEDULE October 31 November 1, 14, 15, 16 December 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14
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Committee Calendar

MONDAY - 10/31/11

House Labor and Industry**CANCELLED**

11:00 a.m., Room G-50, Irvis Office Building

To consider: HB 283 Keller, M Amends Separation Act re min. bid requirement HB 1602 Killion Amends Mechanics' Lien Law re subcontractors

Legislative Reapportionment Commission - Not Covered by PLS

12:00 p.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Building

Public Administration Hearing to adopt the Preliminary Plan for General Assembly redistricting

House Appropriations

Off the Floor, Room 140 Main Capitol

Agenda To Be Announced

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House Consumer Affairs

Off the Floor, Room 148 Main Capitol

To re-refer to Labor Relations Committee: [HB 710](#) Godshall Amends Mechanics' Lien Law re right to lien

Senate Appropriations

Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Room

To consider: [SB 473](#) Vance Amends Title 30 re PA Nat'l Guard license fee [SB 775](#) Pileggi Amends Title 44 re DNA data and testing [SB 853](#) Baker, L Amends Title 34 re licenses for Nat'l Guard [SB 923](#) Pippy Amends Housing Authorities Law re authority [SB 1100](#) Scarnati Amends Title 53 re Oil & Gas Act consolidation

***Senate Rules and Executive Nominations (New)

Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Room

To consider certain executive nominations and: [SB 200](#) Browne Act re concussions & brain injury w/ students

Senate Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness

Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Room

To consider: [SB 866](#) Ward Amends Title 35 re expiration of authority [SB 1264](#) Baker, L Act re assistance for Hurricane Irene, Lee [HB 1500](#) Bear Amends Title 51 re Long-Term Care; Pharm. Act

TUESDAY - 11/1/11

House Consumer Affairs

9:00 a.m., Room B-31 Main Capitol

Informational meeting on Chapter 14 - Public Utility Commission

House State Government

9:00 a.m., Room 205, Ryan Office Building

To consider: [HB 858](#) Metcalfe Act prohibiting employment of illegal aliens [HB 474](#) Cox Act re Interstate Compact on Birth Certificate [HB 857](#) Metcalfe Act re Commonwealth Citizenship Act [HB 799](#) Creighton Act re Commonwealth & US Dept. of Justice [HB 809](#) Perry Act re verification of lawful presence in US [HB 355](#) Readshaw Amends Admin. Code re immigration matters [HB 810](#) Perry Act re financial penalties on municipalities [HB 738](#) Metcalfe Act re safe neighborhoods [HB 856](#) Kauffman Amends Title 18 re smuggling of human beings [HB 41](#) Marsico Act re identification of lawful presence in US [SB 9](#) Scarnati Act requiring ID of lawful U.S. presence [SB 637](#) Ward Amends Title 62 re employment verification

House Local Government

9:00 a.m., Room G-50, Irvis Office Building

Meeting to review amendments to: [HB 1702](#) Gingrich Act reenacting & amending The Borough Code

Senate Education

9:00 a.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Building

Public hearing on Special Education Funding and Accountability

House Human Services

9:30 a.m., Room 60, East Wing

Public hearing on delay of implementation of Act 50 of 2010 - The new Dept. of Drugs & Alcohol

Senate Communications and Technology

9:30 a.m., Room 8E-A, East Wing

Public hearing on eHealth Collaborative

Senate Urban Affairs and Housing

10:00 a.m., Room 461 Main Capitol

To consider: [SB 1141](#) McIlhinney Amends Manufactured Housing Improvement Act [SB 1174](#) Yaw Amends Housing Authorities Law re members

House Appropriations

Off the Floor, Room 140 Main Capitol

Agenda To Be Announced

WEDNESDAY - 11/2/11

House Gaming Oversight

9:00 a.m., Room G-50, Irvis Office Building

To consider: [HB 120](#) O'Brien, M Amends Title 4 re prohibited acts & penalties [HB 121](#) O'Brien, M Amends Title 4 re child endangerment protect. [HB 169](#) Delozier Amends Local Option Small Games of Chance Act

House State Government

9:00 a.m., Room B31 Main Capitol

To consider: [HB 1884](#) Stern Act re land conveyance at Tyrone Armory

House Game and Fisheries**CANCELLED**

9:30 a.m., Room 205, Ryan Office Building

To consider: [HB 881](#) Pyle Amends Title 34 re dogs killing big game

House Tourism and Recreational Development

9:30 a.m., Room 39, East Wing

To consider: [HB 63](#) Hanna Amends Title 75 re ATV, snowmobile regis. [HB 1749](#) Staback Amends County Code re hotel tax authorization

House Urban Affairs

9:30 a.m., Room 60, East Wing

To consider: [HB 415](#) Wagner Amends Landlord and Tenant Act re rent rebates [HB 1182](#) Harper Amends Manufactured Home Community Rights Act [HB 1526](#) Saylor Amends Landlord and Tenant Act re death; rent

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Senate Aging and Youth

10:30 a.m., University of Pennsylvania, Terrace Room, Claudia Cohen Hall, 249 South 36th Street, Philadelphia

Hearing on aging out of the foster care system

House Appropriations

Off the Floor, Room 140 Main Capitol

Agenda To Be Announced

THURSDAY - 11/3/11

House Democratic Policy Committee

10:00 a.m., Antonia Pantoja Charter School, 4101 North American Street, Philadelphia

Public hearing to discuss English as the official language of Pennsylvania, hosted by Rep. Cruz

House Professional Licensure

10:00 a.m., Room 60, East Wing

Public hearing on: HB 1774 Saylor Amends Title 22 re Private Detective Act; lic.

Independent Regulatory Review Commission

10:00 a.m., 333 Market Street, 14th Floor Conference Room, Harrisburg

Public meeting to consider the following Regulation: Reg. No. 2772 PA Public Utility Commission #57-269: Natural Gas Distribution Companies and the Promotion of Competitive Retail Markets (Previously Disapproved)

House Education

11:00 a.m., Room 140 Main Capitol

Public hearing on Teacher Evaluations

Senate Appropriations

1:00 p.m., Millersville University, Student Memorial Center, 21 South George Street, Millersville

Public hearing to consider the impact of Fiscal year 2011-2012 General Appropriations Act and other various topics

FRIDAY - 11/4/11

House Democratic Policy Committee (Note Correct Date)

10:00 a.m., Philadelphia City Hall, City Council Chambers, Room 400, Broad and Market Streets, Philadelphia

Public hearing on campaign finance reform

MONDAY - 11/14/11

House Transportation

10:00 a.m., Room 140 Main Capitol

Public hearing on the Red Light Camera Program

House Children and Youth

10:30 a.m., Room 60, East Wing

Informational meeting for members to be provided with a general overview of child welfare services in Pennsylvania. Topics will include the roles of the County Children and Youth Agency (CYA), the Court of Common Pleas, DPW's Office of Children, Youth and Families, and private providers of children and youth services

House Finance

11:00 a.m., Room G-50, Irvis Office Building

Informational meeting with DCED on changes in local tax collection to go into effect January 1, 2012, including Earned Income Tax collection.

House Labor and Industry

11:00 a.m., Room 205, Ryan Office Building

To consider: HB 283 Keller, M Amends Separation Act re min. bid requirement HB 1602 Killion Amends Mechanics' Lien Law re subcontractors

TUESDAY - 11/15/11

Senate Republican Policy and Senate Environmental Resources and Energy

9:00 a.m., Room 156 Main Capitol

Joint public hearing on issues related to flood mitigation through stormwater management

Senate Game and Fisheries and House Game and Fisheries

10:00 a.m., Room 8E-B, East Wing

Joint public hearing with the PA Fish and Boat Commission for a presentation of the organizations "Hatchery Cost Savings Work Group Report"

Senate Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure & Senate Communications and Technology

10:00 a.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Building

Joint public hearing on Act 183

WEDNESDAY - 11/16/11

House State Government

9:00 a.m., Room 205, Ryan Office Building

Public hearing on: HB 1200 Schroder Amends Title 65 re Public Integrity Commission

Senate Republican Policy and Senate Environmental Resources and Energy

9:00 a.m., Room 156 Main Capitol

Joint public hearing on issues related to flood mitigation through stormwater management

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THURSDAY - 11/17/11

House Consumer Affairs

9:00 a.m., Room G-50, Irvis Office Building

Public hearing on: HB 1580 Ross Amends Alt. Energy Portfolio Standards Act

House Professional Licensure

9:30 a.m., Room 60, East Wing

Public hearing on: HB 1717 Mustio Act re right to practice naturopathic medicine

House and Senate Local Government, House Urban Affairs, and Senate Community, Economic and Recreational Development

9:30 a.m., Room 140 Main Capitol

Joint public hearing on Act 47 of 1987, the Municipalities Financial Recovery Act

Public Employee Retirement Commission

10:00 a.m., Room 461 Main Capitol

Commission meeting and legislative review of: HB 89 Murphy Amends act re police & firemen's pension funds HB 90 Murphy

Amends 2nd Class A City Employee Pension Law HB 1791 Vulakovich Amends Second Class County Code re retirement SB 1072

Costa, J Amends 2nd Class County Code re retirement

MONDAY - 11/21/11

House Children and Youth

10:30 a.m., Room 60, East Wing

Informational meeting on a safety plan for dependent children

WEDNESDAY - 12/7/11

Senate Communications and Technology

9:30 a.m., Room 8E-A, East Wing

Public hearing to review the OIT Strategic Plan