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To the Members of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania:

As the primary and central non-partisan, bicameral research and policy development agency for the General Assembly, the Joint State Government Commission is pleased to present this biennial report describing the history of the Commission and its past and current projects. The report includes a compendium of legislation introduced during the 2019-2020 session that drew on information provided through Commission reports.

On behalf of the Joint State Government Commission, I would like to thank all the members of the advisory committees that have been formed over the years, as well as the members of the numerous legislative task forces, for their dedication to review, update, consolidate, and ultimately improve the laws in the Commonwealth.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Glenn J. Pasewicz".

Glenn J. Pasewicz
Executive Director

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INTRODUCTION

The Joint State Government Commission was created in 1937 as the primary and central non-partisan, bicameral research and policy development agency for the General Assembly of Pennsylvania. The studies conducted by the Commission are authorized by resolution or statute, which may direct the Commission to form a legislative task force and/or an advisory committee of experts in a particular field. The Commission may also be directed to conduct a staff study, without the formal appointment of a task force or advisory committee.

Since its inception, the Commission has published more than 390 reports on a sweeping range of topics. During the 2019-2020 legislative session, it released 20 reports concerning a variety of issues, including: long-term health care workforce needs; grandfamilies; behavioral health system capacity and its impact on emergency departments and patient care; diabetes; prevention and maintenance programs; broadband expansion and deployment; conversion of unused state property to drug treatment facilities; warm handoffs; authority to arrest and other police powers; lead exposure and protection; teacher certification; meningitis vaccinations for college students; merge of PennDOT and the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission; youth courts; secondary school start times; mental health workforce shortages; and workplace sexual harassment and misconduct.

The Commission also plays an integral part in developing and drafting legislation for the General Assembly. During the 2019-2020 legislative session of the General Assembly, 133 pieces of legislation can be traced to the work of the Commission and its advisory committees. This legislation involves such topics as capital punishment; child protection; childhood obesity; children of incarcerated parents; college student suicide; constables; common ownership interest communities; criminal justice system; cybersecurity; decedents' estates; diabetes; domestic relations; drones; geriatric inmates; health care professionals; homelessness; horse racing; human trafficking; indigent defense; juvenile justice; lead exposure and prevention; mental health; motor vehicle emissions testing; protection from abuse orders; school discipline; school district consolidation; school safety; state pensions; truancy and school dropout prevention; veterans services and programs; violence prevention; voting technology; waiting lists for community-based intellectual disability services; and wrongful convictions. Eleven of these pieces of legislation have been enacted into law (*see* pages 26-27).

This report describes the role of the Commission as a legislative service agency of the General Assembly, from its enabling legislation in 1937 to its projects and reports of the 2019-2020 legislative session. This report summarizes the powers and duties of the Commission and provides information regarding its leadership and staff. It also lists the current studies conducted and legislation drafted by the Commission, along with each report released by the Commission, by year and by topic.

For more information on the Commission or its reports, please visit the following website <http://jsg.legis.state.pa.us/>

CREATION AND LEADERSHIP

Created in 1937, the Joint State Government Commission serves as the primary and central non-partisan, bicameral research and policy development agency for the General Assembly of Pennsylvania.

According to the Commission's enabling legislation,¹ each member of the General Assembly is a member of the Commission: "the entire membership of the House of Representatives and the entire membership of the Senate shall constitute a continuing joint legislative commission, to be known as the Joint State Government Commission."²

A fourteen-member Executive Committee comprised of the leadership of both the House of Representatives and the Senate oversees the Commission. The seven Executive Committee members from the House of Representatives are the Speaker, the Majority and Minority Leaders, the Majority and Minority Whips, and the Majority and Minority Caucus Chairs. The seven Executive Committee members from the Senate are the President Pro Tempore, the Majority and Minority Leaders, the Majority and Minority Whips, and the Majority and Minority Caucus Chairs.³ The members of the Executive Committee during the 2019-2020 legislative session of the General Assembly were as follows:

SENATE MEMBERS	HOUSE MEMBERS
Joseph B. Scarnati, III <i>President Pro Tempore</i>	Michael C. Turzai <i>Speaker</i>
Jacob D. Corman, III <i>Majority Leader</i>	Bryan D. Cutler <i>Majority Leader</i>
Jay Costa, Jr. <i>Minority Leader</i>	Frank J. Dermody <i>Minority Leader</i>
John R. Gordner <i>Majority Whip</i>	Kerry A. Benninghoff <i>Majority Whip</i>
Anthony H. Williams <i>Minority Whip</i>	Jordan A. Harris <i>Minority Whip</i>
Robert B. Mensch <i>Chair, Majority Caucus</i>	Marcy Toepel <i>Chair, Majority Caucus</i>
Wayne D. Fontana <i>Chair, Minority Caucus</i>	Joanna E. McClinton <i>Chair, Minority Caucus</i>

¹ Act of July 1, 1937, *supra* note 1.

² *Id.* § 1.

³ *Id.*

By statute, the Executive Committee selects a chairman of the Commission from among the members of the General Assembly.⁴ Historically, the Executive Committee has also selected a Vice-Chair or Treasurer, or both, for the Commission. A table listing the officers of the Commission is set forth on pages 73-75 of this report.

⁴ Act of July 1, 1937, *supra* note 1, § 1.

POWERS AND DUTIES

This section of the report explains the powers and duties of the Joint State Government Commission, including the legislative authorization to conduct a study, the nature of a study (whether the study is performed solely by Commission staff or with the assistance of an appointed advisory committee), the function of an advisory committee, the role of a legislative task force, and the publication of reports.

Authorization

A study conducted by the Commission is authorized by an enacted statute or through a simple or joint resolution adopted by the House of Representatives or the Senate, or both.

The Commission has the power to conduct investigations, study issues, and gather information, as directed by the General Assembly.⁵ In performing its duties, the Commission may call upon any department or agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for pertinent information and may designate individuals, other than members of the General Assembly, to act in advisory capacities.⁶

Studies

The Commission provides in-depth research on a variety of topics, crafts recommendations to improve public policy and statutory law, and works closely with legislators and their staff.

Some studies involve an appointed advisory committee of professionals or interested parties from across the Commonwealth with expertise in a particular topic; others are managed exclusively by Commission staff with the informal involvement of representatives of those entities that can provide insight and information regarding the particular topic.

Certain studies have specific timelines for the publication of a report, as in the case of a discrete or timely topic; other studies, given their complex or considerable nature, are ongoing and involve the publication of periodic reports.

⁵ *Id.* §§ 2(a) & 3.

⁶ *Id.* § 1.

Advisory Committees

When a study involves an advisory committee, the Commission seeks consensus among the members.⁷ Although an advisory committee member may represent a particular department, agency, association, or group, such representation does not necessarily reflect the endorsement of the department, agency, association, or group of all the findings and recommendations contained in a study report.

Over the years, nearly one thousand individuals from across the Commonwealth have served as members of the Commission's numerous advisory committees or have assisted the Commission with its studies. Since 1945, for example, well over one hundred individuals have served as members of the Advisory Committee on Decedents' Estates Laws.

Members of advisory committees bring a wide range of knowledge and experience to deliberations involving a particular study. Individuals from countless backgrounds have contributed to the work of the Commission, such as attorneys, judges, professors and other educators, state and local officials, physicians and other health care professionals, business and community leaders, service providers, administrators and other professionals, law enforcement personnel, and concerned citizens.

In addition, members of advisory committees donate their time to serve the public good; they are not compensated for their service as members. Consequently, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania receives the financial benefit of such volunteerism, along with the expertise in developing statutory language and public policy recommendations to improve the law in Pennsylvania.

Task Forces

A Commission study may involve the appointment of a legislative task force, composed of a specified number of legislators from the House of Representatives or the Senate, or both, as set forth in the enabling statute or resolution.

In addition to following the progress of a particular study, the principal role of a task force is to determine whether to authorize the publication of any report resulting from the study and the introduction of any proposed legislation contained in the report. However, task force authorization does not necessarily reflect endorsement of all the findings and recommendations contained in a report.

⁷ See *supra* note 2.

Reports

The Commission periodically reports its findings and recommendations, along with any proposed legislation, to the General Assembly.⁸ Completion of a study, or a particular aspect of an ongoing study, generally results in the publication of a report setting forth background material, policy recommendations, and proposed legislation. However, the release of a report by the Commission does not necessarily reflect the endorsement by the members of the Executive Committee, or the Chair and Vice-Chair, of all the findings, recommendations, or conclusions contained in the report.

A report containing proposed legislation may also contain official comments, which may be used in determining the intent of the General Assembly.⁹

Following the completion of a report, subsequent action on the part of the Commission may be required, and, as necessary, the Commission will draft legislation and statutory amendments, update research, track legislation through the legislative process, attend hearings, and answer questions from legislators, legislative staff, interest groups, and constituents.

Podcasts

In the fall of 2020, Joint State created a podcast focusing on discussions of our newly released reports. The goal of the podcast is to raise awareness, generate interest, and provide additional context through interviews with staff members for these reports. The podcast platform allows convenient access to general themes that are explored more fully and with greater data presentation in the traditional report format. So far, episodes have covered the topics of unused state property and broadband access.

The first podcast, *Reusing State Property for Drug Treatment*, was based on the report *Conversion of Unused State Property to Drug Treatment Facilities*, a report pursuant to House Resolution 147 of 2019. The podcast was posted on October 7, 2020.

The second podcast, *Broadband Internet Access Part 1*, was published on December 11, 2020 and based on the report *Delivery of High-Speed Broadband Services in Unserved Areas and Underserved Areas of the Commonwealth*, a report pursuant to Senate Resolution 47 of 2019.

The third podcast, *Broadband Internet Access Part 2*, is a continuation of the Broadband discussion and was published on December 18, 2020. It focuses on information gathered under Senate Resolution 47 of 2019.

⁸ Act of July 1, 1937, *supra* note 1, § 2(c).

⁹ *See supra* note 3.

The original interviews for these podcasts were recorded via Zoom, to accommodate JSGC staff working from home. The recordings were then transferred to Audacity, an audio editing software. The edited podcasts were uploaded to Buzzsprout, a podcast hosting service. The podcasts are accessible through Buzzsprout, Spotify, iTunes, Google, the JSGC website, and via e-mail distribution to advisory committee members.

Report of the Task Force and Advisory Committee on Lead Exposure Risks and Responses in Pennsylvania



Members of the Senate Task Force on Lead Exposure unveiled a package of bills on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 stemming from 2017 Senate Resolution 33.

**Report of the Task Force and Advisory Committee
on Lead Exposure Risks and Responses in Pennsylvania**



June 7, 2019: Senator Hughes hosts press conference with Philadelphia-area renowned pediatricians announcing lead in public spaces as a public health crisis, on par with or worse than Flint, Michigan, worthy of Pennsylvania legislation funding millions of dollars in lead abatement across the City of Philadelphia.

STAFF

The Joint State Government Commission “shall employ a director and such professional, technical, clerical and other assistance as may be deemed necessary.”¹⁰

Throughout the 2019-2020 legislative session of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, the staff of the Commission has generally consisted of 12 individuals and included five attorneys, four public policy analysts, and a fiscal analyst. Together, these individuals comprise a diverse research staff experienced in legal analysis, statistical analysis, survey methods, developing public policy recommendations, drafting legislation, and writing reports. Given the nature of a particular study or assignment, Commission staff may work collectively in small groups and with a mixture of attorneys and public policy analysts, generally with one individual serving as project manager. Each staff member works on multiple studies simultaneously.

The following table lists the Commission staff, as of December 2020.

Staff Member	Position
Wendy L. Baker	Executive Assistant and Office Manager
Bryan W. DeWalt	Public Policy Analyst
Susan F. Elder	Comptroller and Fiscal Analyst
Ronald D. Grenoble	Assistant Counsel
Lydia L. Hack	Staff Attorney
Yvonne Llewellyn Hursh	Counsel
Yelena P. Khanzhina	Public Policy Analyst
Allison M. Kobzowicz	Public Policy Analyst
Stephen J. Kramer	Staff Attorney
Frank Lill	Public Policy Analyst
Glenn J. Pasewicz	Executive Director
Grant Rosul	Staff Attorney

In addition, the Commission engaged the services of Maureen Hartwell, a public policy intern, during the summer of 2019.

¹⁰ Act of July 1, 1937, *supra* note 1, § 1; *infra* p. 59.

STUDIES IN PROGRESS DURING 2019-2020

The Joint State Government Commission conducts numerous studies simultaneously. Some studies have specified deadlines, while others are ongoing in nature. An ongoing study generally involves multi-year research, information gathering, and legislative development without a certain deadline. It may also entail a proposed consolidation of existing statutory law with modernized, updated, and better organized provisions into a particular title of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes.

During the 2019-2020 legislation session of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, Commission staff members were engaged in the following studies:¹¹

- *Ongoing (Multi-Year) Studies:*
 - Consumer Credit
 - Decedents' Estates (Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries)
 - Delivery of High-Speed Internet Services in Unserved and Unserved Areas
 - Diabetes
 - Domestic Relations
 - Election Laws
 - Information Disclosure of the State-Related Universities ("Stairs")
 - Instructional Output and Faculty Salary Costs of State-Related and State-Owned Universities ("Snyder")
 - Public Health
 - Real Property
 - Truancy Procedures

- *Studies with Specific Deadlines:*
 - Behavioral Health Care System Capacity and its Impact on Hospital Emergency Departments and Patient Health
 - College Student Immunizations
 - Conversion of Unused State Property into Drug Treatment Facilities
 - Coordination of Veterans' Services
 - Grandfamilies – Grandparents Raising Their Grandchildren
 - Health Care Workforce Needs

¹¹ This list does not include work on other studies that were completed prior to the 2019-2020 legislative session but involved additional time and resources, such as drafting legislation, updating research, tracking related legislation, attending hearings, and responding to inquiries from legislators, legislative staff, interest groups, and constituents.

- Lead Exposure
- Long-Term Healthcare Workforce Needs
- Medical Student Choice of Primary Care Field
- Mental Health Care Workforce Shortage
- Mental Health Services for Victims of Sexual Assault and Rape
- Merger of the Department of Transportation and the Turnpike Commission
- Police Powers
- Return on Investment of Afterschool Programs
- Secondary School Start Times
- Teacher Certification
- Warm Handoffs (Continuity of Care for Substance Use Disorders)
- Workplace Sexual Harassment and Misconduct
- Youth Courts

Ongoing (Multi-Year) Studies

During 2019-2020, the Commission was actively engaged in the above-listed studies. The table below provides the following information regarding the ongoing multi-year studies:

- The enabling resolution or statute for the study, along with the prime sponsor of the enabling resolution or statute
- The current members of the legislative task force associated with the study, if such a task force was established¹²
- The approximate number of advisory committee members serving on the study, if an advisory committee was established

¹² Task force membership only concerns those legislators serving during the 2019-2020 legislative session of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania; previous membership information is not provided.

STUDY	ENABLING RESOLUTION OR STATUTE	TASK FORCE	ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Consumer Credit	§20 of the act of December 9, 2002 (P.L.1446, No.186) <i>Prime Sponsor</i> Rep. Chris Ross	Rep. David R. Millard <i>Four Senate seats vacant</i> <i>Three House seats vacant</i>	Approximately 20 members
Decedents' Estates	1945 Senate Resolution No. 46	Sen. Patrick M. Browne Sen. Jay Costa Rep. Michael K. Hanna Rep. C. Adam Harris <i>Two Senate seats vacant</i> <i>Two House seats vacant</i>	Approximately 30 members
Delivery of High-Speed Broadband	2019 Senate Resolution No. 47 <i>Prime Sponsor:</i> Sen. Kristin Phillips-Hill	Sen. Kristin Phillips-Hill Sen. Timothy P. Kearney	Approximately 25 members
Diabetes	2013 House Resolution No. 936 <i>Prime Sponsor:</i> Rep. Donna Oberlander	<i>STAFF STUDY</i>	
Domestic Relations	1993 Senate Resolution No. 43 <i>Prime Sponsor</i> Sen. H. Craig Lewis	Sen. Michele Brooks Sen. Arthur L. Haywood, III <i>Two Senate seats vacant</i> <i>Four House seats vacant</i>	Approximately 30 members
Election Law	Article XIII-E of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, as added by the act of Act of Mar. 27, 2020, P.L. 41, No. 12 (Act 12) <i>Prime Sponsor</i> Sen. Elder A. Vogel, Jr.	Providing staff support to the Election Law Advisory Board	23 members

STUDY	ENABLING RESOLUTION OR STATUTE	TASK FORCE	ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Information Disclosure of the State-Related Universities (“Stairs”)	§§ 2002-D, 2004-D(c) and 2005-D of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949	<i>STAFF STUDY</i>	
Instructional Output and Faculty Salary Costs of State-Related and State-Owned Universities (“Snyder”)	§§ 2002-D, 2004-D(c) and 2005-D of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949	<i>STAFF STUDY</i>	
Public Health	2007 Senate Resolution No. 194 <i>Prime Sponsor:</i> Sen. Stewart J. Greenleaf	<i>Four Senate seats vacant</i>	Approximately 30 members
Real Property	2001 Senate Resolution No. 244 <i>Prime Sponsor</i> Sen. Stewart J. Greenleaf	Sen. Wayne D. Fontana Rep. W. Curtis Thomas <i>Three Senate seats vacant</i> <i>Three House seats vacant</i>	
Truancy Procedures	§ 1333.4 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949 <i>Prime Sponsor</i> Rep. Kerry A. Benninghoff	Study is a retroactive review of new truancy laws and begins in September 2022	TBD

Reports for Ongoing (Multi-Year) Studies

During the 2019-2020 legislative session of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, the Commission published six reports involving its ongoing multi-year studies, as reflected in the following chart.

RELEASE DATE	TITLE OF REPORT
February 2019	<i>Information Disclosure of the State-Related Universities: Staff Analysis of 2011-12 Data Reported Under Section 2004-D of the Public School Code of 1949</i>
February 2019	<i>Instructional Output and Faculty Salary Costs of the State-Related and State-Owned Universities: Staff Analysis of 2011-12 Data Reported Under the Public School Code of 1949</i>
September 2019	<i>Diabetes in Pennsylvania: Prevention and Maintenance Programs</i>
February 2020	<i>Information Disclosure of the State-Related Universities: Staff Analysis of 2012-13 Data Reported Under Section 2004-D of the Public School Code of 1949</i>
February 2020	<i>Instructional Output and Faculty Salary Costs of the State-Related and State-Owned Universities: Staff Analysis of 2012-13 Data Reported Under the Public School Code of 1949</i>
September 2020	<i>Delivery of High-Speed Broadband Services in Unserved and Underserved Areas of the Commonwealth</i>

Studies Completed in 2019-2020

The Commission completed 14 limited-term studies during the 2019-2020 legislative session of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania. The table below provides the following information regarding the completed studies:

- The enabling resolution or statute for the study, along with the prime sponsor of the enabling resolution or statute.
- The type of study conducted

STUDY	ENABLING RESOLUTION OR STATUTE	TYPE OF STUDY
Long Term Health Care Workforce Needs	2018 House Resolution 754 <i>Prime Sponsor:</i> Rep. Kerry A. Benninghoff	Staff Study assisted by working group
Grandfamilies	2017 House Resolution 390 <i>Prime Sponsor:</i> Rep. Eddie Day Pashinski	Staff Study assisted by working group
Lead Exposure and Protection	2017 Senate Resolution 33 <i>Prime Sponsor:</i> Sen. John T. Yudichak <i>Task Force</i> Sen. Lisa Baker Sen. Wayne Fontana Sen. Judith Schwank Sen. Patrick Stefano Sen. Gene Yaw Sen. John Yudichak	Advisory Committee
Teacher Certification	§ 1202.1(c) of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949 <i>Prime Sponsor:</i> Rep. Kristin Lee Phillips-Hill	Staff Study
Workplace Sexual Harassment and Misconduct	2018 House Resolution 829 <i>Prime Sponsor:</i> Rep. Sheryl M. Delozier	Staff Study

STUDY	ENABLING RESOLUTION OR STATUTE	TYPE OF STUDY
Merger of PennDOT and the Turnpike Commission	2018 Senate Resolution 209 <i>Prime Sponsor:</i> Sen. John C. Rafferty, Jr.	Staff Study
Youth Courts	2017 Senate Resolution 32 <i>Prime Sponsor:</i> Lawrence M. Farnese, Jr.	Advisory Committee
Secondary School Start Times	2018 Senate Resolution 417 <i>Prime Sponsor:</i> Sen. Andrew E. Dinniman	Advisory Committee
College Student Immunizations for Meningitis	2018 Senate Resolution 292 <i>Prime Sponsor:</i> Sen. Donald C. White	Staff Study
Behavioral Health Care System Capacity and its Impact on Emergency Departments and Patient Care	2019 House Resolution 268 <i>Prime Sponsor</i> Rep. James B. Struzzi, II	Advisory Committee
Mental Health Care Workforce Shortage	2019 House Resolution 193 <i>Prime Sponsor:</i> Rep. Jeanne McNeill	Staff Study
Conversion of Unused State Property into Drug Treatment Facilities	2019 House Resolution 147 <i>Prime Sponsor</i> Rep. Jim Gregory	Staff Study
Authority to Arrest and Other Police Powers	2019 House Resolution 620 <i>Prime Sponsor</i> Rep. Barry J. Jozwiak	Staff Study
Warm Hand-Offs	2019 House Resolution 216 <i>Prime Sponsor</i> Rep. F. Todd Polinchock <i>Task Force</i> Rep. Doyle Heffley Rep. Joseph C. Hohenstein Rep. Bridget M. Kosierowski Rep. F. Todd Polinchock	Advisory Committee

Reports for Completed Studies

RELEASE DATE	TITLE OF REPORT
April 2019	<i>Pennsylvania Health Care Workforce Needs</i>
April 2019	<i>Lead Exposure Risks and Responses in Pennsylvania</i>
April 2019	<i>Grandfamilies in Pennsylvania</i>
June 2019	<i>Teacher Certification Grade Spans in Pennsylvania</i>
June 2019	<i>Sexual Harassment and Misconduct in the Workplace: Survey of Claims and Policies in Pennsylvania Governmental Agencies</i>
July 2019	<i>Youth Courts</i>
October 2019	<i>Sleep Deprivation in Adolescents: The Case for Delaying Secondary School Start Times</i>
January 2020	<i>Turnpike Commission and Dept. of Transportation Consolidation</i>
April 2020	<i>Meningitis: Immunizations on Pennsylvania College and University Campuses</i>
June 2020	<i>Pennsylvania Mental Health Care Workforce Shortage: Challenges and Solutions</i>
July 2020	<i>Behavioral Health Care System Capacity in Pennsylvania and its Impact on Hospital Emergency Departments and Patient Health</i>
August 2020	<i>Conversion of Unused State Property into Drug Treatment Facilities</i>
December 2020	<i>Police Powers to Make Arrests, Use Firearms and Other Enforcement Authorizations</i>
December 2020	<i>Warm Hand-Offs in Pennsylvania</i>

Studies Commenced But Not Completed

Several resolutions were adopted during the 2019-2020 legislative session of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania which directed the Commission to conduct additional studies whose deadlines occur after December 2020. The following chart lists the topic of these proposed studies, the enabling resolution, and the mandated deadline.

TOPIC	ENABLING RESOLUTION	DUE DATE
Return on Investment for Afterschool Programs	2019 House Resolution 180 <i>Prime Sponsor</i> Rep. Jake Wheatley, Jr.	February 4, 2021
Mental Health Services for Victims of Sexual Assault and Rape	2019 House Resolution 642 <i>Prime Sponsor</i> Rep. Jeanne McNeill	February 4, 2021
Coordination of Veterans' Services	2019 Senate Resolution 170 <i>Prime Sponsor</i> Sen. Pam Iovino	June 11, 2021
Medical Student Choice of Primary Care Field	2019 House Resolution 625 <i>Prime Sponsor</i> Rep. Paul Schemel	September 16, 2021

Studies Proposed

Finally, 38 other resolutions or statutes were introduced during the 2019-2020 legislative session of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, which directed the Commission to conduct a study. None of these resolutions or statutes were adopted or enacted. The following chart lists the topic of the proposed study and the legislative authorization.

ENABLING RESOLUTION OR STATUTE	TOPIC
2019 Senate Resolution 16	Law enforcement response to large scale demonstrations/civil disobedience
2019 House Bill 100	Review of proposed certified registered nurse practitioner pilot program
2019 House Bill 316	Opioid impact on children
2019 House Resolution 63	Audit/study of compliance of nonrural telecommunication carriers with high-speed broadband universal service deployment mandates
2019 House Resolution 64	Delivery of high-speed broadband services
2019 House Resolution 87	Police pay and salary benefits
2019 House Resolution 133	Pesticide exposure and poisoning
2019 House Bill 53, § 4517	Creation of Department of Business, Tourism and Workforce Development from parts of L&I, DCED & State
2019 House Bill 54, § 4718	Creation of Department of Local Government and Community Affairs from parts of DCED & State
2019 House Resolution 187	Prescription drug pricing
2019 House Bill 986	Nonemergency medical transportation services
2019 House Resolution 219	Food waste recycling
2019 Senate Bill 390	Nonemergency medical transportation services

ENABLING RESOLUTION OR STATUTE	TOPIC
2019 Senate Resolution 98	Flood insurance
2019 House Resolution 345	Measuring childhood trauma
2019 Senate Resolution 139	Public construction laws
2019 Senate Resolution 168	Mental health care provider shortage
2019 House Resolution 438	Family First Prevention Services Act funding
2019 Senate Resolution 190	Food waste
2019 Senate Resolution 193	Creative districts
2019 House Resolution 445	Challenges individuals with disabilities face when traveling within Pennsylvania
2019 House Resolution 534	Gun violence as a public health crisis
2019 House Bill 1995	Create Keystone Solvency Operating Study Commission
2019 House Resolution 567	Economic and workforce transition
2019 House Resolution 634	Task Force on Technical Probation Violations
2020 House Resolution 651	Charter school funding
2020 House Resolution 652	Dept. of Education office of dispute resolution for students with disabilities
2020 House Resolution 753	Quality of education in juvenile detention facilities
2020 House Resolution 800	Access to social workers for incarcerated individuals
2020 Senate Bill 1075	Child pornography
2020 Senate Bill 1131, § 4517	Creation of Department of Business, Tourism and Workforce Development from parts of L&I, DCED & State See § 4517
2020 House Resolution 880	School bus driver industry

ENABLING RESOLUTION OR STATUTE	TOPIC
2020 House Resolution 895	COIC's –update 2011 report
2020 House Resolution 923	Body worn camera footage use
2020 House Resolution 940	Crimes committed on public secondary school grounds
2020 House Resolution 952	Study impact of remote learning
2020 House Bill 2779	Retaining health innovations established during Covid-19 pandemic
2020 House Resolution 1063	Long-term care facilities (nursing homes)

LEGISLATION DURING 2019-2020

One of the principal duties of the Joint State Government Commission is to draft legislation concerning its various studies. Although such legislation is not afforded “fast track” status and must undergo the normal legislative process, numerous bills stemming directly from the work of the Commission have recently been enacted into law. Over the last decade, for example, this legislation has included new statutory provisions and scores of amendments to the Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code;¹³ the Domestic Relations Code;¹⁴ and Title 24 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes (Education).¹⁵

Legislation Enacted

Twelve bills, based on or inspired by the work of the Commission, were introduced during the 2019-2020 legislative session of the General Assembly and enacted into law. This enacted legislation involves violence prevention, grandfamilies, child protection, truancy and school dropout prevention, the behavioral health care system, public pensions, and probate, estates, and fiduciaries. Additionally, legislation was enacted regarding human trafficking, public school security officers, and child protection that expanded upon legislation previously enacted that was based upon Commission reports and recommendations.

The following chart lists the act number, the House or Senate bill number that is the basis of the enacted legislation, and the subject matter of the enacted legislation and the related Joint State Government Commission report.

¹³ Title 20 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes. This legislation has included, for example, such topics as orphans’ court jurisdiction, probate, dispositions independent of letters, administration and personal representatives, health care, guardianships, powers of attorney, estates, the prudent investor rule, trusts, and principal and income.

¹⁴ Title 23 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes. This legislation has included, for example, such topics as adoption, custody, divorce, and equitable distribution.

¹⁵ Specifically, Chapter 93, relating to public libraries.

ACT	BILL NUMBER	SUBJECT MATTER
Act of June 28, 2019 (P.L. 93, No.14) Adds Chapter 31 to 67 Pa.C.S. (Public Welfare)	2019 HB 856	Reinstatement of Subsidized Permanent Legal Custodianship Program; expansion of kinship care program and family finding efforts Grandfamilies – April 2019
Act of June 28, 2019 (P.L.117, No. 16) Amends § 1326 of the Public School Code of 1949	2019 HB 1615	Changing compulsory school age from 8 to 17 years of age to 6 to 18 years of age Truancy and School Dropout Prevention – October 2015
Act of June 28, 2019 (P.L.146, No. 18) Adds Article XIII-E to the Public School Code of 1949	2019 SB 144	Requiring threat assessment teams in public schools Violence Prevention – December 2013
Act of June 28, 2019 (P.L.214, No. 24) Amends 18 Pa.C.S. § 3104	2019 HB 504	Prohibits use of evidence of victim’s past sexual victimization in multiple sex related crimes, including human trafficking Human Trafficking – June 2012
Act of February 5, 2020 (P.L. 1, No. 1) Amends Titles 18 and 42 Pa.C.S.	2019 SB 60	Expands penalties and definition of human trafficking Human Trafficking – June 2012
Act of July 1, 2020 (P.L.558, No. 50) Repeals § 2017-A of the Public School Code of 1949	2019 HB 2171	Removed PASSHE universities from the colleges and universities required to report instructional output and faculty salary costs to the Joint State Government Commission
Act of July 14, 2020 (P.L. 624, No. 59) Amends 42 Pa.C.S. § 3118	2019 HB 1910	Requires magisterial district judges to receive training on identification and reporting of child abuse and court proceedings involving children Child Protection – November 2012

ACT	BILL NUMBER	SUBJECT MATTER
Act of July 23, 2020 (P.L. 684, No. 72) Adds Chapter 39 to 20 Pa.C.S. (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries)	2019 SB 320	Adopts the Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Decedents' Estates – January 2017
Act of October 29, 2020 (P.L. 736, No. 89) Adds Chapter 43 to 40 Pa.C.S. (Insurance)	2019 HB 1439	Expands mental health parity and access to addiction treatment requirements for insurers Behavioral Health – June 2020
Act of October 29, 2020 (P.L. 769, No. 92) Adds § 604.1-B to the Insurance Company Act of 1921	2019 HB 1969	Requires annual attestation of insurance company compliance with mental health parity and addiction equity laws Behavioral Health – June 2020
Act of October 29, 2020 (P.L. 775, No. 94) Adds 71 Pa.C.S. § 5902(r)	2019 HB 1961	Creates a Common Investment Reporting Period for PSERS and SERS Proposal from the 2018 Report of the Public Pension Management and Asset Investment Review Commission, for which JSGC provided research and staff support
Act of November 25, 2020 (P.L. __, No. 128) Amends 24 Pa.C.S. Education and 71 Pa.C.S. (State Government)	2019 HB 1962	Requires stress testing for state public school employees' and state employees' retirement systems Proposals from the 2018 Report of the Public Pension Management and Asset Investment Review Commission, for which JSGC provided research and staff support

Legislation Introduced

Over 140 bills based on the work of the Commission or on which the Commission was directly consulted during the legislative process were introduced during the 2019-2020 legislative session of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania but were not enacted into law.

The following charts list the House or Senate bill number, the general topic, and the subject matter of the legislation.

HOUSE BILLS

CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
664	Provides clarification on when parental rights of an incarcerated person may be terminated; provides training program for police treatment of children present during parental arrest	674	Referred to H. Judiciary March 1, 2019
852	Provides for fair prison phone services to encourage communication with families and reduce recidivism	966	Referred to H. Consumer Affairs March 18, 2019

COLLEGE STUDENT SUICIDE (including information relative to high school students)			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
119	Requiring schools to report suicides and attempted suicides in K-12 schools to the Office of Safe Schools	114	Referred to H. Education January 28, 2019
2448	Requiring posting of suicide hotline numbers in schools and on student ID cards for grades 6-12	3633	Referred to H. Education April 27, 2020

COMMON OWNERSHIP INTEREST COMMUNITIES			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
1892	Data Transparency - require County Planning Commissions to include CIOC data in their currently-required annual report	2631	Referred to H. Urban Affairs September 30, 2019

CONSTABLES			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
907	Prohibits felons and sex offenders from serving as constables; increases fees	1028	Referred to H. Judiciary March 20, 2019
2458	Increase surcharge on cases before a magisterial district justice to fund training and certification courses	3652	Referred to H. Judiciary April 28, 2020

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
497	Prohibiting solitary confinement for vulnerable populations	485	Referred to H. Judiciary February 12, 2019

CYBERSECURITY			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
225	Establish the Cybersecurity Innovation Commission	195	Referred to H. Commerce January 28, 2019
662	Cybersecurity breach notification	675	Referred to H. Commerce March 1, 2019
2009	Establish the Cybersecurity Coordination Board	3051	Second consideration and re-referral to H. Appropriations March 25, 2020

DECEDENTS' ESTATES			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
987	Pa. orders for life-sustaining treatment (POLST)	1118	Referred to H. Health March 21, 2019

DIABETES			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
341	Diabetes testing prior to school admission	318	Referred to H. Health February 1, 2019

DOMESTIC RELATIONS			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
693	Grandparents standing in custody disputes	719	Referred to H. Judiciary March 5, 2019
2178	Prior conviction for human trafficking an offense to be considered in child custody	3132	Passed House January 22, 2020 Referred to Sen. Judiciary January 24, 2020
2853	Notification in divorce decree of potential beneficiary change in designation in life insurance policies	4345	Referred to H. Judiciary September 9, 2020

GERIATRIC INMATES			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
642	Medical release and early parole program	656	Referred to H. Judiciary March 1, 2019

HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
784	Daily nursing staff reports by hospitals	855	Referred to H. Health March 11, 2019
867	Minimum nurse to patient ratios in hospitals	981	Referred to H. Health March 18, 2019
1888	Join to nurse licensure compact	2621	Referred to H. Professional Licensure September 26, 2019
2454	Insurance coverage for telemedicine	3638	Referred to H. Insurance April 27, 2020
2645	Authorize teledentistry	4048	Referred to Professional Licensure June 29, 2020
2685	Student loan forgiveness program for nurses	4126	Referred to H. Education July 14, 2020

HOMELESSNESS			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
896	Tax incentives for land banks to rehabilitate blighted properties	2087	Passed the House April 14, 2020; second consideration and re-referral to Sen. Appropriations, June 22, 2020
897	Tax incentives for land banks to rehabilitate blighted properties	998	First consideration in House June 11, 2019; laid on table November 21, 2019
1956	Educational stability, integration into new school setting	3415	Referred to H. Education March 4, 2020
2307	Equal access and timely graduation; integration into new school setting	3355	Referred to H. Education February 24, 2020
2308	Post-secondary assistance to homeless youth	3356	Referred to H. Education February 24, 2020

HORSE RACING			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
1023	Slot machines in airports operated by Category 1 (racinos) or Category 2 slot machine licensees	1172	Referred to H. Gaming Oversight April 2, 2019

HUMAN TRAFFICKING			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
12	Expand penalties and definitions for human trafficking	36	Referred to H. Judiciary January 28, 2019
1513	Expand posting of hotline signs in public restrooms	1909	Referred to H. Labor and Industry May 29, 2019
2170	Expand protections for victims of sex trafficking via prostitution	3093	Referred to H. Judiciary January 10, 2020
2174	Prohibition of introduction of prior sexual history in sex trafficking prostitution cases	3080	Referred to H. Judiciary January 24, 2020
2175	Permit use of expert testimony in sexual violence cases	4581	Passed House January 22, 2020 Passed Senate October 21, 2020 Referred to H. Rules on concurrence October 26, 2020

INDIGENT DEFENSE			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
1217	Creates the Pa. Center for Effective Indigent Defense Legal Representation	1423	Referred to H. Judiciary April 15, 2019

JUVENILES			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
939	Prohibiting solitary confinement for juveniles	1070	Referred to H. Judiciary March 25, 2019
1801	Prohibits housing juveniles in an adult detention facility	2444	Referred to H. Judiciary September 12, 2019
2979	Prohibits direct filing of adult charges for juveniles	4633	Referred to H. Judiciary November 30, 2020

LEAD EXPOSURE AND PREVENTION			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
79	Universal blood lead level testing for children	2935	Received first consideration in House; laid on table February 5, 2020
211	Universal blood lead level testing for children	181	Referred to H. Health January 28, 2019
212	Increase frequency of lead testing in water	182	Referred to H. Environmental Resources and Energy January 28, 2019
213	Requiring lead inspections before the sale of pre-1978 residential home	183	Referred to H. Urban Affairs January 28, 2019
215	Testing of child institutions and child care centers for lead as part of licensure procedure	185	Referred to H. Health January 28, 2019
677	Create lead abatement grant program	690	Referred to H. Environmental Resources and Energy March 1, 2019
930	Lead testing in public schools	1147	Referred to H. Education April 2, 2019
2026	Low acceptable levels of lead in playground areas	2853	Referred to H. Environmental Resources and Energy November 14, 2019
2290	Require environmental health assessments for all new child care centers	3300	Referred to H. Health February 18, 2020

MENTAL HEALTH			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
391	Mental health bed registry	375	Referred to H. Health February 6, 2019
497	Prohibiting solitary confinement for vulnerable populations	485	Referred to H. Judiciary February 12, 2019
836	Mental health parity insurance coverage	936	Referred to H. Insurance March 14, 2019
965	Add mental health education to primary and secondary school curricula	1085	Referred to H. Education March 25, 2019
1307	Loan forgiveness program for persons entering mental health, intellectual disability or drug/alcohol treatment professions	1527	Referred to H. Human Services April 25, 2019
1525	Improve access to mental health professionals in schools	1920	Referred to H. Education May 29, 2019
1883	Mental Health First Aid USA Program as authorized continuing education for professional licensees	2618	Referred to H. Human Services September 26, 2019
2194	Mental health services in school	3102	Referred to H. Education January 10, 2019
2320	Loan forgiveness program for mental health school professionals	3365	Referred to H. Education February 24, 2020
2331	Create mental health care services clearinghouse	3436	Passed House September 30, 2020 Referred to Sen. Health and Human Services October 2, 2020

PROTECTION FROM ABUSE ORDERS			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
588	GPS monitoring (Alina's Law)	595	Referred to H. Judiciary February 28, 2019
824	GPS monitoring	925	Referred to H. Judiciary March 14, 2019
1043	Court ordered drug, alcohol and mental health evaluations	1184	Referred to H. Judiciary April 2, 2019
1955	Service of emergency PFAs	3414	Referred to H. Judiciary March 4, 2020
2284	Extension of time for emergency PFAs issued by magisterial district judges to be heard by the court of common pleas	3422	Referred to H. Judiciary March 4, 2020

SCHOOL DISCIPLINE			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
851	Prohibit suspension or expulsion of children who have not completed 5 th grade and limit out-of-school suspension for all students to only the most serious offenses	965	Referred to H. Education March 18, 2019

SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSOLIDATION			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
2760	Create a shared services grant program for school districts and municipalities	4239	Referred to H. Commerce August 13, 2020

STATE PENSIONS			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
1960	Pension reform bills implementing the recommendations of the Public Pension Management and Asset Investment Review Commission (PPMAIRC)	2794	Second consideration and re-committed to H. Appropriations November 18, 2019
1963		2705	Passed House September 15, 2020 Referred to Sen. Finance September 29, 2020

TRUANCY AND SCHOOL DROPOUT PREVENTION			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
112	Change compulsory school age to 6 to 18 from 8 to 17	110	Referred to H. Education January 28, 2019
357	Require charter and cyber charter schools to include information on attendance practices at time of charter application	2108	Passed House June 12, 2019 Referred to Sen. Education June 14, 2019
1878	Adopt parental involvement leave	2614	Referred to H. Labor and Industry September 26, 2019
1902	Provides that “medical truancy” not be included in unexcused absence counts	2669	Referred to H. Education October 15, 2019
1938	Change compulsory school age for home school families	2696	Referred to H. Education October 15, 2019
2718	Clarify and coordinate responsibility for attendance and truancy between school districts and intermediate units	4169	Referred to H. Education July 30, 2020

VETERANS SERVICES AND PROGRAMS			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
89	Create Veterans and Reservists Entrepreneurial Training and Support Program	91	Referred to H. Judiciary January 28, 2019
2022	Create Veterans' Outreach and Support Network Program	4316	Passed House September 16, 2020; second consideration and re-referred to Sen. Appropriations October 5, 2020
2651	Provide veterans' benefit briefing to veterans being released from incarceration	4066	Referred to H. Judiciary July 1, 2020

VIOLENCE PREVENTION			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
459	Shorten reporting time to PSP from courts of mental health adjudication, treatment, commitment, drug use or addiction	444	Referred to H. Judiciary February 11, 2019
462	Shorten reporting time to PSP from court or mental health review officer or adjudication of incompetency or involuntary commitment	447	Referred to H. Judiciary February 11, 2019
525	Safe storage of firearms when children reside in home	519	Referred to H. Judiciary February 19, 2019
532	Safe storage of firearms when residing with a person who is disqualified to possess a firearm	524	Referred to H. Judiciary February 19, 2019
1288	Reporting lost or stolen firearms	1556	Referred to H. Judiciary April 25, 2019
1411	Prompt reporting of mental health records to federal database	1729	Referred to H. Judiciary May 6, 2019
1456	Increasing penalties for straw purchasers	1812	Referred to H. Judiciary May 14, 2019
2077	Safe storage of firearms	2931	Referred to H. Judiciary November 20, 2019
2294	Disqualification of persons with juvenile delinquency adjudications from firearms possession until age 30	3304	Referred to H. Judiciary February 18, 2020
2977	Reporting lost or stolen firearms	4628	Referred to H. Judiciary November 30, 2020

VIOLENCE PREVENTION/SCHOOL SAFETY			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
124	School safety audits and threats assessment teams	118	Referred to H. Education January 20, 2019
415	School entity threat assessment teams	388	Referred to H. Education February 6, 2019
643	Bullying prevention education	657	Referred to H. Education March 1, 2019
1422	Violent intruder and active shooter training for school district employees (School Grounds Self-Defense Training Program)	1751	Referred to H. Education May 7, 2019
1423	Public school threat assessment teams	2103	Received first consideration; laid on table in House November 21, 2019
1893	Bullying awareness, prevention and intervention training in teacher prep programs	2632	Referred to H. Education September 30, 2019
1894	Bullying awareness, prevention and intervention training in professional development for educators	2633	Referred to H. Education September 30, 2019
1934	Training for school police officers and security guards	2692	Referred to H. Education October 15, 2019
1935	Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights – expansion of Safe2Say program	2693	Referred to H. Education October 15, 2019
1936	Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights – parental responsibility	2694	Referred to H. Education October 15, 2019
1948	Bullying Prevention and Awareness Fund	2728	Referred to H. Transportation October 21, 2019
2853	Create Safety and Violence Education for Students (SAVE Students) Act to provide secondary students with education and training on suicide awareness and prevention and school safety and violence prevention	4390	Referred to H. Education September 17, 2020

VOTING TECHNOLOGY			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
1111	Update election laws	1342	Referred to H. State Government April 9, 2019
1212	Voting equipment integrity	1350	Referred to H. State Government April 9, 2019

WAITING LIST FOR COMMUNITY BASED MENTAL RETARDATION SERVICES			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
1363	Require DHS to compile annual reports of waiting lists	4476	Passed House June 9, 2020; Received first consideration in Sen. October 6, 2020

WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
841	Automatic expungement of criminal record after receipt of pardon	941	Referred to H. Judiciary March 14, 2019
866	Provides for expungement of criminal record of wrongfully convicted	980	Referred to H. Judiciary March 18, 2019
2466	Provides for compensation for the wrongfully convicted	3679	Referred to H. Judiciary April 30, 2020

SENATE BILLS

CHILD PROTECTION			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
368	Hospitals to report birth of infants with illegal substance addiction	1383	Passed Sen. April 29, 2020 Referred to H. Children and Youth April 29, 2020

COMMON OWNERSHIP INTEREST COMMUNITIES			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
802	Data Transparency - require County Planning Commissions to include CIOC data in their currently-required annual report	1106	Referred to Sen. Urban Affairs and Housing July 15, 2019

CYBERSECURITY			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
810	Creates the State Office of Information Technology in the Governor's Office of Administration to consolidate and coordinate IT and cybersecurity; establishes a Joint Cybersecurity Oversight Committee	1398	Passed the House October 6, 2020; Referred to Sen. State Government Committee October 8, 2020

DEATH PENALTY			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
848	Abolish the death penalty	1158	Referred to Sen. Judiciary September 5, 2019

DECEDENTS' ESTATES			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
23	Guardianship and D.L.H. case	1610	Referred to Sen. Judiciary April 8, 2020
142	Pa. orders for life-sustaining treatment (POLST)	117	Referred to Sen. Health and Human Services March 31, 2019

DRONES			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
687	Clarifying restrictions on municipal regulation of unmanned aircraft/drones	841	Referred to Sen. Local Government May 31, 2019

HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
63	Hospital mandate to create, enforce professional nurse staffing plans	35	Referred to Sen. Health and Human Services January 14, 2019
65	Joint the psychology interjurisdictional compact	60	Referred to Sen. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure January 24, 2019
450	Minimum nurse to patient ratios in hospitals	462	Referred to Sen. Health and Human Services March 21, 2019
655	Join nurse licensure compact	1760	Passed Senate June 24, 2020 Referred to H. Professional Licensure June 29, 2020

HOMELESSNESS			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
476	Creates the Advisory Commission on Greater Father Family Involvement	666	Referred to Sen. Health and Human Services April 30, 2019
662	Fostering graduation success for vulnerable students (including those in foster care or homeless)	804	Referred to Sen. Education May 20, 2019

INDIGENT DEFENSE			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
658	Creates the Pa. Center for Effective Indigent Defense Legal Representation	2070	Received second consideration and referred to Sen. Appropriations October 19, 2020; re-reported as committed October 20, 2020

JUVENILES			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
832	Prohibiting solitary confinement for vulnerable populations	1141	Referred to Sen. Judiciary August 26, 2019
1044	Eliminate felony murder (JSGC proposal was to reduce sentence for juveniles convicted for felony murder)	1549	Referred to Sen. Judiciary February 19, 2020

LEAD EXPOSURE AND PREVENTION			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
39	Lead testing in daycare facilities	16	Referred to Sen. Health and Human Services January 11, 2019
221	Create a lead remediation and abatement superfund	188	Referred to Sen. Community, Economic and Recreational Development February 5, 2019
312	Universal blood lead testing for children	290	Referred to Sen. Health and Human Services February 19, 2019
892	Educational materials to clarify plumbing system lead ban	1250	Referred to Sen. Health and Human Services October 15, 2019

MENTAL HEALTH			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
832	Prohibiting solitary confinement for vulnerable populations	1141	Referred to Sen. Judiciary August 26, 2019

MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS TESTING			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
744	Exempting some counties from the enhanced testing program	1062	Passed Senate June 25, 2019 Referred to H. Transportation June 26, 2019

PROTECTION FROM ABUSE ORDERS

Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
196	Use of GPS monitoring	152	Referred to Sen. Judiciary February 1, 2019
1031	Extension of time for emergency PFAs issued by magisterial district judges to be heard by the court of common pleas	1521	Referred to Sen. Judiciary February 6, 2020

SCHOOL DISCIPLINE

Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
497	Requires charter and cyber charter schools to provide data on school discipline	530	Referred to Sen. Education March 29, 2019

VETERANS' SERVICES

Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
561	Preventing Veteran's Homelessness Act	641	Referred to Sen. Urban Affairs and Housing April 25, 2019

VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
394	Increase penalties for straw purchasers	375	Referred to Sen. Judiciary
483	Reporting lost or stolen guns	513	Referred to Sen. Judiciary March 28, 2019

VIOLENCE PREVENTION/SCHOOL SAFETY

Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
521	Add private schools to institutions eligible for school security grants	552	Referred to Sen. Education April 4, 2019
1092	Training for school security guards	1556	Referred to Sen. Education March 3, 2020

VOTING TECHNOLOGY			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
418	Providing for the number of ballots to be printed for each election	1014	Passed the Senate June 25, 2019, Referred to H. State Government June 26, 2019

WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
872	Provides for recording of interrogations and eyewitness identification techniques	1247	Referred to Sen. Judiciary October 15, 2019
873	Establishes procedures to verify reliability of informant testimony	1248	Referred to Sen. Judiciary October 15, 2019

PUBLICATIONS BY TOPIC

The following tables list the reports of the Joint State Government Commission grouped by topic. The topics are derived from the names of the titles in the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes. A chronological listing of the Commission’s reports and digital copies of the reports can be found at: <http://jsg.legis.state.pa.us/>

In a number of instances, a report is listed under multiple topics. Although the categorization of the reports may seem arbitrary in certain instances, the purposes of the tables are to signify the general contents of the reports and emphasize the wide range of topics studied by the Commission.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW AND PROCEDURE	
July 2014	<i>Reforming the Administrative Law in Pennsylvania -- Staff Report</i>
March 1949	<i>Uniform Practice and Procedure Before Administrative Agencies of the Commonwealth</i>
January 1943	<i>Report to the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on Uniform Practice and Procedure Before Departments, Boards and Commissions of the Commonwealth</i>

AGRICULTURE	
March 2017	<i>Horse Racing in Pennsylvania</i>
January 2005	<i>Exotic Wildlife in Pennsylvania: A Report with Recommendations¹⁶</i>
April 1997	<i>Clean and Green -- Staff Analysis of the Pennsylvania Farmland and Forest Land Assessment Act of 1974</i>
January 1963	<i>Milk Price Control</i>
1955	<i>Livestock Marketing in Pennsylvania</i>
March 1947	<i>Report on Cooperatives</i>

¹⁶ Also listed under the topic “Game.”

ATHLETICS AND SPORTS

April 1990	<i>Report of the Task Force on Boxing: Including Recommendations and Proposed Legislation Incorporating Combative Sports Statutes into Title 5 (Athletics and Sports) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, with Source Notes and Comments</i>
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BANKS AND BANKING

June 1957	<i>Branch Banking</i>
May 1957	<i>The Sale of Life Insurance by Mutual Savings Banks</i>

COMMERCE AND TRADE

September 2015	<i>Cybersecurity in Pennsylvania: A Staff Study</i>
January 2014	<i>Consumer Credit Code: Motor Vehicle Sales Finance and Goods and Services Installment Sales</i>
December 2008	<i>The Report of the Task Force on Violent Interactive Video Games</i>
June 2008	<i>Child Safety in Pennsylvania -- An Advisory Committee Report with Recommendations</i>
January 2007	<i>Report of the Senate Select Committee on Tobacco Settlement Funding¹⁷</i>
November 2006	<i>The Proposed Pennsylvania Consumer Credit Code: The Goods and Services Installment Sales Act -- Report of the Advisory Committee on the Consumer Credit Code</i>
November 2006	<i>The Proposed Pennsylvania Consumer Credit Code: The Motor Vehicle Sales Finance Act -- Report of the Advisory Committee on the Consumer Credit Code</i>
January 1995	<i>Eastern European Markets for Pennsylvania Exports -- Report of the Task Force on East European Business Development, Vol. II: Appendices</i>
January 1995	<i>Eastern European Markets for Pennsylvania Exports -- Report of the Task Force on East European Business Development, Vol. I</i>
July 1993	<i>Report of the Task Force on Defense Related Industries</i>
September 1980	<i>The Impact of PIDA Loans on Employment</i>
March 1959	<i>Structure and Growth of Pennsylvania's Economy: An Outline of Trends, 1946-1956</i>
January 1949	<i>Pennsylvania's Industrial Economy: An Outline of Trends and Strategic Factors, 1929-1947</i>

¹⁷ Also listed under the topic "Health and Safety."

COMMERCIAL CODE	
September 1952	<i>Pennsylvania Annotations to the Proposed Uniform Commercial Code -- A Report of the Subcommittee on the Proposed Uniform Commercial Code</i>

CRIMES AND OFFENSES	
June 2018	<i>Capital Punishment in Pennsylvania: The Report of the Task Force and Advisory Committee</i>
October 2014	<i>Human Trafficking in Pennsylvania: A Review of the Act of July 2, 2014, P.L.945, No.105¹⁸</i>
December 2013	<i>Violence Prevention in Pennsylvania -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Violence Prevention¹⁹</i>
January 2013	<i>Report of the Advisory Committee on the Criminal Justice System in Philadelphia²⁰</i>
November 2012	<i>Child Protection In Pennsylvania: Proposed Recommendations -- Report of the Task Force on Child Protection²¹</i>
June 2012	<i>Human Trafficking in Pennsylvania: Policy Recommendations and Proposed Legislation²²</i>
May 1969	<i>Uniform Criminal Statistics</i>
1967	<i>Proposed Crimes Code for Pennsylvania</i>
May 1963	<i>The Dangerous Sex Offender -- A Report of the Panel of Medical Advisors on Health and Welfare to the Joint State Government Commission</i>
1951	<i>Sex Offenders</i>
February 1949	<i>Penal Laws</i>

DECEDENTS, ESTATES AND FIDUCIARIES	
February 2018	<i>Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries: Proposed Amendments to Title 20 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes</i>
January 2017	<i>Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries: Proposed Amendments to Titles 15 and 20 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes</i>
August 2013	<i>The Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code and Orphans' Court Matters: Legislation Recommended by the Advisory Committee on Decedents' Estates Laws 1945-2013</i>
October 2012	<i>Guardianship Law: Proposed Amendments to the Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Decedents' Estates Laws</i>

¹⁸ Also listed under the topic "Judiciary and Judicial Procedure."

¹⁹ Also listed under the topic "Education."

²⁰ Also listed under the topic "Judiciary and Judicial Procedure."

²¹ Also listed under the topics "Domestic Relations" and "Judiciary and Judicial Procedure."

²² Also listed under the topic "Judiciary and Judicial Procedure."

DECEDENTS, ESTATES AND FIDUCIARIES	
June 2011	<i>Powers of Attorney and Health Care Decision-Making: Proposed Amendments to the Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Decedents' Estates Laws</i>
June 2010	<i>The Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code: Proposed Amendments to Title 20 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Decedents' Estates Laws</i>
March 2010	<i>Powers of Attorney: Proposed Amendments to the Probate, Estates, and Fiduciaries Code -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Decedents' Estates Laws</i>
May 2008	<i>The Proposed Pennsylvania Assisted Reproductive Technologies Act -- Report of the Subcommittee on Assisted Reproductive Technologies²³</i>
October 2007	<i>The Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code: Proposed Amendments to Title 20 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Decedents' Estates Laws</i>
May 2007	<i>Guardianship Law in Pennsylvania -- Report of the Working Group on Guardianships</i>
May 2007	<i>The Proposed Pennsylvania Assisted Reproductive Technologies Act -- Report of the Subcommittee on Assisted Reproductive Technologies²⁴</i>
April 2005	<i>The Proposed Pennsylvania Uniform Trust Act and Amendments to the Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Decedents' Estates Laws</i>
November 2003	<i>The Proposed Pennsylvania Uniform Trust Act and Amendments to the Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Decedents' Estates Laws</i>
February 2002	<i>Proposed Health Care Decision-Making Provisions Under Chapter 54 of Title 20 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes: 2002 Senate Bill 1265 (Printer's No. 1682)</i>
June 2001	<i>Proposed Pennsylvania Uniform Principal and Income Act and Other Proposed Amendments -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Decedents' Estates Laws</i>
November 1998	<i>Powers of Attorney: Recommended Amendments -- Report of the Subcommittee on Guardianships and Powers of Attorney of the Task Force and Advisory Committee on Decedents' Estates Laws</i>
March 1998	<i>A Health Care Decision-Making Proposal; A Prudent Investor Rule; [and] Other Proposed Amendments -- Recommended by the Task Force and Advisory Committee on Decedents' Estates Laws</i>
May 1996	<i>Report of the Subcommittee on Guardianships and Powers of Attorney of the Task Force and Advisory Committee on Decedents' Estates Laws: Recommending Amendments to Chapter 55 (Incapacitated Persons) of the Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code</i>

²³ Also listed under the topic "Domestic Relations."

²⁴ Also listed under the topic "Domestic Relations."

DECEDENTS, ESTATES AND FIDUCIARIES	
November 1995	<i>The Task Force and Advisory Committee on Decedents' Estates Laws: Commemorating Fifty Years of Service to the Commonwealth, 1945-1995</i>
April 1994	<i>1994 Report of the Task Force and Advisory Committee on Decedents' Estates Laws: Recommending a Health Care Power of Attorney Statute [and] Other Amendments to the Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code</i>
June 1991	<i>1991 Report of the Joint State Government Commission Task Force and Advisory Committee on Decedents' Estates Laws: Containing Recommendations Amending the Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code and the Inheritance and Estate Tax Act with Comments²⁵</i>
February 1988	<i>Exempting Spousal Transfers and Other Proposed Amendments to the Inheritance and Estate Tax Act [and the] Probate, Estate and Fiduciaries Code: Proposed Amendments and Comments²⁶</i>
October 1985	<i>Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code: Proposed Amendments and Comments -- 1985</i>
March 1984	<i>Report of the Subcommittee on Guardianships -- Joint State Government Commission Task Force and Advisory Committee on Decedents' Estates Laws</i>
October 1983	<i>Probate, Estate and Fiduciaries Code: Proposed Amendments and Comments -- 1983</i>
March 1981	<i>Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code: Proposed Amendments and Comments -- 1981 and Proposed Revision of Inheritance Tax Laws and Codification of Chapter 17, Title 72 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes²⁷</i>
May 1980	<i>Proposed Revision of Adoption Law and Codification into Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes Title 23, Part III: Incorporating Policy Changes Contained in 1979 House Bill 213, Printer's No. 1741²⁸</i>
May 1979	<i>Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code: Proposed Amendments and Comments -- 1979, Including a Study of the Impact of Inheritance Taxes on Decedents' Domicile²⁹</i>
June 1977	<i>Probate, Estate and Fiduciaries Code: Proposed Amendments and Comments -- 1977</i>
November 1975	<i>Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code: Proposed Amendments and Comments -- 1975</i>
September 1974	<i>Guardianship of the Mentally Retarded -- A Subcommittee Report on House Bill 1516 to the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives</i>
May 1973	<i>Proposed Amendments: Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code -- Phase II</i>
January 1972	<i>Proposed Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code</i>

²⁵ Also listed under the topic "Taxation and Fiscal Affairs."

²⁶ Also listed under the topic "Taxation and Fiscal Affairs."

²⁷ Also listed under the topic "Taxation and Fiscal Affairs."

²⁸ Also listed under the topic "Domestic Relations."

²⁹ Also listed under the topic "Taxation and Fiscal Affairs."

DECEDENTS, ESTATES AND FIDUCIARIES	
1970	<i>Proposed Adoption Act</i> ³⁰
1963	<i>Inheritance and Estate Tax Act of 1961, As Amended</i> ³¹
1959	<i>Proposed Inheritance and Estate Tax Act of 1959 -- Second Report of the Task Force on Decedents' Estates Laws</i> ³²
June 1958	<i>Proposed Inheritance and Estate Tax Act of 1959 -- A Report of the Task Force on Decedents' Estates Laws</i> ³³
July 1955	<i>Proposed Amendments to the Decedents' Estates Laws -- Report of the Subcommittee on Decedents' Estates Laws</i>
1951	<i>Report of the Joint State Government Commission of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Relating to the Following Decedents' Estates Laws of 1951: Incompetents' Estates Act of 1951, Register of Wills Act of 1951, Orphans' Court Act of 1951, [and] Estate Tax Apportionment Act of 1951 -- Pursuant to House of Representatives Concurrent Resolution No. 74 of the General Assembly of 1949</i>
November 1950	<i>Proposed Incompetents' Estates Act of 1951 -- Report of the Subcommittee on Decedents' Estates Laws of the Joint State Government Commission of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania</i>
July 1950	<i>Proposed Register of Wills Act of 1951 -- Report of the Subcommittee on Decedents' Estates Laws of the Joint State Government Commission of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania</i>
May 1950	<i>Proposed Orphans' Court Act of 1951 -- Report of the Subcommittee on Decedents' Estates Laws of the Joint State Government Commission of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania</i>
January 1949	<i>Proposed Fiduciaries Investment Act of 1949 -- Report of the Committee on Decedents' Estates Laws of the Joint State Government Commission of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania</i>
1949	<i>Report of the Joint State Government Commission of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Relating to the Following Decedents' Estates Laws: Fiduciaries Act of 1949 [and] Fiduciaries Investment Act of 1949 -- Pursuant to Senate Resolution No. 34 of the General Assembly of 1947</i>
1947	<i>Report of the Joint State Government Commission of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Relating to the Following Decedents' Estates Laws: Intestate Act of 1947, Wills Act of 1947, Estates Act of 1947, [and] Principal and Income Act of 1947 -- Pursuant to Senate Resolution No. 46 of the General Assembly of 1945</i>
June 1946	<i>Proposed Wills Act of 1947 -- Report of the Committee on Decedents' Estates Laws of the Joint State Government Commission</i>

³⁰ Also listed under the topic "Domestic Relations."

³¹ Also listed under the topic "Taxation and Fiscal Affairs."

³² Also listed under the topic "Taxation and Fiscal Affairs."

³³ Also listed under the topic "Taxation and Fiscal Affairs."

DECEDENTS, ESTATES AND FIDUCIARIES

March 1946	<i>Proposed Intestate Act of 1947 -- Report of the Committee on Decedents' Estates Laws of the Joint State Government Commission</i>
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DETECTIVES AND PRIVATE POLICE

December 2020	<i>Police Powers to Make Arrests, Use Firearms and Other Enforcement Authorizations³⁴</i>
April 1980	<i>Private Detectives and Security Business: Proposed Title 22 [of the] Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes</i>

DOMESTIC RELATIONS

November 2016	<i>Protection from Abuse Orders in Pennsylvania: A Staff Study</i>
May 2013	<i>Domestic Relations Law: Legislation Recommended by the Advisory Committee on Domestic Relations Law 1993-2010</i>
November 2012	<i>Child Protection In Pennsylvania: Proposed Recommendations -- Report of the Task Force on Child Protection³⁵</i>
May 2008	<i>The Proposed Pennsylvania Assisted Reproductive Technologies Act -- Report of the Subcommittee on Assisted Reproductive Technologies³⁶</i>
December 2007	<i>Alimony: Proposed Amendments to Title 23 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Domestic Relations Law</i>
May 2007	<i>The Proposed Pennsylvania Assisted Reproductive Technologies Act -- Report of the Subcommittee on Assisted Reproductive Technologies³⁷</i>
November 2004	<i>The Children and Youth Services Delivery System in Pennsylvania: Summary of Testimony Before the Task Force on Services to Children and Youth</i>
November 2002	<i>The Children and Youth Services Delivery System in Pennsylvania -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Services to Children and Youth</i>
April 2001	<i>Adoption Act: Proposed Revision -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Adoption Law</i>
November 1999	<i>Custody: Recommendations -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Domestic Relations Law</i>
April 1999	<i>Divorce Code: Recommended Amendments -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Domestic Relations Law</i>

³⁴ Also listed under the topic "Law and Justice."

³⁵ Also listed under the topics "Crimes and Offenses" and "Judiciary and Judicial Procedure."

³⁶ Also listed under the topic "Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries."

³⁷ Also listed under the topic "Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries."

DOMESTIC RELATIONS	
August 1993	<i>Children and Youth: 1989-1992 -- Findings and Conclusions of the Staff of the Joint State Government Commission Pursuant to Senate Resolution 11 of 1989</i>
May 1980	<i>Proposed Revision of Adoption Law and Codification into Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes Title 23, Part III: Incorporating Policy Changes Contained in 1979 House Bill 213, Printer's No. 1741³⁸</i>
January 1979	<i>Administration of Pennsylvania's Child Abuse Law: A Legislative Oversight Evaluation Conducted on Behalf of the Senate Committee on Aging and Youth and the House Committee on Health and Welfare by the Staff of the Joint State Government Commission</i>
1970	<i>Proposed Adoption Act³⁹</i>
June 1961	<i>Proposed Marriage and Divorce Codes for Pennsylvania</i>
1951	<i>Child Placement and Adoption</i>

EDUCATION	
1996-2020	<i>Information Disclosure of the State-Related Universities⁴⁰</i>
1975-2020	<i>Instructional Output and Faculty Salary Costs of the State-Related and State-Owned Universities⁴¹</i>
October 2019	<i>Sleep Deprivation in Adolescents: The Case for Delaying Secondary School Start Times</i>
July 2019	<i>Youth Courts</i>
June 2019	<i>Teacher Certification Grade Spans in Pennsylvania</i>
July 2017	<i>School Districts in Pennsylvania: Ways to Work Together</i>
October 2016	<i>Discipline Policies in Pennsylvania's Public Schools: Report of the Advisory Committee on Zero Tolerance School Discipline Policies</i>
October 2015	<i>Truancy and School Dropout Prevention: Report of the Truancy Advisory Committee</i>
December 2013	<i>Violence Prevention in Pennsylvania -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Violence Prevention⁴²</i>
December 2010	<i>The Pennsylvania Public Library Code: Findings and Recommendations</i>
December 2010	<i>High-Performing and Low-Spending School Districts: Best Practices and Other Factors -- Pursuant to Senate Resolution 243 of 2010</i>
January 2009	<i>Student Drug and Alcohol Violations at Institutions of Higher Education: Parental Notification and Access to Student Records⁴³</i>

³⁸ Also listed under the topic "Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries."

³⁹ Also listed under the topic "Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries."

⁴⁰ The titles of these reports have varied slightly over the years.

⁴¹ The titles of these reports have varied slightly over the years.

⁴² Also listed under the topic "Crimes and Offenses."

⁴³ Also listed under the topic "Health and Safety."

EDUCATION	
October 2003	<i>Part-Time Faculty at Institutions of Higher Education in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Part-Time Faculty</i>
July 2003	<i>Administrative Shortages in Pennsylvania's Public School Districts -- Report of the Task Force on Administrative Shortages</i>
December 1997	<i>Intermediate Units in Pennsylvania: The Role of Educational Service Agencies in Promoting Equity in Basic Education</i>
October 1995	<i>The Feasibility of Publicly Funded Residential Education in Pennsylvania -- Staff Analysis Pursuant to House Resolution 43 of 1995</i>
January 1995	<i>The Cost of Juvenile Violence in Pennsylvania -- Staff Report to the Task Force to Study the Issues Surrounding Violence as a Public Health Concern⁴⁴</i>
April 1970	<i>Public School Building Costs</i>
July 1964	<i>Four Years After High School: A Follow-Up Survey of the Pennsylvania High School Seniors of 1958 -- Their Post-High School Education -- Their Employment -- Their Future Plans</i>
1961	<i>Public Education: Continuing Survey -- Reprint from the Biennial Report of the Joint State Government Commission, 1959-1961</i>
December 1959	<i>Pennsylvania High School Seniors, 1958: Their Mental Ability, Their Aspirations, Their Post-High School Activities -- A Technical Supplement</i>
April 1959	<i>Pennsylvania High School Seniors, 1958: Their Mental Ability, Their Aspirations, Their Post-High School Activities</i>
January 1959	<i>Higher Education in Pennsylvania: Analysis of Problems with Proposals</i>
1955	<i>School Health Services⁴⁵</i>
1955	<i>Public School Building Subsidies</i>
1953	<i>State and Local Support of Public Education</i>
1951	<i>Public School Attendance Areas</i>
February 1949	<i>Per-Pupil Cost of Vocational and General Education Programs in the Public Schools</i>
January 1949	<i>The Codification of the School Laws</i>
January 1949	<i>Public Libraries</i>
November 1948	<i>Findings and Recommendations of the Committee on Post-High School Education</i>
November 1948	<i>The Hatfield Case: Concerning the Control of Funds Derived from Extracurricular Activities in the Public Schools</i>

⁴⁴ Also listed under the topics "Health and Safety" and "Judiciary and Judicial Procedure."

⁴⁵ Also listed under the topic "Health and Safety."

ELECTIONS	
December 2017	<i>Voting Technology in Pennsylvania: Report of the Advisory Committee on Voting Technology</i>
May 2007	<i>Ballot Questions and Proposed Amendments to the Pennsylvania Constitution: A Compilation with Statistics from 1958 to 2006</i>
November 2005	<i>Ballot Questions and Proposed Amendments to the Pennsylvania Constitution: A Compilation With Statistics From 1958 to 2005</i>
November 2000	<i>Primary Election Dates in Pennsylvania: An Analysis of Proposals for Change -- Report of the Task Force and Advisory Committee on Primary Election Dates</i>
July 1998	<i>Ballot Questions and Proposed Amendments to the Pennsylvania Constitution: A Compilation with Statistics from 1958 to 1997</i>
September 1984	<i>Proposed Election Code: Title 25, Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes</i>

EMINENT DOMAIN	
December 1985	<i>Proposed Eminent Domain Code with Comments</i>
December 1972	<i>Eminent Domain Code, as Amended, with Comments and Notes</i>
1964	<i>Eminent Domain Code</i>
September 1962	<i>Proposed Eminent Domain Law of 1963</i>

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES	
April 2018	<i>Environmental Laws of Pennsylvania</i>
January 2016	<i>Comprehensive Study on the Use of Wind Turbines in Pennsylvania: A Staff Study</i>
June 2008	<i>The Kilbuck Township Landslide: Findings and Recommendations -- Report of the Task Force and Advisory Committee on the Kilbuck Township Landslide⁴⁶</i>
October 2007	<i>Waste Tire Recycling and Reuse in Pennsylvania: An Analysis of the Industry, Markets, and State Use, Including Rubber Modified Asphalt</i>
June 2002	<i>Energy Policy for Pennsylvania: Displacing Foreign Petroleum -- Report of the Task Force on 21st Century Energy Policy for Pennsylvania</i>
June 1967	<i>Automotive Air Pollution -- Supplemental Report</i>
February 1963	<i>Automotive Air Pollution -- A Report of the Panel of Technical Advisors on Automotive Air Pollution to the Joint State Government Commission</i>

⁴⁶ Also listed under the topics “Municipalities Generally” and “Real and Personal Property.”

ESCHEATS	
October 1969	<i>Proposed Disposition of Abandoned and Unclaimed Property Act</i>

FISH	
June 1976	<i>Funding the Game and Fish Commissions</i> ⁴⁷
July 1962	<i>Observations and Recommendations of the Wildlife Management Institute, Washington, D.C. re: Pennsylvania Fish Commission and Pennsylvania Game Commission</i> ⁴⁸
January 1949	<i>Susquehanna River Fishways</i>
March 1947	<i>Report on Fish and Game Commissions</i> ⁴⁹

FORESTS, WATERS AND STATE PARKS	
1963	<i>Record: Interstate Advisory Committee on the Susquehanna River Basin -- Binghamton, New York, Monday, May 28, 1962 -- Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Monday, August 13, 1962 -- Baltimore, Maryland, Tuesday, November 20, 1962</i>
1951	<i>Commonwealth-Owned Forests and Reforestation</i>

GAME	
January 2005	<i>Exotic Wildlife in Pennsylvania: A Report with Recommendations</i> ⁵⁰
June 1976	<i>Funding the Game and Fish Commissions</i> ⁵¹
July 1962	<i>Observations and Recommendations of the Wildlife Management Institute, Washington, D.C. re: Pennsylvania Fish Commission and Pennsylvania Game Commission</i> ⁵²
March 1947	<i>Report on Fish and Game Commissions</i> ⁵³

⁴⁷ Also listed under the topic "Game."

⁴⁸ Also listed under the topic "Game."

⁴⁹ Also listed under the topic "Game."

⁵⁰ Also listed under the topic "Agriculture."

⁵¹ Also listed under the topic "Fish."

⁵² Also listed under the topic "Fish."

⁵³ Also listed under the topic "Fish."

HEALTH AND SAFETY	
December 2020	<i>Warm Hand-Offs in Pennsylvania</i> ⁵⁴
July 2020	<i>Behavioral Health Care System Capacity in Pennsylvania and its Impact on Hospital Emergency Departments and Patient Health</i> ⁵⁵
April 2020	<i>Meningitis: Immunizations on Pennsylvania College and University Campuses</i>
September 2019	<i>Diabetes in Pennsylvania: Prevention and Maintenance Programs</i>
April 2019	<i>Lead Exposure Risks and Responses in Pennsylvania</i>
April 2019	<i>Pennsylvania Health Care Workforce Needs</i>
March 2018	<i>Diabetes in Pennsylvania: Prevention and Maintenance Programs</i>
February 2018	<i>Report of the Advisory Committee on Addiction Treatment Services</i>
June 2017	<i>Opioid Addiction Treatment in Pennsylvania</i>
May 2016	<i>Youth Vaccinations in Pennsylvania: Report of the Working Group on Youth Vaccinations of the Advisory Committee on Public Health</i>
February 2016	<i>Diabetes in Pennsylvania: Public Health and Insurance Responses</i>
June 2015	<i>Report of the Task Force and Advisory Committee on Opioid Prescription Drug Proliferation</i>
March 2015	<i>Diabetes Programs in Pennsylvania</i>
November 2014	<i>Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Programs in Pennsylvania: Staff Study</i>
August 2014	<i>Report of the Advisory Committee on Long Term Care Supports and Services for Older Pennsylvanians</i>
June 2014	<i>Childhood Obesity -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Childhood Obesity</i>
December 2013	<i>Staff Study of the Emergency Medical Services System in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania</i>
November 2013	<i>Public Health Law in Pennsylvania: Disease Control Measures -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Public Health Law</i>
January 2013	<i>Public Health Law in Pennsylvania -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Public Health Law</i>
June 2011	<i>Methadone Use and Abuse: Reducing the Incidence of Methadone Overdoses and Deaths -- Report of the Advisory Committee on the Use and Diversion of Methadone</i>
January 2009	<i>Student Drug and Alcohol Violations at Institutions of Higher Education: Parental Notification and Access to Student Records</i> ⁵⁶
January 2007	<i>Report of the Senate Select Committee on Tobacco Settlement Funding</i> ⁵⁷

⁵⁴ Also listed under the topic “Public Welfare (Human Services).”

⁵⁵ Also listed under the topic “Mental Health.”

⁵⁶ Also listed under the topic “Education.”

⁵⁷ Also listed under the topic “Commerce and Trade.”

HEALTH AND SAFETY	
March 2005	<i>Medical Professional Liability Reform for the 21st Century: A Review of Policy Options -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Medical Professional Liability</i> ⁵⁸
November 2004	<i>Cervical Cancer in Pennsylvania: Easing the Burden</i>
September 2004	<i>Pennsylvania's Role in Influenza Prevention and Control</i>
July 2004	<i>Laws Regulating School Nurses in Pennsylvania and Other States</i>
November 2002	<i>Brain Defense: A Stroke Prevention and Treatment Strategy for Pennsylvania -- Report of the Task Force and Advisory Committee on Stroke Prevention and Treatment</i>
October 2000	<i>Opportunity in the Age of Biology: Biomedical Research in Pennsylvania -- Report of the Working Group on Biomedical Research</i>
January 1995	<i>The Cost of Juvenile Violence in Pennsylvania -- Staff Report to the Task Force to Study the Issues Surrounding Violence as a Public Health Concern</i> ⁵⁹
January 1987	<i>Laws Relating to Blindness: A Compilation of Pennsylvania Statutes</i>
May 1977	<i>Fire Service Needs in the Commonwealth</i>
1970	<i>The Paramedical Professions</i>
August 1967	<i>Medical Training Facilities and Medical Practice in Pennsylvania</i>
March 1959	<i>Anthracosilicosis and Commonwealth Expenditures Under the Occupational Disease Law</i> ⁶⁰
1955	<i>School Health Services</i> ⁶¹
1955	<i>Medical Training Facilities</i>
1953	<i>Sixty-Five: A Report Concerning Pennsylvania's Aged</i>
1951	<i>Smoke Control</i>
December 1948	<i>Alcoholism</i>
January 1943	<i>Report to the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Department of Health, Relative to the Issuance of Certified Copies of Birth Certificates</i>

HISTORICAL AND MUSEUMS	
1963	<i>The Report of the Joint State Government Commission Task Force on the University Museum of the University of Pennsylvania</i>
1951	<i>The Independence Mall: A Pennsylvania Shrine</i>
March 1949	<i>Catalog of Historical Buildings, Sites and Remains in Pennsylvania</i>

⁵⁸ Also listed under the topic "Judiciary and Judicial Procedure."

⁵⁹ Also listed under the topics "Education" and "Judiciary and Judicial Procedure."

⁶⁰ Also listed under the topic "Mines and Mining."

⁶¹ Also listed under the topic "Education."

INSOLVENCY AND ASSIGNMENTS	
April 1982	<i>Bankruptcy Exemptions: A Proposed Revision</i>

INSURANCE	
February 1991	<i>The Feasibility and Impact of an Insure-the-Driver Program for Philadelphia -- Staff Analysis by the Joint State Government Commission Pursuant to Act 6 of 1990, Section 29</i>
August 1987	<i>Proposed Insurance Code -- 1987 House Bill 1628 -- Printer's No. 2005: Consolidating the Laws of Pennsylvania Relating to Insurance as Title 40 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes [with] Comments and Cross-Reference Tables</i>
January 1986	<i>Proposed Insurance Code -- 1985 House Bill 1962 -- Printer's No. 2642: Consolidating the Laws of Pennsylvania Relating to Insurance as Title 40 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes [with] Comments and Cross-Reference Tables</i>
May 1965	<i>Pennsylvania National Guard Insurance</i> ⁶²

JUDICIARY AND JUDICIAL PROCEDURE	
July 2017	<i>Alternative Dispute Resolution in Pennsylvania: Report of the Advisory Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution</i>
July 2015	<i>Juvenile Delinquency and Dependency: Juvenile Act Revisions and Review of Juvenile Life Without Parole</i>
October 2014	<i>Human Trafficking in Pennsylvania: A Review of the Act of July 2, 2014, P.L.945, No.105</i> ⁶³
January 2013	<i>Report of the Advisory Committee on the Criminal Justice System in Philadelphia</i> ⁶⁴
November 2012	<i>Child Protection In Pennsylvania: Proposed Recommendations -- Report of the Task Force on Child Protection</i> ⁶⁵
June 2012	<i>Human Trafficking in Pennsylvania: Policy Recommendations and Proposed Legislation</i> ⁶⁶
December 2011	<i>A Constitutional Default: Services to Indigent Criminal Defendants in Pennsylvania – Report of the Task Force and Advisory Committee on Services to Indigent Criminal Defendants</i>
September 2011	<i>Report of the Advisory Committee on Wrongful Convictions</i>

⁶² Also listed under the topics “State Government” and “Workmen’s Compensation.”

⁶³ Also listed under the topic “Crimes and Offenses.”

⁶⁴ Also listed under the topic “Crimes and Offenses.”

⁶⁵ Also listed under the topics “Crimes and Offenses” and “Domestic Relations.”

⁶⁶ Also listed under the topic “Crimes and Offenses.”

JUDICIARY AND JUDICIAL PROCEDURE	
March 2005	<i>Medical Professional Liability Reform for the 21st Century: A Review of Policy Options -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Medical Professional Liability</i> ⁶⁷
May 2003	<i>Minority Representation in the Jury Selection Process in Pennsylvania -- 2002 Senate Resolution 268, Printer's No. 2300</i>
January 1995	<i>The Cost of Juvenile Violence in Pennsylvania -- Staff Report to the Task Force to Study the Issues Surrounding Violence as a Public Health Concern</i> ⁶⁸
1970	<i>Proposed Juvenile Act</i>
February 1949	<i>Juvenile Delinquency and Child Welfare</i>
April 1947	<i>Report on Child Welfare Laws, Juvenile Delinquency and Institutions</i>
April 1945	<i>Juvenile Delinquency, Penal Code and Penal Institutions -- A Report of the Committee on Penal Code and Juvenile Delinquency of the Joint State Government Commission</i>

LABOR	
1951	<i>Partial Unemployment Compensation Benefits</i>
February 1949	<i>Unemployment Compensation: A Report of the Joint State Government Commission to the General Assembly of Pennsylvania</i>
April 1945	<i>Unemployment Compensation: Proposals for Increased Benefits and Benefits for Partial Unemployment -- A Report of the Committee on Unemployment Benefits for Partial Unemployment</i>
January 1941	<i>Joint Report to the General Assembly of Recommendations for Amending the Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation Law, Part 2: Facts and Arguments For and Against Employer Experience Rating in Unemployment Compensation -- By the Joint State Government Commission and the Joint Legislative Committee to Study Unemployment Compensation Provisions</i>
January 1941	<i>Joint Report to the General Assembly of Recommendations for Amending the Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation Law, Part 1 -- By the Joint State Government Commission and the Joint Legislative Committee to Study Unemployment Compensation Provisions</i>

⁶⁷ Also listed under the topic "Health and Safety."

⁶⁸ Also listed under the topics "Education" and "Health and Safety."

LAW AND JUSTICE	
December 2020	<i>Police Powers to Make Arrests, Use Firearms and Other Enforcement Authorizations</i> ⁶⁹
April 2014	<i>Constables in Pennsylvania: Proposed Statutory Reforms</i>

LEGISLATURE	
January 2019	<i>Joint State Government Commission: Biennial Report for the 2017-2018 Legislative Session</i>
December 2016	<i>Joint State Government Commission: Biennial Report for the 2015-16 Legislative Session</i>
December 2014	<i>Joint State Government Commission: Biennial Report for the 2013-14 Legislative Session</i>
February 1966	<i>Joint State Government Commission Activities, 1963-1965 -- A Report by the Chairman to the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania</i>
January 1963	<i>Biennial Report of the Joint State Government Commission, 1961-1963</i>
January 1961	<i>Biennial Report of the Joint State Government Commission, 1959-1961</i>
January 1959	<i>Biennial Report of the Joint State Government Commission, 1957-1959</i>
January 1957	<i>Biennial Report of the Joint State Government Commission, 1955-1957</i>
January 1955	<i>General Report of the Joint State Government Commission, 1953-1955</i>
January 1953	<i>General Report of the Joint State Government Commission, 1951-1953</i>
January 1951	<i>General Report of the Joint State Government Commission, 1949-1951</i>
January 1949	<i>General Report of the Joint State Government Commission, 1947-1949</i>
March 1947	<i>Summary Report of the Joint State Government Commission to the General Assembly, 1945-1947</i>
March 1945	<i>Summary Report of the Joint State Government Commission to the General Assembly, 1943-1945</i>
January 1943	<i>Report to the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on Legislative Printing</i>
April 1940	<i>History, Purposes, and Activities of the Joint State Government Commission of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania</i>

LIQUOR	
July 1959	<i>Duties, Qualifications and Compensation of Liquor Store Sales Personnel Employed by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board</i>

⁶⁹ Also listed under the topic “Detectives and Private Police.”

MECHANICS' LIENS	
1963	<i>Mechanics' Lien Law of 1963</i>

MENTAL HEALTH	
July 2020	<i>Behavioral Health Care System Capacity in Pennsylvania and its Impact on Hospital Emergency Departments and Patient Health⁷⁰</i>
June 2020	<i>Pennsylvania Mental Health Care Workforce Shortage: Challenges and Solutions</i>
June 2017	<i>Suicide Among College Students in Pennsylvania: Report of the Advisory Committee on College Student Suicide</i>
May 2014	<i>Mental Health Services and the Criminal Justice System in Pennsylvania -- Report of the Joint State Government Commission⁷¹</i>
June 2008	<i>The Advisory Committee Report on the Waiting List for Community-Based Mental Retardation Services</i>
October 1987	<i>Report on the Mental Health System and Laws of Pennsylvania: Including Source Notes and Comments to the Proposed Mental Health and Mental Retardation Code, Title 50 (Mental Health) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes</i>
1962	<i>State Mental Hospitals -- Reprint from the Biennial Report of the Joint State Government Commission, 1959-1961</i>
August 1950	<i>Proposed Mental Health Act of 1951 -- A Report of the Subcommittee on Mental Health Laws</i>

MILITARY AFFAIRS	
January 1992	<i>A Persian Gulf Veterans' Bonus for Pennsylvanians</i>
May 1975	<i>Proposed Military Code, with Source Notes and Comments</i>
October 1967	<i>A Viet Nam Veterans' Bonus for Pennsylvanians</i>

MINES AND MINING	
February 1963	<i>Coal in Pennsylvania: Recent Development and Prospects</i>
March 1959	<i>Anthracosilicosis and Commonwealth Expenditures Under the Occupational Disease Law⁷²</i>
March 1957	<i>Report of the Subsidence Committee to the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Under Authority of The Act of 1956, May 31, P.L. (1955) 1931</i>

⁷⁰ Also listed under the topic "Health and Safety."

⁷¹ Also listed under the topic "Prisons and Parole."

⁷² Also listed under the topic "Health and Safety."

MINES AND MINING	
1955	<i>Pennsylvania Minerals</i>
April 1945	<i>Strip Mining in Pennsylvania -- First Report of the Committee on Strip Mining of the Joint State Government Commission</i>

MUNICIPALITIES GENERALLY	
March 2012	<i>Developments of Regional Significance and Impact: Findings and Recommendations -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Developments of Regional Significance and Impact⁷³</i>
June 2008	<i>The Kilbuck Township Landslide: Findings and Recommendations -- Report of the Task Force and Advisory Committee on the Kilbuck Township Landslide⁷⁴</i>
April 1945	<i>Municipal Authorities -- A Report of the Committee on Municipal Authorities of the Joint State Government Commission</i>

PRISONS AND PAROLE	
May 2014	<i>Mental Health Services and the Criminal Justice System in Pennsylvania -- Report of the Joint State Government Commission⁷⁵</i>
December 2011	<i>The Effects of Parental Incarceration on Children: Needs and Responsive Services -- Report of the Advisory Committee Pursuant to House Resolution 203 and Senate Resolution 52 of 2009</i>
June 2005	<i>Report of the Advisory Committee on Geriatric and Seriously Ill Inmates</i>
March 1987	<i>Report of the Private Prison Task Force</i>
July 1963	<i>Penal Institutions, Probation and Parole</i>

PROCUREMENT	
March 2006	<i>Unsolicited Proposals Under the Commonwealth Procurement Code</i>
April 1994	<i>Joint State Government Commission Staff Report, Senate Bill 1625, Pr. 's No. 2008 (1994), Containing the Proposed Commonwealth Procurement Code</i>
June 1983	<i>Proposed Commonwealth Procurement Code</i>

⁷³ Also listed under the topic "Real and Personal Property."

⁷⁴ Also listed under the topics "Environmental Resources" and "Real and Personal Property."

⁷⁵ Also listed under the topic "Mental Health."

PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS (STATE LICENSED)	
June 2015	<i>Professional Bedside Nursing in Pennsylvania: A Staff Study</i>
April 2015	<i>The Physician Shortage in Pennsylvania</i>
1953	<i>Veterinary Medicine in Pennsylvania: Training Facilities and Practice</i>
1953	<i>State License Fees, Except Those Provided for by the Vehicle Codes</i>

PUBLIC UTILITIES	
September 2020	<i>Delivery of High-Speed Broadband Services in Unserved and Underserved Areas of the Commonwealth</i>
October 1983	<i>Separating Transportation from Fixed Utility Regulations Under the Public Utility Commission⁷⁶</i>
April 1977	<i>Energy Facility Siting: A Comprehensive Program for Pennsylvania</i>
March 1976	<i>Proposed Public Utility Code, with Source Notes and Comments</i>
August 1970	<i>Taxation of Public Utility Realty</i>

PUBLIC WELFARE (HUMAN SERVICES)	
December 2020	<i>Warm Hand-Offs in Pennsylvania⁷⁷</i>
April 2019	<i>Grandfamilies in Pennsylvania</i>
April 2016	<i>Homelessness in Pennsylvania: Causes, Impacts and Solutions</i>
1951	<i>Public Assistance in Pennsylvania</i>
1951	<i>Blind Pensions in Pennsylvania</i>
January 1941	<i>Report on Relief Prepared for the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania</i>

REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY	
March 2012	<i>Developments of Regional Significance and Impact: Findings and Recommendations -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Developments of Regional Significance and Impact⁷⁸</i>
December 2011	<i>Common Interest Ownership Communities in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania -- Pursuant to House Resolution 350 of 2009</i>
June 2008	<i>The Kilbuck Township Landslide: Findings and Recommendations -- Report of the Task Force and Advisory Committee on the Kilbuck Township Landslide⁷⁹</i>

⁷⁶ Also listed under the topic "Transportation."

⁷⁷ Also listed under the topic "Health and Safety."

⁷⁸ Also listed under the topic "Municipalities Generally."

⁷⁹ Also listed under the topics "Environmental Resources" and "Municipalities Generally."

REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY	
September 1985	<i>Report of the Task Force on Third-Party Real Estate Brokerage Operations</i>
September 1978	<i>Condominiums: A New Generation -- Proposing the Uniform Act with Modifications</i>
February 1978	<i>Rent Withholding</i>
September 1950	<i>Proposed Landlord and Tenant Act of 1951 -- A Report of the Subcommittee on Landlord and Tenant Law</i>

STATE GOVERNMENT	
August 2020	<i>Conversion of Unused State Property into Drug Treatment Facilities</i>
June 2019	<i>Sexual Harassment and Misconduct in the Workplace: Survey of Claims and Policies in Pennsylvania Governmental Agencies</i>
July 2018	<i>Evidence-Based Decision Making by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania</i>
April 2015	<i>Staff Update to the 2003 Report on Gubernatorial Appointments Requiring Senatorial Advice and Consent</i>
February 2004	<i>The Funding and Benefit Structure of the Pennsylvania Statewide Retirement Systems: A Report with Recommendations</i>
March 2003	<i>Gubernatorial Appointments Requiring Senatorial Advice and Consent</i>
January 1999	<i>Gubernatorial Appointments Requiring Senatorial Advice and Consent</i>
February 1997	<i>Gubernatorial Appointments Requiring Senatorial Advice and Consent</i>
November 1995	<i>The Collapse of the Foundation for New Era Philanthropy -- Staff Report to the General Assembly Including a Narrative of the Foundation's Operations and an Analysis of the Relevant Regulatory Statutes</i>
March 1995	<i>Gubernatorial Appointments Requiring Senatorial Advice and Consent</i>
November 1993	<i>Governing for Results: A Vision for the Future -- Report of the Task Force on Government Service Efficiency</i>
September 1982	<i>1981-82 Report: Special Joint Committee of the General Assembly to Review Retirement Cost-of-Living Supplements and Funding Sources</i>
October 1979	<i>Interim Report of the Select Task Force to Study Cost-of-Living Adjustments and Benefit Funding for the State and School Retirement Systems</i>
January 1979	<i>Report of Commonwealth Compensation Commission on Compensation Adjustments for Cabinet Officers, Legislators and Legislative Officers, Justices and Judges</i>
September 1978	<i>Office of Elected Attorney General -- Final Report</i>
May 1978	<i>Sovereign Immunity</i>
March 1978	<i>Office of Elected Attorney General -- Preliminary Report</i>

STATE GOVERNMENT	
September 1976	<i>Initial Report of Commonwealth Compensation Commission on Compensation Adjustments for Members of the General Assembly, Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Cabinet Officers</i>
March 1975	<i>Services to Troubled Youth: A Review and Recommendations</i>
June 1974	<i>Proposed Public School Employees' Retirement Code</i>
March 1974	<i>Implementing Constitutional Amendment: District Attorneys' Informations</i>
November 1973	<i>Senate Confirmation of the Governor's Appointments -- Report of the Special Committee to Study Confirmation Procedure, Senate of Pennsylvania, Session of 1973</i>
January 1972	<i>Proposed State Employees' Retirement Code of 1972 -- A Report of the Task Force on Administration of and Codification of State Employees' Retirement Laws</i>
December 1970	<i>Proposed Budgeting Legislation Implementing the Pennsylvania Constitutional Revision of 1968</i>
November 1969	<i>Tax Exemption and Auditing Legislation Implementing the Pennsylvania Constitution, Article VIII, Sections 2 and 10</i>
May 1965	<i>Pennsylvania National Guard Insurance⁸⁰</i>
April 1961	<i>Civil Service: History and Contemporary Practices</i>
June 1959	<i>Duties and Compensation of the Capitol Police</i>
October 1958	<i>Proposed Public School Employees' Retirement Code of 1959 -- A Report of the Task Force on Codification of State and School Employees' Retirement Statutes</i>
September 1958	<i>Proposed State Employees' Retirement Code of 1959 -- A Report of the Task Force on Codification of State and School Employees' Retirement Statutes</i>
1955	<i>Selected Employee Benefit Plans: A Source Book</i>
1951	<i>Occupational Hazards to State Employees</i>
1951	<i>Commonwealth Space Requirements in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia</i>
1951	<i>Commonwealth Retirement Systems: Structure and Costs</i>
1951	<i>Commonwealth Accounting</i>
March 1949	<i>School and State Employees' Retirement Systems: A Comparison</i>
January 1949	<i>Commonwealth-Owned, Tax-Exempt Real Property</i>
January 1941	<i>Supplement to the Report to the General Assembly on the Organization and Administration of Pennsylvania's State Government: Recommendations</i>
January 1941	<i>Report to the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on the Organization and Administration of Pennsylvania's State Government</i>
January 1941	<i>Facts About Your Keystone State Government</i>

⁸⁰ Also listed under the topics "Insurance" and "Workmen's Compensation."

TAXATION AND FISCAL AFFAIRS	
August 2009	<i>Tax Provisions for Poverty Relief: An Analysis of the Federal and State Earned Income Tax Credit and the Pennsylvania Special Tax Forgiveness Program</i>
June 1991	<i>1991 Report of the Joint State Government Commission Task Force and Advisory Committee on Decedents' Estates Laws: Containing Recommendations Amending the Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code and the Inheritance and Estate Tax Act with Comments</i> ⁸¹
February 1988	<i>Exempting Spousal Transfers and Other Proposed Amendments to the Inheritance and Estate Tax Act [and the] Probate, Estate and Fiduciaries Code: Proposed Amendments and Comments</i> ⁸²
March 1981	<i>Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code: Proposed Amendments and Comments -- 1981 and Proposed Revision of Inheritance Tax Laws and Codification of Chapter 17, Title 72 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes</i> ⁸³
April 1980	<i>Local School Tax Reform: A Proposal to Reduce Property and Nuisance Taxes</i>
May 1979	<i>Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code: Proposed Amendments and Comments -- 1979, Including a Study of the Impact of Inheritance Taxes on Decedents' Domicile</i> ⁸⁴
1963	<i>Inheritance and Estate Tax Act of 1961, As Amended</i> ⁸⁵
1959	<i>Proposed Inheritance and Estate Tax Act of 1959 -- Second Report of the Task Force on Decedents' Estates Laws</i> ⁸⁶
June 1958	<i>Proposed Inheritance and Estate Tax Act of 1959 -- A Report of the Task Force on Decedents' Estates Laws</i> ⁸⁷
January 1958	<i>Fiscal Trends, 1937-1957</i>
February 1949	<i>Report of Findings and Recommendations on the Pennsylvania Tax System by the Tax Study Committee Under Authority of Act of Assembly Approved July 9, 1947 (P.L. 1468) -- Part II</i>
February 1949	<i>Report of Findings and Recommendations on the Pennsylvania Tax System by the Tax Study Committee Under Authority of Act of Assembly Approved July 9, 1947 (P.L. 1468) -- Part I</i>
April 1945	<i>Proposals for Revision of the Tax Structure of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania -- A Report of the Committee on Continuation of the Tax Study of the Joint State Government Commission (of the General Assembly) by the Tax Advisory Committee</i>

⁸¹ Also listed under the topic "Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries."

⁸² Also listed under the topic "Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries."

⁸³ Also listed under the topic "Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries."

⁸⁴ Also listed under the topic "Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries."

⁸⁵ Also listed under the topic "Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries."

⁸⁶ Also listed under the topic "Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries."

⁸⁷ Also listed under the topic "Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries."

TAXATION AND FISCAL AFFAIRS	
January 1945	<i>Proposals for Revision of the Tax Structure of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania -- A Report of the Committee on Continuation of the Tax Study of the Joint State Government Commission (of the General Assembly) by the Tax Advisory Committee -- Report No. 11</i>
January 1945	<i>The Economic Resources and Related Tax Problems of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania -- A Report to the Joint State Government Commission (of the General Assembly) by its Committee on Continuation of the Tax Study -- Report No. 10</i>
August 1945	<i>Fiscal Analysis of the Operating Funds of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 1923-1943 -- A Report to the Joint State Government Commission (of the General Assembly) by its Committee on Continuation of the Tax Study -- Report No. 9</i>
June 1945	<i>Tax Structure and Revenues of the General Fund of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 1913-1943 -- A Report to the Joint State Government Commission (of the General Assembly) by its Committee on Continuation of the Tax Study -- Report No. 8</i>
June 1945	<i>An Analysis of Public Expenditures for Education in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania -- A Report to the Joint State Government Commission (of the General Assembly) by its Committee on Continuation of the Tax Study -- Report No. 7</i>
June 1945	<i>An Analysis of the Fiscal Operations of the School Districts of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 1920-1942 -- A Report to the Joint State Government Commission (of the General Assembly) by its Committee on Continuation of the Tax Study -- Report No. 6</i>
June 1945	<i>Fiscal Operations and Debt of Eleven Selected School Districts, 1920-1943 -- A Report to the Joint State Government Commission (of the General Assembly) by its Committee on Continuation of the Tax Study -- Report No. 5</i>
May 1945	<i>Fiscal Operations and Debt of the School District of Scranton, 1919-1943 -- A Report to the Joint State Government Commission (of the General Assembly) by its Committee on Continuation of the Tax Study -- Report No. 4</i>
May 1945	<i>Fiscal Operations and Debt of the School District of Pittsburgh, 1919-1943 -- A Report to the Joint State Government Commission (of the General Assembly) by its Committee on Continuation of the Tax Study -- Report No. 3</i>
May 1945	<i>Fiscal Operations and Debt of the School District of Philadelphia, 1920-1943 -- A Report to the Joint State Government Commission (of the General Assembly) by its Committee on Continuation of the Tax Study -- Report No. 2</i>
December 1943	<i>The Debt of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Its Local Subdivisions -- A Report to the Joint State Government Commission (of the General Assembly) by its Committee on Continuation of the Tax Study -- Report No. 1</i>

TAXATION AND FISCAL AFFAIRS	
January 1941	<i>First Report on the Tax and Financial Problems of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the General Assembly</i>

TRANSPORTATION	
January 2020	<i>Turnpike Commission and Dept. of Transportation Consolidation</i>
January 2017	<i>Unmanned Aircraft Systems in Pennsylvania</i>
October 1983	<i>Separating Transportation from Fixed Utility Regulations Under the Public Utility Commission</i> ⁸⁸
July 1982	<i>Proposed Codification of Laws Relating to Aviation into the Pennsylvania Consolidation Statutes Title 74, Part IV</i>
March 1953	<i>Report of Findings of the Joint State Legislative Committee on Turnpike Safety Under Authority of Senate Concurrent Resolution Serial No. 110</i>
1953	<i>Highway Use and Highway Costs: A Technical Supplement</i>
1953	<i>Highway Use and Highway Costs</i>
February 1949	<i>Highways: A Proposed Administrative and Financial Program</i>
March 1947	<i>State-Local Highway Financing -- A Report by the Joint State Government Commission of the Progress and Activities of the Committee on State-Local Highway Financing</i>

VEHICLES	
October 2018	<i>Motor Vehicle Emissions Testing – Pennsylvania’s Program</i>
February 2005	<i>Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code: An Analysis of the Effectiveness and Public Awareness of the Penalties for Violations</i>
December 2001	<i>Driver Distractions and Traffic Safety -- Staff Report Pursuant to 2000 Senate Resolution No. 127, Printer’s No. 1935</i>
January 1963	<i>Periodic Physical Re-Examination of Motor Vehicle Operators: An Evaluation of the Pennsylvania Experience</i>
1955	<i>Highway Safety</i>
1953	<i>Public School Pupil Transportation</i>
1951	<i>Tax-Exempt Liquid Fuels: A Survey of the Experience Under the Act of 1949, May 26, P.L. 1880, Which Provides for a Partial Refund of Tax Paid on Liquid Fuel Used for Nonhighway Agricultural Purposes</i>
April 1945	<i>Liquid Fuels Tax -- A Report of the Committee on Distribution of State Funds to Political Subdivisions of the State of the Joint State Government Commission</i>

⁸⁸ Also listed under the topic “Public Utilities.”

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

November 1996	<i>State Workers' Insurance Fund: Financial Integrity and Stability -- Report of the Select Committee to Study SWIF</i>
October 1986	<i>Cost-of-Living Adjustment for Benefits Pursuant to Section 306(h) of the Pennsylvania Workmen's Compensation Act</i>
May 1965	<i>Pennsylvania National Guard Insurance</i> ⁸⁹

⁸⁹ Also listed under the topics "Insurance" and "State Government."

ENABLING LEGISLATION

Act of July 1, 1937
(P.L.2460, No.459)
As Amended

AN ACT

Creating a joint legislative commission, to be known as the Joint State Government Commission; providing for its membership, chairman and executive committee; defining its powers and duties; and defining the powers and duties of standing committees of the General Assembly.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the entire membership of the House of Representatives and the entire membership of the Senate shall constitute a continuing joint legislative commission, to be known as the Joint State Government Commission. The President pro tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the majority and minority leaders of each house, the majority and minority whips of each house, and the chairman of the majority and minority caucuses of each house, shall constitute the executive committee of the commission. The President pro tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the majority and minority leaders of each house, the majority and minority whips of each house, and the chairman of the majority and minority caucuses of each house may designate any member of the Senate or House, respectively, to act in their stead and to serve at their discretion as a member of the executive committee. The commission shall organize by the selection of a chairman who shall be selected by the executive committee and who shall be ex officio a member of the executive committee without a vote. The commission shall have power to employ a director and such professional, technical, clerical and other assistance as may be deemed necessary. The commission shall have power to call upon any department or agency of the State Government for such information as it deems pertinent to the studies in which it is engaged. The commission shall also have the power to designate persons, other than members of the General Assembly, to act in advisory capacities. The commission shall organize within thirty days after the final enactment of this act, and thereafter the executive committee shall hold the organization meeting within thirty days after the convening of the regular session of the General Assembly in odd-numbered years beginning with the regular session of 1957. Meetings of the commission shall be scheduled by the executive committee. The executive committee shall conduct the business of the commission and shall meet at the call of the chairman or upon written request of six or more members thereof.

Section 2. The commission shall have power and its duty shall be:

(a) To make such investigations and studies and to gather such information as may be deemed useful to General Assembly and to the standing committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

(b) To sit during the interim between regular legislative sessions convening in odd-numbered years.

(c) From time to time, to report to the General Assembly or to the various standing committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives such findings and recommendations accompanied with such drafts of legislation as it deems necessary for the information of and consideration by the General Assembly.

(d) To furnish such technical staff services as shall be requested by the standing committees of the Senate and House of Representatives during regular or special sessions of the General Assembly.

Section 3. The commission shall undertake, through the standing committees of the Senate and House of Representatives, such studies and investigations as the General Assembly by resolution shall direct.

When a study or investigation is to be made, the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate the appropriate standing committee of House and the President pro tempore of the Senate shall designate the appropriate standing committee of the Senate, to make such study or investigation. These two standing committees, when so designated, shall constitute a joint study committee of the commission for such purpose.

During the interim between regular sessions of the General Assembly which convene in odd-numbered years, each joint study committee assigned to make a study shall meet at the call of the chairman of the commission or at the joint call of the chairman of the designated standing committees of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Section 4. An item of appropriation shall be inserted in the General Appropriation Bill to pay the expenses of the members of the commission as constituted by this act, and for the salary of the director, clerical and other hire and incidental expenses. No member of the commission shall receive any remuneration, salary or expenses as a member of the commission other than remuneration, salary and expenses as a member of the General Assembly and travelling expenses incurred upon the business of the commission or its study committees.

Section 5. For the purposes of this act, the standing committees of the Senate and House of Representatives shall continue during the interim between sessions convening in odd-numbered years.

OFFICERS SINCE 1939

The following chart lists the officers of the Joint State Government Commission since 1939. An officer who also was an Executive Committee member of the Commission is noted.

Year(s)	Chair	Vice-Chair	Treasurer
2019-20			
2018-19	Rep. Florindo J. Fabrizio	Sen. John C. Rafferty, Jr.	
2017-18	Rep. Florindo J. Fabrizio	Sen. John C. Rafferty, Jr.	
2015-16	Rep. Florindo J. Fabrizio	Sen. John C. Rafferty, Jr.	
2013-14	Rep. Florindo J. Fabrizio	Sen. John C. Rafferty, Jr.	
2011-12	Rep. Florindo J. Fabrizio	Sen. John C. Rafferty, Jr.	
2009-10	Rep. Florindo J. Fabrizio	Sen. John C. Rafferty, Jr.	
2007-08	Sen. Roger A. Madigan		
2005-06	Sen. Roger A. Madigan		
2003-04	Sen. Roger A. Madigan		Rep. Jeffrey W. Coy ⁹⁰
2001-02	Sen. Roger A. Madigan		Rep. Jeffrey W. Coy
1999-00	Sen. Roger A. Madigan		Rep. Jeffrey W. Coy
1997-98	Sen. Roger A. Madigan		Rep. Ivan Itkin <i>Minority Whip</i>
1995-96	Sen. Roger A. Madigan		Rep. Ivan Itkin <i>Minority Whip</i>
1993-94	Sen. Roger A. Madigan		Rep. Ivan Itkin <i>Majority Leader</i>
1991-92	Sen. Roger A. Madigan	Rep. Robert W. O'Donnell <i>Speaker of the House</i>	Rep. Ivan Itkin <i>Majority Leader</i>
1990 ⁹¹	Sen. Roger A. Madigan	Rep. Robert W. O'Donnell <i>Speaker of the House</i>	Rep. Ivan Itkin <i>Majority Whip</i>
1990 ⁹²	Sen. Roger A. Madigan		Rep. Robert W. O'Donnell <i>Majority Leader</i>

⁹⁰ Resigned September 2, 2004 from the House of Representatives.

⁹¹ June 1 through the end of the session.

⁹² January 2 - June 1.

Year(s)	Chair	Vice-Chair	Treasurer
1989	Sen. Roger A. Madigan		Rep. James J. Manderino <i>Speaker of the House</i>
1987-88	Sen. Roger A. Madigan	Sen. John Stauffer <i>Majority Leader</i>	Rep. K. Leroy Irvis <i>Speaker of the House</i>
1985-86	Sen. Roger A. Madigan	Sen. John Stauffer <i>Majority Leader</i>	Rep. K. Leroy Irvis <i>Speaker of the House</i>
1983-84	Rep. Roger A. Madigan	Sen. John Stauffer <i>Majority Whip</i>	Rep. K. Leroy Irvis <i>Speaker of the House</i>
1981-82	Rep. William D. Hutchinson	Sen. John Stauffer <i>Majority Whip</i>	Rep. K. Leroy Irvis <i>Minority Leader</i>
1979-80	Rep. Fred J. Shupnik	Sen. John Stauffer <i>Minority Whip</i>	Rep. K. Leroy Irvis <i>Minority Leader</i>
1977-78	Rep. Fred J. Shupnik	Sen. John Stauffer <i>Minority Whip</i>	Rep. K. Leroy Irvis <i>Speaker of the House</i>
1975-76	Rep. Fred J. Shupnik	Sen. T. Newell Wood <i>Minority Whip</i>	Rep. K. Leroy Irvis <i>Majority Leader</i>
1973-74	Rep. Fred J. Shupnik	Sen. Stanley G. Stroup <i>Minority Whip</i>	Rep. K. Leroy Irvis <i>Minority Whip</i>
1971-72	Rep. Fred J. Shupnik	Sen. Stanley G. Stroup <i>Minority Whip</i>	Rep. K. Leroy Irvis <i>Majority Leader</i>
1969-70	Rep. Fred J. Shupnik	Sen. Stanley G. Stroup <i>Majority Leader</i>	Rep. K. Leroy Irvis <i>Majority Leader</i>
1967-68	Rep. Marian E. Markley	Sen. John H. Devlin <i>Minority Leader</i>	Rep. K. Leroy Irvis <i>Minority Whip</i>
1965-66	Rep. Baker Royer	Sen. Charles R. Weiner	Rep. Robert K. Hamilton <i>Speaker of the House</i>
1963-64	Rep. Baker Royer	Sen. Charles R. Weiner <i>Minority Leader</i>	Rep. W. Stuart Helm <i>Speaker of the House</i>
1961-62	Rep. Harris G. Breth		Rep. Hiram G. Andrews <i>Speaker of the House</i>
1959-60	Rep. Baker Royer	Sen. Frank W. Ruth <i>Minority Whip</i>	Rep. Hiram G. Andrews <i>Speaker of the House</i>
1957-58	Rep. Baker Royer	Sen. Frank W. Ruth <i>Minority Whip</i>	Rep. Hiram G. Andrews <i>Minority Leader</i> Rep. Albert S. Readinger <i>Minority Leader</i>
1955-56	Rep. Baker Royer	Sen. Paul L. Wagner	Rep. W. Stuart Helm
1953-54	Rep. Baker Royer	Sen. Paul L. Wagner	Rep. W. Stuart Helm
1951-52	Rep. Baker Royer	Sen. John M. Walker <i>Majority Leader</i>	Rep. W. Stuart Helm
1949-50	Sen. Frederick L. Homsher	Rep. D. Raymond Sollenberger	

Year(s)	Chair	Vice-Chair	Treasurer
1947-48	Sen. Weldon B. Heyburn	Rep. Baker Royer	Rep. Herbert P. Sorg
1945-46	Rep. Ira T. Fiss	Sen. Charles H. Ealy	Rep. Franklin H. Lichtenwalter <i>Majority Leader</i>
1943-44	Rep. Elmer Kilroy	Sen. John H. Dent	Rep. Clayton E. Moul
1941-42	Rep. Ellwood J. Turner	Sen. Frederick T. Gelder	Rep. William E. Habbyslaw
1939-40	Rep. Ellwood J. Turner	Sen. Frederick T. Gelder	Rep. William E. Habbyslaw