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The studies conducted by the Commission are authorized by statute or by a simple or joint resolution. In general, the Commission has the power to conduct investigations, study issues, and gather information as directed by the General Assembly. 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.

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.

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. When a study involves an advisory committee, the Commission seeks consensus among the members.<sup>2</sup> Although an advisory committee member may represent a particular department, agency, association, or group, such representation does not necessarily reflect the endorsement of the

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<sup>1</sup> Act of July 1, 1937 (P.L.2460, No.459) (46 P.S. § 65), amended by the act of June 26, 1939 (P.L.1084, No.380); the act of March 8, 1943 (P.L.13, No.4); the act of May 15, 1956 (1955 P.L.1605, No.535); the act of December 8, 1959 (P.L.1740, No.646); and the act of November 20, 1969 (P.L.301, No.128).

<sup>2</sup> Consensus does not necessarily reflect unanimity among the advisory committee members on each individual policy or legislative recommendation. However, it does, at a minimum, reflect the views of a substantial majority of the advisory committee, gained after lengthy review and discussion.

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Over the years, over a 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. 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.

The Commission periodically reports its findings and recommendations, along with any proposed legislation, to the General Assembly. 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. 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 or Vice-Chair of the Commission, 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.<sup>3</sup>

Since its inception, the Commission has published more than 370 reports on a sweeping range of topics, including administrative law and procedure; agriculture; athletics and sports; banks and banking; commerce and trade; the commercial code; crimes and offenses; decedents, estates, and fiduciaries; detectives and private police; domestic relations; education; elections; eminent domain; environmental resources; escheats; fish; forests, waters, and state parks; game; health and safety; historical sites and museums; insolvency and assignments; insurance; the judiciary and judicial procedure; labor; law and justice; the legislature; liquor; mechanics' liens; mental health; military affairs; mines and mining; municipalities; prisons and parole; procurement; state-licensed professions and occupations; public utilities; public welfare; real and personal property; state government; taxation and fiscal affairs; transportation; vehicles; and workers' compensation.

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.

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<sup>3</sup> 1 Pa.C.S. § 1939 (“The comments or report of the commission . . . which drafted a statute may be consulted in the construction or application of the original provisions of the statute if such comments or report were published or otherwise generally available prior to the consideration of the statute by the General Assembly”).



# *In Memoriam*

*We note with sadness the passing of Representative Florindo Fabrizio, who served as chairman of the Commission from April 2009 until his death in July 2018. As chairman, the Commission had no stronger advocate and no closer friend. Never wavering were his support for the Commission's role and his confidence in its staff. During Representative Fabrizio's tenure, the Commission released an unprecedented number of reports, all of which are herein described. Accordingly, we dedicate this compendium of reports to the memory of Flo Fabrizio.*







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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 2017-2018 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

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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 370 reports on a sweeping range of topics. During the 2017-2018 legislative session, it released 19 reports concerning a variety of issues, including horse racing; opioid addiction treatment; suicide among college students; alternate dispute resolution; school district consolidation; voting technology; diabetes prevention and maintenance programs; environmental laws; capital punishment; evidence-based decision making; motor vehicle emissions testing; and probate, estates, and fiduciaries.

The Commission also plays an integral part in developing and drafting legislation for the General Assembly. During the 2017-18 legislative session of the General Assembly, 106 pieces of legislation can be traced to the work of the Commission and its advisory committees. This legislation involves such topics as alternative dispute resolution; capital punishment; child protection; childhood obesity; children of incarcerated parents; college student suicide; constables; common ownership interest communities; cybersecurity; decedents' estates; diabetes; domestic relations; geriatric inmates; health care professionals; homelessness; horse racing; human trafficking; indigent defense; juvenile justice; mental health; protection from abuse orders; school discipline; school safety; truancy; veterans services and programs; violence prevention; voting technology; waiting lists for community-based intellectual disability services; and wrongful convictions. Ten of these pieces of legislation -- bills concerning child protection; children of incarcerated parents; college student suicide prevention; human trafficking; outpatient mental health treatment; school safety drills; and protection from abuse orders -- have been enacted into law.

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 2017-18 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

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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,<sup>4</sup> 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.”<sup>5</sup>

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.<sup>6</sup>

The members of the Executive Committee during the 2017-18 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>	Dave L. Reed <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>	Bryan D. Cutler <i>Majority Whip</i>
Anthony H. Williams <i>Minority Whip</i>	Michael K. Hanna <i>Minority Whip</i>
Robert B. Mensch <i>Chair, Majority Caucus</i>	Sandra J. Major <i>Chair, Majority Caucus</i>
Wayne D. Fontana <i>Chair, Minority Caucus</i>	Dan B. Frankel <i>Chair, Minority Caucus</i>

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<sup>4</sup> Act of July 1, 1937, *supra* note 1.

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* § 1.

<sup>6</sup> *Id.*

By statute, the Executive Committee selects a chairman of the Commission from among the members of the General Assembly.<sup>7</sup> 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 61-62 of this report.

During the 2017-18 legislative session of the General Assembly, Representative Florindo J. Fabrizio and Senator John C. Rafferty, Jr., served as the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Commission.

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<sup>7</sup> Act of July 1, 1937, *supra* note 1, § 1.

## POWERS AND DUTIES

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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.<sup>8</sup> 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.<sup>9</sup>

### *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.

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<sup>8</sup> *Id.* §§ 2(a) & 3.

<sup>9</sup> *Id.* § 1.

## *Advisory Committees*

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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.

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## *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.

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<sup>10</sup> See *supra* note 2.



## *Reports*

The Commission periodically reports its findings and recommendations, along with any proposed legislation, to the General Assembly.<sup>11</sup> 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.

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<sup>11</sup> Act of July 1, 1937, *supra* note 1, § 2(c).

<sup>12</sup> *See supra* note 3.

*In late 2016, the House took steps against the opioid crisis in announcing a package of bills stemming from House Resolution 659  
Report of the Task Force and Advisory Committee on Opioid Prescription Drug Proliferation.*



## STAFF

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The Joint State Government Commission “shall employ a director and such professional, technical, clerical and other assistance as may be deemed necessary.”<sup>13</sup>

Throughout the 2017-18 legislative session of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, the staff of the Commission has generally consisted of 12 individuals and included five attorneys, three 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 2018.

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
Stephen J. Kramer	Staff Attorney
Kahla M. Lukens	Administrative Assistant
Glenn J. Pasewicz	Executive Director
Grant Rosul	Staff Attorney

In addition, the Commission engaged the services of two other individuals as public policy interns in 2017 and 2018: Jonas Ricci (Summer 2017)<sup>14</sup> and Amr Hassanein (2018).<sup>15</sup>

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<sup>13</sup> Act of July 1, 1937, *supra* note 1, § 1; *infra* p. 59.

<sup>14</sup> Mr. Ricci served in this position while attended West Chester University of Pennsylvania.

<sup>15</sup> Mr. Hassanein served in this position while attending Lebanon Valley College.



## STUDIES IN PROGRESS DURING 2017-18

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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 2017-18 legislation session of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, Commission staff members were engaged in the following studies:<sup>16</sup>

- **Ongoing Studies:**

- Consumer Credit
- Decedents' Estates (Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries)
- Diabetes
- Domestic Relations
- 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:**

- Addiction Treatment Services
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Capital Punishment
- College Student Immunizations
- Evidence-Based Decision Making
- Environmental Laws
- Grandfamilies – Grandparents Raising Their Grandchildren
- Horse Racing
- Lead Exposure
- LongTerm Healthcare Workforce Needs

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<sup>16</sup> This list does not include work on other studies that were completed prior to the 2015-16 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.

- Merger of the Department of Transportation and the Turnpike Commission
- Motor Vehicle Emissions Testing
- Opioid Addiction Treatment
- Reducing the Number of School Districts in Pennsylvania
- Student Suicide in Higher Education
- Secondary School Start Times
- Teacher Certification
- Truancy Procedures
- Unmanned Aircraft Systems
- Voting System Technology
- Workplace Sexual Harassment and Misconduct
- Youth Courts

### *Ongoing Studies*

During 2017-18, the Commission was actively engaged in the above-listed studies. The table below provides the following information regarding the ongoing studies:

- The enabling resolution or statute for the study, along with the prime sponsor of the enabling resolution
- The current members of the legislative task force associated with the study, if such a task force was established<sup>17</sup>
- The approximate number of advisory committee members serving on the study, if an advisory committee was established

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<sup>17</sup> Task force membership only concerns those legislators serving during the 2015-16 legislative session of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania.; previous membership information is not provided.

STUDY	ENABLING RESOLUTION OR STATUTE	TASK FORCE	ADVISORY COMMITTEE
<b>Consumer Credit</b>	§ 20 of the act of December 9, 2002 (P.L.1446, No.186)	Rep. Chris Ross (Chair)  Rep. David Millard Sen. Dominic F. Pileggi	Approximately 20 members
<b>Decedents' Estates</b>	1945 Senate Resolution No. 46	Sen. Stewart J. Greenleaf (Chair)  Sen. Patrick M. Browne Sen. Jay Costa Rep. Michael K. Hanna Rep. C. Adam Harris	Approximately 30 members
<b>Diabetes</b>	2013 House Resolution No. 936 <i>Prime Sponsor:</i> Rep. Donna Oberlander	<i>STAFF STUDY</i>	
<b>Domestic Relations</b>	1993 Senate Resolution No. 43	Sen. Stewart J. Greenleaf (Chair)  Rep. Louise Williams Bishop Sen. Michele Brooks Sen. Arthur L. Haywood, III Sen. Daylin Leach Rep. Ron Marsico Rep. Joseph R. Petrarca Rep. Katharine M. Watson	Approximately 30 members
<b>Information Disclosure of the State-Related Universities ("Stairs")</b>	§§ 2017-A(a) and (c), 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>	
<b>Instructional Output and Faculty Salary Costs of State-Related and State-Owned Universities ("Snyder")</b>	§§ 2017-A(a) and (c), 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>	
<b>Public Health</b>	2007 Senate Resolution No. 194 <i>Prime Sponsor:</i> Sen. Stewart J. Greenleaf	Sen. Edwin B. Erickson (Chair)  Sen. James Ferlo Sen. Stewart J. Greenleaf Sen. Shirley M. Kitchen	Approximately 30 members
<b>Real Property</b>	2002 Senate Resolution No. 244		
<b>Truancy Procedures</b>	§ 1333.4 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949	Study is a retroactive review of new truancy laws and begins in five years	TBD

## *Reports for Ongoing Studies*

During the 2017-18 legislative session of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, the Commission published seven reports involving its ongoing studies, as reflected in the following chart.

<b>RELEASE DATE</b>	<b>TITLE OF REPORT</b>
January 2017	<i>Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries: Proposed Amendments to Titles 15 and 20 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes</i>
February 2017	<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 2017	<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>
February 2018	<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 2018	<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>
February 2018	<i>Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries: Proposed Amendments to Title 20 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes</i>
March 2018	<i>Diabetes in Pennsylvania: Prevention and Maintenance Programs</i>



***Studies Completed in 2017-2018***

<b>STUDY</b>	<b>ENABLING RESOLUTION OR STATUTE</b>	<b>TASK FORCE</b>	<b>ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Addiction Treatment Services</b>	2015 Senate Resolution 267 <i>Prime Sponsor:</i> Sen. Judith L. Schwank	--	40 members
<b>Alternative Dispute Resolution</b>	2005 Senate Resolution 160 <i>Prime Sponsor:</i> Sen. Stewart J. Greenleaf	Sen. Stewart J. Greenleaf (Chair) Sen. Patrick M. Browne Sen. Jay Costa, Jr. Sen. Michael A. O’Pake (Deceased Dec. 27, 2010)  Rep. Scott W. Boyd (Retired 2012) Rep. Shawn T. Flaherty (2006 only) Rep. John P. Sabatina, Jr. Rep. Michael C. Turzai	23 members
<b>Capital Punishment</b>	2011 Senate Resolution No. 6 <i>Prime Sponsor:</i> Sen. Stewart J. Greenleaf	Sen. Stewart J. Greenleaf (Chair)  Sen. Lisa M. Boscola Sen. Daylin B. Leach Sen. John C. Rafferty, Jr.	30 members
<b>Environmental Laws</b>	2015 Senate Resolution 385 <i>Prime Sponsor:</i> Sen. Michele Brooks	<i>STAFF STUDY</i>	
<b>Evidence-Based Decision Making</b>	2015 Senate Resolution 294 <i>Prime Sponsor:</i> Sen. Patrick J. Stephano	<i>STAFF STUDY</i>	
<b>Horse Racing</b>	§ 4.1 of the act of Feb. 23, 2016, P.L. 15, No. 7 <i>Prime Sponsor:</i> Rep. Mike Regan  2015 Houser Resolution 616 <i>Prime Sponsor:</i> Rep. Michael T. Clauser	<i>STAFF STUDY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE INDEPENDENT FISCAL OFFICE</i>	
<b>Motor Vehicle Emissions Testing</b>	2017 Senate Resolution 168 <i>Prime Sponsor:</i> Sen. Wayne Langerholc, Jr.	--	8 members
<b>Opioid Addiction Treatment</b>	2015 House Resolution 893 <i>Prime Sponsor:</i> Rep. Harry Readshaw	<i>STAFF STUDY</i>	
<b>Reducing the Number of School Districts</b>	2015 House Resolution 910 <i>Prime Sponsor:</i> Rep. Michael A. Vereb	<i>STAFF STUDY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE INDEPENDENT FISCAL OFFICE</i>	

<b>STUDY</b>	<b>ENABLING RESOLUTION OR STATUTE</b>	<b>TASK FORCE</b>	<b>ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Suicide in Higher Education</b>	2015 Senate Resolution 7 <i>Prime Sponsor:</i> Sen. Vincent J. Hughes	--	25 members
<b>Unmanned Drones</b>	2015 Senate Resolution No. 238 <i>Prime Sponsor:</i> Sen. Anthony H. Williams	<i>STAFF STUDY</i>	
<b>Voting Technology</b>	2015 Senate Resolution 394 <i>Prime Sponsor:</i> Elder A. Vogel, Jr.	--	19 members

### ***Reports for Completed Studies***

The Commission completed a number of studies during the 2017-18 legislative session of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania. The following chart summarizes these reports and the resolution that prompted the study.

<b>RELEASE DATE</b>	<b>TITLE OF REPORT</b>
January 2017	<i>Unmanned Aircraft Systems in Pennsylvania</i>
March 2017	<i>Horse Racing in Pennsylvania</i>
June 2017	<i>Opioid Addiction Treatment in Pennsylvania</i>
June 2017	<i>Suicide Among College Students in Pennsylvania: Report of the Advisory Committee on College Student Suicide</i>
July 2017	<i>Alternative Dispute Resolution in Pennsylvania: Report of the Advisory Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution</i>
July 2017	<i>School Districts in Pennsylvania: Ways to Work Together</i>
December 2017	<i>Voting Technology in Pennsylvania: Report of the Advisory Committee on Voting Technology</i>
February 2018	<i>Report of the Advisory Committee on Addiction Treatment Services</i>
April 2018	<i>Environmental Laws of Pennsylvania</i>
June 2018	<i>Capital Punishment in Pennsylvania: The Report of the Task Force and Advisory Committee</i>
July 2018	<i>Evidence-Based Decision Making by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania</i>
October 2018	<i>Motor Vehicle Emissions Testing – Pennsylvania’s Program</i>

### *Studies Commenced But Not Completed*

Several resolutions and a statutory amendment were adopted during the 2017-18 legislative session of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania which directed the Commission to conduct nine additional studies whose deadlines occur after December 2018. The following chart lists the topic of these proposed studies, the enabling resolution, and the mandated deadline.

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>ENABLING RESOLUTION</b>	<b>TYPE OF STUDY</b>	<b>DUE DATE</b>
Long Term Health Care Workforce Needs	2018 House Resolution 754 <i>Prime Sponsor:</i> Rep. Kerry A. Benninghoff	Staff Study assisted by working group	April 10, 2019
Grandfamilies	2017 House Resolution 390 <i>Prime Sponsor:</i> Rep. Eddie Day Pashinksi	Staff Study assisted by working group	April 17, 2019
Lead Exposure	2017 Senate Resolution 33 <i>Prime Sponsor:</i> Sen. John T. Yudichak	Advisory Committee	April 19, 2019
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	June 1, 2019
Workplace Sexual Harassment and Misconduct	2018 House Resolution 829 <i>Prime Sponsor:</i> Rep. Sheryl M. Delozier	Staff Study	June 18, 2019
Merger of PennDOT and the Turnpike Commission	2018 Senate Resolution 209 <i>Prime Sponsor:</i> Sen. John C. Rafferty, Jr.	Staff Study	July 24, 2019
Youth Courts	2017 Senate Resolution 32 <i>Prime Sponsor:</i> Lawrence M. Farnese, Jr.	Advisory Committee	July 30, 2019
Secondary School Start Times	2018 Senate Resolution 417 <i>Prime Sponsor:</i> Sen. Andrew E. Dinniman	Advisory Committee	October 17, 2019
College Student Immunizations	2018 Senate Resolution 292 <i>Prime Sponsor:</i> Sen. Donald C. White	Staff Study	April 2, 2020

## *Studies Proposed*

Finally, several other resolutions or statutes were introduced during the 2017-18 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.

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>ENABLING RESOLUTION OR STATUTE</b>
Opioid abuse epidemic impact on children	2017 House Bill 235
Impact of local tax policies	2017 House Resolution 109
Animal abuse prevention	2017 Senate Resolution 35
Food deserts	2017 House Resolution 154
Workplace pay disparity	2017 House Resolution 174
Law enforcement responses to civil disobedience	2017 Senate Resolution 37
Sexual violence on college campuses	2017 Senate Resolution 57
Public construction laws	2017 Senate Resolution 62
Executive agency transfer of power/consolidations	2017 House Bill 1248
Veterans' services and programs	2017 House Bill 1300
Transportation laws	2017 Senate Resolution 102
Education laws	2017 Senate Resolution 103
Prescription drug pricing	2017 House Resolution 346
Alternative education programs	2017 House Resolution 361
Delivery of highspeed broadband services to underserved areas	2017 House Resolution 429

TOPIC	ENABLING RESOLUTION OR STATUTE
Audit and study of compliance of nonrural telecommunications carriers with Public Utility Code and universal service deployment mandates	2017 House Resolution 430
Decriminalize/legalize marijuana	2017 House Resolution 567
Pesticide exposure and poisoning	2018 House Resolution 759
Comprehensive review of school safety	2018 Senate Resolution 392
Statewide school security program	2018 House Resolution 798
Youth mental health diagnostic and treatment systems	2018 House Resolution 804
Gun violence as a public health crisis	2018 House Resolution 837
Prevention of sexual harassment	2018 House Resolution 684
Safety of prison staff and corrections officers	2018 House Resolution 906
Cultural and creative districts	2018 Senate Resolution 383
Secondary school start times	2018 House Resolution 991
Election Law Advisory Board	2018 House Bill 2562
Computer science education	2018 House Resolution 1036
Medical marijuana	2018 House Resolution 1037
Mental health provider shortage	2018 House Resolution 1109



## LEGISLATION DURING 2017-18

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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;<sup>18</sup> the Domestic Relations Code;<sup>19</sup> and Title 24 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes (Education).<sup>20</sup>

### *Legislation Enacted*

Ten bills, based on or inspired by the work of the Commission, were introduced during the 2017-18 legislative session of the General Assembly and enacted into law. This enacted legislation involves child protection; violence prevention; protection from abuse orders; human trafficking; college student suicide; wrongful convictions and probate, estates, and fiduciaries.

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.

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<sup>18</sup> 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.

<sup>19</sup> Title 23 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes. This legislation has included, for example, such topics as adoption, custody, divorce, and equitable distribution.

<sup>20</sup> Specifically, Chapter 93, relating to public libraries.

ACT	BILL NUMBER	SUBJECT MATTER
Act of June 29, 2017 (P.L. 246, No.12) Amends 18 Pa.C.S.	2017 HB 217	Increases the grading of the offense of endangering the welfare of a child if the child is under six years of age Child Protection - November 2012
Act of October 20, 2017 (P.L.725, No.44) Amends the Fiscal Code	2017 HB674	Creates the First Chance Trust Fund to provide private scholarships to at-risk youth Children of Incarcerated Parents – December 2011
Act of November 6, 2017 (P.L.1142, No.55) Amends Public School Code of 1949	2017 HB 178	School safety drills Violence Prevention – December 2013
Act of April 16, 2018 (P.L. 89, No.14) Amends 18 Pa.C.S.	2017 HB 449	Allows for use of risk assessment tool in issuing a protection from abuse order Protection from Abuse – November 2016
Act of October 12, 2018 (P.L.519, No.79) Amends 18 and 23 Pa.C.S.	2018 HB 2060	Firearms relinquishment in protection from abuse cases Protection from Abuse – November 2016
Act of October 24, 2018 (P.L.649, No.92) Amends 23 Pa.C.S.	2017 HB 44	Notification to court of child abuse investigations in PFA petitions Child Protection – November 2012
Act of October 24, 2018 (P.L.690, No.106) Amends the Mental Health Procedures Act	2017 HB 1233	Assisted outpatient treatment Violence Prevention – December 2013
Act of October 24, 2018 (P.L.711, No. 110) Amends 24 Pa.C.S.	2017 HB 1822	Suicide prevention in institutions of higher learning Suicide Among College Students – June 2017
Act of October 24, 2018 (P.L.797, No.130) Amends 18 and 42 Pa.C.S.	2017 SB 554	Safe harbor in human trafficking Human Trafficking – June 2012
Act of October 24, 2018 (P.L.894, No.915) Amends 42 Pa.C.S.	2018 SB 915	Post-conviction relief on new evidence Wrongful Convictions – September 2011



## *Legislation Introduced*

Numerous bills based on the work of the Commission or on which the Commission was directly consulted during the legislative process were introduced during the 2017-18 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

<b>CHILD PROTECTION</b>			
<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>P.N.</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
310	Child abuse training for police officers and minor judiciary	310	Referred to H. Judiciary February 3, 2017
1527	Revisions to mandated reporter	4055	Passed House (195-0) Second consideration in Senate September 25, 2018

<b>CHILDHOOD OBESITY</b>			
<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>P.N.</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
1927	Create the Childhood Wellness Council	2719	Referred to H. Education November 16, 2017

<b>CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS</b>			
<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>P.N.</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
704	Termination of parental rights; training of police officers	754	Referred to H. Judiciary March 3, 2017
1085	Establish the Pennsylvania Interagency Council on Inmate Reentry	1281	Referred to H. Judiciary April 7, 2017
1690	Provide community-based sentencing alternatives for primary caretakers	2275	Referred to H. Judiciary August 15, 2017

<b>COLLEGE STUDENT SUICIDE</b>			
<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>P.N.</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
1140	24-hour access to individuals trained in suicide prevention	1363	Referred to H. Education April 12, 2017

<b>CONSTABLES</b>			
<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>P.N.</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
1434	Prohibits felons and sex offenders from serving as constables; increases fees	1827	Referred to H. Judiciary May 24, 2017

<b>CYBERSECURITY</b>			
<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>P.N.</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
32	Establish the Cybersecurity Innovation and Excellence Commission	39	Laid on table after first consideration September 24, 2018
33	Cybersecurity breach notification update	40	Referred to H. Commerce January 23, 2017
35	Cybersecurity breach	42	Referred to H. Commerce January 23, 2017
36	Cybersecurity breach	43	Referred to H. Commerce January 23, 2017

<b>DECEDENTS' ESTATES</b>			
<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>P.N.</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
383	Disposition of decedent's remains	386	Removed from the table after first consideration September 26, 2018
1196	Pa. orders for life-sustaining treatment (POLST)	2373	Re-referred to H. Health September 26, 2017

<b>DIABETES</b>			
<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>P.N.</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
747	Diabetes testing prior to school admission	813	Referred to H. Health March 7, 2017

<b>DOMESTIC RELATIONS</b>			
<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>P.N.</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
60	Permissible reimbursable expenses in adoptions	152	Referred to H. Children and Youth January 24, 2017

<b>GERIATRIC INMATES</b>			
<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>P.N.</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
2046	Medical release and early parole program	2966	Referred to H. Judiciary January 31, 2018

<b>HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS</b>			
<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>P.N.</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
833	Daily nursing staff reports by hospitals	915	Referred to H. Health March 13, 2017
1500	Minimum nurse to patient ratios in hospitals	2030	Referred to H. Health June 16, 2017
2092	Profession nurse staffing standards	3037	Referred to H. Health February 26, 2018

<b>HOMELESSNESS</b>			
<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>P.N.</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
1076	Tax incentives for land banks to rehabilitate blighted properties	1354	Laid on table after first consideration April 17, 2018
1077	Tax incentives for land banks to rehabilitate blighted properties	1275	Referred to H. Finance April 7, 2017
1108	Educational stability for children in foster care	1358	Referred to H. Children & Youth April 16, 2017
1109	Educational stability for children in foster care	1359	Referred to H. Judiciary April 12, 2017

<b>HORSE RACING</b>			
<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>P.N.</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
519	Legal sports/fantasy betting through licensed gaming facilities (JSGC report stated that if sports betting was authorized, it would be detrimental to the horse racing industry unless limited to licensed facilities)	1552	Laid on table after first consideration June 19, 2017
2659	Join the Interstate Anti-Doping and Drug Testing Standards Compact	4041	Referred to Agriculture and Rural Affairs September 24, 2018

<b>HUMAN TRAFFICKING</b>			
<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>P.N.</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
525	Safe harbor for child victims	549	Referred to H. Judiciary February 15, 2017
2029	Expand upon 2014 enactments	2931	Referred to H. Judiciary January 24, 2018

<b>INDIGENT DEFENSE</b>			
<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>P.N.</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
507	Legal representation	533	Referred to H. Judiciary February 15, 2017
2294	Court fee waivers for indigents	3424	Referred to H. Judiciary April 23, 2018

<b>JUVENILES</b>			
<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>P.N.</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
1581	Prohibiting solitary confinement for vulnerable populations	2063	Referred to H. Judiciary June 19, 2017
2214	Prohibiting solitary confinement for vulnerable populations	3280	Referred to H. Judiciary April 6, 2018

<b>MENTAL HEALTH</b>			
<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>P.N.</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
440	Mental health parity insurance coverage	456	Referred to H. Insurance February 10, 2017
449	Remove 30 limitation in definition of clear and present danger in Mental Health Procedures Act (MHPA)	470	Referred to H. Judiciary February 13, 2017
710	Loan forgiveness program for persons entering mental health, intellectual disability or drug/alcohol treatment professions	760	Referred to H. Human Services March 3, 2017
825	Mental health bed registry	2919	Passed the House (187-0) January 24, 2018 Referred to Sen. Health and Human Services January 26, 2018
842	Mental Health First Aid USA Program as authorized continuing education	924	Referred to Professional Licensure March 13, 2017
1265	Create Mental Health Advisory Committee in Pa. Commission on Crime and Delinquency	1533	Referred to H. Judiciary April 24, 2017

<b>PROTECTION FROM ABUSE ORDERS</b>			
<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>P.N.</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
1099	Service of PFAs	1293	Referred to H. Judiciary April 7, 2017
1100	Accelerated hearing on FPA request	1294	Referred to H. Judiciary April 7, 2017
1211	Waiver of replacement fees for documents of domestic violence victims	1419	Referred to H. Judiciary April 12, 2017
1247	Provides for sheriff escort while serving PFA; extension of PFA during incarceration; search and seizure of weapons	1491	Referred to H. Judiciary April 19, 2017
1337	GPS monitoring	1656	Referred to H. Judiciary May 5, 2017
1540	Court ordered drug, alcohol and mental health evaluations	1997	Referred to H. Judiciary June 13, 2017
1632	Cancellation of shared telephone contracts	2178	Referred to H. Judiciary June 28, 2017
2015	Permitting electronic GPS monitoring	2896	Referred to H. Judiciary January 22, 2018

<b>SCHOOL DISCIPLINE</b>			
<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>P.N.</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
715	Prohibit suspension or expulsion of children who have not completed 5 <sup>th</sup> grade	1274	Referred to H. Education April 4, 2017
1308	Modifying zero tolerance school discipline policies	1615	Referred to H. Judiciary May 1, 2017

<b>STAIRS/SNYDER REPORTS – ANNUAL JSGC REPORTS OF STATE-RELATED AND STATE-OWNED COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SALARY AND BUDGET INFORMATION</b>			
<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>P.N.</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
1297	Require state-related universities to file report information in electronic form	1593	Referred to H. State Government April 27, 2017

<b>TRUANCY</b>			
<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>P.N.</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
327	Expand compulsory attendance/truancy rules to charter and cyber charter schools	323	Referred to H. Education February 3, 2017
2229	Expand compulsory school age to cover ages 6 to 18	3289	Referred to H. Education April 9, 2018

<b>VETERANS SERVICES AND PROGRAMS</b>			
<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>P.N.</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
1300	Requires JSGC 2016 report be updated every two years	1598	Referred to H. Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness April 28, 2017

<b>VIOLENCE PREVENTION</b>			
<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>P.N.</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
832	Reporting lost or stolen firearms	914	Referred to H. Judiciary March 13, 2017
1505	Childproof firearm safety locks	1924	Referred to H. Judiciary June 6, 2017
1635	Safe storage of firearms	2181	Referred to H. Judiciary June 28, 2017
2513	Prompt reporting of mental health records to federal database	3728	Referred to H. Judiciary June 18, 2018
2597	Safe storage of firearms	3913	Referred to H. Judiciary August 15, 2018
2598	Safe storage of firearms	3914	Referred to H. Judiciary August 15, 2018
2599	Reporting lost or stolen firearms	3915	Referred to H. Judiciary August 15, 2018

<b>VIOLENCE PREVENTION/SCHOOL SAFETY</b>			
<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>P.N.</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
2150	Increase funding for safe schools targeted grants	3210	Referred to H. Education March 27, 2018
2326	Allowing schools to conduct more security drills	3493	Referred to H. Education May 3, 2018
2452	School safety audits	3585	Referred to H. Education May 30, 2018
2466	School safety equipment and security drills	3632	Referred to H. Education June 6, 2018
2748	Training, licensure and certification of school security officers	4314	Referred to H. Education October 22, 2018

<b>VIOLENCE PREVENTION/SCHOOL SAFETY</b>			
2748	Emergency response drills in schools	4314	Referred to H. Education October 22, 2018

<b>VOTING TECHNOLOGY</b>			
<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>P.N.</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
2323	Voting equipment integrity	3470	Referred to H. State Government May 1, 2018
2575	Update election laws	3884	Referred to H. State Government July 30, 2018

<b>WAITING LIST FOR COMMUNITY BASED MENTAL RETARDATION SERVICES</b>			
<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>P.N.</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
625	Impose a nominal tax on insurance policy premiums to fund waiting list account for services to adults with intellectual abilities	662	Referred to H. Finance February 24, 2017
626	Impose an additional cigarette tax fund adult intellectual disabilities and autism waiting list account	663	Referred to H. Finance February 24, 2017
628	Impose a casino fee to fund intellectual disabilities and autism waiting list account	665	Referred to H. Gaming Oversight February 24, 2017
1457	Eliminate waiting list by mandating provision of benefits within 90 days of qualification	1857	Referred to H. Health May 5, 2017

<b>WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS</b>			
<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>P.N.</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
1129	Eyewitness identification procedures	1333	Referred to H. Judiciary April 10, 2017
2307	Post-Conviction Relief Act amendments	4067	Passed the House (193-0) October 10, 2018 Re-referred to Sen. Appropriations October 16, 2018
2308	Post-Conviction DNA testing	4068	Passed the House (190-3) October 10, 2018 Re-referred to Sen. Appropriations October 16, 2018

## SENATE BILLS

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
1132	Create the Pa. Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission	1644	Passed Sen. June 19, 2018 (45-3) Referred to H. Judiciary June 21, 2018

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
703	Repeal death penalty	810	Referred to Sen. Judiciary May 8, 2017

CHILD PROTECTION			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
65	Child Welfare Workers Loan Forgiveness Act	46	Referred to Sen. Education January 12, 2017
111	Background checks for hospital personnel and doctors	85	Referred to Sen. Health and Human Services January 13, 2017

CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
790	First Chance Trust Fund – scholarships for at-risk youths	1163	Re-referred to Sen. Appropriations September 20, 2017 <i>See</i> 2017 Act 44

CONSTABLES			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
927	Constable Professionalization Act	1257	Referred to Sen. Judiciary October 17, 2017

COMMON OWNERSHIP INTEREST COMMUNITIES			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
843	Data Transparency - require County Planning Commissions to include CIOC data in their currently-required annual report	1104	Referred to Sen. Local Government August 11, 2017



**CYBERSECURITY**

<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>P.N.</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
914	Creates the State Office of Information Technology	1230	Referred to Sen. Communication and Technology October 5, 2017

**DECEDENTS' ESTATES**

<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>P.N.</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
623	Pa. orders for life-sustaining treatment (POLST)	2027	Passed Sen. October 1, 2018 (47-1) Referred to House Health October 3, 2018
1115	Power of attorney amendments	2123	Referred to Sen. Judiciary October 1, 2018

**GERIATRIC INMATES**

<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>P.N.</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
1253	Medical release of seriously or terminally ill inmates	1978	Re-referred to Sen. Appropriations October 1, 2018

**HOMELESSNESS**

<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>P.N.</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
702	Educational stability for homeless children	1992	Referred to Sen. Education September 21, 2018

**HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS**

<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>P.N.</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
336	Reporting of daily nursing ratios	334	Referred to Sen. Health and Human Services February 15, 2017

**INDIGENT DEFENSE**

<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>P.N.</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
61	Creates the Pa. Center for Effective Indigent Defense Legal Representation	42	Referred to Sen. Judiciary January 12, 2017

<b>JUVENILES</b>			
<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>P.N.</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
61	Creates the Pa. Center for Effective Indigent Defense Legal Representation	42	Referred to Sen. Judiciary January 12, 2017
293	Eliminate felony murder (JSGC proposal was to reduce sentence for juveniles convicted for felony murder)	288	Referred to Sen. Judiciary February 6, 2017

<b>MENTAL HEALTH</b>			
<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>P.N.</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
134	Establishes Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Staff Member Loan Forgiveness Program and an Alcohol and Drug Addiction Counselor Loan Forgiveness Program	115	Referred to Sen. Education January 20, 2017
179	Establish real-time, voluntary reporting system to identify available psychiatric beds	1251	Re-referred to Sen. Appropriations November 13, 2017
599	Amend Mental Health Procedures Act to permit assisted outpatient treatment	676	Referred to Sen. Health and Human Services April 13, 2017

<b>PROTECTION FROM ABUSE ORDERS</b>			
<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>P.N.</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
196	Use of GPS monitoring	185	Passed Sen. December 12, 2017 (50-0) Referred to House Judiciary December 12, 2017
500	Victim protection during service of PFA	2082	Passed Sen. March 21, 2018 (50-0) First consideration in House October 9, 2018
501	Firearms relinquishment	1551	Passed Sen. March 21, 2018 (50-0) Referred to House Judiciary March 26, 2018
502	Tolling of PFA during abuser's incarceration	2083	Passed Sen. March 21, 2018 (50-0) First consideration in House October 9, 2018

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AND STATE-OWNED COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SALARY  
AND BUDGET INFORMATION**

<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>P.N.</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
466	Require state-related universities to file report information in electronic form	459	Referred to Sen. State Government March 1, 2017

**VIOLENCE PREVENTION**

<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>P.N.</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
115	Expand disqualifying offenses for firearms purchases to inchoate crimes – attempt, conspiracy	98	Referred to Sen. Judiciary January 20, 2017
117	Expand disqualifying offenses for firearms purchases to crimes of violence, sexual crimes and crimes against children	100	Referred to Sen. Judiciary January 20, 2017
386	Increase penalties for firearms straw purchases	386	Referred to Sen. Judiciary February 16, 2017
1162	Reporting lost or stolen firearms	1739	Referred to Sen. Judiciary May 7, 2018

**VIOLENCE PREVENTION/SCHOOL SAFETY**

<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>P.N.</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
35	Active shooter drills in schools	16	Referred to Sen. Education January 12, 2017
1103	Annual safety assessments; school resource officers	1617	Referred to Sen. Judiciary April 5, 2018

**VOTING TECHNOLOGY**

<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>P.N.</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
1249	Creation of Pa. Election Law Advisory Board	1975	Referred to Sen. State Government September 12, 2018

**WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS**

<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>P.N.</b>	<b>Last Action</b>
1053	Compensation for the wrongfully convicted	1487	Referred to Sen. Judiciary February 6, 2017



## PUBLICATIONS BY TOPIC

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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.

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.

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE LAW AND PROCEDURE</b>	
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>

<b>AGRICULTURE</b>	
March 2017	<i>Horse Racing in Pennsylvania</i>
January 2005	<i>Exotic Wildlife in Pennsylvania: A Report with Recommendations<sup>21</sup></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>

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<sup>21</sup> 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 Funding<sup>22</sup></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>

<sup>22</sup> Also listed under the topic "Health and Safety."

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

<b>CRIMES AND OFFENSES</b>	
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.105<sup>23</sup></i>
December 2013	<i>Violence Prevention in Pennsylvania -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Violence Prevention<sup>24</sup></i>
January 2013	<i>Report of the Advisory Committee on the Criminal Justice System in Philadelphia<sup>25</sup></i>
November 2012	<i>Child Protection In Pennsylvania: Proposed Recommendations -- Report of the Task Force on Child Protection<sup>26</sup></i>
June 2012	<i>Human Trafficking in Pennsylvania: Policy Recommendations and Proposed Legislation<sup>27</sup></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>

<b>DECEDENTS, ESTATES AND FIDUCIARIES</b>	
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>

<sup>23</sup> Also listed under the topic "Judiciary and Judicial Procedure."

<sup>24</sup> Also listed under the topic "Education."

<sup>25</sup> Also listed under the topic "Judiciary and Judicial Procedure."

<sup>26</sup> Also listed under the topics "Domestic Relations" and "Judiciary and Judicial Procedure."

<sup>27</sup> Also listed under the topic "Judiciary and Judicial Procedure."

<b>DECEDENTS, ESTATES AND FIDUCIARIES</b>	
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 Technologies<sup>28</sup></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 Technologies<sup>29</sup></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 Decedent's 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>

<sup>28</sup> Also listed under the topic "Domestic Relations."

<sup>29</sup> Also listed under the topic "Domestic Relations."



<b>DECEDENTS, ESTATES AND FIDUCIARIES</b>	
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 Comments<sup>30</sup></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 Comments<sup>31</sup></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 Statutes<sup>32</sup></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. 1741<sup>33</sup></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<sup>34</sup></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>

<sup>30</sup> Also listed under the topic "Taxation and Fiscal Affairs."

<sup>31</sup> Also listed under the topic "Taxation and Fiscal Affairs."

<sup>32</sup> Also listed under the topic "Taxation and Fiscal Affairs."

<sup>33</sup> Also listed under the topic "Domestic Relations."

<sup>34</sup> Also listed under the topic "Taxation and Fiscal Affairs."

<b>DECEDENTS, ESTATES AND FIDUCIARIES</b>	
1970	<i>Proposed Adoption Act<sup>35</sup></i>
1963	<i>Inheritance and Estate Tax Act of 1961, As Amended<sup>36</sup></i>
1959	<i>Proposed Inheritance and Estate Tax Act of 1959 -- Second Report of the Task Force on Decedents' Estates Laws<sup>37</sup></i>
June 1958	<i>Proposed Inheritance and Estate Tax Act of 1959 -- A Report of the Task Force on Decedents' Estates Laws<sup>38</sup></i>
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>

<sup>35</sup> Also listed under the topic "Domestic Relations."

<sup>36</sup> Also listed under the topic "Taxation and Fiscal Affairs."

<sup>37</sup> Also listed under the topic "Taxation and Fiscal Affairs."

<sup>38</sup> Also listed under the topic "Taxation and Fiscal Affairs."

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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**

April 1980	<i>Private Detectives and Security Business: Proposed Title 22 [of the] Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes</i>
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**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 Protection<sup>39</sup></i>
May 2008	<i>The Proposed Pennsylvania Assisted Reproductive Technologies Act -- Report of the Subcommittee on Assisted Reproductive Technologies<sup>40</sup></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 Technologies<sup>41</sup></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>
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>

<sup>39</sup> Also listed under the topics "Crimes and Offenses" and "Judiciary and Judicial Procedure."

<sup>40</sup> Also listed under the topic "Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries."

<sup>41</sup> Also listed under the topic "Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries."

<b>DOMESTIC RELATIONS</b>	
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. 1741</i> <sup>42</sup>
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 Act</i> <sup>43</sup>
June 1961	<i>Proposed Marriage and Divorce Codes for Pennsylvania</i>
1951	<i>Child Placement and Adoption</i>

<b>EDUCATION</b>	
1996-2018	<i>Information Disclosure of the State-Related Universities</i> <sup>44</sup>
1975-2018	<i>Instructional Output and Faculty Salary Costs of the State-Related and State-Owned Universities</i> <sup>45</sup>
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 Prevention</i> <sup>46</sup>
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 Records</i> <sup>47</sup>
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>

<sup>42</sup> Also listed under the topic "Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries."

<sup>43</sup> Also listed under the topic "Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries."

<sup>44</sup> The titles of these reports have varied slightly over the years.

<sup>45</sup> The titles of these reports have varied slightly over the years.

<sup>46</sup> Also listed under the topic "Crimes and Offenses."

<sup>47</sup> Also listed under the topic "Health and Safety."

<b>EDUCATION</b>	
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 Concern</i> <sup>48</sup>
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 Services</i> <sup>49</sup>
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>

<b>ELECTIONS</b>	
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>

<sup>48</sup> Also listed under the topics “Health and Safety” and “Judiciary and Judicial Procedure.”

<sup>49</sup> Also listed under the topic “Health and Safety.”

<b>ELECTIONS</b>	
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>

<b>EMINENT DOMAIN</b>	
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>

<b>ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES</b>	
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 Landslide<sup>50</sup></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>

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

<sup>50</sup> Also listed under the topics “Municipalities Generally” and “Real and Personal Property.”



<b>FISH</b>	
June 1976	<i>Funding the Game and Fish Commissions</i> <sup>51</sup>
July 1962	<i>Observations and Recommendations of the Wildlife Management Institute, Washington, D.C. re: Pennsylvania Fish Commission and Pennsylvania Game Commission</i> <sup>52</sup>
January 1949	<i>Susquehanna River Fishways</i>
March 1947	<i>Report on Fish and Game Commissions</i> <sup>53</sup>

<b>FORESTS, WATERS AND STATE PARKS</b>	
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>

<b>GAME</b>	
January 2005	<i>Exotic Wildlife in Pennsylvania: A Report with Recommendations</i> <sup>54</sup>
June 1976	<i>Funding the Game and Fish Commissions</i> <sup>55</sup>
July 1962	<i>Observations and Recommendations of the Wildlife Management Institute, Washington, D.C. re: Pennsylvania Fish Commission and Pennsylvania Game Commission</i> <sup>56</sup>
March 1947	<i>Report on Fish and Game Commissions</i> <sup>57</sup>

<b>HEALTH AND SAFETY</b>	
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>

<sup>51</sup> Also listed under the topic "Game."

<sup>52</sup> Also listed under the topic "Game."

<sup>53</sup> Also listed under the topic "Game."

<sup>54</sup> Also listed under the topic "Agriculture."

<sup>55</sup> Also listed under the topic "Fish."

<sup>56</sup> Also listed under the topic "Fish."

<sup>57</sup> Also listed under the topic "Fish."

<b>HEALTH AND SAFETY</b>	
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> <sup>58</sup>
January 2007	<i>Report of the Senate Select Committee on Tobacco Settlement Funding</i> <sup>59</sup>
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> <sup>60</sup>
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> <sup>61</sup>
January 1987	<i>Laws Relating to Blindness: A Compilation of Pennsylvania Statutes</i>
May 1977	<i>Fire Service Needs in the Commonwealth</i>

<sup>58</sup> Also listed under the topic "Education."

<sup>59</sup> Also listed under the topic "Commerce and Trade."

<sup>60</sup> Also listed under the topic "Judiciary and Judicial Procedure."

<sup>61</sup> Also listed under the topics "Education" and "Judiciary and Judicial Procedure."



<b>HEALTH AND SAFETY</b>	
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<sup>62</sup></i>
1955	<i>School Health Services<sup>63</sup></i>
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>

<b>HISTORICAL AND MUSEUMS</b>	
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>

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

<b>INSURANCE</b>	
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>

<sup>62</sup> Also listed under the topic "Mines and Mining."

<sup>63</sup> Also listed under the topic "Education."

<b>INSURANCE</b>	
May 1965	<i>Pennsylvania National Guard Insurance</i> <sup>64</sup>

<b>JUDICIARY AND JUDICIAL PROCEDURE</b>	
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> <sup>65</sup>
January 2013	<i>Report of the Advisory Committee on the Criminal Justice System in Philadelphia</i> <sup>66</sup>
November 2012	<i>Child Protection In Pennsylvania: Proposed Recommendations -- Report of the Task Force on Child Protection</i> <sup>67</sup>
June 2012	<i>Human Trafficking in Pennsylvania: Policy Recommendations and Proposed Legislation</i> <sup>68</sup>
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>
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> <sup>69</sup>
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> <sup>70</sup>
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>

<sup>64</sup> Also listed under the topics “State Government” and “Workmen’s Compensation.”

<sup>65</sup> Also listed under the topic “Crimes and Offenses.”

<sup>66</sup> Also listed under the topic “Crimes and Offenses.”

<sup>67</sup> Also listed under the topics “Crimes and Offenses” and “Domestic Relations.”

<sup>68</sup> Also listed under the topic “Crimes and Offenses.”

<sup>69</sup> Also listed under the topic “Health and Safety.”

<sup>70</sup> Also listed under the topics “Education” and “Health and Safety.”

<b>LABOR</b>	
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>

<b>LAW AND JUSTICE</b>	
April 2014	<i>Constables in Pennsylvania: Proposed Statutory Reforms</i>

<b>LEGISLATURE</b>	
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>

<b>LEGISLATURE</b>	
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>

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

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

<b>MENTAL HEALTH</b>	
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 Commission<sup>71</sup></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>

<b>MILITARY AFFAIRS</b>	
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>

<sup>71</sup> Also listed under the topic "Prisons and Parole."

<b>MINES AND MINING</b>	
February 1963	<i>Coal in Pennsylvania: Recent Development and Prospects</i>
March 1959	<i>Anthracosilicosis and Commonwealth Expenditures Under the Occupational Disease Law<sup>72</sup></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>
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>

<b>MUNICIPALITIES GENERALLY</b>	
March 2012	<i>Developments of Regional Significance and Impact: Findings and Recommendations -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Developments of Regional Significance and Impact<sup>73</sup></i>
June 2008	<i>The Kilbuck Township Landslide: Findings and Recommendations -- Report of the Task Force and Advisory Committee on the Kilbuck Township Landslide<sup>74</sup></i>
April 1945	<i>Municipal Authorities -- A Report of the Committee on Municipal Authorities of the Joint State Government Commission</i>

<b>PRISONS AND PAROLE</b>	
May 2014	<i>Mental Health Services and the Criminal Justice System in Pennsylvania -- Report of the Joint State Government Commission<sup>75</sup></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>

<sup>72</sup> Also listed under the topic "Health and Safety."

<sup>73</sup> Also listed under the topic "Real and Personal Property."

<sup>74</sup> Also listed under the topics "Environmental Resources" and "Real and Personal Property."

<sup>75</sup> Also listed under the topic "Mental Health."

<b>PROCUREMENT</b>	
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>

<b>PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS (STATE LICENSED)</b>	
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>

<b>PUBLIC UTILITIES</b>	
October 1983	<i>Separating Transportation from Fixed Utility Regulations Under the Public Utility Commission<sup>76</sup></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>

<b>PUBLIC WELFARE</b>	
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>

<sup>76</sup> Also listed under the topic "Transportation."

<b>REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY</b>	
March 2012	<i>Developments of Regional Significance and Impact: Findings and Recommendations -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Developments of Regional Significance and Impact</i> <sup>77</sup>
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 Landslide</i> <sup>78</sup>
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>

<b>STATE GOVERNMENT</b>	
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>

<sup>77</sup> Also listed under the topic "Municipalities Generally."

<sup>78</sup> Also listed under the topics "Environmental Resources" and "Municipalities Generally."



<b>STATE GOVERNMENT</b>	
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>
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 Insurance<sup>79</sup></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>

<sup>79</sup> Also listed under the topics "Insurance" and "Workmen's Compensation."



<b>STATE GOVERNMENT</b>	
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>

<b>TAXATION AND FISCAL AFFAIRS</b>	
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<sup>80</sup></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 Comments<sup>81</sup></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 Statutes<sup>82</sup></i>
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<sup>83</sup></i>
1963	<i>Inheritance and Estate Tax Act of 1961, As Amended<sup>84</sup></i>
1959	<i>Proposed Inheritance and Estate Tax Act of 1959 -- Second Report of the Task Force on Decedents' Estates Laws<sup>85</sup></i>
June 1958	<i>Proposed Inheritance and Estate Tax Act of 1959 -- A Report of the Task Force on Decedents' Estates Laws<sup>86</sup></i>
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>

<sup>80</sup> Also listed under the topic "Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries."

<sup>81</sup> Also listed under the topic "Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries."

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<b>TAXATION AND FISCAL AFFAIRS</b>	
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>
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</i>

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

<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	
January 2017	<i>Unmanned Aircraft Systems in Pennsylvania</i>
October 1983	<i>Separating Transportation from Fixed Utility Regulations Under the Public Utility Commission<sup>87</sup></i>
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>

<b>VEHICLES</b>	
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>

<sup>87</sup> Also listed under the topic “Public Utilities.”

<b>VEHICLES</b>	
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>

<b>WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION</b>	
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> <sup>88</sup>

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<sup>88</sup> Also listed under the topics "Insurance" and "State Government."

## ENABLING LEGISLATION

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**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.

<b>Year(s)</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Vice-Chair</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
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 <sup>89</sup>
2001-02	Sen. Roger A. Madigan		Rep. Jeffrey W. Coy
1999-2000	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 <sup>90</sup>	Sen. Roger A. Madigan	Rep. Robert W. O'Donnell <i>Speaker of the House</i>	Rep. Ivan Itkin <i>Majority Whip</i>
1990 <sup>91</sup>	Sen. Roger A. Madigan		Rep. Robert W. O'Donnell <i>Majority Leader</i>
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>

<sup>89</sup> Resigned September 2, 2004 from the House of Representatives.

<sup>90</sup> June 1 through the end of the session.

<sup>91</sup> January 2 - June 1.

<b>Year(s)</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Vice-Chair</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
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	
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