



House Intergovernmental Affairs & Operations Committee

Meeting Agenda

Monday, May 12th, 2025

9:00 AM-10:30 AM

205 Ryan Office Building

Call to Order

Roll call

Vote on the following:

- HB 41 - (Conklin) – Allows the PIAA to create separate championships for public schools and private, charter, or parochial schools.
- HB 169 - (Merski) – Allows the sale of Pennsylvania State Police Vehicles to local police departments.
- HB 276 - (Dellosa) – Creates an Employee Misclassification Working Group.
- HR 166 - (O'Mara) – Recognizes the longstanding relationship between Pennsylvania and Taiwan.

Questions/Comments

Any other business

Adjournment

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 41

Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY CONKLIN, SANCHEZ, HILL-EVANS, WARNER AND HARKINS,
JANUARY 10, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND
OPERATIONS, JANUARY 10, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," in interscholastic athletics
6 accountability, providing for playoffs and championships.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known
10 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a
11 section to read:

12 Section 1606-A. Playoffs and Championships.--(a) The
13 association may establish separate playoffs and championships
14 for athletics for boundary schools and nonboundary schools.

15 (b) (1) Prior to establishing separate playoffs and
16 championships for athletics under subsection (a), the board and
17 the oversight committee shall conduct at least one joint meeting
18 in each of the districts that comprise the association.

19 (2) The meetings shall be open to the public in accordance

1 with 65 Pa.C.S. § 704 (relating to open meetings).

2 (3) Notice of each meeting shall be given in compliance with
3 65 Pa.C.S. § 709 (relating to public notice).

4 (4) Minutes of the proceedings of each meeting shall be kept
5 in accordance with 65 Pa.C.S. § 706 (relating to minutes of
6 meetings, public records and recording of meetings).

7 (5) The board and oversight committee shall accept sworn
8 testimony and comments from individuals relating to whether
9 playoffs should or should not be separated for all or certain
10 athletics for boundary and nonboundary schools. The board and
11 the oversight committee may accept written testimony during each
12 meeting and comments through electronic submission, which must
13 be submitted no later than ten (10) days after the last
14 scheduled public meeting.

15 (c) (1) No later than ten (10) days after the meetings in
16 subsection (b) are complete, the board shall hold an open
17 meeting pursuant to 65 Pa.C.S. § 704 to deliberate the
18 establishment of separate playoffs and championships for
19 athletics for boundary and nonboundary schools.

20 (2) At the open meetings, the board shall discuss all of the
21 following:

22 (i) Whether the association will require that all sports,
23 certain sports or no sports conduct separate playoffs and
24 championships for boundary and nonboundary schools.

25 (ii) If a determination is made that separate playoffs and
26 championships will be required, the board shall discuss the
27 fiscal impact the requirement may or may not have on boundary
28 and nonboundary schools.

29 (iii) All relevant testimony and comments provided during
30 the district hearings that provide rationale in support or

opposition to separate playoffs and championships for boundary and nonboundary schools.

(3) The board shall reserve time for public comments from individuals in attendance at the meeting before rendering a final decision.

(4) After the public comment period in paragraph (3) has closed, the board shall recess to executive session to deliberate the following options:

(i) returning to the public meeting to hold a vote to alter playoffs and championships for all sports;

(ii) returning to the public meeting to hold a vote to alter playoffs and championships for certain sports; or

(iii) returning to the public meeting to make a statement and justify why no changes are being made to playoffs and championships for any sports.

(5) Once the board selects an option under paragraph (4), the public meeting shall resume and the chosen option shall be implemented.

(d) No later than five (5) days after the meeting in subsection (c), the association shall provide its decision in writing to the oversight committee along with the reasoning behind the decision.

(e) As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Board." The Executive Board of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association.

"Boundary school." A public school. The term does not include a charter school.

"Nonboundary school." A charter school, a parochial school

1 or a private school.

2 "Oversight committee." The Pennsylvania Athletic Oversight
3 Committee established in section 1605-A.

4 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 30 days.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HB0041 PN0020	Prepared By:	David Michael
Committee:	Intergovernmental Affairs & Operations		(717) 787-3489,6690
Sponsor:	Conklin, Scott	Executive Director:	David Michael
Date:	5/7/2025		

A. Brief Concept

Creates separate playoff systems and championships for public schools and private, charter, and parochial schools.

C. Analysis of the Bill

House Bill 41 would amend Act 14 of 1949 (The Public School Code of 1949) to add a Section 1606-A (Playoffs and Championships) that would allow the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) to establish separate playoffs and championships for athletics for boundary schools and nonboundary schools.

Prior to establishing separate playoffs and championships the PIAA board and oversight committee must conduct at least one joint meeting in each of the districts that comprise the association. Meetings would be public, and allow for a public comment period, after which a decision will be made.

In this bill, the following definitions apply:

“Boundary School” – A public school, not including a charter school.

“Nonboundary School” – A charter school, parochial school, or a private school.

Effective Date:

This act takes effect in 30 days.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

Currently, the PIAA is not explicitly given the authority to set separate playoffs and championships for public schools and private, charter, and parochial schools.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

House Bill 1983 of the 2023-2024 Legislative Session was referred to the House Education Committee on January 31, 2024, but received no further consideration.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 169 Session of 2025

INTRODUCED BY MERSKI, McNEILL, NEILSON, CONKLIN, GIRAL, SANCHEZ, PIELLI, SAMUELSON, HILL-EVANS, CIRESI, HADDOCK, HARKINS, FREEMAN, KUZMA, KHAN, BIZZARRO, BURGOS AND MENTZER, JANUARY 16, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND OPERATIONS, JANUARY 16, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,
17 and commissions; providing for judicial administration; and
18 prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation
19 of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of
20 certain departments, boards and commissions shall be
21 determined," in powers and duties of the Department of
22 General Services and its departmental administrative and
23 advisory boards and commissions, providing for program for
24 sale of used pursuit vehicles.

25 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
26 hereby enacts as follows:

27 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known

as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 2407.2. Program for Sale of Used Pursuit Vehicles.--

(a) The department shall create a program designed to allow a local or regional police department within this Commonwealth to purchase select used pursuit vehicles at a fixed price no later than 20 days prior to the next scheduled sale date.

(b) The Pennsylvania State Police shall allocate up to ten per centum (10%) of its available used pursuit vehicle inventory for the program.

(c) Payment for a used pursuit vehicle under the program shall be required prior to obtaining the vehicle and shall be made by organization check only.

(d) The program shall allow a local or regional police department within this Commonwealth to submit a form, developed by the department, which shall contain a section for a description and quantity of desired surplus pursuit vehicles. Upon submission of the form, the department shall make every effort to notify the local or regional police department when vehicles matching the description within the submitted form become available for purchase through the program at a fixed price.

(e) The department shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the administration of this section.

(f) As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection:

"Department" means the Department of General Services of the Commonwealth.

"Fixed price" means a price set by the department that is not subject to bargaining.

1 "Local or regional police department" means a police
2 department that is established by a political subdivision within
3 this Commonwealth or that has been consolidated by act of a
4 municipal governing body.

5 "Program" means the program for the sale of used pursuit
6 vehicles under this section.

7 "Pursuit vehicle" means a publicly owned vehicle that is
8 operated by a law enforcement agency and used for the patrol
9 functions of the law enforcement agency.

10 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HB0169 PN0127	Prepared By:	David Michael
Committee:	Intergovernmental Affairs & Operations		(717) 787-3489,6690
Sponsor:	Merski, Bob	Executive Director:	David Michael
Date:	5/7/2025		

A. Brief Concept

Establishes a program that would allow local and regional police departments to purchase used pursuit vehicles at a fixed price from the Pennsylvania State Police.

C. Analysis of the Bill

HB 169 amends Act 175 of 1929 (The Administrative Code of 1929) to create a new Section 2407.2 (Program for Sale of Used Pursuit Vehicles). The bill requires the Pennsylvania Department of General Services (DGS) to create a program designed to allow a local or regional police department to purchase select used pursuit vehicles at a fixed price no later than twenty days prior to the next scheduled sale date.

The bill requires the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) to allocate up to 10% of its available used vehicle inventory for the program.

The program would be required to allow a local or regional police department to submit a form, developed by DGS, which would be required to contain a section for a description and quantity of desired surplus vehicles. Upon submission of the form, DGS would be required to make every effort to notify the local or regional police department when vehicles matching the description within the submitted form become available for purchase through the program at a fixed price. DGS would be required to promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the administration of this program.

Effective Date:

This act takes effect in 60 days.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

Currently, such a program does not exist within The Administrative Code of 1929.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

House Bill 251 of the 2023-2024 Legislative Session passed the House on October 3, 2023, and was referred to the Senate State Government Committee on October 19, 2023, but received no further consideration.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 276 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY DELLOSO, WEBSTER, GIRAL, KINKEAD, McNEILL,
SCHLOSSBERG, SANCHEZ, PROBST, A. BROWN, PIELLI, VENKAT, KHAN,
BURGOS, HILL-EVANS, McANDREW, HOWARD, DONAHUE, HADDOCK,
NEILSON, MERSKI, CIRESI, FREEMAN, D. MILLER, FIEDLER, DEASY,
O'MARA AND CERRATO, JANUARY 22, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND
OPERATIONS, JANUARY 22, 2025

AN ACT

1 Providing for interagency cooperation regarding employee
2 misclassification; and establishing the Employee
3 Misclassification Working Group.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Employee
8 Misclassification Working Group Act.

9 Section 2. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
11 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 "Department." The Department of Labor and Industry of the
14 Commonwealth.

15 "Secretary." The Secretary of Labor and Industry of the
16 Commonwealth.

1 "Working group." The Employee Misclassification Working
2 Group established under section 4(a).

3 Section 3. Interagency cooperation.

4 (a) Exchange of State tax information.--Consistent with
5 current law, the Department of Revenue may provide State tax
6 information, upon request, to the following:

7 (1) The department's Office of Unemployment Compensation
8 Tax Services.

9 (2) For the purposes of assessing or investigating
10 employee misclassification, the department's:

11 (i) Bureau of Workers' Compensation.

12 (ii) Bureau of Labor Law Compliance.

13 (iii) Office of Unemployment Compensation Services
14 Centers.

15 (iv) Office of Unemployment Compensation Benefits
16 Policy.

17 (b) Sharing information.--Nothing in this act shall limit or
18 affect the Department of Revenue and the department from sharing
19 information as otherwise allowed by law.

20 (c) Federal employer identification numbers.--To ensure the
21 efficiency of the exchange of State tax information under this
22 section, the State agency business applications shall include
23 and use Federal employer identification numbers to identify
24 business entities and streamline compliance crossmatches.

25 Section 4. Employee Misclassification Working Group.

26 (a) Establishment.--The Employee Misclassification Working
27 Group is established to coordinate enforcement strategies
28 involving State agencies and employee misclassification.

29 (b) Composition.--

30 (1) At a minimum, the working group shall include

representatives from the department, the Department of Revenue and the Office of Attorney General.

(2) Representatives from county district attorneys' offices and local labor law enforcement offices may participate in the activities of the working group.

(c) Chairperson.--

(1) A representative designated by the secretary shall serve as the chairperson of the working group.

(2) The chairperson of the working group may invite other individuals to participate in the activities of the working group.

(d) Meetings.--The working group shall meet at least quarterly at the time and location and in the manner provided by the chairperson of the working group. The working group may meet more often if deemed necessary by the chairperson of the working group.

Section 5. Effective date.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HB0276 PN0220	Prepared By:	David Michael
Committee:	Intergovernmental Affairs & Operations		(717) 787-3489,6690
Sponsor:	Delloso, David	Executive Director:	David Michael
Date:	5/6/2025		

A. Brief Concept

Establishes an Employee Misclassification Working Group to address employee misclassification in Pennsylvania.

C. Analysis of the Bill

House Bill 276 would create a freestanding Act, the "Employee Misclassification Working Group Act." This legislation would establish the Employee Misclassification Working Group to coordinate enforcement strategies involving Pennsylvania State agencies and employee misclassification. The Working Group would include representatives from the Pennsylvania Departments of Labor and Industry and Revenue (DOR) and representatives from the office of the Pennsylvania Attorney General. Additionally, representatives from County District Attorneys' offices and local labor law enforcement offices may participate in the activities of the Working Group. The Working Group would meet at least quarterly.

This legislation also would allow the DOR to provide State tax information (upon request) to the following within The Department of Labor and Industry:

- Office of Unemployment Compensation Tax Services
- Bureau of Workers' Compensation
- Bureau of Labor Law Compliance
- Office of Unemployment Compensation Services Centers
- Office of Unemployment Compensation Benefits Policy.

For purposes of this bill, State agency business applications must include and use Federal Employer Identification Numbers to identify business entities and streamline compliance crossmatches.

Effective Date:

This act takes effect in 60 days.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

Currently, such a Working Group for Employee Misclassification does not exist.

The Federal Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 6103 authorizes the IRS to share tax information with other government agencies. Specifically, Section 6103(d), provides that tax return information may be shared with state agencies that are responsible for tax administration. The State agency must request the information in writing, and it must be signed by an official designated to request tax information.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

House Bill 2412 of the 2023-2024 Legislative Session passed the House of Representatives on October 8, 2024, and was referred to the Senate Labor and Industry Committee on October 18, 2024, but received no further consideration.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 166 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY O'MARA, SHUSTERMAN, ROWE, FLICK, MADDEN, GREINER,
HAMM, ZIMMERMAN, SANCHEZ, KUZMA, FREEMAN, BRENNAN, PICKETT,
SAMUELSON, MALAGARI, VENKAT, PIELLI, GUENST, MERSKI,
D. WILLIAMS, SCHLOSSBERG, GILLEN, STEELE AND GREEN,
APRIL 1, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND
OPERATIONS, APRIL 1, 2025

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to continue its support
2 of Taiwan and recognizing the friendship between the
3 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Taiwan.

4 WHEREAS, The United States and the Republic of China, known
5 commonly in the United States as Taiwan, share common values and
6 vision for the 21st century where freedom and democracy serve as
7 the foundation for peace, prosperity and progress; and

8 WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States passed the
9 landmark Taiwan Relations Act (TRA) in 1979 to sustain a close
10 bilateral relationship and to advance mutual security and
11 commercial interests between the United States and Taiwan; and

12 WHEREAS, The TRA and the Six Assurances have served as the
13 cornerstone of United States-Taiwan relations and have helped
14 preserve peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait; and

15 WHEREAS, Peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait is crucial
16 to maintenance of a free, open and secure Indo-Pacific; and

1 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of
2 Pennsylvania urges the Congress of the United States to continue
3 its support of Taiwan's meaningful participation in
4 international organizations; and

5 WHEREAS, The United States and Taiwan have longstanding, deep
6 and growing trade and investment ties with Taiwan being the
7 United States' seventh-largest trading partner and the United
8 States being Taiwan's second-largest trading partner; and

9 WHEREAS, In December 2024, the first agreement under U.S.-
10 Taiwan Initiative for 21st-Century Trade entered into force,
11 marking a significant step in the bilateral economic
12 partnership; and

13 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania and Taiwan have developed an enduring
14 and mutually beneficial partnership that facilitates economic,
15 cultural and people-to-people exchanges; and

16 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania reopened a trade and investment office
17 in Taiwan in 2022, enhancing the robust economic relationship
18 between the two sides; and

19 WHEREAS, Taiwan is Pennsylvania's sixth largest export market
20 in Asia, and Pennsylvania is home to a growing number of
21 Taiwanese companies that create thousands of jobs; and

22 WHEREAS, Life Sciences Pennsylvania signed a memorandum of
23 understanding with the Taiwan Bio Industry Organization in 2015,
24 and the Pittsburgh Robotics Network joined a strategic alliance
25 with the Taiwan-USA Industrial Cooperation Promotion Office,
26 Ministry of Economic Affairs and Taiwan Automation Intelligence
27 and Robotics Association to strengthen cooperation in the fields
28 of robotics, automation, AI and smart manufacturing in 2021; and

29 WHEREAS, The United States-Taiwan Education Initiative was
30 launched in 2020 to strengthen cooperation on international

1 education and highlight Taiwan's ability to provide Mandarin
2 language instruction; and

3 WHEREAS, Given Mandarin's designation as a critical language
4 as well as Taiwan's plans to be bilingual by 2030, schools and
5 institutes of higher education in both Pennsylvania and Taiwan
6 are encouraged to enhance their exchanges, as exemplified by the
7 partnership between the University of Pittsburgh and National
8 Taiwan Normal University; and

9 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania and Taiwan signed an agreement
10 regarding the mutual recognition of driver's licenses in 2015,
11 deepening relations and providing greater convenience to people
12 on both sides; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
14 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United
15 States to continue its support of Taiwan; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
17 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania enhance the friendship and
18 bilateral relationship between Pennsylvania and Taiwan; and be
19 it further

20 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
21 the United States Secretary of State Marco Rubio, Ambassador Tom
22 Chih-Chiang Lee of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in
23 New York and Governor of Pennsylvania Josh Shapiro.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HR0166 PN1222	Prepared By:	Dante Jacobelli (717) 787-3489,6940
Committee:	Intergovernmental Affairs & Operations	Executive Director:	David Michael
Sponsor:	O'Mara, Jennifer		
Date:	5/6/2025		

A. Brief Concept

Urges Congress to continue its support of Taiwan and recognizes the friendship between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Taiwan.

C. Analysis of the Bill

House Resolution 166 would urge the United States Congress to continue its support of Taiwan and have the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania enhance the friendship and bilateral relationship between Pennsylvania and Taiwan.

The United States and the Republic of China, known commonly as Taiwan, share common values and vision for the 21st century where freedom and democracy serve as the foundation for peace, prosperity and progress. Pennsylvania and Taiwan have developed an enduring and mutually beneficial partnership that facilitates economic, cultural and people-to-people exchanges.

Copies of the resolution would be transmitted to the United States Secretary of State Marco Rubio, Ambassador Tom Chih-Chiang Lee of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in New York and Governor of Pennsylvania Josh Shapiro.

Effective Date:

This act takes effect upon adoption.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

N/A

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

House Resolution 208 (O'Mara) of the 2023-2024 Legislative Session similarly supported the friendship and bilateral relationship between the Commonwealth and Taiwan. It passed the House of Representatives unanimously on October 16, 2023.

House Resolution 439 (O'Mara) of the 2023-2024 Legislative Session urged Congress to continue its support of Taiwan and commemorated the 45th anniversary of the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act. It passed the House of Representatives (189-13) on June 4, 2024.

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