

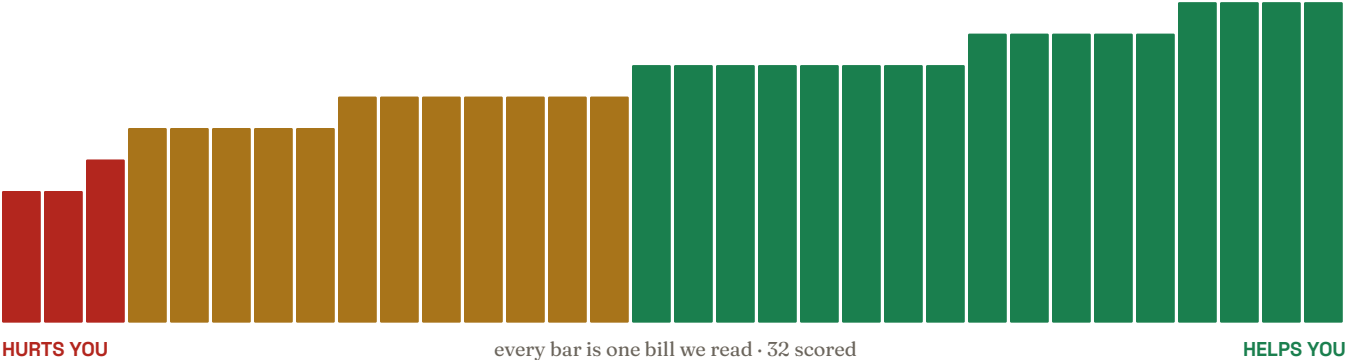


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Pennsylvania Bill Book

2026

The Pennsylvania bills that matter most, each scored 1–10 on one question: does it help everyday people, or the interests behind it?



Our take on the left. The bill on the right. Room for your notes.

Every spread is one bill, twice.

On the **left** is our take: the Billometer score, what the bill means for you, and the factor-by-factor reasoning behind that score. On the **right** is the bill on the record: its official title, its status, where to read the real text, and space for your own notes.

THE BILLOMETER

One number, 1 to 10, answering a single question: does this help everyday people or hurt them? 1–4 hurts, 5–6 is mixed, 7–10 helps. It is our editorial judgement — which is exactly why every page shows the reasoning behind it. If you disagree with a score, you can see precisely where you disagree.

HOW THESE BILLS WERE CHOSEN

Ranked, not cherry-picked. This edition prints the 10 lowest-scoring and 10 highest-scoring of the 32 Pennsylvania bills we have fully analysed. A bill only qualifies if it passed our verification step, has a recorded official status, and has its reasoning attached. Thin entries are left out rather than padded. Note that only 143 bills in the entire country score 3 or below, so in most places the bottom of the list is not evil — it is merely mixed, and we label it that way.

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10 worst, 10 best

THE WORST — LOWEST SCORING

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3/10	SB898	The Waterfront Developers Bill — Tax credit plan helps waterfront developers
4/10	SB500	The Clean Energy Bill — Pennsylvania proposes tax credits for clean energy and manufacturing
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5/10	SB655	The Personal & Corporate Bill — New tax changes could affect personal and corporate income
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8/10	HB884	The Four Workweek Bill — Pennsylvania wants to try a four-day workweek with state help
8/10	SB853	The Businesses Workers Bill — Pennsylvania would help small businesses pay workers more
8/10	HB53	The Fees Important Bill — No fees for fixing important state documents
8/10	SB1389	The Employee Health Bill — Tax credit helps small firms pay employee health premiums
8/10	HB1795	The Payroll Companies Bill — Making payroll companies prove they have insurance against theft
7/10	HB1126	The Health Credit Bill — Health tax credit bill heads to committee

The Credit Truck Bill

Tax credit offered for truck parking spaces in Pennsylvania

PA HB709 • Money & Damages

3/10 **OBLITERATE**
Hurts everyday people

1 • hurts you

helps you • 10

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Tax credits help big trucking firms save money, but taxpayers will foot the bill, so everyday Pennsylvanians may see less funding for services.

WHY IT SCORES 3/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Accountability (hurts) — Tax credit reduces oversight of spending.

Provides a benefit without clear accountability measures.

Rights & Protections (neutral) — No impact on personal rights.

The bill does not affect individual legal protections.

Who Bears the Cost (hurts) — Shifts cost to taxpayers.

State revenue is reduced while carriers save money.

Process Transparency (neutral) — Standard legislative process.

No special secrecy or hidden procedures indicated.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Trucking companies

Bearing the cost: State taxpayers

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Bipartisan sponsorship (6R / 4D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Providing for motor carrier parking space tax credit.

PA HB709 Introduced · recorded 2025-02-24

WHAT IT DOES

The bill would let trucking companies claim a tax credit for building parking spots, lowering their taxes and costing the state money.

WHO IT’S WRITTEN FOR

Motor carriers

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (PA HB709) — <https://www.palegis.us/legislation/bills/2025/hb709>

LegiScan — HB709 — <https://legiscan.com/PA/bill/HB709/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/pa-hb709-979699

YOUR NOTES

The Waterfront Developers Bill

Tax credit plan helps waterfront developers

PA SB898 · Housing & Property

3/10 **OBLITERATE**
Hurts everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Citizens could see more waterfront construction, but the tax breaks mean less money for state services, and developers gain a financial edge.

WHY IT SCORES 3/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (hurts)** — Limited oversight of how credits are awarded.
No new reporting or audit requirements are added.
- Rights & Protections (neutral)** — No direct impact on personal rights.
The bill deals with tax policy, not individual legal rights.
- Who Bears the Cost (hurts)** — Tax credits reduce state revenue.
The cost of the credits is paid by taxpayers.
- Funding Tilt (hurts)** — Favors developers over general public.
Credits are targeted to waterfront developers, shifting benefits to them.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Bipartisan sponsorship (4R / 4D)

In Waterfront Development Tax Credit, further providing for waterfront development organizations, for waterfront development projects, for tax credit and for limitations.

Introduced · recorded 2025-06-30

The bill would give tax breaks to waterfront development projects, lowering their taxes and encouraging more building.

Real Estate Development

Official text (PA SB898) – <https://www.palegis.us/legislation/bills/2025/sb898>

LegiScan – SB898 – <https://legiscan.com/PA/bill/SB898/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/pa-sb898-038713

The Clean Energy Bill

Pennsylvania proposes tax credits for clean energy and manufacturing

PA SB500 • Money & Damages

4/10 **OBLITERATE**
Hurts everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

The bill could help the state attract hightech factories and create jobs, but it also reduces the money the state can collect for schools and roads. Citizens should watch the debate because the tax credits could mean higher taxes or fewer services later.

WHY IT SCORES 4/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (hurts)** — Tax credits given with limited oversight.
Companies receive credits without clear reporting
- Rights & Protections (neutral)** — No direct impact on personal rights.
Bill does not change suing or privacy
- Who Bears the Cost (hurts)** — Reduces state tax revenue, shifting cost to taxpayers.
Credits lower tax collections
- Process Transparency (hurts)** — Bill just introduced, limited public input.
Early stage, not yet debated publicly

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 15D)

In Pennsylvania Economic Development for a Growing Economy (PA EDGE) Tax Credits, repealing provisions relating to local resource manufacturing, providing for Reliable Energy Investment Tax Credit, repealing provisions relating to Pennsylvania milk processing and providing for Pennsylvania milk processing; in regional clean hydrogen hubs, further providing for definitions, for eligibility, for application and approval of tax credit, for use of tax credits and for applicability; in semiconductor manufacturing and biomedical manufacturing and research, further providing for definitions and for application and approval of tax credit and providing for geothermal energy and for sustainable aviation fuel; and, in application of Prevailing Wage Act, further providing for definitions.

PA SB500

Introduced · recorded 2025-07-08

WHAT IT DOES

The bill would let companies that build clean energy, chips, and biotech get tax breaks, which could lower state tax revenue and shift costs to taxpayers.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Manufacturing

READ IT YOURSELF

- Official text (PA SB500) — <https://www.palegis.us/legislation/bills/2025/sb500>
- LegiScan — SB500 — <https://legiscan.com/PA/bill/SB500/2025>
- Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/pa-sb500-038973

YOUR NOTES

The Casinos & Players Bill

New gaming bill could change rules for casinos and players

PA SB756 • Consumer Protection

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If this bill passes, it could help casinos but might not protect everyday players. Now is the time to speak up about how it could affect your gaming experience.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — Changes to enforcement and penalties.
The bill includes provisions for investigations and enforcement.
- Rights & Protections** (hurts) — Potentially less protection for players.
The bill may favor big businesses over individual player rights.
- Who Bears the Cost** (neutral) — Costs related to new fees.
The bill introduces new fees for gaming licenses.
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Public input hearings included.
The bill provides for public input hearings on gaming licenses.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (5R / 0D)

In fantasy contests, further providing for definitions, for general and specific powers of board and for prohibitions; in general provisions relating to gaming, further providing for legislative intent and for definitions; in Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, further providing for Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board established, for general and specific powers, for license or permit application hearing process and public input hearings, for regulatory authority of board, for number of slot machines, for reports of board and for license or permit prohibition; in licensees, further providing for Category 4 slot machine license, for divestiture of disqualifying applicant, for manufacturer licenses, for gaming service provider, for nongaming service provider, for occupation permit application, for slot machine testing and certification standards, for slot machine accounting controls and audits and for renewals; in table games, further providing for regulatory authority and for table game device and associated equipment testing and certification standards; in interactive gaming, further providing for internal, administrative and accounting controls, for interactive games and interactive gaming devices and associated equipment testing and certification standards; in sports wagering, further providing for definitions; in revenues, further providing for slot machine licensee deposits and for transfers from State Gaming Fund; in administration and enforcement, repealing provisions relating to political influence, further providing for investigations and enforcement, for prohibited acts and penalties and for liquor licenses at licensed facilities; in fingerprinting, further providing for submission of fingerprints and photographs; in miscellaneous provisions relating to gaming, providing for live-streaming on casino floor and further providing for severability; in general provisions relating to video gaming, further providing for definitions; in administration, further providing for powers of board; in application and licensure, further providing for key employee licenses, for establishment licenses and for license or permit prohibition; in operation, further providing for video gaming limitations and for compulsive and problem gambling; in enforcement, further providing for prohibited acts and penalties; in revenues, further providing for fees; in ethics, repealing provisions relating to political influence; providing for skill gaming; establishing the Skill Gaming Fund; imposing duties on the Department of Revenue; in riot, disorderly conduct and related offenses, further providing for gambling devices, gambling, etc.; in forfeiture of assets, further providing for asset forfeiture; making appropriations; making repeals; and making editorial changes.

PA SB756 Introduced · recorded 2025-05-13

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would change many rules for gaming in Pennsylvania, affecting how casinos operate and how people can play games.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Big Business

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (PA SB756) — <https://www.palegis.us/legislation/bills/2025/sb756>

LegiScan – SB756 – <https://legiscan.com/PA/bill/SB756/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/pa-sb756-030630

YOUR NOTES

The Personal & Corporate Bill

New tax changes could affect personal and corporate income

PA SB655 • Money & Damages

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If you care about how taxes work, now is the time to pay attention. This bill could change how much you pay or get back.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Funding Tilt (neutral) — No clear funding implications..
Unknown

Process Transparency (neutral) — The bill is still in the early stage..
Introduced

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 4D)

In personal income tax, further providing for classes of income; in corporate net income tax, further providing for definitions; in tax credit and tax benefit administration, further providing for definitions; and providing for personal health investment tax credit.

Introduced · recorded 2025-04-30

This bill would change how personal and corporate taxes are defined and could impact your tax credits.

Official text (PA SB655) – <https://www.palegis.us/legislation/bills/2025/sb655>

LegiScan – SB655 – <https://legiscan.com/PA/bill/SB655/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/pa-sb655-027475

The Liquor Licenses Bill

New rules for liquor licenses could affect local businesses

PA HB1413 • Consumer Protection

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If this bill passes, local businesses might struggle more to get liquor licenses. It's important to pay attention now and speak up if you have concerns.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — Increased requirements for businesses..
Businesses must provide state tax information.
- Rights & Protections** (hurts) — Potentially harder for businesses to appeal license decisions..
Changes to appeals process could limit rights.
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — Businesses may face higher costs to comply..
More requirements could lead to increased expenses.
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Some transparency in new rules..
The bill outlines processes but may complicate them.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (1R / 13D)

In preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, further providing for Office of Administrative Law Judge; in licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for hearings upon refusal of licenses, renewals or transfers and appeals and for renewal of licenses and temporary provisions for licensees in armed service, providing for failure to maintain minimum requirements for licensure and further providing for revocation and suspension of licenses and fines, for applicants to provide State tax identification numbers and statement of State tax status, waiver of confidentiality of information in the possession of the Department of Revenue and other departments and review of State tax status and for rights of municipalities preserved; in distilleries, wineries, bonded warehouses, bailees for hire and transporters for hire, further providing for appeals; and imposing penalties.

PA HB1413 Introduced · recorded 2025-05-06

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would change rules for liquor licenses, which could make it harder for some businesses to get or keep their licenses.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (PA HB1413) — <https://www.palegis.us/legislation/bills/2025/hb1413>

LegiScan — HB1413 — <https://legiscan.com/PA/bill/HB1413/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/pa-hb1413-028705

YOUR NOTES

The Cards & Fraud Bill

Pennsylvania adds service dog ID cards and new fraud crime

PA HB2696 • Your Right to Sue



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

People with real service dogs could get easier access to restaurants and stores, while businesses get a way to check legitimacy. Owners would also be shielded from being sued if their dog harms someone, so the public may lose a way to hold them accountable.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (hurts) — immunity reduces ability to sue owners.
owners shielded from lawsuits
- Rights & Protections** (helps) — protects legitimate service dog users and public.
adds crime for fraudulent service dog claims
- Who Bears the Cost** (neutral) — cost of database not detailed.
unknown funding source
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — bill just introduced, limited details.
no public hearings noted

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (1R / 15D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Further providing for definitions; establishing the trained service dog card; providing for the documentation of service dogs and for admittance of registered service dog to public accommodations; establishing a trained service dog card database; providing for immunity from liability; providing for the offense of fraudulent misrepresentation of a service dog; and making editorial changes.

PA HB2696

Introduced · recorded 2026-07-15

WHAT IT DOES

The bill would let owners get a special card for their service dogs, create a database, and stop people from pretending their pets are service dogs.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (PA HB2696) — <https://www.palegis.us/legislation/bills/2025/hb2696>

LegiScan — HB2696 — <https://legiscan.com/PA/bill/HB2696/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/pa-hb2696-155711

YOUR NOTES

The Construction Credit Bill

Construction tax credit rules introduced in Pennsylvania

PA HB288 • Housing & Property

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If passed, builders might get money back on taxes, making projects cheaper, but the state could have less money for schools or roads, so voters should watch.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — no new oversight.
Bill adds tax credit rules but does not create new accountability measures
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — no direct impact.
Does not affect personal rights
- Who Bears the Cost** (helps) — cost shift to taxpayers.
Tax credits reduce state revenue
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — standard process.
Bill follows normal legislative steps

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 14D)

Providing for construction tax credit requirements.

Introduced · recorded 2025-01-23

The bill would set new tax credit rules for construction projects, which could lower costs for builders but may reduce state tax revenue.

Construction industry

Official text (PA HB288) — <https://www.palegis.us/legislation/bills/2025/hb288>

LegiScan – HB288 – <https://legiscan.com/PA/bill/HB288/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/pa-hb288-934722

The Credit Home Bill

State offers tax credit for home ev charger

PA HB254 • Money & Damages

6/10 **TOLERATE**
Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

People who buy an electric car could save money by getting a credit, but the state will lose revenue that all taxpayers help fund.

WHY IT SCORES 6/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — no change.
bill does not add oversight or reporting
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — no change.
does not affect legal rights
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — cost shift.
tax credit reduces state revenue, spreading cost to all taxpayers
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — no change.
bill does not change how tax credits are administered

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 15D)

In tax credit and tax benefit administration, further providing for definitions; and establishing the Residential Electric Vehicle Charging Station Tax Credit.

Introduced · recorded 2025-01-17

The bill would let homeowners claim a tax credit for installing an electric car charger, lowering their tax bill.

Everyday People

Official text (PA HB254) – <https://www.palegis.us/legislation/bills/2025/hb254>

LegiScan – HB254 – <https://legiscan.com/PA/bill/HB254/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/pa-hb254-927760

The Health Insurance Bill

Tax credit for employers who help with health insurance costs

PA HB565 • Healthcare & Insurance

6/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If this bill passes, it could make it cheaper for employers to offer health insurance. This might help them keep workers or attract new ones. But it mainly helps businesses save money, not workers directly.

WHY IT SCORES 6/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Funding Tilt (helps) — This could provide financial relief to businesses..

The tax credit may lower costs for employers.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (8R / 0D)

Providing for employer health insurance contribution tax credit; and promulgating regulations.

Introduced · recorded 2025-02-12

The Higher Minimum Bill

Pennsylvania bill could let cities set their own higher minimum wage

PA HB23 • Work & Wages

9/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would change the rules for how much workers get paid, letting local towns and cities decide their own minimum wage. If it passes, your city could vote to pay workers more than the state minimum. This could help people earn enough to live, but some businesses might say it makes things harder for them to manage different pay rules in different places. It is important to know about this bill now because it is just...

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — Empowers local governments to set wages.
The bill repeals parts of the law that stop local governments from setting their own...
- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Could lead to higher pay for workers.
By changing minimum wage rules and allowing local control, this bill could help workers...
- Who Bears the Cost (helps)** — Businesses may see higher labor costs.
If local governments raise minimum wages, businesses in those areas would likely pay more...
- Process Transparency (neutral)** — No change to transparency.
The bill does not directly address how transparent the law-making process is.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Workers
Bearing the cost: Businesses

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 5D)

Further providing for definitions and for minimum wages; providing for eligibility and coverage; further providing for exemptions, for duty of employer, for enforcement and rules and regulations and for civil actions; and repealing provisions relating to preemption.

PA HB23 Introduced · recorded 2025-10-10

This bill would let cities in Pennsylvania set their own minimum wage, which could mean more money for workers.

Everyday People

Official text (PA HB23) — <https://www.palegis.us/legislation/bills/2025/hb23>

LegiScan – HB23 – <https://legiscan.com/PA/bill/HB23/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/pa-hb23-046135

The Minimum Wage Bill

Pennsylvania minimum wage could go up, towns can set their own

PA SB19 • Work & Wages

9/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would help many workers by raising the lowest amount they can be paid. It also gives local towns the power to set their own minimum wages, which means some areas could have even higher pay. This could mean more money in people's pockets, making it easier to pay for food and rent. Some businesses might say paying more would be hard for them, but supporters believe it helps the economy by giving people more money to...

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — More enforcement and penalties for wage violations..
The bill would further provide for enforcement and rules and regulations, for penalties...
- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Raises minimum wage and allows local control..
The bill would further provide for minimum wages and for exemptions, and provide for...
- Who Bears the Cost (helps)** — Higher wages for workers, with a claim of taxpayer savings..
The bill would further provide for minimum wages and for gratuities, and provide for...
- Process Transparency (neutral)** — No specific transparency changes mentioned in the title..
The official text does not mention changes to process transparency.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Workers
Bearing the cost: Businesses

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 14D)

Further providing for definitions, for minimum wages and for exemptions; providing for gratuities; further providing for enforcement and rules and regulations, for penalties and for civil actions; repealing provisions relating to preemption; and providing for local option and for taxpayer savings and reinvestment.

Introduced · recorded 2025-04-28

This bill would raise the minimum wage in Pennsylvania and let towns set their own higher wages, helping workers earn more money.

Workers

Official text (PA SB19) — <https://www.palegis.us/legislation/bills/2025/sb19>

LegiScan — SB19 — <https://legiscan.com/PA/bill/SB19/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/pa-sb19-026900

State would help pay for job training costs

PA HB963 • Work & Wages

9/10

LIBERATE

Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would make it easier and cheaper for people to learn a skilled trade, like plumbing or electrical work. It would give them a tax credit, which means they would pay less in taxes if they are paying for apprentice schooling. This could help more people get good jobs without a lot of student debt. Supporters would say this is a good way to help the economy and fill important jobs. Others might worry about the cost to...

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Accountability (neutral) — No direct impact on accountability..

The bill does not directly change how accountable government or businesses are to the...

Rights & Protections (helps) — Helps people access job training..

The bill would create a tax credit program to help people pay for education expenses...

Who Bears the Cost (helps) — Shifts education costs from individuals to the state..

The bill would shift some of the financial burden of apprentice education from...

Process Transparency (neutral) — No direct impact on transparency..

The bill does not change how transparent government processes are to the public.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: People paying for apprentice education

Bearing the cost: Pennsylvania state budget

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 13D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Providing for Apprentice Education Expense Tax Credit Program and for powers of the Department of Revenue.

PA HB963

 Introduced · recorded 2025-03-19

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would give people money back on taxes to help pay for learning a trade, making it cheaper to get a good job.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (PA HB963) — <https://www.palegis.us/legislation/bills/2025/hb963>

LegiScan — HB963 — <https://legiscan.com/PA/bill/HB963/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/pa-hb963-010477

YOUR NOTES

The Hospital Workers Bill

New rules to keep hospital workers safe from violence

PA HB926 • Work & Wages

9/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would help keep nurses and other hospital workers safer from violence. It would make hospitals set up groups to stop violence and tell the state when bad things happen. This means hospitals would have to work harder to protect their staff. Some might say these new rules cost too much money or are too much work for hospitals. But supporters believe worker safety is very important. Since this bill is still moving, now...

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — Increases accountability for health facilities..
Health facilities would be held more responsible for preventing violence against their...
- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Boosts worker safety protections..
Workers in health facilities would have stronger protections against workplace violence.
- Who Bears the Cost (hurts)** — Facilities bear costs for safety measures..
Health facilities would pay for setting up committees and reporting violence, and could...
- Process Transparency (neutral)** — Not directly addressed by the bill..
The bill does not directly address how transparent the legislative process is.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Healthcare workers
Bearing the cost: Health facilities

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (2R / 44D)

HOW THEY VOTED

House • 2025-05-06 — passed
Yes 22R/102D • No 79R/0D

THE BILL ITSELF

Providing for violence prevention committees in health facilities, for duties of committees, for workplace violence reporting requirements and for powers and duties of the Department of Labor and Industry; and imposing fines and administrative penalties.

PA HB926

Engrossed · recorded 2025-05-06

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would make hospitals create plans and report violence to keep their workers safe, so fewer people get hurt at work.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Workers

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (PA HB926) — <https://www.palegis.us/legislation/bills/2025/hb926>

LegiScan — HB926 — <https://legiscan.com/PA/bill/HB926/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/pa-hb926-007586

YOUR NOTES

The Four Workweek Bill

Pennsylvania wants to try a four-day workweek with state help

PA HB884 • Work & Wages

8/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill could be a big win for regular people, giving them an extra day off each week to spend with family, run errands, or just relax. It would help companies try out this new way of working by giving them tax credits, which means the state would help pay for it. If this pilot program works well, it could lead to more companies offering four-day workweeks across Pennsylvania, making life better for many workers. It is...

WHY IT SCORES 8/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — Could create data on workweek impact..
The pilot program would be overseen by state departments, potentially leading to data on...
- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Could improve worker well-being..
Workers in participating companies would gain an extra day off each week, potentially...
- Who Bears the Cost (neutral)** — State funds tax credits..
The state would provide tax credits to employers, meaning taxpayers would fund the...
- Process Transparency (neutral)** — Early stage, no transparency issues yet..
The bill is newly introduced and is following the standard legislative process, with no...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Qualifying employers
Bearing the cost: Pennsylvania taxpayers

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 12D)

Establishing the Four-Day Workweek Pilot Program; providing for tax credits to qualifying employers; and imposing duties on the Department of Labor and Industry and the Department of Revenue.

Introduced · recorded 2025-03-11

This bill would let some companies try a four-day workweek and get tax money back, which could give workers more free time without losing pay.

Workers

Official text (PA HB884) — <https://www.palegis.us/legislation/bills/2025/hb884>

LegiScan — HB884 — <https://legiscan.com/PA/bill/HB884/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/pa-hb884-999897

The Businesses Workers Bill

Pennsylvania would help small businesses pay workers more

PA SB853 • Work & Wages

8/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would help small businesses afford to pay their workers more money. It would give them a tax credit, which is like getting some money back from the government. This means workers could get a raise, and businesses would not have to pay the full cost of that raise themselves. Some people might worry that this money comes from taxpayers, but others believe it helps both workers and small businesses thrive. It is still...

WHY IT SCORES 8/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — Neutral.
The bill creates a tax credit, not directly impacting accountability for actions.
- Rights & Protections** (helps) — Helps workers.
It encourages higher wages for workers, which can improve their financial well-being and...
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — Taxpayers pay.
The state's general fund, meaning taxpayers, would cover the cost of the tax credits...
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Neutral.
The bill has just been introduced, so there is no information on its transparency yet.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

- Pushing for it:** Small businesses and their workers
- Bearing the cost:** State taxpayers

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / IID)

THE BILL ITSELF

Providing for small business minimum wage increase tax credit.

PA SB853 Introduced · recorded 2025-06-18

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would give money back to small businesses in Pennsylvania that pay their workers more, helping workers earn better wages.

WHO IT’S WRITTEN FOR

Small businesses

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (PA SB853) — <https://www.palegis.us/legislation/bills/2025/sb853>

LegiScan — SB853 — <https://legiscan.com/PA/bill/SB853/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/pa-sb853-037692

YOUR NOTES

The Fees Important Bill

No fees for fixing important state documents

PA HB53 • Consumer Protection

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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill helps everyday people save money when they need important documents fixed. Now is the time to support it so everyone can benefit.

WHY IT SCORES 8/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Rights & Protections (helps) — Helps people access important documents without cost..

Waiving fees increases access to necessary state documents.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 20D)

In protection from abuse, providing for waiver of fee for corrected or duplicate State documents.

Introduced · recorded 2025-01-14

The Employee Health Bill

Tax credit helps small firms pay employee health premiums

PA SB1389 • Healthcare & Insurance

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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

The credit could encourage more small firms to help cover health costs, so workers get better insurance without big price hikes, but it will cost the state less tax revenue.

WHY IT SCORES 8/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Accountability (neutral) — no new oversight.

Bill adds tax credit, no new accountability measures.

Rights & Protections (neutral) — no impact on rights.

Does not affect legal rights.

Who Bears the Cost (hurts) — state loses revenue.

Tax credit reduces tax revenue, shifting cost to all taxpayers.

Process Transparency (neutral) — standard process.

Bill is just introduced, no special transparency.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Small businesses

Bearing the cost: State treasury

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 9D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Providing for Small Business Health Care Premiums Contribution Tax Credit.

PA SB1389 Introduced · recorded 2026-06-26

WHAT IT DOES

Small businesses could get a tax break for paying part of their workers' health insurance, making coverage cheaper for employees.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Small businesses

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (PA SB1389) — <https://www.palegis.us/legislation/bills/2025/sb1389>

LegiScan — SB1389 — <https://legiscan.com/PA/bill/SB1389/2025>

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YOUR NOTES

The Payroll Companies Bill

Making payroll companies prove they have insurance against theft

PA HB1795 • Work & Wages

8/10

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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

When a business hires an outside company to handle its payroll, they trust that company with a lot of money. If that payroll company goes bankrupt or someone steals the funds, workers might not get paid. This bill would step in to fix that blind spot. It would make payroll companies carry special insurance to cover the losses if something goes wrong. It is a smart, simple protection for regular workers and small businesses.

WHY IT SCORES 8/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Accountability (helps) — Forces payroll companies to carry insurance so they can pay up if they lose the money..

The bill requires proof of fidelity insurance and surety bonds, which directly hold the...

Rights & Protections (helps) — Adds a safety net for workers' paychecks..

By mandating bonds and insurance, the bill protects third-party funds (wages) from being...

Who Bears the Cost (neutral) — Payroll companies would have to pay for their own insurance..

The cost of the surety bonds and fidelity insurance falls on the payroll processors as a...

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (1R / 17D)

Providing for proof of fidelity insurance and surety bonds by payroll processors; and imposing a penalty.

Introduced · recorded 2025-08-11

This bill would force companies that process paychecks to carry insurance, ensuring workers and businesses do not lose money if the payroll company goes broke or steals it.

Workers

Official text (PA HB1795) – <https://www.palegis.us/legislation/bills/2025/hb1795>

LegiScan – HB1795 – <https://legiscan.com/PA/bill/HB1795/2025>

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The Health Credit Bill

Health tax credit bill heads to committee

PA HB1126 • Healthcare & Insurance

7/10

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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If passed, the credit could help families afford health expenses, but the bill still needs support and could face changes before it becomes law.

WHY IT SCORES 7/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — No new accountability measures added or removed..
The bill does not change oversight or reporting requirements.
- Rights & Protections** (helps) — Creates a new tax credit right for individuals..
Residents can claim a credit for personal health investments.
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — Tax credit reduces state revenue, shifting cost to all taxpayers..
The credit lowers tax collections, spreading the cost across the tax base.
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Standard legislative process with committee referral..
The bill follows normal steps and has no special secrecy.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (1R / 15D)

HOW THEY VOTED

House • 2025-04-08 — passed
Yes 12R/14D • No 0R/0D

In personal income tax, further providing for classes of income; in corporate net income tax, further providing for definitions; and providing for personal health investment tax credit.

Introduced · recorded 2025-04-03

The bill would let Pennsylvania residents claim a tax credit for spending on personal health investments, lowering the amount of tax they owe.

Everyday People

Official text (PA HB1126) — <https://www.palegis.us/legislation/bills/2025/hb1126>

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