March 2020

# **POLICY RECAP**

A Summary of House Democratic Policy Committee Meetings



## REP. ADAM RAVENSTAHL March 2 | Avalon Educational Paths

Rep. Adam Ravenstahl hosted a public hearing on educational paths at the Avalon Borough Building. Testifiers from Northgate School District, Community College of Allegheny County, A.W. Beattie Career Center, and the Builders Guild of Western PA talked about career options for students that can be more affordable.







### REP. DAN MILLER March 3 | Pittsburgh Disability & Mental Health Policy Issue

Rep. Dan Miller hosted a public hearing at his annual Disability Summit at the David Lawrence Convention Center. Legislators from all four legislative caucuses heard testimony about creating a more inclusive workforce, mental health parity, and suicide prevention.











## REP. WENDY ULLMAN MARCH 9 | DOYLESTOWN UNDERSTANDING CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING

Rep. Wendy Ullman hosted a public hearing on understanding charter school funding at Bucks County Administration Building. The Committee heard testimony from both sides of the charter school funding issue, which also included thoughts on Governor Tom Wolf's charter school reform proposal.

## REP. STEVE MALAGARI March 10 | Hatfield Volunteer Firefighters & Ems

Rep. Steve Malagari hosted a public hearing on volunteer firefighters and EMS at Hatfield Township Building. Local fire companies and EMS officials discussed the challengegs of recruitment and the need for continued financial support from the stat in order to effectively serve their communities.









## REP. JASON DAWKINS March 11 | Philadelphia Labor Jobs & Appreniceships

Rep. Jason Dawkins hosted a public hearing on labor and apprecnticeships at Temple University. Local unions testified about the importance of labor jobs in today's economy and the critical roles played by apprenticeships.

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Rep. Danielle Friel Otten hosted a public hearing on state of the care workforce in PA at the Abraham Fetters-White School. The committee heard from PA Department of Human Services, SEIU Healthcare PA, AARP, PA Health Care Association and local groups about the difficulty in sustaining a direct care workforce that is underpaid and in heavy demand.

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