

State Representative **Regina G. Young** of the 185th Legislative District

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Dear Neighbor,

Many of you may already know me through our collective work around the community, but I want to reintroduce myself as your new state representative of the 185th Legislative District.

It has been a little over three months since I took my oath of office, but weeks prior to being sworn in I was proud to immediately get a jumpstart on my legislative agenda—my commitment to bring change to our community and across the Commonwealth—by introducing and reintroducing nine bills.

As your legislator, my top priorities to bring the change we need locally, and across our Commonwealth, include criminal justice reform, fair education funding, career-ready initiatives for students, increased opportunities for trades programs and immigration reform.

I am a wife and mother, and my work as a community organizer, former educator, social service worker, and a certified HIV and grief counselor curated an invaluable set of skills that allow me to continue to be a fighter for our community in Harrisburg.

I LOOK FORWARD TO WHAT WE CAN ACCOMPLISH!

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During my tenure as an educator and social worker, I witnessed first-hand how the inadequacies in our education system manifest in the lives of our young people and continue to burden them as they matriculate through school and into adulthood. Pupils in our communities and across our commonwealth can't afford to wait, especially when their lives and chances at success are on the line.

That's why weeks prior to being sworn in, I introduced and reintroduced a total of nine bills.

Knowing what's at stake is why I immediately took the initiative to draft these bills and reintroduce others as soon as I had the chance.



The four bills I introduced draw from my previous roles as an educator and social worker; and each bill addresses more equitable education funding, career readiness for students, better support for immigrant services, and criminal justice reform for juveniles by aiming to:

- **Improve public education by making funding and education quality equal to that of charter, parochial and private schools, regardless of the learning environment setting.**
- **Strengthen workforce development through the creation of a stronger pipeline between high schools and the trades by offering training opportunities and expanded opportunities, such as increased support for high school graduates to sharpen their math and reading skills to better qualify for a broader range of trades careers.**
- **Expand services for immigrants by offering better support for school-aged refugees.**
- **Increase the minimum age for when children can be arrested from 10 to 14 years of age.**

In addition to these four bills, and I reintroduced five bills to further efforts to bolster opportunities for public education:

- **HB 168 (previously introduced by Donatucci) - This bill would create a process for closing a school building.**
- **HB 2741 (previously introduced by Roebuck) - This bill would require all public school entities to update their Plan to Offer Continuity of Education into a more comprehensive Plan for Reopening Schools and Continuity of Education in the event of future widespread emergencies.**
- **HB 2466 (previously introduced by Roebuck) - This bill would provide monetary compensation to those wrongfully convicted.**
- **HB 396 (previously introduced by Roebuck) - This would add a CTE director to the workforce development board.**
- **HB 1882 (previously introduced by Roebuck) - This would create the Governor's School of Urban Teaching Act.**

Committee and Caucus Assignments

I am proud to announce that I have been selected to serve in leadership roles for the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus as chair of the Subcommittee on Education and Travel Promotion, and History and Heritage chair for the House Tourism and Recreational Development Committee.

Additionally, I also serve on the House Democratic Policy Committee, House State Government Committee, House Local Government Committee, and the House Liquor Control Committee.

I also am a member of a number of caucuses such as the Arts and Culture Caucus, the Women's Health Caucus and the Safe Caucus, which seeks to find solutions to tackling gun violence—a necessary task in the wake of record-high gun violence.



Events across the 185th

With just three months into my first term, I was proud to host and be part of many events in our community that range from food and book giveaways, to conversations with residents and first-responders on how to move our community forward, and so much more!

I am especially honored by the immense show of support from you and our neighbors in the 185th and my House colleagues – Thank you!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!

APRIL 15
(Virtual) Employment Resources

MAY
SHREDDING EVENT TBA
MAY 13
(Virtual) Senior Resources

JUNE 3
(Virtual) Mental Health/Healing

Resources for Individuals and Families

Last year, we successfully slowed the spread of the coronavirus in our communities. Sadly, side effects of the pandemic continue to negatively impact our communities and reach beyond our healthcare systems. Many people lost jobs, businesses were forced to temporarily close, and community resources were shut down, and many limitations remain in effect today.

As we continue to move toward a recovery, I wanted to share information about resources and programs available to qualifying Pennsylvania residents via www.compass.state.pa.us. Please see the graphic to the right for a sampling of available assistance and services.

COMPASS PROVIDES YOU ACCESS TO MANY OF PENNSYLVANIA'S HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BENEFITS ONLINE AND ALLOWS YOU TO:

- ✓ Learn about benefits and see if you qualify
- ✓ Apply for benefits and renew existing benefits
- ✓ Manage your benefits
- ✓ Connect to other benefits that aren't available on COMPASS

Early Intervention - no cost to families

LIHEAP - grant range from \$200 to \$1000

Child Care Works Program - helps low-income families pay their child care fees

SNAP - up to \$1408 available

Long Term Living Services - Nursing Home and Related Facilities

CHIP - Immunizations, Routine check-ups, Prescriptions, Dental, Vision, Mental Health

Make Your Voice Count, VOTE!

The May 2021 primary is just around the corner and I wanted to remind you that EVEN IF you were a voter who signed up last year to vote by mail (every year) you're more than likely receiving notices that you need to re-apply to vote by mail this year.

Sadly, this is not a mistake and you do need to apply again. If you are on the annual vote-by-mail list, your county should have sent you a new application in February.

We are working to fix this issue with legislation, but for now, please complete the form once again if you want to vote by mail this year. If you haven't gotten a form, or may have discarded it in error, please review the graphics to the right for more information, and visit the Department of State online at <https://www.votespa.com/Voting-in-PA/Pages/Annual-Mail-in-Voter-List.aspx> to complete a new form.

APPLY ONLINE FOR A MAIL BALLOT AND REQUEST TO BE ADDED TO THE ANNUAL MAIL-IN VOTER LIST

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REGISTER TO VOTE

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To vote in Pennsylvania, you must first register to vote at least 15 days before the election.

The voter registration deadline for the 2021 municipal primary is May 3, 2021.

What if I don't fill out and return the annual mail ballot voter application? Can I vote a regular ballot at my polling place on election day?

Yes. If you don't return the application you receive from your county, you'll be able to vote in-person, on election day, using a regular ballot.

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Meet my office staff!

I am proud to serve alongside these hardworking members of our community. These are our neighbors and they're ready to serve!

Belinda Mills

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Constituent Services Advisor

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Constituent Services Advisor

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Constituent Services Advisor

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MY OFFICE CAN HELP WITH

- ✓ **PACE** (*pharmaceutical assistance for qualified senior citizens*)
- ✓ **Voter registration forms and absentee ballot applications**
- ✓ **Property Tax/Rent Rebate forms** (*for qualified seniors*)
- ✓ **Information regarding PHEAA** (*PA Higher Education Assistance Agency*)
- ✓ **Information on PA's 529 College Savings Plans**
- ✓ **Requests for state informational materials**
- ✓ **CHIP** (*Children's Health Insurance Program*)
- ✓ **Obtaining birth or death certificates**
- ✓ **PennDOT problems or questions** – including disability license plates and placards
- ✓ **Questions or problems with any state agency**
- ✓ **Citations from the PA House of Representatives for outstanding local accomplishments and important family milestones**