

BOYLE INTRODUCES BILL TO REMOVE STATE CONTROL OF PHILADELPHIA PARKING AUTHORITY

Reform could return more money for Philly schools

In January, along with State Rep. Stephen Kinsey, I introduced a bill to eliminate state control of the Philadelphia Parking Authority by June 30, 2018.

Serious questions of mismanagement and lack of the state board's oversight have prompted an audit by state Auditor General Eugene DePasquale. The deadline proposed in my bill will give the Auditor General ample time to do his investigation and give local authorities time to determine whether or not the PPA should be returned to local control.

Two decades of patronage hiring and promotion practices, along with employee misconduct cover-ups and sexual harassment scandals, culminated when Vincent Fenerty Jr. resigned last year. The high-level executive's excessive payout of unused vacation and compensatory time, unwarranted pension protection and 15-year health

care coverage has left serious doubt among government officials and the public as to what the state board's role should have been in stopping the PPA's unchecked power.

All the while, the cash-strapped Philadelphia School District remains one of the biggest losers. Promised to bring in as much as \$45 million annually from the PPA, reports show the school district received as little as \$2 million in one year.

I have formed a coalition with elected officials at the federal, state, and local level to call for major changes within the PPA and my bill serves as the first step in allowing these overdue reforms.

The bill, H.B. 874, was referred to the Urban Affairs Committee in March.



From left, Congressman Brendan Boyle, Lisa Shousky of Operation Bundle-Up and Rep. Boyle display some of the warm coats and jackets collected at Rep. Boyle's office for the foster children in our community.



Left: Rep. Boyle and James Kennedy from Congressman Brendan Boyle's office meet with constituents at the annual Rockledge Fall Festival and Car Show.

Right: Rep. Boyle speaks at the opening of the new office for the Northeast NORC (Naturally Occurring Retirement Community), which helps local seniors who want to live independently in their own homes. The program is run by the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia in partnership with Catholic Health Care Services.



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Support for Law Enforcement:

During a budget hearing with the Pennsylvania State Police, I vocalized my support for Gov. Tom Wolf's plan to charge municipalities who do not pay for their own police and rely on state police. Philadelphians pay about \$600 million a year for our police protection. Rockledge borough, which I also represent, pays \$1 million a year. I also asked about police efforts to fight heroin and opioid trafficking in Philadelphia and the region.

Economic Development:

I have been a strong advocate of increasing our state's revenue stream by implementing a fair tax on our state's natural gas industry. I asked Revenue Secretary Eileen McNulty about missed revenue opportunities from our state's failure to pass a severance tax on the Marcellus Shale industry and she agreed with me that it has reached "hundreds and hundreds of millions" of dollars in lost funds.

BOYLE WORKING TO COMBAT HEROIN/OPIOID EPIDEMIC FOR THE COMMONWEALTH'S YOUTH



Combating the current heroin and opioid epidemic afflicting our communities has become a legislative priority for me. With more than 900 overdose-related deaths in 2016 in Philadelphia alone, our legislature,

our health experts, and our communities need to continue to work together to fight this crisis.

Earlier efforts to address our growing overdose crisis came when Pennsylvania Physician General Dr. Rachel Levine signed a standing order to allow the life-saving medication naloxone (also known as Narcan) to be purchased over the counter without a prescription to further combat the epidemic. This drug can reverse overdoses for a short period to provide time to get a person to a hospital.

Last fall, Gov. Wolf announced that the Department of Health provided 128 public high schools in the state with naloxone. Yet, only one of those 128 schools to receive the life-saving antidote was inside Philadelphia.

That is why I introduced legislation this year that would provide naloxone to all public schools in the Commonwealth. My bill has already received support from more than two dozen other Democrats and Republicans across the state. We need to make sure we prevent needless deaths caused by the prevalence and proliferation of opioids, particularly among our most vulnerable residents.

I also oppose repealing the federal Affordable Care Act because tens of thousands of Pennsylvanians would lose coverage for drug treatment.

Additionally, if you or anyone you know is suffering from opioid addiction, please call our office so we can make available to you the resources that exist solely to get help to those in need.



Rep. Boyle rallies for safe staffing levels in hospitals and other health-care facilities with members of the Pennsylvania Association of Staff Nurses and Allied Professionals.



Rep. Boyle talks with seniors at his annual senior lunch and expo last September at the Villages of Pine Valley in Fox Chase.