

October 2019

POLICY RECAP

A Summary of House Democratic Policy Committee Meetings



REP. WENDY ULLMAN SEPTEMBER 30 | DOYLESTOWN SINGLE USE PLASTICS AND HB 1322

State Rep. Wendy Ullman hosted a hearing on single use plastics and her HB 1322 at the Historic Aldie Mansion. Her legislation would create a 5-cent beverage bottle and can deposit program in Pennsylvania. The committee heard testimony from local and staff officials as well as environmental advocates.





REP. BEN SANCHEZ OCTOBER 2 | ABINGTON AUTISM AWARENESS

Rep. Ben Sanchez hosted a hearing on autism awareness at the Abington School District Administration Building. He is introducing legislation that would allow an individual on the autism spectrum to receive notation on their driver's license or identification card indicating their condition. Testifiers included school, county and state officials who help individuals with autism.



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REP. DAVID DELLOSO

OCTOBER 3 | ESSINGTON

JOBS AND THE LABOR MARKET

Rep. David Dellosa hosted a hearing on jobs and the labor market at the IAM Local Lodge 1776. The committee received testimony from PA Department of Labor & Industry and labor leaders about what can be done to grow jobs and protect workers.





REP. BILL KORTZ OCTOBER 7 | PITTSBURGH HOMECARE IN PENNSYLVANIA

Rep. Bill Kortz hosted a hearing on home care in Pennsylvania at the Baldwin Borough Municipal Complex. Testifiers talked about the challenges and needs for residents wanting to keep living at home, caregivers, families, home care workers, and providers.





REP. SARA INNAMORATO OCTOBER 8 | PITTSBURGH ENDING OVERDOSE DEATHS: HARM REDUCTION AS DRUG POLICY

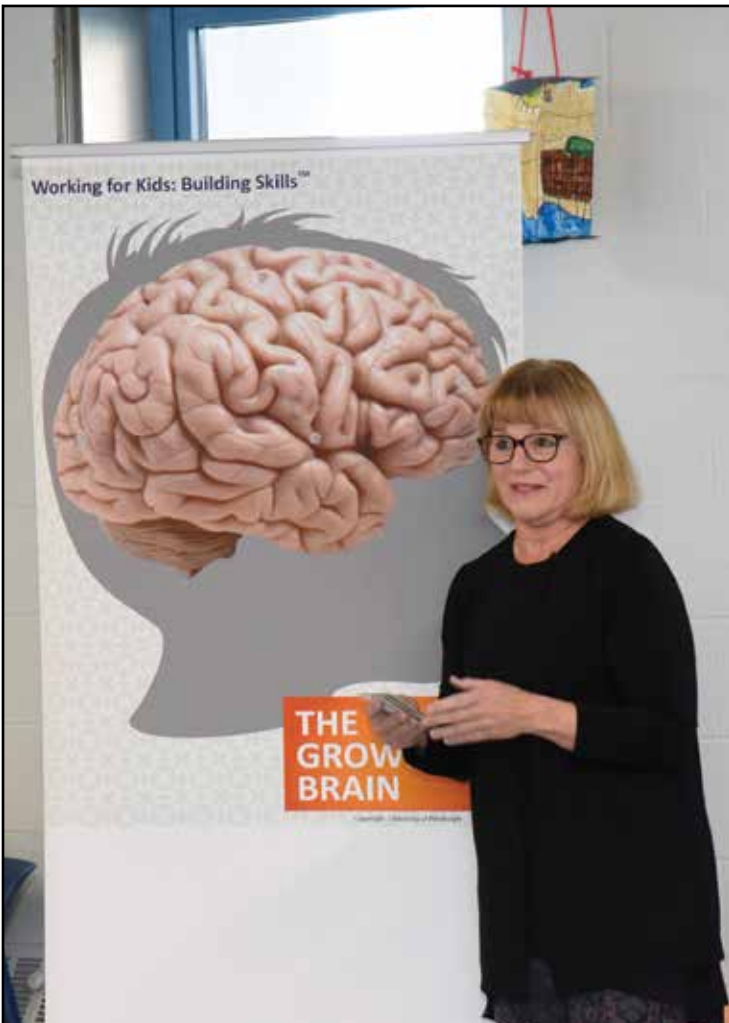
Rep. Sara Innamorato hosted a hearing on ending overdose deaths at Teamsters Temple Banquet Hall. Members and testifiers discussed how the state can end the opioid/overdose crisis by implementing evidence-based harm reduction strategies.





REP. JAKE WHEATLEY, JR. OCTOBER 9 | PITTSBURGH ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE

Rep. Jake Wheatley, Jr. hosted a hearing on adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) at Propel Northside Community Wellness Center. The committee heard from PA Department of Human Services, a school principal, and a trauma expert about how to help children overcome their ACEs.





REP. ED GAINEY
OCTOBER 10 | PITTSBURGH
ENDING ASSAULT WEAPONS VIOLENCE

Rep. Ed Gainey hosted a hearing on ending assault weapons violence at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh-Homewood. Testifiers include local elected officials, families affected by gun violence, and gun safety advocates.





REP. CHRISTINA SAPPEY
OCTOBER 15 | ABINGTON
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Rep. Christina Sappey hosted a hearing on stormwater management and infrastructure at East Bradford Township Building. Testifiers and members discussed how the state can help local governments address the cost of damage inflicted by increasing severe storms and improve their infrastructure.



REP. JENNIFER O'MARA

OCTOBER 16 | RADNOR

STUDENT LOAN DEBT

Rep. Jennifer O'Mara hosted a hearing on student loan debt at Cabrini University. The committee collected compelling testimony from college graduates, higher education institutions, PHEAA, and policy experts.



REP. BRIAN SIMS

OCTOBER 17 | PHILADELPHIA

COMPREHENSIVE SEX EDUCATION

Rep. Brian Sims hosted a hearing on comprehensive sex education at Thomas Jefferson University. He has introduced legislation to require school districts to teach age-appropriate comprehensive sex education to all grade levels and also to have affirmative sexual consent be a part of the required sexual violence awareness educational program at higher education institutions.



REP. DANIELLE FRIEL OTTEN OCTOBER 18 | EXTON YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

Rep. Danielle Friel Otten hosted a hearing on Youth Mental Health at Lionville YMCA. Discussion focused on how schools, families and government can help youth handle the various challenges they face in today's society.



REP. MARY JO DALEY

OCTOBER 21 | HARRISBURG

WATERS OF PENNSYLVANIA

Rep. Mary Jo Daley requested this Capitol hearing on the waters of Pennsylvania. State agencies and environmental advocates testified about the need to protect and improve water quality for an array of usage.



REP. PATTY KIM OCTOBER 28 | HARRISBURG AUTOMATED SHUTTLE VEHICLES

Rep. Patty Kim hosted a hearing on automated shuttle vehicles. She is co-sponsoring legislation that would allow PennDOT to authorize the operation of an autonomous shuttle vehicle on an approved route.





REP. MARIA DONATUCCI AND REP. JOE CIRESI
OCTOBER 31 | PHILADELPHIA
FILM TAX CREDIT

Rep. Maria Donatucci and Rep. Joe Ciresi hosted at hearing on the film tax credit at the Museum of the American Revolution. Testifiers from the film industry, including M. Night Shyamalan, explained why expanding PA’s film tax credit program can further boost the state’s economy and create more jobs.



REP. GREG VITALI NOVEMBER 1 | HAVERTOWN CLIMATE CHANGE: SHOULD PA JOIN RGGI?

Rep. Greg Vitali hosted a hearing on the regional greenhouse gas initiative (RGGI) at the Haverford Township Building. Testifiers expressed the importance for PA to join RGGI, which is a 10 state cap-and-trade program designed to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from the electric power sector.



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