

Tuesday, October 28, 2025 09:30 AM Voting Meeting

**House State Government Committee Voting Meeting
Room 515 Irvis Office
Harrisburg, PA 17120
October 28, 2025
09:30 AM**

Agenda

House Bill 374 (SOLOMON) An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in primary and election expenses, further providing for reporting by candidate and political committees and other persons and for late contributions and independent expenditures.

House Bill 468 (RABB) An Act designating the first Monday in February each year as Emancipation Day in this Commonwealth.

House Bill 1113 (SMITH-WADE-EL) An Act establishing the Office of New Pennsylvanians and providing for its powers and duties; establishing the Office of New Pennsylvanians Restricted Account; and establishing the Advisory Committee to Office of New Pennsylvanians and providing for its powers, duties and membership.

House Bill 1304 (CONKLIN) An Act amending Titles 24 (Education) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in administration and miscellaneous provisions, further providing for stress test of system; and, in administration, funds, accounts and general provisions, further providing for stress test of system.

House Bill 1417 (HILL-EVANS) An Act establishing the Community Diaper and Incontinence Products Grant Program and the Community Diaper and Incontinence Products Grant Program Fund; directing the Department of Aging to establish a program to improve access to incontinence supplies; and imposing powers and duties on the Department of Human Services.

Amendment A01984 (HILL-EVANS) to HB1417 Makes changes to improve and streamline the administration of the grant at the request of the executive branch agencies. Provides for minor technical changes.

House Resolution 153 (SANCHEZ) A Resolution designating the week of November 16 through 22, 2025, as "County Row Office Employee Appreciation Week" in Pennsylvania.

Amendment A01913 (SANCHEZ) to HR153 Includes County Recorder of Deeds and elected County Auditors.

House Resolution 162 (CEPEDA-FREYTIZ) A Resolution urging all agencies of the Commonwealth to have the ability to use diacritical marks on names on all Commonwealth-issued documents by July 1, 2027.

House Resolution 342 (HILL-EVANS) A Resolution designating November 15, 2025, as "Articles of Confederation Day" in Pennsylvania; and recognizing the City of York, York County, for its important contribution to the forging of our nation.

House Resolution 347 (SANCHEZ) A Resolution designating the week of November 17 through 21, 2025, as "Certified Public Accountant Week" in Pennsylvania.

House Resolution 348 (PARKER) A Resolution recognizing the month of November 2025 as "Native American Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.

And any other business that comes before the Committee: including House Resolution 324 (Curry) A Resolution which designates November 5, 2025, as "Guru Nanak Day" in Pennsylvania.

Adjournment

NOTICE: Please contact the office of the majority or minority chair whom you will be designating to vote on your behalf with your VBD and attendance, if applicable, before the meeting. See below for the appropriate contact.

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Attachments:

- HB0374P0330 Analysis
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- A01984 Hill-Evans Amendment to HB1417 PN1639
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- HR0342P2442 Analysis
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- HR0347P2467 Analysis
- 2025-0-HR0347P2467

- HR0348P2481 Analysis
- 2025-0-HR0348P2481
- HR324 Analysis
- HR324 PN2338 Language

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HB0374 PN0330	Prepared By:	Matt Hurlburt (717) 787-8529,6778
Committee:	State Government	Executive Director:	Nicholas Himebaugh
Sponsor:	Solomon, Jared		
Date:	3/13/2025		

A. Brief Concept

Requires reporting of an independent expenditure of any amount and would be applicable to a nonprofit organization established under the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. § 501(c)).

C. Analysis of the Bill

This legislation would amend Act 320 of 1937, known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, to require independent expenditures of any amount of money expressly advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate, or question appearing on the ballot, other than by contribution to a political committee or candidate to be reported to the Secretary of the Commonwealth or appropriate county boards of elections. Currently, this reporting requirement applies to an aggregate amount in excess of one hundred dollars.

Furthermore, an independent expenditure of any amount after the final pre-election report has been deemed completed would be required to be reported. Currently, this applies to an independent expenditure in excess of five hundred dollars.

The bill also makes the reporting requirements apply to an independent expenditure by a nonprofit organization established under the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. § 501(c)).

Effective Date:

This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

[Section 1626 \(g\) of Act 320 of 1937, known as the Pennsylvania Election Code](#), requires a person who makes independent expenditures expressly advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate, or question appearing on the ballot, other than by contribution to a political committee or candidate, in an aggregate amount in excess of one hundred dollars during a calendar year to file a report with the Secretary of the Commonwealth or appropriate county boards of elections.

[Section 1628](#) of the Act requires a person who makes independent expenditures of five hundred dollars or more after the final pre-election report has been deemed completed to report the expenditure to the Secretary of the Commonwealth or appropriate county boards of elections.

A 501(c) organization is a nonprofit organization under the [Internal Revenue Code \(26 U.S.C. § 501\(c\)\)](#), which are exempt from some federal income taxes.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

A similar bill, [House Bill 1472 \(Solomon\)](#), passed in the House of Representatives on April 16, 2024, by a vote of [127 to 74](#). It was referred to the Senate State Government Committee on April 22, 2024. The bill was not brought up for consideration by the Senate committee.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 374 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY SOLOMON, KENYATTA, VENKAT, KHAN, GUENST, FREEMAN,
SAPPEY, SCHLOSSBERG, HANBIDGE, SANCHEZ, PROBST, HILL-EVANS,
HADDOCK, FRANKEL, CIRESI, OTTEN, STEELE AND GREEN,
JANUARY 28, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 28, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), entitled
2 "An act concerning elections, including general, municipal,
3 special and primary elections, the nomination of candidates,
4 primary and election expenses and election contests; creating
5 and defining membership of county boards of elections;
6 imposing duties upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth,
7 courts, county boards of elections, county commissioners;
8 imposing penalties for violation of the act, and codifying,
9 revising and consolidating the laws relating thereto; and
10 repealing certain acts and parts of acts relating to
11 elections," in primary and election expenses, further
12 providing for reporting by candidate and political committees
13 and other persons and for late contributions and independent
14 expenditures.

15 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
16 hereby enacts as follows:

17 Section 1. Sections 1626(g) and 1628 of the act of June 3,
18 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election
19 Code, are amended to read:

20 Section 1626. Reporting by Candidate and Political
21 Committees and other Persons.--

22 * * *

23 (g) Every person, including an organization under 26 U.S.C.

1 § 501(c) (relating to exemption from tax on corporations,
2 certain trusts, etc.), other than a political committee or
3 candidate, who makes independent expenditures or contributes to
4 an organization that makes independent expenditures expressly
5 advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified
6 candidate, or question appearing on the ballot, other than by
7 contribution to a political committee or candidate, in [an
8 aggregate amount in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100)] any
9 amount during a calendar year shall file with the appropriate
10 supervisor, on a form prepared by the Secretary of the
11 Commonwealth, a report which shall include the same information
12 required of a candidate or political committee receiving such a
13 contribution and, additionally, the name of the candidate or
14 question supported or opposed. Reports required by this
15 subsection shall be filed on dates on which reports by political
16 committees making expenditures are required to report under this
17 section.

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19 Section 1628. Late Contributions and Independent
20 Expenditures.--Any candidate or political committee, authorized
21 by a candidate and created solely for the purpose of influencing
22 an election on behalf of that candidate, which receives any
23 contribution or pledge of five hundred dollars (\$500) or more,
24 and any person, including an organization under 26 U.S.C. §
25 501(c) (relating to exemption from tax on corporations, certain
26 trusts, etc.), making an independent expenditure or contribution
27 to an organization that makes independent expenditures, as
28 defined by this act, of [five hundred dollars (\$500) or more]
29 any amount after the final pre-election report has been deemed
30 completed shall report such contribution, pledge or expenditure

1 to the appropriate supervisor. Such report shall be sent by the
2 candidate, chairman or treasurer of the political committee
3 within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of the contribution. It
4 shall be the duty of the supervisor to confirm the substance of
5 such report. The report shall be made by telegram, mailgram,
6 overnight mail or facsimile transmission. Any candidate in his
7 own behalf, or chairman, treasurer or candidate in behalf of the
8 political committee may also comply with this section by
9 appearing personally before such supervisor and reporting such
10 late contributions or pledges.

11 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HB0468 PN0451	Prepared By:	Matt Hurlburt (717) 787-8529,6778
Committee:	State Government	Executive Director:	Nicholas Himebaugh
Sponsor:	Rabb, Chris		
Date:	2/5/2025		

A. Brief Concept

Establishes the Emancipation Day Act and designates the first Monday in February each year as Emancipation Day in the Commonwealth.

C. Analysis of the Bill

This legislation would establish the Emancipation Day Act.

The first Monday in February each year would be designated as Emancipation Day in the Commonwealth.

It would not require an employer to treat the first Monday in February as a legal or official holiday or to provide paid leave to an employee on the first Monday in February solely by virtue of the date being designated by this legislation.

Effective Date:

This legislation would take effect immediately.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

This is freestanding legislation.

Act No.138 of 1893 designates state holidays in the Commonwealth, including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Election Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

Title 38 (Holidays and Observances) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, provides for the observance of Persian Gulf War Veterans Day, Global War on Terrorism Veterans Day, Women Veterans Day, Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day, and First Responders Day.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

House Bill 296 (Rabb) from last session was reported from the House State Government Committee and had first consideration by the House of Representatives on November 14, 2023. The bill did not receive further consideration.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 468 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY RABB, GIRAL, STEELE, SANCHEZ, KENYATTA, McNEILL,
FREEMAN, HADDOCK, CERRATO AND D. WILLIAMS, FEBRUARY 4, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 4, 2025

AN ACT

1 Designating the first Monday in February each year as
2 Emancipation Day in this Commonwealth.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Emancipation
7 Day Act.

8 Section 2. Legislative findings.

9 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

10 (1) The Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the
11 United States, which abolished slavery, passed the United
12 States Senate on April 8, 1864, and the United States House
13 of Representatives on January 31, 1865.

14 (2) President Abraham Lincoln approved a joint
15 resolution of Congress which was submitted to the state
16 legislatures for ratification, a process which requires an
17 affirmative vote from three-fourths of the states in order to
18 amend the Constitution.

1 (3) Pennsylvania was one of the first states to approve
2 the measure as the General Assembly voted in support of
3 ratifying the Thirteenth Amendment and forever prohibiting
4 slavery within the United States on February 3, 1865.

5 (4) Pennsylvania's role as a leader in the abolishment
6 of slavery following the State's enactment of the Gradual
7 Abolition Act of 1780 helped contribute to the success of the
8 adoption of the Thirteenth Amendment.

9 (5) On the condition of ratifying the amendment to be
10 readmitted to the Union, Alabama became the 27th state to
11 ratify the Thirteenth Amendment on December 2, 1865, giving
12 the amendment the required approval of a three-fourths
13 majority of states to effectively abolish slavery in the
14 United States.

15 (6) The adoption of the Thirteenth Amendment found a
16 final constitutional solution to the issue of slavery and, in
17 tandem with the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments, greatly
18 expanded civil rights for Black Americans.

19 (7) The Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments,
20 which abolished slavery, guaranteed equal protection under
21 the law and granted the right to vote, are known as the
22 Reconstruction Amendments.

23 (8) Following the passage of the Thirteenth, Fourteenth
24 and Fifteenth Amendments, many Black men and women had a
25 newfound freedom that they celebrated and valued.

26 (9) Numerous Black individuals actively took up the
27 rights and opportunities of citizenship and held elected
28 government offices, including United States Senators and
29 Representatives.

30 Section 3. Designation.

1 The first Monday in February each year is designated as
2 Emancipation Day in this Commonwealth.

3 Section 4. Construction.

4 Nothing in this act shall be construed as requiring an
5 employer to treat the first Monday in February as a legal or
6 official holiday or to provide paid leave to an employee on the
7 first Monday in February solely by virtue of the date being
8 designated under this act.

9 Section 5. Effective date.

10 This act shall take effect immediately.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HB1113 PN1235	Prepared By:	Matt Hurlburt (717) 787-8529,6778
Committee:	State Government	Executive Director:	Nicholas Himebaugh
Sponsor:	Smith-Wade-El, Ismail		
Date:	4/3/2025		

A. Brief Concept

Establishes the Office of New Pennsylvanians and provides for its powers and duties.
Establishes the Office of New Pennsylvanians Restricted Account. Establishes the Advisory Committee to the Office of New Pennsylvanians and provides for its powers and duties.

C. Analysis of the Bill

This legislation would establish the Office of New Pennsylvanians, the Office of New Pennsylvanians Restricted Account, and the Advisory Committee to the Office of New Pennsylvanians as follows:

Establishment of office

The Office (office) of New Pennsylvanians would be established within the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

DCED would be required to provide administrative services and staff, including counsel and legal staff, to the office and to the advisory committee.

The office would be required to reimburse DCED for the cost and expenses of providing the administrative services and staff. No more than 5% of the funding appropriated annually to the office could be used for administrative costs and expenses.

Powers and duties of office

The office would be required to:

- Respond to inquiries from Commonwealth agencies, the media, immigrant-serving organizations, and the public about immigration issues in the Commonwealth.
- Serve as point of contact for Commonwealth licensing boards and the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs.
- Serve as an information clearinghouse for Commonwealth agencies on immigration-related policy issues and coordinate among agencies as appropriate.
- Analyze economic, demographic, and other trends impacting immigrants in the Commonwealth and make policy recommendations.
- Ensure that the Commonwealth is gathering relevant data to inform the Commonwealth's policy-making on immigrant issues.
- Develop strategies to attract, retain and integrate immigrants into the Commonwealth.
- Convene stakeholders in business development and international trade promotion programs to increase capacity to utilize immigrant contributors.
- Disseminate information to new and prospective immigrant residents of the Commonwealth who wish to invest capital, launch businesses, or apply their skills in the Commonwealth.
- Convene municipal officials to boost peer learning on increasing immigration in cities of the third class struggling with population loss and economic decline.
- Convene college and university officials to foster learning on strategies for immigrant and international student retention.
- Provide matching grant funds for high-quality immigration and economic development programs that can demonstrate corporate or philanthropic investment.

- Disseminate information about available services to assist new and prospective immigrant residents of the Commonwealth on the path to naturalization.
- Disseminate information about legal services available to new Pennsylvanians in civil legal matters, including housing, family, immigration, and other matters.
- Disseminate information about English language instruction and resources available to immigrant residents of the Commonwealth.
- Convene stakeholders in Commonwealth agencies, immigrant-serving organizations, and the public to identify and reduce exploitation and fraud against immigrants.
- Convene stakeholders in Commonwealth agencies, immigrant-serving organizations, and the public to promote race, sex, gender, age, income, and LGBTQ equity and to identify and reduce inequities.
- Develop strategies to provide immigrants with meaningful access to Commonwealth resources and opportunities regardless of their level of English proficiency.
- Evaluate the success of activities and adjust courses as appropriate.

Office of New Pennsylvanians Restricted Account

The Office of New Pennsylvanians Restricted Account would be established as a restricted account in the General Fund. Money appropriated by the General Assembly for the office would be required to be deposited into the restricted account for use by the office to carry out its powers and duties

Establishment of the advisory committee

The Advisory Committee to Office of New Pennsylvanians would be established within the office and would serve in an advisory capacity to the office in matters regarding immigrants in the Commonwealth. The advisory committee would be staffed and administered by the office.

Membership

The advisory committee would consist of the following members, who would serve by virtue of their public position:

- The Secretary of DCED or a designee.
- The Secretary of Administration or a designee.
- The Secretary of Education or a designee.
- The Secretary of Health or a designee.
- The Secretary of Human Services or a designee.
- The Secretary of Labor and Industry or a designee.
- The Secretary of Transportation or a designee.
- The Commissioner of Pennsylvania State Police or a designee.
- The Attorney General or a designee from the Office of the Attorney General, Bureau of Consumer Protection.

Nongovernmental members

The advisory committee would consist of nongovernmental members to be appointed by the Governor as follows:

- Three members from an organization that attracts, retains, and integrates immigrants into the Commonwealth's economic, cultural, and civic affairs. The advisory committee would be required to establish a minimum of three regions within the Commonwealth for the purpose of appointing one member from each region.
- One member from a Pennsylvania chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association.
- One member from an institution of higher education who has a primary focus on immigration issues.
- One member from the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry or a similar local advocate for economic improvement.
- One member with expertise in promoting language access plans.
- One member from an agency focused on providing English language instruction to speakers of other languages.

- One member from the Pennsylvania banking sector.
- One member from a workforce training agency.
- One member from the health care sector.
- One member from an agency working to increase immigrants' access to health care services.
- One member from a human services agency.
- One member from an agency focused on working with immigrants in matters of tenants' rights.
- One member from the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association.

Voting

All members appointed would hold voting privileges on all matters brought for consideration before the advisory committee.

A simple majority of members with current appointments to the advisory committee would constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business. An action adopted by the majority of the members present at a meeting in which there is a quorum would be deemed to be an act of the advisory committee.

Terms

The terms of the members would be concurrent with their holding of the public office.

Nongovernmental members would serve a three-year term as long as they represent the interest of the membership class for which they were appointed and would serve until a successor is appointed.

Chairperson

The Secretary of DCED would serve as chairperson of the advisory committee.

Expenses of members

Members of the advisory committee would receive no compensation for their services. Members who are not employees of State government would be reimbursed at established Commonwealth rates for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties on the advisory committee.

Powers and duties of the advisory committee

The advisory committee would be required to:

- Make recommendations to the Governor and the secretary on policies, procedures, regulations, and legislation to attract, retain and integrate immigrants into the Commonwealth's society.
- Serve as the Governor's liaison to new Pennsylvanians on policies, procedures, regulations, and legislation that affect immigrants, in order to ensure that State government is accessible, accountable, and responsive to the needs of immigrants.
- Serve as a resource to all departments, commissions, and agencies under the Governor's jurisdiction to ensure that government entities are cognizant of the needs of immigrants and that the entities' respective services and programs are accessible to immigrants.
- Work with the office to monitor the practices of Commonwealth agencies relating to the attraction, retention, and integration of immigrants in order to maximize the efficiency and accessibility to State government.
- Perform other duties as the Governor and Secretary of DCED may assign in planning for services and programs for immigrants.

Studies and reports

The advisory committee could conduct studies and issue reports as necessary on issues affecting immigrants in the Commonwealth.

Public hearings

The advisory committee would be required to conduct at least one public hearing each year to receive testimony and public comments on improving the attraction, retention, and integration of immigrants in the Commonwealth.

The advisory committee could establish ad hoc work groups or local committees to assist in research and other duties necessary to carry out the mission of the office.

Applicability of other statutes

The following acts would apply to the office and the advisory committee:

- [Act No. 451 of 1957, known as the State Adverse Interest Act.](#)
- [Act No. 3 of 2008, known as the Right-to-Know Law.](#)
- [Chapter 7 of Title 65 \(Public Officers\) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, known as the Sunshine Act.](#)

Effective Date:

This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

This is freestanding legislation.

[Article XXV-C of Act No. 175 of 1929, known as the Administrative Code of 1929](#), provides for the powers and duties of the Department of Community and Economic Development, its departmental boards, bureaus and agencies.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

2023-2024 Session

House Bill 1630 (Smith-Wade-EI) was reported from the House State Government Committee and had first consideration in the House of Representatives on June 3, 2024.

Senate Bill 338 (Street) was referred to the Senate Community, Economic and Recreational Development Committee on February 10, 2023.

2021-2022 Session

House Bill 2173 (Innamorato) was referred to the House State Government Committee on December 16, 2021. The bill was not brought up for consideration.

Senate Bill 101 (Street) was referred to the Senate State Government Committee on January 25, 2021. The bill was not brought up for consideration.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1113 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY SMITH-WADE-EL, HOHENSTEIN, VENKAT, SANCHEZ, RABB,
ISAACSON, HILL-EVANS, BENHAM, SCHLOSSBERG, KHAN, FIEDLER,
BELLMON, OTTEN, WAXMAN, GREEN, KAZEEM, GIRAL, FRANKEL,
RIVERA, CURRY, KENYATTA, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, MADDEN, BOYD,
KRAJEWSKI, KINKEAD AND N. NELSON, APRIL 3, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 3, 2025

AN ACT

1 Establishing the Office of New Pennsylvanians and providing for
2 its powers and duties; establishing the Office of New
3 Pennsylvanians Restricted Account; and establishing the
4 Advisory Committee to Office of New Pennsylvanians and
5 providing for its powers, duties and membership.

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3 Section 702. Effective date.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 CHAPTER 1

7 PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

8 Section 101. Short title.

9 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Office of New
10 Pennsylvanians Act.

11 Section 102. Legislative policy and declarations.

12 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

13 (1) According to the United States Census Bureau, in
14 2018, Pennsylvania ranked 42nd among the 50 states in
15 population growth since 2010, increasing only 0.86%.

16 (2) In 2019, Pennsylvania's 893,167 foreign-born
17 individuals comprised 7% of this Commonwealth's population,
18 an increase of 75.7% since 2000, compared to only 1.2% growth
19 in the United-States-born population.

20 (3) Throughout this Commonwealth's history, immigrants
21 have played a critical role in this Commonwealth's economic,
22 cultural and political growth and success.

23 (4) Policies that promote the attraction, retention and
24 inclusion of immigrants and refugees will help enhance this
25 Commonwealth's economy and diversity, thereby improving the
26 lives of all residents and helping to remove barriers that
27 may undermine immigrants' full potential.

28 (5) Immigrants currently fill skilled positions
29 throughout this Commonwealth's economy and are a vital part
30 of this Commonwealth's economy and tax base. In 2019,

1 immigrant business owners in this Commonwealth generated more
2 than \$1,700,000,000 in business revenue and immigrant
3 spending power increased to \$24,900,000,000.

4 (6) Forty percent of immigrants in this Commonwealth
5 have a bachelor of arts, bachelor of science or graduate
6 degree, compared to 32% of United-States-born Pennsylvanians.

7 (7) Organizations are providing leadership in this
8 Commonwealth's immigrant integration efforts through programs
9 and services that connect newcomers and longtime
10 Pennsylvanians to economic opportunity.

11 (8) It is essential for this Commonwealth's future that
12 skilled, energetic and entrepreneurial immigrants are
13 attracted, retained and integrated. Immigrants help to
14 bolster this Commonwealth's economy and strengthen the
15 social, civic and cultural fabric.

16 (9) States enforce and provide for many services,
17 licenses and educational and economic opportunities that make
18 it imperative to coordinate the work of state agencies,
19 leverage relationships with partner and nonprofit
20 organizations and recommend policies and programs that
21 support immigrant inclusion. Immigrants on the path to full
22 civic and economic participation benefit from a welcoming
23 environment and policies that:

24 (i) Increase access to English language instruction
25 and workforce development and employment.

26 (ii) Reduce exploitation and fraud against
27 immigrants.

28 (iii) Connect new Pennsylvanians to legal services
29 and assist on the path to naturalization.

30 (iv) Provide individuals with meaningful access to

1 Commonwealth resources and opportunities regardless of
2 English proficiency.

3 (10) In recognition of these facts and in promotion of
4 the stated goals, the creation of the Office of New
5 Pennsylvanians will help improve the lives and economic
6 prosperity of immigrants and Pennsylvanians generally.

7 Section 103. Definitions.

8 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
9 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
10 context clearly indicates otherwise:

11 "Advisory committee." The Advisory Committee to Office of
12 New Pennsylvanians established in section 501.

13 "Department." The Department of Community and Economic
14 Development of the Commonwealth.

15 "Office." The Office of New Pennsylvanians established in
16 section 301.

17 "Secretary." The Secretary of Community and Economic
18 Development of the Commonwealth.

19 CHAPTER 3

20 OFFICE OF NEW PENNSYLVANIANS

21 Section 301. Establishment of office.

22 (a) Establishment.--The Office of New Pennsylvanians is
23 established within the department.

24 (b) Administrative services and staff.--

25 (1) The department shall provide administrative services
26 and staff, including counsel and legal staff, to the office
27 and to the advisory committee.

28 (2) The office shall reimburse the department for the
29 cost and expenses of providing the administrative services
30 and staff under paragraph (1). No more than 5% of the funding

1 appropriated annually to the office shall be used for
2 administrative costs and expenses.

3 Section 302. Powers and duties of office.

4 The office shall:

5 (1) Respond to inquiries from Commonwealth agencies, the
6 media, immigrant-serving organizations and the public about
7 immigration issues in this Commonwealth.

8 (2) Serve as point of contact for Commonwealth licensing
9 boards and the Bureau of Professional and Occupational
10 Affairs.

11 (3) Serve as an information clearinghouse for
12 Commonwealth agencies on immigration-related policy issues
13 and coordinate among agencies as appropriate.

14 (4) Analyze economic, demographic and other trends
15 impacting immigrants in this Commonwealth and make policy
16 recommendations.

17 (5) Ensure that the Commonwealth is gathering relevant
18 data to inform the Commonwealth's policy making on immigrant
19 issues.

20 (6) Develop strategies to attract, retain and integrate
21 immigrants into this Commonwealth.

22 (7) Convene stakeholders in business development and
23 international trade promotion programs to increase capacity
24 to utilize immigrant contributors.

25 (8) Disseminate information to new and prospective
26 immigrant residents of this Commonwealth who wish to invest
27 capital, launch businesses or apply their skills in this
28 Commonwealth.

29 (9) Convene municipal officials to boost peer learning
30 on increasing immigration in cities of the third class

1 struggling with population loss and economic decline.

2 (10) Convene college and university officials to foster
3 learning on strategies for immigrant and international
4 student retention.

5 (11) Provide matching grant funds for high-quality
6 immigration and economic development programs that can
7 demonstrate corporate or philanthropic investment.

8 (12) Disseminate information about available services to
9 assist new and prospective immigrant residents of this
10 Commonwealth on the path to naturalization.

11 (13) Disseminate information about legal services
12 available to new Pennsylvanians in civil legal matters,
13 including housing, family, immigration and other matters.

14 (14) Disseminate information about English language
15 instruction and resources available to immigrant residents of
16 this Commonwealth.

17 (15) Convene stakeholders in Commonwealth agencies,
18 immigrant-serving organizations and the public to identify
19 and reduce exploitation and fraud against immigrants.

20 (16) Convene stakeholders in Commonwealth agencies,
21 immigrant-serving organizations and the public to promote
22 race, sex, gender, age, income and LGBTQ equity and to
23 identify and reduce inequities.

24 (17) Develop strategies to provide immigrants with
25 meaningful access to Commonwealth resources and opportunities
26 regardless of their level of English proficiency.

27 (18) Evaluate the success of activities and adjust
28 courses as appropriate.

29 Section 303. Office of New Pennsylvanians Restricted Account.

30 The Office of New Pennsylvanians Restricted Account is

1 established as a restricted account in the General Fund. Money
2 appropriated by the General Assembly for the office shall be
3 deposited into the restricted account for use by the office to
4 carry out its powers and duties under section 302.

5 CHAPTER 5

6 ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO

7 OFFICE OF NEW PENNSYLVANIANS

8 Section 501. Establishment of advisory committee.

9 The Advisory Committee to Office of New Pennsylvanians is
10 established within the office and shall serve in an advisory
11 capacity to the office in matters regarding immigrants in this
12 Commonwealth. The advisory committee shall be staffed and
13 administered by the office.

14 Section 502. Membership.

15 (a) Public official members.--The advisory committee shall
16 consist of the following members, who shall serve by virtue of
17 their public position:

- 18 (1) The secretary or a designee.
- 19 (2) The Secretary of Administration or a designee.
- 20 (3) The Secretary of Education or a designee.
- 21 (4) The Secretary of Health or a designee.
- 22 (5) The Secretary of Human Services or a designee.
- 23 (6) The Secretary of Labor and Industry or a designee.
- 24 (7) The Secretary of Transportation or a designee.
- 25 (8) The Commissioner of Pennsylvania State Police or a
26 designee.
- 27 (9) The Attorney General or a designee from the Office
28 of the Attorney General, Bureau of Consumer Protection.

29 (b) Nongovernmental members.--The advisory committee shall
30 consist of nongovernmental members to be appointed by the

1 Governor as follows:

2 (1) Three members from an organization that attracts,
3 retains and integrates immigrants into this Commonwealth's
4 economic, cultural and civic affairs. The advisory committee
5 shall establish a minimum of three regions within this
6 Commonwealth for the purpose of appointing one member from
7 each region.

8 (2) One member from a Pennsylvania chapter of the
9 American Immigration Lawyers Association.

10 (3) One member from an institution of higher education
11 who has a primary focus on immigration issues.

12 (4) One member from the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business
13 and Industry or a similar local advocate for economic
14 improvement.

15 (5) One member with expertise in promoting language
16 access plans.

17 (6) One member from an agency focused on providing
18 English language instruction to speakers of other languages.

19 (7) One member from the Pennsylvania banking sector.

20 (8) One member from a workforce training agency.

21 (9) One member from the health care sector.

22 (10) One member from an agency working to increase
23 immigrants' access to health care services.

24 (11) One member from a human services agency.

25 (12) One member from an agency focused on working with
26 immigrants in matters of tenants' rights.

27 (13) One member from the Pennsylvania Manufacturers'
28 Association.

29 (c) Voting.--

30 (1) All members appointed shall hold voting privileges

1 on all matters brought for consideration before the advisory
2 committee.

3 (2) A simple majority of members with current
4 appointments to the advisory committee shall constitute a
5 quorum for the transaction of any business. An action adopted
6 by the majority of the members present at a meeting in which
7 there is a quorum shall be deemed to be an act of the
8 advisory committee.

9 (d) Terms.--

10 (1) The terms of the members under subsection (a) shall
11 be concurrent with their holding of the public office.

12 (2) A member appointed under subsection (b) shall serve
13 a three-year term as long as they represent the interest of
14 the membership class for which they were appointed and shall
15 serve until a successor is appointed.

16 (e) Chairperson.--The secretary shall serve as chairperson
17 of the advisory committee.

18 (f) Expenses of members.--Members of the advisory committee
19 shall receive no compensation for their services. Members who
20 are not employees of State government shall be reimbursed at
21 established Commonwealth rates for expenses incurred in the
22 performance of their duties on the advisory committee.

23 Section 503. Powers and duties of advisory committee.

24 (a) General rule.--The advisory committee shall:

25 (1) Make recommendations to the Governor and the
26 secretary on policies, procedures, regulations and
27 legislation to attract, retain and integrate immigrants into
28 this Commonwealth's society.

29 (2) Serve as the Governor's liaison to new
30 Pennsylvanians on policies, procedures, regulations and

1 legislation that affect immigrants, in order to ensure that
2 State government is accessible, accountable and responsive to
3 the needs of immigrants.

4 (3) Serve as a resource to all departments, commissions
5 and agencies under the Governor's jurisdiction to ensure that
6 government entities are cognizant of the needs of immigrants
7 and that the entities' respective services and programs are
8 accessible to immigrants.

9 (4) Work with the office to monitor the practices of
10 Commonwealth agencies relating to the attraction, retention
11 and integration of immigrants in order to maximize the
12 efficiency and accessibility to State government.

13 (5) Perform other duties as the Governor and secretary
14 may assign in planning for services and programs for
15 immigrants.

16 (b) Studies and reports.--The advisory committee may conduct
17 studies and issue reports as necessary on issues affecting
18 immigrants in this Commonwealth.

19 (c) Public hearings.--The advisory committee shall conduct
20 at least one public hearing each year to receive testimony and
21 public comments on improving the attraction, retention and
22 integration of immigrants in this Commonwealth.

23 (d) Construction.--Nothing in this section shall be
24 construed to prevent the advisory committee from establishing ad
25 hoc work groups or local committees to assist in research and
26 other duties necessary to carry out the mission of the office.

27 CHAPTER 7

28 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

29 Section 701. Applicability of other statutes.

30 The following acts shall apply to the office and the advisory

1 committee:

2 (1) The act of July 19, 1957 (P.L.1017, No.451), known
3 as the State Adverse Interest Act.

4 (2) The act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as
5 the Right-to-Know Law.

6 (3) The provisions of 65 Pa.C.S. Chs. 7 (relating to
7 open meetings) and 11 (relating to ethics standards and
8 financial disclosure).

9 Section 702. Effective date.

10 This act shall take effect in 60 days.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HB1304 PN1498	Prepared By:	Matt Hurlburt (717) 787-8529,6778
Committee:	State Government	Executive Director:	Nicholas Himebaugh
Sponsor:	Conklin		
Date:	8/6/2025		

A. Brief Concept

Amends Titles 24 (Education) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to change the timing of the required annual stress test of the Public-School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS) and the State Employees' Retirement System (SERS) and the subsequent reports for each system by the Independent Fiscal Office (IFO).

C. Analysis of the Bill

This legislation would amend Titles 24 (Education) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to change the timing of the required annual stress test of PSERS and SERS and the subsequent report for each system by the IFO.

PSERS

The date by which PSERS would be required to complete and submit the results of the stress test to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the IFO would be changed to no later than April 1 of each year (from the current deadline of January 1).

The date that the IFO would be required to produce a report summarizing the results of the stress test, including a calculation of the ratio of projected employer pension contributions to projected State revenues under a scenario analysis would be changed to no later than June 1 of each year (from the current deadline of March 1).

SERS

The date by which the SERS would be required to complete and submit the results of the stress test to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the IFO would be changed to no later than October 1 of each year (from the current deadline of July 1).

The date that the IFO would be required to produce a report summarizing the results of the stress test, including a calculation of the ratio of projected employer pension contributions to projected State revenues under a scenario analysis would be changed to no later than December 1 of each year (from the current deadline of September 1).

Effective Date:

This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

PSERS

[Section 8510 of Title 24 \(Education\) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes](#), requires PSERS to conduct an annual stress test of SERS and submit the results of the stress test to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the IFO no later than July 1 of each year. The stress test must include a scenario analysis, simulation analysis and sensitivity analysis. The board is required to disclose in the report of the stress test results which industry standards were used and whether any changes to industry standards have been made.

No later than September 1 of each year, the IFO is required to produce a report summarizing the results of the stress test, including a calculation of the ratio of projected employer pension contributions to projected State revenues under a scenario analysis.

SERS

[Section 5909 of Title 71 \(State Government\) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes](#), requires SERS to conduct an annual stress test of SERS and submit the results of the stress test to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the IFO no later than July 1 of each year. The stress test must include a scenario analysis, simulation analysis and sensitivity analysis. The board is required to disclose in the report of the stress test results which industry standards were used and whether any changes to industry standards have been made.

No later than September 1 of each year, the IFO is required to produce a report summarizing the results of the stress test, including a calculation of the ratio of projected employer pension contributions to projected State revenues under a scenario analysis.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

A similar bill, House Bill 778 (Conklin), made adjustments to the deadlines for the annual stress test for SERS. It did not amend the corresponding deadlines for PSERS. It was referred to House State Government Committee on March 30, 2023. The bill was not brought up for consideration.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1304 Session of 2025

INTRODUCED BY CONKLIN, PIELLI, SANCHEZ, KHAN, GIRAL, HILL-EVANS, HARKINS, HADDOCK, MERSKI AND GREEN, APRIL 28, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 28, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 24 (Education) and 71 (State Government) of the
 2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in administration and
 3 miscellaneous provisions, further providing for stress test
 4 of system; and, in administration, funds, accounts and
 5 general provisions, further providing for stress test of
 6 system.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 8510(a) and (b) of Title 24 of the
 10 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

11 § 8510. Stress test of system.

12 (a) General rule.--The board shall conduct an annual stress
 13 test of the system and submit the results of the stress test to
 14 the Governor, the General Assembly and the Independent Fiscal
 15 Office no later than [January] April 1 of each year. The stress
 16 test shall include a scenario analysis, simulation analysis and
 17 sensitivity analysis. The board shall disclose in the report of
 18 the stress test results which industry standards were used and
 19 whether any changes to industry standards have been made.

20 (b) Report by Independent Fiscal Office.--No later than

1 [March] June 1 of each year, the Independent Fiscal Office shall
2 produce a report summarizing the results of the stress test,
3 including a calculation of the ratio of projected employer
4 pension contributions to projected State revenues under a
5 scenario analysis.

6 * * *

7 Section 2. Section 5909(a) and (b) of Title 71 are amended
8 to read:

9 § 5909. Stress test of system.

10 (a) General rule.--The board shall conduct an annual stress
11 test of the system and submit the results of the stress test to
12 the Governor, the General Assembly and the Independent Fiscal
13 Office no later than [July 1] October 1 of each year. The stress
14 test shall include a scenario analysis, simulation analysis and
15 sensitivity analysis. The board shall disclose in the report of
16 the stress test results which industry standards were used and
17 whether any changes to industry standards have been made.

18 (b) Report by Independent Fiscal Office.--No later than
19 [September 1] December 1 of each year, the Independent Fiscal
20 Office shall produce a report summarizing the results of the
21 stress test, including a calculation of the ratio of projected
22 employer pension contributions to projected State revenues under
23 a scenario analysis.

24 * * *

25 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HB1417 PN1639	Prepared By:	Hanna Yu (717) 787-8529,6839
Committee:	State Government	Executive Director:	Nicholas Himebaugh
Sponsor:	Hill-Evans, Carol		
Date:	5/28/2025		

A. Brief Concept

Establishes the Community Diaper and Incontinence Products Grant Program and the Community Diaper and Incontinence Products Grant Program Fund.

C. Analysis of the Bill

This legislation, which would be known and cited as the **Community Diaper and Incontinence Products Act**, would provide for the duties and powers of the Department of Human Services (DHS) to establish the Community Diaper and Incontinence Products Grant Program and the Community Diaper and Incontinence Products Grant Program Fund, and direct the Department of Aging (PDA) to establish a program to improve access to incontinence supplies.

Community Diaper and Incontinence Products Grant Program

DHS would establish and administer the grant program, which would serve to improve, enhance, and expand access to clean diapers and incontinence products.

To receive a grant award, a diaper bank, diaper pantry, or diaper program would be required to submit a written application to DHS by January 1 of each year for which a grant is sought. The eligibility requirements would be as follows:

- Be located within this Commonwealth.
- Have a budget approved by the board of directors or other governing body of the applicant.
- Not require participation in religious, financial, or organizational activities in order to receive the diapers.
- Submit a detailed proposal outlining how the grant money would be used and its intended effect.

DHS would be required to review and approve or disapprove an application within 60 days of receiving it; otherwise, it would be deemed approved.

The Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) would be required to publish information on the grant program in the next available issue of the PA Bulletin by August 8 for each fiscal year beginning after June 30, 2025.

DHS could issue a grant award ranging from \$2,500 to \$25,000 annually per eligible applicant for the following purposes:

- Direct collection and distribution of diapers or incontinence products.
- Warehousing, shelving, and storing of collected diapers or incontinence products.
- Collection bins, volunteer training, and other promotional and marketing programs and materials.
- Outreach programs, including but not limited to, mobile diaper banks, partnerships with child-care centers serving low-income families, or partnerships with centers or facilities serving senior citizens.
- Fundraising assistance and other financial management programs relating to the collection of diapers.

- Creating or establishing new diaper banks, diaper pantries, or diaper programs, especially in underserved areas of this Commonwealth.
- Any other program or activity approved by DHS that improves, enhances, and expands access to clean diapers and incontinence products for infants, children, and incontinent adults.

Grants could be awarded on a pro rata basis if the total dollar amount of the approved applications exceeds the amount of funds appropriated by the General Assembly.

Grant Program Fund

The grant program fund would be established in the State Treasury, and all appropriations, contributions, and alternative funds received by DHS as authorized by law would be deposited into the grant program fund.

The fund would be appropriated on a continuing basis to DHS and would be used as follows:

- At least 80% for grants authorized for use in this program.
- Up to 20% for State and local administration and program services.

DHS could solicit and accept alternative funding, including Federal funds, grants, and donations from any source, to assist with the goals of this program.

DHS would be required to promulgate regulations and submit an annual report to the General Assembly on expenditures from the fund and the progress of public outreach.

From the money available for administration and program services, DHS would be required to conduct Statewide outreach to inform diaper banks, diaper pantries, diaper programs, and other appropriate community organizations about the program. The agency must evaluate the effectiveness of the funds provided to accomplish the program goals and make the necessary changes.

Improving Access to Incontinence Supplies

PDA would be required to establish a program in conjunction with local agencies that specialize in aging services, such as providing incontinence supplies (i.e., adult diapers, protective undergarments, incontinence pads, absorbent underwear, incontinence medication) to seniors and promulgate regulations.

Effective Date:

This legislation would take effect in 90 days.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

This is freestanding legislation.

[Act No. 21 of 1967 \(Human Services Code\)](#) provides for the powers and duties of the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services.

[Article XXII-A of Act No. 175 of 1929 \(The Administrative Code of 1929\)](#) provides for the powers and duties of the Pennsylvania Department of Aging.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

Session 2023-2024:

House Bill 229 (Hill-Evans) was referred to the House Aging and Older Adult Services Committee on March 10, 2023. It was not brought up for consideration.

Session 2021-2022:

House Bill 692 (Hill-Evans) was referred to the House Health Committee on March 1, 2021. It was not brought up for consideration.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1417 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY HILL-EVANS, SANCHEZ, DONAHUE, GIRAL, HANBIDGE,
HOHENSTEIN, HOWARD AND MAYES, MAY 6, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MAY 6, 2025

AN ACT

1 Establishing the Community Diaper and Incontinence Products
2 Grant Program and the Community Diaper and Incontinence
3 Products Grant Program Fund; directing the Department of
4 Aging to establish a program to improve access to
5 incontinence supplies; and imposing powers and duties on the
6 Department of Human Services.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Short title.

10 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Community
11 Diaper and Incontinence Products Act.

12 Section 2. Legislative intent.

13 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

14 (1) The establishment of a grant program to provide
15 funding to improve, enhance and expand access to clean
16 diapers will protect and enhance the health and well-being of
17 infants, children, incontinent adults and their families.

18 (2) Infants and children who are living in households
19 with little or no access to clean diapers often spend a day
20 or longer in one diaper, leading to significant potential

1 health risks.

2 (3) A supply of clean diapers is usually a requirement
3 for infants and children to attend and participate in child-
4 care programs and not having a reliable supply of clean
5 diapers impedes individuals in obtaining and maintaining
6 employment.

7 (4) Most public resources, such as the Supplemental
8 Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Women, Infants
9 and Children Program (WIC), do not help offset the costs of
10 these needed diapers.

11 (5) For incontinent adults, the lack of access to
12 diapers is a growing health care concern.

13 (6) Health care experts affirm that when an adult is
14 left wearing a soiled diaper, there is an immediate danger of
15 skin problems, including skin breakdown that can bring on
16 life-threatening infections, especially in older adults.

17 (7) This Commonwealth has a compelling interest in
18 developing programs that improve access to diapers for
19 infants, children and incontinent adults.

20 Section 3. Definitions.

21 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
22 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
23 context clearly indicates otherwise:

24 "Department." The Department of Human Services of the
25 Commonwealth.

26 "Diaper bank." A nonprofit charitable organization or a
27 fiscally sponsored project of a nonprofit charitable
28 organization that collects or purchases diapers and other
29 hygiene products for infants, children or incontinent adults and
30 regularly distributes diapers over an extended period through

1 two or more partner agencies for eventual distribution to
2 individuals free of charge.

3 "Diaper pantry." A nonprofit charitable organization or a
4 fiscally sponsored project of a nonprofit charitable
5 organization that collects or purchases diapers for the purpose
6 of regularly distributing those diapers directly to individuals
7 free of charge.

8 "Diaper program." A program within a nonprofit charitable
9 organization or a fiscally sponsored project of a nonprofit
10 charitable organization, including, but not limited to, a food
11 bank, service agency or health clinic that collects or purchases
12 diapers and regularly distributes those diapers either through
13 direct service free of charge or through two or more partner
14 agencies for eventual distribution to individuals free of
15 charge.

16 "Fund." The Community Diaper and Incontinence Products Grant
17 Program Fund established under section 5.

18 "Nonprofit charitable organization." A nonprofit
19 organization within the meaning of 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3)
20 (relating to exemption from tax on corporations, certain trusts,
21 etc.).

22 "Program." The Community Diaper and Incontinence Products
23 Grant Program established under section 4.

24 Section 4. Community Diaper and Incontinence Products Grant
25 Program.

26 (a) Establishment.--The Community Diaper and Incontinence
27 Products Grant Program is established and shall be administered
28 by the department. The purpose of the program shall be to issue
29 grants to improve, enhance and expand access to clean diapers
30 and incontinence products.

1 (b) Eligibility.--To receive a grant award under the
2 program, a diaper bank, diaper pantry or diaper program must
3 submit a written application to the department by January 1 of
4 each year for which a grant is sought and satisfy the following
5 conditions:

6 (1) Be located within this Commonwealth.

7 (2) Have a budget approved by the board of directors or
8 other governing body of the applicant.

9 (3) Not require participation in religious, financial or
10 organizational activities in order to receive the diapers.

11 (4) Submit a detailed proposal outlining the manner in
12 which the grant money will be used and the intended effect of
13 the proposal.

14 (c) Department action.--The department shall review and
15 approve or disapprove an application within 60 days of receiving
16 the application. An application which has not been approved or
17 disapproved by the department within the 60-day period shall be
18 deemed approved.

19 (d) Publication and notice.--The department shall transmit
20 notice of the availability of the grant program to the
21 Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the next
22 available issue of the Pennsylvania Bulletin by August 8 for
23 each fiscal year beginning after June 30, 2025.

24 (e) Award of grants.--

25 (1) The department may issue a grant award for the
26 following purposes:

27 (i) Direct collection and distribution of diapers or
28 incontinence products.

29 (ii) Warehousing, shelving and storing of collected
30 diapers or incontinence products.

1 (iii) Collection bins, volunteer training and other
2 promotional and marketing programs and materials.

3 (iv) Outreach programs, including, but not limited
4 to, mobile diaper banks, partnerships with child-care
5 centers serving low-income families or partnerships with
6 centers or facilities serving senior citizens.

7 (v) Fundraising assistance and other financial
8 management programs relating to the collection of
9 diapers.

10 (vi) Creating or establishing new diaper banks,
11 diaper pantries or diaper programs, especially in
12 underserved areas of this Commonwealth.

13 (vii) Any other program or activity approved by the
14 department that improves, enhances and expands access to
15 clean diapers and incontinence products for infants,
16 children and incontinent adults.

17 (2) Grants may not be less than \$2,500 nor more than
18 \$25,000 annually per eligible applicant.

19 (3) Grants may be awarded on a pro rata basis if the
20 total dollar amount of the approved applications exceeds the
21 amount of funds appropriated by the General Assembly for the
22 program.

23 Section 5. Community Diaper and Incontinence Products Grant
24 Program Fund.

25 (a) Establishment.--The Community Diaper and Incontinence
26 Products Grant Program Fund is established in the State
27 Treasury. All appropriations, contributions and alternative
28 funds received by the department as authorized by State law to
29 improve, enhance and expand access to clean diapers and
30 incontinence products shall be deposited into the fund.

1 (b) Allocation of funds.--All money in the fund is
2 appropriated on a continuing basis to the department and shall
3 be used as follows:

4 (1) At least 80% of the fund shall be used by the
5 department for grants authorized by this act.

6 (2) Not more than 20% of the fund may be used by the
7 department for State and local administration and program
8 services.

9 (c) Alternative funding.--The department may solicit and
10 accept alternative funding, including Federal funds, grants and
11 donations from any source to assist with the goals of this act.
12 All money received by the department to improve, enhance and
13 expand access to clean diapers and incontinence products shall
14 be deposited into the fund.

15 Section 6. Reports.

16 The department shall submit an annual report to the General
17 Assembly on expenditures from the fund and the progress of the
18 public outreach required under section 7.

19 Section 7. Public outreach.

20 (a) General rule.--From the money available for
21 administration as authorized under section 5(b)(2), the
22 department shall conduct Statewide outreach to inform diaper
23 banks, diaper pantries, diaper programs and other appropriate
24 community organizations about the program.

25 (b) Evaluation.--The department shall evaluate the
26 effectiveness of the funds provided under this act in improving
27 access to clean diapers and incontinence products and make
28 changes as necessary to the outreach described under subsection
29 (a) to improve access to clean diapers and incontinence
30 products.

1 Section 8. Rules and regulations.

2 The department shall promulgate regulations necessary to
3 administer the program and carry out its duties under this act.

4 Section 9. Improving access to incontinence supplies.

5 (a) Establishment.--The Department of Aging shall establish
6 a program, in conjunction with local agencies that specialize in
7 aging services, that provides incontinence supplies to
8 individuals 65 years of age or older, including adult diapers,
9 protective undergarments, incontinence pads, absorbent underwear
10 and incontinence medication.

11 (b) Regulations.--The Department of Aging shall promulgate
12 regulations necessary to administer the provisions of this
13 section.

14 Section 10. Effective date.

15 This act shall take effect in 90 days.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE AMENDMENT REPORT

HB1417 - PN1639 (Hill-Evans, Carol)

Establishes the Community Diaper and Incontinence Products Grant Program and the Community Diaper and Incontinence Products Grant Program Fund.

A-01984 (Hill-Evans, Carol) (Committee)

Makes changes to improve and streamline the administration of the grant at the request of the executive branch agencies. Provides for minor technical changes.

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1417

Sponsor:

Printer's No. 1639

1 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 1 and 2, by striking out "the
2 Community Diaper and Incontinence Products Grant Program and"

3 Amend Bill, page 1, line 2, by inserting after "Diaper"
4 , Brief

5 Amend Bill, page 1, line 3, by striking out "Program"

6 Amend Bill, page 1, line 11, by inserting after "Diaper"
7 , Brief

8 Amend Bill, page 1, line 14, by striking out "a grant
9 program" and inserting
10 grants

11 Amend Bill, page 1, line 16, by striking out "will" and
12 inserting
13 , briefs and incontinence products to

14 Amend Bill, page 2, line 10, by inserting after "diapers"
15 , briefs and incontinence products

16 Amend Bill, page 2, line 12, by striking out "diapers" and
17 inserting
18 briefs and incontinence products

19 Amend Bill, page 2, line 14, by striking out "diaper" and
20 inserting
21 undergarment

22 Amend Bill, page 2, line 18, by striking out "programs" and
23 inserting

1 opportunities
2 Amend Bill, page 2, line 18, by inserting after "diapers"
3 , briefs and incontinence products
4 Amend Bill, page 2, line 26, by inserting after ""Diaper"
5 or brief
6 Amend Bill, page 2, line 28, by inserting after "diapers"
7 , briefs
8 Amend Bill, page 2, lines 28 and 29, by striking out "other
9 hygiene" and inserting
10 incontinence
11 Amend Bill, page 2, line 30, by inserting after "diapers"
12 , briefs and incontinence products
13 Amend Bill, page 3, line 3, by inserting after ""Diaper"
14 or brief
15 Amend Bill, page 3, line 5, by inserting after "diapers"
16 , briefs or incontinence products
17 Amend Bill, page 3, line 6, by striking out "diapers" and
18 inserting
19 items
20 Amend Bill, page 3, line 8, by inserting after ""Diaper"
21 or brief
22 Amend Bill, page 3, line 10, by striking out "f"
23 Amend Bill, page 3, line 12, by inserting after "diapers"
24 where it occurs the first time
25 , briefs or incontinence products
26 Amend Bill, page 3, line 12, by striking out "diapers" where
27 it occurs the second time and inserting
28 items
29 Amend Bill, page 3, line 16, by inserting after "Diaper"
30 , Brief
31 Amend Bill, page 3, line 17, by striking out "Program"

1 Amend Bill, page 3, lines 22 and 23, by striking out all of
2 said lines

3 Amend Bill, page 3, lines 24 and 25, by striking out "Diaper
4 and Incontinence Products Grant" in line 24 and all of line 25
5 and inserting
6 diaper, brief and incontinence products grants.

7 Amend Bill, page 3, lines 26 through 30; page 4, lines 1
8 through 24; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and
9 inserting

10 The following shall apply:

11 Amend Bill, page 4, line 25, by inserting after "may"
12 , to the extent that money is available in the fund,

13 Amend Bill, page 4, line 27, by inserting after "diapers"
14 , briefs

15 Amend Bill, page 4, line 30, by inserting after "diapers"
16 , briefs

17 Amend Bill, page 5, line 4, by inserting after "diaper"
18 or brief

19 Amend Bill, page 5, line 6, by striking out "senior citizens"
20 and inserting

21 older adults

22 Amend Bill, page 5, line 9, by inserting after "diapers"
23 , briefs or incontinence products

24 Amend Bill, page 5, line 10, by inserting after "diaper"
25 or brief

26 Amend Bill, page 5, line 11, by inserting after "diaper"
27 where it occurs the first time
28 or brief

29 Amend Bill, page 5, line 11, by inserting after "diaper"
30 where it occurs the second time

1 or brief

2 Amend Bill, page 5, line 15, by inserting after "diapers"
3 , briefs

4 Amend Bill, page 5, line 23, by inserting after "Diaper"
5 , Brief

6 Amend Bill, page 5, line 24, by striking out "Program"

7 Amend Bill, page 5, line 25, by inserting after "Diaper"
8 , Brief

9 Amend Bill, page 5, line 26, by striking out "Program"

10 Amend Bill, page 5, line 29, by inserting after "diapers"
11 , briefs

12 Amend Bill, page 6, line 13, by inserting after "diapers"
13 , briefs

14 Amend Bill, page 6, lines 15 through 18, by striking out all
15 of said lines

16 Amend Bill, page 6, line 19, by striking out "7" and
17 inserting

18 6

19 Amend Bill, page 6, line 20, by striking out "(a) General
20 rule.--"

21 Amend Bill, page 6, line 22, by inserting after "diaper"
22 or brief

23 Amend Bill, page 6, line 23, by inserting after "diaper"
24 where it occurs the first time

25 or brief

26 Amend Bill, page 6, line 23, by inserting after "diaper"
27 where it occurs the second time

28 or brief

29 Amend Bill, page 6, line 24, by striking out "the program"
30 and inserting

1 grants available under this act

2 Amend Bill, page 6, lines 25 through 30; page 7, lines 1
3 through 3; by striking out all of said lines on said pages

4 Amend Bill, page 7, line 4, by striking out "9" and inserting
5 7

6 Amend Bill, page 7, line 8, by striking out "diapers" and
7 inserting

8 briefs

9 Amend Bill, page 7, line 12, by inserting after "regulations"

10 as

11 Amend Bill, page 7, line 14, by striking out "10" and

12 inserting

13 8

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE AMENDMENT REPORT

HR0153 - PN1161 (Sanchez, Ben)

Designates the week of November 16 through 22, 2025, as "County Row Office Employee Appreciation Week" in Pennsylvania.

A-00281 (Sanchez, Ben) (Committee)

Adds to the findings of the resolution that county recorders of deeds are responsible for recording deeds, mortgages, plans and DD Form 214s for veterans.

A-01913 (Sanchez, Ben) (Committee)

Adds two findings to the resolution:

Elected county auditors, in those counties without a controller, help ensure county fiscal responsibility on behalf of the taxpayers; and

County recorders of deeds are responsible for recording deeds, mortgages, plans and DD Form 214s for veterans.

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 153

Sponsor:

Printer's No. 1161

1 Amend Resolution, page 2, by inserting between lines 24 and

2 25

3 WHEREAS, Elected county auditors, in those counties without a
4 controller, help ensure county fiscal responsibility on behalf
5 of the taxpayers; and

6 Amend Resolution, page 2, by inserting between lines 28 and

7 29

8 WHEREAS, County recorders of deeds are responsible for
9 recording deeds, mortgages, plans and DD Form 214s for veterans;
10 and

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HR0153 PN1161	Prepared By:	Matt Hurlburt (717) 787-8529,6778
Committee:	State Government	Executive Director:	Nicholas Himebaugh
Sponsor:	Sanchez, Ben		
Date:	3/28/2025		

A. Brief Concept

Designates the week of November 16 through 22, 2025, as "County Row Office Employee Appreciation Week" in Pennsylvania.

C. Analysis of the Bill

This resolution would have the House of Representatives designate the week of November 16 through 22, 2025, as "County Row Office Employee Appreciation Week" in Pennsylvania.

Effective Date:

Upon adoption by the House of Representatives.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

This is freestanding legislation.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

None

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 153 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY SANCHEZ, MUNROE, VENKAT, MALAGARI, MAYES, GREINER,
FREEMAN, NEILSON, GIRAL, HILL-EVANS, KHAN, GUENST, RIVERA,
O'MARA, MENTZER AND CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, MARCH 27, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 27, 2025

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of November 16 through 22, 2025, as "County
2 Row Office Employee Appreciation Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, In November 1682, William Penn established Bucks
4 County, Chester County and Philadelphia County as the first
5 three counties in Pennsylvania; and

6 WHEREAS, These three counties have since expanded into the 67
7 counties Pennsylvania has today, which collectively employ over
8 90,000 individuals across this Commonwealth; and

9 WHEREAS, While Federal and state governments may receive more
10 attention due to the scale of their work, county government
11 employees in Pennsylvania regularly perform critical tasks for
12 the Commonwealth; and

13 WHEREAS, In Pennsylvania, county employees are charged with
14 many vital duties relating to the safety of Pennsylvania
15 residents; and

16 WHEREAS, Many of these employees work in departments run by
17 independent elected officials, known as county row offices, and

1 carry out key administrative functions of the county that often
2 go overlooked; and

3 WHEREAS, One example is that every county in Pennsylvania has
4 an elected sheriff to assist with law enforcement, the
5 transportation of defendants and the protection of county
6 buildings; and

7 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania counties also have prothonotary offices
8 to file documents and records relating to civil court
9 proceedings, including divorce hearings, landlord and tenant
10 disputes and name changes; and

11 WHEREAS, In criminal court proceedings, county clerk of
12 courts offices help maintain and process records and documents
13 relating to criminal or juvenile court cases; and

14 WHEREAS, Each county's district attorney and their staff also
15 play a key role in criminal court proceedings by addressing
16 crime prosecution and prevention while working alongside various
17 levels of law enforcement; and

18 WHEREAS, County row offices also play a key role in counties'
19 fiscal and budgetary affairs, as county treasurers work with
20 their staffs to collect real estate taxes and other grants and
21 fees; and

22 WHEREAS, Further, county controllers' offices work to
23 maintain counties' fiscal and accounting records while ensuring
24 the compliance of records with current accounting standards; and

25 WHEREAS, Another county row office is that of the coroner,
26 who works with a team of medicolegal investigators to certify
27 causes of deaths in their respective counties to compile death
28 certificates; and

29 WHEREAS, County clerk of orphans' court offices work to file
30 and maintain petitions for guardianship and adoptions and are

1 often run by the same individual as the county register of wills
2 office, which issues marriage licenses and probates wills; and

3 WHEREAS, County row offices in Pennsylvania also provide
4 services like the issuance of marriage, hunting, fishing and dog
5 licenses; and

6 WHEREAS, The work done by county row office public service
7 employees should be recognized for all the vital services they
8 provide for the residents of Pennsylvania; and

9 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania should honor its county row office
10 employees for everything they do for our communities while also
11 celebrating the anniversary of when our first counties were
12 founded; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
14 week of November 16 through 22, 2025, as "County Row Office
15 Employee Appreciation Week" in Pennsylvania.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HR0162 PN1218	Prepared By:	Hanna Yu
Committee:	State Government		(717) 787-8529,6839
Sponsor:	Cepeda-Freytiz, Johanny	Executive Director:	Nicholas Himebaugh
Date:	6/11/2025		

A. Brief Concept

Urges all agencies of the Commonwealth to have the ability to use diacritical marks on names on all Commonwealth-issued documents by July 1, 2027.

C. Analysis of the Bill

This resolution would urge all Commonwealth agencies to have the ability to use diacritical marks on names on all Commonwealth-issued documents by July 1, 2027.

Effective Date:

Upon adoption by the House of Representatives.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

This is freestanding legislation.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

2023-2024 Session:

House Resolution 175 (Cepeda-Freytiz) was referred to the House Labor and Industry Committee on July 11, 2023. It was not brought up for consideration.

Senate Resolution 146 (Haywood) was referred to the Senate State Government Committee on July 17, 2023. It was not brought up for consideration.

2021-2022 Session:

Senate Resolution 291 (Haywood) was referred to the Senate State Government Committee on June 1, 2022. IT was not brought up for consideration.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 162 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, CERRATO, WAXMAN, GIRAL, KHAN,
SCHLOSSBERG, VENKAT, KENYATTA, SANCHEZ, MAYES, HOHENSTEIN,
RIVERA, D. WILLIAMS, GREEN AND K.HARRIS, APRIL 1, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 1, 2025

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging all agencies of the Commonwealth to have the ability to
2 use diacritical marks on names on all Commonwealth-issued
3 documents by July 1, 2027.

4 WHEREAS, Diacritical marks are accent marks that are used in
5 writing to place stress on a letter to change its sound; and

6 WHEREAS, Diacritical marks are commonly used in names, but
7 currently Pennsylvania still lacks the capability to place
8 diacritical marks on some Commonwealth-issued documents, such as
9 driver's licenses; and

10 WHEREAS, A mismatch of names on documents and identification
11 can lead to a host of problems, such as confirming identity,
12 completing rental applications and applying for services such as
13 the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; and

14 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth creates and perpetuates these
15 issues when technology is not compatible with allowing
16 diacritical marks on letters; and

17 WHEREAS, To respect the human dignity of every individual, a
18 person's name should be spelled correctly on official documents;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Most State agencies, such as the Department of
3 Health, already have the ability to use diacritical marks, but
4 the Department of Transportation (PennDOT) cannot due to its
5 current struggles with old legacy mainframes for motor vehicles
6 and driver's licenses, which are built on the same outdated
7 programming language that cannot accommodate the use of
8 diacritical marks; and

9 WHEREAS, PennDOT has begun the process to replace the
10 mainframes in two phases, first implementing the new mainframe
11 for the motor vehicle system and transferring all data into it
12 before doing the same for the driver's license system, which may
13 not be complete until late 2025; and

14 WHEREAS, This is far too long to wait to call Pennsylvanians
15 by their exact names; and

16 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives stands ready to assist
17 in providing the resources necessary to speed up the process of
18 replacing old mainframes; and

19 WHEREAS, All Pennsylvanians deserve their names to be
20 acknowledged and accurately reflected; and

21 WHEREAS, Making certain that we call people by their names is
22 the least that our Commonwealth can do to respect the dignity of
23 all Pennsylvanians; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all agencies
25 of the Commonwealth to have the ability to use diacritical marks
26 on names on all Commonwealth-issued documents by July 1, 2027.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HR0342 PN2442	Prepared By:	Hanna Yu (717) 787-8529,6839
Committee:	State Government	Executive Director:	Nicholas Himebaugh
Sponsor:	Hill-Evans, Carol		
Date:	10/16/2025		

A. Brief Concept

Designates November 15, 2025, as "Articles of Confederation Day" in Pennsylvania and recognizes the City of York, York County for its important contributions to forging our nation.

C. Analysis of the Bill

This resolution would designate November 15, 2025, as "Articles of Confederation Day" in Pennsylvania and recognize the City of York, York County, for its important contributions to forging our nation.

Effective Date:

Upon adoption by the House of Representatives.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

This is freestanding legislation.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

2023-2024 Session:

House Resolution 498 (Grove) was referred to the House State Government Committee on July 23, 2024. It was not brought up for consideration.

House Resolution 161 (Hill-Evans) was adopted by the House of Representatives on November 15, 2023, with a vote of 202-1.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 342 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY HILL-EVANS, GIRAL, PROBST, FREEMAN, SANCHEZ,
BRENNAN, KHAN, NEILSON, GALLAGHER, M. JONES, BELLMON AND
RIVERA, OCTOBER 9, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 9, 2025

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating November 15, 2025, as "Articles of Confederation
2 Day" in Pennsylvania; and recognizing the City of York, York
3 County, for its important contribution to the forging of our
4 nation.

5 WHEREAS, The Continental Congress, in flight from British
6 troops advancing on Philadelphia, chose the City of York, York
7 County, as its refuge and met there from September 30, 1777, to
8 June 27, 1778, to direct national affairs during a critical
9 period in the American Revolution; and

10 WHEREAS, The Continental Congress adopted the Articles of
11 Confederation while in session in the York County Courthouse on
12 November 15, 1777, establishing the first constitution that
13 formally united the 13 colonies as one nation; and

14 WHEREAS, The Articles of Confederation guided the functions
15 of the national government until the enactment of the United
16 States Constitution in 1789; and

17 WHEREAS, The Continental Congress ratified both the Treaty of
18 Amity and Commerce and the Treaty of Alliance with France while

1 in session in the York County Courthouse on May 4, 1778; and
2 WHEREAS, These treaties marked the first official recognition
3 by a foreign power of the United States of America as an
4 independent country and helped secure a patriot victory in the
5 American Revolution; and

6 WHEREAS, The Continental Congress adjourned from the York
7 County Courthouse on June 27, 1778, and returned to Independence
8 Hall in Philadelphia after receiving word from General George
9 Washington that the British had abandoned the city; and

10 WHEREAS, November 15, 2025, is the 248th anniversary of the
11 adoption of the Articles of Confederation in the City of York,
12 York County; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
14 November 15, 2025, as "Articles of Confederation Day" in
15 Pennsylvania; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
17 City of York, York County, for its important contribution to the
18 forging of our nation.

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DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HR0347 PN2467	Prepared By:	Hanna Yu (717) 787-8529,6839
Committee:	State Government	Executive Director:	Nicholas Himebaugh
Sponsor:	Sanchez, Ben		
Date:	10/16/2025		

A. Brief Concept

Designating the week of November 17 through 21, 2025, as "Certified Public Accountant Week" in Pennsylvania.

C. Analysis of the Bill

This resolution would designate the week of November 17 through 21, 2025, as "Certified Public Accountant Week" in Pennsylvania.

Effective Date:

Upon adoption by the House of Representatives.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

This is freestanding legislation.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

2023-2024 Session:

House Resolution 549 (Sanchez) was adopted by the House of Representatives on October 8, 2024, with a vote of 200-1.

House Resolution 253 (Sanchez) was adopted by the House of Representatives on November 14, 2023, with a vote of 202-1.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 347 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY SANCHEZ, GREINER, CONKLIN, HILL-EVANS, GUENST,
WAXMAN, VENKAT, JAMES, PICKETT, DOUGHERTY, GUZMAN, BRENNAN,
RIVERA, GALLAGHER, NEILSON, FRANKEL AND HADDOCK,
OCTOBER 15, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 16, 2025

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of November 17 through 21, 2025, as
2 "Certified Public Accountant Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public
4 Accountants (PICPA) is the premier association of accounting and
5 finance professionals in this Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, PICPA was organized in 1897 and represents
7 approximately 20,000 certified public accountants (CPAs) in
8 public practice, industry, government and education; and

9 WHEREAS, The mission of PICPA is to serve the needs of its
10 members by promoting and maintaining high professional and
11 ethical standards of public accountancy; and

12 WHEREAS, PICPA is committed to protecting the interests of
13 the public; and

14 WHEREAS, CPAs of this Commonwealth are trusted advisors to
15 hundreds of thousands of taxpayers and businesses and help
16 foster economic growth in this Commonwealth; and

17 WHEREAS, CPAs of this Commonwealth provide career sessions to

1 students about business and the role of accountants; and

2 WHEREAS, PICPA also provides educational materials and
3 programs to enhance the financial literacy of the public;

4 therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
6 week of November 17 through 21, 2025, as "Certified Public
7 Accountant Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives extend sincere
9 appreciation to the CPAs of this Commonwealth for their services
10 to the people of this Commonwealth.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HR0348 PN2481	Prepared By:	Hanna Yu (717) 787-8529,6839
Committee:	State Government	Executive Director:	Nicholas Himebaugh
Sponsor:	Parker, Darisha		
Date:	10/20/2025		

A. Brief Concept

Recognizes the month of November 2025 as "Native American Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.

C. Analysis of the Bill

This resolution would recognize the month of November 2025 as "Native American Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania and urge all residents to recognize the accomplishments of Native Americans and Indigenous people who have influenced the history and culture of the Commonwealth and nation.

Effective Date:

Upon adoption by the House of Representatives.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

This is freestanding legislation.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

2023-2024 Session:

House Resolution 267 (Parker) was adopted by the House of Representatives on December 13, 2023 with a vote of 202-1.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 348 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY PARKER, CONKLIN, GUENST, PIELLI, BRENNAN, WAXMAN,
HOWARD, HILL-EVANS, PROBST, VENKAT, SANCHEZ, SAPPEY, VITALI,
STEELE, HOHENSTEIN, NEILSON, RIVERA, FLEMING, CIRESI, MAYES,
CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, GALLAGHER, FRANKEL AND CURRY,
OCTOBER 16, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 17, 2025

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of November 2025 as "Native American
2 Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The history and culture of our great nation have
4 been significantly influenced by Native American and Indigenous
5 people; and

6 WHEREAS, The contributions of Native Americans have enhanced
7 the freedom, prosperity and greatness of America today; and

8 WHEREAS, Their customs and traditions are respected and
9 celebrated as part of a rich legacy throughout the United
10 States; and

11 WHEREAS, "Native American Awareness Week" began in 1976 and
12 recognition was expanded by the Congress of the United States
13 and approved by the President in August 1990, designating the
14 month of November as "National Native American Heritage Month";
15 and

16 WHEREAS, In honor of "Native American Heritage Month,"

1 community celebrations as well as numerous cultural, artistic,
2 educational and historical activities are planned; therefore be
3 it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
5 month of November 2025 as "Native American Heritage Month" in
6 Pennsylvania; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all
8 residents to recognize the accomplishments of Native Americans
9 and Indigenous people who have influenced this Commonwealth's
10 and this country's history and culture.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HR0324 PN2338	Prepared By:	Hanna Yu (717) 787-8529,6839
Committee:	State Government	Executive Director:	Nicholas Himebaugh
Sponsor:	Curry, Gina		
Date:	10/27/2025		

A. Brief Concept

Designates November 5, 2025, as "Guru Nanak Day" in Pennsylvania.

C. Analysis of the Bill

This resolution designates November 5, 2025, as "Guru Nanak Day" in Pennsylvania.

Effective Date:

Upon adoption by the House of Representatives.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

This is freestanding legislation.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 324 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY CURRY, VENKAT, HILL-EVANS, KHAN, SANCHEZ, MAYES,
HOHENSTEIN, JAMES AND CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating November 5, 2025, as "Guru Nanak Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is enriched by the diversity of
4 its residents, who have fostered a climate of social tolerance
5 and intellectual pluralism that has strengthened this
6 Commonwealth throughout its history; and

7 WHEREAS, The Sikh community, originating in Punjab, South
8 Asia, and having immigrated to the United States over a century
9 ago, has made significant contributions to the development of
10 both this nation and this Commonwealth; and

11 WHEREAS, Sikhism is the world's fifth-largest religion, with
12 approximately 30 million adherents worldwide, including nearly 1
13 million in the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, The principles of peace, equality and fraternity are
15 central to the Sikh tradition, which was founded in response to
16 social injustice, religious intolerance and division; and

17 WHEREAS, Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism who lived from
18 1469 until 1539, is recognized as one of history's greatest

1 religious visionaries, teaching that there is only one God,
2 known as Truth, who is eternal, formless and realized through
3 divine grace; and

4 WHEREAS, Guru Nanak emphasized three core tenets, including
5 meditation and remembrance of God, earning an honest living and
6 sharing with those in need; and

7 WHEREAS, Guru Nanak's teachings, expressed through profound
8 poetry, laid the foundation for Sikh scripture, the Guru Granth
9 Sahib; and

10 WHEREAS, Guru Nanak was a revolutionary reformer of his time,
11 who rejected the caste system and advocated for the equality of
12 all people, regardless of caste, creed or gender; and

13 WHEREAS, Guru Nanak's message called for recognizing the
14 entire human race as one and he openly challenged systems of
15 discrimination and inequality, affirming the equal worth and
16 dignity of every individual; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
18 November 5, 2025, as "Guru Nanak Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That on November 5, 2025, the House of
21 Representatives commemorate the 556th anniversary of the birth
22 of Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism, in recognition of his
23 enduring legacy and the valuable contributions of the Sikh
24 community to this Commonwealth.