

STURLA

Report

From State Representative
MIKE STURLA
96th Legislative District

Summer 2017
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

Noon to 5 p.m.

Stay for the Lancaster Barnstormers game following the giveaway at 6:30 p.m.

6th Annual Back to School Giveaway

Lancaster Barnstormers Stadium

650 N. Prince St., Lancaster

*Bigger and
better than
ever!*



Rep. Sturla welcomes children in kindergarten through 5th grade to his 6th Annual Back to School Giveaway. Sturla, along with the School District of Lancaster, community partners and volunteers, will help students get prepared for the upcoming school year by providing backpacks, school supplies, a school uniform and sneakers. **All items are first-come, first-served.**

Music, haircuts, face painting, community vendors and activities begin at noon. The giveaway portion begins at

2 p.m. and ends at 5 p.m. Children and families can stick around to attend the 6:30 p.m. Barnstormers game for free. Rep. Sturla's staff will be on site to help with any state-related matters. We will have people available to help with CHIP enrollment and provide other important information.

Visit www.pahouse.com/sturla and click on the link in the top right hand corner to REGISTER FOR THE GIVEAWAY!

To donate or volunteer for this event, contact Mena Rodriguez at 717-295-3157 or mrodriguez@pahouse.net.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

HB 959: Municipal Fee for State Police Services

Rep. Sturla has introduced House Bill 959 that would require municipalities to pay a fee if the Pennsylvania State Police are the primary providers of their local patrol services.

Only 28 percent of Pennsylvania's population receives local police patrol coverage from the PSP for free. The remaining 72 percent of the population pays for both PSP services and their own local municipal police force. In essence, 9.4 million Pennsylvanians are subsidizing free police protection for 3.3 million.

The PSP estimates that it costs 56 percent of its annual budget and \$234 per capita to provide patrol services to municipalities without a local police force. As a result, the Motor License Fund has been raided over the years to cover these patrol costs instead of improving our roads and bridges.

Under House Bill 959, the annual fee would be phased in and equal \$36.66 for part-time PSP coverage and \$109.99 for full-time PSP coverage by year 10. This plan would generate more than \$2 billion over an 11-year period for PSP operations, meaning there would be \$10 million more for maintenance of roads and bridges in each of the 203 legislative districts.

Additional information about Rep. Sturla's plan is available at www.pahouse.com/Sturla/HB959.



On May 11, Rep. Sturla testified before the House Transportation Committee about HB 959.

HB 1010: Legalization of Video Gaming Terminals

In bipartisan fashion, Rep. Mark Mustio and Rep. Sturla introduced House Bill 1010 to legalize operator-based video gaming terminals in Pennsylvania locations with a liquor license, including bars, restaurants, clubs, hotels and fraternal organizations. House Bill 1010 would replace the estimated 40,000 terminals currently operating illegally in the state with regulated machines. Legalization would generate hundreds of millions of dollars in tax revenue to be shared by the state, local municipalities, operators and locations. The bill includes strict penalties to ensure compliance with the law. The proposal was amended into House Bill 271, a comprehensive gaming bill which passed the House on June 6.



On May 1, Reps. Sturla and Mustio testified at a House Gaming Oversight Committee hearing about their bill.

HB 1206: Cyber Charter School Funding Reform

On January 31, Rep. Sturla hosted a House Democratic Policy Committee hearing on blended learning (a mix of online courses, hybrid learning, and traditional learning practices) at the Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13. The IU13 provides a virtual program in support of local school districts and students at a fraction of the cost of a typical cyber school. As a result of this hearing (pictured here), Rep. Sturla has co-introduced House Bill 1206 to cap, (at the same cost IUs can provide the service), the amount unaffiliated cyber charter schools receive for students who live in an area in which the school district or an intermediate unit operate its own cyber charter school.



HB 1455: Grants to Fire Companies

Rep. Sturla has introduced House Bill 1455 to increase the Fire Company Grant Program from \$30 million to \$35 million and create a population-based eligibility for paid municipal fire companies. Currently, it is unfair to expect bigger municipalities with several fire houses to share a single \$15,000 grant while there are some volunteer fire companies that receive multiple grants because they call their fire houses by different names.

Under Sturla's plan, the City of Lancaster would be eligible for a \$75,000 grant.



Sturla Honors Predecessor Marv Miller on House Floor



Rep. Sturla presented a Condolence Citation honoring former state Representative Marv Miller to his family. The citation was read on the House floor before a moment of silence. Miller represented the 96th Legislative District from 1973 to 1990 before Sturla succeeded him.

More Sturla Bills

For a complete listing of bills introduced by Rep. Sturla, visit www.pahouse.com/sturla and click on “My Legislation” under the “About” tab at the top.

Rep. Sturla Speaks at PennFuture Clean Water News Conference



Rep. Sturla discussed his House Bill 20 that would implement a water resource fee for major withdrawals averaging 10,000 gallons per day. His bill would generate \$250 million annually for the state to use for clean water programs and projects, including the ability to utilize a \$3 billion bond.



Sturla Longest-Serving Policy Committee Chair in PA History

In November 2016, Rep. Sturla was re-elected Chair of the House Democratic Policy Committee for his 5th consecutive term, making him the longest-serving Policy Chair in Pennsylvania legislative history. The committee holds hearings across the state to hear about how issues impact different regions and collect important testimony from experts to produce effective legislation. Visit www.pahouse.com/PolicyCommittee to see pictures, watch videos and read testimonies from hearings on a variety of topics, including Marcellus shale, health care, minimum wage and human services.

PA Budget and Policy Center Panel Discussion

On March 2, Rep. Sturla, Rep. Kerry Benninghoff, Sen. Lisa Boscola and Sen. David Argall participated in the PA Budget and Policy Center's panel discussion on the 2017/18 Fiscal Year Budget. All four Policy Committee Chairs discussed the legislative budget process, education and gerrymandering.



From left to right: Corinna Wilson, moderator; Rep. Kerry Benninghoff, House Republican Policy Chair; Sen. Lisa Boscola, Senate Democratic Policy Chair; Sen. Dave Argall, Senate Republican Policy Chair and Rep. Sturla, House Democratic Policy Chair.

REP. STURLA RECEIVES LEGISLATIVE AWARDS



Rep. Sturla received Pre-K for PA's 2017 Pre-K Champion Award in Lancaster. The budget passed by House Republicans cut pre-k funding by \$50 million. Rep. Sturla is working to try to restore that funding in the final budget.



Rep. Sturla attended the Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children reception for the 2017 Champion for Children Award Recipients.



Rep. Sturla recently toured VisionCorps in Lancaster. VisionCorps serves blind and visually impaired individuals through rehabilitation and employment opportunities.

Help for Veterans and Their Families

There are many state and federal programs available to veterans and their families and often people aren't aware of how much help is out there. A certified Veterans Service Officer is available in Rep. Sturla's office on the second Wednesday of each month to provide assistance with veterans' benefits, scholarships, health benefits, survivor benefits and more. Call Rep. Sturla's office at 295-3157 to schedule an appointment to meet with the service officer at 150 E. King St.

Sturla Holds Annual Conestoga River Cleanup

As part of Lancaster's 2016 United Way Day of Caring, on Sept. 9, 2016 Rep. Sturla and community members cleaned up:

- 175 bags of litter, weighing an estimated 1 ton, and
- 175 bags of recyclables, which weighed about a 1/2 ton.

175 volunteers worked for 3 hours at the cleanup!



SAVE THE DATE for this year's United Way Day of Caring on Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017!

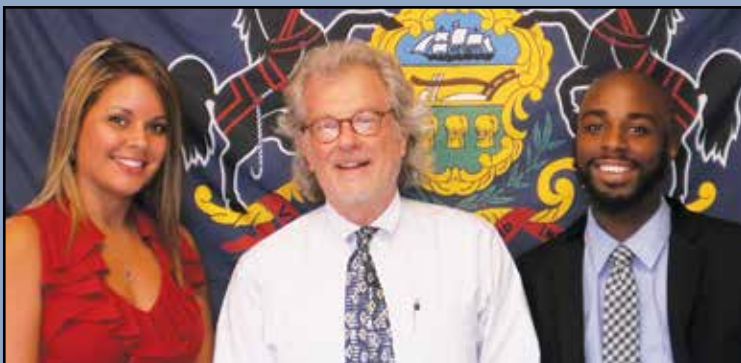
Visit Rep. Sturla's website and Facebook page for details and updates on cleanup efforts for this year!

Check Out PAHousingSearch.com

A partnership between six state and private agencies, www.PAHousingSearch.com is a free website that helps users find affordable homes and apartments across PA. This site has listings from over 2,700 landlords and other

housing-related resources. If you do not have online access, please visit the Lancaster County Library or call the website's bilingual call center at 1-877-428-8844 for assistance.

HERE TO SERVE YOU



From left to right: Mena Rodriguez, Greg Paulson (Chief of Staff) and Howard Jones are available to help you navigate state government programs and services. Call my Lancaster office at 717-295-3157 or stop by the office at 150 E. King St. for free assistance.

Ayuda disponible en español

Tengo la fortuna de tener personal bilingüe listo para ayudarle con cualquier problema relacionado con el estado. Puede llamar a la oficina al 717-295-3157 o pasar por la oficina localizada en 150 E. King St., Lancaster. También puede contactar a Mena Rodriguez al mrodriguez@pahouse.net.

MY OFFICE CAN HELP YOU WITH:

- Property Tax/Rent Rebate problems or questions
- PACE prescription-drug cards for senior citizens
- Car registrations, special tags, handicap placards, titles and driver's license applications
- Information on financial assistance for higher education
- Voter registration and absentee ballot applications
- Unemployment compensation, disability and workers' compensation
- Requests for literature of all kinds – bills, regulations, statutes, Pennsylvania maps, senior citizen information
- Citations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for outstanding accomplishments and family milestones
- Renewal of state-issued licenses or certifications
- Liquor Control Board concerns or questions
- Tours of the state Capitol for individuals or groups