

2018

Bills of Significance to the Greater Reading Chamber Alliance

PA Senate Bill descriptions and status:

- SB 1 Pension Reform Legislation**
Description - An Act amending Titles 24 (Education), 51 (Military Affairs) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, extensively revising pension provisions as follows: In Title 24: for retirement for school employees, in the areas of preliminary provisions, of membership, contributions and benefits, of school employees' defined contribution plan and of administration and miscellaneous provisions; and for health insurance for retired school employees, in the area of preliminary provisions. In Title 51: for employment preferences and pensions, in military leave of absence. In Title 71: for boards and offices, in Independent Fiscal Office; and for retirement for State employees and officers, in the areas of preliminary provisions, of membership, credited service, classes of service and eligibility for benefits, of contributions, of benefits, of State employees' defined contribution plan and of administration, funds, accounts, general provisions. Providing, as to the revisions: for construction and administration, for applicability, for liability, for member statements and for suspension of provisions of the Public Employee Retirement Study Commission Act. Established a hybrid defined benefit/defined contribution system for new state and public-school employees.
Bill Sponsor - *Sen. Jake Corman*
Status - Act No. 5
GRCA Position – Support
- SB 201 Small Business Tax Reform (HB 331)**
Description - An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in personal income tax, further providing for classes of income.
Bill Sponsor – *Senator Folmer*
Status – Referred to FINANCE, May 18, 2018
GRCA Position – Support
- SB 202 Reintroduction of Small Business Reform Package (HB 332)**
Description - An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in personal income tax, further providing for classes of income.
Bill Sponsor – *Sen. John Eichelberger*
Status – Laid on the table (Pursuant to Senate Rule 9), April 24, 2017 [Senate]
GRCA Position – Support
- SB 203 Small Business Tax Reform (HB 333)**
Description - An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in personal income tax, further providing for classes of income.
Bill Sponsor – *Senator Hutchinson*
Status – Laid on the table (Pursuant to Senate Rule 9), April 24, 2018
GRCA Position - Support

- SB 512** **Increase for the Neighborhood Assistance Tax Credit Program**
Description – An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in neighborhood assistance tax credit, further providing for tax credit.
Bill Sponsor – *Sen. Fontana*
Status – Referred to FINANCE, March 10, 2017 [Senate]

GRCA Position – *Support*
- SB 561** **Legislative Approval of Economically Significant Regulations**
Description - An Act amending the act of June 25, 1982 (P.L.633, No.181), known as the Regulatory Review Act, further providing for definitions, for proposed regulations and procedures for review and for final-form regulations and final-omitted regulations and procedures for review; and providing for concurrent resolution required for economically significant regulations.
Bill Sponsor – *Sen. John DiSanto*
Status – Referred to STATE GOVERNMENT, June 14, 2017 [House]

GRCA Position – *Support*
- SB 936** **Worker's Compensation Drug Formulary (HB 18)**
Description - An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, in liability and compensation, further providing for prescription drugs and the treatment of work-related injuries; and, in procedure, further providing for peer review. Implementing a prescription drug formulary for state's workers compensation system, helping address prescription drug overuse by injured workers.
Bill Sponsor – *Sen. Donald White*
Status – Bill, together with Governor's Veto Message, laid on the table, May 21, 2018 [Senate]

GRCA Position - *Support*
- SB 977** **Proposed Legislation Providing Additional Legislative Oversight of the Regulatory Review Process**
Description - An Act amending the act of June 25, 1982 (P.L.633, No.181), known as the Regulatory Review Act, further providing for definitions, for proposed regulations and procedures for review, for final-form regulations and final-omitted regulations and procedures for review and for procedures for subsequent review of disapproved final-form or final-omitted regulations. This Bill would allow various legislative standing committees to intervene in regulatory development process if warranted. Providing transparency, accountability and effective oversight to the regulatory rulemaking process.
Bill Sponsor – *Sen. John Gordner*
Status – Referred to STATE GOVERNMENT, Jan. 25, 2018 [House]

GRCA Position - *Support*
- SB 1056** **Bonus Depreciation Fix**
Description – An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in corporate net income tax, further defining taxable income.
Bill Sponsor – *Senator Brooks*
Status – *Act 72*

GRCA Position – *Support*

- SB 1187** **Worker's Compensation Drug Formulary**
Description - An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, in liability and compensation, further providing for prescription drugs and the treatment of work-related injuries; and, in procedure, further providing for peer review.
Bill Sponsor – Senator White
Status – Referred to LABOR AND INDUSTRY, June 1, 2018
GRCA Position – Support
PA House Bill descriptions and status:
- HB 18** **Workers' Compensation Drug Formulary (Passed as SB 936)**
Description - An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, in liability and compensation, further providing for prescription drugs and the treatment of work-related injuries; and, in procedure, further providing for peer review.
Bill Sponsor – Rep. Ryan Mackenzie
Status – Vetoed by Governor
GRCA Position – Support
Note: HB 18 final vote was a procedural vote to table Bill to Health Services Committee which we opposed. If you look at votes we ask that our supports opposed this procedural vote and support concurrence for SB 936 that did pass
- HB 250** **Educational Improvement Tax Credit and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Increases**
Description - An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in educational tax credits, further providing for limitations.
Bill Sponsor – Rep. Mike Turzai
Status – Referred to EDUCATION, March 20, 2017 [Senate]
GRCA Position - Support
- HB 331** **Small Business Tax Fairness Reform**
Description - An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in personal income tax, further providing for classes of income.
Bill Sponsor – Rep. Bloom
Status – Referred to FINANCE, April 11, 2018 [Senate]
GRCA Position - Support
- HB 332** **Small Business Tax Fairness Package (Previously HB 700, HB 701 & HB 702) (SB 202)**
Description - An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in personal income tax, further providing for classes of income. Expand tax strategies available to small businesses, helping them have more control over financial positions and better compete (deduct net losses from subsequent year tax liability).
Bill Sponsor – Rep. Seth Grove
Status – Removed from table, Feb. 5, 2018 [House]
GRCA Position - Support
- HB 333** **Small Business Tax Fairness Reform**

Description - An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in personal income tax, further providing for classes of income.

Bill Sponsor – Rep. Nelson

Status – Referred to FINANCE, April 11, 2018 [Senate]

GRCA Position - Support

HB 975

Free the Wine

Description - An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in licenses and regulations, liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, providing for wine wholesale license and for wine retail license.

Bill Sponsor – Rep. Mike Turzai

Status – Referred to LAW AND JUSTICE, May 4, 2017 [Senate]

GRCA Position - Support

HB 1075

Wholesale Divestiture of Wine and Spirits

Description - An Act amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in licenses and regulations, liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, providing for wholesale permit and for wholesale licenses; and, in disposition of moneys collected under provisions of act, further providing for moneys paid into the State Stores Fund for use of the Commonwealth, providing for moneys paid into the State Stores Operating Fund for use of the board and establishing the State Stores Operating Fund.

Bill Sponsor – Rep. Mike Turzai

Status – Referred to LAW AND JUSTICE, May 4, 2017 [Senate]

GRCA Position - Support

HB 1412

Energy Resiliency and Emergency Preparedness and Response

Description - An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in restructuring of electric utility industry, providing for microgrid and energy storage.

Bill Sponsor – Rep. Stephen Barrar

Status – Re-committed to VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, April 17, 2018 [House]

GRCA Position - Support

HB 1479

Exempt School Districts in "Financial Recovery" Status from Prevailing Wage Laws

Description - An Act amending the act of August 15, 1961 (P.L.987, No.442), known as the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act, further providing for definitions.

Bill Sponsor – Rep. Brad Roae

Status – Laid on the table, Oct. 24, 2017 [House]

GRCA Position - Support