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## ***September 25 is National Voter Registration Day!***

Did you know that tax-exempt nonprofits can participate in Get Out the Vote endeavors? In fact, nonprofits have historically played an important role in mobilizing their staff, clients, and community members in registering themselves and others to vote.

For more information regarding how your nonprofit can participate, check out [Nonprofit Vote's 501\(c\)\(3\) Guide to Nonpartisan Voter Engagement](#).

**Share the following links with your staff, clients, and community.**

- [Online Voter Registration](#)
- [Find Your Polling Place](#)
- [First-Time Voter FAQs](#)
- [Check Your Registration](#)

For further information, check out Nonprofit Vote's [Voting in Pennsylvania](#) page and the PA Department of State's [website](#).

## ***2018 GPNP Annual Meeting***

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**Doors Open at 8:00 AM**

**Thursday, November 29th**

Carnegie Music Hall

4400 Forbes Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA 15213

**Register Today!**

## *Federal Policy News*

- [U.S. Recovery Eludes Many Living Below Poverty Level, Census Suggests \(NY Times\)](#)
  - [Census Citizenship Question Trial Could Start Day Before Midterm Elections \(NPR\)](#)
  - [Medicaid rolls set to be slashed under Trump-approved work rules \(The Hill\)](#)
  - [Bipartisan group wants to lift Medicaid restriction on substance abuse treatment \(The Hill\)](#)
  - [Trump to Cap Refugees Allowed Into U.S. at 30,000, a Record Low \(NY Times\)](#)
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## *Election Updates*

- [Congressional candidates to address voters at Pittsburgh Mills mall \(Tribune Review\)](#)
  - [Court tosses out Pa. ban on political donations from casino interests \(Philadelphia Inquirer\)](#)
  - [The mid-term elections are on Nov. 6. Here are the key races in Pennsylvania \(PGH Post-Gazette\)](#)
  - [The Pennsylvania Front: A look at the state's 18 Congressional battlefields \(Penn Live\)](#)
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## *Local Updates*

- [State grants bolster pre-kindergarten programs in Westmoreland County \(Tribune Review\)](#)
  - [Funding cutbacks could limit Westmoreland Bar Association's pro bono program \(Tribune Review\)](#)
  - [\\$100 million for a new transit corridor? Bus Rapid Transit Project moves forward \(NEXT Pittsburgh\)](#)
  - [Antwon Rose death spurs Democratic Pa. lawmakers' plan for police reform bills \(PGH Post-Gazette\)](#)
  - [After tenants of troubled Penn Hills apartments file complaints, water back on for now \(PGH Post-Gazette\)](#)
  - [\\$1 million grant to Jefferson Hospital will address social determinants of health in ER visits \(PGH Post-Gazette\)](#)
  - [Census data show region's income up but poverty improvement stalling \(PGH Post-Gazette\)](#)
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## *Pennsylvania News*

### **Wolf signs executive order regarding 2020 Census process.**

For the first time, Pennsylvania will have a governor's commission intended to coordinate Pennsylvania's involvement with [the U.S. Census](#), which occurs every 10 years. Gov. Tom Wolf on Friday signed [an executive order](#) creating the Governor's Census 2020 Complete Count Commission. According to the

governor's office, the up-to-45-member commission will help the U.S. Census Bureau to recruit Pennsylvanians to be census workers, educate the public about the importance of the census, develop partnerships with public and private sectors to achieve an accurate count, and create a strategy to reach hard-to-count populations. Commission appointees will come from businesses, academia, community and nonprofit organizations, religious and health care communities, elected and appointed officials, employees from all levels of government, and the Pennsylvania State Data Center, says the Wolf administration. "The census data impacts all of us, from the number of seats Pennsylvania has in Congress to the amount of federal funds we receive, to the decisions government, businesses and non-profits make," Wolf said in a press release announcing the executive order. "This commission will help our state to have a full and accurate count of our population. We need all people to be counted, from our biggest cities to our small and rural communities." The U.S. Census Bureau has been encouraging state and local governments, community-based organizations, faith-based groups, schools, businesses, the media and others to help play a role in developing partners to educate and motivate residents to participate in the 2020 Census. As part of that effort, the bureau has created [the State Complete Count Commissions \(SCCC\) program](#), which encourages all those aforementioned entities to work together to form SCCCs to promote response to the 2020 Census in their communities.

*Source: Capitolwire: Under the Dome*

### **State Housing Tax Credit (SB 1185) Introduced**

Sen. Tom Killon (R-9) introduced new legislation, SB 1185, to create a Pennsylvania state housing tax credit.

The state housing tax credit will be modeled after the highly successful federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC.) LIHTC is the major vehicle for the creation and preservation of affordable housing in this country, yet is oversubscribed. A state housing tax credit will create a new resource that can be used in conjunction with LIHTC. Investors receive a state credit for their contribution.

Senator Tom Killon (R-9) will introduce legislation to create a state housing tax credit in September 2018. As of Sept 7, 2018, 12 Senators including Senator Killon are original co-sponsors: Killion (R-9), Argall (R-29), Blake (D-22), Browne (R-16), Fontana (D-42), Gordner (R-27), Hughes (D-7), Leach (D-17), McGarrigle (R-26), Vogel (R-47), Vulakovich (R-38), Yudichak (D-14.)

*Source: [Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania](#)*

### **Feds give PA \$5.1 million to address opioid addiction**

Pennsylvania has received \$5.1 million from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as part of a cooperative agreement for emergency response to opioid addiction. According to the department, the funding will be used for several things, including: pharmacy outreach and education; public information campaigns conducted by local health departments; hiring epidemiologists and data staff to continue to assist in data collection; enhancing data collection with additional data sources; working to collect fatal overdose data with coroners; increasing syndromic surveillance to monitor and track opioid overdoses; training for first responders and physicians; and outreach regarding Hepatitis and HIV.

## Pa.'s top paying school districts: Who pays the biggest salaries?

PennLive compiled a list of 50 Pennsylvania school districts and technical schools with the highest average staff salaries for the 2015-16 school year. The compilation is based on information from the state Department of Education found at [www.openpagov.org](http://www.openpagov.org). OpenPAGov.org is a project of the Commonwealth Foundation, an independent, non-profit research and educational institute. All data in openPAGov.org is taken from Pennsylvania state government or federal government sources.

All enrollment figures were gathered from the Pennsylvania Department of Education and reflect the 2015-16 school year.

Source: [Penn Live](#)

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### **Legislation**

- [HB 2640: Amends Solid Waste Mgmt. Act re noncompliance](#)
- [HB 2641: Amends Title 23 re penalties](#)
- [HB 2642: Amends Public School Code re Keystone Exams](#)
- [HB 2643: Amends Hazardous Sites Cleanup Act](#)
- [HB 2644: Amends Tax Reform Code re personal income tax](#)
- [HB 2645: Amends Title 18 re sexual assault](#)
- [HB 2646: Amends Title 23 re reporting child abuse](#)
- [HB 2647: Amends Clean Streams Law re NPDES Permit](#)
- [HB 2648: Amends Title 34 re night vision equipment](#)
- [HB 2649: Amends Title 35 re fire equip. distributor](#)
- [SB 1234: Amends PA Election Code re open primaries](#)
- [SB 997: Amends Public School Code re school counselors](#)
- [SB 998: Act re School Counselor Loan Forgiveness](#)
- [SB 1256: Amends PA Election Code re absentee ballots](#)
- [SB 701: Act re PSERS Land Conveyance](#)
- [SB 1257: Amends Title 66 re pipelines near schools](#)

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