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## ***PCHE Economic Impact Report***

"The 10 colleges and universities that comprise the Pittsburgh Council on Higher Education (PCHE) generated an overall economic impact of \$9.05 billion in the City of Pittsburgh in 2017, according to the most recent report prepared by PCHE in collaboration with Fourth Economy, a national economic development consulting firm." Read the full impact report [here](#).

## ***2018 GPNNP Annual Meeting***

**2018 GPNNP Annual Meeting**  
**Doors Open at 8:00 AM**  
**Thursday, November 29th**  
Carnegie Music Hall  
4400 Forbes Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

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## ***Federal Policy News***

- [Data Shows 99% Of Applicants For A Student Loan Forgiveness Program Were Denied \(NPR\)](#)
- [28,000 Public Servants Sought Student Loan Forgiveness. 96 Got It.](#)

[\(NYTimes\)](#)

- [Appeals Court Rules DOJ Official Must Testify For Census Lawsuits \(NPR\)](#)
  - [One Big Problem With Medicaid Work Requirement: People Are Unaware It Exists \(NY Times\)](#)
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## ***Election Updates***

- [Election Security Commission recommends immediate action on vulnerable voting machines \(Tribune Review\)](#)
  - [Pa. panel says state elections are 'under threat,' urges security measures \(PGH Post Gazette\)](#)
  - [Alle-Kiski Valley libraries participate in National Voter Registration Day \(Tribune Review\)](#)
  - [For the first time, registered voters 34 and younger outnumber those 65 and older \(PGH Post Gazette\)](#)
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## ***Local Updates***

- [Peoples Gas files complaint over PWSA rate hike proposals \(PGH Post Gazette\)](#)
  - [Public housing appeals give hope to homeless with criminal records \(PGH Post Gazette\)](#)
  - [Pennsylvania's retro policy on driver's license suspensions \(PGH Post Gazette\)](#)
  - [Peduto touts plan to redevelop the URA's focus and priorities \(PGH Post Gazette\)](#)
  - [Impact fee funds \\$2.4 million in projects in Allegheny, Westmoreland counties\(Tribune Review\)](#)
  - [Big Brothers Big Sisters changes screening process to align with Pittsburgh Public Schools anti-discrimination policy \(PGH Post Gazette\)](#)
  - [City finalizes \\$27.5 million purchase of former Art Institute building\(PGH Post Gazette\)](#)
  - [Heinz Awards honor six individuals who are challenging global issues \(PGH Post Gazette\)](#)
  - [Pa. agency distributes millions to benefit regional services, recreation\(PGH Post Gazette\)](#)
  - [Greater Latrobe foundation awards district \\$150K for equipment, programs \(Tribune Review\)](#)
  - [Penn Hills School District could have a new free educational program through an international fraternity\(Tribune Review\)](#)
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## ***Pennsylvania News***

### **Child sex abuse reforms among issues for returning Pa. legislators**

State legislators returned to Harrisburg Monday with a long list of priorities for the few days remaining in the fall legislative session.

The House had nine voting days scheduled, including Monday, before the scheduled end of the session Nov. 13, but House Speaker Mike Turzai, R-

Marshall, said he expected to add more days. The Senate had 10 voting days scheduled.

Source: [Tribune Review](#)

## **A New One-Stop-Shop For Pennsylvania Education Data**

If you're looking for an education-related figure, number, data point, or variable, chances are the new [Pennsylvania School Data Project](#) has you covered.

Conceived as a repository for researchers, journalists, policy wonks, and school administrators, the new website hosts more than a dozen spreadsheets packed with education data. The nonprofit Research for Action — known as RFA — spent more than six months collating federal, state, and local data to make the new databank.

The final product includes data on student test scores, suspensions, enrollment, and revenues. Crucially, data are assembled longitudinally, meaning you can track something — say a district's graduation rate — from year to year. The oldest data go back to the 2006-07 school year.

Source: [WESA](#)

## **Advocates cite new study in calling for earlier parole eligibility for Pa. lifers**

For State Sen. Sharif Street, the most promising sign in his quixotic bid to reform Pennsylvania's life-without-parole system came in the form of a call from Americans for Prosperity, the Koch brothers' libertarian political advocacy group.

"It was some surprise when they sought us out," he said. "It's my first time being on the same side of an issue with them."

Over the past year, Mr. Street, a Democrat from North Philadelphia, has been telling anyone who will listen that a change is overdue. Pennsylvania's murder rate ranks 25th in the nation. Yet, courts in the state sentence people to life without parole at a rate that's among the highest in the country, and more than double the national average. Mr. Street introduced a bill last year that would allow lifers to be considered for parole after 15 years — a move that would make 64 percent of lifers eligible for that consideration.

Source: [PGH Post-Gazette](#)

## **House approves retroactive amendment; final House vote on statute of limitations bill could come Tuesday**

Adult victims of child sexual abuse on Monday afternoon came one step closer to securing a temporary window of time that would allow them to bring predators to justice.

The House voted overwhelmingly in favor of an amendment that would attach to a statute of limitations reform bill a retroactive component permitting those victims timed-out of the legal system a chance to file civil suits.

The House could as early as Tuesday vote on Senate Bill 261.

Source: [Penn Live](#)

## **State making \$5 million in grants available to dairy farmers**

The state is making \$5 million in grants available to Pennsylvania's struggling dairy farmers.

The Pennsylvania Dairy Investment Program will make funding available to eligible farmers to help them modernize their operations and better adapt to market conditions. Dairy farmers have been dealing with depressed prices , along with shrinking markets and declining demand, since 2014.

Source: [Tribune Review](#)

## **Pennsylvania grads carry nation's second largest college debts**

Pennsylvania's 2017 college graduates carried the second-highest average student debt loads in the nation, according to a report issued Wednesday.

The Institute for College Access and Success 2017 student debt report found the average Pennsylvania student graduated with \$36,854 in college debt last year, second only to graduates in Connecticut, where the average debt topped out at \$38,500.

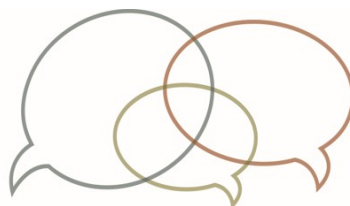
Source: [Tribune Review](#)

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### ***Legislation***

- [HB 2557: Amends Municipalities Financial Recovery Act](#)
- [HB 2654: Amends Tax Reform Code re realty transfer tax](#)
- [HB 2656: Joint Resolution re suits against Commonwealth](#)
- [HB 2658: Amends Vital Statistics Law re death certif.](#)
- [HB 2660: Amends Title 25 re curbside voting](#)
- [HB 2661: Amends PA Election Code re open primaries](#)
- [HB 2662: Amends Title 66 re utility energy efficiency](#)
- [HB 2600: Amends Medical Marijuana Act re legalization](#)
- [HB 2663: Amends Title 75 re high-risk DUI offenders](#)
- [HB 2664: Amends Workers' Compensation Act re PTSD](#)
- [HB 2665: Amends PA Com. on Crime and Del. Law re girls](#)
- [HB 2666: Amends Title 61 re incarcerated parents](#)
- [HB 2667: Amends Title 61 re healthy inmate reentry](#)

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