# Kick Off for 2020-2021 School Year

#### **Legislative Update**



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"We have all kinds of Regulatory Guidelines floating around."



# Bill's Journey to Becoming a Law -



Any Senate or General Assembly member may propose or sponsor a new law.

Ideas for laws can come from many sources, such as
citizens, interest groups, public officials or the Governor.



At the legislator's direction, the idea is written as a bill.

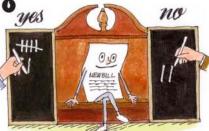
The legislator may ask other legislators to become co-sponsors.



The bill is introduced when the Senate Secretary or General Assembly Clerk reads the bill's number, sponsor and title aloud during a legislative session.



If the committee approves the bill, it is reported back to the House where it began, and its title is read again. This is the bill's second reading.



When scheduled by the Senate President or General Assembly Speaker, the bill's title is read for the third time, and it is debated and voted on. A bill passes if it receives a majority of votes (at least 21 in the Senate or 41 in the General Assembly).



The bill follows a similar path of first reading, committee consideration, second reading, third reading and final passage in the second House. After both Houses agree on the bill, it is sent to the Governor. In most cases, the bill becomes law when signed by the Governor.



The bill is usually sent to a committee which studies it and makes changes, if needed.

These changes are called amendments.

Committees have open meetings where the public may speak about the bill.



If the Governor rejects the bill, it is called a veto.

Sometimes, the Governor will ask the Legislature to make changes to the bill.

The Legislature may make the Governor's changes.

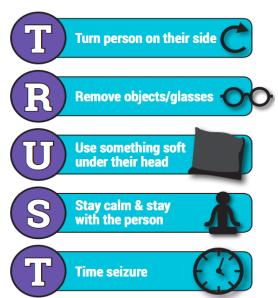
It is also possible for the Legislature to pass the vetoed bill in its original form with a 2/2 majority vote in both Houses. This is called overriding the veto.

# P.L. 2019, c. 290 Paul's Law

"Paul's Law"; authorizes a parent or guardian to request use of individualized health care plan for students with seizure disorder.

(01/09/2020)





## P.L.2020, c. 29

# "Hunger Free Students' Bill of Rights Act

Requires certain school meal information be provided to students' parents; establishes protocols for identifying eligible students for meal programs; prohibits stigmatizing student with bill in arrears.



## P.L. 2020, c63

Delays physical examination requirement for certain student-athletes who participate in school-sponsored athletic activities during the fall athletic season of 2020-





Parents must submit an appointment date to be "clear" and must submit valid PE before end of season.

# Celebrating the School Nurse Consultant Law



Establishes position of State School Nurse Consultant in DOE to facilitate best practices in school nursing by advancing comprehensive school health services.

## Bills on the Move



#### A4461 Aca (1R)/S2698 PPE BILL

Requires State to enter into contract for COVID-19 related goods and services for purchase by public schools. PPE bill The bill permits public schools and county colleges to purchase COVID-19 related goods and services, without advertising for bids, through any contract that is (1) entered into by the Division of Purchase and Property, or (2) made available through a State-approved cooperative purchasing system of which the school or college is a member.

### Bills on the Move



#### S559/A3277

Requires parent or guardian to notify child care centers if child will be absent; requires child care centers to notify parent or guardian in event of unexcused child absence.

#### A4529

Requires school districts, staff, and volunteers to have COVID-19 test prior to start of 2020-2021 school year.

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#### A4574

Requires closure of schools in school districts within county that reaches certain COVID-19 transmission rate or experiences certain increase in COVID-19 cases during 2020-2021 school year.

#### A4576

Requires students and certain other children to be annually vaccinated for influenza as condition of enrollment at public and private K-12 schools, preschools, child care centers, and institutions of higher education.

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