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*The State House will convene at
11am.*

BUDGET INTRODUCED

With last year's budget taking much longer to pass than expected, the House Democrats in PA officially introduced Governor Shapiro's budget on Tuesday. The budget was introduced by the House Appropriations Committee Chairman **Jordan Harris**. The budget remains controversial with its \$2.7 billion spending increase. Legislators remain optimistic that the budget will be passed much sooner this year.

NEW EFFORTS

Yesterday, Pennsylvania lawmakers announced a bipartisan caucus to combat human trafficking. Pennsylvania sees more calls to the human trafficking hotline than most. State Senator **Chris Dush**, chair of the caucus, highlighted efforts to work towards an A rating in Pennsylvania. This includes his proposed Senate Bill 45 that would treat prostitution as a human trafficking issue. As well as HB1286, introduced by State Representative **Regina Young**, which awaits final passage in the Senate.

JOB MARKET

According to a new study by Gallup, many survey respondents believe the job market is terrible. The study found that hiring has significantly slowed, especially for those with college degrees. Respondents believe the job market is at its lowest since 2013, which would track as the

unemployment rate also trends low. The question now becomes whether the job market will continue to worsen or if new jobs will emerge.

CANCER

Colorectal cancer is on the rise for young Americans; it is now the deadliest cancer for Americans under 50. The recommended screening age was lowered from 50 to 45 back in 2021. Early screening is important as about 75% of patients are diagnosed only after the cancer has spread to other parts of the body. Still, nobody is 100% sure what is causing the rise in cancer cases.

RECORD

Pennsylvania is breaking records left and right. Yesterday, in honor of National Cheesesteak Day, Philadelphia broke the record for the world's longest cheesesteak. The cheesesteak was assembled at the Philadelphia International Airport and stretched across more than 1200 buns.



Happy Birthday

- State Representative **Jason Dawkins**
- State Representative **Joe Hogan**

- Former State Representative **Will Tallman**
- **Gwenn Dando**, Chief of Staff, Office of Senator Langerholc
- **Nina Tinari**, VP, Commissioner's Office, Major League Soccer
- **Alice Dubow**, Judge, PA Superior Court

Committee Meetings

- (H) Appropriations – OTF – To be announced
- (H) Democratic Policy – 8:15AM - Public hearing on Wage Disparity in Higher Education
- (H) Health – 9:00AM – To consider: HB 1077, HB 2265, HR 404, HR 405, HR 414, HR 428, HR 430, HR 432, HR 435, HR 443, HR 447, and HR 458
- (H) Tourism, Recreation and Economic Development – 9:15AM - To consider: HR 416, HR 422, HR 437, HR 440, HR 445, and HR 446
- (H) Tourism, Recreation and Economic Development – 9:30AM - Public hearing to discuss House Bill 2303
- (H) Game and Fisheries – 9:30AM – To consider: HB 1950 and HB 2294
- (H) Finance – 10:00AM – To consider: HR 408

- (H) Finance – 10:15AM - Committee Discussion on HB 1805, HB 2300, HB 2305
- (H) Children and Youth – 10:30AM – To consider: HR 407 and HR 421



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