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The State House will convene at 11am and the State Senate will convene at 1pm.

PHONE BAN

Legislation that would require schools in Pennsylvania to ban student cell phone use passed the House yesterday. Prime Sponsor State Representative **Mandy Steele** asserted that limiting children's phone use during school hours would improve their mental and physical health. While the bill has received bipartisan support, some legislators expressed concern for students who may need to use their cell phones during emergency scenarios. If enacted, every school board would need to implement its own specific policy.

SPEAKING OF PHONES

Starting June 5, cellphone use while operating a (*stationary or not*) vehicle will result in a summary offense with a \$50 fine. Distracted driving was the leading cause of car crashes in Pennsylvania in 2023, leading to the implementation of **Paul Miller's Law**. The law further requires law enforcement to record biographic data on drivers during traffic stops to avoid bias in policing. All in all, Paul Miller's Law is supporting drivers in all directions, on and off the road. *Looks like there's a new excuse for why you got ghosted...*

RETURNING TO CHOCOLATE CITY

Rather than bills, we're talking Iron Hill. Iron Hill Brewery has made its comeback in Hershey following its bankruptcy closure. Yesterday, June 1, the restaurant officially reopened its West

Chocolate Avenue location, bringing back many hoppy customers. This longtime Hershey favorite has good times and memories back on tap!

RETURNING TO THE STEEL CITY

Butcher and the Rye, a celebrated Pittsburgh whiskey bar, is making its return to the city after six years of closure. First opened in 2013, Butcher and the Rye was twice nominated for the prestigious James Beard Award. It closed during the pandemic, but as of July 8, residents and visitors *dahntahn* will once again get to enjoy its large menu of whiskeys, cocktails, and rustic American food.

ELECTIONS

Today, the states of California, Iowa, Montana, New Jersey, South Dakota and New Mexico will hold primary elections for several races. The closely watched California gubernatorial primary will commence today, with the most likely top two contenders being **Xavier Becerra** and **Tom Steyer**. Iowa will see its first open race for the gubernatorial seat since 2011, with a crowded Republican primary of 5 candidates.



Happy Birthday

- **Mike Chirieleison**, Partner, DeBrunner & Associates
- **Glenn R. Miller**, Former State Librarian
- **June Perry**

Committee Meetings

- (H) Appropriations – OTF – To be announced
- (S) Appropriations – OTF – To consider: SB 806, SB 1220, SB 1230, SB 1231, SB 1232, SB 1233 and SB 1236; and House Bills HB 2403, HB 2404, HB 2405, HB 2406, HB 2407, HB 2408, HB 2409, HB 2410, and HB 2411
- (S) Rules and Executive Nominations – OTF – To consider: SR 321
- (H) Children and Youth – 9:00AM – To consider: HB 133, HB 138, HB 432, HB 434, HB 1569, and HR 363
- (H) Health – 10:00AM – To consider: HB 1365, HB 2162, HB 2341, HR 475, HR 494, HR 502, HR 514, HR 518, HR 529, HR 531, HR 535, HR 538, HR 541, and HR 542

- (H) Labor and Industry –
10:00AM - Public hearing on
HB 1580
- (H) Education – 10:00AM – To
consider: HB 1919
- (S) State Government –
12:00PM – To consider: SB 599,
SB 857, SB 1088, SB 1150, and
SB 1183
- (S) Agriculture and Rural Affairs
– 12:30PM – To consider: SB
866
- (S) Labor and Industry –
12:30PM – To consider: SB 142,
SB 908, and SB 1269



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