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To the Members of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania:

As the primary and central non-partisan, bicameral research and policy development agency for the General Assembly, the Joint State Government Commission is pleased to present this biennial report describing the history of the Commission and its past and current projects. The report includes a compendium of legislation introduced during the 2023-2024 sessions that drew on information provided through Commission reports.

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On behalf of the Joint State Government Commission, I thank all the members of the advisory committees and legislative task forces that have been formed over the years for their dedication to review, update, consolidate, and ultimately improve the laws in the Commonwealth.

Respectfully submitted,

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INTRODUCTION

The Joint State Government Commission was created in 1937 as the primary and central non-partisan, bicameral research and policy development agency for the General Assembly of Pennsylvania. The studies conducted by the Commission are authorized by resolution or statute, which may direct the Commission to form a legislative task force and/or an advisory committee of experts in a particular field. The Commission may also be directed to conduct a staff study, without the formal appointment of a task force or advisory committee.

Since its inception through the end of 2024, the Commission has published more than 459 reports on a sweeping range of topics. During the 2023-2024 legislative session, it released 26 reports concerning a variety of issues, including: law enforcement use of body-worn cameras, women veterans' health care, minimum eligibility standards for police officer training, voting rights of formerly incarcerated persons, domestic relations, truancy, adverse childhood experiences, services to persons with intellectual disabilities, small modular nuclear reactors, greater father involvement, recycling, training mandates for public school entities, medical assistance capitation funding for drug and alcohol treatment providers, use on contracted workers at Medicaid funded long-term care facilities, common interest ownership communities, diabetes prevention and maintenance programs, broadband expansion and deployment, and election laws.

The Commission also plays an integral part in developing and drafting legislation for the General Assembly. During the 2023-2024 legislative session of the General Assembly, 38 pieces of legislation can be traced to the work of the Commission and its advisory committees. This legislation involves such topics as health care workforce shortages, support for victims of sexual assault, guardianships, grantor trusts, and veterans' services. Ten of these pieces of legislation have been enacted into law (*see* pages 26-27).

This report describes the role of the Commission as a legislative service agency of the General Assembly, from its enabling legislation in 1937 to its projects and reports of the 2023-2024 legislative sessions. This report summarizes the powers and duties of the Commission and provides information regarding its leadership and staff. It also lists the current studies conducted and legislation drafted by the Commission, along with each report released by the Commission, by year and by topic.

For more information on the Commission or its reports, please visit the following website <http://jsg.legis.state.pa.us/>.

CREATION AND LEADERSHIP

Created in 1937, the Joint State Government Commission serves as the primary and central non-partisan, bicameral research and policy development agency for the General Assembly of Pennsylvania.

According to the Commission’s enabling legislation,¹ each member of the General Assembly is a member of the Commission: “the entire membership of the House of Representatives and the entire membership of the Senate shall constitute a continuing joint legislative commission, to be known as the Joint State Government Commission.”²

A fourteen-member Executive Committee comprised of the leadership of both the House of Representatives and the Senate oversees the Commission. The seven Executive Committee members from the House of Representatives are the Speaker, the Majority and Minority Leaders, the Majority and Minority Whips, and the Majority and Minority Caucus Chairs. The seven Executive Committee members from the Senate are the President Pro Tempore, the Majority and Minority Leaders, the Majority and Minority Whips, and the Majority and Minority Caucus Chairs.³ The members of the Executive Committee during the 2023-2024 legislative sessions of the General Assembly were as follows:

Executive Committee 2023-2024	
Senate Members	House Members
Hon. Kim L. Ward President Pro Tempore	Hon. Joanna E. McClinton Speaker
Hon. Joseph A. Pittman Majority Leader	Hon. Matthew D. Bradford Majority Leader
Hon. Jay Costa, Jr. Minority Leader	Hon. Bryan D. Cutler Minority Leader
Hon. Ryan P. Aument Majority Whip	Hon. Dan L. Miller Majority Whip
Hon. Christine M. Tartaglione Minority Whip	Hon. Timothy J. O’Neal Minority Whip
Hon. Kristin Phillips-Hill Chair, Majority Caucus	Hon. Michael H. Schlossberg Chair, Majority Caucus
Hon. Wayne D. Fontana Chair, Minority Caucus	Hon. George Dunbar Chair, Minority Caucus

¹ Act of July 1, 1937 (P.L.2460, No.459); 46 P.S. §§ 65-69. (1937 Act).

² *Id.* § 1; 46 P.S. § 65.

³ *Id.*

By statute, the Executive Committee selects a chairman of the Commission from among the members of the General Assembly.⁴ Historically, the Executive Committee has also selected a Vice-Chair or Treasurer, or both, for the Commission. A table listing the officers of the Commission is set forth on pages 69-71 of this report.

⁴ *Id.*

POWERS AND DUTIES

This section of the report explains the powers and duties of the Joint State Government Commission, including the legislative authorization to conduct a study, the nature of a study (whether the study is performed solely by Commission staff or with the assistance of an appointed advisory committee), the function of an advisory committee, the role of a legislative task force, and the publication of reports.

Authorization

A study conducted by the Commission is authorized by an enacted statute or through a simple or joint resolution adopted by the House of Representatives or the Senate, or both.

The Commission has the power to conduct investigations, study issues, and gather information, as directed by the General Assembly.⁵ In performing its duties, the Commission may call upon any department or agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for pertinent information and may designate individuals, other than members of the General Assembly, to act in advisory capacities.⁶

Studies

The Commission provides in-depth research on a variety of topics, crafts recommendations to improve public policy and statutory law, and works closely with legislators and their staff.

Some studies involve an appointed advisory committee of professionals or interested parties from across the Commonwealth with expertise in a particular topic; others are managed exclusively by Commission staff with the informal involvement of representatives of those entities that can provide insight and information regarding the particular topic.

Certain studies have specific timelines for the publication of a report, as in the case of a discrete or timely topic; other studies, given their complex or considerable nature, are ongoing and involve the publication of periodic reports.

⁵ *Id.* §§ 2(a) and 3; 46 P.S. §§ 66(a) and 67.

⁶ *Id.* § 1; 46 P.S. § 65.

Advisory Committees

When a study involves an advisory committee, the Commission seeks consensus among the members. Although an advisory committee member may represent a particular department, agency, association, or group, such representation does not necessarily reflect the endorsement of the department, agency, association, or group of all the findings and recommendations contained in a study report.

Over the years, nearly one thousand individuals from across the Commonwealth have served as members of the Commission's numerous advisory committees or have assisted the Commission with its studies. Since 1945, for example, well over one hundred individuals have served as members of the Advisory Committee on Decedents' Estates Laws.

Members of advisory committees bring a wide range of knowledge and experience to deliberations involving a particular study. Individuals from countless backgrounds have contributed to the work of the Commission, such as attorneys, judges, professors and other educators, state and local officials, physicians and other health care professionals, business and community leaders, service providers, administrators and other professionals, law enforcement personnel, and concerned citizens.

In addition, members of advisory committees donate their time to serve the public good; they are not compensated for their service as members. Consequently, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania receives the financial benefit of such volunteerism, along with the expertise in developing statutory language and public policy recommendations to improve the law in Pennsylvania.

Task Forces

A Commission study may involve the appointment of a legislative task force, composed of a specified number of legislators from the House of Representatives or the Senate, or both, as set forth in the enabling statute or resolution.

In addition to following the progress of a particular study, the principal role of a task force is to determine whether to authorize the publication of any report resulting from the study and the introduction of any proposed legislation contained in the report. However, task force authorization does not necessarily reflect endorsement of all the findings and recommendations contained in a report.

Reports

The Commission periodically reports its findings and recommendations, along with any proposed legislation, to the General Assembly.⁷ Completion of a study, or a particular aspect of an ongoing study, generally results in the publication of a report setting forth background material, policy recommendations, and proposed legislation. However, the release of a report by the Commission does not necessarily reflect the endorsement by the members of the Executive Committee, or the Chair and Vice-Chair, of all the findings, recommendations, or conclusions contained in the report.

A report containing proposed legislation may also contain official comments, which may be used to in determining the intent of the General Assembly.⁸

Following the completion of a report, subsequent action on the part of the Commission may be required, and, as necessary, the Commission will draft legislation and statutory amendments, update research, track legislation through the legislative process, attend hearings, and answer questions from legislators, legislative staff, interest groups, and constituents.

Podcasts

In the fall of 2020, Joint State created a podcast focusing on discussions of our newly released reports. The goal of the podcast is to raise awareness, generate interest, and provide additional context through interviews with staff members for these reports. The podcast platform allows convenient access to general themes that are explored more fully and with greater data presentation in the traditional report format. Podcasts in 2023-2024 include:

The ‘Common Interest Ownership Communities’ episode was released June 19, 2023 and based on *Common Interest Ownership Communities*, issued pursuant to 2021 House Resolution 69.

The ‘Long-term Care Facility Staffing’ episode was released in July 25, 2023 and based on *Use of Contracted Workers at Medicaid Funded Long-term Care Facilities in the Commonwealth*, issued pursuant 2022 Senate Resolution 288.

The ‘Medicaid Reimbursements to Drug and Alcohol Treatment Providers’ episode was released August 3, 2023 and based on *Medical Assistance Capitation Funding for Drug and Alcohol Treatment Providers within the Commonwealth*, issued pursuant to 2021 Senate Resolution 352.

⁷ *Id.* §§ 1 and § 2(c); 46 P.S. §§ 65 and 66(c).

⁸ 1 Pa.C.S § 1939.

The ‘Education Training Mandates’ episode was released September 21, 2023 and based on *Training Mandates on Pennsylvania Public School Entities*, issued pursuant to 2021 House Resolution 163.

The ‘Recycling Strategies’ episode was released October 23, 2023 and based on *Recycling Strategies in Pennsylvania*, issued pursuant to 2021 Senate Resolution 285.

The ‘Training Election Directors’ episode was released on November 14, 2023 and was based on the report *Election Law in Pennsylvania: Third Annual Report of the Election Law Advisory Board*, issued pursuant to the Act of March 27, 2020 (P.L. 41, No. 12), which amended the 1937 Election Code.

The ‘Advances in Diabetes Advocacy and Treatment’ episode was released December 19, 2023 and based on *Diabetes in Pennsylvania: Prevention and Maintenance Programs - Sixth Biennial Report*, issued pursuant to 2012 House Resolution 936.

The ‘Raising Father Involvement’ episode was released February 1, 2024 and based on *Greater Father Involvement: Fostering Engagement of Fathers in Improving the Well-being of their Children*, issued pursuant to 2021 House Bill 1731.

The ‘Snyder and Stairs: Higher Education Data Report’ episode was released on April 5, 2024 and based on *Instructional Output and Faculty Salary Costs of the State-related Universities* and *Information Disclosure of the State-related Universities* reports, issued pursuant to the Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949.

The ‘School Truancy’ episode was released April 25, 2024 and based on *The Truancy Process: The Challenge of Improving Attendance in Pennsylvania Schools*, issued pursuant to 2015 House Bill 1907.

The ‘Nuclear Energy & Small Modular Reactors’ episode was released May 9, 2024 based and on *Benefits of Nuclear Energy and Development of Small Modular Reactors*, issued pursuant to 2022 House Resolution 238.

The ‘Intellectual and Developmental Disability Services: Part 1’ and ‘Intellectual and Developmental Disability Services: Part 2’ episodes were released, respectively, on July 25, 2024 and August 6, 2024, and were based on *Services to Individuals with Intellectual Disability, Developmental Disability, or Autism Through the Pennsylvania Office of Developmental Programs*, issued pursuant to 2021 House resolution 212.

The ‘Voting Rights of the Formerly Incarcerated’ episode was released on October 17, 2024 and based on *Voting Rights of the Formerly Incarcerated: Knowledge, Outreach, and Data Patterns of Qualified Electors in Pennsylvania*, issued pursuant to 2023 House Resolution 47.

The ‘Broadband in Pennsylvania: A Five-Year Retrospective’ episode was released November 21, 2024 and based on *Delivery of High-Speed Broadband Services in Unserved and Underserved Areas of the Commonwealth - Fifth Annual Report*, issued pursuant to 2019 Senate Resolution 47.

The ‘Women Veterans Healthcare’ episode was released on December 16, 2024 and based on *Women Veterans Health Care in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania*, issued pursuant to 2023 Senate Resolution 46.

Additionally, JSGC conducted interviews and released informational podcasts relating to several of the General Assembly’s legislative service agencies, including:

The Legislative Budget and Finance Committee, released on February 10, 2023

The Local Government Commission, released on May 9, 2023

The original interviews for these podcasts are recorded via Zoom. The recordings are then transferred to Audacity, an audio editing software. The edited podcasts are uploaded to Buzzsprout, a podcast hosting service. The podcasts are accessible through Buzzsprout, Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Amazon Music, Podcast Index, the JSGC website, and via e-mail distribution to advisory committee members.

STAFF

The Joint State Government Commission “shall employ a director and such professional, technical, clerical and other assistance as may be deemed necessary.”⁹

Throughout the 2023-2024 legislative sessions of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, the staff of the Commission has generally consisted of 10 individuals and included four attorneys, four public policy analysts, and a fiscal analyst. Together, these individuals comprise a diverse research staff experienced in legal analysis, statistical analysis, survey methods, developing public policy recommendations, drafting legislation, and writing reports. Given the nature of a particular study or assignment, Commission staff may work collectively in small groups and with a mixture of attorneys and public policy analysts, generally with one individual serving as project manager. Each staff member works on multiple studies simultaneously.

The following table lists the Commission staff, through the end of December 2024.

Staff Member	Position
Wendy L. Baker	Executive Assistant and Office Manager
John Brettler	Legal Clerk
Bryan W. DeWalt	Public Policy Analyst
Susan F. Elder	Comptroller and Fiscal Analyst
Ronald D. Grenoble	Assistant Counsel
Lydia L. Hack (Dec. 2018-Sept. 2024)	Staff Attorney
Yvonne Llewellyn Hursh	Counsel
Yelena P. Khanzhina (May 1998-Sept. 2024)	Public Policy Analyst
Allison N. Kobzowicz	Public Policy Analyst
Stephen J. Kramer (May 2018-Dec. 2024)	Staff Attorney
Glenn J. Pasewicz	Executive Director
Grant Rosul (Aug. 2016-Jul. 2023)	Staff Attorney

In addition, the Commission engaged the services of a public policy analyst, Caitlyn Christie (Jun-Aug 2024), and two legal interns, Brian O’Loughlin (May-Dec 2023), and Ashlee Krum (May-Aug 2023).

⁹ 1937 Act, § 1; 46 P.S. § 65.

The Legislative Research Librarians of the National Conference of State Legislatures annually recognize notable documents produced by legislative research agencies. In 2023 the Commission received the award for the report *The School Bus Driver Shortage in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania*. Awards received in prior years are listed below.

Joint State Government Commission Awards	
Year	Report Title
2021	Delivery of Broadband Services in Unserved and Underserved Areas of the Commonwealth.
2013	Human Trafficking in Pennsylvania: Policy Recommendations and Proposed Legislation
2008	Waste Tire Recycling and Reuse in Pennsylvania
2006	Report of the Advisory Committee on Geriatric and Seriously Ill Inmates
2005	Medical Professional Liability Reform for the 21st Century: A Review of Policy Option
2004	The Funding and Benefit Structure of the Pennsylvania Statewide Retirement Systems: A Report with Recommendations–Pennsylvania General Assembly Joint State Government Commission
2004	Minority Representation in the Jury Selection Process in Pennsylvania – Pennsylvania General Assembly Joint State Government Commission
2002	Driver Distractions and Traffic Safety
1998	Clean and Green

STUDIES IN PROGRESS DURING 2023-2024

The Joint State Government Commission conducts numerous studies simultaneously. Some studies have specified deadlines, while others are ongoing in nature. An ongoing study generally involves multi-year research, information gathering, and legislative development without a certain deadline. It may also entail a proposed consolidation of existing statutory law with modernized, updated, and better organized provisions into a particular title of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes.

During the 2023-2024 legislative sessions of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, Commission staff members were engaged in the following studies:¹⁰

- *Ongoing (Multi-Year) Studies:*
 - Decedents' Estates (Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries)
 - Delivery of High-Speed Internet Services in Unserved and Ununserved Areas
 - Diabetes
 - Domestic Relations
 - Election Laws
 - Information Disclosure of the State-Related Universities ("Stairs")
 - Instructional Output and Faculty Salary Costs of State-Related and State-Owned Universities ("Snyder")
 - Public Health
 - Real Property

- *Studies with Specific Deadlines:*
 - Artificial Intelligence
 - Geothermal Energy and Abandoned Mines
 - Urban Search and Rescue
 - Short-term Rental Industry
 - Agrivoltaic Farming
 - Body-Worn Camera Footage Outcomes for Law Enforcement Officers and Civilians

¹⁰ This list does not include work on other studies that were completed prior to the 2023-2024 legislative session but involved additional time and resources, such as drafting legislation, updating research, tracking related legislation, attending hearings, and responding to inquiries from legislators, legislative staff, interest groups, and constituents.

- Women Veterans Health Care
- Minimum Eligibility Standards for Police Officer Training and Graduation
- Voting Rights of the Formerly Incarcerated: Knowledge, Outreach, and Data Patterns of Qualified Electors
- Benefits of Nuclear Energy and Development of Small Modular Reactors
- Use of Contracted Workers at Medicaid Funded Long-term Care Facilities
- Common-Interest Ownership Communities
- Medical Assistance Capitation for Drug and Alcohol Treatment Providers
- Recycling Infrastructure and Operations
- Training Mandates for Public School Entities
- Truancy Process
- Adverse Childhood Experiences
- Services for Individuals with Intellectual Disability, Developmental Disability and Autism through the Office of Development Programs
- Greater Fatherhood Involvement

Ongoing (Multi-Year) Studies

During 2023-2024, the Commission was actively engaged in the above-listed studies. The table below provides information regarding the enabling resolution or statute for the study and the type of study conducted (task force and/or advisory committee, or staff study).

Study	Enabling Resolution or Statute	Study Participants
Decedents' Estates	1945 Senate Resolution No. 46	Task Force and Advisory Committee
Delivery of High-Speed Broadband	2019 Senate Resolution No. 47	Task Force and Advisory Committee
Diabetes	2013 House Resolution No. 936	<i>STAFF STUDY</i>
Domestic Relations	1993 Senate Resolution No. 43	Task Force and Advisory Committee
Election Law	Article XIII-E of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, as added by the act of Act of Mar. 27, 2020, P.L.41, No.12 (Act 12)	Task Force and Advisory Committee
Information Disclosure of the State-Related Universities ("Stairs")	§§ 2002-D, 2004-D(c) and 2005-D of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949	<i>STAFF STUDY</i>
Instructional Output and Faculty Salary Costs of State-Related Universities ("Snyder")	§§ 2002-D, 2004-D(c) and 2005-D of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949	<i>STAFF STUDY</i>
Public Health	2007 Senate Resolution No. 194	Task Force and Advisory Committee
Real Property	2001 Senate Resolution No. 244	Task Force and Advisory Committee

Reports on Ongoing (Multi-Year) Studies

During the 2023-2024 legislative sessions of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, the Commission published 12 reports involving its ongoing multi-year studies, as reflected in the following chart.

Release Date	Title of Report
January 2023	<i>Mail-in Ballots: An Interim Report of the Election Law Advisory Board</i>
March 2023	<i>Information Disclosure of the State-Related Universities 2021-2022 Data</i>
March 2023	<i>Instructional Output and Faculty Salary Costs of the State-Related Universities 2021-2022 Data</i>
July 2023	<i>Delivery of High-Speed Broadband Services in Unserved and Underserved Areas of the Commonwealth: 4th Annual Report</i>
August 2023	<i>Election Law in Pennsylvania: Third Annual Report of the Election Law Advisory Board for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021</i>
September 2023	<i>Diabetes in Pennsylvania: Prevention and Maintenance Programs – Sixth Biennial Report</i>
February 2024	<i>Information Disclosure of the State-Related Universities Data 202-2023</i>
February 2024	<i>Instructional Output and Faculty Salary Costs of the State-Related Universities: 2020-21 Data 2022-2023</i>
April 2024	<i>The Domestic Relations Code: Proposed Amendments to Title 23 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes</i>
August 2024	<i>Delivery of High-Speed Broadband Services in Unserved and Underserved Areas of the Commonwealth</i>
August 2024	<i>Election Law in Pennsylvania: Fourth Annual Report of the Election Law Advisory Board</i>
September 2024	<i>Joint State Government Commission Biennial Report for the 2021-2022 Legislative Session</i>

Studies Completed in 2023-2024

The Commission completed 14 limited-term studies during the 2023-2024 legislative sessions of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania. The table below provides the enabling resolution or statute for the study and the type of study conducted

Study	Enabling Resolution or Statute	Type of Study
Common Ownership Interest Communities	2021 House Resolution No. 69	Staff Study
Use of Contracted Workers at Medicaid Funded Long-term Care Facilities in the Commonwealth	2021 Senate Resolution No. 288	Staff Study
Medical Assistance Capitation Funding for Drug and Alcohol Treatment Providers Within the Commonwealth	2021 Senate Resolution No. 352	Staff Study
Training Mandates on Pennsylvania Public School Entities	2021 House Resolution No. 163	Advisory Committee
Recycling Strategies in Pennsylvania	2021 Senate Resolution No. 285	Staff Study with list of Consultants
Greater Father Involvement	2021 House Bill 1731 Act of November 3, 2022 (P.L.1747, No.114)	Advisory Committee
Benefits of Nuclear Energy and Development of Small Modular Reactors	2021 House Resolution No. 238	Staff Study
Services to Individuals with Intellectual Disability, Developmental Disability, or Autism Through the Pennsylvania Office of Developmental Programs	2021 House Resolution No. 212	Advisory Committee

Study	Enabling Resolution or Statute	Type of Study
Adverse Childhood Experiences	2021 House Resolution No. 228	Advisory Committee
Truancy Process	2015 House Bill 1907 Act of November 3, 2016 (P.L.1061, No.138) Added § 1333.4 to the Public School Code of 1949	Advisory Committee
Voting Rights of Formerly Incarcerated Pennsylvanians	2023 House Resolution No. 47	Staff Study
Minimum Eligibility Standards for Police Officer Training and Graduation	2023 House Bill 863 Act of December 14, 2023 (P.L.342, No.37) Amended 53 Pa.C.S. § 2164(8)	Staff Study
Women Veterans Health Care	2023 Senate Resolution No. 46	Advisory Committee
Body-Worn Camera Footage Outcomes for Law Enforcement Officers and Civilians	2023 House Resolution No. 113	Advisory Committee

Reports on Completed Studies

Release Date	Title of Report
March 2023	<i>Common Interest Ownership Communities</i>
May 2023	<i>Use of Contracted Workers at Medicaid Funded Long-term Care Facilities in the Commonwealth</i>
June 2023	<i>Medical Assistance Capitation Funding for Drug and Alcohol Treatment Providers within the Commonwealth</i>
June 2023	<i>Training Mandates on Pennsylvania Public School Entities</i>
June 2023	<i>Recycling Strategies in Pennsylvania</i>
February 2024	<i>Greater Father Involvement: Fostering Engagement of Fathers in Improving the Well-Being of Their Children</i>
February 2024	<i>Benefits of Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactor</i>
February 2024	<i>Services to Individuals with Intellectual Disability, Developmental Disability, or Autism Through the Pennsylvania Office of Development Programs</i>
March 2024	<i>Adverse Childhood Experiences: Effects of Pennsylvania States and Regulations</i>
April 2024	<i>The Truancy Process: The Challenge of Improving Attendance in Pennsylvania Schools</i>
July 2024	<i>Voting Rights of the Formerly Incarcerated: Knowledge, Outreach, and Data Patterns of Qualified Electors in Pennsylvania</i>
December 2024	<i>Minimum Eligibility Standards for Police Officer Training and Graduation in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania</i>
December 2024	<i>Women Veterans Health Care in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania</i>
December 2024	<i>Body-Worn Camera Footage: Outcomes for Law Enforcement Officers and Civilians</i>

Studies Commenced and in Progress

Six resolutions were adopted during the 2023-2024 legislative sessions of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania which directed the Commission to conduct additional studies whose deadlines occur after the close of the sessions in December 2024. The following chart lists the topic of these proposed studies, the enabling resolution, and the mandated deadline.

Topic	Enabling Resolution	Due Date
Geothermal Energy and Abandoned Mines	2023 House Resolution No. 185	May 14, 2025
911 System Efficiency Study – JSGC to assist Legislative Budget and Finance Committee	§ 102-K of the Fiscal Code, Act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176) as amended by the act of December 23, 2023 (P.L.241, No.34)	December 30, 2024
Agrivoltaic Farming	2023 House Resolution No. 224	December 12, 2024
Urban Search and Rescue Capabilities	Chapter 72 of 35 Pa.C.S., as added by the act of October 29, 2024 (P.L.1026, No.113)	June 26, 2025
Short Term Rental Industry	2024 House Resolution No. 425	December 31, 2024
Artificial Intelligence	2023 House Resolution No. 170	January 3, 2026

Studies Proposed

Finally, 47 other resolutions or bills were introduced during the 2023-2024 legislative sessions of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, which directed the Commission to conduct a study. None of these resolutions or statutes were adopted or enacted. The following chart lists the topic of the proposed study and the legislative authorization.

Studies Proposed	
Enabling Resolution or Statute	Topic
2023 Senate Resolution No. 12	Campus sexual and domestic violence
2023 Senate Resolution No. 20	Law enforcement response to large-scale demonstrations
2023 House Resolution No. 26	Campus sexual and domestic violence
2023 House Resolution No. 29	Consolidated county-wide school transportation
2023 House Resolution No. 30	Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (secondary school level)
2023 House Resolution No. 31	Computational redistricting
2023 House Resolution No. 32	Time investment required to vote
2023 House Resolution No. 38	Accessible public transportation efficacy
22023 Senate Resolution No. 44	Study how to best assist residents with rising flood insurance premiums
2023 Senate Resolution No. 67	Development of critical mineral industry
2023 House Resolution No. 40	SNAP benefits

Studies Proposed	
Enabling Resolution or Statute	Topic
2023 House Resolution No. 42	Shelf life of food
2023 House Resolution No. 45	Low-emission and zero-emission vehicle program
2023 House Resolution No. 46	Economic costs of flood on residential homes and businesses
2023 House Resolution No. 65	Bat species
2023 House Resolution No. 80	Operation of juvenile detention centers
2023 House Resolution No. 143	Preparedness to respond to public health emergencies
2023 House Resolution No. 167	Board member selection for PASSHE and the state-related institutions of higher education
2023 Senate Resolution No. 141	Public water and wastewater system acquisitions
2023 Senate Resolution No. 143	Artificial intelligence
2023 House Resolution No. 182	24-hour campaign contribution reporting system
2023 House Resolution No. 211	SCI nutritional health study
2023 House Resolution No. 219	Emergency childcare/crisis nurseries
2023 House Bill 1721	Pennsylvania Census Commission
2023 House Resolution No. 229	Supportive housing
2023 House Resolution No. 230	Housing First
2023 House Resolution No. 236	Truck parking study

Studies Proposed	
Enabling Resolution or Statute	Topic
2023 House Resolution No. 252	911/988 interoperability
2023 House Resolution No. 263	Update crimes code
2023 House Resolution No. 266	Geothermal micro-systems in densely populated locations
2023 House Resolution No. 269	Codify crimes code
2024 House Bill 1954	For profit hospital ownership
2024 House Resolution No. 302	Medication errors
2024 House Resolution No. 309	Foreign purchases of critical infrastructure and adjacent lands
2024 House Resolution No. 314	Judicial diversion programs
2024 House Resolution No. 315	Public transportation services for individuals with disabilities
2024 Senate Resolution No. 31	Prenatal substance exposure
2024 Senate Resolution No. 237	Sickle cell disease
2024 House Resolution No. 384	Public assistance benefits cliff
2024 House Resolution No. 418	Sports betting and advertising
2024 House Resolution No. 421	Maternal health related medical assistance payments
2024 House Resolution No. 438	Law enforcement local coverage

Studies Proposed	
Enabling Resolution or Statute	Topic
2024 Senate Resolution No. 295	Comprehensive state energy strategy
2023 House Resolution No. 499	Compare programs and payments under Office of Long-Term Living and Office of Developmental Programs in DHS
2024 House Resolution No. 504	Projected costs of climate change adaptation and resilience measures
2024 House Resolution No. 505	Sustainable building products in construction projects
2024 House Resolution No. 526	Urban search and rescue – comprehensive review of FEMA standards

LEGISLATION DURING 2023-2024

One of the principal duties of the Joint State Government Commission is to draft legislation concerning its various studies. Although such legislation is not afforded “fast track” status and must undergo the normal legislative process, numerous bills stemming directly from the work of the Commission have recently been enacted into law. Over the last decade, for example, this legislation has included new statutory provisions and scores of amendments to the Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code;¹¹ the Domestic Relations Code;¹² and Title 24 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes (Education).¹³

Legislation Enacted

Ten bills, based on or inspired by the work of the Commission, were introduced during the 2023-2024 legislative sessions of the General Assembly and enacted into law. This enacted legislation involves services to victims of sexual assault, guardianship, taxation of grantor trusts, testimony of child abuse victims and witnesses, insurance coverage of telemedicine, veterans’ services, non-compete agreements in health care practitioner employment contracts, and dissemination of child sexual abuse materials. The following chart lists the act number, the House or Senate bill number that is the basis of the enacted legislation, and the subject matter of the enacted legislation and the related Joint State Government Commission report(s).

¹¹ Title 20 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes. This legislation has included, for example, such topics as orphans’ court jurisdiction, probate, dispositions independent of letters, administration and personal representatives, health care, guardianships, powers of attorney, estates, the prudent investor rule, trusts, and principal and income.

¹² Title 23 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes. This legislation has included, for example, such topics as adoption, custody, divorce, and equitable distribution.

¹³ Specifically, Chapter 93, relating to public libraries.

Legislation Enacted		
Act	Bill Number	Subject Matter and Study
Act of November 16, 2023 (P.L.173, No.29) Amends the Right-to-Know Law to revise information to be provided to JSGC regarding state-related institutions	HB 1556, PN 1817	Related to JSGC annual reports on Information Disclosure of the State-Related Universities and Data Instructional Output and Faculty Salary Costs of the State-Related Universities
Act of December 14, 2023 (P.L.438, No.59) Sexual Assault Emergency Services Act (relating to sexual assault nurse examiner program – SANE)	SB 414, PN 361	Mental Health Services for Victims of Sexual Assault and Rape - 2021
Act of December 14, 2023 (P.L.460, No.64) Amends §§ 302 and 305 of the Tax Reform Code of 1971 (relating to grantor trusts)	SB 815, PN 1271	Supported by the Decedents’ Estates Advisory Committee but not formally included in a report - 2023
Act of June 10, 2024 (P.L.391, No.23) Adds 2 Pa.C.S. §§ 591 – 593 (relating to testimony of child victims and witnesses)	HB 1018, PN 1275	Child Protection in Pennsylvania: Proposed Recommendations - 2012
Act of July 3, 2024 (P.L.516, No.42) Adds 40 Pa.C.S. Chap. 48 (relating to telemedicine)	SB 739 PN 1670	Delivery of High-Speed Broadband Services in Unserved and Underserved Areas of the Commonwealth: Fourth Annual Report - 2023 Pennsylvania Mental Health Care Workforce Shortage: Challenges and Solutions - 2020 Pennsylvania Health Care Workforce Needs - 2019

Legislation Enacted		
Act	Bill Number	Subject Matter and Study
Act of July 15, 2024 (P.L.786, No.64) Amends 20 Pa.C.S. Chap. 77 (relating to trusts)	SB 1231, PN 1666	Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries: A Proposed Directed Trust Act with other Amendments for Estates and Trusts - 2021
Act of July 17, 2024 (P.L.833, No.70) Adds 51 Pa.C.S. § 714 (PA VETConnect Program)	SB447, PN 1799	Coordination of Veterans Services in Pennsylvania - 2021 Veterans' Benefits and Programs in Pennsylvania - 2016
Act of July 17, 2024 (P.L.835, No.71) Adds 51 Pa.C.S. § 712(e.1) (PA VETConnect Program)	SB 1086, PN 1303	Coordination of Veterans Services in Pennsylvania - 2021 Veterans' Benefits and Programs in Pennsylvania - 2016
Act of July 17, 2024 (P.L.846, No.74) Fair Contracting for Health Care Practitioners Act	HB 1633, PN 3504	Pennsylvania Health Care Workforce Needs - 2019
Act of October 29, 2024 (P.L.1095, No.125) With respect to changing the term "child pornography" to "child sexual abuse material"	SB 1213, PN 1946	Report of the Task Force on Child Pornography under 23 PA.C.S. § 6388(h) – 2022 Conducted jointly with JSGC and the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency

Legislation Introduced

At least 28 bills based on the work of the Commission or on which the Commission was directly consulted during the legislative process were introduced during the 2023-2024 legislative sessions of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania but were not enacted into law.

The following charts list the House or Senate bill number, the general topic, and the subject matter of the legislation, and the underlying report the legislation was based on.

HOUSE BILLS

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
795	Create the “Building Opportunity through Out-of-School Time (BOOST) Program” within the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). <i>Return on Investment of Afterschool Programs - 2021</i>	755	Referred to H. Education April 3, 2023

CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
285	Amendments to Domestic Relations and Judicial Code to protect the rights of children of incarcerated parents <i>The Effects of Parental Incarceration on Children: Needs and Responsive Services - 2019</i>	2743	First consideration March 19, 2024; laid on table May 21, 2024

CHILD PROTECTION			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
813	Making the Office of Child Advocate permanent <i>Children & Youth Service Delivery System – 2002</i>	770	Referred to H. Children and Youth April 3, 2023
2175	Making the Office of Child Advocate permanent <i>Children & Youth Service Delivery System – 2002</i>	3305	Passed the House (111-91) July 1, 2024; referred to Sen. Aging and Youth July 12, 2024

COMMON OWNERSHIP INTEREST COMMUNITIES			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
2240	Requiring COICs to share information about the number of units, location of CIOCs, and infrastructure, like roads, sewer systems, and water and storm water systems <i>Common Interest Ownership Communities in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania – 2011</i> <i>Common Interest Ownership Communities – 2023</i>	3000	First consideration and laid on the table September 30, 2024

DOMESTIC RELATIONS			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
2018	Streamlining child custody factors <i>Correspondence from the Domestic Relations Advisory Committee to the Domestic Relations Task Force and House Judiciary Chairs – April 2022</i>	3674	First consideration and laid on the table September 30, 2024, removed from table October 1, 2024

EDUCATION			
Bill No.	Subject/Underlying Report	P.N.	Last Action
1848	Require the instructional day for public secondary schools to begin no earlier than 8:15 a.m. <i>Sleep Deprivation in Adolescents: The Case for Delaying Secondary School Start Time - 2019</i>	2300	Referred to H. Education November 14, 2023

ELECTIONS			
Bill No.	Subject/Underlying Report	P.N.	Last Action
282	Clarifying and streamlining mail-in ballot process <i>Mail-in Ballots: An Interim Report of the Election Law Advisory Board - 2023</i>	245	Referred to H. State Government March 10, 2023

GRANDFAMILIES			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
931	Creates the Kinship Care Legal Assistance Grant Program <i>Grandfamilies in Pennsylvania -2019</i>	1297	Received first consideration in House May 23, 2023; laid on table April 10, 2024

HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
1835	Amend professional nursing law to reduce board terms from six years to four years, and require board members to be residents of this Commonwealth <i>License Processing Times of the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing - 2022</i>	2271	Referred to H. Professional Licensure November 8, 2023

RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL LAND DEVELOPMENT			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
782	Amend Municipalities Code to implement regulation of large commercial developments <i>Developments of Reginal Significance and Impact - 2012</i>	3410	First consideration June 26, 2024; laid on table September 23, 2024

MENTAL HEALTH			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
22	To develop a standardized process for hospitals to assist transition of mental health patients in the emergency departments to appropriate behavioral treatment <i>Behavioral Health Care System Capacity in Pennsylvania and its Impact on Hospital Emergency Departments and Patient Health - 2020</i>	12	Referred to H. Human Services March 7, 2023
725	Create mental health professional student loan forgiveness program <i>Pennsylvania Mental Health Care Workforce Shortage: Challenges and Solutions - 2020</i>	679	Referred to H. Human Services March 28, 2023

MENTAL HEALTH			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
726	Create mental health workforce retention program <i>Pennsylvania Mental Health Care Workforce Shortage: Challenges and Solutions - 2020</i>	680	Referred to H. Human Services March 28, 2023

SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSOLIDATION			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
110	Establishing a shared services grant program for school districts <i>School Districts in Pennsylvania: Ways to Work Together - 2017</i>	94	Referred to H. Education March 7, 2023

VIOLENCE PREVENTION			
Bill No.	Subject	P.N.	Last Action
338	Reporting lost or stolen firearms <i>Violence Prevention in Pennsylvania - 2013</i>	1090	Third consideration and defeated on final passage, May 22, 2023 (100-101)

SENATE BILLS

CHILD PROTECTION			
Bill No.	Subject/Underlying Report	P.N.	Last Action
1036	Making the Office of Child Advocate permanent and creating Statewide Children’s Mental Health Ombudsman <i>Children & Youth Service Delivery System – 2002</i>	1313	Referred to Senate Health and Human Services January 8, 2024

CORRECTIONS/PRISON AND PAROLE			
Bill No.	Subject/Underlying Report	P.N.	Last Action
136	Medical parole for geriatric inmates <i>Geriatric and Seriously Ill Inmates - 2005</i>	320	Referred to Senate Judiciary February 21, 2023

EDUCATION			
Bill No.	Subject/Underlying Report	P.N.	Last Action
249	Amends the Right-to-Know Law to revise information to be provided to JSGC regarding state-related institutions	213	Referred to Senate State Government January 31, 2023
789	Create the “Building Opportunity through Out-of-School Time (BOOST) Program” within the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). <i>Return on Investment of Afterschool Programs - 2021</i>	885	Referred to Senate Education June 14, 2023

HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS			
Bill No.	Subject/Underlying Report	P.N.	Last Action
905	Revising and shortening the process by which nurse exam applicants must demonstrate completion of a state accredited program <i>Licensing Processing Times of the Pennsylvania Board of Nursing – 2022</i> <i>Pennsylvania Health Care Workforce Needs – 2019</i> <i>Professional Bedside Nursing in Pennsylvania - 2015</i>	1071	Referred to Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure September 7, 2023

INDIGENT DEFENSE			
Bill No.	Subject/Underlying Report	P.N.	Last Action
371	Establish the Indigent Defense Advisory Committee within the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) <i>A Constitutional Default: Services to Indigent Criminal Defendants in Pennsylvania - 2011</i>	314	Received second consideration in the Senate, was re-referred, re-reported, and laid on the table on October 16, 2023

JUVENILES			
Bill No.	Subject/Underlying Report	P.N.	Last Action
1302	Create a school-based youth court pilot program <i>Youth Courts - 2019</i>	1851	Referred to Senate Judiciary September 5, 2024

LEAD EXPOSURE AND PREVENTION			
Bill No.	Subject/Underlying Report	P.N.	Last Action
109	Educational material on lead exposure to be made available <i>Lead Exposure Risks and Responses in Pennsylvania - 2019</i>	151	Senate Health and Human Services January 30, 2023

MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS TESTING			
Bill No.	Subject/Underlying Report	P.N.	Last Action
562	Exempting certain counties from the state vehicle emissions testing program <i>Motor Vehicle Emission Testing – Pennsylvania’s Program 2018, supplemental memorandum 2019</i>	570	Passed Senate (31-19) June 21, 2023; referred to House Transportation June 22, 2023

WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS			
Bill No.	Subject/Underlying Report	P.N.	Last Action
715	Eyewitness identification <i>Wrongful Convictions – 2011</i>	802	Referred to Senate Law and Justice June 2, 2023
716	Use of informant testimony <i>Wrongful Convictions – 2011</i>	803	Referred to Senate Law and Justice June 2, 2023
717	Electronic recording of custodial interrogations <i>Wrongful Convictions – 2011</i>	804	Referred to Senate Law and Justice June 2, 2023

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In several instances, a report is listed under multiple topics. Although the categorization of the reports may seem arbitrary in certain instances, the purposes of the tables are to signify the general contents of the reports and emphasize the wide range of topics studied by the Commission.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW AND PROCEDURE	
July 2014	<i>Reforming the Administrative Law in Pennsylvania -- Staff Report</i>
March 1949	<i>Uniform Practice and Procedure Before Administrative Agencies of the Commonwealth</i>
January 1943	<i>Report to the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on Uniform Practice and Procedure Before Departments, Boards and Commissions of the Commonwealth</i>

AGRICULTURE	
March 2017	<i>Horse Racing in Pennsylvania</i>
January 2005	<i>Exotic Wildlife in Pennsylvania: A Report with Recommendations</i> ¹⁴
April 1997	<i>Clean and Green -- Staff Analysis of the Pennsylvania Farmland and Forest Land Assessment Act of 1974</i>
January 1963	<i>Milk Price Control</i>
1955	<i>Livestock Marketing in Pennsylvania</i>
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ATHLETICS AND SPORTS

April 1990	<i>Report of the Task Force on Boxing: Including Recommendations and Proposed Legislation Incorporating Combative Sports Statutes into Title 5 (Athletics and Sports) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, with Source Notes and Comments</i>
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BANKS AND BANKING

June 1957	<i>Branch Banking</i>
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COMMERCE AND TRADE

September 2015	<i>Cybersecurity in Pennsylvania: A Staff Study</i>
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December 2008	<i>The Report of the Task Force on Violent Interactive Video Games</i>
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September 1980	<i>The Impact of PIDA Loans on Employment</i>
March 1959	<i>Structure and Growth of Pennsylvania's Economy: An Outline of Trends, 1946-1956</i>
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CRIMES AND OFFENSES	
September 2022	<i>Report of the Task Force on Child Pornography</i>
June 2018	<i>Capital Punishment in Pennsylvania: The Report of the Task Force and Advisory Committee</i>
October 2014	<i>Human Trafficking in Pennsylvania: A Review of the Act of July 2, 2014, P.L.945, No.105</i> ¹⁶
December 2013	<i>Violence Prevention in Pennsylvania -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Violence Prevention</i> ¹⁷
January 2013	<i>Report of the Advisory Committee on the Criminal Justice System in Philadelphia</i> ¹⁸
November 2012	<i>Child Protection In Pennsylvania: Proposed Recommendations -- Report of the Task Force on Child Protection</i> ¹⁹
June 2012	<i>Human Trafficking in Pennsylvania: Policy Recommendations and Proposed Legislation</i> ²⁰
May 1969	<i>Uniform Criminal Statistics</i>
1967	<i>Proposed Crimes Code for Pennsylvania</i>
May 1963	<i>The Dangerous Sex Offender -- A Report of the Panel of Medical Advisors on Health and Welfare to the Joint State Government Commission</i>
1951	<i>Sex Offenders</i>
February 1949	<i>Penal Laws</i>

DECEDENTS, ESTATES AND FIDUCIARIES	
June 2021	<i>Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries: A Proposed Directed Trust Act with other Amendments for Estates and Trusts</i>
February 2018	<i>Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries: Proposed Amendments to Title 20 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes</i>
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June 2010	<i>The Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code: Proposed Amendments to Title 20 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Decedents' Estates Laws</i>
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May 2007	<i>Guardianship Law in Pennsylvania -- Report of the Working Group on Guardianships</i>
May 2007	<i>The Proposed Pennsylvania Assisted Reproductive Technologies Act -- Report of the Subcommittee on Assisted Reproductive Technologies²²</i>
April 2005	<i>The Proposed Pennsylvania Uniform Trust Act and Amendments to the Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Decedents' Estates Laws</i>
November 2003	<i>The Proposed Pennsylvania Uniform Trust Act and Amendments to the Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Decedents' Estates Laws</i>
February 2002	<i>Proposed Health Care Decision-Making Provisions Under Chapter 54 of Title 20 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes: 2002 Senate Bill 1265 (Printer's No. 1682)</i>
June 2001	<i>Proposed Pennsylvania Uniform Principal and Income Act and Other Proposed Amendments -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Decedents' Estates Laws</i>
November 1998	<i>Powers of Attorney: Recommended Amendments -- Report of the Subcommittee on Guardianships and Powers of Attorney of the Task Force and Advisory Committee on Decedents' Estates Laws</i>

²¹ Also listed under the topic "Domestic Relations."

²² Also listed under the topic "Domestic Relations."

DECEDENTS, ESTATES AND FIDUCIARIES	
March 1998	<i>A Health Care Decision-Making Proposal; A Prudent Investor Rule; [and] Other Proposed Amendments -- Recommended by the Task Force and Advisory Committee on Decedents' Estates Laws</i>
May 1996	<i>Report of the Subcommittee on Guardianships and Powers of Attorney of the Task Force and Advisory Committee on Decedents' Estates Laws: Recommending Amendments to Chapter 55 (Incapacitated Persons) of the Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code</i>
November 1995	<i>The Task Force and Advisory Committee on Decedents' Estates Laws: Commemorating Fifty Years of Service to the Commonwealth, 1945-1995</i>
April 1994	<i>1994 Report of the Task Force and Advisory Committee on Decedents' Estates Laws: Recommending a Health Care Power of Attorney Statute [and] Other Amendments to the Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code</i>
June 1991	<i>1991 Report of the Joint State Government Commission Task Force and Advisory Committee on Decedents' Estates Laws: Containing Recommendations Amending the Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code and the Inheritance and Estate Tax Act with Comments²³</i>
February 1988	<i>Exempting Spousal Transfers and Other Proposed Amendments to the Inheritance and Estate Tax Act [and the] Probate, Estate and Fiduciaries Code: Proposed Amendments and Comments²⁴</i>
October 1985	<i>Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code: Proposed Amendments and Comments -- 1985</i>
March 1984	<i>Report of the Subcommittee on Guardianships -- Joint State Government Commission Task Force and Advisory Committee on Decedents' Estates Laws</i>
October 1983	<i>Probate, Estate and Fiduciaries Code: Proposed Amendments and Comments -- 1983</i>
March 1981	<i>Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code: Proposed Amendments and Comments -- 1981 and Proposed Revision of Inheritance Tax Laws and Codification of Chapter 17, Title 72 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes²⁵</i>
May 1980	<i>Proposed Revision of Adoption Law and Codification into Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes Title 23, Part III: Incorporating Policy Changes Contained in 1979 House Bill 213, Printer's No. 1741²⁶</i>
May 1979	<i>Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code: Proposed Amendments and Comments -- 1979, Including a Study of the Impact of Inheritance Taxes on Decedents' Domicile²⁷</i>
June 1977	<i>Probate, Estate and Fiduciaries Code: Proposed Amendments and Comments -- 1977</i>

²³ Also listed under the topic "Taxation and Fiscal Affairs."

²⁴ Also listed under the topic "Taxation and Fiscal Affairs."

²⁵ Also listed under the topic "Taxation and Fiscal Affairs."

²⁶ Also listed under the topic "Domestic Relations."

²⁷ Also listed under the topic "Taxation and Fiscal Affairs."

DECEDENTS, ESTATES AND FIDUCIARIES	
November 1975	<i>Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code: Proposed Amendments and Comments -- 1975</i>
September 1974	<i>Guardianship of the Mentally Retarded -- A Subcommittee Report on House Bill 1516 to the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives</i>
May 1973	<i>Proposed Amendments: Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code -- Phase II</i>
January 1972	<i>Proposed Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code</i>
1970	<i>Proposed Adoption Act²⁸</i>
1963	<i>Inheritance and Estate Tax Act of 1961, As Amended²⁹</i>
1959	<i>Proposed Inheritance and Estate Tax Act of 1959 -- Second Report of the Task Force on Decedents' Estates Laws³⁰</i>
June 1958	<i>Proposed Inheritance and Estate Tax Act of 1959 -- A Report of the Task Force on Decedents' Estates Laws³¹</i>
July 1955	<i>Proposed Amendments to the Decedents' Estates Laws -- Report of the Subcommittee on Decedents' Estates Laws</i>
1951	<i>Report of the Joint State Government Commission of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Relating to the Following Decedents' Estates Laws of 1951: Incompetents' Estates Act of 1951, Register of Wills Act of 1951, Orphans' Court Act of 1951, [and] Estate Tax Apportionment Act of 1951 -- Pursuant to House of Representatives Concurrent Resolution No. 74 of the General Assembly of 1949</i>
November 1950	<i>Proposed Incompetents' Estates Act of 1951 -- Report of the Subcommittee on Decedents' Estates Laws of the Joint State Government Commission of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania</i>
July 1950	<i>Proposed Register of Wills Act of 1951 -- Report of the Subcommittee on Decedents' Estates Laws of the Joint State Government Commission of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania</i>
May 1950	<i>Proposed Orphans' Court Act of 1951 -- Report of the Subcommittee on Decedents' Estates Laws of the Joint State Government Commission of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania</i>
January 1949	<i>Proposed Fiduciaries Investment Act of 1949 -- Report of the Committee on Decedents' Estates Laws of the Joint State Government Commission of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania</i>
1949	<i>Report of the Joint State Government Commission of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Relating to the Following Decedents' Estates Laws: Fiduciaries Act of 1949 [and] Fiduciaries Investment Act of 1949 -- Pursuant to Senate Resolution No. 34 of the General Assembly of 1947</i>

²⁸ Also listed under the topic "Domestic Relations."

²⁹ Also listed under the topic "Taxation and Fiscal Affairs."

³⁰ Also listed under the topic "Taxation and Fiscal Affairs."

³¹ Also listed under the topic "Taxation and Fiscal Affairs."

DECEDENTS, ESTATES AND FIDUCIARIES	
1947	<i>Report of the Joint State Government Commission of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Relating to the Following Decedents' Estates Laws: Intestate Act of 1947, Wills Act of 1947, Estates Act of 1947, [and] Principal and Income Act of 1947 -- Pursuant to Senate Resolution No. 46 of the General Assembly of 1945</i>
June 1946	<i>Proposed Wills Act of 1947 -- Report of the Committee on Decedents' Estates Laws of the Joint State Government Commission</i>
March 1946	<i>Proposed Intestate Act of 1947 -- Report of the Committee on Decedents' Estates Laws of the Joint State Government Commission</i>

DETECTIVES AND PRIVATE POLICE	
December 2020	<i>Police Powers to Make Arrests, Use Firearms and Other Enforcement Authorizations³²</i>
April 1980	<i>Private Detectives and Security Business: Proposed Title 22 [of the] Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes</i>

DOMESTIC RELATIONS	
April 2024	<i>The Domestic Relations Code: Proposed Amendments to Title 23 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes</i>
February 2024	<i>Greater Fatherhood Involvement: Fostering Engagement of Fathers in Improving the Well-being of Their Children</i>
November 2016	<i>Protection from Abuse Orders in Pennsylvania: A Staff Study</i>
May 2013	<i>Domestic Relations Law: Legislation Recommended by the Advisory Committee on Domestic Relations Law 1993-2010</i>
November 2012	<i>Child Protection In Pennsylvania: Proposed Recommendations -- Report of the Task Force on Child Protection³³</i>
May 2008	<i>The Proposed Pennsylvania Assisted Reproductive Technologies Act -- Report of the Subcommittee on Assisted Reproductive Technologies³⁴</i>
December 2007	<i>Alimony: Proposed Amendments to Title 23 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Domestic Relations Law</i>
May 2007	<i>The Proposed Pennsylvania Assisted Reproductive Technologies Act -- Report of the Subcommittee on Assisted Reproductive Technologies³⁵</i>

³² Also listed under the topic "Law and Justice."

³³ Also listed under the topics "Crimes and Offenses" and "Judiciary and Judicial Procedure."

³⁴ Also listed under the topic "Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries."

³⁵ Also listed under the topic "Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries."

DOMESTIC RELATIONS	
November 2004	<i>The Children and Youth Services Delivery System in Pennsylvania: Summary of Testimony Before the Task Force on Services to Children and Youth</i>
November 2002	<i>The Children and Youth Services Delivery System in Pennsylvania -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Services to Children and Youth</i>
April 2001	<i>Adoption Act: Proposed Revision -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Adoption Law</i>
November 1999	<i>Custody: Recommendations -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Domestic Relations Law</i>
April 1999	<i>Divorce Code: Recommended Amendments -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Domestic Relations Law</i>
August 1993	<i>Children and Youth: 1989-1992 -- Findings and Conclusions of the Staff of the Joint State Government Commission Pursuant to Senate Resolution 11 of 1989</i>
May 1980	<i>Proposed Revision of Adoption Law and Codification into Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes Title 23, Part III: Incorporating Policy Changes Contained in 1979 House Bill 213, Printer's No. 1741³⁶</i>
January 1979	<i>Administration of Pennsylvania's Child Abuse Law: A Legislative Oversight Evaluation Conducted on Behalf of the Senate Committee on Aging and Youth and the House Committee on Health and Welfare by the Staff of the Joint State Government Commission</i>
1970	<i>Proposed Adoption Act³⁷</i>
June 1961	<i>Proposed Marriage and Divorce Codes for Pennsylvania</i>
1951	<i>Child Placement and Adoption</i>

EDUCATION	
1996-2024	<i>Information Disclosure of the State-Related Universities³⁸</i>
1975-2024	<i>Instructional Output and Faculty Salary Costs of the State-Related and State-Owned Universities³⁹</i>
April 2024	<i>The Truancy Process: The Challenge of Improving Attendance in Pennsylvania Schools</i>
June 2023	<i>Training Mandates on Pennsylvania Public School Entities</i>
June 2022	<i>The School Bus Driver Shortage in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania</i>
June 2021	<i>Return on Investment of Afterschool Programs in Pennsylvania</i>

³⁶ Also listed under the topic "Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries."

³⁷ Also listed under the topic "Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries."

³⁸ The titles of these reports have varied slightly over the years.

³⁹ The titles of these reports have varied slightly over the years. Beginning in 2021, the reports only cover state-related universities and not state-owned universities.

EDUCATION	
October 2019	<i>Sleep Deprivation in Adolescents: The Case for Delaying Secondary School Start Times</i>
July 2019	<i>Youth Courts</i>
June 2019	<i>Teacher Certification Grade Spans in Pennsylvania</i>
July 2017	<i>School Districts in Pennsylvania: Ways to Work Together</i>
October 2016	<i>Discipline Policies in Pennsylvania's Public Schools: Report of the Advisory Committee on Zero Tolerance School Discipline Policies</i>
October 2015	<i>Truancy and School Dropout Prevention: Report of the Truancy Advisory Committee</i>
December 2013	<i>Violence Prevention in Pennsylvania -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Violence Prevention</i> ⁴⁰
December 2010	<i>The Pennsylvania Public Library Code: Findings and Recommendations</i>
December 2010	<i>High-Performing and Low-Spending School Districts: Best Practices and Other Factors -- Pursuant to Senate Resolution 243 of 2010</i>
January 2009	<i>Student Drug and Alcohol Violations at Institutions of Higher Education: Parental Notification and Access to Student Records</i> ⁴¹
October 2003	<i>Part-Time Faculty at Institutions of Higher Education in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Part-Time Faculty</i>
July 2003	<i>Administrative Shortages in Pennsylvania's Public School Districts -- Report of the Task Force on Administrative Shortages</i>
December 1997	<i>Intermediate Units in Pennsylvania: The Role of Educational Service Agencies in Promoting Equity in Basic Education</i>
October 1995	<i>The Feasibility of Publicly Funded Residential Education in Pennsylvania -- Staff Analysis Pursuant to House Resolution 43 of 1995</i>
January 1995	<i>The Cost of Juvenile Violence in Pennsylvania -- Staff Report to the Task Force to Study the Issues Surrounding Violence as a Public Health Concern</i> ⁴²
April 1970	<i>Public School Building Costs</i>
July 1964	<i>Four Years After High School: A Follow-Up Survey of the Pennsylvania High School Seniors of 1958 -- Their Post-High School Education -- Their Employment -- Their Future Plans</i>
1961	<i>Public Education: Continuing Survey -- Reprint from the Biennial Report of the Joint State Government Commission, 1959-1961</i>
December 1959	<i>Pennsylvania High School Seniors, 1958: Their Mental Ability, Their Aspirations, Their Post-High School Activities -- A Technical Supplement</i>
April 1959	<i>Pennsylvania High School Seniors, 1958: Their Mental Ability, Their Aspirations, Their Post-High School Activities</i>

⁴⁰ Also listed under the topic "Crimes and Offenses."

⁴¹ Also listed under the topic "Health and Safety."

⁴² Also listed under the topics "Health and Safety" and "Judiciary and Judicial Procedure."

EDUCATION	
January 1959	<i>Higher Education in Pennsylvania: Analysis of Problems with Proposals</i>
1955	<i>School Health Services</i> ⁴³
1955	<i>Public School Building Subsidies</i>
1953	<i>State and Local Support of Public Education</i>
1951	<i>Public School Attendance Areas</i>
February 1949	<i>Per-Pupil Cost of Vocational and General Education Programs in the Public Schools</i>
January 1949	<i>The Codification of the School Laws</i>
January 1949	<i>Public Libraries</i>
November 1948	<i>Findings and Recommendations of the Committee on Post-High School Education</i>
November 1948	<i>The Hatfield Case: Concerning the Control of Funds Derived from Extracurricular Activities in the Public Schools</i>

ELECTIONS	
August 2024	<i>Election Law in Pennsylvania: Fourth Annual Report of the Election Law Advisory Board</i>
July 2024	<i>Voting Rights of the Formerly Incarcerated: Knowledge, Outreach, and Data Patterns of Qualified Electors in Pennsylvania</i>
August 2023	<i>Election Law in Pennsylvania: Third Annual Report of the Election Law Advisory Board</i>
January 2023	<i>Mail-in Ballots: An Interim Report of the Election Law Advisory Board</i>
June 2022	<i>Election Law in Pennsylvania: Second Annual Report of the Election Law Advisory Board</i>
June 2021	<i>Election Law in Pennsylvania: Report of the Election Law Advisory Board for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021</i>
December 2017	<i>Voting Technology in Pennsylvania: Report of the Advisory Committee on Voting Technology</i>
May 2007	<i>Ballot Questions and Proposed Amendments to the Pennsylvania Constitution: A Compilation with Statistics from 1958 to 2006</i>
November 2005	<i>Ballot Questions and Proposed Amendments to the Pennsylvania Constitution: A Compilation With Statistics From 1958 to 2005</i>
November 2000	<i>Primary Election Dates in Pennsylvania: An Analysis of Proposals for Change -- Report of the Task Force and Advisory Committee on Primary Election Dates</i>
July 1998	<i>Ballot Questions and Proposed Amendments to the Pennsylvania Constitution: A Compilation with Statistics from 1958 to 1997</i>

⁴³ Also listed under the topic “Health and Safety.”

ELECTIONS	
September 1984	<i>Proposed Election Code: Title 25, Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes</i>

EMINENT DOMAIN	
December 1985	<i>Proposed Eminent Domain Code with Comments</i>
December 1972	<i>Eminent Domain Code, as Amended, with Comments and Notes</i>
1964	<i>Eminent Domain Code</i>
September 1962	<i>Proposed Eminent Domain Law of 1963</i>

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES	
February 2024	<i>Benefits of Nuclear Energy and Development of Small Nuclear Reactors</i>
April 2018	<i>Environmental Laws of Pennsylvania</i>
January 2016	<i>Comprehensive Study on the Use of Wind Turbines in Pennsylvania: A Staff Study</i>
June 2008	<i>The Kilbuck Township Landslide: Findings and Recommendations -- Report of the Task Force and Advisory Committee on the Kilbuck Township Landslide⁴⁴</i>
October 2007	<i>Waste Tire Recycling and Reuse in Pennsylvania: An Analysis of the Industry, Markets, and State Use, Including Rubber Modified Asphalt</i>
June 2002	<i>Energy Policy for Pennsylvania: Displacing Foreign Petroleum -- Report of the Task Force on 21st Century Energy Policy for Pennsylvania</i>
June 1967	<i>Automotive Air Pollution -- Supplemental Report</i>
February 1963	<i>Automotive Air Pollution -- A Report of the Panel of Technical Advisors on Automotive Air Pollution to the Joint State Government Commission</i>

ESCHEATS	
October 1969	<i>Proposed Disposition of Abandoned and Unclaimed Property Act</i>

FISH	
June 1976	<i>Funding the Game and Fish Commissions⁴⁵</i>
July 1962	<i>Observations and Recommendations of the Wildlife Management Institute, Washington, D.C. re: Pennsylvania Fish Commission and Pennsylvania Game Commission⁴⁶</i>

⁴⁴ Also listed under the topics “Municipalities Generally” and “Real and Personal Property.”

⁴⁵ Also listed under the topic “Game.”

⁴⁶ Also listed under the topic “Game.”

FISH	
January 1949	<i>Susquehanna River Fishways</i>
March 1947	<i>Report on Fish and Game Commissions</i> ⁴⁷

FORESTS, WATERS AND STATE PARKS	
1963	<i>Record: Interstate Advisory Committee on the Susquehanna River Basin -- Binghamton, New York, Monday, May 28, 1962 -- Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Monday, August 13, 1962 -- Baltimore, Maryland, Tuesday, November 20, 1962</i>
1951	<i>Commonwealth-Owned Forests and Reforestation</i>

GAME	
January 2005	<i>Exotic Wildlife in Pennsylvania: A Report with Recommendations</i> ⁴⁸
June 1976	<i>Funding the Game and Fish Commissions</i> ⁴⁹
July 1962	<i>Observations and Recommendations of the Wildlife Management Institute, Washington, D.C. re: Pennsylvania Fish Commission and Pennsylvania Game Commission</i> ⁵⁰
March 1947	<i>Report on Fish and Game Commissions</i> ⁵¹

HEALTH AND SAFETY	
September 2023	<i>Diabetes in Pennsylvania: Prevention and Maintenance Programs; Sixth Biennial Report</i>
June 2023	<i>Recycling Strategies in Pennsylvania</i>
June 2023	<i>Medical Assistance Capitation Funding for Drug and Alcohol Treatment Providers Within the Commonwealth</i>
November 2022	<i>Report of the Opioid Abuse Child Impact Task Force: Act 2 of 2022</i>
October 2021	<i>Diabetes in Pennsylvania: Prevention and Maintenance Programs – Fifth Biennial Report</i>
December 2020	<i>Warm Hand-Offs in Pennsylvania</i> ⁵²
July 2020	<i>Behavioral Health Care System Capacity in Pennsylvania and its Impact on Hospital Emergency Departments and Patient Health</i> ⁵³

⁴⁷ Also listed under the topic “Game.”

⁴⁸ Also listed under the topic “Agriculture.”

⁴⁹ Also listed under the topic “Fish.”

⁵⁰ Also listed under the topic “Fish.”

⁵¹ Also listed under the topic “Fish.”

⁵² Also listed under the topic “Public Welfare (Human Services).”

⁵³ Also listed under the topic “Mental Health.”

HEALTH AND SAFETY	
April 2020	<i>Meningitis: Immunizations on Pennsylvania College and University Campuses</i>
September 2019	<i>Diabetes in Pennsylvania: Prevention and Maintenance Programs</i>
April 2019	<i>Lead Exposure Risks and Responses in Pennsylvania</i>
April 2019	<i>Pennsylvania Health Care Workforce Needs</i>
March 2018	<i>Diabetes in Pennsylvania: Prevention and Maintenance Programs</i>
February 2018	<i>Report of the Advisory Committee on Addiction Treatment Services</i>
June 2017	<i>Opioid Addiction Treatment in Pennsylvania</i>
May 2016	<i>Youth Vaccinations in Pennsylvania: Report of the Working Group on Youth Vaccinations of the Advisory Committee on Public Health</i>
February 2016	<i>Diabetes in Pennsylvania: Public Health and Insurance Responses</i>
June 2015	<i>Report of the Task Force and Advisory Committee on Opioid Prescription Drug Proliferation</i>
March 2015	<i>Diabetes Programs in Pennsylvania</i>
November 2014	<i>Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Programs in Pennsylvania: Staff Study</i>
August 2014	<i>Report of the Advisory Committee on Long Term Care Supports and Services for Older Pennsylvanians</i>
June 2014	<i>Childhood Obesity -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Childhood Obesity</i>
December 2013	<i>Staff Study of the Emergency Medical Services System in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania</i>
November 2013	<i>Public Health Law in Pennsylvania: Disease Control Measures -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Public Health Law</i>
January 2013	<i>Public Health Law in Pennsylvania -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Public Health Law</i>
June 2011	<i>Methadone Use and Abuse: Reducing the Incidence of Methadone Overdoses and Deaths -- Report of the Advisory Committee on the Use and Diversion of Methadone</i>
January 2009	<i>Student Drug and Alcohol Violations at Institutions of Higher Education: Parental Notification and Access to Student Records⁵⁴</i>
January 2007	<i>Report of the Senate Select Committee on Tobacco Settlement Funding⁵⁵</i>
March 2005	<i>Medical Professional Liability Reform for the 21st Century: A Review of Policy Options -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Medical Professional Liability⁵⁶</i>
November 2004	<i>Cervical Cancer in Pennsylvania: Easing the Burden</i>
September 2004	<i>Pennsylvania's Role in Influenza Prevention and Control</i>

⁵⁴ Also listed under the topic "Education."

⁵⁵ Also listed under the topic "Commerce and Trade."

⁵⁶ Also listed under the topic "Judiciary and Judicial Procedure."

HEALTH AND SAFETY	
July 2004	<i>Laws Regulating School Nurses in Pennsylvania and Other States</i>
November 2002	<i>Brain Defense: A Stroke Prevention and Treatment Strategy for Pennsylvania -- Report of the Task Force and Advisory Committee on Stroke Prevention and Treatment</i>
October 2000	<i>Opportunity in the Age of Biology: Biomedical Research in Pennsylvania -- Report of the Working Group on Biomedical Research</i>
January 1995	<i>The Cost of Juvenile Violence in Pennsylvania -- Staff Report to the Task Force to Study the Issues Surrounding Violence as a Public Health Concern⁵⁷</i>
January 1987	<i>Laws Relating to Blindness: A Compilation of Pennsylvania Statutes</i>
May 1977	<i>Fire Service Needs in the Commonwealth</i>
1970	<i>The Paramedical Professions</i>
August 1967	<i>Medical Training Facilities and Medical Practice in Pennsylvania</i>
March 1959	<i>Anthracosilicosis and Commonwealth Expenditures Under the Occupational Disease Law⁵⁸</i>
1955	<i>School Health Services⁵⁹</i>
1955	<i>Medical Training Facilities</i>
1953	<i>Sixty-Five: A Report Concerning Pennsylvania's Aged</i>
1951	<i>Smoke Control</i>
December 1948	<i>Alcoholism</i>
January 1943	<i>Report to the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Department of Health, Relative to the Issuance of Certified Copies of Birth Certificates</i>

HISTORICAL AND MUSEUMS	
1963	<i>The Report of the Joint State Government Commission Task Force on the University Museum of the University of Pennsylvania</i>
1951	<i>The Independence Mall: A Pennsylvania Shrine</i>
March 1949	<i>Catalog of Historical Buildings, Sites and Remains in Pennsylvania</i>

INSOLVENCY AND ASSIGNMENTS	
April 1982	<i>Bankruptcy Exemptions: A Proposed Revision</i>

⁵⁷ Also listed under the topics "Education" and "Judiciary and Judicial Procedure."

⁵⁸ Also listed under the topic "Mines and Mining."

⁵⁹ Also listed under the topic "Education."

INSURANCE	
February 1991	<i>The Feasibility and Impact of an Insure-the-Driver Program for Philadelphia -- Staff Analysis by the Joint State Government Commission Pursuant to Act 6 of 1990, Section 29</i>
August 1987	<i>Proposed Insurance Code -- 1987 House Bill 1628 -- Printer's No. 2005: Consolidating the Laws of Pennsylvania Relating to Insurance as Title 40 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes [with] Comments and Cross-Reference Tables</i>
January 1986	<i>Proposed Insurance Code -- 1985 House Bill 1962 -- Printer's No. 2642: Consolidating the Laws of Pennsylvania Relating to Insurance as Title 40 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes [with] Comments and Cross-Reference Tables</i>
May 1965	<i>Pennsylvania National Guard Insurance</i> ⁶⁰

JUDICIARY AND JUDICIAL PROCEDURE	
July 2017	<i>Alternative Dispute Resolution in Pennsylvania: Report of the Advisory Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution</i>
July 2015	<i>Juvenile Delinquency and Dependency: Juvenile Act Revisions and Review of Juvenile Life Without Parole</i>
October 2014	<i>Human Trafficking in Pennsylvania: A Review of the Act of July 2, 2014, P.L.945, No.105</i> ⁶¹
January 2013	<i>Report of the Advisory Committee on the Criminal Justice System in Philadelphia</i> ⁶²
November 2012	<i>Child Protection In Pennsylvania: Proposed Recommendations -- Report of the Task Force on Child Protection</i> ⁶³
June 2012	<i>Human Trafficking in Pennsylvania: Policy Recommendations and Proposed Legislation</i> ⁶⁴
December 2011	<i>A Constitutional Default: Services to Indigent Criminal Defendants in Pennsylvania – Report of the Task Force and Advisory Committee on Services to Indigent Criminal Defendants</i>
September 2011	<i>Report of the Advisory Committee on Wrongful Convictions</i>
March 2005	<i>Medical Professional Liability Reform for the 21st Century: A Review of Policy Options -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Medical Professional Liability</i> ⁶⁵
May 2003	<i>Minority Representation in the Jury Selection Process in Pennsylvania -- 2002 Senate Resolution 268, Printer's No. 2300</i>

⁶⁰ Also listed under the topics “State Government” and “Workmen’s Compensation.”

⁶¹ Also listed under the topic “Crimes and Offenses.”

⁶² Also listed under the topic “Crimes and Offenses.”

⁶³ Also listed under the topics “Crimes and Offenses” and “Domestic Relations.”

⁶⁴ Also listed under the topic “Crimes and Offenses.”

⁶⁵ Also listed under the topic “Health and Safety.”

JUDICIARY AND JUDICIAL PROCEDURE	
January 1995	<i>The Cost of Juvenile Violence in Pennsylvania -- Staff Report to the Task Force to Study the Issues Surrounding Violence as a Public Health Concern</i> ⁶⁶
1970	<i>Proposed Juvenile Act</i>
February 1949	<i>Juvenile Delinquency and Child Welfare</i>
April 1947	<i>Report on Child Welfare Laws, Juvenile Delinquency and Institutions</i>
April 1945	<i>Juvenile Delinquency, Penal Code and Penal Institutions -- A Report of the Committee on Penal Code and Juvenile Delinquency of the Joint State Government Commission</i>

LABOR	
1951	<i>Partial Unemployment Compensation Benefits</i>
February 1949	<i>Unemployment Compensation: A Report of the Joint State Government Commission to the General Assembly of Pennsylvania</i>
April 1945	<i>Unemployment Compensation: Proposals for Increased Benefits and Benefits for Partial Unemployment -- A Report of the Committee on Unemployment Benefits for Partial Unemployment</i>
January 1941	<i>Joint Report to the General Assembly of Recommendations for Amending the Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation Law, Part 2: Facts and Arguments For and Against Employer Experience Rating in Unemployment Compensation -- By the Joint State Government Commission and the Joint Legislative Committee to Study Unemployment Compensation Provisions</i>
January 1941	<i>Joint Report to the General Assembly of Recommendations for Amending the Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation Law, Part 1 -- By the Joint State Government Commission and the Joint Legislative Committee to Study Unemployment Compensation Provisions</i>

LAW AND JUSTICE	
December 2024	<i>Body-Worn Camera Footage Outcomes for Law Enforcement Officers and Civilians</i>
December 2024	<i>Minimum Eligibility Standards for Police Officer Training and Graduation in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania</i>
December 2020	<i>Police Powers to Make Arrests, Use Firearms and Other Enforcement Authorizations</i> ⁶⁷
April 2014	<i>Constables in Pennsylvania: Proposed Statutory Reforms</i>

⁶⁶ Also listed under the topics “Education” and “Health and Safety.”

⁶⁷ Also listed under the topic “Detectives and Private Police.”

LEGISLATURE	
September 2024	<i>Joint State Government Commission: Biennial Report for the 2021-2022 Legislative Session</i>
January 2021	<i>Joint State Government Commission: Biennial Report for the 2019-2020 Legislative Session</i>
January 2019	<i>Joint State Government Commission: Biennial Report for the 2017-2018 Legislative Session</i>
December 2016	<i>Joint State Government Commission: Biennial Report for the 2015-16 Legislative Session</i>
December 2014	<i>Joint State Government Commission: Biennial Report for the 2013-14 Legislative Session</i>
February 1966	<i>Joint State Government Commission Activities, 1963-1965 -- A Report by the Chairman to the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania</i>
January 1963	<i>Biennial Report of the Joint State Government Commission, 1961-1963</i>
January 1961	<i>Biennial Report of the Joint State Government Commission, 1959-1961</i>
January 1959	<i>Biennial Report of the Joint State Government Commission, 1957-1959</i>
January 1957	<i>Biennial Report of the Joint State Government Commission, 1955-1957</i>
January 1955	<i>General Report of the Joint State Government Commission, 1953-1955</i>
January 1953	<i>General Report of the Joint State Government Commission, 1951-1953</i>
January 1951	<i>General Report of the Joint State Government Commission, 1949-1951</i>
January 1949	<i>General Report of the Joint State Government Commission, 1947-1949</i>
March 1947	<i>Summary Report of the Joint State Government Commission to the General Assembly, 1945-1947</i>
March 1945	<i>Summary Report of the Joint State Government Commission to the General Assembly, 1943-1945</i>
January 1943	<i>Report to the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on Legislative Printing</i>
April 1940	<i>History, Purposes, and Activities of the Joint State Government Commission of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania</i>

LIQUOR	
July 1959	<i>Duties, Qualifications and Compensation of Liquor Store Sales Personnel Employed by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board</i>

MECHANICS' LIENS	
1963	<i>Mechanics' Lien Law of 1963</i>

MENTAL HEALTH/INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY	
March 2024	<i>Adverse Childhood Experiences: Effects of Pennsylvania Statutes and Regulations</i>
February 2024	<i>Services to Individuals with Intellectual Disability, Developmental Disability, or Autism Through the Pennsylvania Office of Developmental Programs</i>
February 2021	<i>Mental Health Services for Victims of Sexual Assault and Rape</i>
July 2020	<i>Behavioral Health Care System Capacity in Pennsylvania and its Impact on Hospital Emergency Departments and Patient Health⁶⁸</i>
June 2020	<i>Pennsylvania Mental Health Care Workforce Shortage: Challenges and Solutions</i>
June 2017	<i>Suicide Among College Students in Pennsylvania: Report of the Advisory Committee on College Student Suicide</i>
May 2014	<i>Mental Health Services and the Criminal Justice System in Pennsylvania -- Report of the Joint State Government Commission⁶⁹</i>
June 2008	<i>The Advisory Committee Report on the Waiting List for Community-Based Mental Retardation Services</i>
October 1987	<i>Report on the Mental Health System and Laws of Pennsylvania: Including Source Notes and Comments to the Proposed Mental Health and Mental Retardation Code, Title 50 (Mental Health) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes</i>
1962	<i>State Mental Hospitals -- Reprint from the Biennial Report of the Joint State Government Commission, 1959-1961</i>
August 1950	<i>Proposed Mental Health Act of 1951 -- A Report of the Subcommittee on Mental Health Laws</i>

MILITARY AFFAIRS	
December 2024	<i>Women Veterans Health Care in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania</i>
March 2021	<i>Coordination of Veterans Services in Pennsylvania</i>
January 1992	<i>A Persian Gulf Veterans' Bonus for Pennsylvanians</i>
May 1975	<i>Proposed Military Code, with Source Notes and Comments</i>
October 1967	<i>A Viet Nam Veterans' Bonus for Pennsylvanians</i>

MINES AND MINING	
February 1963	<i>Coal in Pennsylvania: Recent Development and Prospects</i>

⁶⁸ Also listed under the topic "Health and Safety."

⁶⁹ Also listed under the topic "Prisons and Parole."

MINES AND MINING	
March 1959	<i>Anthracosilicosis and Commonwealth Expenditures Under the Occupational Disease Law</i> ⁷⁰
March 1957	<i>Report of the Subsidence Committee to the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Under Authority of The Act of 1956, May 31, P.L. (1955) 1931</i>
1955	<i>Pennsylvania Minerals</i>
April 1945	<i>Strip Mining in Pennsylvania -- First Report of the Committee on Strip Mining of the Joint State Government Commission</i>

MUNICIPALITIES GENERALLY	
March 2012	<i>Developments of Regional Significance and Impact: Findings and Recommendations -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Developments of Regional Significance and Impact</i> ⁷¹
June 2008	<i>The Kilbuck Township Landslide: Findings and Recommendations -- Report of the Task Force and Advisory Committee on the Kilbuck Township Landslide</i> ⁷²
April 1945	<i>Municipal Authorities -- A Report of the Committee on Municipal Authorities of the Joint State Government Commission</i>

PRISONS AND PAROLE	
May 2014	<i>Mental Health Services and the Criminal Justice System in Pennsylvania -- Report of the Joint State Government Commission</i> ⁷³
December 2011	<i>The Effects of Parental Incarceration on Children: Needs and Responsive Services -- Report of the Advisory Committee Pursuant to House Resolution 203 and Senate Resolution 52 of 2009</i>
June 2005	<i>Report of the Advisory Committee on Geriatric and Seriously Ill Inmates</i>
March 1987	<i>Report of the Private Prison Task Force</i>
July 1963	<i>Penal Institutions, Probation and Parole</i>

PROCUREMENT	
March 2006	<i>Unsolicited Proposals Under the Commonwealth Procurement Code</i>

⁷⁰ Also listed under the topic "Health and Safety."

⁷¹ Also listed under the topic "Real and Personal Property."

⁷² Also listed under the topics "Environmental Resources" and "Real and Personal Property."

⁷³ Also listed under the topic "Mental Health."

PROCUREMENT	
April 1994	<i>Joint State Government Commission Staff Report, Senate Bill 1625, Pr. 's No. 2008 (1994), Containing the Proposed Commonwealth Procurement Code</i>
June 1983	<i>Proposed Commonwealth Procurement Code</i>

PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS (STATE LICENSED)	
May 2023	<i>Use of Contracted Workers at Medicaid Funded Long-term Care Facilities in the Commonwealth</i>
April 2022	<i>License Processing Times of the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing</i>
December 2021	<i>Medical School Impact on the Primary Care Physician Shortage</i>
October 2021	<i>Regulatory Waivers and Suspensions Issued by the PA Dept. of State, Bureau Professional and Occupational Affairs During the COVID-19 Pandemic</i>
June 2015	<i>Professional Bedside Nursing in Pennsylvania: A Staff Study</i>
April 2015	<i>The Physician Shortage in Pennsylvania</i>
1953	<i>Veterinary Medicine in Pennsylvania: Training Facilities and Practice</i>
1953	<i>State License Fees, Except Those Provided for by the Vehicle Codes</i>

PUBLIC UTILITIES	
July 2023	<i>Delivery of High-Speed Broadband Services in Unserved and Underserved Areas of the Commonwealth – Fourth Annual Report</i>
July 2022	<i>Delivery of High-Speed Broadband Services in Unserved and Underserved Areas of the Commonwealth</i>
June 2021	<i>Delivery of High-Speed Broadband Services in Unserved and Underserved Areas of the Commonwealth: 2nd Annual Report</i>
September 2020	<i>Delivery of High-Speed Broadband Services in Unserved and Underserved Areas of the Commonwealth</i>
October 1983	<i>Separating Transportation from Fixed Utility Regulations Under the Public Utility Commission⁷⁴</i>
April 1977	<i>Energy Facility Siting: A Comprehensive Program for Pennsylvania</i>
March 1976	<i>Proposed Public Utility Code, with Source Notes and Comments</i>
August 1970	<i>Taxation of Public Utility Realty</i>

⁷⁴ Also listed under the topic “Transportation.”

PUBLIC WELFARE (HUMAN SERVICES)	
April 2022	<i>Development and Implementation of a New Integrated Child Welfare Case Management System in Pennsylvania: Progress Report</i>
December 2020	<i>Warm Hand-Offs in Pennsylvania</i> ⁷⁵
April 2019	<i>Grandfamilies in Pennsylvania</i>
April 2016	<i>Homelessness in Pennsylvania: Causes, Impacts and Solutions</i>
1951	<i>Public Assistance in Pennsylvania</i>
1951	<i>Blind Pensions in Pennsylvania</i>
January 1941	<i>Report on Relief Prepared for the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania</i>

REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY	
March 2023	<i>Common Interest Ownership Communities</i>
March 2012	<i>Developments of Regional Significance and Impact: Findings and Recommendations -- Report of the Advisory Committee on Developments of Regional Significance and Impact</i> ⁷⁶
December 2011	<i>Common Interest Ownership Communities in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania -- Pursuant to House Resolution 350 of 2009</i>
June 2008	<i>The Kilbuck Township Landslide: Findings and Recommendations -- Report of the Task Force and Advisory Committee on the Kilbuck Township Landslide</i> ⁷⁷
September 1985	<i>Report of the Task Force on Third-Party Real Estate Brokerage Operations</i>
September 1978	<i>Condominiums: A New Generation -- Proposing the Uniform Act with Modifications</i>
February 1978	<i>Rent Withholding</i>
September 1950	<i>Proposed Landlord and Tenant Act of 1951 -- A Report of the Subcommittee on Landlord and Tenant Law</i>

STATE GOVERNMENT	
August 2020	<i>Conversion of Unused State Property into Drug Treatment Facilities</i>
June 2019	<i>Sexual Harassment and Misconduct in the Workplace: Survey of Claims and Policies in Pennsylvania Governmental Agencies</i>
July 2018	<i>Evidence-Based Decision Making by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania</i>

⁷⁵ Also listed under the topic “Health and Safety.”

⁷⁶ Also listed under the topic “Municipalities Generally.”

⁷⁷ Also listed under the topics “Environmental Resources” and “Municipalities Generally.”

STATE GOVERNMENT	
April 2015	<i>Staff Update to the 2003 Report on Gubernatorial Appointments Requiring Senatorial Advice and Consent</i>
February 2004	<i>The Funding and Benefit Structure of the Pennsylvania Statewide Retirement Systems: A Report with Recommendations</i>
March 2003	<i>Gubernatorial Appointments Requiring Senatorial Advice and Consent</i>
January 1999	<i>Gubernatorial Appointments Requiring Senatorial Advice and Consent</i>
February 1997	<i>Gubernatorial Appointments Requiring Senatorial Advice and Consent</i>
November 1995	<i>The Collapse of the Foundation for New Era Philanthropy -- Staff Report to the General Assembly Including a Narrative of the Foundation's Operations and an Analysis of the Relevant Regulatory Statutes</i>
March 1995	<i>Gubernatorial Appointments Requiring Senatorial Advice and Consent</i>
November 1993	<i>Governing for Results: A Vision for the Future -- Report of the Task Force on Government Service Efficiency</i>
September 1982	<i>1981-82 Report: Special Joint Committee of the General Assembly to Review Retirement Cost-of-Living Supplements and Funding Sources</i>
October 1979	<i>Interim Report of the Select Task Force to Study Cost-of-Living Adjustments and Benefit Funding for the State and School Retirement Systems</i>
January 1979	<i>Report of Commonwealth Compensation Commission on Compensation Adjustments for Cabinet Officers, Legislators and Legislative Officers, Justices and Judges</i>
September 1978	<i>Office of Elected Attorney General -- Final Report</i>
May 1978	<i>Sovereign Immunity</i>
March 1978	<i>Office of Elected Attorney General -- Preliminary Report</i>
September 1976	<i>Initial Report of Commonwealth Compensation Commission on Compensation Adjustments for Members of the General Assembly, Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Cabinet Officers</i>
March 1975	<i>Services to Troubled Youth: A Review and Recommendations</i>
June 1974	<i>Proposed Public School Employees' Retirement Code</i>
March 1974	<i>Implementing Constitutional Amendment: District Attorneys' Information</i>
November 1973	<i>Senate Confirmation of the Governor's Appointments -- Report of the Special Committee to Study Confirmation Procedure, Senate of Pennsylvania, Session of 1973</i>
January 1972	<i>Proposed State Employees' Retirement Code of 1972 -- A Report of the Task Force on Administration of and Codification of State Employees' Retirement Laws</i>
December 1970	<i>Proposed Budgeting Legislation Implementing the Pennsylvania Constitutional Revision of 1968</i>
November 1969	<i>Tax Exemption and Auditing Legislation Implementing the Pennsylvania Constitution, Article VIII, Sections 2 and 10</i>

STATE GOVERNMENT	
May 1965	<i>Pennsylvania National Guard Insurance</i> ⁷⁸
April 1961	<i>Civil Service: History and Contemporary Practices</i>
June 1959	<i>Duties and Compensation of the Capitol Police</i>
October 1958	<i>Proposed Public School Employes' Retirement Code of 1959 -- A Report of the Task Force on Codification of State and School Employes' Retirement Statutes</i>
September 1958	<i>Proposed State Employes' Retirement Code of 1959 -- A Report of the Task Force on Codification of State and School Employes' Retirement Statutes</i>
1955	<i>Selected Employee Benefit Plans: A Source Book</i>
1951	<i>Occupational Hazards to State Employes</i>
1951	<i>Commonwealth Space Requirements in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia</i>
1951	<i>Commonwealth Retirement Systems: Structure and Costs</i>
1951	<i>Commonwealth Accounting</i>
March 1949	<i>School and State Employes' Retirement Systems: A Comparison</i>
January 1949	<i>Commonwealth-Owned, Tax-Exempt Real Property</i>
January 1941	<i>Supplement to the Report to the General Assembly on the Organization and Administration of Pennsylvania's State Government: Recommendations</i>
January 1941	<i>Report to the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on the Organization and Administration of Pennsylvania's State Government</i>
January 1941	<i>Facts About Your Keystone State Government</i>

TAXATION AND FISCAL AFFAIRS	
August 2009	<i>Tax Provisions for Poverty Relief: An Analysis of the Federal and State Earned Income Tax Credit and the Pennsylvania Special Tax Forgiveness Program</i>
June 1991	<i>1991 Report of the Joint State Government Commission Task Force and Advisory Committee on Decedents' Estates Laws: Containing Recommendations Amending the Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code and the Inheritance and Estate Tax Act with Comments</i> ⁷⁹
February 1988	<i>Exempting Spousal Transfers and Other Proposed Amendments to the Inheritance and Estate Tax Act [and the] Probate, Estate and Fiduciaries Code: Proposed Amendments and Comments</i> ⁸⁰
March 1981	<i>Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code: Proposed Amendments and Comments -- 1981 and Proposed Revision of Inheritance Tax Laws and</i>

⁷⁸ Also listed under the topics "Insurance" and "Workmen's Compensation."

⁷⁹ Also listed under the topic "Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries."

⁸⁰ Also listed under the topic "Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries."

TAXATION AND FISCAL AFFAIRS	
	<i>Codification of Chapter 17, Title 72 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes</i> ⁸¹
April 1980	<i>Local School Tax Reform: A Proposal to Reduce Property and Nuisance Taxes</i>
May 1979	<i>Probate, Estates and Fiduciaries Code: Proposed Amendments and Comments -- 1979, Including a Study of the Impact of Inheritance Taxes on Decedents' Domicile</i> ⁸²
1963	<i>Inheritance and Estate Tax Act of 1961, As Amended</i> ⁸³
1959	<i>Proposed Inheritance and Estate Tax Act of 1959 -- Second Report of the Task Force on Decedents' Estates Laws</i> ⁸⁴
June 1958	<i>Proposed Inheritance and Estate Tax Act of 1959 -- A Report of the Task Force on Decedents' Estates Laws</i> ⁸⁵
January 1958	<i>Fiscal Trends, 1937-1957</i>
February 1949	<i>Report of Findings and Recommendations on the Pennsylvania Tax System by the Tax Study Committee Under Authority of Act of Assembly Approved July 9, 1947 (P.L. 1468) -- Part II</i>
February 1949	<i>Report of Findings and Recommendations on the Pennsylvania Tax System by the Tax Study Committee Under Authority of Act of Assembly Approved July 9, 1947 (P.L. 1468) -- Part I</i>
April 1945	<i>Proposals for Revision of the Tax Structure of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania -- A Report of the Committee on Continuation of the Tax Study of the Joint State Government Commission (of the General Assembly) by the Tax Advisory Committee</i>
January 1945	<i>Proposals for Revision of the Tax Structure of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania -- A Report of the Committee on Continuation of the Tax Study of the Joint State Government Commission (of the General Assembly) by the Tax Advisory Committee -- Report No. 11</i>
January 1945	<i>The Economic Resources and Related Tax Problems of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania -- A Report to the Joint State Government Commission (of the General Assembly) by its Committee on Continuation of the Tax Study -- Report No. 10</i>
August 1945	<i>Fiscal Analysis of the Operating Funds of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 1923-1943 -- A Report to the Joint State Government Commission (of the General Assembly) by its Committee on Continuation of the Tax Study -- Report No. 9</i>
June 1945	<i>Tax Structure and Revenues of the General Fund of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 1913-1943 -- A Report to the Joint State Government</i>

⁸¹ Also listed under the topic "Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries."

⁸² Also listed under the topic "Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries."

⁸³ Also listed under the topic "Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries."

⁸⁴ Also listed under the topic "Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries."

⁸⁵ Also listed under the topic "Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries."

TAXATION AND FISCAL AFFAIRS	
	<i>Commission (of the General Assembly) by its Committee on Continuation of the Tax Study -- Report No. 8</i>
June 1945	<i>An Analysis of Public Expenditures for Education in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania -- A Report to the Joint State Government Commission (of the General Assembly) by its Committee on Continuation of the Tax Study -- Report No. 7</i>
June 1945	<i>An Analysis of the Fiscal Operations of the School Districts of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 1920-1942 -- A Report to the Joint State Government Commission (of the General Assembly) by its Committee on Continuation of the Tax Study -- Report No. 6</i>
June 1945	<i>Fiscal Operations and Debt of Eleven Selected School Districts, 1920-1943 -- A Report to the Joint State Government Commission (of the General Assembly) by its Committee on Continuation of the Tax Study -- Report No. 5</i>
May 1945	<i>Fiscal Operations and Debt of the School District of Scranton, 1919-1943 -- A Report to the Joint State Government Commission (of the General Assembly) by its Committee on Continuation of the Tax Study -- Report No. 4</i>
May 1945	<i>Fiscal Operations and Debt of the School District of Pittsburgh, 1919-1943 -- A Report to the Joint State Government Commission (of the General Assembly) by its Committee on Continuation of the Tax Study -- Report No. 3</i>
May 1945	<i>Fiscal Operations and Debt of the School District of Philadelphia, 1920-1943 -- A Report to the Joint State Government Commission (of the General Assembly) by its Committee on Continuation of the Tax Study -- Report No. 2</i>
December 1943	<i>The Debt of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Its Local Subdivisions -- A Report to the Joint State Government Commission (of the General Assembly) by its Committee on Continuation of the Tax Study -- Report No. 1</i>
January 1941	<i>First Report on the Tax and Financial Problems of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the General Assembly</i>

TRANSPORTATION	
January 2020	<i>Turnpike Commission and Dept. of Transportation Consolidation</i>
January 2017	<i>Unmanned Aircraft Systems in Pennsylvania</i>
October 1983	<i>Separating Transportation from Fixed Utility Regulations Under the Public Utility Commission⁸⁶</i>
July 1982	<i>Proposed Codification of Laws Relating to Aviation into the Pennsylvania Consolidation Statutes Title 74, Part IV</i>
March 1953	<i>Report of Findings of the Joint State Legislative Committee on Turnpike Safety Under Authority of Senate Concurrent Resolution Serial No. 110</i>
1953	<i>Highway Use and Highway Costs: A Technical Supplement</i>
1953	<i>Highway Use and Highway Costs</i>
February 1949	<i>Highways: A Proposed Administrative and Financial Program</i>
March 1947	<i>State-Local Highway Financing -- A Report by the Joint State Government Commission of the Progress and Activities of the Committee on State-Local Highway Financing</i>

VEHICLES	
October 2018	<i>Motor Vehicle Emissions Testing – Pennsylvania’s Program</i>
February 2005	<i>Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code: An Analysis of the Effectiveness and Public Awareness of the Penalties for Violations</i>
December 2001	<i>Driver Distractions and Traffic Safety -- Staff Report Pursuant to 2000 Senate Resolution No. 127, Printer’s No. 1935</i>
January 1963	<i>Periodic Physical Re-Examination of Motor Vehicle Operators: An Evaluation of the Pennsylvania Experience</i>
1955	<i>Highway Safety</i>
1953	<i>Public School Pupil Transportation</i>
1951	<i>Tax-Exempt Liquid Fuels: A Survey of the Experience Under the Act of 1949, May 26, P.L. 1880, Which Provides for a Partial Refund of Tax Paid on Liquid Fuel Used for Nonhighway Agricultural Purposes</i>
April 1945	<i>Liquid Fuels Tax -- A Report of the Committee on Distribution of State Funds to Political Subdivisions of the State of the Joint State Government Commission</i>

⁸⁶ Also listed under the topic “Public Utilities.”

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION	
November 1996	<i>State Workers' Insurance Fund: Financial Integrity and Stability -- Report of the Select Committee to Study SWIF</i>
October 1986	<i>Cost-of-Living Adjustment for Benefits Pursuant to Section 306(h) of the Pennsylvania Workmen's Compensation Act</i>
May 1965	<i>Pennsylvania National Guard Insurance</i> ⁸⁷

⁸⁷ Also listed under the topics "Insurance" and "State Government."

ENABLING LEGISLATION

Act of July 1, 1937
(P.L.2460, No.459)
As Amended

AN ACT

Creating a joint legislative commission, to be known as the Joint State Government Commission; providing for its membership, chairman and executive committee; defining its powers and duties; and defining the powers and duties of standing committees of the General Assembly.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the entire membership of the House of Representatives and the entire membership of the Senate shall constitute a continuing joint legislative commission, to be known as the Joint State Government Commission. The President pro tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the majority and minority leaders of each house, the majority and minority whips of each house, and the chairman of the majority and minority caucuses of each house, shall constitute the executive committee of the commission. The President pro tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the majority and minority leaders of each house, the majority and minority whips of each house, and the chairman of the majority and minority caucuses of each house may designate any member of the Senate or House, respectively, to act in their stead and to serve at their discretion as a member of the executive committee. The commission shall organize by the selection of a chairman who shall be selected by the executive committee and who shall be ex officio a member of the executive committee without a vote. The commission shall have power to employ a director and such professional, technical, clerical and other assistance as may be deemed necessary. The commission shall have power to call upon any department or agency of the State Government for such information as it deems pertinent to the studies in which it is engaged. The commission shall also have the power to designate persons, other than members of the General Assembly, to act in advisory capacities. The commission shall organize within thirty days after the final enactment of this act, and thereafter the executive committee shall hold the organization meeting within thirty days after the convening of the regular session of the General Assembly in odd-numbered years beginning with the regular session of 1957. Meetings of the commission shall be scheduled by the executive committee. The executive committee shall conduct the business of the commission and shall meet at the call of the chairman or upon written request of six or more members thereof.

Section 2. The commission shall have power and its duty shall be:

(a) To make such investigations and studies and to gather such information as may be deemed useful to General Assembly and to the standing committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

(b) To sit during the interim between regular legislative sessions convening in odd-numbered years.

(c) From time to time, to report to the General Assembly or to the various standing committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives such findings and recommendations accompanied with such drafts of legislation as it deems necessary for the information of and consideration by the General Assembly.

(d) To furnish such technical staff services as shall be requested by the standing committees of the Senate and House of Representatives during regular or special sessions of the General Assembly.

Section 3. The commission shall undertake, through the standing committees of the Senate and House of Representatives, such studies and investigations as the General Assembly by resolution shall direct.

When a study or investigation is to be made, the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate the appropriate standing committee of House and the President pro tempore of the Senate shall designate the appropriate standing committee of the Senate, to make such study or investigation. These two standing committees, when so designated, shall constitute a joint study committee of the commission for such purpose.

During the interim between regular sessions of the General Assembly which convene in odd-numbered years, each joint study committee assigned to make a study shall meet at the call of the chairman of the commission or at the joint call of the chairman of the designated standing committees of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Section 4. An item of appropriation shall be inserted in the General Appropriation Bill to pay the expenses of the members of the commission as constituted by this act, and for the salary of the director, clerical and other hire and incidental expenses. No member of the commission shall receive any remuneration, salary or expenses as a member of the commission other than remuneration, salary and expenses as a member of the General Assembly and travelling expenses incurred upon the business of the commission or its study committees.

Section 5. For the purposes of this act, the standing committees of the Senate and House of Representatives shall continue during the interim between sessions convening in odd-numbered years.

OFFICERS SINCE 1939

The following chart lists the officers of the Joint State Government Commission since 1939. An officer who also was an Executive Committee member of the Commission is noted.

Year(s)	Chair	Vice-Chair	Treasurer
2023-24			
2022-23			
2021-22			
2020-21			
2019-20			
2018-19	Rep. Florindo J. Fabrizio	Sen. John C. Rafferty, Jr.	
2017-18	Rep. Florindo J. Fabrizio	Sen. John C. Rafferty, Jr.	
2015-16	Rep. Florindo J. Fabrizio	Sen. John C. Rafferty, Jr.	
2013-14	Rep. Florindo J. Fabrizio	Sen. John C. Rafferty, Jr.	
2011-12	Rep. Florindo J. Fabrizio	Sen. John C. Rafferty, Jr.	
2009-10	Rep. Florindo J. Fabrizio	Sen. John C. Rafferty, Jr.	
2007-08	Sen. Roger A. Madigan		
2005-06	Sen. Roger A. Madigan		
2003-04	Sen. Roger A. Madigan		Rep. Jeffrey W. Coy ⁸⁸
2001-02	Sen. Roger A. Madigan		Rep. Jeffrey W. Coy
1999-00	Sen. Roger A. Madigan		Rep. Jeffrey W. Coy
1997-98	Sen. Roger A. Madigan		Rep. Ivan Itkin <i>Minority Whip</i>
1995-96	Sen. Roger A. Madigan		Rep. Ivan Itkin <i>Minority Whip</i>
1993-94	Sen. Roger A. Madigan		Rep. Ivan Itkin <i>Majority Leader</i>
1991-92	Sen. Roger A. Madigan	Rep. Robert W. O'Donnell <i>Speaker of the House</i>	Rep. Ivan Itkin <i>Majority Leader</i>
1990 ⁸⁹	Sen. Roger A. Madigan	Rep. Robert W. O'Donnell <i>Speaker of the House</i>	Rep. Ivan Itkin <i>Majority Whip</i>

⁸⁸ Resigned September 2, 2004 from the House of Representatives.

⁸⁹ June 1 through the end of the session.

Year(s)	Chair	Vice-Chair	Treasurer
1990 ⁹⁰	Sen. Roger A. Madigan		Rep. Robert W. O'Donnell <i>Majority Leader</i>
1989	Sen. Roger A. Madigan		Rep. James J. Manderino <i>Speaker of the House</i>
1987-88	Sen. Roger A. Madigan	Sen. John Stauffer <i>Majority Leader</i>	Rep. K. Leroy Irvis <i>Speaker of the House</i>
1985-86	Sen. Roger A. Madigan	Sen. John Stauffer <i>Majority Leader</i>	Rep. K. Leroy Irvis <i>Speaker of the House</i>
1983-84	Rep. Roger A. Madigan	Sen. John Stauffer <i>Majority Whip</i>	Rep. K. Leroy Irvis <i>Speaker of the House</i>
1981-82	Rep. William D. Hutchinson	Sen. John Stauffer <i>Majority Whip</i>	Rep. K. Leroy Irvis <i>Minority Leader</i>
1979-80	Rep. Fred J. Shupnik	Sen. John Stauffer <i>Minority Whip</i>	Rep. K. Leroy Irvis <i>Minority Leader</i>
1977-78	Rep. Fred J. Shupnik	Sen. John Stauffer <i>Minority Whip</i>	Rep. K. Leroy Irvis <i>Speaker of the House</i>
1975-76	Rep. Fred J. Shupnik	Sen. T. Newell Wood <i>Minority Whip</i>	Rep. K. Leroy Irvis <i>Majority Leader</i>
1973-74	Rep. Fred J. Shupnik	Sen. Stanley G. Stroup <i>Minority Whip</i>	Rep. K. Leroy Irvis <i>Minority Whip</i>
1971-72	Rep. Fred J. Shupnik	Sen. Stanley G. Stroup <i>Minority Whip</i>	Rep. K. Leroy Irvis <i>Majority Leader</i>
1969-70	Rep. Fred J. Shupnik	Sen. Stanley G. Stroup <i>Majority Leader</i>	Rep. K. Leroy Irvis <i>Majority Leader</i>
1967-68	Rep. Marian E. Markley	Sen. John H. Devlin <i>Minority Leader</i>	Rep. K. Leroy Irvis <i>Minority Whip</i>
1965-66	Rep. Baker Royer	Sen. Charles R. Weiner	Rep. Robert K. Hamilton <i>Speaker of the House</i>
1963-64	Rep. Baker Royer	Sen. Charles R. Weiner <i>Minority Leader</i>	Rep. W. Stuart Helm <i>Speaker of the House</i>
1961-62	Rep. Harris G. Breth		Rep. Hiram G. Andrews <i>Speaker of the House</i>
1959-60	Rep. Baker Royer	Sen. Frank W. Ruth <i>Minority Whip</i>	Rep. Hiram G. Andrews <i>Speaker of the House</i>
1957-58	Rep. Baker Royer	Sen. Frank W. Ruth <i>Minority Whip</i>	Rep. Hiram G. Andrews <i>Minority Leader</i> Rep. Albert S. Readinger <i>Minority Leader</i>
1955-56	Rep. Baker Royer	Sen. Paul L. Wagner	Rep. W. Stuart Helm

⁹⁰ January 2 - June 1.

Year(s)	Chair	Vice-Chair	Treasurer
1953-54	Rep. Baker Royer	Sen. Paul L. Wagner	Rep. W. Stuart Helm
1951-52	Rep. Baker Royer	Sen. John M. Walker <i>Majority Leader</i>	Rep. W. Stuart Helm
1949-50	Sen. Frederick L. Homsher	Rep. D. Raymond Sollenberger	
1947-48	Sen. Weldon B. Heyburn	Rep. Baker Royer	Rep. Herbert P. Sorg
1945-46	Rep. Ira T. Fiss	Sen. Charles H. Ealy	Rep. Franklin H. Lichtenwalter <i>Majority Leader</i>
1943-44	Rep. Elmer Kilroy	Sen. John H. Dent	Rep. Clayton E. Moul
1941-42	Rep. Ellwood J. Turner	Sen. Frederick T. Gelder	Rep. William E. Habbyslaw
1939-40	Rep. Ellwood J. Turner	Sen. Frederick T. Gelder	Rep. William E. Habbyslaw