



Acts Affecting County Government 2022

The following is a list of acts and vetoes affecting county government that passed in 2022. Included are the bill number and printer's number (bill version) and the date the act was signed into law. Copies of each act are available from the Legislature's website by clicking on the link.

[Act 1](#) (SB 324 P.N. 850; January 26, 2022)- Amends the Public School Code, assisting students facing education instability, including homelessness and adjudication. Further provides requirements for schools to help students to obtain a diploma in a timely manner.

[Act 2](#) (HB 253, P.N. 2653; January 26, 2022)- Amends the Fiscal Code, creating a task force to review the impact of the opioid epidemic on infants and children. Establishes the task forces duties. Appropriates \$15 million in funds from the COVID-19 Response Restricted Account which will be used to make payments to hospitals and other eligible staff and for the Student Loan Relief for Nurses Program.

[Act 4](#) (HB 930 P.N. 2240; February 3, 2022)- Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 44 (Law and Justice) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the collection of DNA for the National Missing and Unidentified System. Requires law enforcement to submit DNA profiles to missing persons and children to the Pennsylvania State Police.

[Act 10](#) (SB 739 P.N. 1378; February 10, 2022)- Amends Title 35 (Health and Safety), in Commonwealth services, providing for \$25 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds for public safety agencies to offer recruitment and retention bonuses to first responders. Further establishes the Emergency Medical Services COVID-19 Recovery Grant Program.

[Act 12](#) (HB 764 P.N. 2646; February 17, 2022)- Amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations), in child protective services, allows for provisional hiring for limited periods. An applicant may be employed on a provisional basis for a single period not exceeding 45 days if specified requirements are not met.

[Act 13](#) (HB 2143 P.N. 2536; February 17, 2022)- Amends Title 61 (Prisons and Paroles), allowing for counties that are transitioning from a Third Class to a Second Class-A to maintain their existing county prison board.

[Act 14](#) (SB 1019 P.N. 1524; March 30, 2022)- Amends the Administrative Code, allowing for a temporary regulatory flexibility authority, providing for COVID-19 regulatory flexibility authority.



[Act 15](#) (HB 221 P.N. 0188; April 19, 2022)- Amends the Act of January 19, 1968 entitled "An act authorizing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the local government units thereof to preserve, acquire or hold land for open space uses." The act allows municipalities to use open space funds for maintenance on all open spaces regardless of how they were acquired.

[Act 17](#) (SB 478 P.N. 2365; April 19, 2022)- Amends "An act authorizing political subdivisions, municipality authorities and transportation authorities to enter into contracts for the purchase of goods and the sale of real and personal property where no bids are received." The Act extends the law to cover any contract or purchase where bids are required but not received, under the same terms as the current law.

Vetoed Bills

[HB 2146](#) (P.N. 2541, Veto 2; January 26, 2022) Act to accomplish redistricting for congressional districts. Also providing for the nomination and election of Congressmen and requires a publication of notice of the formation of new congressional districts.

[HB 979](#) (P.N. 1706, Veto 3; February 3, 2022) Amends both Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) & 53 (Municipalities Generally) preventing local jurisdictions from imposing ordinances relating to the regulation of firearms and ammunition.