

Slow Down for School Buses

With students returning to class, school buses are or soon will be back on the roads. Motorists, parents and children are encouraged to refresh their memories about how to share the road safely.

Pennsylvania law requires motorists stop at least 10 feet away from school buses when their red lights are flashing and their stop arm is extended. Motorists following or traveling alongside a school bus must also stop until the red lights have stopped flashing and the stop arm is withdrawn. Do not proceed until all the children have reached a place of safety.

Penalties for failure to obey school bus safety laws can result in a \$250 fine, five points on a driving record and a 60-day license suspension.

Parents are reminded to ensure their children are at the bus stop early to avoid rushing. Students should stay where the bus driver can see them while boarding or exiting the bus.

[Click here for more information and tips on school bus safety.](#)

Out and About in the 101st District



Tuesday's job fair at the Lebanon Expo Center turned out to be a great day! Many thanks to the employers who came, the prospective employees who showed up and my staff for doing such an outstanding job working with the other General Assembly members' staffs to pull this off.

Nice job everyone!



Have Your Say on Congressional Redistricting



The House State Government Committee will hold its first three regional hearings on congressional redistricting next week in western Pennsylvania to gather input on the drawing of new district lines based on data from the U.S. Census. [For a full schedule of hearings, click here.](#)

There are many options for submitting your feedback. You may register to testify in person at one of the hearings or submit written testimony, both of [which can be done by clicking here and selecting your region's hearing.](#)

[You may also submit the boundaries of your communities of interest and comment on the current congressional district map using online mapping tools available here.](#) You'll even be able to submit your own maps once Census data is finalized.

Every 10 years, information collected through the U.S. Census determines the number of congressional representatives each state is entitled to based on population. States are responsible for redrawing the geographic area of their

congressional districts to ensure equal and fair representation, and the physical manifestation of the constitutional principle, “one person, one vote.” This process is commonly referred to as redistricting.

All hearings will be streamed live, and video of past hearings archived, at www.PARedistricting.com.

New Law Offers Expanded Employment Protections for National Guard Members

A new state law set to take effect at the end of August will provide additional support to Pennsylvania military families by expanding employment protections for service in out-of-state National Guard units.



Act 31 of 2021 extends Pennsylvania’s current employment protections to Pennsylvania citizens who are members of another state’s National Guard and are called up to serve outside of the Commonwealth.

I was pleased to support this effort to close a loophole in the prior law. Our servicemen and women should never have been at risk of losing their jobs and supporting their families when they sacrifice so much for our freedoms and safety.

PAsmart Grants Available to Expand Apprenticeships in New Industries

The state Department of Labor and Industry (L&I) is accepting applications for \$12.5 million in grant funds for projects that will support the growth of registered apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeships to create opportunities in new industries and occupations for Pennsylvania workers.



The PAsmart program is designed to better align education, workforce and economic development initiatives, and funding. Apprenticeships and pre-

apprenticeships are a key part of this plan because they bring together employers, educational institutions and workers to create a pipeline of skilled, talented workers who are learning while they earn a wage.

L&I's Apprenticeship and Training Office (ATO) is providing two competitive grant opportunities. Up to \$11.5 million will be provided to build, support and expand registered apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs with specific focus on diverse talent pipelines and underserved populations, non-traditional occupations, alignment with secondary and/or post-secondary educational institutions, and expedited growth through multi-county or statewide initiatives. Up to \$1 million is available to support registered apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeships through ambassador networks across the Commonwealth.

Grant applications are due by 5 p.m. Oct. 13. [Additional information and applications are available here.](#)
