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**Pennsylvania Golf Course Owners Association**

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

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**Session Schedule:**

**2013 HOUSE SESSION SCHEDULE**

September 23, 24, 25, 30  
October 1, 2, 15, 16, 17 (NV), 21, 22, 23  
November 12, 13, 18, 19, 20  
December 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18 (NV)

**2013 SENATE SESSION SCHEDULE**

September 23, 24, 25, 30  
October 1, 2, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23  
November 12, 13, 18, 19, 20  
December 3, 4, 9, 10, 11

## PENNSYLVANIA BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION Notices

[Commission meeting](#)

## BILL REPORT

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## STATE NEWS

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### **BID EXTENDED FOR 10TH TIME FOR PRIVATE LOTTERY FIRM**

Gov. Tom Corbett has reached an agreement with United Kingdom-based Camelot Global Services for a 10th extension to the expiration date of the company's bid to take over the management of the Pennsylvania Lottery. This time, the bid that was set to expire on Friday has been extended until Oct 29, said Elizabeth Brassell, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Revenue, which oversees the lottery.

### **PSBA EMPLOYEES RECEIVING STATE PENSIONS**

While many workers covered by Pennsylvania's major public pension systems are not state employees, the Pennsylvania School Boards Association staff is unique among them. The association represents the state's 500 local school boards and, among other things, advocates on their behalf in Harrisburg. It is the only such interest group whose employees qualify for public pensions.

## IN THE NEWS

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- 08-30-2013     **[State official: Tax reform is unlikely](#)**  
Companion bills in the state House and Senate thought to have the best chance in years of bringing school property tax reform are just window dressing and will never pass, Pennsylvania Secretary of State Carol Aichele said Thursday. Speaking to about 50 members of the Reading-Berks Association of Realtors... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 08-30-2013     **[Pa. legislators discuss property tax reform](#)**  
NORRISTOWN — The issue of property tax reform and school district funding grew more complex recently with the introduction of an alternative to HB76 in the Pennsylvania Legislature. State Reps. Kerry A. Benninghoff (R.-171st Dist.), Seth M. Grove (R.-196th Dist.), and Mike Vereb (R.-150th Dist.) met with editors at The Times... - [Norristown Times Herald](#)
- 08-29-2013     **[Townships of Findlay, Moon to sell water to drillers for airport fracking operations](#)**  
Consol Energy Inc.'s big thirst could have a big payoff for residents near Pittsburgh International Airport. The Cecil-based energy company is planning to buy its water from Findlay and Moon to supply all of its hydraulic fracturing operations, commonly known as fracking, when it drills for Marcellus shale gas under the... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 08-28-2013     **[Olympus agrees to \\$43.25 million property tax assessment](#)**  
In a last ditch effort before heading to court, Olympus America Inc. agreed to a property assessment of \$43.25 million, a compromise of about \$10 million, it was announced Monday night at the school board meeting. Olympus had appealed a \$53 million assessment levied in 2012 after Lehigh... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 08-28-2013     **[School districts withdrawing contempt-of-court request in reassessment case](#)**

Now that the Washington County commissioners have entered into a contract with Tyler Technologies to reassess all real estate in the county, board members of Washington School District voted to withdraw a contempt-of-court request against the panel. A hearing had been scheduled for Wednesday morning in Washington County... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)

08-28-2013 **Reasoned option to property tax**

Over the years, property tax reform proposals have ranged from senior freezes to elimination, and opinions have ranged from keeping the status quo to complete elimination. After three decades and much hardship, this issue needs to be resolved. This is why I developed HB1189, or the Optional Property Tax... - [Levittown Bucks County Courier Times](#)

08-28-2013 **HUSKEY: Show me the (property tax) money**

One of the first things you learn about being a reporter, a good reporter, is to follow the money. Property tax relief is a hot topic, and I've been beating the drum for reform for a couple of months now. Mostly, I've been talking about how high property taxes have been... - [Norristown Times Herald](#)

## WEEK IN REVIEW

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08-30-2013 **Report finds Pa. driving costs lower than national average**

Wouldn't it be nice if buying a new vehicle -- which now averages around \$31,000 -- was the only turn of the money spigot? Of course driving away from the showroom is just the beginning. There are taxes, fees, insurance, gasoline and repairs to pay for, among... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

08-30-2013 **Goodbye, tollbooth: E-ZPass will soon retire a turnpike icon**

The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission is moving ahead with plans to convert to an all-electronic toll collection system by 2018, an inevitable nod to technology that will improve the situation for motorists. Once fully implemented, the 545-mile turnpike's 76 tollbooths will be a... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

08-29-2013 **Labor Day travel will increase, gas prices will dip, AAA predicts**

Tom Diecks, president of Greater Pittsburgh Travel, said that while Labor Day is a great time to enjoy a long weekend -- and the start of football season -- it is not a great time for travel agents. "Anytime you have that extra day, people will try to incorporate vacation.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

08-29-2013 **Corbett's poll numbers continue to slide after summer of legislative shutout, staff turmoil**

Don't look here for a projection on Tom Corbett's bid for re-election in 2014. But according to a new poll of Pennsylvania voters, the first-term Republican governor may be looking at a tougher re-election climb than any of his two-term predecessors have faced.... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

08-28-2013 **Outsourcing Pa. Lottery management bid deadline draws near**

Gov. Tom Corbett once again finds himself days away from having to make a decision about what to do about his plan to privatizing the management of Pennsylvania Lottery. The latest extension of a bid from United Kingdom-based Camelot Global Services, the only company to submit a bid to do this work, expires on... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

08-28-2013 **Open records office rules state police must release trooper numbers**

The Pennsylvania Office of Open Records has overturned a state police decision not to release to the number of troopers assigned to each barracks because it would threaten public safety. In a ruling released Wednesday, the office overseeing the state's Right to... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

08-27-2013 **Corbett asks for, receives resignation of education chief**

HARRISBURG — Gov. Tom Corbett on Monday forced the resignation of his acting Education secretary over what one administration official characterized as inappropriate comments during his tenure as a school superintendent. The governor's office said Corbett requested and received the resignation... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

08-27-2013 **Pennsylvania's Capital Files Plan for Finances With Court**

A receiver overseeing the finances of Pennsylvania's distressed capital, Harrisburg, filed a detailed plan on Monday showing how the city will sell or lease assets and raise new revenue as it seeks to escape from a mountain of debt and restore financial stability.... - [New York Times](#)

08-26-2013

**[Pennsylvania Lottery: By the numbers](#)**

Here are some facts about the Pennsylvania Lottery that might be of interest to players: Here are some facts about the Pennsylvania Lottery that might be of interest to players: Five-dollar instant lottery tickets were the most popularly priced ticket last year. Twenty-dollar tickets came in a close second.... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

08-26-2013

**[Retirement Of Delco Republican Creates Opening For Dems In Pa Senate](#)**

HARRISBURG, Pa. (CBS) — Pennsylvania Democrats may have an opportunity to make things even tighter in the state Senate now that a Republican incumbent from Delaware County has announced his plans to retire. Ted Erickson of Delaware County is the third incumbent Republican in the... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)