

# Senator Boscola Named ‘Most Effective Lawmaker’

By Office of Senator Lisa Boscola

The Center for Effective Lawmaking, a University of Virginia research institute that collaborates with Vanderbilt University, released a report ranking the effectiveness of Pennsylvania legislators during the 207th session – concluding in 2024. You can read the full report [HERE](#) along with an article in City & State detailing the findings.

The report concluded that I was one of the Most Effective Lawmakers in Pennsylvania last session. This acknowledgement is a source of pride for me personally. From allowing Pennsylvanians to enter national health care compacts, to getting trucks to remove snow from their roofs, my goal is always to improve the quality of life here in Pennsylvania. I take pride in being an active legislator and introducing common-sense legislation seeking to solve problems.

Getting things done for my district, the Lehigh Valley, and this Commonwealth is why I love my job. You deserve results from your elected officials and I strive to deliver for you.



## Barred Owl Nest Box Project

By Friends of Minsi Lake

UPPER MT. BETHEL - We had about 100 people turn out last night for my presentation on our Barred Owl Nest Box Project in the Minsi Lake Greenway, which Jim Wilson presented as a FOML volunteer.

Folks loved the photos, videos, project storyline & especially the project partnership with Hawk Mountain Sanctuary's Global Raptor Conservation Science Team, which includes raptor conservation science trainees from around the world. Photo of some of the 2024 team with Barred Owlets in hand at one of last year's two active nest boxes in the Greenway. From left to right, they were from Arizona, Spain & South Africa.

Several folks asked if FOML would consider presenting the program again via Zoom. I'm sharing that ask with you guys in the event there's interest on FOML's end to do that. Alternatively, we at Northampton County Parks & Rec. are in the process of developing our programs for 2026 & perhaps we could include it as an in-person or online event in the New Year.

We had no active nest boxes this year. Same thing occurred in 2023, so not unprecedented since we launched the project in 2020. Here's hoping we have active Barred Owl nest boxes in 2026.



## The Seizure-Safe Schools Act

By Senator Lisa Boscola

This session I introduced Senate Bill 999, The Seizure-Safe Schools Act, to make sure Pennsylvania school personnel are ready to respond when a student has a seizure.

Senator Lisa Boscola Epilepsy is a neurological condition that can strike without warning. The Epilepsy Foundation Eastern Pennsylvania estimates that 110,000 people across its 18-county region, including in the Lehigh Valley, are living with epilepsy. Nationally, the CDC reports that 1 in 10 people will experience a seizure at some point in their lives.

Right now, Pennsylvania law only permits school staff to take seizure response training.

That's not good enough. Our bill would require all school nurses and staff with direct student contact to complete seizure recognition and first aid training every two years, using a program approved by the Department of Health.

No family should have to wonder whether their child will be safe at school if a seizure happens due to a lack of staff preparedness. This bill ensures every school is ready – not only by protecting vulnerable students but also by empowering educators to respond swiftly and effectively in critical moments.

\*This bill will mirror companion legislation in HB 1045 of 2025.

