

Bills Passed in 2021: Government Reform

By Senator Scavello

PEN ARGYL - This fall, the Senate voted to move up Pennsylvania's presidential primary election day from the fourth Tuesday of April to the third Tuesday of March to allow voters to have more say in the outcome of these essential elections.

In most presidential election cycles, the outcome of the presidential primary is largely decided before Pennsylvania voters have a chance to cast their vote. With the change, our presidential primary would be on the same day as Arizona, Florida and Illinois.

This year, the Senate also passed measures to bring about regulatory reform, election reform and probation reform.

You can find a complete rundown of key reform bills and more here <https://www.pasenategop.com/2021-senate-accomplishments/#reform>.



New Law Prohibits Surprise Medical Billing

The federal No Surprises Act takes effect Jan. 1 protecting patients from surprise medical bills in situations where they have little to no control over who provides their care.

Signed into law in 2020, the law defines a surprise medical bill as an unexpected medical cost incurred by a patient when they've unknowingly obtained health care services by an out-of-network provider.

In cases of emergency or non-emergency services, the No Surprises Act protects patients from being billed for more than what they would have paid if those other providers were in-network.

Only services provided on or after January 1, 2022 will be covered under the protections of the new law. You can find out more about the law and what you should do if you receive a surprise bill here.



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Linden Branch; River of Life Food Pantry of Phillipsburg from Phillipsburg Branch; Open Cupboard Food Pantry of Clinton from Clinton Branch; Readington Area Starfish from Whitehouse Branch; St. Paul Food Pantry of Ramsey from the Ramsey Branch; Feeding Hands of Bridgewater from Somerville Branch; Sacred Heart Social Concerns Ministry in South Plainfield from South Plainfield Branch; Alliance Center for Independence Food Pantry in Edison from Edison Branch; Union Food Pantry from Union Branch; Helping Hands Food Pantry of Hillsdale from Emerson Branch; Washington Community Food Pantry from Washington Branch; New Bethany Ministries of Bethlehem from the Bethlehem, Pennsylvania Branch; and Easton Area Community Center from Forks Township, Pennsylvania Branch.

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