

WEEKLY SESSION NOTES

SENATE REPUBLICAN POLICY COMMITTEE – DAVID G. ARGALL, CHAIRMAN

Monday, July 17, 2017

Executive Session

Stanley I. Knick, Jr. – Pennsylvania Game Commission. **Confirmed: 34-15.**

Nominations to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and the Pennsylvania Game Commission. **Confirmed: 49-0.**

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

Senate Bill 211 (Browne) would establish the Statewide 2-1-1 System Grant Program within the Department of Human Services to provide a grant to a qualified applicant for the development, implementation, operation and support of a Statewide 2-1-1 system for health and human service information and referral. The Department would be required to develop and implement a process to award grants to qualified applicants to be used for the following purposes:

- To provide Statewide 2-1-1 system services 24 hours each day, including to regions of the Commonwealth that do not have access to a provider of 2-1-1 system services;
- To expand access to 2-1-1 system services and the database to a 2-1-1 system through text-to-chat, mobile application and the Internet;
- To permit the disbursement of funds, with the approval of the Department, to regional providers of 2-1-1 system services for satisfying 2-1-1 quality assurance standards used by similar programs in other states; and
- For any other purpose deemed appropriate by the Department for carrying out the provisions of the act. **Passed: 48-0.**

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